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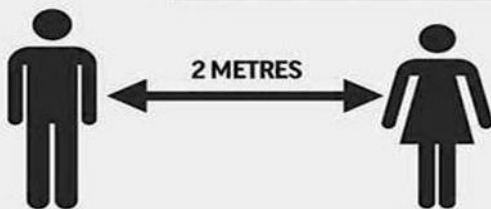
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EDITORIAL

Hopefully Omicron might be the last serious variant that we have of Covid and not selected for its equivalent letter O, or maybe even Oh! Let's just make sure that, through our actions, we don't test the Greek alphabet by going through from Alpha to Omega!

This month started on a good note with the Church Mini-Market, Hexachordia and the Women's Institute's Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations all taking place in St Mary's without - as far as one knows - any mishaps. The Carol Service was almost traditional this year, albeit with the donning and removing of masks, depending upon whether listening to the readings or singing carols. Unfortunately the Crib Service has had to be cancelled owing to the large number of people who normally attend, but Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day service are still going ahead as things stand.

Hopefully it will be possible to enjoy the **Epiphany Singers** this year. The Carol Concert is planned to occur on **Saturday 8th January at 7:30pm**, but do look out to see if matters change before then. They are keen to come so let us hope for the best.

The **Village Quiz** has been rescheduled for **Friday 4th February**. Details of how to enter a team appear on **page 15**.

You may note that the Women's Institute has got a number of meetings planned for the next three months. If other organisations have arranged meetings do let me know so that they can be advertised in good time - hopefully not to be scuppered by Covid.

On a personal note, you may have noticed that the Mad Hatter did not take up his almost traditional position outside Rolfes during the week before Christmas; this was due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of Covid. As a result no money was gathered for St Mary's or the Village Hall. If you felt cheated and would like to acquire a copy of the **Pandemic Puzzles** book for members of your family or friends do contact the editor and he will get a copy to you. For information of the book **see page 48** of this edition.

Finally I should like to wish all readers a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year, and for those who had their copies delivered before Christmas Day as enjoyable a day as can be had at this time. Also my thanks to those who have delivered the Observer throughout the year and also those who have supplied information and articles, all of which have helped to make the Observer what it is, a magazine by the village for the village.



Mrs Pooter: Now we have sorted out our programme of events we need to publicise them!

Mr Perdue: I suggest sending the details to the Observer!

Miss Slink: Capital idea! I second that suggestion!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Avian Influenza Prevention Zone

An Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) came into force across Great Britain on the 3rd November 2021. This was extended to include housing measures across the UK on the 29th November 2021.

These measures mean that it is a legal requirement for all bird keepers across the UK (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) to keep their birds indoors and follow strict biosecurity measures to limit the spread of and eradicate the disease.

For the dog walkers and ramblers of Walsham le Willows, did you know that ...

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) carries out year-round avian influenza surveillance of dead wild birds submitted via public reports and warden patrols.

In Great Britain, if you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the **DEFRA** helpline on 03459 33 55 77. Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find. Some of these birds are collected and tested to help understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in different types of bird. Wild birds are susceptible to a range of diseases and injuries and not all dead birds will have been infected with avian influenza.

A report is published (updated regularly) on findings of bird flu in wild birds.

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David Murray.



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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Hall hosted its Christmas Dinner in December and much merriment and laughter was heard, possibly enhanced by the mulled wine. Thank you to those who came along and to all our elvish helpers on the day. At the time of writing the elves are again busy helping Father Christmas to get ready for his visit to Walsham.

Looking forward to the New Year the hall has 3 new classes starting, covering a range of abilities and styles. Maybe try something new for the New Year and support local instructors.

Monday 10th January Fit Step Class 6.30pm - 7.30pm, gentle, progressive exercises for all ages and abilities, with an experienced instructor.

Thursday 13th 6.30pm Burlesque classes. Release your inner Goddess and feel empowered.

Then in February, some day time classes, a 3 week taster course for Pilates. Every Tuesday 8th - 22nd 1.30pm - 2.30pm or Wednesday 9th -23rd February 9.15am - 10.15am or 10.30am - 11.30am. classes will be mixed ability and adapted as needed.

More information and contact details for classes can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Observer.

The village Quiz night is also planned for Friday the 4th of February, teams from around the village will once again be in the hall competing for either the trophy or the wooden spoon, both equally prized, if maybe for different reasons.

At the time of writing this Hall update, Government guidelines allow all these classes and events to go ahead. If guidelines change due to the Omicron variant, the Community Council will follow the advice and any new restrictions from the Government and ACRE regarding the safety of all users and volunteers at the hall.

Hopefully we will be able to welcome you all in the New Year to even more classes and events at your Village Hall throughout 2022.

Amanda Ellis

WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

Each row, column and large square must contain the numbers 1 to 9 inclusive.

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We have all been working really hard this half term and getting into the swing of things with various different Christmas activities. The children from Caterpillar and Ladybird classes put on a lovely Nativity in the church which parents were able to see and it was lovely to see everyone together sharing in this performance.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term has been Respect and the children have demonstrated so many different ways we can show respect to each other. Some children from year 6 went to The Beeches care home to pass on the donations from parents for others and it is great to see our school caring for others in the community.

The children in Caterpillar class were very excited to perform in church and have been learning about the First Christmas Story. They have been showing respect to others whilst playing Dodgeball as part of their PE lessons

The children in Ladybirds have continued to look at exploring Enchanted Woodlands and have been deciduous and evergreen plants. They have looked at the lifecycle of a leaf and decomposition. They have written letters to Father Christmas and are writing instructions to help get him out of the chimney.

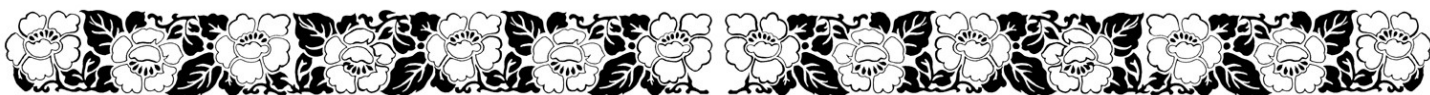
The children in Dragonflies are continuing to look at the Bronze Age and Iron Age and have completed Bronze age weaving and cave painting. In science they have been looking at sound waves and how people hear and in P.E. the children have completed their swimming course this term.

Those in Grasshopper class are still exploring Mountains and have subsequently made clay mountains, water colours and printing of mountains. In their writing they have written about their 'Yeti sightings' and their mountain calligrams have been amazing.

The children in Cricket class have been continuing their focus on 'Frozen Kingdoms' and exploring the polar regions. In science they have been classifying living things and for DT have used felt to stitch a Christmas stocking. They have also made ice sculptures which were inspired by Goldsworthy.

We have taken part in raising money for Children in Need by wearing spots and stripes and the children all looked amazing. We raised an incredible £305!! The PTA arranged a raffle and raised £137 for the pupils of the school. We also had a donation of some Beebots from Lovell Homes which the youngest children are looking forward to using. A few children from Crickets class visited The Beeches Care Home to pass on the donations from our Christmas Cheer Boxes; hopefully next year we will be able to sing again. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs McGarr, on 01359 259319 or by e-mail admin@walsham-le-willows.suffolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!





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THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Household Survey



The Neighbourhood Plan Household Survey has now closed to responses. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Parish Council would like to thank all who took the time to complete the survey. These responses will be enormously helpful.

A special thanks goes to Walsham le Willows Primary School children and teachers for their contributions to the under 18s section.

Work is now underway to write up a report and analyse the data and the group are looking forward to sharing the results in 2022.

BUS SERVICE

Friday 24 th December	Normal Service
Saturday 25 th to Tuesday 28 th December	No Service
Wednesday 29 th to Friday 31 st December	Normal Service
Saturday 1 st to Monday 3 rd January	No Service

SUFFOLK SIGHT

Appeal for Help with Transport

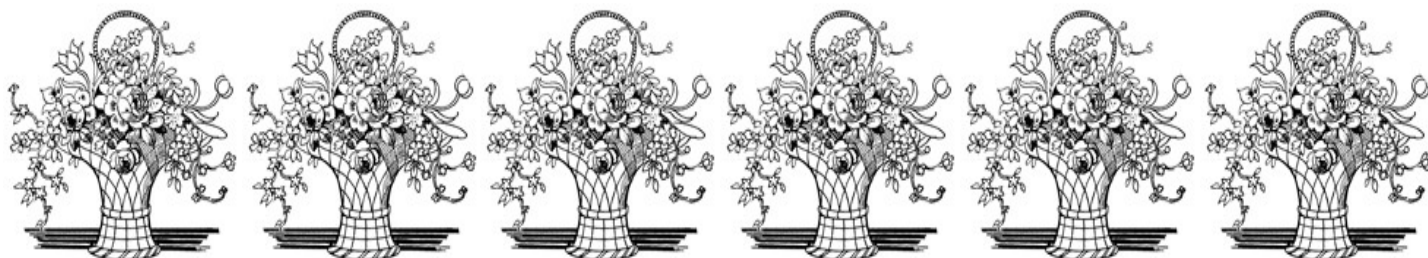
I run a club at Pakenham Village Hall for people with poor eyesight. We meet during one afternoon a month and need help with driving members to and from Pakenham.

Could anyone from Walsham help?

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 2pm till 4pm.

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Mary Jane 01359259646





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I would like to say a big thank you to all my Poppy Collectors again this year. As you will all know, there was no door to door collection last year, due to Covid (how many times have those three words been said in the last couple of years?!), and this year I received many comments about people not having any cash anymore, as we all seem to use cards now, but the collection was as good as 2019. In fact most collectors did better than ever before. (if you haven't asked me already, and you'd like to know your total, please call me)

Knocking on doors hoping for donations is not an easy task, so thank you so much for your continued support, and thank you to all you good people of Walsham who gave so generously, and searched pockets, drawers and even cars for parking money to be able to donate. Two long term collectors called it a day this year - Hubby Frost and Ralph Hubbard, who between them had clocked up nearly 50 years - so a really big thank you to you both.

In addition to Walsham, I usually have two collectors in Great Ashfield and another who covers Langham and Hunston, but sadly this year, after many years of service, all three decided that they would like to stop. If you know of anyone who might be interested to cover these areas in the future, please contact me - it would be a shame to lose them from our district. Thank you one and all. Fiona Glover - Poppy Appeal Organiser.



COMMUNITY LUNCH

As long as Covid rules do not change, we will still 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 10th January 2022. Lunch will be Stew and dumplings, potatoes and vegetables served at 12.45pm - 1pm. followed by Lemon Cheesecake. Tea and coffee will follow.

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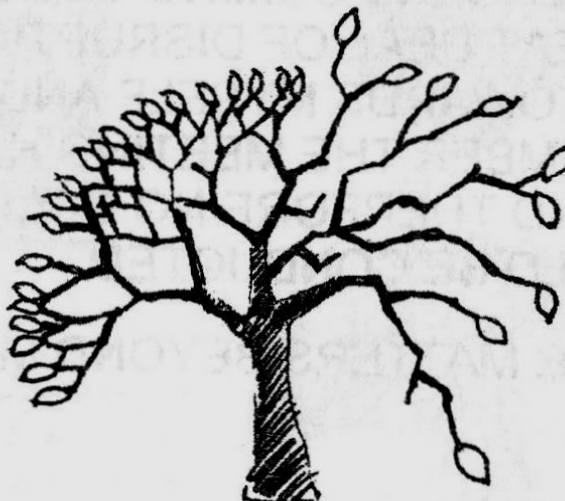
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DILGY POLLARD

This month's cover is of Dilgy Pollard with two of his chestnut Suffolk Punches turned out in their best for the Drawing Match, an important village event in those days.

When I first knew the farm there was no tractor, just six horses to do all the work. They all had names beginning with M. The biggest was Major they naughtiest Monkey.

They passed the house each evening on their way to the stables with their horseman sittings sideways on their backs, the reins hanging loose. They knew the way home.

The stables were just behind Brook Farmhouse. Large double doors gave on to a straw covered yard half of it was open to the sky and half covered which sheltered the hay racks and mangers at the back. A door at one side led to the six stalls each with a hay rack above a manger.

It was here that the horses were rubbed down and fed with meal from the meal-house next door. On the walls around the stalls were brackets holding the huge horse collars, and the whole range of harnesses needed for different tasks, cart saddles, breeching straps and swingle trees to name just a few. For special occasions the leather and brass of the harness would be polished until it shone.

In charge of all of this was Dilgy Pollard the Head Horseman. I was six at the time and Dilgy was one of the most important men I knew. I know he was justly proud of his horses and that he was reputed to have secret remedies to cure almost any horse ailment, but what I chiefly remember was his huge turnip watch.

Richard Martineau

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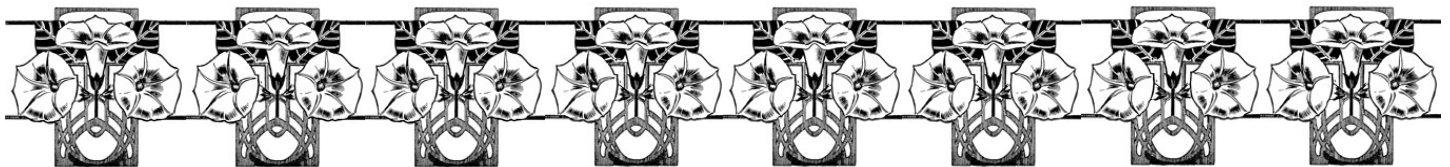


For many years the WI Logo used a tree as its motif. It was in fact an accurate representation of the organisation with its firm roots in local village life and spreading branches where support for countrywomen world- wide was raised. At their December meeting members of Walsham WI celebrated 50 years since their reformation and within their presentations outlined the firm roots in their village and the far reaching links to branches far away. Representatives from a number of village organisations joined members of neighbouring WIs to hear a programme of readings and song and chance to air the WI banner! The evening was not too solemn and it was clear from the first item, an original poem by Denise Merry, that the WI does not take itself too seriously. Three members who have stayed the course for fifty years (Ruth Frost, Jill Scarfe and Janet Kerridge) were ceremoniously presented with awards for their long service. There was a sizeable display of photos to examine where members past and present were recorded and the evening was rounded off with a welcome mulled wine and a warm mince pie. (Typical WI ingenuity at work on the pies there..involving hot water bottles!) There was plenty of 'fun and friendship' evident and an invitation to "come and join us".
Next meeting: WI Birthday meal January 12th £12.00 (two courses) pay on the night.
Cancellations before January 5th to WI Secretary.

*I would like to thank everyone who came to our 50th Anniversary
Celebrations in Church last Wednesday, December 8th. Your support
was very much appreciated.*

Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Margaret Moore



VILLAGE QUIZ



Once again you are invited to compete for the 'prestigious' Rowbotham Shield, the trophy for the Annual Village Quiz. Teams of four people - or less - can enter, by emailing wlwhub@outlook.com, for a charge of £5 per person. A bar will be open during the whole evening and refreshments will be provided during the interval.

This has always been an entertaining evening - even if one or two teams have provided lively competition. So come along and enjoy an evening of head scratching; and for those who are more interested in seeing people worry about what might seem trivial questions, come along and spectate, an occupation that has no charge!


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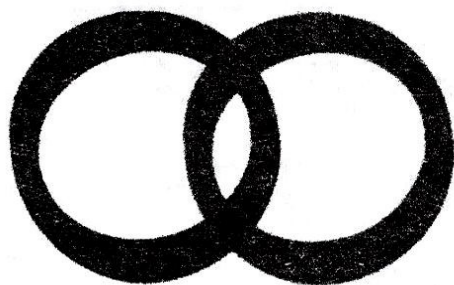
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Philip Boyle a nephew of a crew member who died when a Wellington Bomber crashed at Wrenshall Walsham le Willows was seeking information about the crash which we have now been able to give him. The aircraft had taken off from RAF Newmarket 24th May 1942 and flown to Duxford for a briefing with a Spitfire pilot of 609 Squadron before both aircraft took off at 3 20pm for a training exercise. At approximately 4pm while taking evasive action from a simulated attack by the Spitfire the Wellington had taken a steep turn when a structural failure occurred in the right wing causing it to break off at 7000 ft resulting in the crash, killing the five crew members and a further four who were on board for the trip., the youngest being Cadet Bryan Long aged just 17 years. Ideas are being sought of a possible memorial to remember them after 80 years one suggestion is a Memorial Plaque in the museum within the control tower on the old Rougham Airfield.

A “C” Group meeting will be held 5th January in the Mill Inn Market Weston at 8pm and our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 11th January in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

Wishing you all the very best for 2022

Hubby Frost.

HELP! “I NEED SOMEBODY, Not Just Anybody! Please, Please Help Me, Help Me”

As treasurer at the Sports Club for the past 12 years I have coped, despite minimal competence, because each section of the Club, such as football and cricket, has had its own volunteer treasurer and bank account with only a need to feed data back in order to file club vat returns, yearly accounts, etc. The continued growth of the Sports Club means we now require a bookkeeper to process the financial activity in our accounting software on a monthly basis. I am hoping we have someone in the community with a little spare time who might consider this an interesting task to undertake; the likelihood is that the time will need to be paid for, so don't let that put you off.

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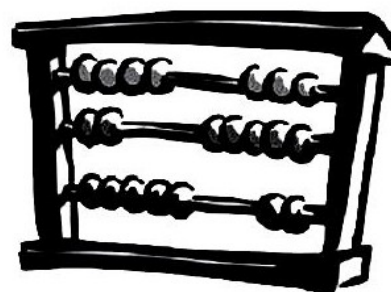
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If your parcel hasn't arrived:

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- Then contact the seller and ask where your order is.
- If the seller claims they've delivered it or doesn't know where it is, you can ask for a redelivery. You might be able to get a refund in some circumstances where the delivery time was essential and you let the seller know ahead of time.

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If the item was delivered by a courier:

Check your terms and conditions or account details - they might include other places for delivery, like your porch or a neighbour's house. If you agreed to them, it's not the seller's or courier's responsibility if your order has gone missing. However if you did not agree to this, then it's the seller's responsibility if your order goes missing.

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Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2021/22

	Usual Collection Date	Revised Collection Date	Change
Refuse	Monday 27th December 2021	Wednesday 29th December 2021	2 days later
	Tuesday 28th December 2021	Thursday 30th December 2021	2 days later
	Wednesday 29th December 2021	Friday 31st December 2021	2 days later
	Thursday 30th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January 2022	5 days later
	Friday 31st December 2021	Wednesday 5th January 2022	5 days later
Recycling	Monday 3rd January 2022	Thursday 6th January 2022	3 days later
	Tuesday 4th January 2022	Friday 7th January 2022	3 days later
	Wednesday 5th January 2022	Saturday 8th January 2022	3 days later
	Thursday 6th January 2022	Monday 10th January 2022	4 days later
	Friday 7th January 2022	Tuesday 11th January 2022	4 days later
Refuse	Monday 10th January 2022	Wednesday 12th January 2022	2 days later
	Tuesday 11th January 2022	Thursday 13th January 2022	2 days later
	Wednesday 12th January 2022	Friday 14th January 2022	2 days later
	Thursday 13th January 2022	Saturday 15th January 2022	2 days later
	Friday 14th January 2022	Monday 17th January 2022	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 17th January 2022	Tuesday 18th January 2022	1 day later
	Tuesday 18th January 2022	Wednesday 19th January 2022	1 day later
	Wednesday 19th January 2022	Thursday 20th January 2022	1 day later
	Thursday 20th January 2022	Friday 21st January 2022	1 day later
	Friday 21st January 2022	Saturday 22nd January 2022	1 day later

From Monday 24th January 2022 refuse and recycling collections return to the normal schedule.

Please note: There will be no garden waste (brown bin) collections during the weeks commencing 27th December 2021 and 3rd January 2022. Please refer to the garden waste collection schedule, which is available at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/waste-services

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Date	Opening Times	Date	Opening Times
Friday 24th December	9:30am - 12:30pm	Friday 31st December	9:30am - 12:30pm
Saturday 25th till Tuesday 28th December	CLOSED	Saturday 1st - Monday 3rd January	CLOSED
Wednesday 29th till Thursday 30th December	9:30am - 3:30pm	Tuesday 4th January	9:30am - 3:30pm

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DIARY OF EVENTS

DECEMBER		Wed 9th	W.I. Talk
Sat 4th	Mini-Market & Tree Lighting St Mary's	Priory Room	7:45pm
Tue 7th	Hexachordia 7:30pm	MARCH	
	St Mary's Church	Wed 9th	W.I. South America Talk
Wed 8th	WI 50th Anniversary	Priory Room	7:45pm
	St Mary's 7:00pm	APRIL	
Sun 19th	Father Christmas	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.	
JANUARY			
Sat 8th	Epiphany Singers		
	St Mary's 7:30pm		
Wed 12th	W.I. Birthday Party		
	Priory Room 7:45pm		
FEBRUARY			
Fri 4th	Village Quiz		
	Village Hall 7:30pm		

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETINGS

**Wednesday 12th January
Birthday Party**

**Wednesday 9th February
Confessions of a Factory Inspector**

**Wednesday 9th March
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PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM LE WILLOWS MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 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 Arbon; Belson; Bartholomew; Kinnair; Mecrow; Roberts

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1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 **Apologies** – None received
- 1.2 **To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of members** Cllrs IB and RB re agenda item 8.3.
- 1.3 **To receive requests for dispensation** – Dispensations granted re discussion of CIL expenditure on items relating to community hall staging and wildwood.
- 1.4 The minutes of the budget meeting held on 24th November were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Belson as Chair. The Clerk advised correspondence from a parishioner re **minutes for meeting held on 10th November 2021 (reference to Greenside minute 2, 3rd bullet point)** bringing to attention an error. The minutes stated that that planning permission had been refused. This was a minuting error. A previous application has been withdrawn. The Clerk advised that this had been spotted subsequent to the publication of the minutes and proposed a correction be minuted which was duly approved.

2 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION - to receive written reports for information only [district and county reports previously circulated and posted on village website]:

- 2.1 **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group** - Phil Newby reported that survey data input continues; noted the excellent and very coherent character appraisal work done by Sally Johnston with more to do to complete; the group has launch Zoom



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meeting with AECOM on 13th re work on the Housing Needs Assessment – this is a desktop exercise which will link with the Household Survey results; Work on the Design Code which will give the village the ability to set rules on how new developments should look kicked off this week with an AECOM site visit planned for January; The group will look at all these key pieces of work in January in the light of the Household Survey results. Cllr Mecrow concurred that work was moving apace. Cllr Bartholomew asked about response rates; 100 so far and hoping for 200; Cllr Belson extremely pleased with how consultants are assisting and hoping for a draft plan in the new year. Clerk to arrange more comms on website, Facebook and Observer.

2.2 **County Councillor Jessica Fleming** advised that approaches to SCC Highways re site visits about the locations for village gates would now have to be made directly by the Parish Council in the new year. Cllr Roberts to send information to Clerk for forwarding to highways and cc to Cllr Fleming. Cllr Fleming advised that any proposals for road reconfigurations might be dealt with at the same site visit. Cllr Mecrow raised the concerns about the proposed development on the Stanton site near the A143. It was agreed that a response is required, and Cllr Fleming has also agreed to follow this up.

2.3 **District Councillor Richard Meyer** had previously given his apologies to the Clerk.

3 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** including County and District Reports and *Questions [Members of the public may be invited to speak at the discretion of the Chair and each representation should take no more than 3-5 minutes. An immediate response should not be expected & councillors may wish to ask questions]*

No members of the public present.

4 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED** incl. any received after the publication of this agenda & **PLANNING MATTERS** [to be brought to the attention of the council]

4.1 **Stanton Development – reference DC/21/02384** Following on from the discussion with Cllr Fleming, Cllr Belson led on the formulation of a response which was unanimously approved for submission to West Suffolk Planning.

Objections to possible Planning Application - Land At Shepherds Grove Stanton Suffolk - use of 27.56 hectares of the application site (Stanton for storage and distribution use (B8 Use Class), in connection with the storing, distribution and processing of accident damaged and non-damaged motor vehicles, together with the erection of ancillary buildings, perimeter fencing and landscaping works.

1. Sequencing of the development is required in relation to the road infrastructure to limit the impact of development traffic on surrounding villages, especially Walsham le Willows. Proper access needs to be in place before any development work starts on the site.

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2. The scale of potential traffic movements, both construction traffic and then traffic arising from business activity on the site during and following completion. This will result in huge increases in heavy goods and individual car traffic.
3. The concrete access road shown is still shown on the scoping documentation. There is concern that this should not be used for access for construction traffic as this has a junction with Sumner Road and will encourage avoidance of the A143.
4. The proposed business activity does not seem appropriate or sustainable in such a rural location. The documentation notes proximity to the M11, A11 and A1 as advantages. None of these roads can be considered proximate for business activity requiring such connections without considerable impacts upon the surrounding villages.
5. The employment potential whilst welcomed is wholly dependent on one activity. Employment will be largely unskilled and there are concerns as to how many local people would benefit from this.
6. The site sits on an aquifer. Oils lubricants, petrol, anti-freeze all need careful controls and the risk to the aquifer from these substances is acknowledged.
7. There is no reason for top-soil to be removed as banking and bounding would be needed to address issues arising.
8. There is a large amount of offset (from building) with all the bio-diverse planting towards the Walsham end of the site.
9. Three potential developments are proposed – there is no proven need for roadside development and the failure of the Duke of Marlborough pub would seem to support this view.

It was resolved to ask Cllr Meyer to organise a meeting between the potentially affected parishes. Clerk to contact Cllr Meyer to ask him to organise with involvement of Wattisfield, Walsham le Willows, Stanton, Hepworth, Great Barton, Bardwell and Norton.

4.2 **APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/21/06382**

Proposal: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: Reduce 3no Horse Chestnuts (T1, T2 and T3) back to original pruning points **Location:** Clarkes Of Walsham Ltd, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

5 **PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning)** None received

6 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- 6.1 **Terms of Reference** - Cllr Mecrow raised the issue regarding the 'terms of reference' and roles of parish councillors on the neighbourhood plan group. The



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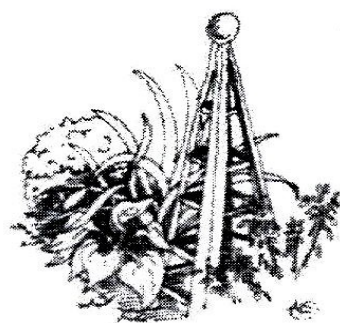
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discussion concluded that the parish councillors whom are also involved in the neighbourhood plan are to represent the views of the Parish Council. With parish councillors actively involved in the NP there is adequate opportunity to raise any issues of concern to the Parish Council with the wider group. Neighbourhood plan will remain an agenda item so views and opinions can be gathered and coordinated.

7 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 Sub-committee report** – Cllr Kinnair reported that the £9k bid has been validated and looked likely to be approved. Receipt of the last of three quotes is imminent and it has been confirmed that contact with the planning dept. at MSDC is not needed as this is a re-development of an existing area already used as a play park. The application form for the 15k CIL bid has been completed. Cllr Kinnair will check if the absence of Parish Council policies on Equal Opportunities, Environment and Safeguarding responsibilities would impact the decision to grant funding. The Clerk reminded that the Parish Council had previously been advised that there is no safeguarding responsibility with regard to the play area which is an open public space over which the Parish Council has limited control.
- 7.2 RoSPA report** – The Parish Council resolved that with the re-development in mind and the fact that there are no urgent matters, that no action would be taken at this time.
- 7.3 Enquiry from parishioner re development plans** – Cllr Kinnair clarified the situation and provided a response which was approved. The Clerk to respond to parishioner.

8 CLERK'S REPORTS

- 8.1 Reconciliation to 30th November 2021** – The ledger reconciles with the bank balances which were duly approved and signed by Cllr Kinnair. The Clerk referred to the response from SALC re the handling of VAT in the ledger and the budgeting process. Clerk to make adjustments with help of Cllr Bartholomew if needed.
- 8.2 Request for payments** - The summary of payments has been circulated in advance of the meeting and were approved then signed by Cllrs Bartholomew and Kinnair.

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Kevin Boardley	£5.43	Reimbursement for HDMI cable
2	Kevin Boardley	£17.54	Reimbursement for laptop charger
3	Kevin Boardley	£429.00	Reimbursement for Projector
4	Memorial Hall	£40.00	Hall hire parish council meetings
5	Rachel Leggett	£415.80	Neighbourhood Plan consultancy costs
6	Parish Council Employee	£443.91	Wages

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7	Information Commissioners Office	£35.00	DIRECT DEBIT – Data Protection Certification (debited 19/11/2021)
8	Turner Tool Hire	£240.00	Billy Goat leaf collector hire (5 weeks)

- 8.3 **CIL Funding Project List** – the Parish Council considered the information previously circulated on potential projects following a response from the CIL team. The list of projects was finalised into a summary of those completed, underway and future projects. There remain some unresolved questions about some major projects which are being worked on. CIL funding was approved for 2021/22 for the recent major repairs to the churchyard wall (£7478.00), repair and refurbishment of the village sign (£247.50), the provision of a new stage for the Memorial Hall (£5029.23), streetlighting upgrades phase iii and the final phase (£13,099.30). For 2022/23 £15,000 has been committed towards the re-development of the play area. (All figures exclude VAT) Quotes are required for the replacement of the Four Ashes finger board, allotment shed repairs and possible installation of village gates. Amounts for these projects have not yet been finalised or approved.
- 8.4 **CIL & Earmarked Reserves** – reviewed and approved following from the decisions on CIL projects. Clerk to make changes to the reserve positions on the reconciliation report.
- 8.5 **Budget 2022/23** – the budget was set having been finalised and approved as follows: Income £70,489.44, Expenditure £57,062.44, leaving a surplus £13,427.00. This surplus is entirely due to the previous and future receipts of CIL funding which will all be received over the space two years but is spent over five years as projects are determined and approved.
- 8.6 **Precept claim 2022/23** – it was unanimously agreed to set the precept at £22,250.00. This represents an increase of 0.96% on 2021/22 and equates to an extra 0.44p per household. This is calculated on the basis of 483.79 Band D (equivalent) properties in the Parish (as advised by MSDC).
- 8.7 **Problem Reports SCC** – The Clerk advised no particular issues of note. Clerk to report the replanting of the hedge on the boundary of The Acorns with Wattisfield Road to SCC Highways and advise to MSDC Planning. Also to ask Planning authority to follow up on the planting of the hedge to the western boundary of The Acorns which was meant to be completed in the first planting season.
- 8.8 **Action Log** – Clerk to advise anything **of note or review**. It was proposed and approved to purchase a gift for Gareth Rees for his excellent voluntary work on the Play Area and Bus Shelter for the Parish Council. Cllr Roberts to source and pass the invoice to the Clerk. Clerk to check with other Parishes on who they use for pavement sweeping to see what this turns up.
- 9 **MATTERS ARISING** [from previous meeting only where further decisions are

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- 9.1 **VILLAGE GATES** – locations identified by Cllr Roberts reviewed and approved for submission to Highways as per agenda item 2.2. Clerk to forward when received and cc to Cllr Fleming.
- 9.2 **SID data presentation** Cllr Mecrow presented some slides of extracts from the speed indicator software. To work with the Clerk to check the import of data in bulk. Clerk to check with suppliers on configuration to provide data on type of vehicle and at what point in the detection of vehicle movement do the speed indicator devices record the final speed (or how is this is calculated by the device).
- 9.3 **Four Ashes Triangle Finger Post** – It was decided that the Clerk should go ahead and order the finger post. A decision was not made on separate signage for Four Ashes.
- 10 **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE** – None
- 11 **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** – None
- 12 **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*]
- 12.1 The Clerk advised that in the light of Covid Plan B announced this evening just before the meeting, enquiries would be made of SALC to see if there are any plans to allow Parish Council meetings to once again be conducted virtually.

Meeting ended at 21:58

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



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FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

Happy New Year! And we wish you all the very best for 2022!

Ring out the old, ring in the new.

So it is January, and a new year, a time to reflect on the past year, and look forward to the next and what it may bring.

It is conveniently thought that January takes its name from Janus, the dual faced Roman God of beginnings, openings, passages, gates and doorways. He was also the God of transactions and of endings. Janus was also portrayed as having two faces, one which looked backwards and one which looked forwards. It is rather a suitable image to think about in January as we do look back to the year that has just passed with all its successes and failures, and also look forward to the year that is to come.

Of course as we look in these directions we look from rather different perspectives. There is great certainty as we look back over the year just passed, we know the things that have gone well and the things that have gone badly. We know the feelings of jubilation as we have succeeded, and the feelings of sadness when things have not gone to plan. However, when we look forward there is no such certainty, none of us knows what the future will hold for us, instead we look forward through a mist of uncertainty. That is especially true at this time of the World-wide pandemic.

January is a good month to think about new starts; and I don't just mean those inevitable and hopeless New Year resolutions. For many the New Year will bring a much wanted new start, filled with hope and excitement. Others may well be aware of the difficulties and challenges that lie ahead. Others will be expecting little change, which may well be comforting.

As we express these uncertainties in the context of our faith, we read in the Bible of other people who down the years looked forward with both trepidation and expectation. Like them we are invited to have a faith in a God who is a God of the past, the present and the future.

After a break last year due to Coronavirus restrictions, St Mary's Church looks forward to hosting the Epiphany Singers once more for both the concert on the evening of Saturday 8th January and the Epiphany Holy Communion on the morning of Sunday 9th; when the speaker will be The Reverend Philip Banks, Precentor of Bury St Edmunds Cathedral.

Epiphany itself is celebrated in the Christian Church on 6th January, the day following twelfth night. It is major Christian Festival which celebrates the Wise Men bearing their gifts to the infant Jesus, an occasion of realisation, or Epiphany, that Jesus had been born for the redemption of all mankind.

A warm welcome will be afforded all who come to our service of Epiphany, as indeed all our services across the benefice during the coming year.

Denise and I and all at St Mary's wish you all a Blessed 2022.

Philip Benefice Priest

JANUARY CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
26th December	St Stephen	
9.30am	Said Communion	Walsham
2nd January	2nd of Christmas	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
9th January	Epiphany	
11.00am	Epiphany Communion	Walsham
16th January	2nd of Epiphany	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Re-Affirmation service	Wattisfield URC
19th January	Wulfstan Bishop	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
23rd January	3rd of Epiphany	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
30th January	Candlemas	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
6th February	4th before Lent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe

THE STUFF OF DREAMS?

It was indeed like a wonderful dream. There was the soft murmur of voices and gentle laughter as friends, wearing heavy coats and wreathed in scarves so fitting of the time of year, greeted one another. Soft lighting illuminated the slender stone columns which rose into that huge, dark, cavernous roof space and gothic windows held the dark of the winter night.

Here, three musicians entertained the gathered throng of people with a “rich menu of music and song washed down with poetry and verse”, all redolent of a bygone age. Lutes, viols, recorders, harp, drum, guitar, bagpipes, crumhorn and three good singing voices gave a wide range of ensemble music in different instrumental and vocal combinations, interspersed with readings celebrating the joy of good company, good food, good ale and wine.

It was a celebration of individual instrumental colour, at times reflective, plaintive, at others jaunty and vibrant with bagpipe and crumhorn indicative of old times, “wild music ricocheting from the walls”. And the readings were full of advice on matters of personal behavior and etiquette; “beware of lechery”, “don’t fire your stern gun”.

This could have been seen as just a nostalgic trip into the past but it was musically bright and entertaining, the readings informative, full of laughter and boisterous humour such that the title of the evening’s entertainment, ‘Puddings and Pies’ was not only fully justified but a fine harbinger of our own celebrations to come.

The professionalism of the programme notes and ticketing matched the excellent performance. To Jane and Tony Scheuregger and Sarah Doig who are The Hexachordia Trio, we offer our delighted thanks for their performance; to the Walsham History Group who organized the event and offered mulled wine and seasonal nibbles, we say “Hic, well done”; and to the Reverend Philip Merry, we say a huge thank you for the use of St Mary’s Church which helped to create such a wonderfully atmospheric occasion – the stuff that dreams are made of!

Rob Barber



SUFFOLK SIGHT

Appeal for Help with Transport

I run a club at Pakenham Village Hall for people with poor eyesight. We meet during one afternoon a month and need help with driving members to and from Pakenham.

Could anyone from Walsham help?

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Mary Jane 01359259646

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ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS MINI MARKET

Another Walsham tradition came into being on the afternoon of Saturday the 4th of December with the first St Mary's Christmas Mini Market and a very special time was had by all.

The bells rang out, the organ played, we lit the lovely tree and the Church was full of people chatting and enjoying the chance to see one another again. The Gardens Weekend Pizza brigade sprang into action and there was a very pleasing pint of beer to be had, or a lovely mulled wine, or a cup of tea and of course, mince pies for all. There was Art to be seen, a Walsham history display, a great tombola, a raffle and Christmas cards and gifts on sale.

The Walsham Male Voice Choir reformed for the event and did two sets of wonderful Christmas carols and songs and they even gave an encore at the end.

It was a great start to Christmas and thanks to all who came and to everyone who helped to make this another great Walsham success story.

*My Christmas gifts stall held at this event was a great success.
Thank you to everyone who donated items for sale and to the
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We raised £173 for church funds.*

Judy Wild



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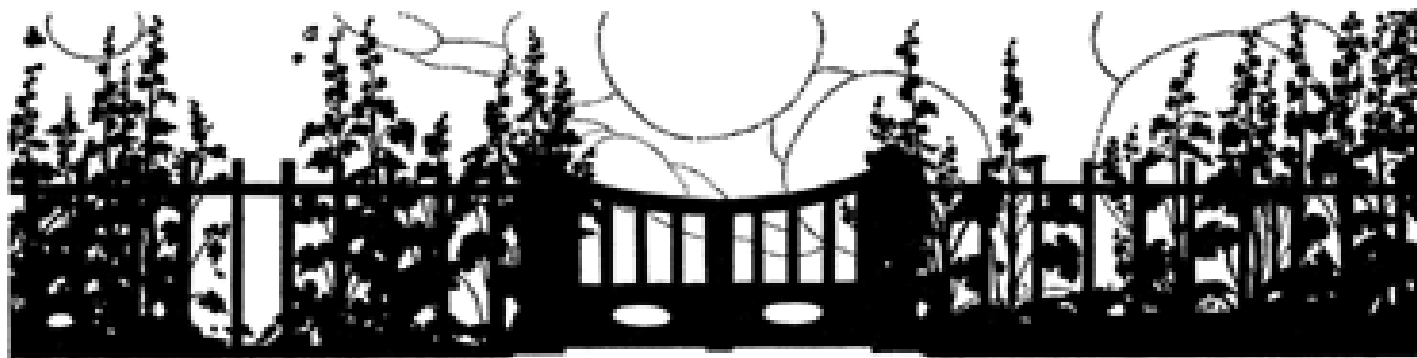
WILDLIFE IN JANUARY

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and I wish you a happy New Year! I cannot believe I have been writing this wildlife section for a whole year now, where does the time go? I am enjoying writing and I hope more importantly you are enjoying reading. In the November edition I put a bit in about Hedgehogs and how I foster for the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital, due to this information it has lead to some prickly friends being rescued around the village which were too small to hibernate if the weather turned cold or too small to find enough to eat without relying on fat reserves, so well done to you that rescued them and gave me a call. I have quite a few at the moment to look after until the release in Spring.

Another secretive animal is the Roe Deer, they can be seen all year round, they are a medium sized deer with short antlers and they have no visible tail. They are solitary in the summer but in winter months form small groups, living on average for 7-10 years, normally you will see them on the fields as you take a walk around. These Deer started mating back in July but the females have a clever trick to avoid having their young in the cold winter months when food is scarce. They may mate in July but their body delays the implantation of the already fertilised egg until this month of January, this ensures the young are then born into the warmer months when food is more readily available.

There have been some lovely Lichens, mosses and Fungi around this year due to the damp mild weather, Beard Lichen will hang off the trees this month in great beardy tufts. Their filigree form is known as fruticose, this form captures the rain or dew that makes them glisten. The side of the tree that has the most growth is the direction of the prevailing wind. Some trees will start reproduction this month and Catkins can be seen at this time of year normally beginning with the Hazel tree that will produce Catkins from January to March, and if the weather stays mild you may see them on the Alder tree but usually these are not seen until February. Catkins are made up of little flowers that allow the tree to reproduce allowing the female flowers to be pollinated by the pollen of the male flower by the wind. On the Hazel tree the Catkins can be either male or female but they cannot self pollinate, the female flowers are a small vase shaped bud with red filaments sticking out. If they are pollinated they will become Hazelnuts in the Autumn. Catkins are always a welcomed sight bringing back memories of childhood when you would pretend they were caterpillars and maybe throw them at your friends!

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THE BUS.

It had been a very successful trip. We had taken a romantic boat ride under the bridges of Paris, admired Monet's wonderful gardens at Giverny and explored the vast grounds of the Palace of Versailles and were heading home...when 'oops....two grumpy French Policemen armed with a gadget to detect high explosives intervened and waived us to the side.

Major discussions ensued with the bus driver manfully trying to explain, in a foreign tongue, that this was the WI on a trip and unlikely to be armed with high explosives or engaged in terrorist activity. All this was to no avail....

No.... this was serious stuff we would have to wait for the sniffer dog. Out on another call apparently...Did they only have one?

Wait we did, all 53 of us cooped up on the bus and me feeling hugely responsible and increasingly sure that somewhere it would say I had 'duty of care' and might even have to stand bail for us all!

The sniffer dog arrived – dare I say it- a rather mangy looking hound whose main interest was in a half eaten cheese roll in someone's bag on the back seat!

More waiting...oh dear something definitely registered on the gadget - explosives!

The upshot was a somewhat delayed return home by which time the story had leaked out to the media and we found ourselves both famous and very unlikely head line material.

We think it was 53 ladies' nail varnish remover that triggered our adventure.



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BLACKCURRANT MERINGUE TART

Ingredients

5 Egg yolks	250 gms Butter (room temp)
5 Egg whites	2 tblsp Cocoa powder
1 cup Sugar (divided)	2 tblsp Baking powder
3 cups Plain flour	Blackcurrant jam

Method

In a medium bowl, beat together the egg yolks and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar until thick and lemon-coloured.

In a large bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder and butter, and then add the egg-yolk mixture and mix thoroughly.

Divide the dough into 3 pieces and mix one portion with the cocoa powder, until well blended.

Wrap each piece of dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 3 hours.

Heat oven to 175°C. Lightly coat a 13in by 9in pan with cooking spray. Take out one piece of dough and roll it to fit the bottom of the prepared pan and bake it for 10 - 15 min. After that spread the jam evenly over the base of the cake. Remove the cocoa-flavoured dough from the refrigerator and grate it on top of the fruit filling.

In a medium bowl, beat the egg whites with the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar until stiff peaks form and spread on top of the grated cocoa dough.

Remove the last portion of dough from the refrigerator and grate it on top of the egg whites.

Bake for 40 minutes, until the egg whites are set and the top is golden brown.

Let it cool completely in the pan before slicing and serving.



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Services for January

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(A list of the preachers booked for the coming months can be seen on the Village Website)

Certainty in Uncertain Times

As the clock strikes midnight and the calendars turn from one year to the next, we may feel glad to leave the old year behind us, with all its trials and difficulties, and look forward to better days. However, it rather looks as if 2022, with rising inflation and rapidly spreading COVID, will also have its share of challenges.

To us these may seem uncertain times, but to our Sovereign God, who is eternal and unchangeable, nothing is uncertain but rather everything is under His control and in His purpose; after all, has He not 'made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is' (Acts 4:24). Indeed, the Bible speaks of difficult times in the 'last days' of this world and warns of wars, famines, diseases and natural disasters (Matthew 24:6-14) but tells us not to be troubled and points to the Gospel being preached in all the nations of the world before the end comes. It is this glorious Gospel (Good News) of the Lord Jesus Christ that brings hope and joy into the darkness of this world. It is this wonderful Good News that we have been reminded of over the Christmas period: 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16) and 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' (1 Timothy 1:15).

It is clear to see that we live in a world that is far from its created perfection, that it is fallen and spoiled with sin, and we can see from Scripture that the troubles and disasters we see around warn us that all is not well, and that we as individuals and nations need to be reconciled to God. We are rightly commanded to pray for our leaders, that they should govern wisely and righteously (1 Timothy 2:2) but to solve this world's ill we are also advised that 'It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man' (Psalm 118:8-9).

We do not know how the COVID pandemic will develop during this new year, or what else of good or ill may come our way, but the Bible plainly calls all to be reconciled to God by coming to the Saviour of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ who opened the way of salvation by suffering and dying for sinful people on Calvary's cross. To trust in Him, repent of sin, and live our lives in willing obedience to his commandments. If all were to do this 2022 would truly be a happy new year.

**For the people turneth not to him that smiteth them, neither do they
seek the LORD of hosts. (Isaiah 9:13)**

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before everyone disappears into the hotel!

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

Christmas 1939 Father Christmas left me a red pedal car, my brother was upset as he could not find his present but after Dad came into the bedroom and suggested maybe he should look under the bed, soon there were smiles all around yes there was a second car hidden under there.

Hubby Frost

JUST THE THING FOR CHRISTMAS!

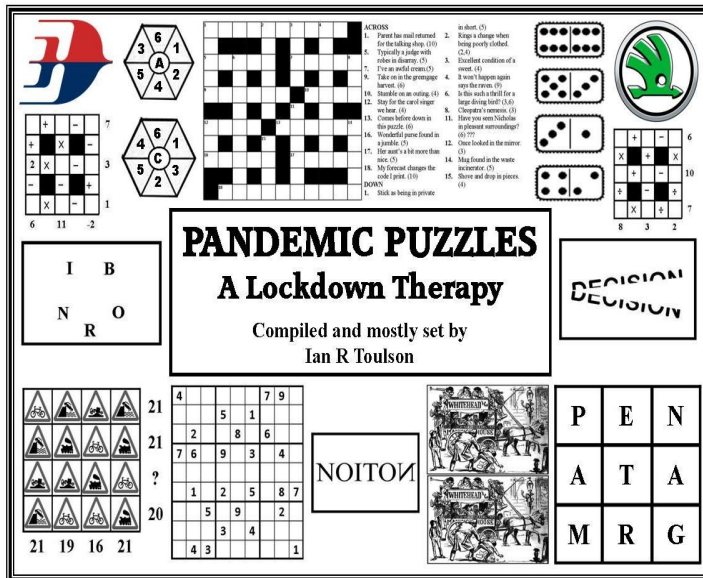
Here is another collection of puzzles to see you - or relations and friends - through Christmas, the New Year or - heaven forefend - another Lockdown! Crosswords, Anagrams, Dingbats, Spot the Difference, Su-Doku, General Knowledge, Domino Puzzles, Logos, Searching for Words and even a few limericks!

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Johnny Cash only performs dressed in which colour. Which?

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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

Its been a mixed month for the First Team losing at home to March and Mulbarton but beating Brantham away.

The Reserves haven't had many games but beat Stowmarket 3-0 at home and then drew 2-2 with Saffron Walden.

The As lost at Stowupland but then thrashed Wenhaston 5-0 with Matty Anderson and Will Hubbard both scoring a brace. The under 18s lost 4-2 at home to League leaders Haverhill Rovers.

Finally the Vets team beat Suffolk Police 3-2 to go joint top of their league.

Social Activities

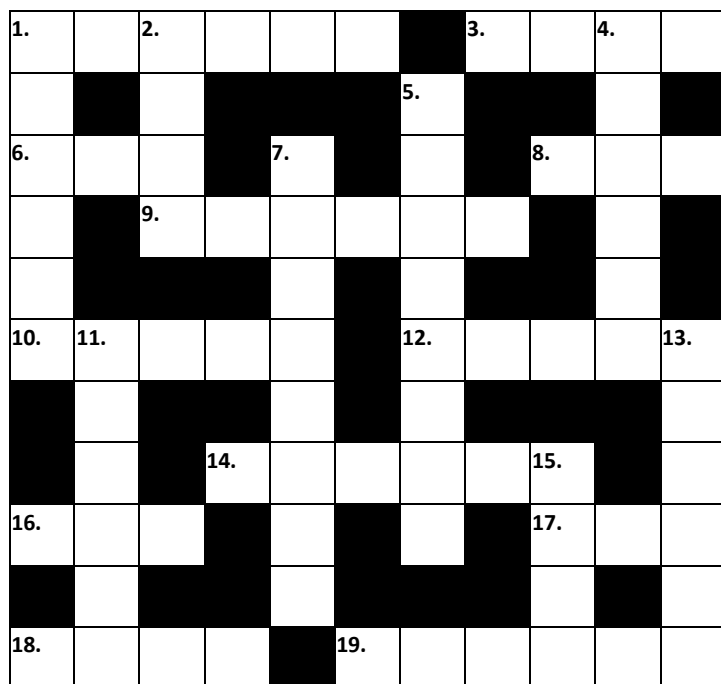
Bingo on Sundays 2nd, 16th and 30th January 7.30 pm start. All welcome

We are holding a quiz night with Gordon Ross as quiz master on Friday 28th December starting at 7.30 pm. Teams of up to 4 people required although individuals will be made welcome. Entry fee is £ 2.50 per head.

Come along and join in the fun

For further information on these and other events please contact Gordon Ross on 07790 564674 or email him on gordonaross2@gmail.com

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ACROSS

1. Was the clean living girl pursued? (6)
3. Barrel might have held a bit more than distilled sac. (4)
6. Regret for a way in France. (3)
8. Fast arrangement for the rear. (3)
9. Question like a monarch. (6)

10. Hard walk for the hobo. (5)
12. Changes siren controls. (5)
14. With a leader this cause works against the state. (6)
16. Haggard character in hushed surroundings. (3)
17. Tea arranged for a Greek character. (3)
18. Transport to take you back to the little market. (4)
19. Reduce the class possibly. (6)

DOWN

1. Instrument for carrying the ice cream.(6)
2. Care about the confined region. (4)
4. Initially the source had frequently become less hard. (6)
5. Carts not designed for comparison. (8)
7. Skiers make their way round very quiet captains. (8)
11. Prefer to be found in the open air at her side. (6)
13. Stress from organising the transports. (6)
15. Information goes all ways initially. (4)

REGULAR

MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall
2nd Monday 12:45pm

Theatre Classes Village Hall
3:15pm till 6:15pm

New Fitsteps Class
6:30pm till 7:30pm

Walking Football Sports Club
8:00pm till 9:00pm

TUESDAY

Walking Netball Sports Club
10:00am till 11:00am

Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon

Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Positive Steps Village Hall
11:30am till 12:30pm

Carpet Bowls Sports Club
2:30pm till 4:00pm

EVENTS

WI Meeting Priory Room
7:45pm Second Wed of the
Month

THURSDAY

Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till Noon

Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon

Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm

Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm

Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

Community Yoga Priory Room
7:15 pm till 9:15pm

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Pop-up Shop Village Hall
Last Saturday in the month

SUNDAY



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Which sporting gift from the French insulted Henry V?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1.. The worst films made in the USA, 2. 1981, 3. Canada, 4. Five minutes, 5. Nobody. The character didn't appear., 6. Tree resin, 7. The Adriatic, 8. Connolly, 9. Voltage, 10. George Mallory, 11. Football, 12. Geneva, 13. The gums, 14. 1963, 15. Four, 16. London, 17. Michael Faraday, 18. Sheet music, 19. Absent without leave, 20. Four, 21. David Banner, 22. The Daily Worker, 23. Green, 24. BMX biking, 25. A breed of canary, 26. The White City Stadium, 27. The USA, 28. Fingerprints, 29. Wales, 30. Emile, 31. Heavy water, 32. Sri Lanka, 33. Edinburgh, 34. Mother-of-pearl, 35. Plumbers, 36. Oklahoma, 37. Captain Haddock, 38. Edward (VI), 39. Gabriel, 40. Morocco, 41. Car accidents, 42. Oberon, 43. Tequila, 44. Newcastle, 45. Three, 46. Mae West, 47. Tarot, 48. Black, 49. The 'Hundred Years War, 50. Tennis Balls

Su-Doku

5	4	8	6	9	1	2	7	3
6	3	7	5	2	4	9	1	8
1	2	9	3	8	7	4	6	5
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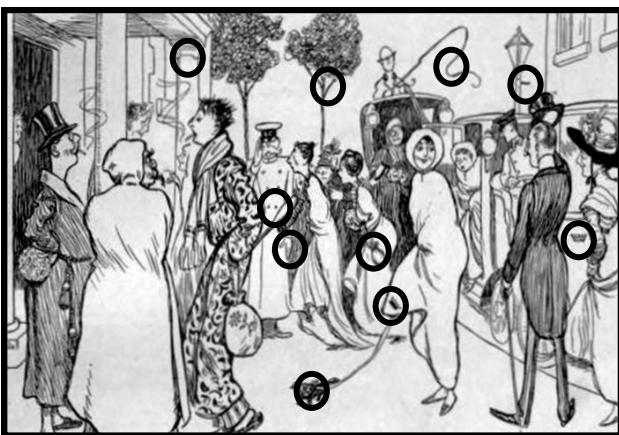
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More or Less

4	1	2	3	5
5	2	3	4	1
3	4	1	5	2
1	5	4	2	3
2	3	5	1	4

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Able	Ace	Aces	Are	Arse
Bale	Bales	Bar	Bare	Bares
Bars	Base	Blare	Blares	Ear
Ears	Ease	Easel	Else	Era
Eras	Isle	Lab	Lie	Lies
Lime	Limes	Mile	Miles	Real
Resale	Sable	Sale	Sea	Seal
Sear	Stab	Slim	Slime	Smile

Miserable (41)

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL

The Community Council committee
welcome you to the

MVH Coffee Shop

In the Garden and the Hall

Open under government guidelines for
village halls and COVID 19

Open every Thursday

From a time of 10.30am to 12.00pm

The Post Office van is there

From 11:00am till 12:00pm

Come and enjoy a chat and

A cuppa and a bite

Just for ‘a couple of quid.’