

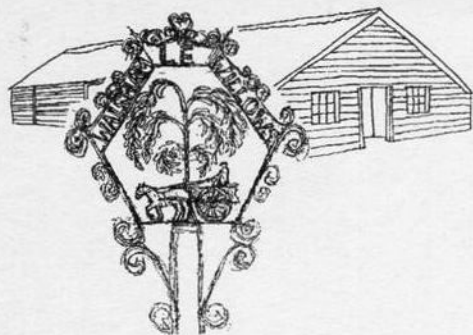
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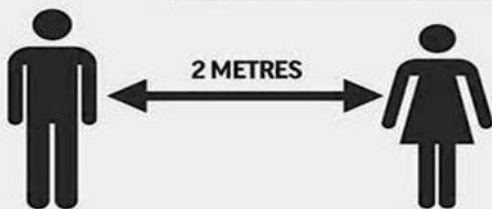
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EDITORIAL

By the time you read this we shall have had Dudley, Eunice and Franklin and hopefully Gwen, Gertrude or Griselda won't have struck to produce more damage as well as some spectacular pictures.

It was good to see a good turnout in the delayed Village Quiz. Not only were there a good selection of questions - including a stinker of a bonus question - but there was an excellent spread for the interval. 'Hats Off!' to the Community Council for putting on such an enjoyable evening.

It is good to see the increased number of people who come to the Coffee Shop, in the Village Hall, each Thursday. If you haven't been recently do go and join in the friendly gatherings round the tables. Even if you are only waiting for the queue at the Post Office van to reduce, a piece of cake and a mug of coffee is quite a good way of passing the time, and at the moment it's warm inside the hall, whilst you wait.

March brings a few more signs of a return to some degree of normality. On **Saturday 12th the Sports Club are holding an Irish Disco Night**. Somebody attending might just walk away with £500, if they are lucky enough to win First Prize in the raffle. Tickets are on sale at present, and are bound to be on sale on the night. In the age old saying 'You've got to be in it to win it!' And with one eye on gambling, possibly, the **History Group have a talk on Wednesday 30th** on Palaces, Horses and Stables. If you are considering the almost forgotten pleasure of holidays abroad, the **Women's Institute have a talk on Wednesday 9th about a South American Holiday**, which should get you back into the holiday mood. Hopefully there will be no further serious disruptions to life, but don't throw caution to the wind.

Another date for the diary is a **Public Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7pm on Thursday the 24th March** to discuss plans for this year's Open Gardens Weekend, which is to be the somewhat delayed **Fortieth Opening**, which hopefully we can make a truly memorable occasion, not only for the village, but also for all those who attend.

By the end of this month the daffodils, planted by the Open Gardens Committee, two years ago will be in bloom again and the Four Ashes triangle should be beginning to show its full glory. Hopefully Spring will have then sprung and life will be ever closer to 'normal', but do still take care, even if its just to be aware of others who are still being cautious about completely 'throwing off the shackles' of Covid.



Theodore: *But that nice Mr Johnson says that we shouldn't have to take all the precautions which we have been taking over the past two years!*

Gwendoline: *I have far too many important meetings to attend this month to risk catching Covid, so you'll just have to wait a little while longer!*



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Police are appealing for witnesses to a public order incident in the Knettishall Heath area. It took place on Wednesday 26 January at some point between 11:30am and 11:45am on the A1066 road travelling from Knettishall Heath Nature Reserve to Thetford.

A silver Honda 4x4 was reported to drive very close to a blue and silver 125cc Honda Forza scooter in an intimidating manner, revving the engine very loudly and flashing the headlights.

A man, aged 54, was arrested under the Public Order Act in connection with the incident and released on police bail to answer 23 February.

Anyone who knows who was responsible should contact Suffolk police, quoting 37/5293/22.

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I am sure most of you will have seen or heard on the news that all food banks are being asked to support more people at the moment. Every food drop we do is only in response to a referral from agencies, be that Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Workers, Drs, School or another organisation. Suffolk County Council are helping support the registered food banks, which we are, but please if you could add just one item of any long life, tinned food or hygiene product into your shop and drop it in a box at any of the church's in the Benefice you really would be making a big difference to someone's day.

Thank you all.

Amanda Ellis



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Village quiz was finally held in the Village Hall on the 4th of February, after postponement due to COVID regulations, and I would like to thank all those who took part in the Quiz and those that helped out. After some deep thinking, laughter, groans and inspirational guesses, the sheets were handed in to be marked and a very close quiz it turned out to be, with teams all scoring well. The team who won the Village Quiz Robotham Shield were the Now Open Thursdays (Sports Club) so well done, Gordon Ross, Nick Foulger, Bev Rust and Trevor Newman and the much coveted Wooden Spoon was won by the apply named Amnesiacs being Nick, Dawn and Ruby.

Looking ahead to events the Community Council have again secured the touring company The Eastern Angles to bring high quality theatre to your Village Hall again this year. Booming Voices is a new play that explores the issues around the ecology of the Norfolk Broads and climate change, fusing real voices, music and science to tell a new story of the Broads. So make a note of the date, Saturday the 7th of May, tickets will be available from their website, more information to follow.

After the success of last years Sale Trail the Community Council also plan to hold one again this year, probably the 24th of July.

The village History Group has a full programme of events planned for this year, including a number of interesting speakers coming to the village hall each month from March till July. Keep an eye out for information and posters about their events and venues, all welcome.

Amanda Ellis

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We have had a very challenging half term with many cases of Covid affecting both children and staff but with the half term break fast approaching, we are hopeful that we are over the worst of it now. Despite the challenges we have faced, the children have been superb with the resilience and staff have continued to help them all discover, inspire and grow and achieve so many good things within school.

The children in Caterpillar class finished their topic of Brazil with a carnival atmosphere and created masks and danced their way around the classroom to some lovely carnival music.

The Beatles were the band that the children in Ladybirds explored and created some lovely psychedelic pictures of the band using tie dye techniques. They have been learning some of their songs and Yellow Submarine has been a real favourite.

The children in Dragonflies have completed their diaries on the river trips they took and have created exciting information leaflets on mountain ranges across the world and UK. These are then being typed up on some new computers recently purchased. They have also made colourful Diwali lamps and sang Three Little Birds as a class choir.

The children in Grasshopper class made a 'gigantagut' model in DT to show the workings of the digestive system. They have created slogans in English for having a healthy bowel! They have created harmonies in music and learnt the song Mama Mia.

The children in Cricket class have focused on Mexico this half term, exploring the geography, culture and history of the region. We sculpted ancient Maya stelae from clay, wrote myths and legends, learnt a Mexican dance and cooked traditional foods.

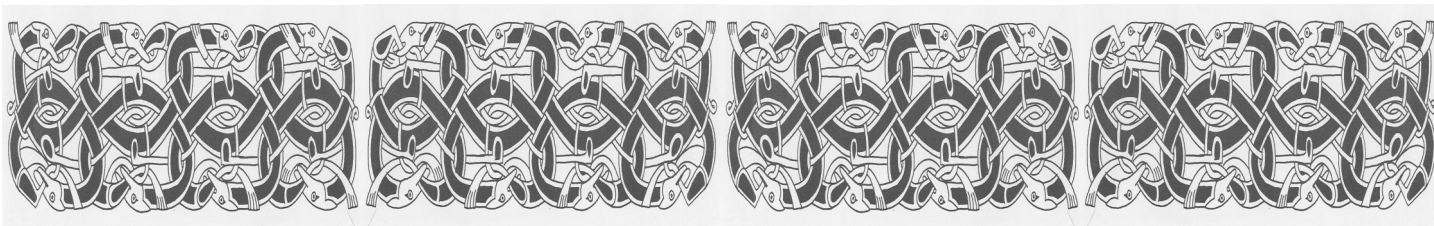
Our theme for Collective Worship this half term has been Generosity and we have spent the time learning about the different ways we can be generous and that it doesn't have to involve objects or money.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day when we return and are having a vegetable book character competition.

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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In an effort to involve as many people as possible we are intending to hold a Public Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7pm on Thursday the 24th March

and we hope that lots of folk can come and join us and have a glass of wine and a few nibbles into the bargain.

The meeting will be a chance for everyone, those who have always been involved with the Gardens Weekend and newcomers as well, to discuss the weekend, raise concerns, suggest new ideas and feel a part of an event that has been a big part of Walsham life since the early 1980's. During that time hundreds of thousands of pounds has been raised for the village, half of which has been spent on the upkeep of St Mary's and the rest has supported lots of the organisations, clubs and societies that go towards making Walsham the wonderful place that it is.

Please come along and contribute to the meeting, and for newcomers, it really will be a great introduction to the village and to this annual event which is so important to many local people and to the many hundreds of visitors that we expect to come here over the 2022 August Bank Holiday weekend. In the meantime don't hesitate to get in touch if I can be of help. John Stebbing john@architectatwork.co.uk 07831 325610

Secretary to the Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust



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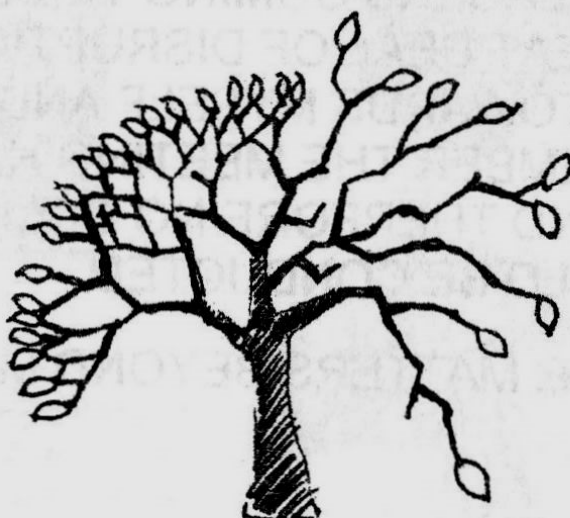
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In May it will be 80 years since the Wellington Bomber crashed at Potash Farm killing all nine men aboard, the youngest being Bryon Long aged 17 a member of the Cambridge Air Training Corps. Phil Boyle who had a relation on board has spent time tracing other relatives of all those killed with the idea of providing a lasting memorial ,the cost being in the region of £3 000.

Our next branch meeting will be held Tues, 8th March in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

Hubby Frost

HISTORY GROUP TALK AND AGM

On Wednesday 30th March the History Group will once again resume its annual programme of talks and events in the MVH at 7.30pm (see the poster for further details). This will also be our AGM, which has been postponed for two years and will include the election of the new committee. Membership fees, once agreed at the AGM, will be collected at the April meeting, so for this event only admission will be a flat rate of £5.00 to include refreshments.

Our speaker for the evening will be Dr John Sutton, who will enthuse on the subject of 'Palaces, Horses and Stables: Charles II and Newmarket' and the influence 'the Merry Monarch' Charles II had on making Newmarket famous or possibly infamous! Please read the synopsis of his talk below.

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We look forward to welcoming you all, both members and non-members to what promising to be quite a racy evening (I couldn't resist the pun).

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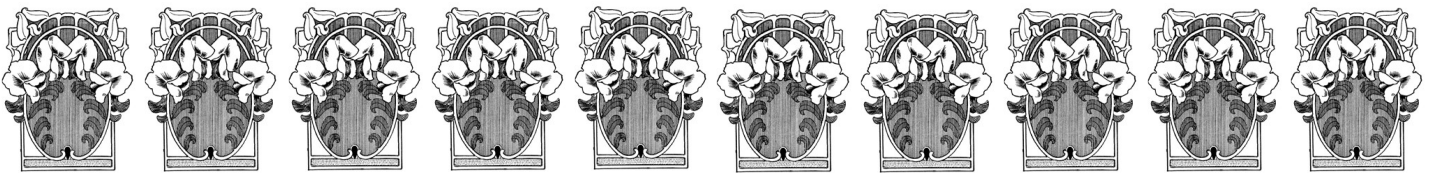


Following thirty eight years of service as a field officer with the Health and Safety Executive it is no wonder that Graham Higgins had a wealth of anecdotes to share with us at our February meeting. Health and Safety is often much maligned but we heard of the cruel conditions that gave birth to the present day protective legislation that we enjoy today. We also learnt of the part played by figures such as Jerusalem's author William Blake, he of the dark satanic mills, and also Charles Dickens in publicising the evils of child labour. Who knew that the chimneys in Buckingham Palace are so convoluted that they are impossible to clean? Or that child sweeps wore a numbered brass badge on their caps denoting their 'master'. In modern times Graham recounted the long campaign to ban asbestos which accounted for many tragic deaths long after it was discovered to be the culprit. It claimed his father's life among them but happily, very recent research in Cambridge has finally discovered a possible treatment for asbestosis. Graham's career took him all over the country, with many tales to tell, including a most alarming one involving responsibility for a consignment of several hundred deadly snakes. Graham's talk was by turns interesting, informative and entertaining.

The latter part of our meeting saw a burst of creativity! Members tried various methods of making green hearts to support the Show the Love campaign, that draws attention to climate change and bio diversity loss. Papers were folded, pleated and curled all led by Pippa. Look out for them in windows round the village or make one yourself?

Next month we learn about South America!

Jill Newell



COMMUNITY LUNCH

Covid rules have changed but we will continue with waitress service. Numbers will be restricted to 20.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 14th March 2022. Lunch will be Roast Pork, Yorkshire pudding with potatoes and vegetables served at 12.45pm - 1pm. followed by Apple & Sultana crumble. Tea and coffee will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.

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In these times when the urgency of the crisis facing our native insects, birds and plant species is well documented, we are seeking to create and manage a further area of land within our village. This land could be large or small, could be a new woodland or could be a green corridor within the farming landscape dedicated to providing space for species to recover and thrive. This Platinum year of Queen Elizabeth II's reign coincides with our organisation's tenth anniversary making it an ideal time for us to increase our endeavours.

Ten years ago we committed ourselves to create and manage a new area of mixed woodland on land leased from the Old Town Trust. With support from the Woodland Trust and many individuals and organisations within the village this is exactly what we have achieved. In this instance, the young wood we began planting in 2012 has become a feature of the village valued by many as recorded in the gathering of public opinion as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It has been used as a learning space by the village primary school; as a meeting place for the WI; as a place for sitting and watching the world; as part of a running track by the Sports Club and as a place for families and friends to meet and enjoy the outdoors on Easter hunts, picnics, pizza evenings and pumpkin trails.

Moreover, the maintenance of the rides, the scattering of seeds and simply allowing species to return has resulted in a wide variety of plant, bird and insect varieties enjoying the woodland habitat. Our proudest moment was finding several orchids last Spring growing within the wood for the first time.

The importance of our aim to foster biodiversity and protect the country landscape has been recognised by the Parish Council who are now supporting our work by funding annual costs including rent and insurance for the land we manage.

Of course, you may have questions, advice or comments that could help us work together and we would be more than happy to speak to you or a representative of your organisation.

After such difficult times, it would be fantastic to make 2022 a year to remember for positive reasons and to feel we had all moved forward as a community to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

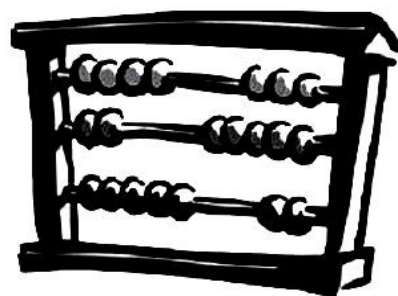
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Congratulations on your new role. It can feel awkward telling your current employer you're moving on. The time between telling your employer you've found a new position and you actually leaving is known as your notice period.

If you've been in your current job for less than a month, you won't have to give any notice period (unless your contract says otherwise). If it's more than a month, you'll have to give at least one week's notice. Your contract should make it clear exactly how long is expected.

If you don't have a contract, and your employer has no written record of you agreeing to a notice period, you should give at least one week's notice.

It's worth waiting until your new employer has confirmed your employment, for example by giving you a start date before handing in your resignation. It's then best to resign in writing (email is fine), so that you have a record of the date you told your employer. On the Citizens Advice website we have a section on resigning with tips on how to write this letter. This can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/work/leaving-a-job.

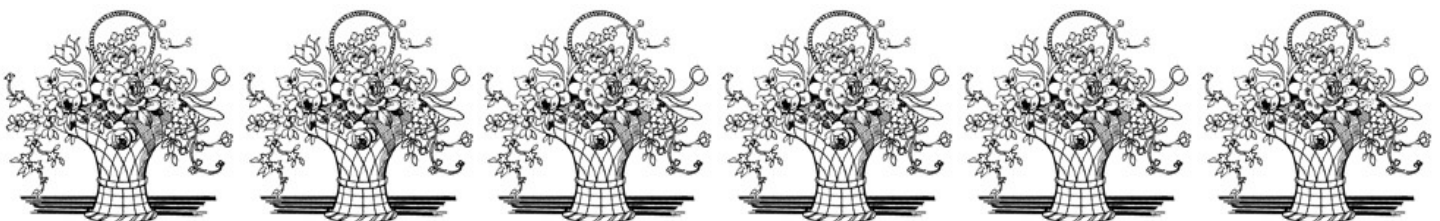
You can work a longer notice than the one in your contract, if you agree it with your employer. If you're keen to move on sooner rather than later, it may also be possible to negotiate a shorter notice period than your contract says. If you want to go down this route, it can be useful to reassure your current employer that you will tackle any urgent work before finishing.

Fixed-term contracts are a bit different, as you won't need to give notice if you intend to leave on the last day of contract. Leaving early would usually mean giving at least one week's notice, unless your contract says otherwise.

Don't forget about your holiday days during your notice period. If you have unused paid holiday you should speak to your employer about either taking these during the notice period or being paid for them.

Finally, sometimes people can change their mind about moving jobs or find their circumstances alter. If this happens to you, you should speak to your current employer to see what the options are and if you can stay in your current role.

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PARISH COUNCIL OF WALSHAM LE WILLOWS MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 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; Winch

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1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 **To receive apologies** – None received
- 1.2 **Consent to apologies received** – None received
- 1.3 The Clerk was in receipt of a completed declaration of eligibility from Janette Winch. Co-option as a member of the Parish Council was proposed by Cllr Bartholomew and seconded by Cllr Kinnair and approved unanimously.
- 1.4 **Declaration of Acceptance of Office** was completed and signed by Cllr Winch and countersigned by the Clerk. Clerk to send out link for completion of Register of Interests online.
- 1.5 **To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s)** – incl. personal interests in items on the agenda – Cllr Winch declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9.4
- 1.6 **To receive requests for dispensation** – granted.
- 1.7 **To receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings:** - as previously circulated · The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022 were unanimously approved as true and accurate record.

2 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION - to receive written reports for information only:

- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Phil Newby reported good progress made against the timetable and good work was being completed by group members. Current issues being addressed: Concerns about the splitting of the approval of the Local Plan (LP) by MSDC into two parts and the implications of this, if any, for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP); core Village Status as

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designated in the LP has been based on inaccurate information (see agenda item 6); receipt of the first draft of the Housing Policy. Coming next: Policies on Green Spaces; non-designated heritage assets (those that may have been missed); streetlighting and ‘dark skies’ initiatives. Outstanding items of work: AECOM will be commenting on the Housing Needs Assessment in the next couple of weeks; the walkabout with the consultants has fed into the completed Design Code, nudging further towards a code that is a good for Walsham. Cllr Fleming raised the issue of planning applications for solar farms and suggested that this is something the group might wish to consider covering in the plan. Phil Newby to take back to the group.

- County Councillor Jessica Flemings’ report had been previously circulated, and questions were invited. Cllr Mecrow raised an issue previously raised by the Clerk at Parish Council, about the announcement of County wide upgrades of streetlighting funded by SCC Highways. The Clerk was asked to contact (cc to Cllr Fleming) the streetlighting team to ask about reimbursement for the work already undertaken and funding for the final phase in Walsham which has not yet been completed or paid for. The Clerk also to make enquiries about how and when new streetlighting is adopted by Parish Councils. Cllr Fleming asked about the email cc’d to her and Cllr Meyer by the Clerk concerning the inappropriate replanting of the removed hedge on the Wattisfield Road Acorns’ development. The Clerk updated and advised this would be chased again but Cllrs Fleming and Meyer had no more information on the recent lack of communication from contacts at SCC Highways and MSDC Planning Enforcement.
- District Councillor Richard Meyer’s report had been previously circulated, and questions were invited but there were none. Cllr Meyer highlighted the report on GW14 which he says is looking like a very exciting project which should result in 6000 jobs and local investment via tax free zones in the district.

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 **APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/22/00428 Proposal:** Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area:

Fell 1no Willow (T1) due to

proximity to buildings **Location:** The Thumbit, Badwell Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3BT **The Parish Council Made No Comment.**

4.2 **Stanton Development West Suffolk** – Cllr Roberts reported on developments and thought that Jaynic had probably purchased more land alongside the site; Cllr

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Meyer thought that this was unlikely as no planning permission had yet been granted and that the agent would have been unlikely to have committed on that basis. It was agreed that Cllrs Roberts and Mecrow would attend the meeting with Jaynic for local Parish Councils on 24th February at 7.30pm. Cllr Winch will step in if required. Agreed primary goal is to raise concerns and gather information to better inform the response as the inevitable planning application proceeds. Cllr Meyer thought it in Jaynic's interests to accommodate concerns when the application is made although he also noted concerns about there being no requirement for cross district consultation/engagement in situations such as this where an application might have negative impacts on neighbouring communities whilst being positive for those in area. He also noted that West Suffolk uses s106 rather than CIL funding to which villages like Walsham will not have access with the perverse outcome that those communities that benefit from the development receive this funding whilst those adversely affected receive none. Cllr Meyer suggests raising this as an issue of concern along with those already submitted.

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

5.1 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 **MSDC Granted Permission.**

5.2 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 **MSDC Granted Permission.**

6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP (NPG)

6.1 Cllr Mecrow reported on NPG discussions about the Settlement Hierarchy and the fact that Walsham had been incorrectly designated as 'core' village in the Local Plan. It was felt that the Parish Council should make a representation based on the scoring criteria, to have a redesignation as a 'hinterland' village which would reduce the amount of units that would be required should the housing requirement increase. Clerk to draft for agreement a representation to Robert Hobbs at MSDC setting out the case and send once approved.

6.2 The Clerk asked Councillors to confirm that they had all received the previously circulated submitted declarations of interest and emails with original advice from the consultants, the Clerk's advice to Council on that basis and the consultants updated advice; The Clerk asked for confirmation on that basis, that Council was satisfied that all declarations had now been satisfactorily received (once updated as has been proposed). This was unanimously agreed. Clerk to follow up.

7 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT Cllr Kinnair gave an update and is hoping that by end of March all of the funding that has been bid for will have been received. Attention now needs to turn to an effective specification. Cllr Kinnair to contact MSDC to see if they are able to assist; the Clerk will contact the internal auditor to see if she can assist with any examples.



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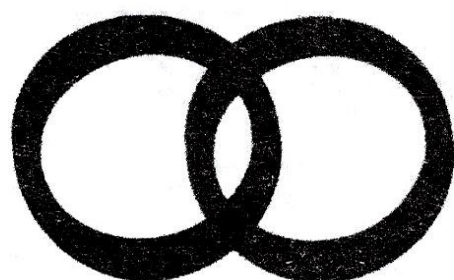


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8 CLERK'S REPORTS

- 8.1 **Reconciliation to 31st January 2022** – 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. The Clerk advised that a payment set up for Turner Tool Hire for £70 was in error and should be rejected.

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Turner Tool Hire	£84.00	Delivery and Collection Charges Billy Goat
2	Suffolk Agri Centre	£349.00	Ride on Mower Servicing
3	Kevin Boardley	£25.79	Expenses as per summary
4	Chagos Consulting Ltd	£10.00	Parish Online Group Training Session
5	Kevin Boardley	£674.63	Parish Council Employee
6	CompassPoint	£604.80	Consultant's Fees and Expenses
7	Emma Harrison	£900.00	Consultant's Fees and Expenses
8	Trevor E Roberts	£76.54	Gift to volunteer
9	Mem Village Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire Parish Council Meeting
10	WleW Allotment	£1,000.00	CIL grant awarded
11	Walsham Wild Wood	£500.00	Annual grant award (review after 3 years)
#	Payments IN	Amount	Description
1	Credit Interest Deposit account	£2.11	December 31 st 2021 (not reported in January meeting)

- 8.2.1 **CIL award for Staging for Memorial Hall** – the Parish Council unanimously approved the revised quote from supplier, previously circulated, advising an increase in costs of £599.02. Total to be posted against the CIL budget, £5628.25 excl. vat.
- 8.3 **Variance and Cheques paid over £500 reports** were published and circulated prior to the January meeting to comply with transparency and internal control procedures. This was noted.
- 8.4 **Review of policies** – Councillors noted some revisions and that the risk register needs to be brought up to date, a risk assessment for use of Parish Council equipment needs to be completed, and the internal control checks revised to focus on high-risk areas. Clerk was asked to reduce risk for Churchyard wall to Low. Cllr Mecrow also noted that Council has not carried out any of the 2021/22 internal controls from the current suite, which itself needs revision. Cllr Bartholomew helpfully suggested that these be divided up into four batches and sent out to individual councillors. The Clerk to make the revisions and distribute

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the list of internal controls to be carried out by each councillor along with relevant information to facilitate this.

- 8.5 **Review of Clerk's Contract and pay scale** – The Clerk advised that pay scales and changes from 2017 had been checked and all was in order. No action needed.
- 8.6 **Problem Reports SCC** – Clerk advised nothing of note of which councillors were not already aware.
- 8.7 **Action Log** – Clerk advised nothing note of which councillors were not already aware – councillors quickly ran through the log.
- 9 MATTERS ARISING** [from previous meeting only where further decisions are required]
 - 9.1 **Village gates** Due to an oversight the Clerk feels that this was not properly considered. Take forward to next agenda. Clerk seeking clarification in meantime.
 - 9.2 **Four Ashes Finger Post** – It was decided not to proceed with either the licence for installation or the purchase until a firm quote for installation has been received from SCC Highways and approved.
 - 9.3 **Bid for centrally held CIL funds for major highways works and potential land purchase** The Parish Council decided that this was practically outside the scope of the Parish Council's spending capacity and in any case that it would be very difficult to get Highways engagement to move it forward. It was decided not to take this matter forward at this time.
 - 9.4 **Village Stream Maintenance** – The Parish Council considered the quotes that have been obtained and the Clerk's assessment of discussions with the three contractors. It was decided to award the contract to CGM at a value of £1881.00 per annum for stream maintenance and £35 per cut of stream verges (all excl. vat), and to review after one year. CGM can combine the cutting of the verges with the cutting that takes place at the Play area and were the only contractor that did not require the PC to find a location to dispose of arisings from work on stream banks and trees. They also provided the most detailed quote and plan for maintenance.
 - 9.5 **Litter Pick Signage** The Parish Council decided to go ahead with the order of signage in aluminium as the most durable option. Clerk to action.
- 10 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - 10.1 **Clerk's Appraisal** – Cllr Belson reported back to Councillors. Proposals to leave Clerk's contracted hours at 18 plus overtime (at Clerk's request) and base paid annual leave on those hours, was approved. The proposal to remove the requirement for an annual appraisal was not approved. Three objectives were set that align with items on the current action log (review and update of the Community Emergency Plan, presentation of annual review of policies for approval over two meetings early in the year and the establishment of a suitable pattern of management for the public area alongside the village stream. Clerk to put this on the agenda for December each year.
- 11 CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 11.1 **Request for transport funding from Connecting Communities** to cover transport costs for an individual parishioner. This was considered and the Clerk



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gave clear advice that the Parish Council did not have the power approve this. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries of the referrer and if possible other village organisations to see if there was any way help could be given.

11.2 Food Bank – Cllr Bartholomew appraised the Council of the huge increase in demand for this service since it was started. The Food bank is now having to use reserves to buy more and more supplies. The general consensus was that the level of need was not likely to abate anytime soon and on the contrary, was only set to increase with imminent changes to personal taxation and the rising costs of living that are expected soon. Cllr Bartholomew asked if the Parish Council could provide some financial support. It was proposed that the £250 award from Cllr Meyer's Locality Budget was matched. This was approved unanimously. Cllr Winch offered to draft a letter for publication that might encourage those who might be able, to make more regular donations.

11.3 Email re condition of Fishponds Lane This was discussed and it was felt that the condition of the lane deteriorated during the work that UKPN undertook for Lovell's in relation to installing power supply cables for the Acorns development. It has been made unpassable for many and is one of the oldest paths in the village. The Clerk was asked to write to Lovells to ask that they fund the restoration by chain-harrowing and re-seeding.

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]* None

The meeting closed at 21:15

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



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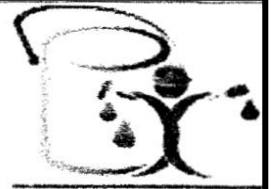
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It is not just in the Earthly seasons that we see changes. Within the Churches calendar we move into the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection; the colours in our churches are changed to purple, and there is a noticeable absence of flowers within our church buildings. This year Lent begins upon March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, with a 9.30am service in Finningham church.

Lent traditionally has been seen as a time of self-examination, self-discipline and fasting, although interestingly it did not include Sundays which are Feast Days and thereby days of celebration. Lent is a time when Christians throughout the world especially remember the 40 days which Jesus spent in the wilderness, and the temptations which He faced. A time when we move towards the Season of Easter, with all the hope which that season ultimately brings to our lives.

Lent also marked the traditional beginning of Spring, and the word Lent is based on the old English word for 'Spring Season.' As part of the preparation and self-denial towards Easter, it has been traditional for people to give something up for Lent. Yet equally, in more recent times it has become increasingly popular to take something on board; something that is of spiritual benefit to ourselves or/and general benefit to others.

On each of the Mondays during Lent there will be a Bible Study held in Finningham church from 2.00pm-3.00pm; all of course are warmly welcome.

Yet Lent does not have to be solely for those who would acknowledge a Christian faith. Lent affords us all the opportunity to take stock of our daily lives.

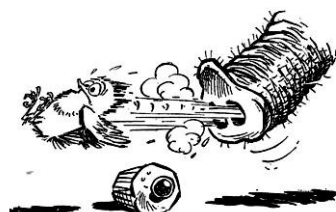
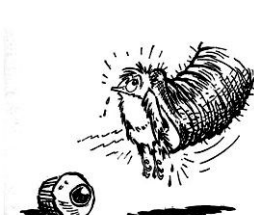
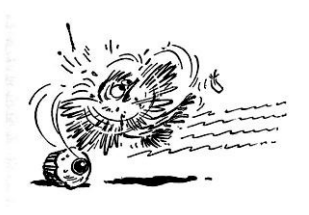
Two days after Ash Wednesday, on Friday 4th March, there will be an informal 'service' in St Mary's Church Walsham, at the new time of 2.30pm, to mark Women's World Day of Prayer (**not** solely for women!). This year the focus will be upon England, Wales and Northern Ireland; appropriate refreshments will follow. All of course are warmly welcome.

*Philip
Benefice Priest*



MARCH CHURCH SERVICES

27th February	Sunday before Lent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
2nd March	Ash Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
4th March	Friday	
2.30pm	(Women's) World Day of Prayer	Walsham
6th March	1st of Lent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
13th March	2nd of Lent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
16th March	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
20th March	3rd of Lent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
27th March	Mothering Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
3rd April	5th of Lent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe



Ten pin bowling pins are ideally made of which wood?

WILDLIFE IN MARCH

This month the Spring Equinox is here, and the date will be on Sunday 20th of March, something to look forward to! While the weather is warming up animals and insects are coming out of either hibernation or torpor, bringing life to the landscape once more. Little birds are getting more active and searching for nesting sites and gathering nesting material. You can help these little birds out by gathering a few twigs, bits of moss or even dog or rabbit hair to hang up in little bunches ready for them to take away. As well as birds something else may be hovering in the air at around head height, this is the Dark Edged Bee Fly, which is widely spread throughout Britain. You will often hear it before seeing it as it make a loud humming noise as it hovers in the air scanning the surrounding area. If you look closely it has a very large proboscis which is used to collect nectar from deep petalled flowers such as Primroses or Ground Ivy. They are called Bee Fly as they look very much like a Bee and there is a reason for this disguise. It is not to deter predators away but to enable the female to get close enough to a ground nesting Bee, particularly Mining Bees, once close enough she will flick her eggs close to the burrow. Once the eggs hatch into maggots they will crawl down the Bees burrow and eat the helpless Bee Larvae!

On evenings look out for Smooth Newts, this is their breeding season and they can be found in your ponds, but on wet evenings they will come out onto land in search of food. They eat Slugs, Caterpillars and worms, they will also eat tadpoles from frogs and Toads. They are a grey/brown colour on top with black spots with an orange belly and they live for an average of 6 years. Eggs will be laid individually in the water wrapped around some pond weed, and an interesting way to tell Newt tadpoles from Frog or Toad tadpoles is that Newt tadpoles develop their front legs first, whereas Frog and Toad tadpoles develop their back legs first.

As Spring arrives so does the colour of yellow flowers in our gardens and on our walks. Have you wondered why there are more yellow flowers in spring? The colour yellow has been proven to be highly effective in attracting insects for pollination, particularly in lower light levels in the shorter daylight hours. One flower that we are certain to come across is the Daffodil which can brighten anyone's day. Daffodils have a wild cousin called the Lent Lily, these wild Daffodils are shorter in length and paler in colour than the ones we will get in the plant nurseries. Enjoy the sight of these flowers on your walks, spring is on the way!

Angie Nice





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PORTER CAKE

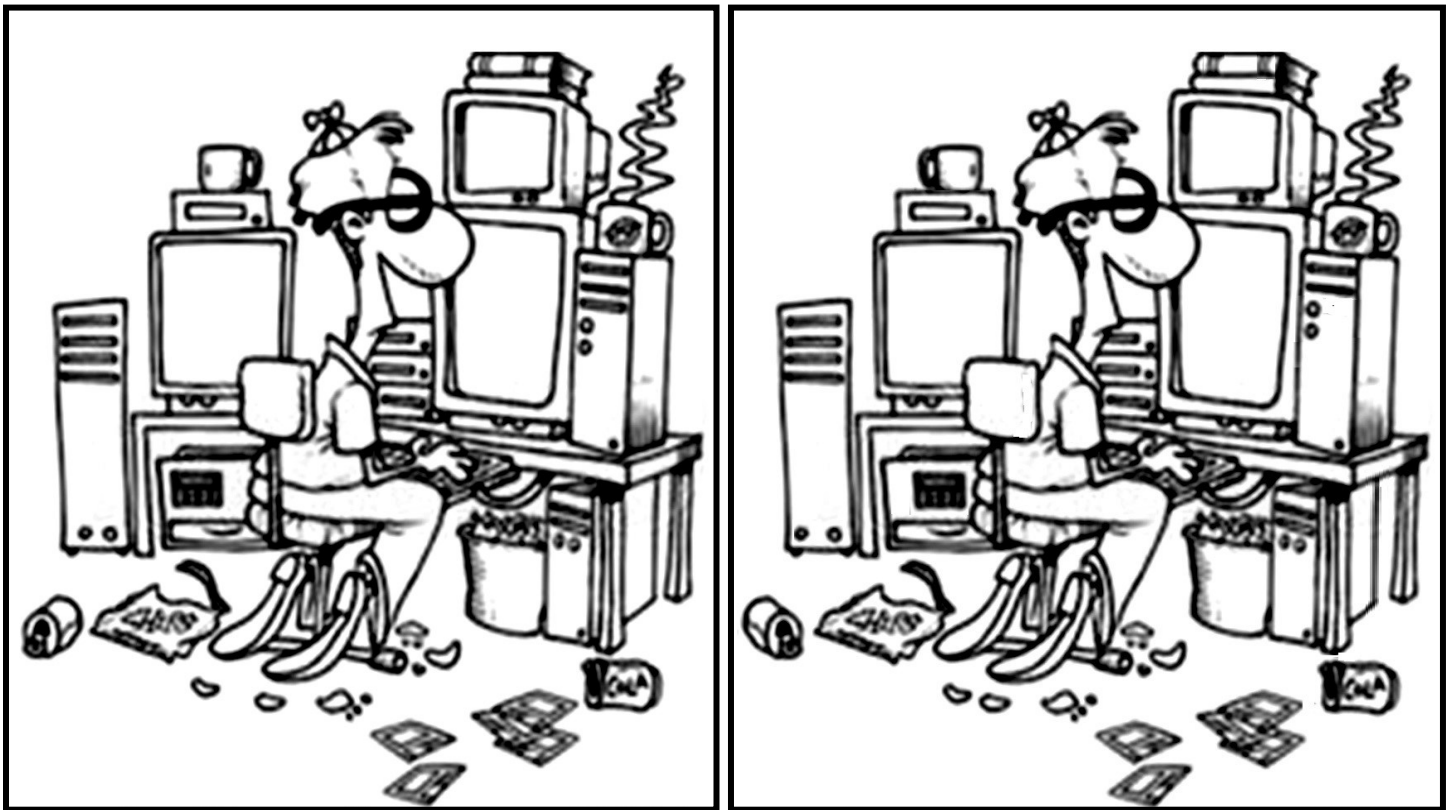
4 oz butter
4 oz soft brown sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
8 oz flour
½ tsp baking powder

1 tsp mixed spice
¼ pint Guinness
6 oz raisins
6 oz sultanas
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon

Set oven to 325°F (170°C) or Mark 3. Grease and line a 7in (18cm) round cake tin. Cream together the butter and sugar in a bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs a little at a time with a little flour. Sift together the remaining flour, the baking powder and spice and fold into the mixture. Add the Guinness, beating well, then stir in the dried fruit and lemon rind. Put into the tin and bake for about 1½ hours until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Allow to cool completely in the tin, then wrap in greaseproof paper and kitchen foil and store for a week to 10 days before eating.

If desired, this cake can be fed halfway through the storing time. Unwrap the cake, pierce holes in its base with a fine skewer and pour over a dessertspoon of Guinness. Leave for 40 minutes before rewrapping.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the computer addict logs off.



Walsham Congregational Church

The Street, Walsham-le-Willows, Suffolk. IP31 3AZ
Church Secretary (John Landymore) 01359 - 258986

Services for March

We are open for worship each
Sunday at 11.00 & 6.30 so why not

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

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

I do my Best.

John Taylor-Smith (April 20th 1860–March 28th 1938) was born in Kendal, Westmorland and became a well known Anglican Bishop of his day, going on to serve as Bishop of Sierra Leone, Head of the Army Chaplain Department and Chaplain to Queen Victoria. Although being a man of high office, Taylor-Smith's desire was always to personally witness to people about the Lord Jesus Christ, taking every opportunity to challenge others about the need to be ready for eternity. Let every Christian follow his example, in this respect, and be a daily witness for the Lord (Acts 1:8).

On one occasion, Bishop Taylor-Smith was in the barber's shop for a shave, and whilst being shaved he chatted with the barber and asked him if he had ever given any thought to the matters of eternity and Salvation. The barber had no desire to discuss the subject so gave the bishop a very sharp answer, "I do my best and that's it!" Taylor-Smith said nothing more and continued with his shave. However, when he had vacated his chair and the next customer was seated, Taylor-Smith asked the barber, "May I shave this customer please?" The barber was most alarmed at the suggestion, and fearing for his customers safety, replied, "No you may not!" "But I would do my best" Taylor-Smith protested. The barber answered, "Your best would not be good enough for this customer." "That's right," Taylor-Smith replied gently, "nor is your best good enough for God."

There are very many people just like that barber who, if asked if they are ready for Heaven, will answer that they are doing their best because they think they can get to Heaven by their own efforts or merit. What people fail to understand is that our very best efforts cannot satisfy a perfect, holy God. In fact, the Scriptures tell us that 'We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.' (Isaiah 64:6). The New Testament also says, 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3.23). The best efforts that we can make, regardless of who we are or what status we hold in life, fall far short of what is required for the Salvation of the soul. It is vital to grasp that none are saved by anything they can do, but by what Christ has already done. Salvation is by Christ alone; it is not man centered; it is Christ centered - apart from Christ there is no Salvation. The apostle Peter plainly stated, 'Neither is there salvation in any other' (Acts 4:12). It is the Lord Jesus Christ alone that has met God's standard and provided for the sinner a perfect righteousness: the way then to receive Salvation is for our trust to be in Him alone.

Salvation is of the LORD.

(Job 2:9)

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team travelled to Haverhill Rovers and came away with a hard fought 2-1 victory. A cracker from Matt Collins and a Kieran Twinn strike accounted for our goals. Against Thetford we twice fell behind but came back from the brink to win 3-2 and were the better side in the closing stages of the match. A towering header from Keiran Twinn, a Kyran Cooper strike from an acute angle and a Jamie Smith Penalty accounted for our goals. Against Fakenham at home we failed to create anything of note until the last five minutes and we ended up losing 1-0. It was a game to forget. The last two matches have both fallen victim to the atrocious weather conditions experienced following Storms Dudley and Eunice.

The Reserves easily beat their Whitton United counterparts 4-0 and played some lovely football. They narrowly lost their most recent game away to Framlingham 2-1 although the opposition were strengthened by the presence of a few First Team members.

The A Side have suffered a couple of poor results in league fixtures but won their Intermediate Cup match against higher opposition in the form of Achilles winning 4-3 on the day.

The Under 18s have lost both matches played this year. 4-0 at Royston and 3-0 at home to Histon.

Finally the Veterans drew 1-1 at home to higher opposition in Cornard United in the Suffolk Veterans Cup but won on penalties and will face Coplestonians away in the next round

What's on

Bingo is on Sundays 13th and 27th February in the clubhouse starting at 7pm. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a fun Evening.

Saturday 12th March sees the return of the popular **IRISH NIGHT** after a two year absence. This year we have an Irish themed Disco and Food for the bargain price of a fiver. You also have a chance to enter a draw where the first prize is £500. Come along to the club and enjoy a great evening of fun. The clubhouse will be decorated out for the occasion. Tickets can be purchased from JJs Boutique in the Village, Gordon Ross on 07790 564674 or from behind the bar at the club.

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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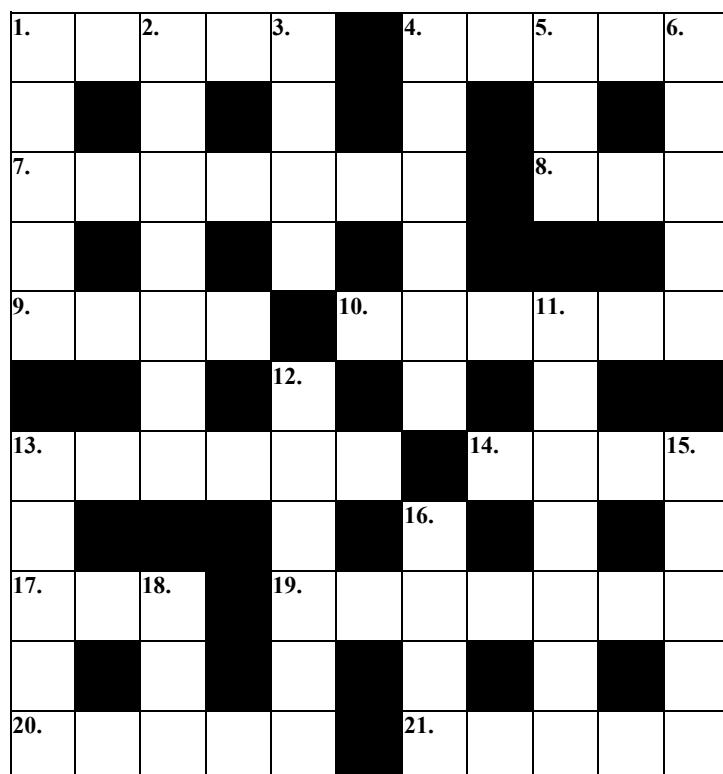
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13. Close up again as reel dancing takes place. (6)
 14. Found a bar in the railway station. (4)
 17. Swab found in a slim opening. (3)
 19. Blow yours to get noticed. (7)
 20. There's a lot of balderdash about this tree!
 21. Push the newspapers. (5)

Down

1. Dice with ice cubes from the fridge. (5)
 2. Just the method for a walk. (7)
 3. The leisure as found in drugs. (4)
 4. Secure a quick space. (6)
 5. It isn't really a unit of speed. (3)
 6. Upright in the rectangular structures. (5)
 11. It used to be sufficient as a specimen. (7)
 12. Get into a trance when riding a horse quite fast.
 13. Strange qualification for a dance. (5)
 15. We might follow many to this flower. (5)
 16. Just a dollop of stewed plum. (4)
 18. Can one find a cushion in spades. (3)

Across

1. Maybe this would do for the police. (5)
 4. Use foils to produce a boundary. (5)
 7. Sad cry for help to make ladies wear.
 8. Put a digit into the potatoes. (3)
 9. This pace can take you up or down. (4)
 10. Choose to find the French in a small group. (6)



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UPDATED NURSERY RHYMES

Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy

Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy, where have you been?
I sat in my bedroom and stared at a screen.
Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy, what did you see?
I built a new virus upon my PC.

Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy, where is it now?
It is shutting the lights off in Rome and Macao.
Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy, what did you do?
I proved that I'm better than anyone knew.

Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy, why do you smile?
My virus has wormed through a Pentagon file.
Hacker-boy, Hacker-boy, why are you sad?
They've put me in prison for being so bad.

Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water,
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after.

Jill sued Jack and Jack sued back,
The judge is going to fine her;
Now the pail's been sent to jail
For abandoning a minor.

We'll sue Jack and he'll sue Jill,
The hill is suing for scandal;
The water says he'll sue the press -
And everyone's suing the handle.

*Both poems are by Felix Dennis
From Nursery Rhymes for Modern Times
Published by Ebury Press*



REGULAR

MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall
2nd Monday 12:45pm

Fit Steps Class Sports Club
6:30pm till 7:30pm

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

TUESDAY

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

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

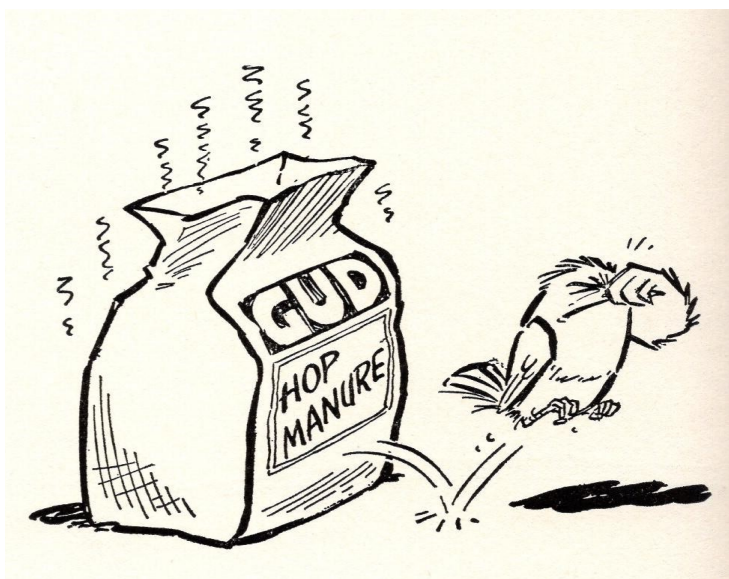
Community Yoga Priory Room
7:15 pm till 9:15pm

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Pop-up Shop Village Hall
Last Saturday in the month

SUNDAY



ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. String and your fingers, 2. Indigo or purple, 3. Lerwick, 4. The Indian Ocean, 5. Chartwell, 6. Backgammon, 7. Stevie Wonder, 8. The snapdragon, 9. Rev. W Audry, 10. Just over six feet, 11. The eye, 12. Cambrai (France), 13. J R R Tolkein, 14. Acker Bilk, 15. Blue, 16. Italian Vermouth, 17. Ben Johnson, 18. Three, 19. The crocodile, 20. Cambridge University's, 21. Weatherfield, 22. The Pope, 23. Types of knot, 24. Louisiana, 25. Babe Ruth, 26. The one-penny piece, 27. Nigeria, 28. A diarist, 29. Hamilton, 30. Monaco, 31. Dustin Hoffman, 32. Muriel Spark, 33. Three, 34. Maple, 35. Rum, 36. Bath, 37. Art for Art's sake', 38. The rhesus monkey, 39. Three, 40. Obadiah, 41. Five, 42. Shropshire, 43. Crows, 44. Milk, 45. The 1812, 46. Eat it (It's a biscuit), 47. The Indian Mutiny, 48. Beatrix Potter, 49. He or she is a lawyer, 50. A daffodil.

Su-Doku

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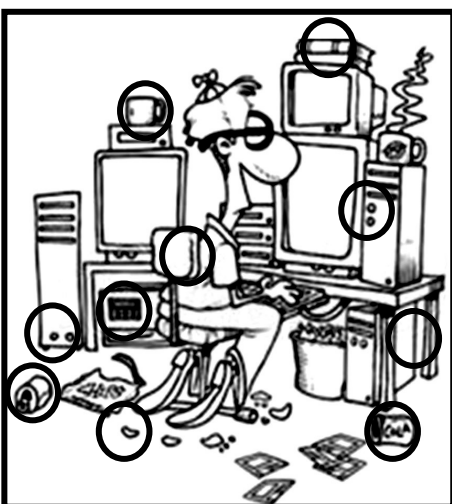
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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ail	Ails	Air	Airs	Aster
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Etas	Ire	Ism	Lair	Lairs
Last	Lie	Lies	List	Mail
Mails	Mast	Master	Mat	Mate
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