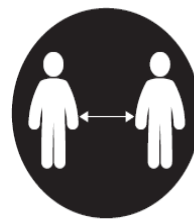
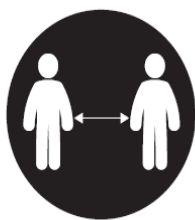


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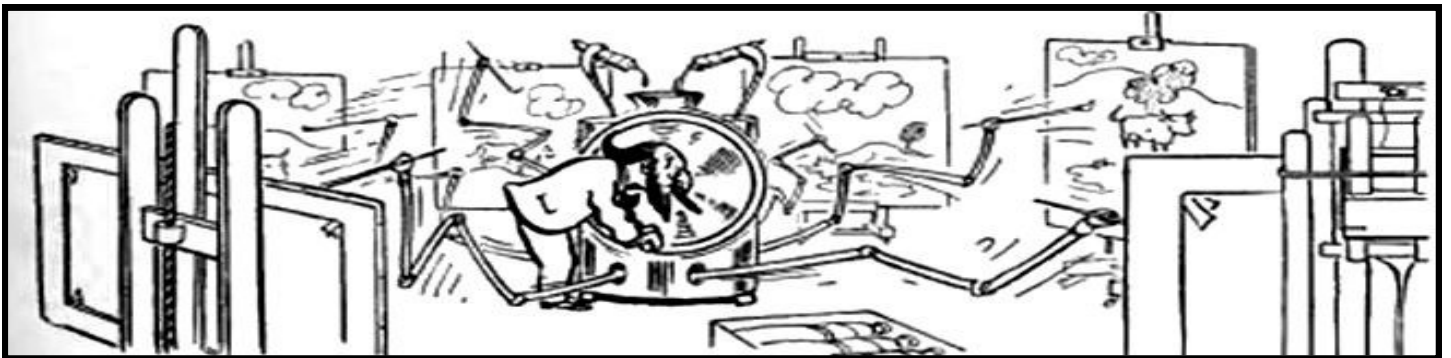
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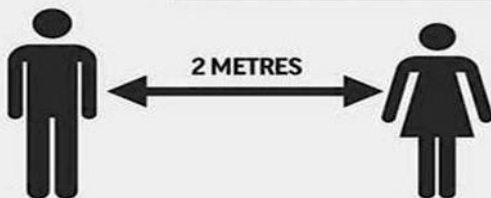
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EDITORIAL

At last life seems to be getting back towards normal. The limitation on the number of customers inside Rolfes is no longer set at a maximum of two - but face coverings are being worn by most people, having due regard to other people's wellbeing. Singing by a congregation, in St Mary's, has been heard for the first time in over a year, and on the evening of Saturday 24th July a group of people were treated to live theatre when Eastern Angles performed their play Red Skies, concerning an imagined encounter of George Orwell by Arthur Ransome. It was an excellent performance greatly enjoyed by an audience whose number was restricted by Covid regulations. Hopefully when they return more members of the village and locality will be able to enjoy their excellent productions.

Hopefully your copy of the Observer has not arrived too late to enable you to be reminded of **Sale Trail** that is taking place on **Sunday 1st August** - beginning a 10:00am. Even, in the end, if you don't actually pick up a bargain there are refreshments available in the Village Hall giving you a good opportunity for a good natter. Then almost two weeks later, on **Saturday 14th August** there is the annual **Horticultural Show**.

At the end of the month (**Sunday 29th August**) there is a **Party & Celebration**, being held by the **Gardens Weekend** in St Mary's churchyard. Details can be found on the back cover. Hopefully it will be fond that matters Covid are moving in the right direction by then.

With the completion of 'The Acorns' coming ever nearer it has been felt that the village guide should be resurrected. With this in mind could all organisations in the village please send a brief resumé - no more than 150 words - and a contact name (with phone number and email address) to John Stebbing or Ian Toulson as soon as possible in order that we might have a chance of having something ready by the time that the first resident moves in.

Do also have a look at page 48; if you would like any contact details to be added please email them to Ian Toulson.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Police are appealing for witnesses to a theft of rare orchids from a location in North Suffolk.

They took place at a Suffolk Wildlife Nature Reserve location at some point between Tuesday 1 June and Friday 4 June and again between Thursday 10 June and Monday 14 June critically endangered wild plants, described as yellow early marsh-orchids, which were growing beside a footpath were dug up and stolen. Two of these plants were stolen.

Orchids are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act along with all other native wild plants and bulbs. This means it is an offence to intentionally uproot any wild plant unless authorised to do so.

Anyone who has knowledge of the theft or has been offered them for sale should contact Suffolk police, quoting crime reference 37/38070/21

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) is warning the public to be vigilant of scam calls that appear to be coming from numbers similar to their own. Commonly, the first seven digits (07nnnnn) match the victim's own number. The calls impersonate well-known government organisations, or law enforcement agencies, and will ask the recipient of the call to "press 1" in order to speak with an advisor, or police officer, about unpaid fines or police warrants.

In May 2021, Action Fraud received 2,110 scam call reports where the caller's number matched the first seven digits of the victim's own phone number. Of these, 1,426 (68%) referred to HMRC or National Insurance.

Victims have also reported receiving these types of calls, and messaging, via widely-used messaging apps, such as WhatsApp.

David Murray

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

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The safety of our users and volunteers has been our top priority during these difficult times and it continues to be so as we move forward. With the Government announcement on the 12th of July and most COVID 19 restrictions being lifted from the 19th July, we want to let you know that we are continuing to make using the Village Hall as safe as possible. So for the continued safety of all those who use and volunteer at the hall we will be keeping some measures in place. We will continue with enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitiser will still be available at the entrance along with the QR check-in for the Hall and antibacterial wipes. Face masks are optional but Government guidance recommends they are still to be worn in enclosed spaces if busy and please can people keep a distance from others while queuing within the hall. Remember we all have a part to play in keeping everyone as safe as possible.

The Hall is springing back into life, hosting its first Community Lunch in July since last March, with the next planned for Monday 9th August. We will also see the welcome return of the Village Horticultural Show on Saturday the 14th. Even if you don't have an Entry why not pop down to the Hall in the afternoon after 2pm, enjoy a slice of cake and a drink and have a look, maybe be inspired to enter something next year.

As from the 3rd of August until the 31st, every Tuesday 11am till 3pm there will be a Board Gaming Cafe at the hall. For all those new to the idea of a Board Gaming cafe, the idea is that you can come along, borrow one of the board games available at the hall or bring one of your own. You could play a tense game of Transformer Risk or a relaxed game of Dominoes while enjoying a drink or something to eat from the cafe. There is something for everyone and all ages, so even if you haven't delved into the world of board gaming before, why not give it a try?

Don't want to play a game? No problem. You don't have to when you come to the cafe, so please just pop in, all ages welcome.

Amanda Ellis



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After a lengthy Covid-induced shutdown, we are pleased to notify you that the Community Bus is back in operation.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Consultation

Community Infrastructure Levy is collected from developers by local authorities on new developments based on total occupied households. Local authorities use this to help deliver infrastructure needed to support development and ensure facilities and services have capacity to keep up. A proportion is passed to local communities via Parish Councils to enable sustainable growth by offsetting the impact of additional homes on facilities such as:

- public transport (infrastructure) • schools
- open spaces • health centres (infrastructure)

The Wattisfeld Road development has generated Neighbourhood CIL funding of £40k so far and is expected to generate another £60k. The Parish Council seeks your views as to how these funds should be used. **Please send in comments and ideas by 31st August** by post to The Clerk, c/o Willow Cottage, The Street, Walsham le Willows IP313AA, or by email directly to the Clerk on parishclerk@walsham-le-willows.org, via the village website using the contact form <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/contact-form/>, or via the community hub Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/850390109086245/>

The Parish Council has already undertaken to commit to the following expenditures:

- Street lighting - Upgrading to LED reducing maintenance and running costs - £22,000 to date. Approximately £15,000 for the remaining 15 lamps.
- Play Area – The PC recently assumed responsibility for play area development. CIL funding will enable further funds to be raised - £44,000 (£15k will be CIL)
- Church wall – a statutory obligation - £9,000
- New storage shed for parish assets - £1,500
- Clearance of existing village footpath on The Causeway - £1,000

The Parish Council must be mindful of CIL spending rules and its own legal powers in determining how the funds will be spent within the timescales allowed. All CIL spending has to be reported annually to the District Council. Guidance will be sought as necessary. Any CIL monies deemed improperly spent have to be repaid. Other ideas for the use of these funds are:

- Cycle Paths
- Moving of street signage
- Traffic calming measures (that have to be approved by Highways) e.g. village gates, extension to 30mph limits, double yellow lines, chicanes or road narrowing (maybe on Sumner Road and/or The Causeway), speed bumps.
- Upgrading of informal footpaths to Sports Club
- You may have other ideas, please let us know.



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The Parish Council are now able to co-opt to a vacancy and are looking for someone who is enthusiastic about representing their community, likes to be involved and to get things done.

Most Parish Councillors, by agreement, will take on a role around specific area of interest or related to specific activities of the council.

Parish Councillors are summoned to a monthly meeting and are expected to attend. Read '**The Good Councillors Guide**' to get a flavour of what is involved.

Recently changes have been made to the way the agenda is put together and a policy adopted which is aimed at reducing the length of meetings and this is going well. A sub-committee has been established for the Play Area development which also helps in managing meeting length.

Currently the Parish Council are working on a development project for the Play Area, getting towards the end of an upgrade plan for streetlighting that will reduce maintenance and electricity costs, are taking the lead in the appointment of a consultant to assist the Neighbourhood Plan group with the writing up of the plan, contracting for repairs to the closed churchyard wall and the removal of ivy overgrowth to tombstones, contracting to have the debris cleared that has formed under the hedge along The Causeway so reclaiming some pavement, starting to plan for the Annual Meeting of the Parish in September, consulting residents for ideas for the use of Community Infrastructure Levy grant funding, and planning for an annual maintenance programme for the village stream. Also on the agenda is the review of the Community Emergency Plan which is overdue.

If you are interested in helping with any of this the Parish Council would like to hear from you. Please contact the Clerk, in the first instance, with a short statement **by 31st August 2020** setting out reasons for your interest.

You would be asked to read a briefing note on qualifications and disqualifications with regard to becoming a Parish Councillor, and to sign a declaration of eligibility prior to being co-opted onto the Council after which you would be required to sign 'Declarations of Interests' and 'Acceptance of Office' forms. All Parish Councillors are required to abide by the Suffolk Code of Conduct.

If you would like more information, please give the Parish Clerk a call or contact any Parish Councillor for an informal chat.

Find contact details, the **Good Councillors Guide**, **briefing note (LTN8)** and the **Suffolk Code of Conduct**, on the Parish Council webpage along with more information about the Parish Council. Short courses can be arranged for new councillors wishing to understand more about their role and that of the Parish Council.

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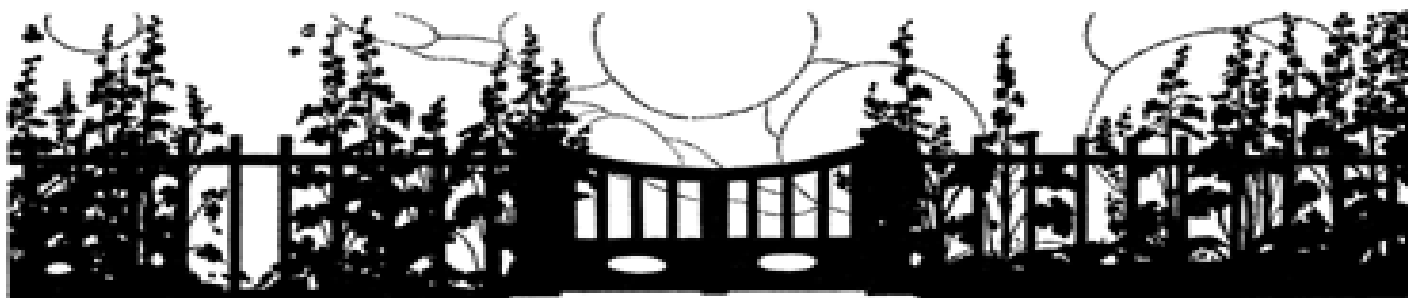
WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



Thanks to the help of three strong and very kind 'tent men' Walshaw le Willows WI was able to hold the Annual Meeting in considerable comfort albeit out of doors. The retiring President Jeannie Bloomfield welcomed everyone and the committee's annual report was read by Jill Newell. Retiring Treasurer Margaret Simpson presented the healthy financial statement. This year saw changes to the committee and an election for a new President. Margaret Moore will fulfil that role for the coming year. WI Adviser Janet Brown entertained the meeting with her tales of life on a canal boat. A comprehensive pictorial display showed that life on 'Grapple' even had the luxury of a washing machine but that you couldn't run that and the television at the same time! Committee members and loyal members old and new were thanked for all they do to keep Walshaw WI running.

Our next meeting is again outside as we have a generous invitation to visit The Wild Wood in Walshaw for a picnic and to check on the growth of some trees that the WI sponsored. We hope one day to harvest their fruit and make...yes...jam! It will be a 6.30pm start again to make the most of the light and please wear shoes suitable for the grass.

Jill Newell



COMMUNITY LUNCH

We hope you all enjoyed last month's lunch. It was certainly good to see you all back in the hall. I think we have all missed socialising over the last sixteen months and it was good to hear all the chatter again while we were serving. Covid rules have been lifted now but we will continue with waitress service. Numbers will be restricted to 20 at the moment.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 9th August 2021. Lunch this month will be a Ploughman's with new potatoes at 12.45pm. followed by Tiramisu or Fruit salad. Tea and coffee will follow.

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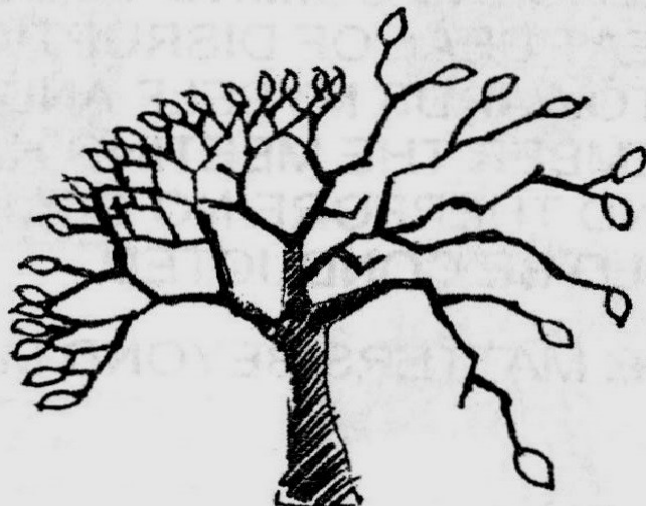
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In April this year, Mr Ian Page joined us as Acting Headteacher. We would like to thank him for everything he has done in such a short space of time.

We are delighted to say that in April we successfully recruited a new Headteacher, Mrs Maxine McGarr, to start in September. She has already started working with Mr Page and some other members of staff to ensure there is a smooth transition.

At Christmas, Mrs Mecrow made the decision to retire. She has been at the school for many years, and we were very sad to see her go but hope she has lots of adventures when everything opens up more. She is currently still working at the school one day a week as our Special Needs Coordinator. The governors and everyone at the school would like to wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for all of her hard work and dedication during her time at the school.

We would like to finish by saying 'Thank you' to the whole school community. The staff have worked incredibly hard finding a new way of working, at times teaching children in school as well as setting work for children at home. Families have somehow had to find new ways of juggling home-schooling, looking after younger children whilst often continuing with their own jobs. The people who always amaze us the most though are the children; they have shown resilience and have had so much enthusiasm when they have come back into school. It is lovely seeing them enjoying being together with their classmates and working in school as they should.

The Governing Body of Walsham le Willows CEVC Primary School

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

At Last! After all that gardening for 18 months let's make this a bumper Show!

There will be a marquee beside the Memorial Hall so the exhibits will be more spaced out this year.

It would help if everyone could bring change so there is less handling of money.

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That said, this has not stopped us providing the necessary care and learning environment that our children have deserved in order to grow and progress in all areas of their development.

Since our last update we have planted lots of flower and vegetable seeds that the children have nurtured and looked after, culminating in us having a garden that we are very proud of. We have sunflowers, hanging baskets and sweet peas and have harvested potatoes, carrots, courgettes and strawberries. Our successful crops were helped by the production of our own fertiliser which is produced in our 'Wormery'. The children love to feed the worms and touch them! There is still lots to come and we will continue to look after the plants over the holidays.

We joined in with the Wildlife Trusts '30 days of Random acts of Wildness' some of which we did at preschool including listening to wild noises and taking photos of natural blue objects. We made cards to celebrate Father's Day with the children using their mark making skills and we followed the fortunes of the English Football team! The children selected a flag from one of the competing countries each day and we learnt how to say 'hello' in different languages.

This brings us to the end of the year which we always find difficult as we have to say goodbye to another group of wonderful children who are off to 'Big School' in order to continue their journey to the next stage of their life. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions we had to curtail our normal celebrations so instead we had a week of special activities that included a 'Science Day', a 'Picnic Day' (where the children made their own healthy food), a trip to Walsham's own Wild Wood, a 'Beach Day' where they all enjoyed getting very wet! Finally, we held a scaled down Sports Day with the traditional Egg and Spoon race and our Graduation.

We would like to wish our Graduates all the best at 'Big School' and look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September.

Cheryl Bartholomew



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M. Kidd (259323)

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1st August	9th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
3.00pm	Evensong	Langham
8th August	10th after Trinity	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
15th August	The Blessed Virgin Mary	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
18th August	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
22nd August	12th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
29th August	13th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham

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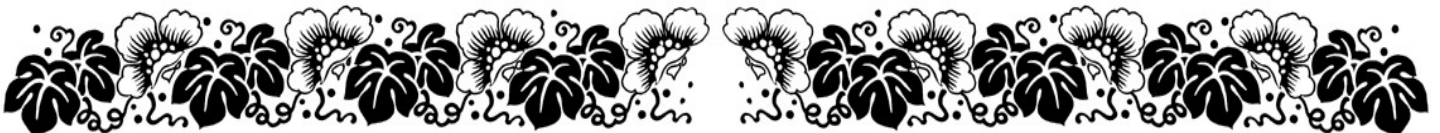
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Scythe Workshop

11th September 2021

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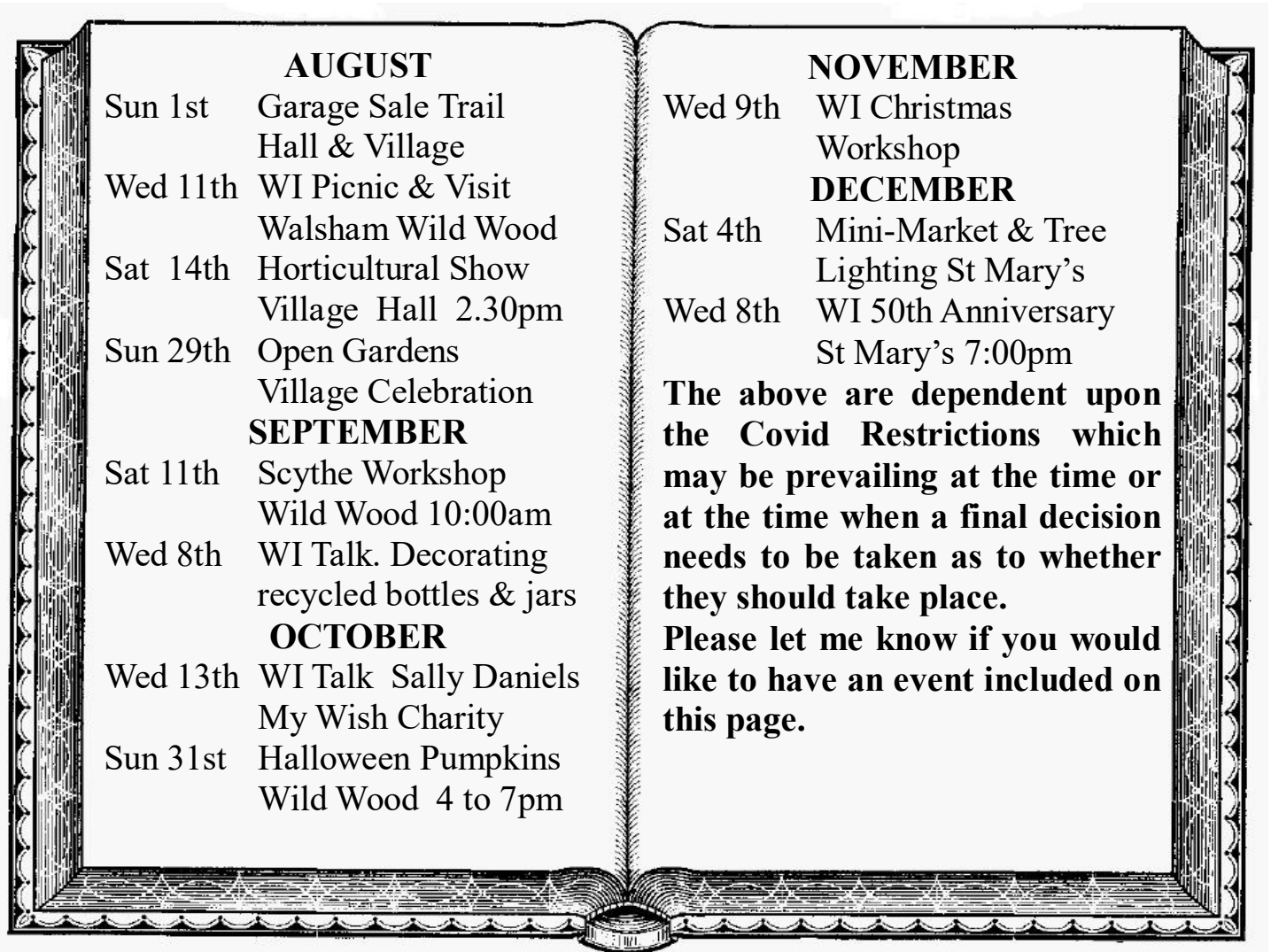
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PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM LE WILLOWS MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th July 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; Ian Bartholomew; Richard Belson; Brian Kinnair; Nick Mecrow and Trevor Roberts **NON-MEMBERS PRESENT** - Cllr Rick Meyer [District

1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 **Acceptance of apologies** – None received
- 1.2 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 9th June 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record with correction of time meeting ended to 20:50. These were signed by Cllr Belson.
- 1.3 **Minutes of video conference meetings from March 2020 to March 2021** were signed by Cllr Roberts as presiding chair throughout.
- 1.4 **Casual Vacancy** – Clerk reported no request for an election and that MSDC Electoral Services had advised that co-option could proceed. Clerk to place an advertisement.
- 1.5 **To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests** – None declared.
- 1.6 **To consider applications for dispensation** – None Requested.

- 2 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** including County and District Reports and Questions
[Members of the public are invited to speak at the discretion of the Chair and each representation should take no more than 3-5 minutes. Matters arising can be 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 were present. Cllr Fleming has sent her report and her apologies. Cllr Rick Meyer's report had been circulated and can be found on the village website. Cllr Belson asked if there were any timescales for the Wildlife Corridor surveys. Cllr Meyer was not sure and advised that he would refer to Cllr Jessica Fleming as this was being administered by the County. Cllr Mecrow asked if the locality fund could support a community first aid course for interested parishioners; this had been provided in the past by St John Ambulance and it is thought that having more people in the village trained would be a good idea. In


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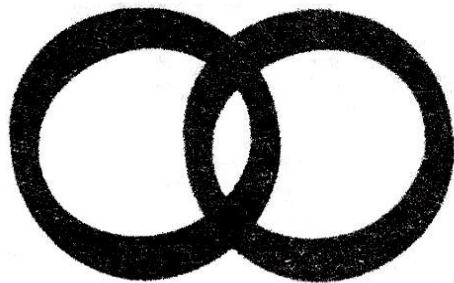
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the first instance, Cllr Mecrow will contact the Sports Club to ask if there is still someone there providing the training. Cllr Kinnair asked if the Locality funding would extend to projects such as the Play Area. It was advised that the locality budget would not extend to the requirements of such large projects. As Cllr Meyer had to leave early the Chair agreed to the suggestion to raise the position on funding for the Play Area (agenda item 6.3) at this point in the meeting. Cllr Kinnair reported that he had a response to the CIL funding enquiry that advised that the claim had been discussed with the Community Grants Team but had been turned down for financial support but with the offer of a meeting with the Public Realm Team to discuss CIL and other possible funding streams. Cllr Meyer said he was surprised by this response but strongly advised following up. Cllr Kinnair asked for Cllrs Arbon and Belson to provide dates so that a meeting can be arranged to discuss ways forward and to make sure that CIL team are aware that the Play Area is not on public land.

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/03191 Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of a two storey side extension and raise ridge of roof to create first floor space (following demolition of single storey side extensions) **Location:** Gramercy, Town Way, The Street, Walsham Le Willows Suffolk IP31 3AZ **The Parish Council Supported this application.**

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/21/03814

Proposal: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Pollarding of 1 no Lime tree

Location: 2 Avenue Cottages, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AZ **The Parish Council Supported this application.**

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

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 **MSDC granted permission.**

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/21/02934

Proposal: Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 no Eucalyptus (excessive shading and root damage to property) **Location:** The Beacons, Ixworth Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AN **MSDC raised no objection.**

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA -

EMILY SMITH

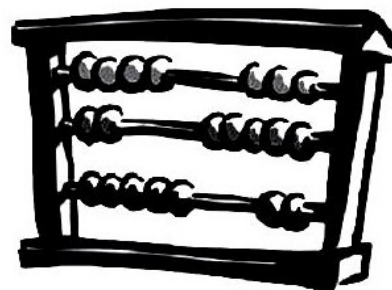
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DC/21/03142 Proposal: Notification for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1no Ash **Location:** 2 The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk, IP31 3AB **MSDC raised no objection.**

APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION - DC/21/03217

Proposal: Application for prior approval for a proposed: Erection of a barn for Agricultural or Forestry Use. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of agricultural storage building for straw and animal bedding. **Location:** Priory Farm, West Hall Road, Rickinghall Inferior, Suffolk IP22 1LY **Decided - Formal approval not required.**

5 CLERK'S REPORTS

5.1 **Reconciliation to 30th June 2021** was presented, as previously circulated, and was duly signed by Cllr Kinnair. **The summary for payments against invoices** (as previously circulated) was approved and Cllrs Kinnair and Bartholomew signed.

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	CGM	£90.00	Play Area Grass Cutting
2	David Murray	£25.39	Reimbursement mower fuel
3	David Murray	£19.50	Reimbursement for mower puncture repair (future expenditure with Suffolk Agri Centre will be invoiced directly to the Parish Council)
4	David Murray	£350.00	Closed Churchyard grass cutting
5	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Memorial Hall Hire PC
6	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Memorial Hall Hire NPG
7	H Reeve	£147.15	Disbursement for Footpaths 1 st Cut 2021
8	H Reeve	£24.22	Disbursement for Footpaths 1 st Cut 2021
9	Martineau Farms LLP	£153.95	Disbursement for Footpaths 1 st Cut 2021
10	M Hawes	£62.25	Disbursement for Footpaths 1 st Cut 2021
11	P Dryden	£40.00	Disbursement for Footpaths 1 st Cut 2021
12	G Pollard	£38.65	Disbursement for Footpaths 1 st Cut 2021
13	HMRC Cumbernauld	£133.40	PAYE/NI
14	Parish Council employee	£546.88	Wages
#	Payments In	Amount	Description
1	None received	£466.22	Grant for footpaths grass cutting

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- 5.2 **Report on variances against budget** as previously circulated – this was noted with no concerns raised.
- 5.3 **Internal Control Check (Review of contracts of employment - Clerk)** - Cllr Bartholomew summarised the position as per his previously circulated emails which was that the Clerk had received no performance related increments since taking up the post and has also taken no paid annual leave as per contractual entitlement. Cllr Bartholomew proposed a) award a double increment to New SCP13 back dated to the 1st April 2020 in recognition of his performance over the last 4 years; b) That an annual review, setting up to three performance objectives, is conducted by the Chair, setting three performance objectives as agreed with the Clerk and to be formally reviewed at the end of this year (31/03/2022); and c) that PC encourage the Clerk to take paid holiday entitlement which has been calculated a 8 days pa.
- 5.4 **Audit recommendation - Risk Register** – The Clerk advised that work had started on this with input from Cllr Bartholomew (initial draft as previously circulated) but that it had not been finished due to time constraints. Clerk to endeavour to finish this for circulation before the next meeting. Cllr Bartholomew has agreed to look at this before it is circulated.
- 5.5 **Data Protection Policies (audit recommendation)** – A draft previously circulated to Cllrs Bartholomew & Cllr Belson. The Clerk advised that this may be revised to a much briefer, but still very comprehensive policy template sourced subsequently. It was agreed that the Clerk should work on this, and related policies, for circulation before the next meeting.
- 5.6 **Problem Reports SCC** – Clerk to advise any to be noted or any issues. Clerk confirmed with Cllr Arbon that the grass cutting outside Oak Tree Cottages had been completed. Cllr Arbon advised that it had been forgotten that MSDC had a ‘no mowing in May’ policy which is why this and other areas appeared to be missed. Nothing else to be noted other than lack of timely response to other reports from SCC Highways
- 5.7 **Action Log** – The log had been updated and previously circulated. Council approved the amendments, Clerk to revise.
- 6 **MATTERS ARISING** *[from previous meeting only where further decisions are required]*
- 6.1 **Closed Churchyard bulb planting** –The Clerk reminded Council of previous request by parishioner and proposed that the Parish Council approve the purchase of bulbs (variety Van Sion - Telemonius plenus) at cost of £115 (as per pro forma previously circulated) for delivery and planting in the Autumn. It was resolved that the Clerk should place the order.
- 6.2 **Closed Churchyard Ivy Clearance** – The two quotes received were considered and it was resolved to award the work to David Murray at cost of £375 (no vat charged), to commence in August. Clerk to advise contractor.
- 6.3 **Play Area Development - Sub-Committee to report** on progress. Nothing much



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to add to the discussion that took place under Public Open Forum. The sub-committee will arrange to meet with MSDC re funding and the Clerk advised that the Charity Commission had responded to the Townland Trust re the granting of the lease and was asking for more information which is hopefully a good sign. Clerk to chase.

- 6.4 **Spending of CIL Funding** – The Clerk apologised for having not circulated the most recent draft and was asked to read this out so that it could be considered for publication. It was resolved that the Clerk should publish this in the Observer, on the web site and on the Community Hub facebook page with a deadline for responses of the end of August.

- 6.5 **Cost Estimate for feasibility study for ‘road narrows’ signage Wattisfield Road** – This was considered, and Council decided not to proceed based on the costs of just the feasibility study which had been advised by SCC highways as in the region of £6k. It was resolved to take no further action.

7 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION [*Councillors can request that Chair or Clerk place items for discussion and decision on the agenda here*] **None**

- 7.1 **Neighbourhood Plan Consultant** – The interviews with short-listed candidates had taken place with two councillors and two neighbourhood plan group members. Neighbourhood Planning Group (NPG) members had subsequently sought feedback from parishes who had previously worked with both candidates and this had been circulated to Parish Councillors. This was considered and it was resolved to appoint Andrea Long, of CompassPoint Planning to work with the Parish Council and NPG to facilitate the formulation of a plan. Clerk to advise both candidates.

- 7.2 **Causeway hedge/path clearance** – The Clerk advised that there had been no response so far from SCC Highways to the attempt to revive this problem report following the easing of lockdown. In the meantime, the Parish Council has sought quotes from two contractors which were considered and it was resolved to award the work to D Brown at cost of £1000 + vat who has this work pencilled in for next week. Clerk to advise contractor.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Email received from parishioner/landowner about access to Gallants Meadow following the notification of Traffic Regulation Order by MSDC to protect Old Brook Bridge from cars. This has been dealt with – this was noted.

- 8.2 **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022** – Parish Councillors discussed the possibility of another village organisation leading on this.

9 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]

- 9.1 Cllr Arbon noted that MSDC has removed a Walnut tree that was interfering with drains of properties near Grove Road/Willow Close and subsequently a resident

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had cut down the whole row of remaining trees including an Ash and a Hawthorn. This has caused some considerable upset with complaints from a number for parishioners that these trees had been in place before the estate was built. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to MSDC who are investigating as to the ownership of the land in question and will report back.

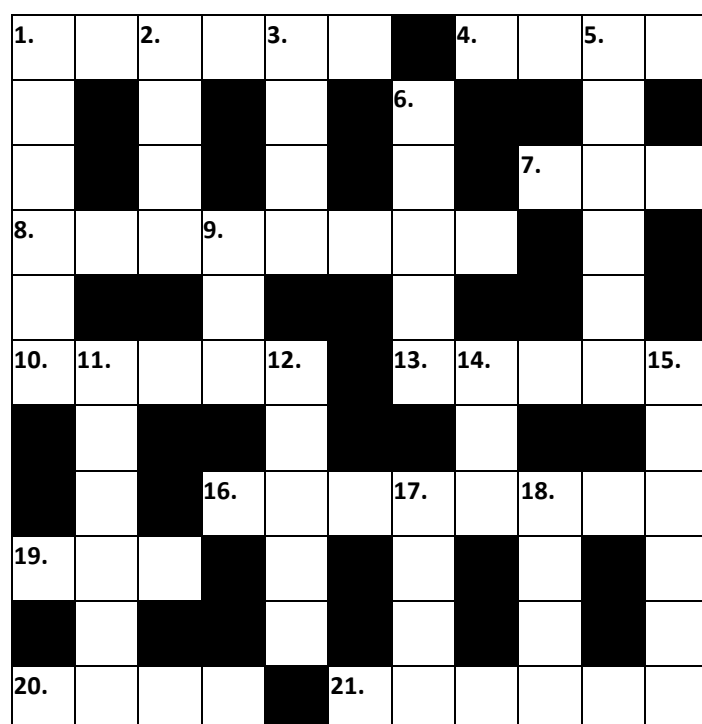
9.2 Cllr Mecrow reported a large and deep pothole on Sumner Road and will provide an image and details of location for reporting. Clerk to report.

9.3 Cllr Mecrow noted a hedge overgrowing the pavement from one or two properties on Wattisfield Road and causing obstruction. Clerk to investigate.

Kevin Boardley, Proper Officer, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council
Meeting closed at 20:43



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13. Trace out a box. (3)

16. Just a musical shape from Bermuda. (8)

19. Foreign letter found in the detailed investigation. (3)

20. Given out that time goes back! (4)

21. Standard offspring for the cleric. (6)

DOWN

1. Positioned lace within period extremes.

2. Rising or falling they met their Waterloo. (4)

3. A group of actors start to fish. (4)

5. Maybe easy, high or just one way! (6)

6. Stop a nice place harbouring fear. (5)

9. Possibly regard the briny. (3)

11. Beat without an expert in our useless leaders. (6)

12. Walk for a month. (5)

14. Moved quickly in improved transport. (3)

15. Aye! Aye! I see the team perhaps. (6)

17. This currency has her flowing up and down. (4)

18. Firearms are cosy on the rise. (4)

ACROSS

1. Sounds like you'll put down the fish. (6)

4. There's no quiet for this food. (4)

7. The attempt was found in country pursuits. (3)

8. Taking it easy by the sea perhaps. (8)

10. Is the padre amused to have a vision? (5)

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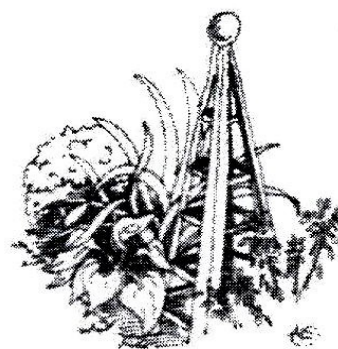
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FROM ST MARY'S

Since the end of the first 'lockdown' in July last year our churches across the Benefice have in the main been open all the while; this has certainly been true of St Mary's Walsham, albeit with certain restrictions. This has sadly meant that numbers at funerals and marriages have been severely curtailed, and throughout the country this has understandably caused some distress. But now, from 19th July, those restrictions have been lifted.

Those attending services at the six Benefice churches will still have access to sanitiser on entering the buildings, masks will be available for those who would still like to wear them, and space made available for those who may well feel or be vulnerable sitting in close proximity to others. Let us hope that virus cases dramatically fall and that a return to severe new restrictions will not be necessary again.

Looking through the Churches calendar for August, the 9th August this year is the Centenary of the death of the Founder of the Mothers Union, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in Manchester in 1828, moving to Hertfordshire in 1832, and while finishing her education in Rome, met her future husband George, shortly to be Ordained as a Priest. In 1851 they moved to Old Alresford, a short distance from Winchester. It was here at the Rectory in 1876 that a group of mothers, drawn from all the social classes, met for the first time to discuss family life, largely, but not specifically within the context of the Christian Church. To this day Christian Prayer remains at the heart of its policies. Remembering her own difficulties when she was first a mother, Mary Sumner wanted to bring mothers of all social classes together to provide support for one another and to be trained in motherhood, something which she saw as a vocation. The group, taking the name 'Mothers Union,' were to meet locally for nine years, with the same format being copied across the country.

By 1885 groups were springing up across both the country and the Commonwealth, and it was not long before the 'Mothers Union' was active upon four continents. In 1897, during her Diamond Jubilee, Queen Victoria became Patron of the Mothers Union, giving it an unprecedented stamp of approval.

As an International campaigning charity, it is especially at the forefront against violence against women and the trafficking of women. Its worldwide projects include literacy and the development of parenting.

Today it is a global movement of four million members; 1.9 million in the sub-continent and 1.3 million in Africa. Although numbers have declined in recent years, membership in the United Kingdom remains at just under 100,000. In many of our churches throughout the Church of England, even where there are no longer active groups, there will be evidence by way of commemorative banners in memory of past organisations and support given down the ages to members of the Mothers Union.

Rev. Philip Merry



RED SKIES

What if?

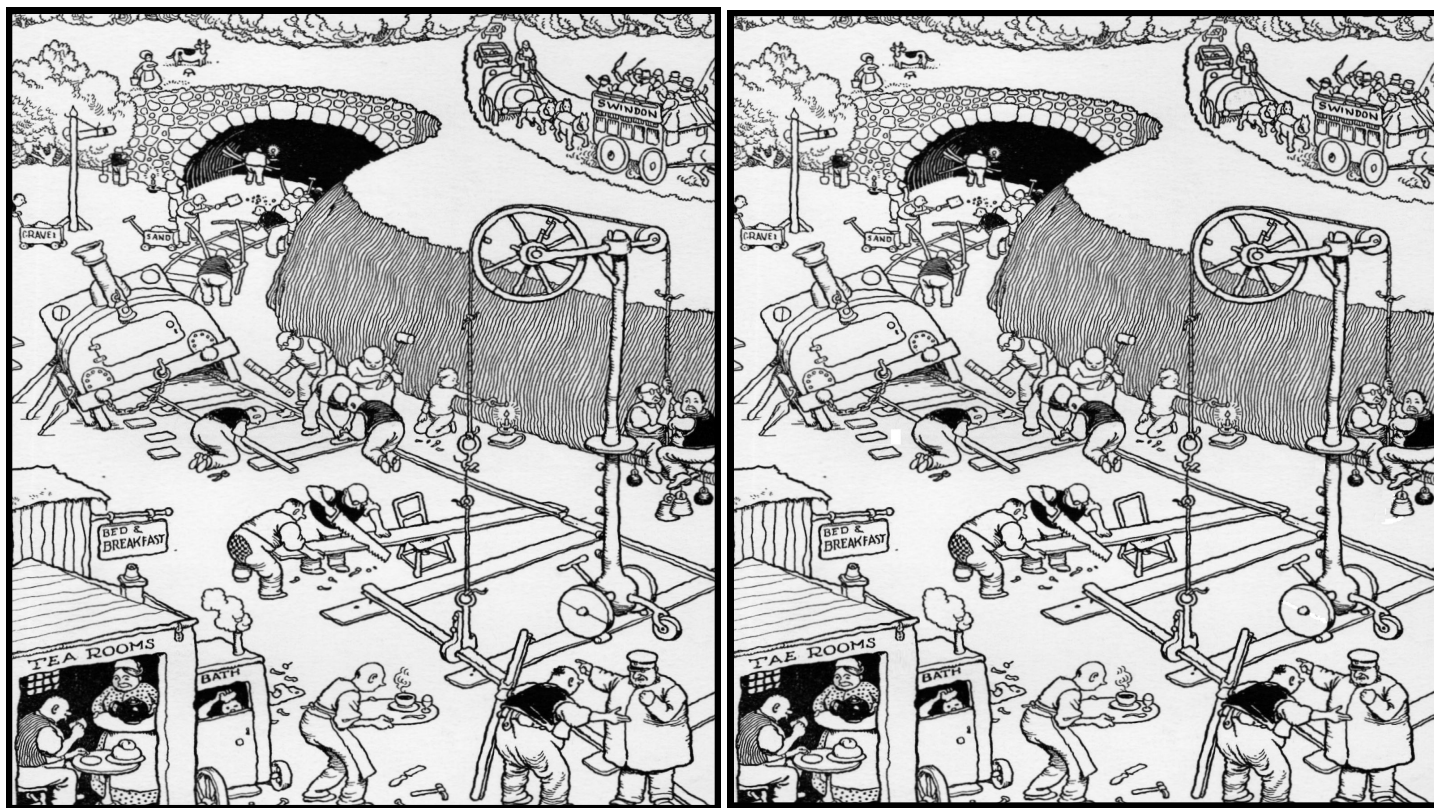
It wasn't The Road to Wigan Pier, mostly Southwold in fact, but Eastern Angles Touring Theatre came to us on Saturday 24th July, with a resounding 'pandemic be gone' event. What a joy to be back in the Memorial Village Hall and part of a lively audience, albeit at carefully distanced tables with a waitress drinks service. What a smart venue now following lockdown refurbishments and what a privilege to be entertained by such a professional group of players.

The story line of 'Red Skies' revolves around an imaginary meeting, in Southwold Harbour, between George Orwell, Arthur Ransome and Evgenia Shelepina his Russian wife, one time secretary to Leon Trotsky and chess player with Lenin. The play by Eastern Angles Artistic Director Ian Cutting, explores the curiosity of each to know more of the enigmatic lives of these characters, their lifetime associates, careers, brushes with political espionage, their writings which now define them in the public's consciousness and, not least, the complications of intimate relationships.

It was an absorbing and well executed production in the experienced hands of Stage Manager Penny Griffin which left us eagerly looking forward to more locally staged, live entertainment. One lady arrived at the hall having travelled from Holt in North Norfolk to see the production; that says it all!

Rob Barber

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures,
see if you can find them all before the track has been laid.*

In which month in 1914 did World War I begin?

WALKS AROUND WALSHAM

Wind In The Willows

The third walk starts in the car park beside the village hall. It covers three of the sites of windmills which no longer exist. Turn left out of the car park, turn left after the church, go down the hill, over the bridge and turn left into Grove Road. Enjoy the coolness of the shade of Grove Road before emerging into the sunshine again. Although well within the residential area of the village, muntjac deer are common here along with jays, magpies, and green and lesser spotted woodpeckers.

Turn left into Palmer Street, pass Well Cottages on your left which have a well just in front of the houses. Turn right past the pound and left onto the track at the entrance to Jolly's Way. This track is the start of what was once Clay Street which stretched all the way to Cranmer Cottages on the Finningham Road. It was lined with cottages and a busy place in medieval times. Turn right just before Plantation Cottage and you are now on Mill Lane, once a wide green lane that was the main route to Westhorpe. Today it is ploughed close to the edge. Continue up the hill with the hedge on your left and as you come near to the top of the hill you have a view all around the eastern end of Walsham. The footpath turns right across the fields about here. Then on your left the wheat seed trials are obvious with different colours and heights of different types of wheat. In medieval times there was a windmill situated in that field opposite Folly Hall and was on one of the highest points in the village. It had fallen out of use by 1577. Continue across the field, and along beside the hedge. At the end of the field go diagonally across to find the little footbridge and then follow the new fence to Crownland Road. Note the old water pump just inside the hedge beside the road. This part of Crownland Road was also lined with more houses in the past. Just a few farmhouses and Crownland Hall now survive. Most of the fields around here have had their hedges removed, the occasional tree tells you where old field boundaries once existed. Turn right along Crownland Road. In the field after Ashvale is an ordnance survey trig point marking the one of the highest positions (67m) in the village, so a good place for windmills. The next one was not far away. Pass Crownland Hall, a moated farmhouse and on towards the pond on your left beside which the second of the windmills was situated in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Carry on down to Four Ashes. The houses here are as varied and interesting as any in the village. Turn left along the Badwell Ash Road. This is not for the fainthearted, cars can whip along this road so take care along here. The verges here are wide and were once used for grazing. Now they are wooded and provide a rich habitat for wildlife. Turn right through the first gap in the hedge and you come face to face with modern grant supported, habitat enrichment farming practices. There is a wide (10-15m) field boundary sown with clover and all sorts of wild flowers to support bees and insects. The colours and the smells are powerful and in such contrast to the road that the two areas are like completely different worlds within a few metres of each other. Turn left to the end of the field then right along the other side of the hedge. This path was previously

known as Rottells Lane and Hoxens Lane. Many oak trees along the village hedgerows like this were felled and used to build the Martineau houses. On the left, in the field is a small, circular plantation. On the far side of the field is a bank of trees known as Long Plantation and it is at the northern end of this, close to a spring fed pond, where another medieval windmill once stood. There is no footpath to it, it's on private land. At the bottom of this field two dew ponds have been linked with a wildlife corridor.

Our walk continues to the Ixworth Road, across the road and into the wood. Turning right, walk beside the stream as far as the sharp corner. Cross the road here and into Gants Meadow. Follow the path and keep your dogs on leads if the sheep are about. Turn left into the Causeway and up towards the church and from there back to the car park.

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WILDLIFE IN AUGUST

House Martins are in rapid decline in the UK, they have flown all the way from Africa to be able to share the summer with us. They will raise two families in a season while they are here, their nests may make a mess but I would consider yourself lucky to accommodate them. By mid-August the Swifts will have left the UK and are heading back to Africa whereas House Martins and Swallows will stay around for a little longer before heading back, and all done without a Sat Nav! August is a great time to see plenty of insects and I will write about these this month. Wood wasps or Great Horntail are best to see in August, they may look ferocious but they are really a harmless Sawfly. The long stinger is the females Ovipositor which she uses to insert eggs into pine trees. Her grubs will spend the next few years munching away on the wood, before emerging. Good places to find this species is in a conifer and stacks of felled timber. Grasshoppers and Crickets are merrily singing away this month. Grasshoppers make there sounds by stoking pegs on their back legs against their wings, this is called Stridulate. Crickets however make their sound by rubbing their front wings together. You may hear these insects if you go out for a walk near the banks or the fields with tall grasses. This is a great time to see Earwigs, these are glossy brown insects with pincers on their hinds. Did you know there are around 2000 species of Earwigs worldwide with 4 native to the UK? Earwigs are usually nocturnal seeking out dark crevices during the day, they mainly eat vegetation, flowers, carrion and insects. These insects do have wings but rarely use them as they are reluctant to fly. You may not think this when you look at an Earwig but unlike most insects they make very good mothers. The female will lay around 30-50 eggs and will protect them through the winter months. When the eggs hatch and turn into nymphs she will feed and tend to them until they can fend for themselves. They do eat flowers and favourites tend to be Dahlias, Clematis, Chrysanthemums and Zinnias, but they do help by cleaning up with eating rotting vegetation and dead insects. Despite their name they are very unlikely to venture into the human ear!

Angie Nice

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*Written by Peter Dickinson in response to a Guardian headline
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WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 7th July saw history group members come together for the first time in over a year. We gathered in the MVH, with the doors and windows flung open, there was plenty of space to observe social distancing, Refreshments were available outside in the garden. It was wonderful to see friends and faces we have missed.

We were treated to a talk by Fraser Harrison, on Duleep Singh the former Maharaja of Punjab who in 1849 at the age of 10 was removed from the Punjab with his title and power devolved. He eventually settled at Elveden Hall. Although by today's standards he had wealth, it was not a fraction of what he would have had in his native country. In many ways it was a sad story, as he was separated from his family and country at a very young age. Although, he married and had many children, the marriage was not happy, Duleep was not a faithful husband. The impression was a man drifting without a purpose in life.

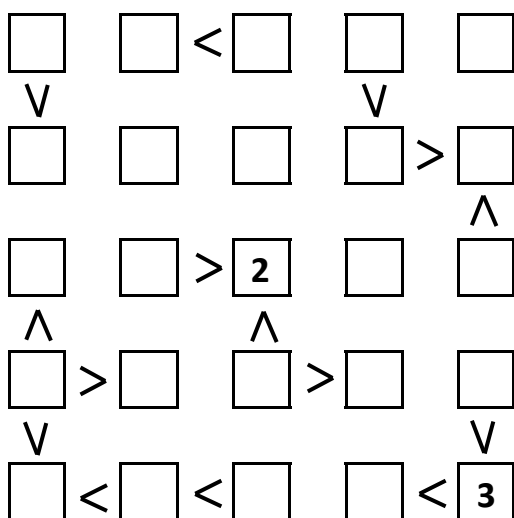
When he died in Paris, his body was bought back to England, and he is buried in Elveden churchyard alongside his first wife and son. There is a memorial statue in Riverside Walk, Elveden. It is a fascinating story and well worth further reading and a visit to Thetford to see the statue.

Prince Frederick was Duleep Singh's second son, and the godson of Queen Victoria. He was particularly interested in the history and archaeology of Norfolk and wrote several articles on the subject.

Frederick was one of Thetford's most prominent benefactors. In 1921 he purchased the Ancient House in White Hart Street and gave it to the town to be turned into a museum. Details of the Ancient House Museum, which has exhibits concerning Duleep and many other interesting subjects can be found online at <https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/ancient-house>

Jean Davies

MORE OR LESS



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Services for August

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.

The warning from tragic events.

On the 8th of October 1871, the evangelist D.L. Moody preached in his church in Chicago to what he believed was the largest congregation of his entire ministry up to that time. On that night he preached on the trial of the Lord Jesus Christ, and he took as his text Pontius Pilate's question, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" (Matthew 27 vs.22) In concluding his message, Mr. Moody said to the congregation, "I wish you would seriously consider this subject, for next Sunday we will look at the cross and at that time I will enquire, what will YOU do with Jesus?" When Moody finished speaking, his song leader, Ira Sankey began to sing the final hymn, but that final hymn was never finished for as the congregation sang, the sound of bells ringing, and the city siren could be heard outside – the city was ablaze! That was the occasion of the great Chicago fire which destroyed most of the city and many people lost their lives in the flames, including a number who had been listening to Moody preach earlier that very night. By the next morning most of Chicago lay in ashes. Moody learned a bitter lesson that night because he said that never again would he leave an audience a whole week to think about Salvation. He believed that what he did in that service was one of the greatest mistakes of his whole ministry; it was something that troubled him for the rest of his life. Mr. Moody realised that although he expected to have another opportunity to preach to his congregation, he had lost sight of the fact that he did not know the future and, truth is, neither do we – only God knows.

As the rains began to fall recently in Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, and China, little did the people realise that hundreds would be swept to their deaths by the horrific floods that followed. How many would have expected the world to be turned upside-down by the COVID pandemic with the lives of multitudes tragically cut short? The Bible says, in Proverbs 27 vs.1 says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" and this is all a solemn reminder that some dark event may cross our path and we be taken swiftly into eternity. If you are unsaved, the truth is you have put it off too long already – it is vital to seek the Lord Jesus Christ for Salvation today, as tomorrow is not guaranteed.

**Behold, now is the accepted time;
behold now is the day of salvation.** (II Corinthians 6:2)

ERIC'S RING RECOVERED

AFTER 62 YEARS

My father was stationed at RAF Honington in 1940 when he met Sgt Eric Russell Lucas of RNZAF,

Eric was a tail gunner in Wellington Bombers with No 9 Squadron they became very good friends and whenever possible he would spend his time with us in Walsham, I was five years old at the time.

In December 1940 he was posted to No 7 Squadron at RAF Oakington west of Cambridge while there he wrote two letters to my parents and Dad arranged to meet him in Cambridge, sadly Eric did not turn up and after making enquiries Dad was told he had been posted.

In December 1979 I found a photograph of Eric and decided to try and find out what had happened to our friend firstly by contacting the New Zealand High Commission in London and placing an advertisement in the New Trails Magazine a NZ publication dedicated to former service personal.

Shortly afterwards I received a letter from one of his sisters which said she could remember her Mother receiving a letter from a Mrs Dale saying that Eric had been shot down and killed over Holland 11th May 1941 on his 30th mission.

With information gained from Michael Bowers who had also written a book "The Sterling Bomber" plus help from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission I found out the following—On the evening of 10th May at 10:30pm Sterling Bomber N3654 prepared to take off one of twenty two bombers destined for Berlin, the pilot was the Squadron CO Wing Commander Dale, Eric was the tail gunner.

As the Sterling crossed the Dutch coast just after midnight it was attacked by a Messerschmitt BF110 flown by Oberleutenant Prince Egmont of Lippe-Weissenfeld, the Sterling did not return fire until he came in for his third attack on his sixth attack he saw objects falling from the plane these were bombs ejected to make the plane lighter after his seventh attack the inner left engine was on fire then after the eighth attack the outer left engine was also on fire the Stirling then rolled on to its back and dived towards the ground and exploded before crashing into a field making a crater eight metres deep.

The pilot's body was found 200 metres from the wreckage presumed thrown clear by the explosion.

This story will be continued in the September edition.

Hubby Frost.



SPORTS CLUB NEWS

Well, Freedom Day has come and passed without notable impact on the life of the Sports Club which has conducted its affairs during the last month almost entirely outside in the fresh air. Covid and the weather have done their best to impact on cricket matches at the Club with 10th July match against Long Melford scuppered by rain and 17th July against Little Bardfield cancelled because of a positive Covid case in the camp but despite the threat of more rain as this piece is typed, the game against Sudbury should be completed. This year, football has returned even earlier than usual with pre-season matches against Lowestoft and Bury taking place in Summer Road this past week with plenty of evidence that our matches this season will be blessed with considerable quality in the young squad to admire. The early part of the season will be played away from home until cricket matches on a Saturday are completed but once the home matches start, come up, watch and support.

It may have been a patchy summer so far in terms of weather but our family Friday evening have been highly enjoyable with young cricketers learning their trade across the playing fields whilst parents and grandparents enjoyed a glass or two listening to the guest singer who also attracted a number of members and friends.

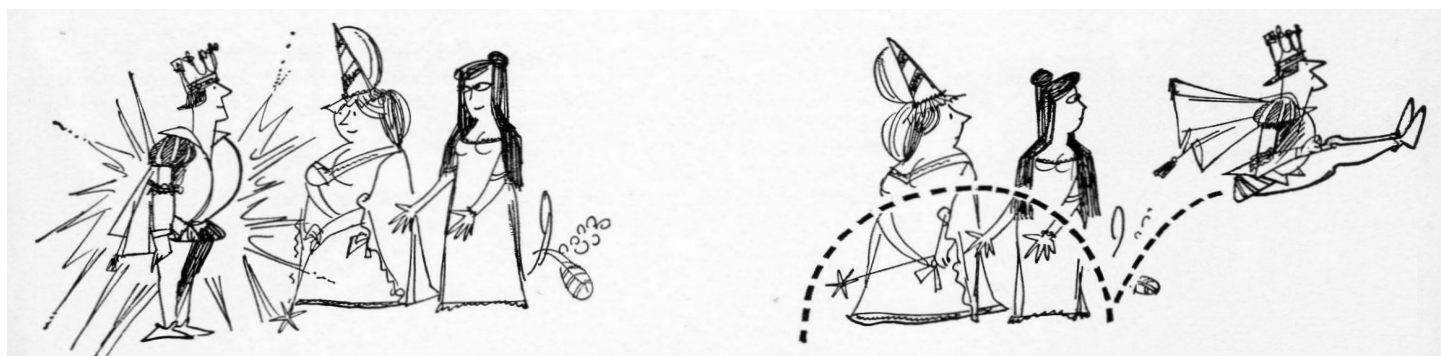
The annual Trailer Gig to raise money for St Nicholas Hospice was well attended on a lovely balmy Saturday night raising more than £1,000 so congratulations again to Gordon Ross in keeping the memory of his wife, Kim, in our minds and wallets.

A recent Wednesday evening saw a completely different activity with cookery demonstration and dinner supplied by Justin Kett, Suffolk chef of the year 2018, entertaining some 40+ diners. My first time for eating half a scallop, it was a good experience even if the preparation that went into the dish might deter a few people. I am told it was only a half as they are rather expensive.

Lastly, on a personal note re cricket, it was pleasing to hear son, Ned, scored a hundred despite he is now approaching middle age; it is something I never managed even in my dreams. It was a victory achieved with a young lady as his partner at the other end – aah, how the world is changing!

Ian Campbell

P.S. I must also record that grandson, Jack, secured a hat-trick for his side of young cricketers – ‘my cup runneth over’ as they say up Clay Street.



THE EMERGENCE OF YOUTH

For the wise and the elderly sat on the high bench in front of the old, ramshackle pavilion, caked in the patina of the years, nothing is more delightful to the eye than to see the energy of youth playing out before them on the square. We are lucky, therefore, that the next generation of cricketers is springing forth with such enthusiasm and love of the game, and in doing so, offering us a few more years of vicarious enjoyment of cricket.

The Club set out, this season, to make Sunday cricket a way to transition from youth cricket into the adult game – and in the main – it has succeeded in that aim. Under the careful guidance of Luke Ridding, Andrew Ross, Neil Baker and Kev Harrington, Walsham's 'five to watch' have in turn, had their game-defining moments.

Tom Ridding batted with growing confidence away to Mildenhall, and his 42 runs, coupled with 2 wickets, made him a clear player of the match. George Macrae is firmly established as one half of the opening attack and has developed the very helpful attribute of being able to gain that prize wicket of settled batsmen to open up an end. Sylvie Melvin is both an excellent fielder and metronomic bowler, with the ability to swing the ball into the right-hander. Theo Cass, with his leg-spin, has found his rhythm and line in adult cricket – often tempting the batsmen to advance only to turn the ball past the outside edge for the classic stumping. Jono Boucher, bowls with energy and verve – troubling batsmen with the extra bit of pace off a skiddy length. This crop of players is growing into a very formidable future for the Club.

At the younger age groups, the Under 11 and Under 9 teams have been almost invincible in their matches. Henry Jackson, 5, made an excellent debut for the U9 vs Woolpit, with Albie Howe-Bryant continuing to impress with bat, ball and wicket-keeping. In the Under 11s, Jack Campbell took a hat-trick against Nowton; with Arun Chandraraj taking bragging rights against his school friend in the same match, bowling him first ball. Monty Bailey scored 32 not out at more than a run a ball – smashing sixes at will. Tobias Macrae is following in his brother's footsteps with excellent tight bowling picking up regular wickets. But, it is the team spirit that impresses most – a group of youngsters, enjoying the game, playing the right way and working for each other at all times. Walsham Cricket is in good hands for those old folk to pass the baton to.

James French





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WEDNESDAY

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10:30am till Noon

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11:00am till Noon

Yoga Village Hall
7:15 pm till 9:15pm

EVENTS

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Pop-up Shop Village Hall
Last Saturday in the month

SUNDAY

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. James Brown, 2. Barbarella, 3. Vincent Van Gogh, 4. Aretha Franklin,
5. George Gershwin, 6. John McEnroe, 7. Frankie Dettori, 8. Berlin, 9. Hammersmith,
10. Atlantic City, 11. Jon Pertwee, 12. Norwegian Blue, 13. Julie Walters, 14. Petra,
15. Jersey, 16. The heart, 17. 206, 18. Joey, 19. Vitamin C, 20. Mulberry, 21. 4,
22. London Bridge, 23. Crete, 24. St Petersburg, 25. Mount Ararat, 26. Lamb, 27. Paprika,
28. Waldorf salad, 29. Honey, 30. Herring, 31. Oscar Wilde, 32. Popeye,
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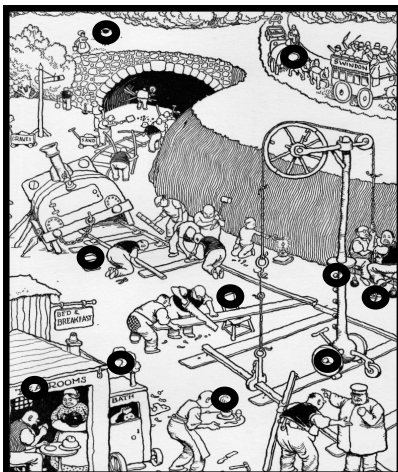
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Spot the Difference



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