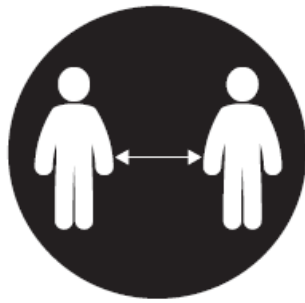


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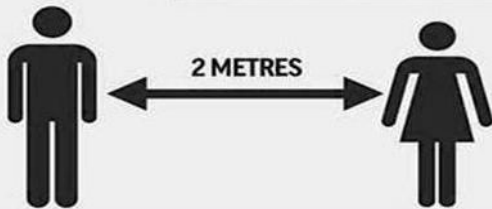
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EDITORIAL

Maybe by this time next month we shall be far closer to 'normal' than we have been for the past fifteen months, but only if the Government follows the data and not the dates. As you will see from the contents of this edition of the Observer there are a number of activities being planned, and places are beginning to open up. **The Blue Boar** is planning on opening up again during the week of June 21st and **Moriarty's** will hopefully have opened its doors on Wednesday 2nd June.

The Village Hall is coming back to life with a number of regular events as well as being the location for the Post Office van twice a week; returning to its regular Tuesday and Thursday visits. A **Village Sale Trail** is being organised for sale trail is being organised for **Sunday 1st August**, so if you would like to have a stall, at the Village Hall or at your home do contact Amanda Ellis to obtain details.

The Village Hall will also be the location for the Covid delayed Annual General Meeting of the Community Council on Friday 25th June, starting at 7:30pm.

With the WI having published their programme for the coming few months, **Walsham Wild Wood** is also coming back to life with a programme of events which is featured in this edition.

The Sports Club have also organised a couple of events. First off is a Cookery Masterclass and Meal on Wednesday 23rd June, for which tickets are limited so get in quick if you want to attend. A trailer Gig with B4, being featured, has been arranged for Saturday 27th July.

There has been a resignation from the **Parish Council** and therefore a replacement councillor is being sought, either by election, if more than one wishes to apply to serve their village, or otherwise by cooption. Details of how to apply can be found on **page 13**.

Once again I should like to thank all those people who have provided copy to enable members of the village to informed and entertained. So if you fee that you have something to contribute do please get it to me - emails preferred, although I have been known to do some copy-typing - at least it keeps my fingers active.

NAME THAT BIRD 1



Which band released an album entitled 'The Joshua Tree'?



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEWS



Police are appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Rickinghall.

The incident occurred between 3pm and 4pm on Thursday 13 May at an address in Rectory Hill.

An occupant of the house was upstairs when they heard somebody downstairs. On calling out to see who it was, the person then ran off. Nothing was stolen during the incident.

Officers would like to hear from any witnesses, or anyone who saw any suspicious persons in the vicinity of Rectory Hill on Thursday afternoon.

Anyone with information is asked to contact West CID at Bury St Edmunds Police Station, quoting reference: 24884/21.

Vigilance urged with metal theft

Police are advising farmers, churches and relevant businesses to stay vigilant to the issue of metal theft.

The call comes as copper prices increase and is driven by the combination of surging demand and a global copper deficit. The increase in the price of copper is also driven by an increase in demand due to the recovery of the economy post Covid, particularly as the construction industry gets back on its feet once again.

Businesses are also advised of the value of copper in cabling and associated thefts where multiple cable drums or large amounts of cable are stolen at a time. Although Suffolk, as a county, has not seen an increase in such thefts in recent weeks, businesses, farmers, churches and landowners are all advised to ensure they take necessary precautions to combat the potential for thieves to exploit the situation.

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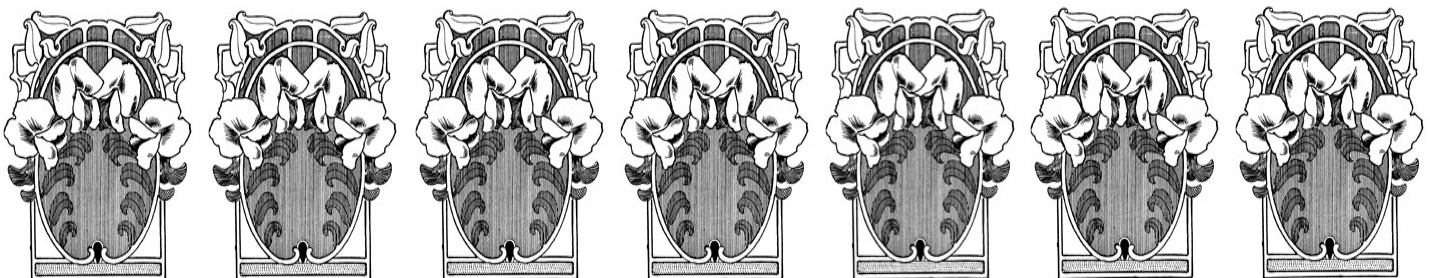
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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

As hoped the Memorial Village Hall was able to open its doors again to the village on the 17th of May and now has a variety of classes taking place most days of the week.

Coffee shop on a Thursday morning sees the return of the book swap / exchange, an easy free way to swap the books you no longer need with those you want to read. Diana has returned with Flamingo cards, gift wrap and craft kits and Sharon will have her Tropics skin care and makeup available too.

With the hall back in use, the Community Council would like to remind people that the car park is primarily for those using the hall and the bowling club. We understand that with limited parking in the high street some residents use the car park and while we as a committee acknowledge this fact, we ask that those residents using this facility to be mindful of the needs of the patrons of the hall and bowling green. It is in fact a private car park. If you are not a patron of the hall or the Bowling club please could you make a donation in the white tube by the gate, which will go towards the car park upkeep.

Maintenance of the car park is solely the responsibility of the charity and not the Parish Council or Suffolk County Council Highways. We have recently been advised that the charity should be setting aside/ ring-fencing at least £1,000 a year towards future repairs. Please also be aware that on occasion you may be asked to park elsewhere if the hall has a particular booking that requires all of the car park.

As controlled indoor events can now take place the Community Council will be holding their A.G.M. on June the 25th, in line with any COVID restrictions that may be in place. The community Lunch is hoping to make its long awaited return on the second Monday of July, so look out for more information in the next Observer.

We are also planning to hold a village Garage Sale Trail on Sunday the 1st of August, so you can sell items from the comfort of your own garden/drive and make some money from the clear out you've had over lockdown. If you are interested in having your own stall and would like to be included on the map, please email wlwhub@outlook.com. there will also be limited pitches available at the village hall, cost £5 per household.

Amanda Ellis

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Adopting a resolution each year lies at the heart of the WI year. Resolutions become mandates and often a major active campaign, throughout endorsed by the membership vote. The resolution being considered at present calls for increased awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer from which claims a woman's life every two hours. WI members from Walsham joined two video link sessions on 29th April to hear speakers from Ovarian Cancer Action and "Ovacome" describe just what symptoms should alert women for early diagnosis. Also joining the session was Sue from Bexley Heath, who movingly described her personal experiences and on-going battle against this deadly disease. Walsham members will be deciding how their delegate should vote at the on-line NFWI Annual Meeting when they meet at the Garden Meeting, to be held at Maltings, Palmer Street on 9th June. Hopefully a face to face meeting at last!

Still active is the "Make a Match" campaign to increase UK stem cell registry in order to provide potentially life-saving treatment for blood cancers. All Suffolk West Federation members, including those of Walsham le Willows and District, are urged to join a free video talk on Friday 29th May 2.30pm (Contact WI Office 01284 336645 for link) Speakers from DKMS and Anthony Nolan and also a WI member with personal experience, who will explain more about donation and will debunk some of the myths surrounding the process.

Jill Newell



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH



The National annual conference was held May 15th at the arboretum in Staffordshire via Zoom, sadly we learnt that since 2019 32,000 memberships had not been renewed mainly this was due to branches being unable to hold monthly meetings since February last year, also some members were not in favour of the trustees closing some care homes and making 'the man in the van' redundant these were men who carried out minor jobs for those in need.

Now we have heard that the trustees want to save yet more money by closing certain County Offices which includes ours at Henley near Ipswich, the rent for this office which includes a committee room is £6000 per year.

On Saturday 22nd May our branch planted an Oak tree to commemorate the Legions 100th anniversary which was on the 15th May.

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Events for 2021



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We have a plan for the rest of this year and we hope that as many people as possible will be able to take advantage of these events as the restrictions ease and we get back to some sort of normal Walsham life. Please put these dates in the diary:

- Sunday the 27th of June at 4pm in the wood will be our AGM with tea and cakes for all.
- Saturday the 10th July again at 4pm we are organising a Mid-Summer Village Picnic and Pizza Party in the wood... we will be producing and selling the Pizza's. Come and have some fun with the whole family and help us raise funds to cover the rent to the Old Town trust of £250 a year and the insurance at £130 a year.
- Wednesday the 11th August at 6.30pm the Women's Institute will meet in the wood as they did in 2019.
- Saturday the 11th September starting at 10am there will be a Scythe workshop in the wood with a Scytheman's lunch thrown in. Please come along and learn how to use one of these wonderful pieces of rural equipment properly and safely. We have a total of 10 places on offer so book early with me to avoid disappointment at a cost of £15 per person. We would aim to be finished by 3pm
- Sunday the 31st of October between 4pm and 7pm there will be a Halloween Pumpkin event in the woodbring your own pumpkin and more details to follow

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For the uninitiated, the rules of So-Doku are very simple.

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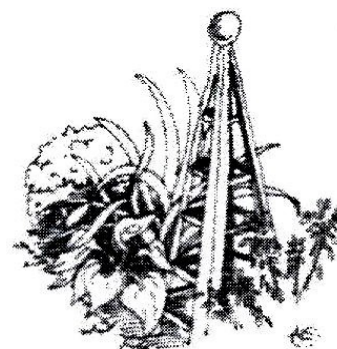
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Red Skies

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Eastern Angles will be bringing Red Skies to Walsham Village Hall on **Saturday 24th July at 7.30pm.**

HISTORY GROUP IS BACK!

After what seems an age, the History Group is delighted to announce its intention to put on a one-off talk in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm. The subject is 'Duleep Singh, Last Maharajah, First Immigrant', a talk on the life of the exiled Maharajah at Elveden Hall, his statue in Thetford and his contemporary significance for British Sikhs. We are also pleased to welcome back Fraser Harrison, the author of 'Duleep Singh's Statue' as our guest speaker for the evening.

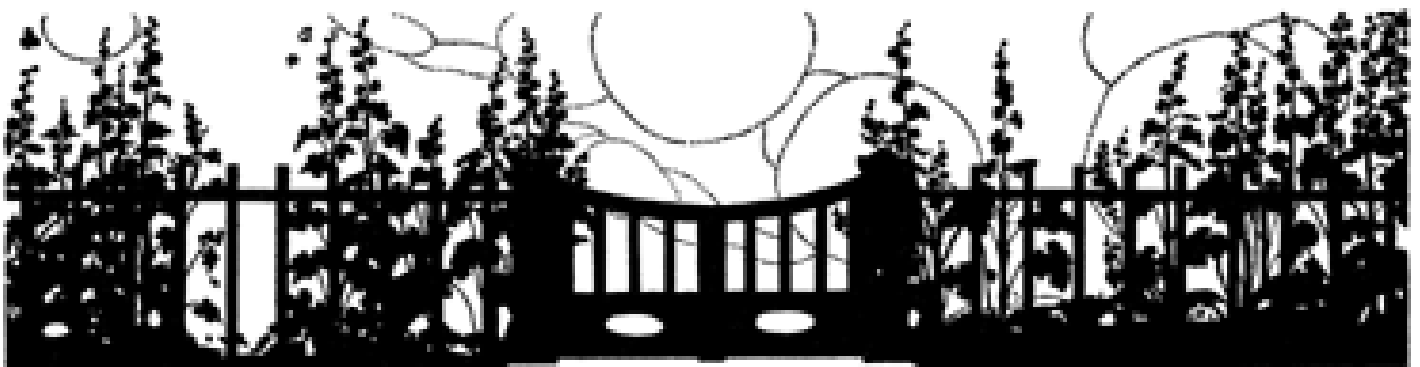
Admission is £4.00 payable on the evening. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member of the History Group to attend the talk.

Please note a change of venue, this is due to building work being carried out in the Priory Room but also because the Memorial Hall is bigger and will allow people to maintain social distancing if required. We hope to serve refreshments but again this is dependant on the situation nearer the time.

Due to possible restrictions on the number of people who may be able to attend it would be helpful to email frances.jenner@hotmail.com or phone 01359 259242 to reserve a place in order to help us gauge numbers in advance.

We do hope that we will soon be able to resume our regular programme of events once again. This is the first tentative step along that road.

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For more information and context about the consultation, and the links to participate, please visit: <https://baberghmidsuffolkactivetravel.commonplace.is/>

Click on “View map and comment” to identify the location your comment/suggestion refers to, and then the “Have your say” button at top right to answer a few short questions about how Walking or Cycling could be improved.



Ernest: *Cicely, I don't think this was quite what Babergh had in mind when they asked us about Walking & Cycling!*

Cicely: *You've done the hard part, now keep pushing and we'll see what the website says when we get home!*

Ernest: *Yes dear! As you will!*

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If an election is called, it will take place not later than 31 August, 2021.

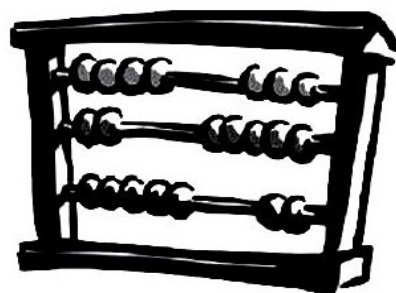
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- Wed 9th WI Garden Meeting
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- Wed 23rd Cookery Masterclass
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- Fri 25th Comm'y Council AGM
Village Hall 7:30pm
- Sun 27th Wild Wood AGM
Wild Wood 4:00pm

JULY

- Wed 7th History Group Talk
Village Hall 7:30pm
- Sat 10th Picnic & Pizza Party
Wild Wood 4:00pm
- Wed 14th WI Annual Meeting
Sat 17th Charity Trailer Gig
Sports Club Time TBA
- Sat 24th Eastern Angles
Village Hall 7:30pm

AUGUST

- Sun 1st Garage Sale Trail
Hall & Village
- Wed 11th WI Picnic & Visit
Walsham Wild Wood
- Sat 14th Horticultural Show
Village Hall 2.30pm
- Sun 29th Open Gardens
Village Celebration

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 11th Scythe Workshop
Wild Wood 10:00am
- Wed 8th WI Talk. Decorating
recycled bottles & jars

OCTOBER

- Wed 13th WI Talk Sally Daniels
My Wish Charity
- Sun 31st Halloween Pumpkins
Wild Wood 4 to 7pm

NOVEMBER

- Wed 9th WI Christmas
Workshop

DECEMBER

- Sat 4th Mini-Market & Tree
Lighting St Mary's
- Wed 8th WI 50th Anniversary
St Mary's 7:00pm

The above are dependent upon the Covid Restrictions which may be prevailing at the time or at the time when a final decision needs to be taken as to whether they should take place.

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PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM LE WILLOWS MINUTES

of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2021 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

[Pending formal approval at the next meeting, these minutes have been informally approved by Parish Councillors as a true record. If any further corrections are required these will be minuted at the next meeting prior to formal approval]

MEMBERS PRESENT Cllrs Paul Arbon (PA); Ian Bartholomew (IB); Richard Belson (RB); Brian Kinnair (BK); Nick Mecrow (NM); Trevor Roberts (TR)

NON MEMBERS PRESENT Cllrs Jessica Fleming [County] and Rick Meyer [District]

1 FIRST BUSINESS

1.1/1.2 Election of Chairman and appointment of Vice Chair – Cllr Roberts [Chair] proposed Cllr Belson for Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mecrow, and unanimously agreed. Cllr Belson was duly elected to the Chair and signed the **Acceptance of Office** (countersigned by the Clerk) before proceeding to thank Cllr Roberts for his period as Chairman.

Cllr Belson sought a nomination for a Vice Chair; Cllr Kinnair proposed Cllr Bartholomew which was seconded by Cllr Roberts and unanimously agreed. Cllr Bartholomew was duly appointed at Vice Chair.

1.3 Acceptance of apologies Amanda Ellis sent apologies with her resignation on 13th May 2021. The Parish Council extended thanks to Amanda for her work as Parish Councillor and wished her well for the future. The Clerk confirmed that notice from MSDC electoral team had been obtained and was in hand, publication to coincide with the publication of the June Observer.

1.4 Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th May 2020 were unanimously approved as true and accurate record. The Clerk advised that the auditor had noted that these should be approved at the next monthly meeting of the Parish Council rather than the next annual meeting.

1.5 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2021 were unanimously approved as true and accurate record.

1.6 To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests – None declared.

1.7 To consider applications for dispensation – None requested.

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referred to a committee, placed on the agenda of the next meeting, responded to by the Clerk or simply noted Councillors. This is to ensure that no discussion takes place for any matter for which there has been no prior notice on the agenda.]

No members of the public present. Cllr Belson invited questions for Cllr Meyer on his report, circulated just before the meeting. There were none on this occasion.

Cllr Fleming advised that she had been returned as County Councillor to represent the Parish; congratulations were offered. Cllr Fleming advised that the annual meeting of the County Council would take place on 27th May and that a report would be submitted for the next meeting. Cllr Fleming advised that some changes to cabinets were to be implemented, one specific to highways flooding and drainage which she hoped would start to better address some of the concerns of parishioners around these issues.

The Clerk asked about the agenda items requiring responses from County Council/Highways that had been ‘parked’ during the lockdown. Cllr Fleming was hopeful that these could soon be addressed as the changes to cabinets were bedded in.

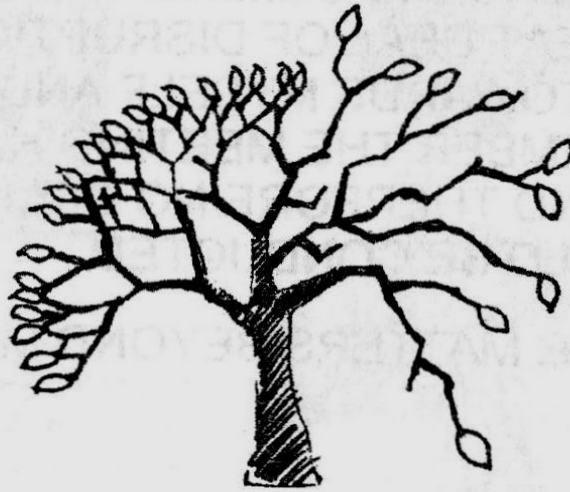
Cllr Bartholomew raised the issue of an incident at the Finningham Road bend on entry to the village, where he reported narrowly avoiding a head on impact with a motorbike speeding (estimated at more than 60mph), which was quickly followed by three others on the wrong side of the road at the same time as there were other parishioners walking along the highway to footpaths. Cllr Arbon also added his concerns about the speed of vehicles that he has observed along the Elmside development. Both Councillors warned of the potential for a fatality at some point. The Clerk referred to the results of the recent traffic analysis which unfortunately did not appear to provide much support for the view that speeding through the village is a big problem. Cllr Belson brought this discussion to a close asking the Clerk to re-circulate the traffic survey results and all Cllrs to review for discussion at the next meeting on 9th June 2021.

Cllr Arbon raised again with Cllr Fleming the issue of twin-axle trailers still being turned away from the recycling centre with resultant potential impacts on fly-tipping. Cllr Fleming advised she would again follow this up and would insist that the information on the county council website (recycling page) is corrected.

3 ANNUAL BUSINESS

- 3.1 Adequacy of Insurance cover (employment, public liability & fidelity guarantee)** – this was confirmed by internal control check in meeting on 9th March 2021 agenda item 7.2 since when which it was resolved there have been no material changes - noted as **re-confirmed**.

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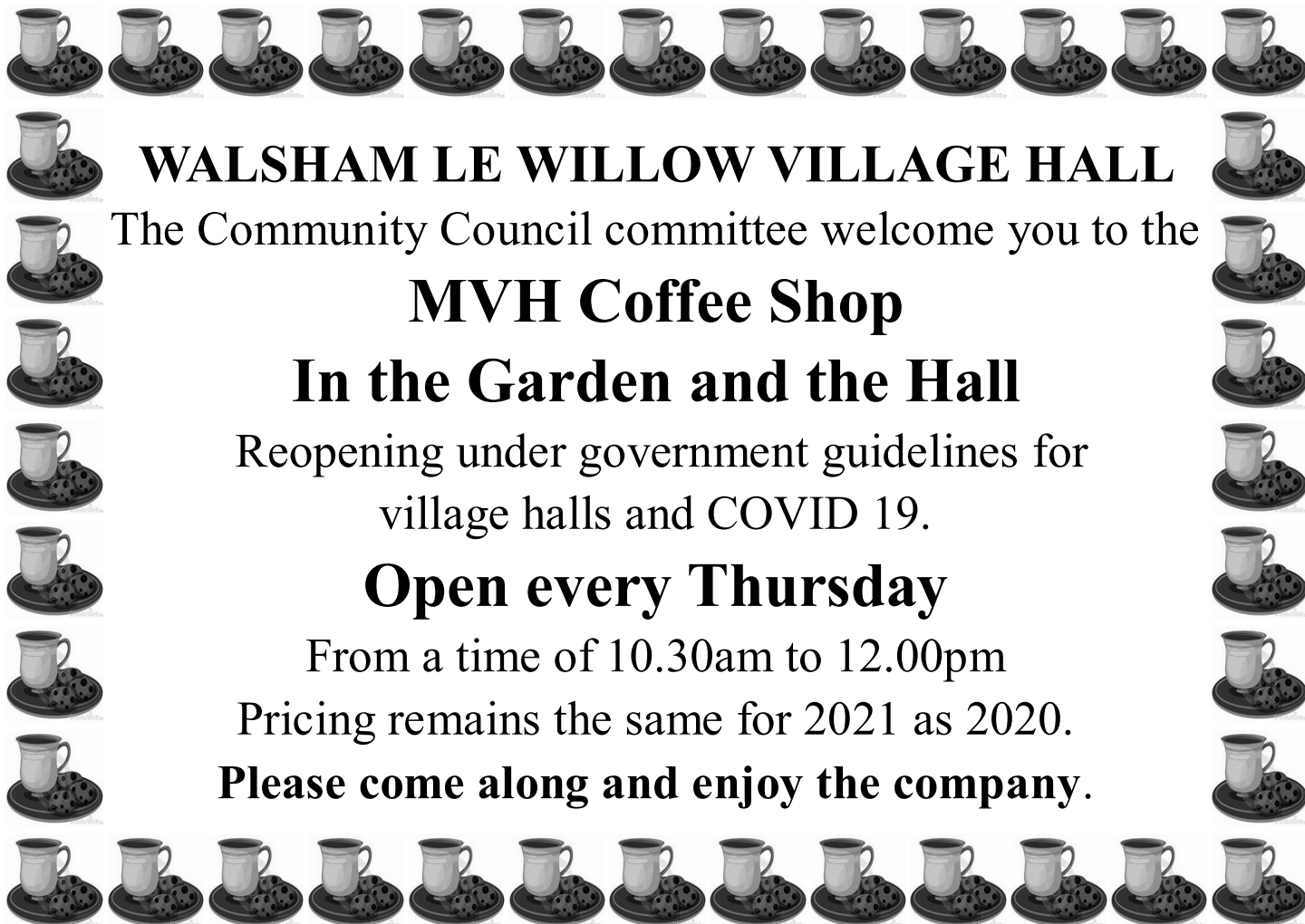
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- 3.2 Adoption Financial Regulations 2019** (as amended & circulated) had been reviewed and were proposed for adoption which was unanimously agreed.
- 3.3 Standing orders 2018** - Were proposed for re-adoption with no changes which was unanimously agreed.
- 3.4 Review of Policies and risk assessments** – it was noted that the Clerk will review these as per audit recommendations for adoption at later date.
- 3.5 Appointment of Internal Auditor 2021/22** – It was resolved to re-appoint SALC at the meeting held on 9th March agenda item 7.3 – noted and unanimously agreed.
- 3.6 Annual Subscriptions to other bodies** –as per previously circulated list for 2021/22 (*total well within the s.137 capped limit which is over £8000 pa*). Resolved unanimously to continue with donations as per the schedule from last year. All but those to CAB Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket which are approved under the general power, are approved under s.137 powers.
- 3.7 Asset Register** – this was reviewed and unanimously approved as an accurate record of Parish Council Assets (with the note from Clerk, and agreement of Council, that a small amount for horse riding signage needs to be added as per invoiced cost).
- 3.8 Suffolk Local Code of Conduct (June 2014)** – this was unanimously approved for adoption by the Council to comply with audit recommendations.
- 3.9 Dates for meetings for year to 2021/22** – The Clerk advised that the Memorial Hall had been booked 9th June 14th July 11th August meetings pending decisions on future venue as we come out of lockdown. Two contacts had been made with the school about meeting there so that meetings can go back to a Tuesday evening, but the Clerk has heard nothing back. Cllr Mecrow offered to nudge this. This makes the list of dates provided for the year partly provisional as the availability depends on the venue. The position was noted. The Clerk will publish dates as they become available and as decision on future venue evolves.
- 3.10 Internal Control Checks policy** – The Clerk had reviewed and noted that auditor's recommendation was to remove any that could not be completed in a financial year leaving a suite that would always be completed by financial year end. The Clerk proposed asserting that most are already covered by monthly, quarterly or annual processes in place (as circulated) and Council decide on removal on the others. Cllrs did not feel they were in a position to make this decision, so Cllr Belson requested that Cllr Bartholomew review and put proposal to next meeting.
- 4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED** (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)
- APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA**
- **DC/21/02598 Proposal:** Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area
 - Fell 1 No Horse Chestnut due to major limb failure which has left the tree



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structurally unsafe. **Location:** The Rosary, Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3BS **The Parish Council Supported This Application**

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/21/02912

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Re-wiring, refitting 2 no. bathrooms (main house) and rebuilding the northern end of the outbuilding.

Location: Green Farmhouse, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3BJ **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

5 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning)

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) -

DC/21/01364 Proposal: Application under Section 73 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of approval DC/18/04417 Dated: 28/11/2018 - Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house under Schedule

2, Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted

Development) Order 2015 (as amended). To allow amended design and revised fenestration. **Location:** West Street Farm, Ixworth Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AP **MSDC Permission Granted**

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/01310

Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of Infill building to provide a covered link between the existing retail building/store and the carpenters building/machine shop. **Location:** Clarkes Of Walsham Ltd, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk

IP31 3BA **MSDC Permission Granted**

6 REPORTS

- 6.1 Clerk's report & financial report to 30th April 2021 & request for payments** were approved and signed. Councillors Bartholomew and Kinnair to submit the payments at earliest opportunity.

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	MSDC	£849.04	Dog & Litter Bin Emptying
2	CGM	£360.00	Play Area Grass-cutting x4
3	SALC	£292.80	Internal Audit Fee
4	SCC HO Coll A/C	£6,816.37	Phase III Streetlighting upgrades
5	InExpress UK	£85.93	Courier charge for SID upgrade



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6	Parish Council Employee	£639.01	Wages
#	Payments In	Amount	Description
1	Precept received	£10,950.00	1 st Payment
2	Community Infrastructure Levy received	£40,777.00	First instalment
3	Covid payment received	£402.00	Extra Covid grant allocation

- 6.2 Internal Audit Report** – Proposals to address recommendations (previously circulated) must be agreed and approved by the Council. Councillors did not feel they were in a position to make this decision. Cllr Belson asked that Cllr Bartholomew reviewed for proposal at next meeting (part of the review of all audit recommendations – agenda item 3.10) Clerk to add to agenda for next meeting.
- 6.3 Balances as at 30th April 2021** – The Clerk had raised the issue of transferring balances to deposit account but given the fact that no interest is paid and alternative accounts are paying so little, it was agreed that no transfers would be made.
- 6.4 Earmarked/ringfenced funds** – The Clerk proposed that these are reviewed and updated in the light of funds already received and known upcoming income and planned expenditures. It was proposed that a separate informal meeting should be held for this by Zoom. Clerk to set up Zoom meeting on June 1st at 7.30pm.
- 6.5 Year-end financial statement** (previously circulated) was re-presented with changes to reserve position as advised by the internal auditor and was approved and signed by Cllr Belson as Chair.
- 6.6 AGAR Section 1 financial statements made by the council to the auditor** (previously circulated) was re-presented **reviewed, approved and signed** by Cllr Belson as Chair and the Clerk.
- 6.7 AGAR Section 2 annual statement** (previously circulated) was **reviewed, approved and signed** by Cllr Belson as Chair and the Clerk.
- 6.8 Problem Reports SCC** – Clerk advised no issues of note. Cllr Mecrow asked that the report of 30mph and playground signage on Sumner Road be chased as this has still not been rectified. Cllr Mecrow also asked about data from the SID for Sumner Road. Clerk to extract and liaise with Cllr Mecrow on analysis. Likewise, the 30mph and playground signage on Townhouse Road. Clerk to follow up.
- 6.9 Action Log** – Clerk referred the updated action log (previously circulated) and advised that the items on hold due to lockdown could soon be brought back into play as advised by Cllr Fleming. Clerk advised that clarifications were still being sought on the management of the stream and would be brought to the next meeting if possible.

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7 MATTERS ARISING *[from previous meeting only where further decisions are required]*

7.1 **Reducing Meeting Length** –The proposal to address this issue put forward as a policy (as amended and previously circulated) by the Clerk was unanimously approved with some reservations noted by Cllr Mecrow who asked about AOB items and Cllr Belson who asked about ‘non-financial decisions’ under AOB. The Clerk advised advice would be sought to clarify which will be circulated when received. For review in September meeting.

7.2 Play Area Development

I. Cllr Kinnair has previously circulated the Sub-Committee **report** on progress toward narrowing down options to one fully costed plan for use as a specification to obtain further quotes. He asked for agreement on the circulated proposal. Cllr Bartholomew advised that a bid for additional funding could be submitted based on quotes, prior to any tendering process which based on the estimated contract value, should be minimal. Cllr Bartholomew clarified the process is Specification > Quotes > Funding > Tender Process. Cllr Kinnair asked for clarification as to the amount of funding the Parish Council would furnish. The Clerk clarified that the current reconciliation shows amounts for Play Area as £6k (earmarked) and £8k (ring-fenced). There are an estimated £2k of solicitors’ fees re the new lease to be paid. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to commit and additional £15k (Neighbourhood CIL) for earmarking to the Play Area development, making a total available for the development of £27k and a shortfall on the total estimated costs (£44k) of 17K. Cllr Bartholomew proposed that an application is submitted to MSDC for £20 to allow for contingencies. Cllr Kinnair to put this into motion. Cllr Meyer noted the issue of a budget for maintenance.

II. **Lease** – The Clerk advised that the Old Town Trust are now just waiting for the decision from the Charity Commission on the agreement to the ‘disposal of assets’ which the lease represents. This should be no problem as the previous lease was granted in the same way. The Clerk asked that the Parish Council resolve that the final lease (as previously circulated) is agreed for signing as a legal deed, at the appropriate time, by two councillors with the Clerk as witness. This was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Kinnair and unanimously agreed.

7.3 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

i. It was noted that Cllr Belson briefed the last NP group meeting on an outline proposal to seek initial costings for engaging a third party to act as a mentor to guide the NP group through the process of evidence gathering and the writing up of a plan by the group, that could be submitted for adoption. Cllr Belson reports this was welcomed by the NP group and it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the PC formally adopts this process.

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ii. **Proposals from NP consultants** – Proposals from four consultants were circulated previously. These were considered in the light of comments from the core Neighbourhood Plan group. Shortlisted two, Modicum Planning and CompassPoint Planning. Clerk to request a free/no obligation meeting (with representatives from PC and NPG) with the shortlisted consultants.

iii. **Terms of Reference - NP working group** – It was agreed that these would be discussed at a later date in conjunction with the appointment of a consultant as mentor to the group.

7.4 **Consultation on uses for CIL Funding** – It was decided to postpone the decision on format for consultation until after the informal meeting to review earmarking of current funds (agenda item 6.4).

7.5 **Transparency of planning process – it was noted that the** submission was made to Jo Churchill in support of parishioner's representation as was agreed by email after the last meeting.

8 **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** [*Councillors can request that Chair or Clerk place items for discussion and decision on the agenda here*]

None

9 **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

[No decisions can be made under AOB. Matters requiring decision must be placed on the agenda for the following meeting]

Cllr Bartholomew referred to the documents previously circulated from a parishioner who wishes to engage the Parish Council on a potential planning application for building works. The parishioner has proposed a site visit with Councillors. Cllr Bartholomew to liaise. Cllrs Mecrow and Arbon have volunteered to join.

Cllr Arbon raised issue of the tree outside Oak tree Cottages which has not been pruned; the branches are scraping on the buildings. Clerk to contact SCC re having it pruned.

Meeting closed at 20:40

Kevin Boardley, Proper Officer, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council



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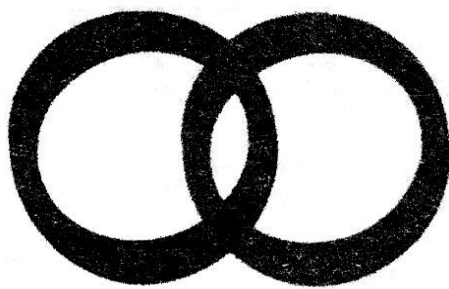
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The list of martyrs, which range across the centuries, are somewhat varied, as also are the places of death; Rome, Uganda, Israel, Cyprus, Germany.... and of course the list is still being added to even during this 21st Century. Indeed it is estimated that statistically Christians make up the largest proportion of those persecuted for religious reasons than any other faith group in the world. Christians suffer in one form or another in over 100 countries.

On the 22nd June the Church remembers one of many martyrs from this country, the first ever English Christian martyr; St Alban, who gave his name to both the Cathedral city and to the Cathedral itself

Alban was born in the late 2nd Century and growing up as a Romano-British pagan, living in what is now known as St Albans. Alban had given refuge to a refugee Christian Priest and eventually Alban was converted himself. When the military came searching for the fugitive Priest, Alban took on the Priest's identity, was discovered and after being tortured, was condemned to death. The fugitive Priest, Amphibalus, was subsequently executed as well.

A church was first built on the site of today's Cathedral in the 8th Century, eventually being replaced as an Abbey by the Normans after the 1066 conquest. Later the buildings were to become somewhat neglected, often through lack of funds. In 1539, after the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the buildings were largely ransacked and demolished, except the main body of the church and a few outlying buildings. Over the years the church itself has been used as a prison and an army barracks.

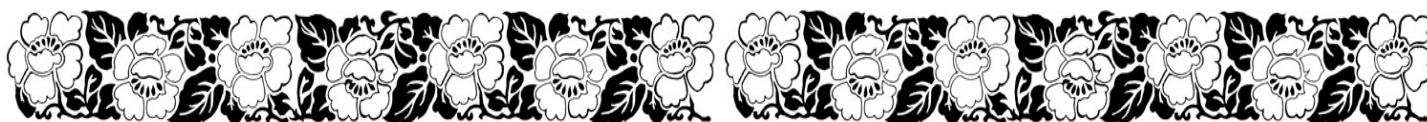
Interest in the buildings was generated in the 18th Century, and by the time of 1877 the church became the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, and a new Diocese was born. St Albans now being one of the youngest Dioceses in England; although not as young as our own St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese.

Much of the Norman architecture remains, and at 300 feet, it has the longest nave of any Cathedral in England. Unlike most Cathedrals it doubles up as the Parish Church.

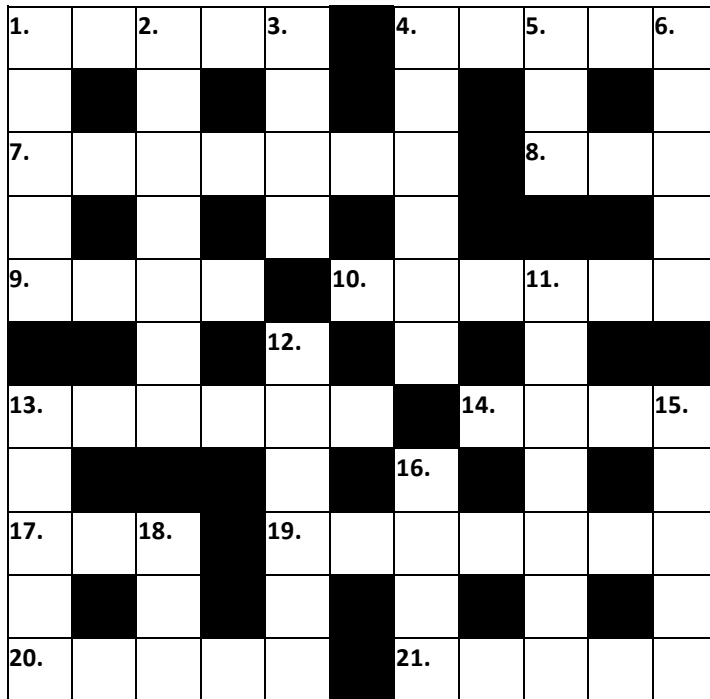
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14. Sounds like she might have been produced. (4)
 17. Away from home. (3)
 19. Maybe such a statement is, singularly, for a fine singer? (7)
 20. Such a bee might be a controlled flyer. (5)
 21. Small space in unlit surroundings for material. (5)

DOWN

1. Plant giving the host a camouflage. (5)
 2. Sales talk has an inclusion for a dog. (7)
 3. Go out in Spandex items of clothing. (4)
 4. It might be the duration of a film. (6)
 5. Point down as mine rises. (3)
 6. Just a short way, with spirit, to play the guitar. (5)
 11. Kinsman loses head with happiness. (7)
 12. Specify that the French end in the river. (6)
 13. Words can become a killer. (5)
 15. Such a vision is made right for ambition. (5)
 16. Keen to be found in a video clip. (4)
 18. It sounds like a duo was excessive. (3)

ACROSS

1. Hustle and bustle so it seems. (5)
 4. You are in lots of a flower. (5)
 7. Establish a position. (7)
 8. Standard 'song' returns. (3)
 9. It's just either direction for a graph. (4)
 10. Master changes the flow, (6)
 13. Coins might be magpie's fifth. (6)



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9.30am	Said Communion	Walsham	8.00am	Said Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Langham	9.30am	Said Communion	Badwell Ash
9 th June	Wednesday		27 th June	4 th after Trinity	
9.30am	Said Communion	Finningham	9.30am	Said Communion	Walsham
13 th June	2 nd after Trinity		9.30am	Morning Prayer	Finningham
8.00am	Said Communion	Walsham	3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
9.30am	Said Communion	Westhorpe			

WILDLIFE IN JUNE

Hopefully after the wet May weather we will now be having some warmer, brighter days where we are able to bask in the sunshine. One of the rarest UK's terrestrial species also likes to bask in the sun, the Smooth Snake. This snake is restricted to Dorset, Hampshire and Surrey, they are slow, small and secretive. The distinguishing feature of this snake is that it has a dark smudge on the top of its head, and like the name suggests it is smooth, with no fold at the keel of each scale unlike the Adder and Grass snake. They like to hide in dense clumps of heather and come out to bask in the sunshine ready to hunt small reptiles, birds and small mammal's. They do not kill their prey with venom but constrict their prey like a boa constrictor would. Most Bats now are giving birth to mainly one baby called a pup. You may think given the size of these small bats the baby would be tiny, but compared to the mother it is a monster, it is the equivalent of a human giving birth to a five year old! Nursing bats gather in a single sex maternity roost, occupying buildings that are south facing where the temperatures can reach over 30 degrees Celsius. Some of us will now have Foxgloves in our gardens which give spectacular colour and structure. The petals tubular shape forms a tunnel and at the bottom of this lays the prize of nectar. This tunnel indicates that the pollinator needs a long proboscis to get their reward. Most of these flowers are pollinated by long tongued Bumble Bees, but there is a cheat among them, short tongued Bees bite holes in the tubular blooms to steal the nectar! So if you have Foxgloves in your garden look out for these bite marks. Last month and hopefully in the month of June an Egret has been spotted near Clarkes Of Walsham fishing for tasty morsels, so keep a look out. Also I thought I would mention that after putting my number in the April addition as I volunteer for the Suffolk Hedgehog hospital I had a rescue come in from a very kind lady who had found a small hedgehog out during the day which indicates a problem/illness. The hedgehogs name is Charlotte and had lungworm, ringworm (a fungal problem) and was a bit on the thin side, but with treatment she is now on the mend. One more saved. If you do see one out during the day, pop them into a box, with a towel, water and food. My number again is 07794709616 or ring a hedgehog rescue Asap.

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WALKS AROUND WALSHAM

Into the Nether Regions

Also known as the Hundred Walk, this short walk of 2½ miles falls at the furthest reaches of the parish. It starts where footpath 1 meets footpath 22. You can park on the grassy verge outside Botany Farm. Look for a marked byway just to the right of Botany Farm. Through the gap in the hedge you find yourself immediately on a raised track between two ditches. The track is ancient, it goes back to Anglo Saxon times and marks the ancient boundary of the Blackbourn and Hartismere hundreds. Today it is still the boundary between Walsham and Westhorpe.

The track is lined to the north with hawthorn. To the south the hedge was cut down to the ground, no doubt in part because it enabled the farmers to clear the ditches, but also because it will encourage wild flowers and dense new growth that will spring up close to the ground, all food for pollinators so essential for food production. It will also provide cover for nesting birds and foraging for small birds and mammals. There were sheep grazing the tops off a cover crop here during the winter. This was not a dabbling in livestock but part of a concerted effort to increase and improve the natural soil ecosystem and reduce the input and subsequent runoff (pollution) of chemicals. To avoid losing all the benefits gained these fields are not ploughed before drilling. The new crop germinates and grows up through last year's stubble. Skylarks nest there too.

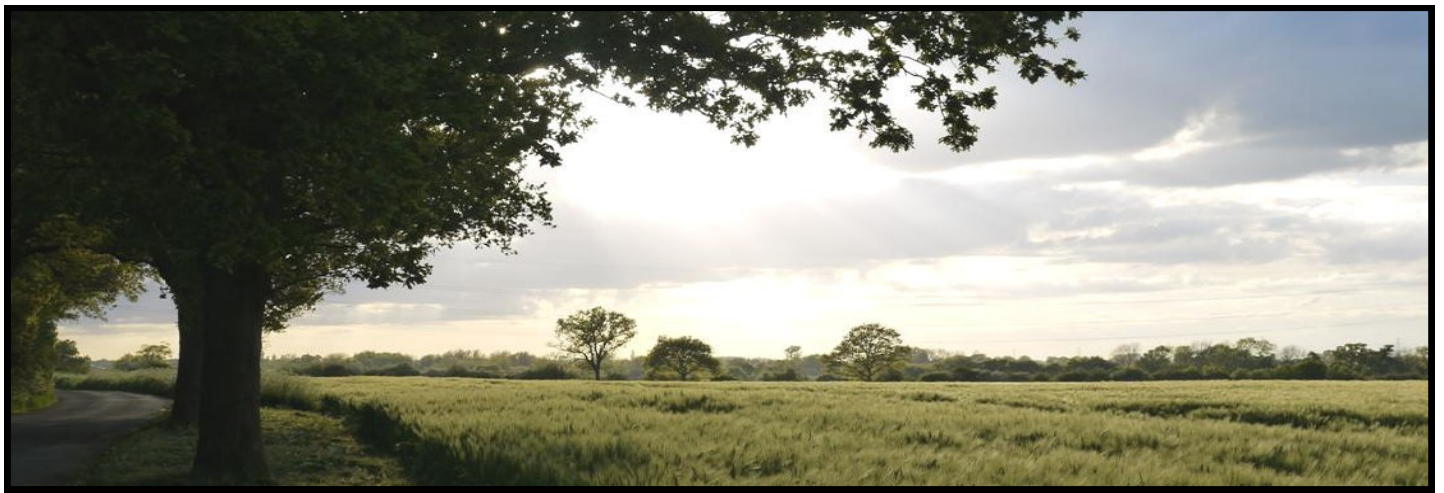
At a sharp left corner there is a pond and its surroundings given over to wildlife. Continue towards the Finningham Road. In winter be sure to wear tall wellies, this part can be spectacularly wet and muddy.

At the road turn left and head towards Walsham for almost ½ mile until you find the finger post on the right-hand side. It is currently lying on the ground beside the hedge, you might have to search for it! From here the path goes diagonally across the field to the far corner on the right. At this point go through the hedge, cross a ditch via two planks and join another ancient route, the Nether Way, which used to be the main track between Walsham and Gislingham. The track is wide here, intentionally so as part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to restore habitats and to provide food and nesting places for birds, insects and other animals. It also allows wild flowers and their pollinators to thrive. The stream is delightful, the tree cover affords a sheltered oasis for creatures in a hot summer.

Red deer, roe deer, stoats, green finches, yellow hammers, hares, kestrels, buzzards and red kites might all be seen on a good day. This end of the village is farmed and managed to help wildlife thrive and you will always see something of interest. Just make sure that your dog doesn't flush out nesting birds. Keep them on a lead in the nesting season.

After two more fields you join the road, turn right and head south towards the Finningham Road once more, passing a pond on the corner and everywhere the sweet smell of cow parsley and hawthorn. Turn right, then left back onto the hundred lane and head back along the path that you came along earlier, back to Botany Farm.

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SERVICE AT THE BUTCHER'S

Inconvenient, frustrating, tiresome hardly covers the sudden traumatic malfunction of your car these days. We are so used to their reliability, our ability to forget about their functioning between annual services , so accustomed to their instant response to the turn of a key, the pressing of a button, the presence of a card so that when something fails we panic, imagining expensive garage fees.

And we are not talking here of some ancient, rusting, retired vehicle like the sixty year old Morris Minor featured in your pages some months ago. No. This is a modern car with a 64 registration and a normally 100% reliability. But not today!

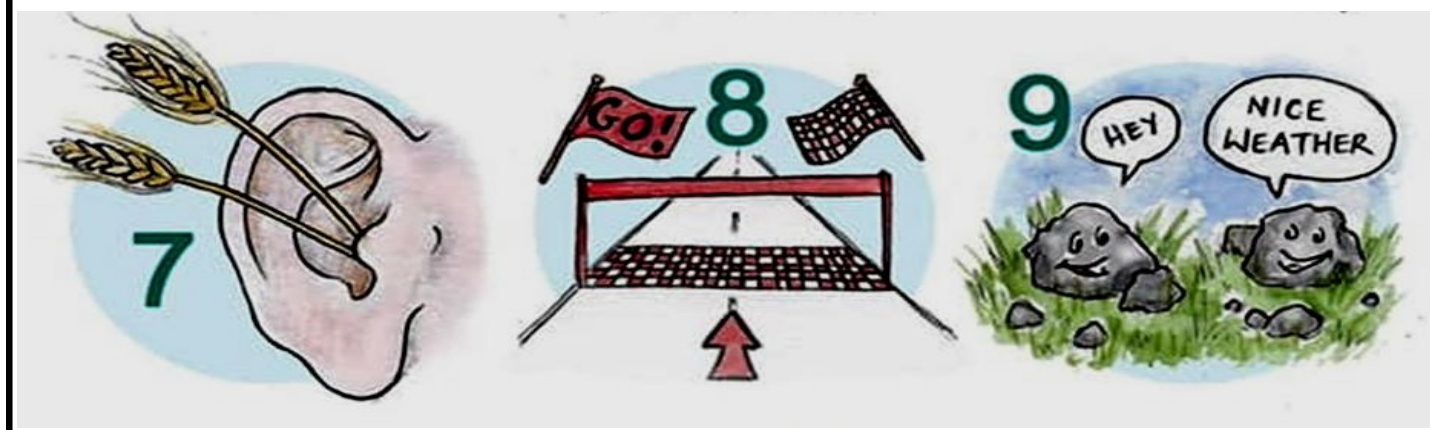
Grasping the ignition key I go outside, press the unlock button, listen to the reassuring click of the locks, the momentary flashing of lights. I open the driver's door and am surprised to find the wing mirrors stubbornly folded against the side of the car denying the driver those essential visual experiences, those views behind, that ability to safely reverse into a narrow space. It was an illegal and quite impossible driving situation and I had no idea how to deal with it.

Asked by Lyn Tipple at Rolfes, "How are you?", I replied that I was a little miffed by the performance of my car and wished I was as knowledgeable about modern cars as you and Alex, who was also there. "What's the problem?" he said, and in no time was examining the bank of switches in the driver's door. "Try that" he said and instantly the wing mirrors swung out as they should. Somehow I had inadvertently touched a button which activated a permanent lock – too many switches, buttons, controls for me.

Where else in the world will your butcher sort out your malfunctioning car AND sell you top class meat with all the accompaniments of fruit, vegetables, sauces, spices and condiments necessary for an excellent meal; will sharpen your kitchen knives; hold medical prescriptions ready for your collection; serve you coffee and hot sausage rolls while you wait; offer you a range of ready cooked meals or organize a barbecue for you. As Paul celebrates twenty years as the inspirational owner of Rolfes of Walsham, we should congratulate him and his remarkable team for their continued presence here, their warmth, humanity and excellent service.

Rob Barber

NAME THAT BIRD 3





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SPORTS CLUB NEWS

It is not possible to yet talk about life getting back to normal but on Friday evening 14th May, it certainly felt much more like normality even if the temperature required elevating a few degrees before my ancient bones could enjoy the al fresco drinking. The combination of hordes of youngsters and families starting their cricket coaching plus a 20/20 cricket match with Haverhill provided a backdrop to the many others keen to socialise and have a drink. The match had to finish under floodlights which was not conducive to the fielding side who had to make their own estimate as to whether the direction of the ball reflected the intended stroke.

The weather remains an issue for cricket, even though as I write this, the law says we are once again able to use the indoor facilities at the club. The Club's management committee have met in person for the first time in many months and had a lively discussion as to how they control matters re Covid 19 until the 21st June when most restriction are due to be relaxed. It looks as though we are going to have to continue with table service if congregating at the bar is to be avoided. This presents a problem in terms of staffing so if any of you reading this would care for a stint helping, you would be very welcome. As a volunteer led organisation that hopefully serves the village and local community, we are always looking for people to help in any way possible. You don't even have to like sport but if you wished to get involved, please contact Mike Powles on 07379 089890 for an informal chat or leave a message on the Community Hub Facebook page

The entertainment this month is on Friday 11th June Jo Manning vocalist starting at 6.45 Friday 25th June Gemma B live at 6.45

All Subject To Weather And Regulations

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Walsham Sports Club is excited to invite you to the newly refurbished club for a Cookery Masterclass followed by a two course meal, showcased & prepared by Suffolk Chef of The Year 2018, owner of Fork Kitchen & Deli Justin Kett.

Tickets £30 per person
*Includes arrival drink,
Cookery Masterclass & 2 course meal*

7 pm Arrival & Drinks
followed by
7.30 pm Cookery Masterclass,
Questions & Answers
Scallops, celeriac three ways
8.45 pm 2 Course Meal
*Roast breast of chicken, Pommes Anna,
summer carrot puree, tenderstem broccoli*
Eton Mess
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SUMMER BECKONS

As Cricket Returns

With the news of the green shoots of recovery fresh in our ears and the cold, bitter northerly wind sweeping over the ground, both our Senior and Junior cricket teams have once again returned to action.

The Club is delighted, once again, to see our youngest players taking part in All Stars cricket on a Friday evening – and this year it is supplemented with a new programme, Dynamos, for our 8-11 year olds. The skills that the girls and boys learn each week have already proven themselves in friendly matches against Yoxford, Mellis and Mildenhall with some excellent cricket on display.

At Under 15 level, a team that has grown up through the age groups together has forged a strong spirit – which has seen them through in tight matches against Bardwell and Chippenham. The development of the players continues through into Sunday Senior cricket as well – part of the Club's plan to build a strong player base for the future.

The Saturday XI started their Two Counties Division 3 campaign well, with a good opening day win away in a blustery Felixstowe. Joe Scarce (82*) and Oli Jackson (76) led the batting, and a tight fielding performance held Felixstowe in the run chase.

Subsequent losses away to Long Melford and Little Bardfield left Walsham in mid-table, but the individual form has been good – Jackson taking 6 for 71 at Melford with captain Liam Bryant leading the runs with a fluid 74. Ali Waugh returned to action with 4 for 56 and Jackson again scored well with 61 at Bardfield. An incredible collapse against Tuddenham almost led to a loss, but last man Finn Daly nudged the team over the line. The nerves of the stalwart 'bench critics' had been shredded!

Sunday Cricket has been bolstered with the energy of our younger players complementing the wisdom and guile of the oldies. Jono Boucher was stellar in the win against Copdock with a 5 wicket haul; both Theo Cass and George Macrae also picked up valuable wickets against Battisford. Hopes are high that we shall see more performances from them through the Summer.

A maiden T20 win against Haverhill for captain Adam Howe has shown that in all formats Walsham is looking forward to a season with confidence and a joy to be back out playing together.

James French





Walsham Congregational Church

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Services for June

God willing, we are open for worship each Sunday at 11.00 &

6.30 so why not come along. Please be assured of a warm welcome; it would be lovely to see you.

Preserved Alive

The name John Bunyan is world famous, and in his lifetime, he wrote some sixty-six books, the most famous of which was 'Pilgrim's Progress'. Another very important book that Bunyan wrote was 'Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners'. This volume was first published in 1666 when Bunyan was serving a twelve-year prison sentence in Bedford jail for the crime of preaching without a licence. The book is John Bunyan's autobiography; it tells, in his inimitable style, the story of his life and especially his conversion to Christ. The title of the book, which sums up Bunyan's conversion experience, came from a combination of words in two verses of Scripture: Romans 5.20 & 1 Timothy 1:15. The subtitle of this book is: 'A Brief and Faithful Relation of the Exceeding Mercy of God in Christ to his Poor Servant John Bunyan'.

A clear example of God's 'exceeding mercy' to Bunyan was how, on three occasions, he was delivered from death. The first was when he had a nasty encounter with an adder; the second was when he fell out of a boat into the River Ouse in Bedford and almost drowned. The final occasion was when he changed places with another soldier in the army and that soldier was subsequently shot dead on the battlefield. On all these occasions Bunyan was still and unconverted man and knew that, had he died, he would have gone into a lost eternity. When he later spoke of all these incidents his comment was, "Mercy had preserved him alive".

Perhaps you can recall such things in your own experience when you had a close encounter with death and, but for God's intervention, you would have lost your life and been in eternity already? Truly 'mercy has preserved you alive'. Ask yourself this question, why did God preserve my life and give me life each subsequent day? It is not that you continue in sin and rebellion, without thought and love for God, but that you might be saved. The answer is that God has graciously allowed you more time to prepare for eternity. When you consider how good God has been to you and the certainty of eternity to come, does it not cause you to repent of sin and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation? Let us urge you to do that today. Come along and hear the way of Salvation for yourself as God's word is preached each week.

...the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance. (Romans 2:4)

THE HUMBLE TELEPHONE KIOSK

During the past twelve months, whilst out on my bike, I have noticed the proliferation of book swaps in disused telephone kiosks - once the lifeline of the 'common man'. If you have failed to notice these repositories of escapist literature - and more - I have found them at Market Weston, Hopton, Thornham and Wetherden; when I extend my routes, later in the summer, I expect that I shall find many more.

The exchanging of books is not the only 'function' of these edifices of a near-bygone age. Some have been used for local art exhibitions. The kiosk by The Railway Tavern at Mellis, although having no works of art in it, has wonderfully stained glass windows. A number have been equipped with the modern lifeline - the defibrillator; hopefully those in need are nearby to the kiosk when their disaster strikes.

Whilst having a chat in the Village Hall coffee shop recently, I discovered that the grandfather of a local resident had been a member of Lloyd George's coalition government. Not only had he been responsible for bringing down the cost of letter postage to 1½d (less than 1p in these decimal days). In addition to this assistance to personal communication, he also brought about the introduction of the telephone kiosk since, at the time, telephone communication was the preserve of the wealthy. He was also conscious of the part that well run post offices could play in village life.

How times have changed. The village post office is rapidly disappearing; some are shunted to the back of other stores - or upstairs - as in the case of Bury St Edmunds. The cost of posting a letter, if one should write one instead of dashing of a one-line email, is now 66p (second class) or 85p (first class)! The humble telephone kiosk has all but gone and in case of emergency one has sometimes to rely upon the 'kindness of strangers'!

The next time you pass a smart looking kiosk stop and take a look inside, you might find that a welcome surprise greets you from inside.

Torban Ruben-Ash

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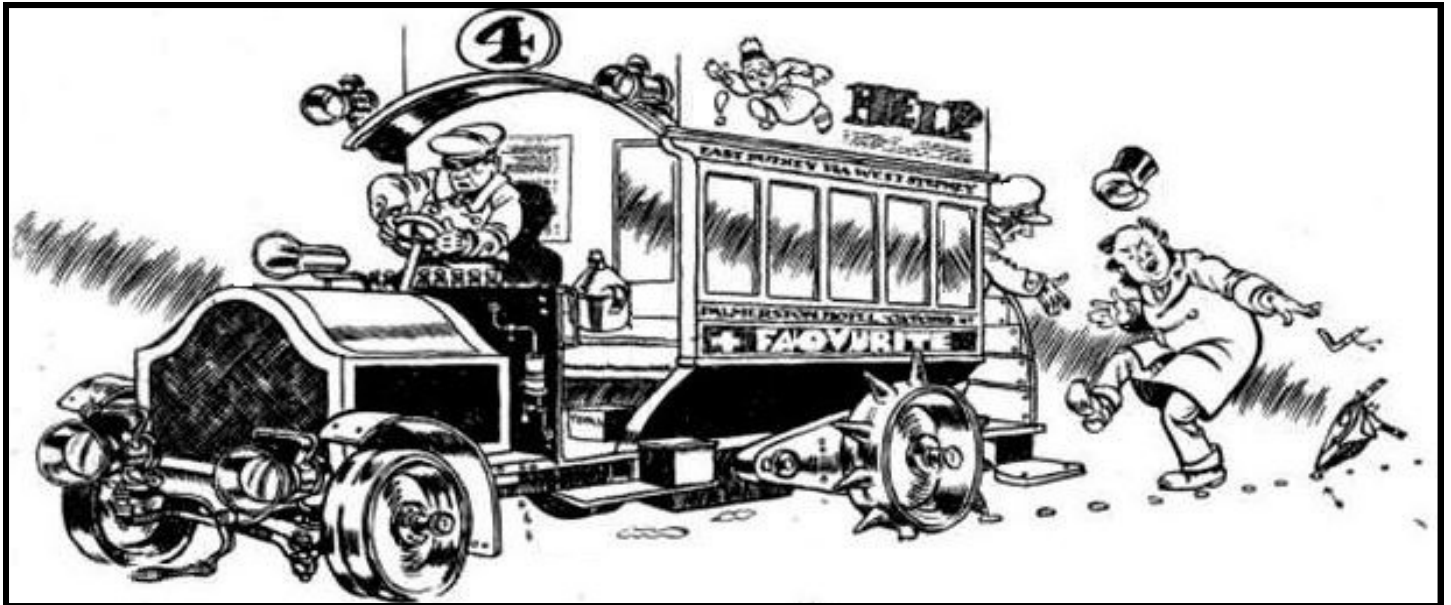
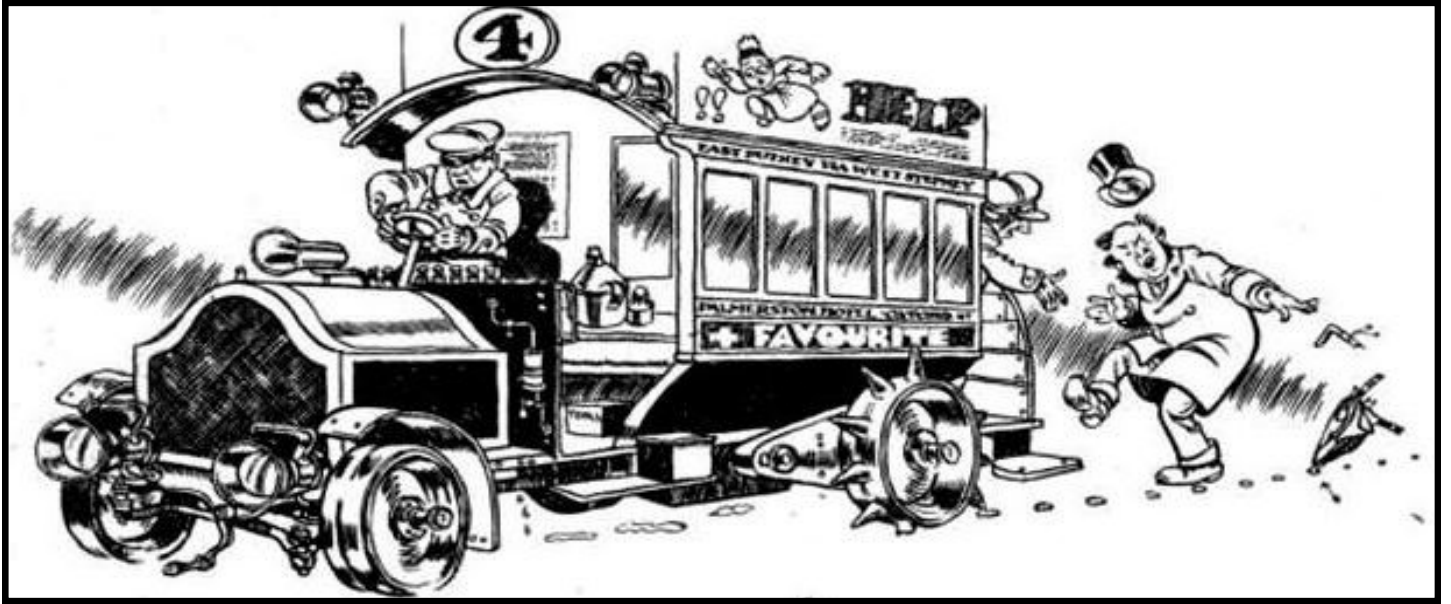
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures
see if you can find them all before the traveller can get on board!*

NAME THAT BIRD 4



What is a backward handspring called?



HORTICULTURAL SHOW

14th August 2021

Please note, chutney made in 2020 for last year's show **will** be accepted for this year's; in fact, being mature it will probably taste even better!

Don't forget

The Sunflower Cup
for the Tallest Sunflower
and the
Hanging Basket
Competition

Full details of the classes can be found on the Walsham village website, they were in the February Observer and will be repeated in the July issue.

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LEGEND OF ROSEMARY

There was once a lady, divinely tall,
who lived high up in a castle wall,
and longed to be lord in her husband's hall.

A troubadour chanced to be passing by,
as the lady looked down from her casement
high.

He stood at the foot of the castle wall,
and sang to the lady, divinely tall,
who longed to be lord in her husband's hall:

"A holy father, from over the sea
has brought me this cutting of Rosemary.
Plant it carefully by the wall.
If it grows a tree, both healthy and tall,
You shall be lord in your husbands hall."

The lady listened, and so it befell
she wore the doublet and hose as well.

And even today

There are cynics who say:

*The wife who means to master her man
will trot down the path with her watering
can—*

*And if you follow her, you will see
she always waters her Rosemary.*

(Reginald Arkell)

MY SUFFOLK HOME

*They don't sing songs of Suffolk,
But they should!*

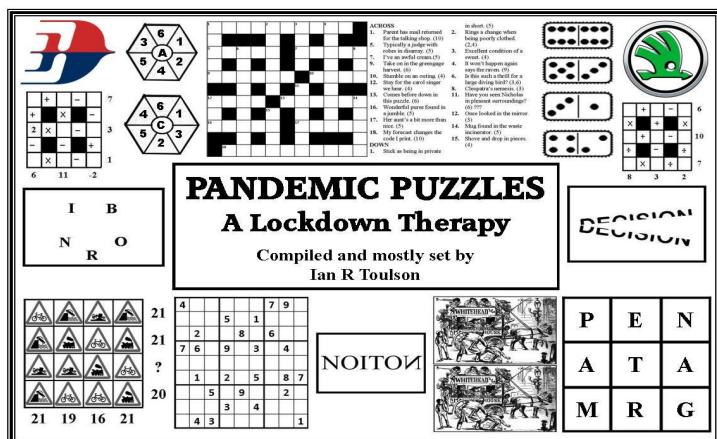
*They don't sing songs of Suffolk,
But they could!*

*Suffolk was where I was born,
Suffolk is where I live!*

*I've never wanted to roam;
'Cos Suffolk is my home!*

Jenny Blackburn

PANDEMIC PUZZLES



We have all had our ways of dealing with the pandemic and its associated lockdowns; getting down to all those books we have meant to read, pitting our wits against others in Zoom quizzes, going for long walks - with or without the dog - hopefully not 'just walking the dog' - viewing endless box sets, or finding a nice picture to piece together in the shape of a 1500 piece jigsaw.

Having failed dismally at the latter, I soon found myself producing more puzzles, initially for the Observer, but later as another puzzle book - not another Thinkers Diary!

The result is Pandemic Puzzles containing twelve sets of puzzles titled January through to December. As you can see from the cover, there are Crosswords, Su-dokus, Dingbats, Spot the Difference, Searching for Words, Logos, Domino Puzzles, and Arithmetic problems, as well as General Knowledge questions and Double Anagrams.

With the hole knocked in the finances of both St Mary's and the Village Hall, I am hoping that some people may wish to rise to the challenge of these puzzles (answers are provided), or even getting one for a friend, by offering a donation, to be split between these two establishments, of say £5 in return for a copy of the book.

If you would like a copy please contact me either by email or phone.

Ian Toulson 259646 iandmj@outlook.com



WEEKLY	EVENTS
MONDAY	THURSDAY
Theatre Classes Village Hall 3:15pm till 6:15pm	Coffee Shop Village Hall 10:30am till Noon
TUESDAY	Post Office Van Village Hall 11:00am till Noon
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WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Positive Steps Village Hall 11:30am till 12:30pm	

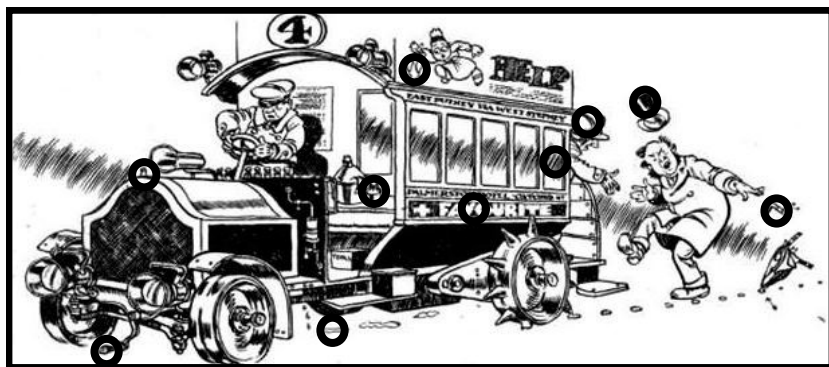
What is a mole's preferred sustenance?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Graceland, 2. U2, 3. Under Pressure, 4. Jim Morrison, 5. Rasputin,
6. The Kentucky Derby, 7. Madison Square Garden, 8. Romania, 9. The Giro d'Italia,
10. The Power, 11. Tim Curry, 12. The Krankies, 13. Mel Gibson, 14. Blue, 15. Vangelis,
16. Dingo, 17. Carbon Dioxide, 18. Aluminium, 19. A labour, 20. Mosquito,
21. Guernsey, 22. Yellow, 23. Italy, 24. Stockholm, 25. Iberian Peninsula, 26. Sage,
27. Apples, 28. Greece, 29. Hops, 30. Mushroom, 31. A A Milne, 32. Harold Pinter,
33. Mordor, 34. English, 35. Edwin Landseer, 36. Joan of Arc, 37. The Iceni,
38. Jimmy Carter, 39. Spartacus, 40. Klondike, 41. Scotland, 42. Wagner,
43. A nectarine, 44. A flic-flac, 45. Beijing, 46. Worms, 47. John Lennon, 48. Lead

Spot the Difference



More or Less

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Su-Doku

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Searching for Words

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Seat	Star	Stare	Tar	Tare	Tares
Tars	Tea	Tear	Tears	Teas	Tease
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Name That Bird

1. Wagtail 2. Oystercatcher 3. Raven (Venn Diagram)
4. Jackdaw 5. Firecrest 6. Sandwich Tern
7. Wheatear 8. Redstart 9. Stonechat
10. Rook 11. Stormy Petrol 12. Sandpiper

Crossword

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If your group has not been included and you would like it to be please contact Ian

Notice from Walsham le Willows Parish Council

CORONAVIRUS

Register for Vulnerable People & Volunteers

The Parish Council are in the process of building confidential registers of vulnerable people in the village and of volunteers who will make themselves available to assist where required. Obviously information from these registers will need to be shared appropriately but with due regard to General Data Protection Regulations.

Priority will be given to those older people who are living alone (or elderly couples) without nearby family support. The aim is simply to ensure that no-one in the village is left alone without support as evolving government advice (or orders) are put into practice.

Please contact the Clerk preferably by email (see below) to advise any of the following:

If you need support

If you know someone who needs support

If you are willing to volunteer to support someone

If you are already supporting someone

This information will greatly assist the Parish Council with co-ordination of responses and is especially important if someone is living alone even if the only requirement is to keep a close eye.

Kevin Boardley | Clerk to Parish Council | Walsham le Willows

Send email to | clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk

Or telephone | 01359 259 794 (please leave a message with name and number)

If you do not have an email account or need help, do ask someone to make contact on your behalf.