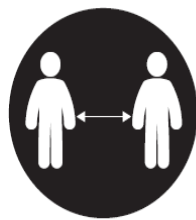
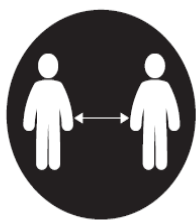
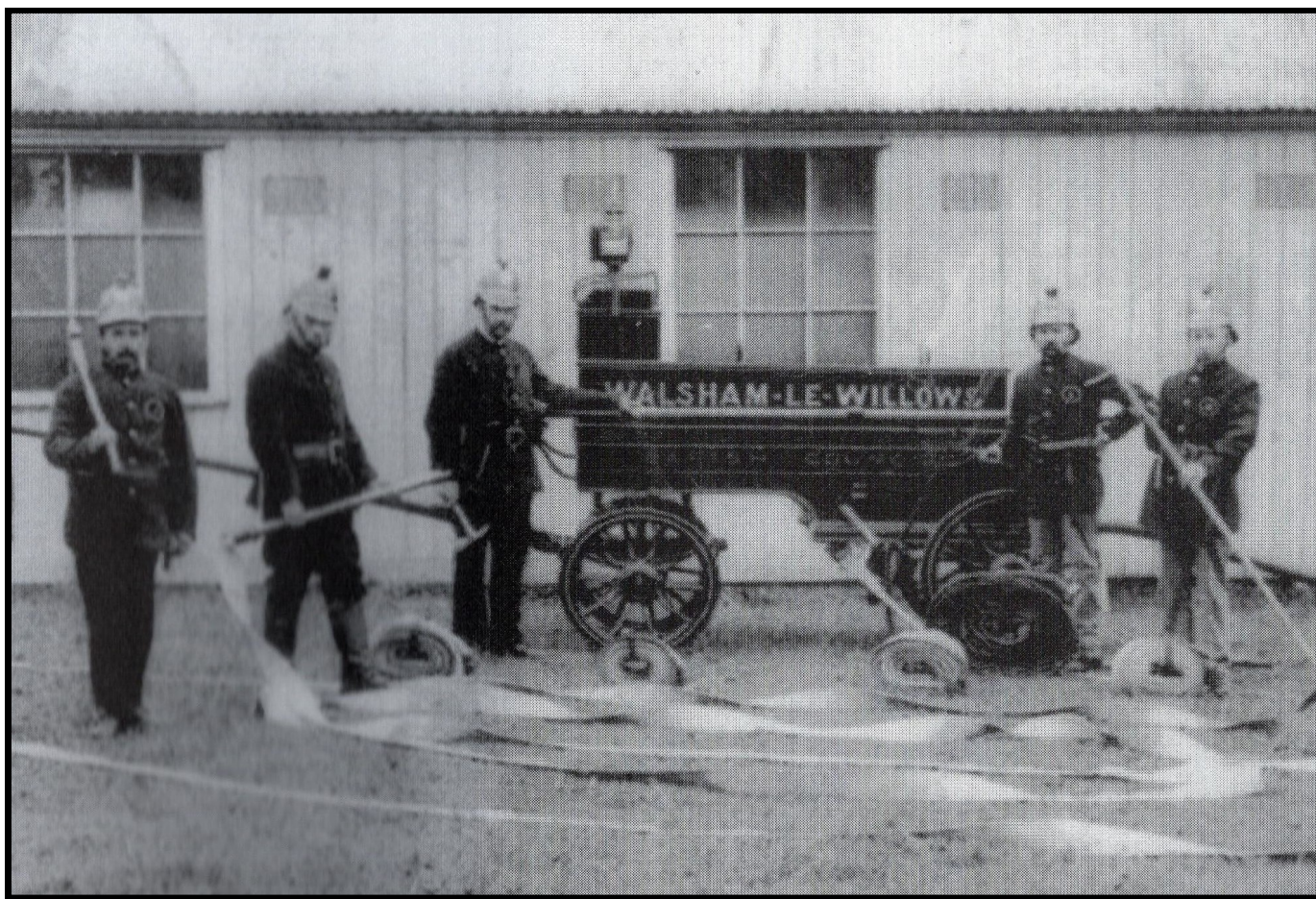


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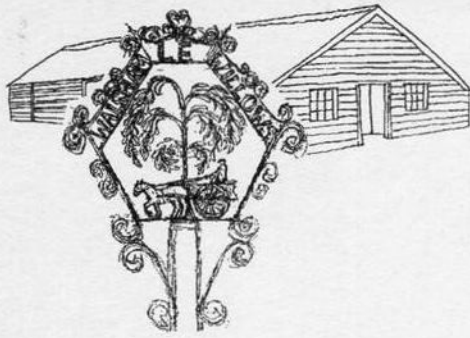
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EDITORIAL

Hopefully we are past the worst and we can look forward to getting back to a rather more normal lifestyle. As you will see from the following pages some normality seems to be creeping back into village life with a full programme of events planned by the History Group and plans being made for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, at the start of June. Those group who are already making plans would undoubtedly welcome help with the organisation and also participating in organising their own contributions to what it is hoped will be a memorable Community Event.

It was a great shame that circumstances resulted in the Epiphany Singers visit to Walsham having to be cancelled, especially as much work had been undertaken making arrangements for entertaining them and publicising the event. It is to be hoped that it will be 'third time lucky' next year. It is too good an event for the village to lose.

It would appear that Covid has claimed another victim. This time with the closure of The Blue Boar. Mary Jane and I were most impressed, and grateful for the 'meals on wheels' service which Joe provided during the pandemic. I am sure that we all wish Joe well for the future, and trust that the pub will not join Moriarty's in languishing on the sidelines for too long. With more people soon to arrive in the village, we need these facilities to thrive.

The group working on the Neighbourhood plan have put their findings together and a brief outline appears on Page 9, but to get greater detail you should read the report on the village website by visiting www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan.

A guide to the village, the production of which was prompted by 'The Acorns' development along the Wattisfield Road, will shortly be distributed around the village. As the production of the booklet has been a few months in the producing, it is to be hoped that very little of the information, contained in it, will have changed. If you should feel tempted to make any suggestions please send them to myself in order that suitable changes can be made when it is next updated.

Hopefully, by the time the next edition of the Observer drops on your mat we shall be closer to normality and further away from the 'threats' which presently confront us.

This month's cover picture is of the Walsham Fire Brigade outside the Temperance Hall that once stood in Nunn's Yard.



Oswald: *I'm putting an event on in the village in June. Have you any good ideas about how I can make sure that other organisers won't decide to go for the same date?*

Titus: *Have you thought of giving the information to that helpful editor of the Observer, who will put the information into the Diary of Events!*

Oswald: *I'll do that straight away. Thanks for the suggestion.*



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Appeal for vigilance after ‘heritage’ post boxes stolen

Police are appealing for people to remain vigilant to suspicious activity following a series of thefts of post boxes in Suffolk recently. They have taken place over an approximate 10 day period across the county. The first one took place on 7th January on Hinderclay Road in Rickinghall. Subsequent thefts took place at Wixoe, Cowlinge, Hawkedon, Stoke By Clare, Chedburgh, and Depden Green.

This follows on from similar thefts in March 2021 which saw a post box stolen in Stowlangtoft. Officers believe the thefts are linked and there is a pattern of the ‘heritage’ style ones being targeted and also they are all taken from remote and rural areas. The theft is either achieved by cutting them from their mounting metal or wood post but, also possibly, by using angle grinders and chain saws. There are a number of these style post boxes in Walsham le Willows.

Multiple thefts from Motor Vehicles in West Suffolk

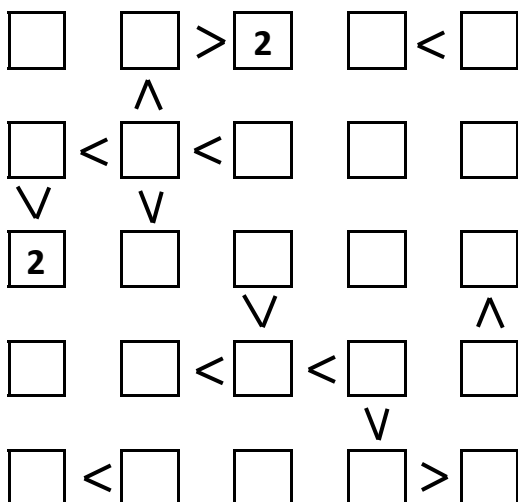
Police are reminding car owners to always remove valuable items from their vehicles and ensure they are locked after multiple thefts from motor vehicles in West Suffolk recently. Locations include Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket, Woolpit and Troston. Items stolen include cash, mobile phones and laptops.

Scam HMRC text messages.

For those of you completing your annual tax self assessment, be aware of scam text messages purporting to come from HMRC stating that you are eligible for a tax return refund if you click a link with a GOV.UK logo embedded into the text. This is a scam, forward the message to **60599** to report it to HMRC who will confirm and investigate the scam.

David Murray

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HOW WILL WALSHAM CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE?

The 25th and 50th Year of Queen Elizabeth reign saw the village come together in celebration of those milestones and there is even more to celebrate this year on this, her 70th year on the throne, as the country emerges from a pandemic that our children and grandchildren will look back on in amazement.

Representatives from the Community Council and Sports Club took some first tentative steps and met on Wednesday 19th Jan to consider a potential framework for that long weekend before throwing the consideration up to the whole community for their input into both what is suggested and what involvement all of you might have in making it happen.

The basic conclusion was to split the celebrations into **Friday 3rd** at the Sports Club with a festival of sporting and recreational activities during the day to be followed by a family party in the evening and on **Sunday 5th** to organise a street party based around the Memorial Hall. Friday nights in the summer at the Sports Club have featured cricket coaching for our children and a barbecue plus live music for the rest of the family. Thoughts at this moment are to flesh that out with an afternoon of activities and events which embrace as many families as possible, some will be wacky, all should be fun but each will make use of the space available at the Club as we look for ideas to add to our first attempts below:-

- Kings and Queens wheeled race – This will involve teams of two dressed as Kings and Queens racing around a circuit in a wheeled vehicle! No engines – the queen must be pushed by her King!
- Best dressed dog – dress your pooch in its most regal attire for a chance to be crowned Dog of the Day.
- Carve the Queen – Create your best Queens head using a potato - entries from all ages welcome and will be judged on the day!
- Create a Palace – using only recycled materials can you build a palace? Bring your entries along to be judged on the day.

The preparations need to get underway quickly and this first meeting will be followed up by the Community Council to engage with other organisations in the village to make this a genuine community activity. Answers are needed quickly to some following thoughts: -

- Is there any bunting left from past celebrations – if not can we have a communal effort to make some?
- What if any financial or physical support can be got from village businesses or trusts?
- What support should be looked for outside agencies who have plans to use the occasion to encourage the planting of trees, a new recipe for puddings as was the case with coronation chicken and queen of puddings on past jubilees.

- Does the Neighbour Plan contain any thoughts on a commemorate planting to leave a legacy of the event?
- Fun sporting competitions with particular focus around family constructs

Get yours brains at work, we need ideas and engagement by the whole village if this is going to be as memorable as jubilees in the past !

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Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to our new term; the children have come back enthused and ready to learn. A few days before we broke up last term, we went on a whole school trip to see the pantomime 'Cinderella' at Bury St Edmunds and we all really enjoyed getting out of the school and being on a trip.

The children in Caterpillar class are taking an imaginary trip to Brazil and finding out all about their lives and will be celebrating with a carnival.

The children in Ladybirds are exploring Beat, Band, Boogie and will be discovering Marching Bands and the rhythm of language. They will be exploring different songs and looking at stories with alternative endings. In computing they are learning to drag objects from one place to another using the touch pad.

The children in Dragonflies are exploring misty mountains and winding rivers and are learning about states of matter in science. They will be creating diary entries for a trip on a river and in maths are working on multiplication and division.

Those in Grasshopper class are looking at the way the digestive system works and will be writing explanation texts. In maths they are working on multiplication and division and in music are singing Mama Mia.

The children in Cricket class are taking a journey into Mexico and have been tasting different foods from the country and learning a Mexican dance. They will also be learning about myths and legends and non-chronological reports.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is Generosity and we are looking forward to see in which different ways we can show generosity to others as we Discover, Inspire and Grow in all we do.

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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WALSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to all those who sent in responses. The data from the survey will now go forwards to shape the Neighbourhood Plan. To see all the results please log in to www.walsham-le-willows.org and click on the 'Neighbourhood plan' heading.

Here are a few headlines:

Over a quarter of all households sent in responses naming "Community", "Village" and "countryside" as the aspect 'they most value about Walsham'. The 'most important improvements' many of us want to see, involve improving parking and better traffic management. There were plenty of calls for more measures to control speeding. A significant number also expressed concern about lack of space at the School and a need for better public transport links. Many also took this opportunity to express the desire for no more housing development. A few would like to see more shops and there were several comments about the management of the village stream.

While most people say they won't be looking to move within the village during the next five years, of those who do, the same number want to upsize as want to downsize.

There were various ideas about where and where not any future development should take place. To view details please look on online at www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan Several remarked they did not want to see new development leading to more traffic through the village. Others said that if future development needs to happen, it should be smaller scaled, limited to 5 or 6 houses.

In answering the question; "What features would you like to see included in any new housing development", the majority called for more trees, hedges and planting, with off street parking and informal green spaces also most mentioned. Other design criteria include more measures to reduce light pollution and ideas to encourage more wildlife and make future building more sustainable.

Among the numerous buildings people would like to see protected as heritage assets, the Arts and Crafts Martineau Cottages and Nunn's Hardware Store (Moriarty's Café) and Yard polled highly. Green spaces included the Town Farm Trust land on the Finningham Road, The Avenue, the corridor along the stream, Gallants Meadow as well as existing amenities such as the Play Area, Bowling Green, The Wild Woods and allotments.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, respondents wish to see all vistas protected but views on the approaches from east and west of the village, along The Street and the vistas from the Wild Wood towards the Church and from the top of Bribery Lane gained a good deal of mention. Two thirds of respondents would like to see more footpaths with better links to the wider network being an aspiration.

Among the under 18's there was similar strong desire to protect heritage and green spaces. There was also a call for "a better basketball court" and "better play park equipment for all ages of children."

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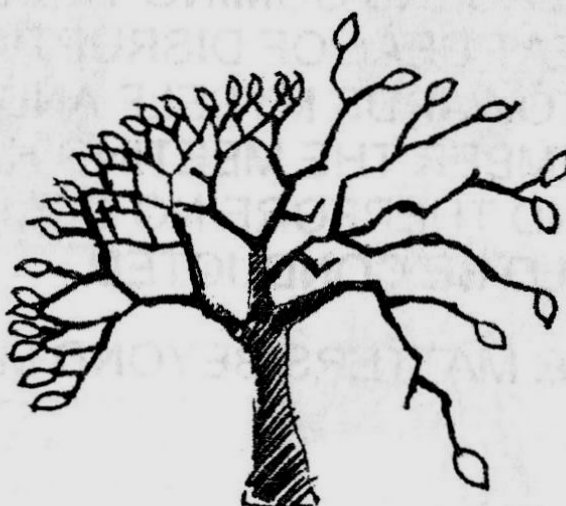
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI REPORT JANUARY.

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New members always welcome. Next meeting 9th February ‘Confessions of a Factory Inspector’ 7.45 pm Priory Room. Graham Higgins tells all!

Remember to pass your one resolution choice/vote on to Pippa Baxter (pippabaxter2@gmail.com) before 14th Feb,

Choose one resolution and tick box. Short list consists of:-

1. Fit for purpose - fit for girls

all about equality in boys and girls clothing.

2. Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders

about more community support less damaging custodial sentences.

3. Equality in law for the menopause

about being able to claim discrimination like in pregnancy.

4. Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported

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This year's Festival of Remembrance will be held on the 10th November 2022.

Our branch has been contacted inviting members to join the committee to plan and organise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Stanton.

Congratulations were expressed to our President, Sidney Kent who had celebrated his 90th Birthday.

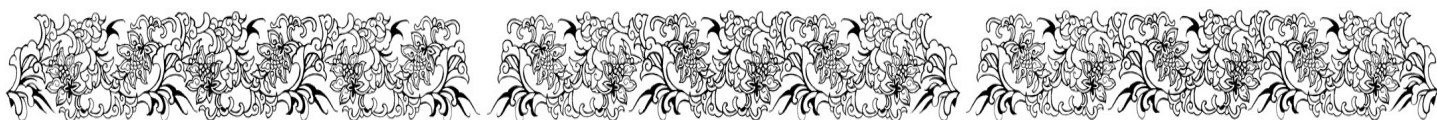
The County conference which was due to have taken place on the 29th January, instead will take place on Zoom.

Branch accounts on 31 December stood at £3127.91p.

Ixworth have invited Stanton and Hopton branches to a series of games nights playing Darts, Dominoes and Pool.

Our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 8 February in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

Hubby Frost



HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Horticultural Show will no longer be awarding small cash prizes for winners at the Show.

The Show does not generate enough profit to continue to give prizes; and the alternative is to increase the cost of entries which we hope to avoid.

Certificates and Cups will continue to be awarded as before.

We hope that Walsham will continue to support its Show which was founded over 150 years ago.

The list of classes for this year's Show is printed in this copy of the Observer, and may also be found on the village website.

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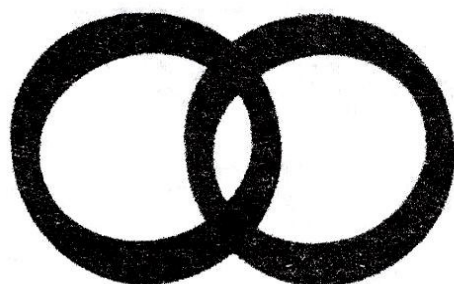
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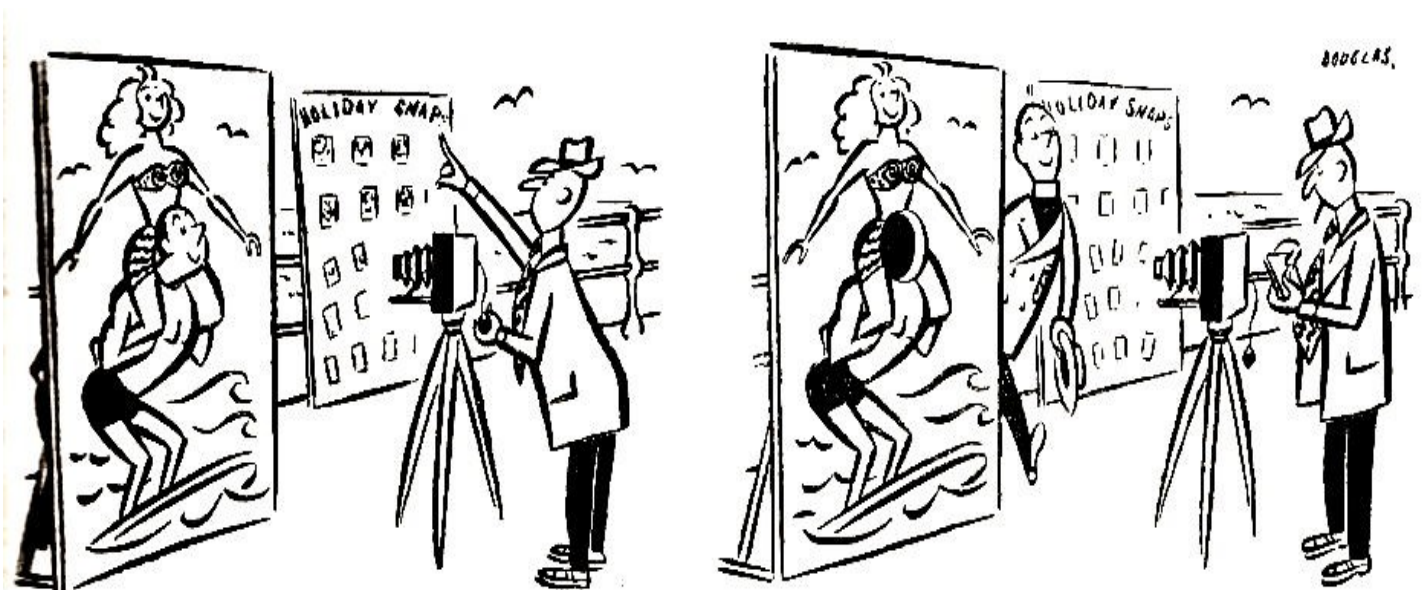
A lot of people will be asking themselves this question right now. The good news is there are lots of things you can do to be more in control of your money and better prepared for the future.

Firstly, find out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. Then you can set yourself a budget that you can stick to - take a look at the budgeting tool on the National Citizens Advice website to help you do this. This can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting.

If any of your bills do go up in the coming year, you can go back to our budgeting tool anytime to create a new plan and stay in control. The website also has tips on how to reduce your regular living costs which you may find helpful if you find you have more money going out than coming in at any point.

If you've been using credit cards, your overdraft or store cards for your spending, it's understandable if these debts are causing you worry. It's important to prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax. Not paying these has the most serious consequences. If you need further support on this, our advisors can explain which bills you need to prioritise and the support available for paying these and other bills. We can also make sure you're getting all the income you're entitled to, such as benefits or government grants.

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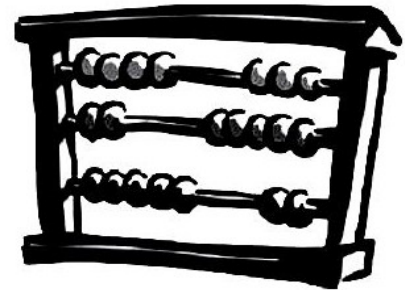
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WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

I am very pleased to say that after a long break Walsham History Group is back once again with a full programme of events planned for the forthcoming year. We have tried to include something to appeal to all interests from medieval drama to the Falklands War. Why not have a look at the programme to see what appeals to you and come along. We are starting our programme on Wednesday 30th March with a talk by Dr John Sutton on Charles II and his links to Newmarket and its origins as a centre for horse racing. This will also be our AGM, which has been postponed for two years. However, it is planned to keep the AGM as short as possible.

The programme published here may have some minor changes and additions so please look carefully at the posters for individual events as they are published to check dates, times and especially the venues. For the moment we are staying in the MVH to allow for social distancing, but we will also be holding events in the Priory Room and St Mary's Church.

We welcome new members, but even if you aren't a member, you will be most welcome to come along to any talk or event which may interest you. We look forward to seeing you.

*Frances Jenner
Walsham History Group*

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Covid rules are changing frequently but 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 14th February 2022. Lunch will be Chicken breast in a Champagne sauce with roast potatoes and green vegetables served at 12.45pm - 1pm. followed by Raspberry & White chocolate trifle. Tea and coffee will follow.

As it is Valentine's Day could you wear something red or pink if possible.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £7.50, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 10th February 2022.

Shirley White

A LATE VOTE OF THANKS

We would like to say a big thank you to Amanda and her helpers for a wonderful Christmas Dinner that we had. It was well prepared and presented.

The village sign, at the entrance to the Memorial car park has had a lovely face lift.

Thanks to Amanda. Well done!

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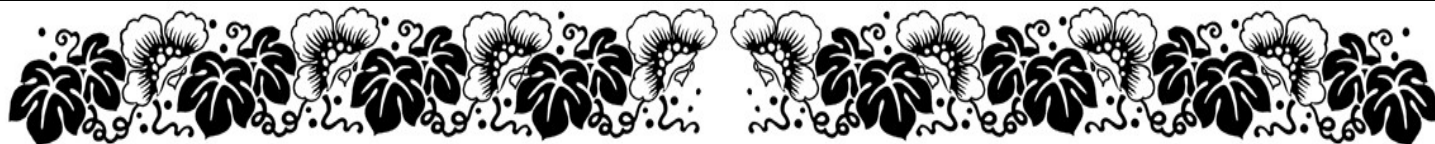
DIARY OF EVENTS

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| FEBRUARY | | | JUNE | | |
| Fri 4th | Village Quiz | | Fri 3rd | Platinum Jubilee event | |
| | Village Hall | 7:30pm | | Sports Ground | |
| Wed 9th | W.I. Talk | | Sun 5th | Platinum Jubilee event | |
| | Priory Room | 7:45pm | | The Street | |
| MARCH | | | Wed 22nd | History Group | |
| Wed 9th | W.I. South America Talk | | | Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| | Priory Room | 7:45pm | JULY | | |
| Wed 30th | History Group | | Wed 27th | History Group | |
| | Village Hall | 7:30pm | | Village Hall | 7:30pm |
| APRIL | | | AUGUST | | |
| Wed 27th | History Group | | Sun 28th | Open Gardens | |
| | Village Hall | 7:30m | Mon 29th | Weekend | |
| MAY | | | Have your village events added to this page. | | |
| Wed 18th | History Group | | | | |
| | Village Hall | 7:30pm | | | |

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETINGS

Wednesday 9th February
Confessions of a Factory Inspector

Wednesday 9th March
A South American Holiday



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Walsham le Willows Village History Group

Programme of Events 2022 – 2023

| Date | Talk/Event | Speaker |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wed 30 th March | Palaces, Horses and Stables: Charles II and Newmarket. The AGM will also take place. | Dr John Sutton |
| Wed 27 th April | The Falklands War – 40 Years On: On the 40 th anniversary this talk explores the history leading to the war, key events, the aftermath and was it worth it? | Wing Commander Andrew Gray |
| Wed 18 th May | TBA | |
| Wed 22nd June | ‘Millennium Milestone’: a showing of the Walsham le Willows Millennium Celebration Film with wine and canapes. This will be a fund-raising event for the group | The History Group |
| Wed 27 th July | Cedric Morris – irises and beyond The artist Cedric Morris (1889-1982) and irises are encapsulated in his paintings of his former home and gardens at Benton End near Hadleigh. This talk explores his zest for life, his work, teaching and plantsmanship and links to our own artist Rosemary Rutherford. | Caroline Holmes |
| Sun 28th and Mon 29th August | Walsham Open Gardens 40th Anniversary – Exhibition and sale of publications. | History Group |
| Tues 20th Sept Priory Rooms | Scaffolds and Stage Devils: tales of medieval drama and entertainment in Suffolk | Kate Jewell |
| Wed 19th Oct | Forgotten Sentinel: a talk based on the recently published book which tells the story of the rediscovery of a local WW I aerodrome in the Elmswell/Great Ashfield area and the squadron that was based there. | Peter McGee Author |
| Wed 16 th Nov | Harvest time and horsemen’s memories: rural life in 1900‘ | Ashley Cooper |
| Wed 7 th Dec St Mary’s Church | ‘A Step in Time’ Hexachordia will once again entertain us’ This time with a musical feast of Medieval and Renaissance dance. | Hexachordia |

Venue: The Memorial Victory Hall, The Street, Walsham le Willows unless otherwise stated.

Time: All meetings start at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated.

Contact: Frances Jenner on 01359 259242 or frances.jenner@hotmail.com



PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 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

[The Council, members of the public and press may record/film/photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and press are not lawfully excluded. All will be required to comply with any social distancing/Covid measures in place at the time and numbers may be limited in order to comply. To attend please advise the Clerk at the earliest opportunity. Members of the public not wishing to attend in person may submit written representations.]

1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 **Apologies** – None received
- 1.2 **Consent to Apologies Received** - None
- 1.3 **To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of members** Cllr Belson re agenda item 9.1.
- 1.4 **To receive requests for dispensation** – Dispensation granted to allow Cllr Belson to provide information.
- 1.5 **Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December** were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Belson as Chair.

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** – Chair of Neighbourhood Plan Group, Phil Newby, not present.
- 2.2 **County Councillor Jessica Fleming** not able to attend.
- 2.3 **District Councillor Richard Meyer** invited questions on his report and noted an additional item re BMSDC being appointed for pilot into a simpler approach to Neighbourhood Planning. He had no further information at this stage.

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*

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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** Cllr Roberts reported that nothing new had appeared on the website. Cllr Meyer clarified his position on the request to co-ordinate a meeting amongst interested Parishes and offered to broker a meeting of Wattisfield, Badwell Ash and Walsham (as these are parishes on which this development will have similar impacts).
- 4.2 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/06878 Proposal:** Householder Application - Erection of five bar automatic entrance gates and fencing. **Location:** Sunnyside House, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3BJ **Parish Council Made No Comment**
- 4.3 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/06943 Proposal:** Householder Application. **Re-Submission Of DC/21/05331** (Erection of side/rear two storey extension, and single storey porch extension) to alter position of rear wall. **Location:** 44 Townhouse Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk, IP31 3BP **Parish Council Made No Comment**
- 4.4 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/00092 Proposal:** Householder Application - Erection of rear extension (following demolition of conservatory). **Location:** Felbrigge, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3BD **Parish Council Made No Comment**
- 4.5 Notice of sale of land running along The Avenues –** Cllr Bartholomew had spotted this. The Parish Council discussed the potential implications of the sale and also the possibility of the Parish Council buying the land should it be possible to negotiate an appropriate price and raise the necessary funding. The Clerk was asked to register an interest on this basis with the agents.
- 5 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning)**
- 5.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/04498 Proposal:** Planning Application - Change of use from class E (commercial, business, service) to class C3 (residential), associated conversion /small scale demolitions to provide 1no dwelling with 2No off street parking spaces and external garden area. **Location:** Linton House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AZ **MSDC Refused Permission**

| # | Payments OUT | Amount | Description |
|---|---------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Turner Hire | £172.80 | Billy Goat Hire December |
| 2 | Memorial Hall | £20.00 | Hire for Parish Council Meeting |

HORTICULTURAL SHOW CLASSES

The Horticultural Show will take place on Saturday 13th August 2022

The fruit and vegetable and floral classes are listed below. We have several new recipes for you to try in the domestic classes, they will all appear in the July Observer, but if you want to start practising, they will be on the Walsham website soon.

NB Class 82 the chutney has a set recipe and needs to be made at least 3 months in advance, the recipe for that is in this month's Observer, and will also be on the website. Have a look at the Photographic Classes and start looking out early for great photos; download the knitting pattern or ring Debbie Watson 259686 for a copy and start knitting right away.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW CLASSES 2022

FLORAL CLASS

1. PANSY or VIOLA One flower in a vase.
2. CLEMATIS One flower in a vase.
3. SWEET PEAS (Annual) Six stalks in a vase
4. ROSES Hybrid tea with own foliage – one bloom in a vase.
5. ROSES Spray – one stem in a vase.
6. HERBS Two or more culinary varieties, five stalks in a vase.
7. MIXED ANNUALS Two or more varieties – five stalks in one vase.
8. PERENNIALS Two or more varieties – five blooms in one vase.
9. DAHLIAS Ball or Pompom – any size – five blooms in a vase.
10. DAHLIAS Small or large cactus and/or semi-cactus. Assorted or same variety – three blooms in a vase.
11. DAHLIAS Decorative, small or large, assorted or same variety. Three blooms in a vase.
12. LILIES One stem.
13. GLADIOLI Giant, large or medium flowers
assorted or same variety. Three stalks in a vase.
14. HYDRANGEAS Three heads in a vase.
15. HOUSE PLANT Flower type – any variety in a pot. (Max 12" pot)
16. HOUSE PLANT Foliage type – any variety in a pot. (Max 12" pot)
17. CACTI or SUCCULENTS (Max 8" pot)
18. FLOWERING TREE OR SHRUB Three sprays of flowering tree or shrub in a vase
– assorted or same variety, other than Hydrangeas.
19. GERANIUM or PELARGONIUM One plant in a pot. (Max 10" pot)
20. FUCHSIA Upright – any variety. (max 10" pot)
21. FUCHSIA Trailing – any variety. (max 10" pot)
22. HOSTA One plant in a pot (max 12" pot)
23. FRAGRANCE - A Fragrant flower, single stem (any variety)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASS

30. BEANS Dwarf French – five on a plate.
31. BEANS Runner – five on a plate.
32. PEAS - Five pods on a plate.

33. BEETROOT Red - three round. (tops on and tied)
34. CABBAGE Any variety - one cabbage 3" stalk.
35. CARROTS Three, (tops cut to 4" and tied individually)
36. COURGETTES Long type, any colour less than 8" – three on a plate.
37. CUCUMBER Outdoor Grown, any variety, one only
38. CUCUMBER Grown under protection, any variety, one only.
39. LETTUCE Any variety – one on a plate.
40. MARROW Any variety – one only.
41. SQUASH Any variety winter or summer – one only
42. ONIONS: LARGE (over 8oz) Any variety – three only – tops tied.
43. ONIONS: SMALL (under 8oz) Any variety – three only– tops tied.
44. SHALLOTS Any type – six only – tops tied.
45. GARLIC Any variety – three only, 3" stem, remove roots
46. POTATOES White – one variety – five only.
47. POTATOES Coloured – one variety – five only.
48. TOMATOES Red - any variety, five on a plate.
49. TOMATOES Other than red, five on a plate.
50. TOMATOES Cherry - red or coloured, seven on a small plate.
51. PEPPERS Any variety – three on a plate
52. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE Matching pair of any vegetable not otherwise in schedule.
53. APPLES Eating – three on a plate.
54. APPLES Cooking – three on a plate.
55. BERRIES Nine on a small plate – other than raspberries. One or more varieties.
56. PLUMS or GAGES Any one variety – five on a small plate.
57. RASPBERRIES Nine on a small plate.
58. ANY OTHER FRUIT Any fruit not otherwise on schedule, three on a plate **or** grapes one bunch.
59. TRAY OF VEGETABLES Four varieties of vegetables arranged decoratively within an 18"x12" box or tea tray selected from classes 30 – 51 (**Double points for class 59**)

DECORATIVE CLASS *Flowers do not have to be grown by arranger. No height limits. Table depth 65cm.*

60. EXHIBIT – DESIGN IN A TEACUP AND SAUCER.
61. EXHIBIT – ALL ROUND CANDLE ARRANGEMENT *up to 45cm width.*
62. EXHIBIT – LET'S CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - *an arrangement up to 60cm width.*

DOMESTIC CLASS

70. FRUIT SCONES - Six on plate.
71. GINGER CAKE - own recipe.
72. PLAITED LOAF - own recipe.
73. SHREWSBURY BISCUITS - Six on a plate.
74. SALLY LUNN CAKE – **Recipe given.**
75. BAKEWELL TART – own recipe.

76. RED VELVET CAKE – **Recipe given**
77. MEN'S CLASS – COCONUT FLAPJACKS Six on a plate. **Recipe given**
78. EGGS - Six displayed in a plain egg carton.
79. FRUIT MARMALADE - One Jar.
80. FRUIT JELLY - One Jar.
81. FRUIT JAM - One Jar.
82. CHUTNEY Cranberry Chutney - One Jar (minimum 3 months old). **Recipe given**
83. HONEY – One Jar.

No points awarded for the following classes

90. **SUNFLOWER CUP** For the tallest sunflower growing in Walsham: measured *in situ* the week of the show. Open to all ages.
91. **HANGING BASKET COMPETITION** for the best display viewed *in situ* the week of the show.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASSES - *No larger than 5"x 7", a small mount is permitted; all photos must be taken in the Walsham area.*

92. THE GARDEN GATE
93. THINGS THAT MAKE YOU SMILE
94. DOOR KNOCKERS

HANDICRAFTS CLASSES

96. KNITTING - Headband. Pattern available from Debbie Watson (259686) or on village website.
97. WOODWORK - A drinks coaster (hand-carved no lathe).

NOVELTY CLASSES

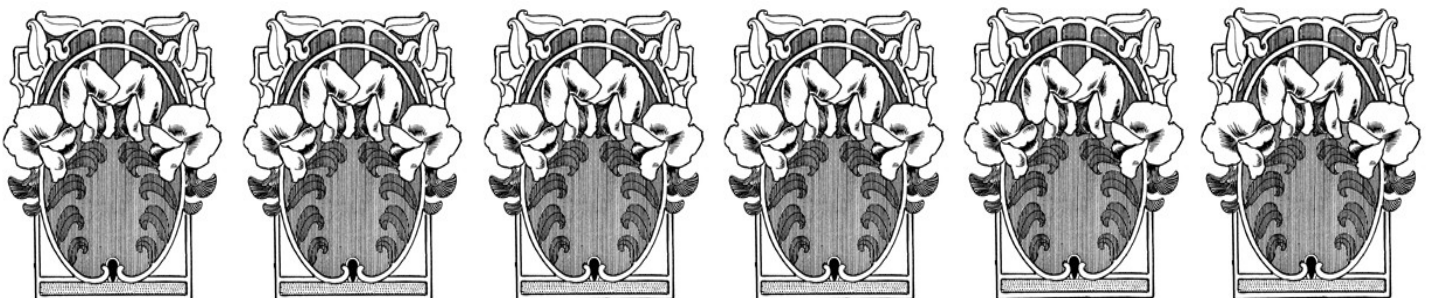
99. Heaviest Potato.
 100. An animal carved out of vegetables.
- (The vegetables for Class 100 do not have to be grown by the exhibitor)

Recipe Class 82 – Cranberry Chutney

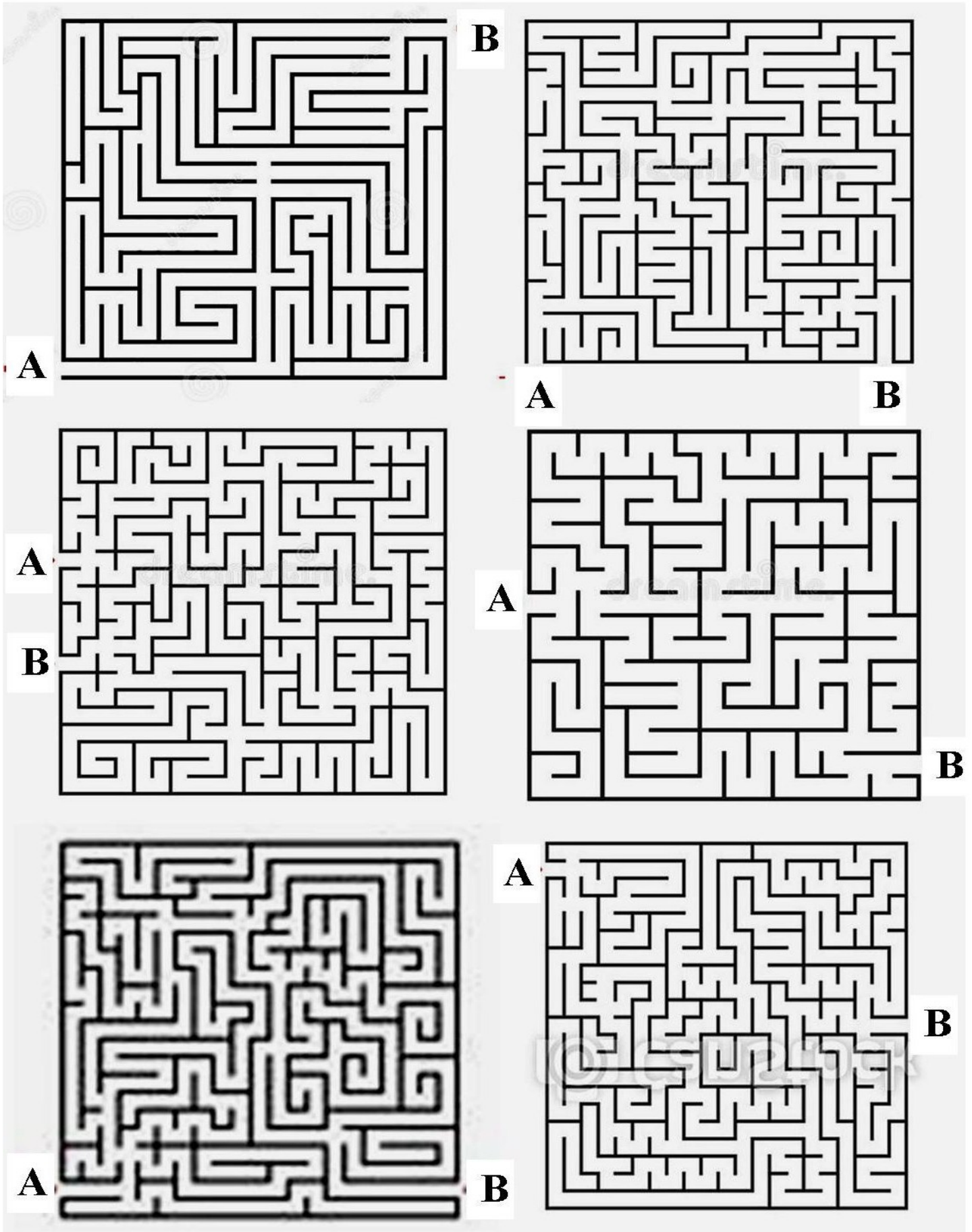
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| 450g (1lb) cranberries | 450g (1lb) apples |
| 225g (½lb) sugar | 170g (6oz) raisins |
| 285ml (½pt) vinegar | 1tsp of salt |
| 1tsp of mixed spice | 2tsp pickling spice (in a muslin bag) |

Peel, core and chop apples; put in a pan with half the vinegar; add all the other ingredients except sugar then simmer till fruit is soft. Add remaining vinegar and sugar, stirring till dissolved; boil slowly till thick, remove muslin bag before potting. Spoon into warm, clean jars and seal. Label the jars when cool.

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- 5.2 **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/21/06217 Proposal** Householder Application - Erection of two storey side extension. **Location** 34 Townhouse Road Walsham Le Willows Suffolk IP31 3BP **MSDC Granted Permission**
- 5.3 **Application Reference: DC/21/06382 Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area:** Reduce 3no Horse Chestnuts (T1, T2 and T3) back to original pruning points Clarkes Of Walsham Ltd, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk **MSDC Did Not Wish To Object**

6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs Belson and Mecrow advised that last meeting by zoom was very well attended. There were 142 respondents to the household survey (the last in the process towards developing a plan) which has just been published and can be found on the village website. The biggest planning issue identified was in opposition to any more development. Although in the short term this may be possible in the longer term development is probably inevitable. The only question is how much control the community will have over that when it happens. This is where a solid neighbourhood plan can help. Character Appraisal work is being finished off and Cllrs Belson and Mecrow highlighted the immense effort that group member Sally Johnston has put into this over the past weeks and months. An onsite meeting with AECOM is to happen very soon to look at the Design Code work needed. As a result of discussions in the group as to whether or not sites should be put forward, the consultants are drawing up a proposal to include carefully written policies that address the documented concerns.

7 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 **Sub-committee report** – Cllr Kinnair reported that obtaining a written third quote required by grant funding bodies is proving quite slow but he was hopeful that this should be forthcoming very soon. A verbal quote has already been received. Of the three quotes two are much higher than the other and push up the amount of funding needed. This will be interrogated much more closely once formal tender stage is reached but Cllr Kinnair proposed that in the meantime the Parish Council commit another £15k (in principle) to assist with moving forward with the grant funding bids. This was unanimously approved. Clerk to seek advice from Badwell Ash re level of detail required for the specification for formal tender process. It is hoped that by February the Council will be in a position to go to formal tender.

8 CLERK'S REPORTS

- 8.1 **Reconciliation to 31st December 2021**– The ledger reconciles with the bank balances which were duly approved and signed by Cllr Kinnair.
- 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.

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|---|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 3 | David Murray | £14.81 | Fuel for Billy Goat |
| 4 | David Murray | £150.00 | Leaf Collecting October to December |
| 5 | Clarkes | £15.89 | Paint for Village Sign |
| 6 | Suffolk Agri Centre | £64.20 | Blade for Ride-On Mower |
| 7 | Parish Council Employee | £887.77 | Wages |
| 8 | GeoXphere | £48.00 | Subscription Parish Online |
| 9 | M&TJ's | £96.00 | Play Area Hedge Cutting |

8.3 **Problem Reports SCC** – Clerk to advised no real issues of note other than the Acorns hedge replanting issue which was now in the hands of SCC Highways and MSDC Planning Enforcement.

8.4 **Action Log** – The Clerk had previously circulated a re-rated priority list, and this was approved. Cllr Roberts to forward frame sizes to Clerk for ordering of litter pick signage.

8.5 **Website analytics** – Clerk attempted to show councillors the analytics dashboard but for some reason either broadband connection or website hosting platform was not playing ball.

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

9.1 **Wildwood – Parish Council Support** Cllr Belson requested further consideration and decision on support for the Wildwood. Council discussed the costs, and it was proposed to offer a grant of £500 pa for the next three years before reviewing the position. This was carried unanimously. This is made under s.164 Public Health Act 1875. Clerk to arrange for first payment.

9.2 **Village Gates** – Cllr Belson was of the opinion that this has not been properly considered as a project to be pursued. He is concerned about feasibility with regard to available verge widths. The Clerk referred council to the clarification of current position as circulated by email before the meeting (based on minutes 2.2 and 9.1 from December meeting) which noted that suggested locations have been submitted to highways for a response on costs, process, potential locations etc. No decisions to proceed any further have, or could have, been made or acted upon at this stage. Parish Councillors are not in a position to make any further decision until more information and guidance is received from Highways.

9.2.1 Installation of village gates the Parish Council unanimously agreed that a settled position had been reached at the December meeting to submit suggested locations for a response on feasibility and to ascertain the required process and costs.

9.2.2 The Parish Council resolved to wait until a response is received from Highways

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before any further consideration.

- 9.3 **Four Ashes Finger Post** – The Clerk referred to previously circulated quotes to a parishioner who had started to look into this. The Clerk raised the viability of the decision at the last meeting when as yet a certified contractor who is willing to take on the installation has not been found. Clerk to follow up with contact at SCC who was involved with the Community Self Help regeneration of the Four Ashes triangle to see if this can be progressed any other way.
- 9.4 **CIL grant funding request for repairs to allotment sheds** – The previously circulated request was considered and a sum of £1000 was unanimously approved. Clerk to arrange for payment.

10 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

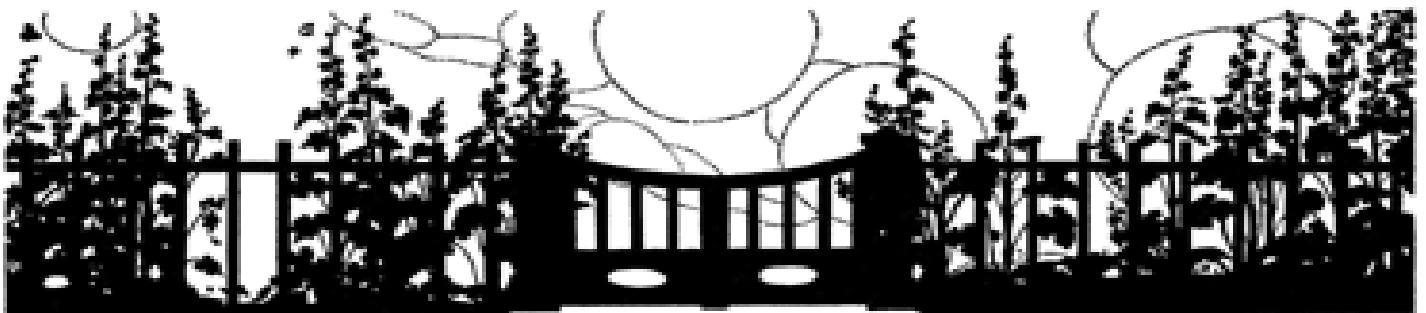
- 10.1 **Development signage** – Cllr Bartholomew enquired as to how this could be removed. Clerk advised that as we learnt with the discussions over signage for The Acorns, these are usually on public land anyone can remove them as the developers rarely seem to do so. Only issue is the height at which they are sometimes fixed.

11 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 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 **Village Quiz Team** – 2 volunteers, two more needed. Clerk to advise a Parish Council team would be put forward.
- 12.2 Cllr Bartholomew asked if the **order for the stage** could now be placed as per minute 8.3 from meeting held on 8th December 2021. Clerk to action.
- 12.3 Cllr Mecrow asked about the need for **work on trees in the closed churchyard** to deal with epicormic growth, which was last carried out some years ago now. Cllr Belson to take a look.
- 12.4 Cllr Mecrow raised issue of **lighting from sports ground** that has been arranged at an angle that is a **road traffic hazard**. Cllr Meyer advised that this had been raised at the Sports Club. Clerk to email Chairman to ask that it is rectified.

Meeting Closed at 21:05

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FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

February, the month which the poet and writer Margaret Atwood labels as the 'month of despair,' perhaps rather unfairly, given that the traditional symbols for the month are the flowers of the viola, primrose and iris. The word February actually comes from the Roman 'Februa,' the Festival of Purification.

During the month there are two popular celebrations. The first traditionally held in our Churches and Cathedrals on the 2nd of the month; that of Candlemas. One of the oldest celebrations in the Church, which can trace its' roots back to the 4th century, when processions took place with lighted candles in recognition of Christ as the light of the world.

The other popular celebration is that of St Valentine's Day on 14th of the month. A time which can put pressure on those who are in a relationship to make forced displays of affection, often with unnecessary expenditure, and a time that can make those who may be unhappy at being alone, feel excluded and isolated. However, if we look at where this tradition originates, it gives us great encouragement.

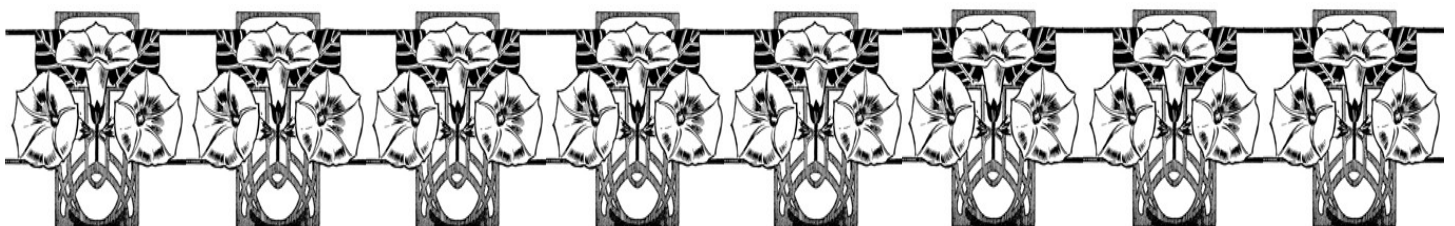
St Valentine was a Priest who was martyred in Rome upon the orders of the Emperor Claudius in about 269AD. Claudius persecuted the Church and particularly objected to marriage as it interfered with the loyalty of his soldiers going into battle. He believed that married soldiers were afraid of what might happen to their wives and families if they were killed in battle.

It was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived. Polygamy would have been much more popular than a couple choosing to live a married life together. Yet some young people were attracted to the Christian faith and to a monogamous way of life. The Church certainly believed in the sanctity of marriage and the security, mutual support and love that it could offer. Valentine, in direct opposition to the State, encouraged couples to make their vows and was therefore eventually imprisoned, tortured and killed.

It is said that while in prison, Valentine healed the daughter of Asterius, a Roman judge. Legend goes that the last words he wrote before he died were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He signed it; 'from your Valentine.' Perhaps inspiring many millions down the ages to declare their love and affection for one another.

On February 14th we can take heart from St Valentine's enthusiasm for committed relationships, whether married or otherwise; and celebrate what a wonderful gift love is when both offered and received sincerely and selflessly.

*Philip
Benefice Priest*



FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES

6th February

9.30am

3.00pm

13th February

8.00am

9.30am

16th February

9.30am

20th February

8.00am

9.30am

27th February

8.00am

9.30am

11.00am

2nd March

9.30am

4th March

2.30pm

6th March

8.00am

9.30am

11.00am

4th before Lent

Holy Communion

Evensong

3rd before Lent

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Wednesday

Holy Communion

2nd before Lent

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Sunday before Lent

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Songs of Praise

Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion

Friday

Womens World Day of Prayer

1st of Lent

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

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Starting with any letter and moving horizontally, vertically or diagonally, see how many words of three letters or more you can find, using each letter only once in each word.

There should be one nine letter word which hopefully has not been your feeling recently!.

Get 35 words and you are doing well.

SPORTS CLUB THOUGHTS

It seems so long since the country experienced 'normal' times that one hesitates to predict that this year is going to be that, as might have been hoped for at this early stage in January. I have always understood the mantra that a business (or Sports Club) never stands still but either goes forward or back but I sometimes want to just stand still for a while and digest what we have achieved. No such luck for me with the energy and vision that exists across the Club in utilising these unusual opportunity times for grants to improve facilities for sport and buildings; here are some items that have been recently installed and some that are in the pipeline :-

- LED Floodlight replacements for tennis and artificial grass court; here the plan was to anticipate breakdowns in the old lights that would be entering their tenth year of life and also to reduce the expenditure on electricity. The LEDs have proved to be somewhat brighter than the old lights which has caused comment so when we can, we will try to reduce the angle they are set at.
- New grass cutting equipment that will get the outfield lower in the summer for cricket but still enable the football pitch to achieve the required density of sward for the new season
- A new mat for carpet bowls that will aid the growth of this indoor sport and utilise the flexibility afforded by the new dividing doors in the pavilion that permits yoga and Otago classes to happen at the same time as other activities
- Replacement double-glazed windows that will take the place of the single-glaze wooden frame windows that are showing their age. Very much hoping they go some way to capping the cost of heating the club.
- Installation of new servery and seating area to replace the old tea hut at the end of the car park past the tennis court. This will greatly improve what we can offer to the many family members who come up to support the huge number of children enjoying sport each weekend and weekday evenings.
- The provision of a cricket hut within which the electronic recording of scores can be kept without the frequent dashes back under cover as the rain comes down; it should also enable the streaming of matches for those to enjoy where attendance is not possible.
- The purchase of another set of sight screens to replace those that our old friend Ted Hubbard constructed at the farm back in the seventies.

We are sorry to hear Joe will be leaving the Blue Boar at the end of January and hope that a new landlord can take it on again before too long; we wish him well. Here at the Sports Club our bar is mainly open in conjunction with sporting activities which generally means Friday evening through to Sunday and other nights when football matches are being played. We will give consideration, as the days get longer, to increasing the opening hours if the need in the village is there; specific opening hours would be flagged up in the Observer if that was the case. Speaking of which, aren't we lucky to have a vehicle such as the Observer to inform the village of things; remember it costs you nothing to buy but has to cover costs with businesses advertising in it.

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WILDLIFE IN FEBRUARY

Even though there are still frosty mornings the temperature seems to be warming up throughout this month. Amphibians such as the Common Frog rely on the temperature as a cue to wake up and start breeding. Early frogspawn is likely to be spotted in the south-west at first but it will rapidly make its way east and north as the month progresses. In 2009 a study found that for every 1 degree rise in temperature the average spawning date moves forwards by 5.1 days. As females arrive at a watery nursery full to bursting with eggs, males will hop and grasp onto her back, and they can be seen wrestling each other off in an attempt to be the one to fertilise the eggs as the female lays them. Males are normally smaller in size and can also be sexed by looking at the underside of the front legs, there they have a black pad, these are called Nuptial pads which help the male hang on. A female will typically lay around 4000 eggs which she will lay in a clump, the eggs have a protective jelly around them which protect the developing tadpole. If the eggs have not been fertilised the black embryo will turn white. They will usually lay their eggs in the sunniest part of the pond. If you see eggs that have been laid in a string like fashion wrapped around pond plants, these will be Toad eggs. It may seem a lot of eggs to lay but this number is needed to ensure the survival of some young as many will be preyed on.

Talking of predators we have a little bird that comes to visit us here each winter. They are called the Grey Shrike, and come from Scandinavia. They are a rare sight as only around 100 visit Britain each year. These little birds are hunters! They will sit on an elevated perch and scan their surroundings, patiently waiting for their prey, ready to strike. Their raptorial bill is capable of despatching and tearing into rodents and other bird such as Finches and Pipits. Once they have caught and killed their prey they will not always eat it straight away, instead they have a gruesome habit of impaling the dead prey to Gorse bushes or Hawthorn trees to eat later. Not a little bird to be messed with!

On a happier note 'Tis the season to be a Galanthophile' otherwise known as a lover of Snowdrops. These flowers are native to mainland Europe but have been naturalised in our woods for several centuries. They were first recorded in 1778 but were likely to be growing before then. Snowdrops are adapted to flower in mid-winter. They have a protective sheath that protects the flower stem as it pushes up through the hard ground. This modified leaf is called a Spathe. These little welcomed flowers will flower in February into March. The pure whiteness symbolises purity and innocence but they also symbolise hope that spring is on its merry way!

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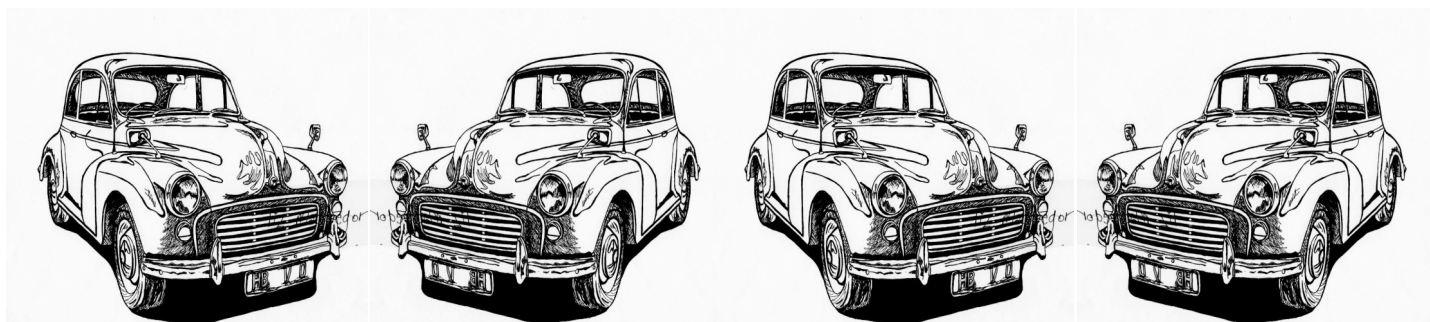
Many, many years ago, a lady who loved Dalmatian dogs, was driving towards Knettishall Heath in her Morris Minor Traveller car, where she was in the habit of enjoying the freedom of walking in open countryside and where her dogs could get plenty of exercise. From Hepworth she negotiated the staggered crossroad junction at Barningham and drove on along the road towards Knettishall when suddenly she saw a STOP sign, stamped her feet on clutch and brake coming to an emergency stop just as another car raced from a side road and straight across in front of her. She was badly shaken by the experience but then began to reason with herself that she had the right of way along the road. So, why did she stop? Why did the car from the side road not stop? Why had she never seen a STOP sign there before? Why, when she went to check, could she not see the sign that caused her to come to a sudden emergency halt? Later she took her husband to the site of what could have been a fatal accident but neither of them could find the sign that made her stop so abruptly. Where was the sign? Had she imagined it? Did her car somehow recognise the danger approaching along the side road and stop by itself? Was this an example of the supernatural at work?

Much, much later, a Morris Minor Saloon car was being driven along the A143 towards Diss. It was a very old car and, after 50 years on the road was in such a bad state of repair that an agreement had been entered into whereby the car would be scrapped in return for a Government Car Scrappage grant of one thousand pounds, which would provide the down payment on a brand new car which had already been chosen and signed for.

The journey of the Morris Minor to Diss came to a sudden stop at Wortham where the driver later reported a sudden wrench of the steering wheel to the left and the car coming to a stuttering halt outside Wortham Post Office, a clear decision by the car that it was not for scrapping under Chancellor Gordon Brown's scheme. And the car had its way, spending nearly two years in the Half Moon Garage at Rushall while the owners fed part of their pensions to the mechanics and engineers who rebuilt the car. So why did the car come to a sudden halt at Wortham? Why was the scrappage grant on her unredeemed? Who has ever heard of a Half Moon Garage? Is the car, now between 60 and 70 years old, still on the road? Is this another example of the supernatural at work?

Or is it a case of visitors to the Thursday morning Coffee Shop getting carried away by the lively company and telling tall tales while under the influence of fine coffee, tea and wonderful sausage rolls and cake? You should try it!!

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MAGIC 22 FEBRUARY?

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| 10022001 | Allow me, first of all, to introduce you to the palindrome. It is not, as the <i>I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue</i> team would suggest, your long lost friend you meet at the aerodrome but something that reads the same backwards as forwards. The first one that I was introduced to was 'Able was I ere I saw Elba' a real rib-tickler at the start of the nineteenth century when Napoleon was first captured; but that didn't last long and Boney had to be sent to St Helena, for which, as far as I know, no palindrome exists. So what has this to do with 22nd February? | 10122101 |
| 20022002 | | 20122102 |
| 01022010 | Just look to the left and you will see it set out 22022022, Eh Voila! A palindromic number, and you can bet that someone somewhere will be saying that it has mystical qualities, or that the world is going to come to an end, but if you look at the left-hand column you will see that we have survived seven such palindromic dates since the start of this millennium. The first must have come as a surprise as the previous one was on the 29th November 1192 - but that is ignoring the calendar changes which have taken place in the interim. After this one there is a gap of eight years before the next, and then, just like the London buses, three come along together. This pattern goes on - as you will see from the two columns - until 29th December 2192, and then as people may expect another coming along in another eight years (Big yawn!) they suddenly realise that the next one - baring calendar changes and Global Destruction - will be 10th March 3001 (10033001). Then each millennium will have a 'century' of palindromic dates with a desert of such dates for the following nine-hundred years, and so on for the next seven-hundred years. | 30122103 |
| 11022011 | | 01122110 |
| 21022012 | So there you are; call me a curmudgeon for pouring cold water upon the wonders of numerology, or even a BOF for having taken up your valuable time. | 11122111 |
| 02022020 | | 21122112 |
| 12022021 | Note: The longest palindromic word, apparently, is 'saippuakivikauppias' (19 letters), which is Finnish for 'a dealer in lye'. The longest palindromic sentence is 74,633 letters long - some 17,826 words and begins 'A man, a plan, a cameo' and finishes <i>Comdr, Ibanez, OEM, a canal, Panama!</i> Needless to say, this was produced by a computer and is almost complete gibberish; maybe, you think, like the rest of this article! | 31122113 |
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Torban Ruben-Ash



SUFFOLK SIGHT

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Covid has not beaten us,
We have met in the open air,
Distanced under gazebos,
Chatting from our chairs.

We have a hard working committee,
Who try so very hard to please,
Always looking out for new things,
Ideas, for us to seize.

I would like to take this opportunity
To share the things we do,
Many quizzes and competitions,
Being engulfed in PVA glue.

We have learnt about so many good causes,
sometimes bringing us to tears,
But we have laughed greatly too,
over all those many years.

Shopping trips to Norwich,
Taking in a lovely show.
Flower arranging lessons
And our "bottle" with a "glow".

Endless cups of tea and cake,
Raffles by the score,
Visiting other W.I's,
And still we come back for more.

So tonight is all about our memories,
As we sit here and remember.
One thing I am sure we will all agree,
We are proud to be W.I. members.

Denise Merry



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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.

It's as simple as that, but you must apply logic to find which number goes where.

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!



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Services for February

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come along? Please be assured of a warm welcome; it would be lovely to see you.

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

Time Just Keeps Marching On

The Bible records some unusual things about the movement of time. For one thing we read of time standing still. In the days of Joshua, an account is given of the world's longest day (Joshua 10:12-14): it was an exceptional day when the sun stood still in the sky and time didn't move. Also, the Bible records a day when time went backwards; we often talk about 'going back in time', but it really did happen - in the days of the king Hezekiah the sundial went back by ten degrees (2 Kings 20:10).

These unusual events are exceptions to the rule; they only occurred by the supernatural power of God, because normally time makes steady progress onwards and forwards. Time doesn't move very fast, just a second at a time; it is like a snail that just crawls along, but its progress is very steady. It doesn't matter what great events happen in this world, or what great person dies, time just keeps rolling on.

Another year has recently ended and 2022 is already a month old. What a reminder this is that our lives are steadily marching past and, step by step, eternity draws closer and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is nearer than it has ever been – but still you may resist and put off trusting Him until some more 'convenient season' (Acts 24:25).

Think for a moment on this question: why does God give us time on this earth? Is it to become rich or famous, is it to live for power or sin and pleasure? If we come to that conclusion then we are very much mistaken. Time is given for a much more noble purpose: it is given to give opportunity for a person to be Saved and to have their sins forgiven. Think of all the days and years of a life, remember that as time moves steadily on, the days remaining to prepare for eternity are ticking away – do not miss that opportunity!

Although he would later receive a full pardon, William, Lord Russell was sentenced to be executed for high treason at Lincolns Inn Field, London's largest public square. On the 21st of July 1683, as he was upon the scaffold about to be beheaded, Lord Russell took his watch from his pocket and gave it to Dr. Burnett, who was attending him, saying, "My timepiece may be of service to you, I have no further occasion for it, my thoughts are fixed on eternity."

Let us encourage you, at the beginning of this year, to also have your thoughts fixed upon eternity, and preparing for that eternity by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

**Behold, now is the accepted time:
Behold, now is the day of salvation.**

(II Corinthians 6:2)

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football.

The First Team seem to now be over their little spell of poor results, although they need to start turning draws into wins if they are to finish in the top five this season. All Walsham teams however play really good attractive football and the Sports Club is well worth a visit on Saturday afternoon's. The First Team are at home on 5th, 12th and 19th February and the Reserves on 26th. All kick offs are at 3pm.

The First Team drew 0-0 at home to Hadleigh and should really have won the game. Then on an awful afternoon, weather-wise, they lost 4-1 at high flying Gorleston. In the Suffolk Premier Cup they beat Whitton United 2-1 away, with Matt Collins and Kieran Twinn being the goals corers. Mildenhall were the latest team to visit the Morrish Stadium and a win would have seen them go top but the game finished all square at 1-1 and was a great advert for the Thurlow Nunn League. Jamie Smith was our goal scorer and we were really unlucky not to win the game. The Reserves lost 2-1 at Stowmarket but a couple of wins will see them back in contention for the league title.

The A Team beat Framlingham A 2-0 and it was an excellent game to watch.

The Vets lost 2-1 at home to Mendlesham but bounced back to beat Cockfield 3-0 in the Suffolk Vets Cup.

What's on

Bingo is on Sundays 30th January and 13th and 27th February starting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Friday 28th January is Quiz night so you can all get in some practise for the village quiz a week later. The fun starts at 7.30 and entry is £2.50 per person. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 12th March is Irish Night with an Irish themed Disco and food and a draw with a £500 first prize, all of this for a fiver . Everyone is welcome and if past events are anything to go by it will be a great night.

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

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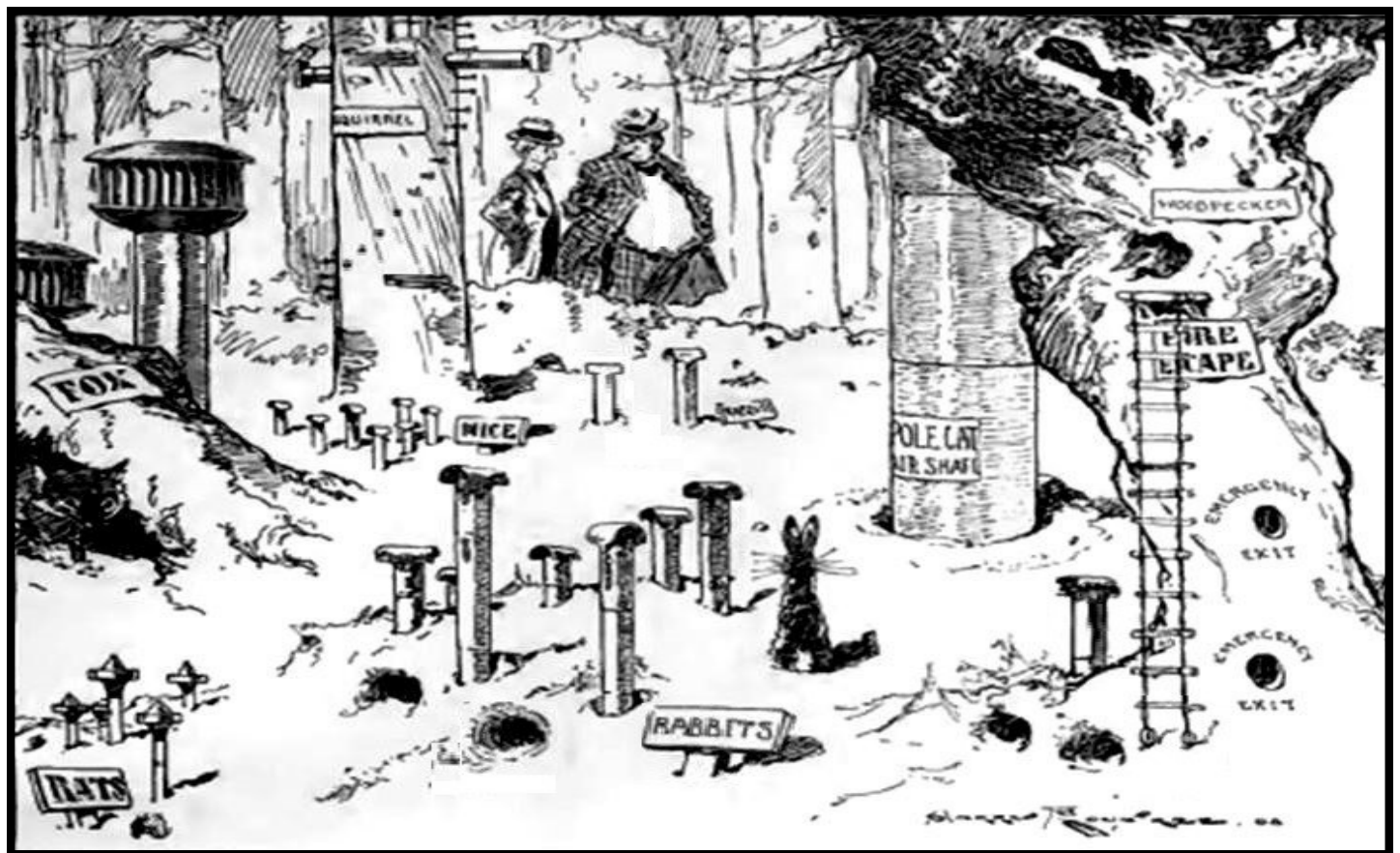
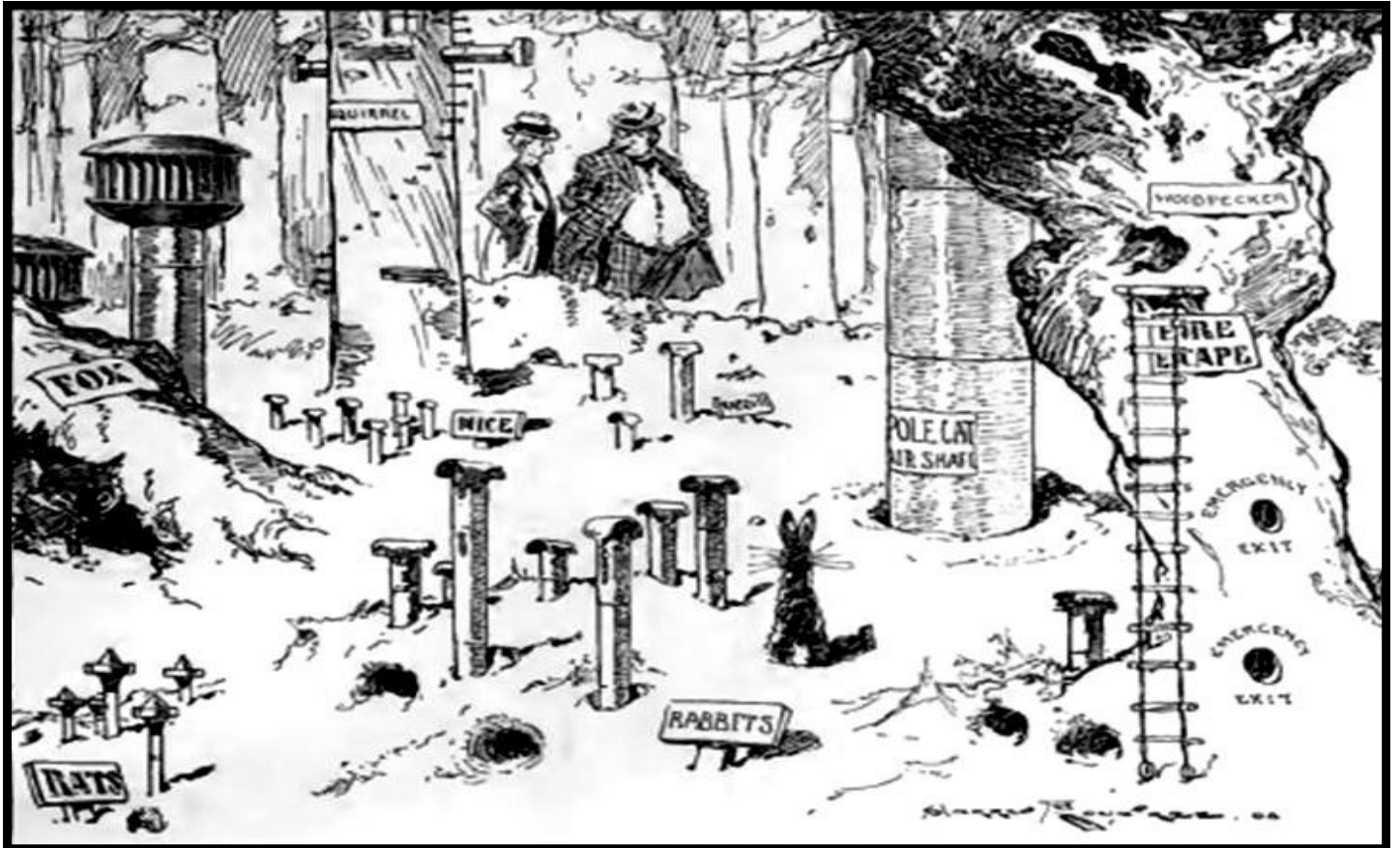
A FEW QUIPS ABOUT COVID

Day 7 of Social Distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

When this virus thing is over with I still want some of you to stay away from me.

If these last few weeks have taught us anything - it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.

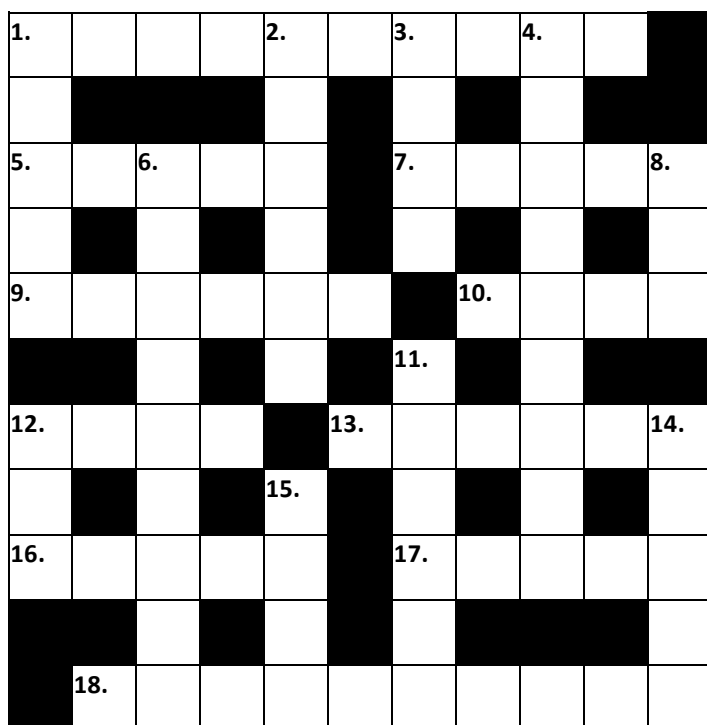
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the rabbit disappears.

What did William Rees-Mogg do from 1967 till 1981?

WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. What a Goon to become a house pest. (10)
5. Old water heater North of the border. (5)
7. Is this president a winning card? (4)
9. Go back in a deal to refuse the facts.

10. It's around an inch on the face. (4)
12. Belongs to us when the time has no leader. (4)
13. I have a scheme for big mat wrestling.
16. Confronts the revolting diners.
17. Counted at night or followed by day. (5)
18. The static magic became distorted for the viewer. (10)

DOWN

1. Is this second rate country insipid? (5)
2. Officer's valet is a super hero. (6)
3. Half a sweetener for the gallery. (4)
4. Playing with a huge ball is ridiculous. (10)
6. These agreements get smaller. (9)
8. Shut up when writing. (3)
11. Resin found in balsa models (6)
12. It's certainly no on! (3)
14. The subject has to pick the question.
15. Does this drink come in plastic bottles? (4)



COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOD BANK



Please donate long life foods and personal hygiene products to our collection point in St. Mary's Church (just inside the main doors on the right or in the porch if the doors are locked) or contact us to arrange a collection.



To help, get involved or to discuss your needs please contact Amanda on 01359 258646 or email wlwcommunitycouncil@outlook.com



REGULAR

MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall

2nd Monday 12:45pm

Fit Steps Class Village Hall

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

Pilates Class Village Hall

1:30pm till 2:30pm

Walking Football Sports Club

2:00pm till 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Pilates Classes Village Hall

9:15am till 10:15am

10:30am till 11:30am

Positive Steps Village Hall

11:30am till 12:30pm

Carpet Bowls Sports Club

2:30pm till 4:00pm

WI Meeting Priory Room

7:45pm Second Wed of the Month

EVENTS

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



ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. A breed of dog, 2. Madness, 3. Six, 4. Denver, 5. Georgie Fame, 6. Manchester, 7. Private Eye, 8. A lion, 9. Another Place, 10. Japan, 11. Lunar Excursion Module, 12. Italy, 13. St. Louis, 14. Turandot, 15. Texas, 16. The Producers, 17. A codicil, 18. The Tigris, 19. The twenty pence piece, 20. Winchester, 21. Two years old, 22. A flea circus, 23. David Bowie, 24. The lime, 25. A pack of playing cards, 26. Trombone, 27. Nougat, 28. Portugal, 29. Greek, 30. Caerphilly, 31. Mountains in Ireland, 32. Fulham, 33. Organic, 34. A poached egg, 35. Paris, 36. Blue, 37. The pawns, 38. Yellow, 39. Hot Pants, 40. Milton Keynes, 41. British Prisons, 42. Cedar, 43. A cow, 44. Edited *The Times*, 45. The Pilgrim's Progress, 46. Lawn tennis, 47. A drink of milk and ale, 48. A kind of carriage, 49. Llandudno, 50. Claudius

Su-Doku

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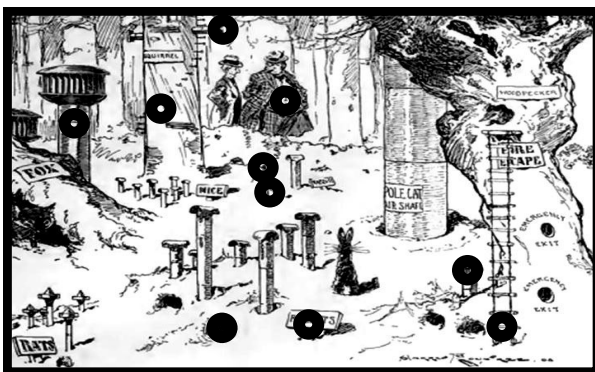
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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

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| Age | Air | Are | Area | Aria |
| Art | Ear | Eat | Era | Eta |
| Gait | Gear | Get | Grate | Great |
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| Rat | Rate | Ria | Tar | Tare |
| Target | Tart | Tat | Tea | Tear |
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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.’