

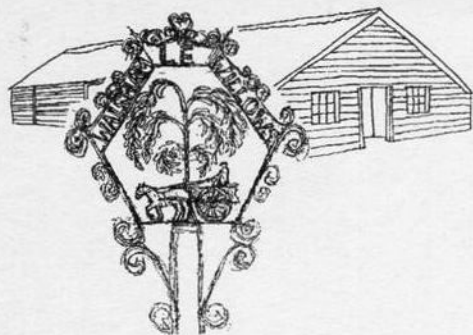
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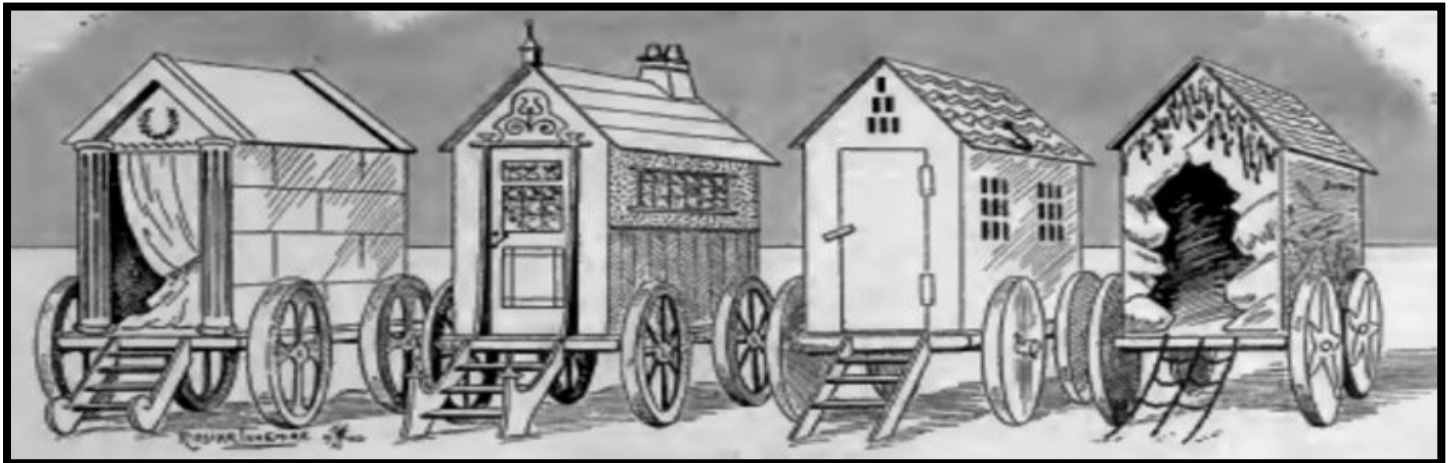
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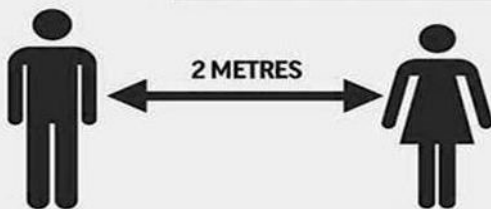
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# EDITORIAL

This month sees the welcome return of **Eastern Angles**, with their new production **Booming Voices**; a play about the Norfolk Broads. For more details, and how to obtain tickets for **Saturday 7th May**, see the advert on page 25. If you haven't seen them before, they are well worth a try!

Writing of returns, it was good to have music back in the church again. Clearly many others had missed this form of entertainment, judging by the well filled pews. The next concert features the return of local singing group **Octave**, on **Saturday 25th June**. It is hoped that more concerts can be arranged, so do look out for further information.

As well as hosting musical entertainments, **St Mary's** is holding a **Bring & Buy Sale** on **Wednesday 18th May** at **9:50am**, in aid of Christian Aid - a very worthwhile organisation, especially at this time. Even if you can't Bring or Buy there will be coffee and cakes; so do try and support this event.

Bring and Buy might well relate to clothes, and if you have more than a passing interest in fashion you might well be tempted to attend the interestingly entitled talk - **Does My Bum Look Big In This** - at the next **History Group** meeting on **Wednesday 18th May** at **7:30pm**.

The **start of June** sees the **Jubilee Celebrations**. Hopefully the weather during that weekend will be equally as good as that of last weekend - relating to when I penned this. I am sure that both the Community Council and Sports Club would welcome any help that you might be able to offer on the days involved. The Sports Club will especially welcome all those with creative aspirations attending the event at the Sports Ground in Fancy Dress. Hopefully we can look forward to seeing some amazing creations.

I do apologise for not having indicated which house was featured on the front of the April edition, but my failing did result in a number of interesting conversations. Seemingly it is the Old Vicarage in Palmer Street - information which did not appear with photograph that I reproduced.

There should be no doubt about the picture on the front cover of this month's edition. I felt that it might be appropriate, in light of the fact that there are a number of articles, in this month's edition, relating to sport.

If you feel that your organisation might miss out on being featured in forthcoming editions of the magazine you only have to send in an article and I will do my best to include it. The same goes for adverts, but do think carefully about size and information. I regret that full-page advertisements cannot be taken!

At long last, those people in the village who have offered accommodation to refugees fleeing from **Ukraine** are shortly to meet their families. I am sure that we can all do our bit to make them welcome in the village. Do look at **page 7**. Any help that you may feel you can offer, either to the hosts or guests, will undoubtedly be very welcome.

Hopefully the inconvenience which has resulted from the patching of the pavements, in The Street, during the past few days will soon be behind us; but one wonders how long it might be before the next set of roadworks become necessary!!



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



With Openreach upgrading broadband in many areas in Suffolk, new cabling is vulnerable to theft, causing considerable inconvenience and cost to the contractors and users. **Police** are appealing for witnesses to the theft of a large amount of cabling in nearby Pakenham.

The incident took place overnight, between 7.30pm on Monday 4 April and 6.50am on Tuesday 5 April in Thurston Road, Pakenham. The offenders removed a 300 metre length of metal cable from a large duct in the ground. The cable is used to supply telephone and broadband services, is very heavy and would have required a number of people to lift it.

This theft is believed to be linked to another incident in Thurston Road in the village that took place between 5pm on Tuesday 29 March and 7am on Wednesday 30 March. Again, this involved the theft of an underground cable.

Any witnesses or anyone with information regarding either theft should contact Suffolk police quoting crime reference 37/18993/22 for the theft on 29/30 March or 37/20077/22 for the theft on 4/5 April.

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**Suffolk Police** are taking part in the annual operation to deter the theft of rare birds' eggs now the nesting season is under way. Operation Easter was developed in Scotland 25 years ago and engages forces across the UK under the leadership of the National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCU).

The operation targets egg thieves by sharing intelligence to support enforcement action. In recent years the operation has also been expanded to cover some emerging trends of criminal behaviour such as the online trade in eggs and the disturbance of nests for photography.

The taking of wild bird eggs is a serious crime – whole clutches of eggs can be taken from some of the UK's rarest birds with potentially devastating impacts and stored in secret collections.

If you have any information on egg thieves, or those who disturb rare nesting birds without a license, you should contact your local police by phoning 101 and ask to speak to Sgt Brian Calver. Information can also be passed in confidence to Crimestoppers via 0800 555 111.

**Police** are releasing images of power tools, including chainsaws and other items that were found in a vehicle that failed to stop for officers in Ipswich recently. Officers have released images of a number of items found that they believe may have been stolen from within Suffolk or neighbouring counties. Items can be viewed on the Suffolk Constabulary website within the Latest News thread.

*David Murray.*



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Saturday the 21st of May is the Annual Meeting of the Parish, organised by the Parish Council in the Memorial Hall between 1pm and 4pm. This provides an opportunity for all residents in the village to meet and make contact with some of the groups and organisations in the village, such as the Gardens Weekend Committee, History Group, Horticultural Show, Old Town Trust (village charity), Royal British Legion, Sports Club, Wild Wood, Women's Institute. It is also an opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors and hopefully your District and County Councillors who may also be dropping in. If you have just moved into the village do come along and say hello. Refreshments will be provided by the Parish Council, with the hall's coffee shop offering free teas, coffee and cakes.

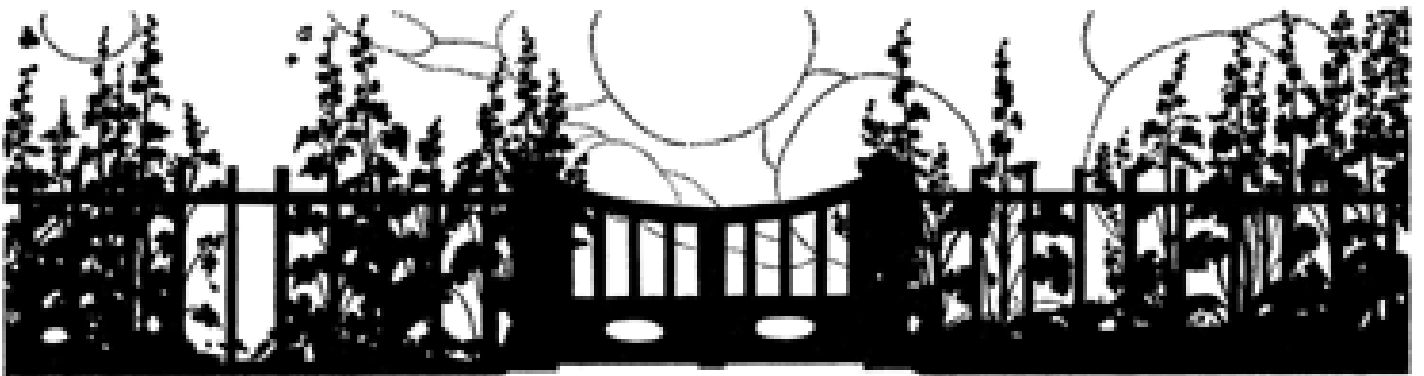
Looking forward in June the Village Hall will be helping the village celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, with the ever popular Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from the church tower, Afterwards you are invited to bring a picnic along to enjoy in a street party in and around the bunting decorated hall and garden, the hall coffee shop will be open and then in the afternoon starting from the Hall there will be a Treasure Hunt for children in the Beeches Garden by kind permission of Penelope Robins.

The committee is also looking to bring an outdoor Wind in the Willows performance to the village on July the 9th. More information to come once we have confirmed all the times.

Lastly can we again thank everyone who has donated to the Food Bank. Your support is greatly appreciated by all. I am sure many of you will have read or seen in the news the pressure all food banks are under at the moment and unfortunately we are also seeing a continued increase of referrals. With the huge increase in fuel costs the food bank is asking for quick cook long life foods such as microwavable rice, tinned meals such as spaghetti bolognese, curries or stews and microwavable puddings please.

Also a reminder that the halls Pop Up shop this month will be on the last Sunday of the month 10am - 12 noon NOT on the Saturday. Come along pay £2 for a bag and fill it with whatever we have, being mindful of others and do your bit to fight food waste.

*Amanda Ellis*





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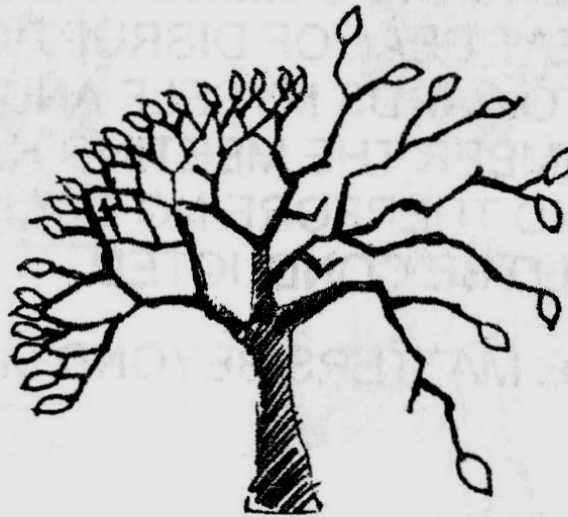
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# UKRANIAN GUESTS IN WALSHAM



We are about to have 3 Ukrainian families join us in Walsham! It has taken some time to get through the UK Visa application process but we seem to have made it through at last. We are sure everyone will make them very welcome.

The families we currently know off staying in Walsham will be:

- Olena and her sons Kyryl (13) and Nikita (10) who will be staying with Janette and Richard Winch.
- Ksenia and Dmytro who will be staying with Gabrielle and Henry Hunt.
- Olga and her sons Oleg (7) and Mykhailo (4) who will be staying with Judith and Garth Harlow.

If there are any other families that we don't know about please let us know.

We understand from Mid Suffolk Council via the Environmental Housing Officer who visited that they are currently dealing with several hundred family placements in the mid Suffolk / Babergh area. He carried out an inspection of the accommodation and checked documentation of the hosts for Safeguarding.

We are hoping that Nikita and Oleg will go to Walsham School and that Kyryl will go to Thurston. (It would be great if there was someone in Year 8 at Thurston who goes on the bus and who could be a 'buddy' for Kyryl starting at the school)

There are lots of other practical things to sort out and a lot of people want to know how they can help. Initially we are thinking that we need to let the families settle and then let them decide what they feel they need.

We are sure there will be lots of help needed as we go forward.

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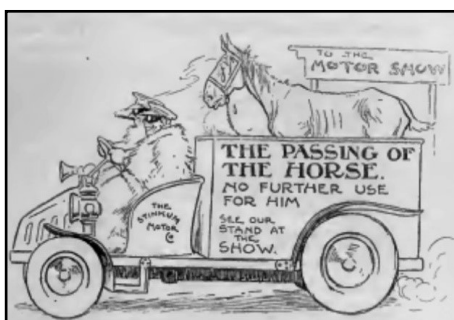
Judith Harlow 07941 307568 judith@gharlow.plus.com

Gabrielle Hunt 07568 580882 Gabriellehunt@btinternet.com

There is a Bury St Edmunds Area Facebook group for Ukrainian hosts and guests which may be of interest

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*Richard Winch*





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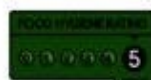
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We now find ourselves in the Easter holidays and we were able to celebrate the end of term with a service in the church; it was lovely to finally have all the children and parents together again to celebrate this special time of year. We also had a lovely Easter Egg Hunt with all of the eggs kindly paid for by the PTA.

Our learning for the Caterpillar and Ladybird Classes culminated in them visiting the planetarium set up in the hall that allowed them to be fully immersive in space and the universe. They rehearsed

together to sing the songs for our service and as part of their RE learning, made Easter cards and took part in an Easter trail to follow the Easter story.

The children in Dragonfly class have been working with visitors to find out what school life was like at the start of the Queen's reign. They have created an information leaflet based on the previous work in English and this has been submitted as part of a time capsule competition being run by the organisers of The Suffolk Show.

The children in Grasshopper Class have also explored the solar system and they too went into the planetarium and discovered the theoretical concept of spaghettification. In RE they have been exploring the idea of holiness in Judaism. We had a visit from the Stem Ambassador who helped the children learn more about space. They later designed and built their own rockets and launched them on the playground.

In Cricket Class this half term, the children have been revising for the SATs and have been working hard on different styles of questions whilst balancing other activities such as making columns in a Grecian style and using mixed media to create Greek plates.

We took part in the Autism Awareness Week and children joined in with wearing their silly socks which looked incredible and very creative and helped us to raise £70 for Autism Anglia.

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](mailto:admin@walsham-le-willows.suffolk.sch.uk) We would love to hear from you!

*Maxine McGarr*

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Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Current volunteers at Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk said:

"I wanted to help in some meaningful way in the local community. Volunteering at Citizens Advice has made me feel that I am doing something useful. After three years of retirement, it is nice to have a form of regular commitment and I enjoy interacting with the others in the office."

"When my youngest started school I had some extra time, so decided to volunteer, and haven't looked back! The team are great here, so the atmosphere is consistently very welcoming."

"I believe what we do is important to the community as evidenced by the increasing demand. I like to volunteer as it keeps my brain active and the camaraderie and social interaction is enjoyable as well as important."

**Interested in volunteering? Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk would love to hear from you! Go to [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/volunteer) or call 01449 676060 for an informal chat.**



**Hermione:** *The church is holding one of those lovely Bring and Buy Sales on Wednesday.*

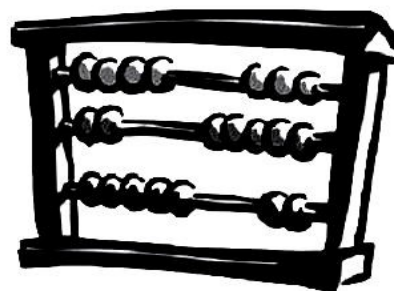
**Arethusa:** *I don't really know if I have anything to bring.*

**Hermione:** *What about all those terrible clothes of Hector's you have always wanted him to get rid of?*

**Arethusa:** *Possibly; but I might just go for the coffee and cake!!*

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# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

The Annual Meeting of the Parish, organised by the Parish Council, will take place on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Memorial Hall between 1 and 4pm. Refreshments will be provided.

This provides an opportunity for residents in the village to meet and make contact with some of the groups and organisations in the village. Do please come along to meet your Parish Councillors and hopefully your District and County Councillors, who may also be dropping in. If you have just moved into the village do come along and say hello.

The following groups have indicated that they will be attending this year (hopefully there will be some more): St Mary's Church, Community Council and Coffee Shop, Community Lunch, Gardens Weekend Committee, History Group, Horticultural Show, Old Town Trust (village charity), Royal British Legion, Sports Club, Wild Wood, Women's Institute. The Parish Council will hopefully have more news on the development of the Play Area.

*Kevin Boardly*



## STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Sadly, during the last month, the branch has lost two members, Brian Wallace and Raymond Stanley our sincere sympathy goes to both families.

The final accounts of the Festival of Remembrance held in November are now to hand Income Raffle £930.50 Donations £927.44 Bucket Collection £236.69 Ticket sales £4265.00 Total Income £6359.63.

Expenditure Hire of venue £1450.00, commission paid to Apex for ticket sales £291.70 credit card chargers paid for Apex ticket sales £55.09, Apex equipment hire £683.00, PRS £115.68 VAT £528.69 Total £3124.16 Money paid to the Poppy Appeal £3235.47. This remarkable amount reflects the hard work and dedication contributed by those involved.

The Festival of Remembrance sub-committee held its first meeting of 2022 on 6<sup>th</sup> April, arrangements are on course for another successful event.

The branch will have a table at the Parish Council AGM in the Memorial Hall, Walsingham, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

At a recent "C" group meeting members were saddened to learn of the loss of Brian Wallace who had been an active sub-committee member for a number of years. Doreen Bartrum who for many years organised raffles at the Festival of Remembrance events and has decided to step down from her position was presented with a bouquet from the chairman in appreciation of her hard work and dedication.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

*Hubby Frost*



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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



Members attending our April meeting found a variety of crafts were on offer that they might explore, amongst the lesser known quilling and three dimensional decoupage techniques. Employing these techniques a sea of colourful greetings cards was created during the evening that tried some of the resource, that have been gifted to us recently. Using everything from embossing tools to simple tweezers, sequins and ribbon it was an evening of creativity that barely stopped for refreshments. In an impromptu competition when members voted for the best effort Maggie Barber emerged the winner!

During the evening Diane Gladders gave her account of the Suffolk West Federation Annual Meeting held at a Culford School recently, when Paul Martin of 'Flog It' fame was found to be an most entertaining speaker and Sandy Ruddock to be an inspiring and witty commercial entrepreneur.

Our next meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Meeting which will also feature a talk on ACWW. (Associated Country Women of the World) the world wide arm of WI, through which we seek to improve life for women less fortunate than ourselves.

*Jill Newell*



## COMMUNITY LUNCH



Good to see you all last month and thank you for your support. The buzz in the hall was brilliant and told us you were all enjoying yourselves.

For the time being we will continue with waitress service.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Lunch will be Fish Pie with parsley sauce and vegetables served at 12.45pm - 1pm. followed by Tiramisu. Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £7.50, with Shirley on 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

*Shirley White*



## MUSIC RECITAL IN WALSHAM CHURCH



What a wonderful way to spend a Wednesday lunchtime in Holy Week.

A music recital with Yalda Davis playing cello, accompanied by pianist Andrew Leech. Delightful music, a chance for the Community to gather together again and plenty of refreshments after. Many thanks to all who supported the event, supplied refreshments and donated towards church funds.

Yalda was fresh from finally completing the astounding feat of having played her cello in over 500 churches, largely across Suffolk.

Further concerts are planned, please do look out for the advertisements.

*Denise Merry*

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# WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March we gathered in the Memorial Village Hall to listen to our first speaker of 2022. The subject was Palaces, horses, and stables – Charles II and Newmarket, delivered by John Sutton.

It was a talk packed with historical facts, information on past and present buildings, stories that illustrated the behaviour of a past monarch and his courtiers, much of which was delivered with a great deal of humour.

Newmarket was a den of iniquity, gambling of every type from cards to cock fighting, loose women, who become famous in their time, their portraits were painted, and we can see today what they were like.

Huge amounts of money changed hand over the gaming tables, women taking part as much as the men. Sums equivalent to £48,000 in today's money were documented to have been won in a night's play.

Newmarket Heath was used by Highwaymen, the most famous being Old Mob, the only highwayman to live long enough to become a grandfather, as most perished on the gallows as younger men.

The evening also included the AGM.

It was lovely to see everyone together again, also great to welcome new people joining us for the first time.

Our programme of speakers and events for 2022 in varied and covers some fascinating subjects, truly something for everyone.

Jean Davies



## WALSHAM WILD WOOD EASTER EGG HUNT



We had a lovely sunny Saturday morning for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Families and friends started arriving precisely at 10 am and followed the tree identification quiz around the Wood to arrive at the big Easter Egg nest and claim an egg. Lots of fun Easter bunny costumes were spotted. We also had hot cross buns and drinks available in the centre of the Wood.

The morning was a joyous buzz of children running around, adults chatting and having a bit of a break in the sunshine and the general pleasure to be part of a village event.

We also raised a generous amount from donations on the day.

Thank you.

Keep an eye on The Observer for details of our butterfly count event and our evening bat walk later on in the year.

Lorna

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

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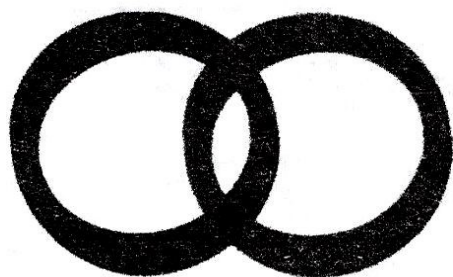


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# SPORTS CLUB UPDATE

I was asked to write a cheerful bit about the Sports Club the other day and initially I thought it would be easy but I find I must start with some items that should set the tone, war in Ukraine, a friend in his 40s who was diagnosed with inoperable cancer and died within 3 months leaving a heartbroken 11 year old child, rising prices in the UK that affect everyone and every business, fuel shortages and protestors that appear to be able to do what they like. Not to mention a Finnish friend who may be pitched into the conflict and recalled to fight for his country. That must have cheered you all up if you are still reading this but we do live in a great country and Suffolk must be one of the best counties to reside in. We have many great village organisations to get involved in and I do not live in the village. I believe the Sports Club provides a great service to the local community with many events and more and more community events bringing people together such as walking netball, running events, walking football, yoga, fitness boot camps, snooker, Otago chair-based fitness, carpet bowls, tennis etc etc. Many of these people find the social get together after the event as important as the activity, certainly the noise generated in the clubhouse after walking netball has to be heard to be believed. With Summer approaching and lovely sunny evenings we will once again be holding our Friday Family Nights, the BBQ will be on and a full range of competitively stocked ales will be available, wine and Prosecco for the ladies, every third Friday will be a music night and we have four different artistes. All of this is free and with plenty of space for the children to play, these community events should be a nice way to start the weekend. We are now a dropping off point for the Foodbank and have thriving junior sections with over fifty youngsters signed up for the Summer cricket coaching sessions and at least forty 5 to 8 year olds attending the Saturday morning "Little Willows" football coaching.

We want to be a community club for all age groups and if you have any ideas, issues, complaints or would like to get involved I am always happy to discuss so please contact me on 07379 089890 or e mail [mike.powles@btconnect.com](mailto:mike.powles@btconnect.com)

*Mike Powells*

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## MAY

- Sat 7th Eastern Angles  
Village Hall 7:30pm
- Wed 11th W.I. Annual Meeting  
Priory Room 7:45pm
- Wed 18th Bring & Buy  
St Mary's 9:50am  
History Group  
Village Hall 7:30pm
- Sat 21st Plant Sale  
The Allotments 10:00am

## JUNE

- Fri 3rd Jubilee Celebrations  
Sports Club Afternoon
- Sun 5th Jubilee Celebrations  
The Street Afternoon
- Wed 8th W.I. A Parish Nurse  
Priory Room 7:45pm
- Wed 22nd History Group  
Village Hall 7:30pm
- Sat 25th Octave Concert  
St Mary's 7:30pm

## JULY

- Wed 13th W.I. Detective Dog  
Priory Room 7.45pm
- Wed 27th History Group  
Village Hall 7:30pm

## AUGUST

- Wed 10th W.I. Netball Taster  
Sports Club 6:30pm
- Sun 28th Open Gardens
- Mon 29th Weekend

## SEPTEMBER

- Wed 14th W.I. TBA  
Priory Room 7:45pm
- Tue 20th History Group  
Priory Room 7:30pm

## OCTOBER

- Wed 12th W.I. TBA  
Priory Room 7:45pm
- Wed 18th History Group  
TBA 7:30pm

## NOVEMBER

- Wed 9th W.I. Stencil Painting  
Priory Room 7:45pm
- Wed 16th History Group  
TBA 7:30pm

## DECEMBER

- Wed 14th W.I. Make do and mend  
Priory Room 7:45pm
- Wed 7th History Group  
St Mary's 7:30pm

**Have your village events added to this page.**

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**Walsham le Willows  
Community Celebration  
Sunday 5th June 2022**



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WALSHAM *History Group*



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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

*[Pending formal approval, these minutes have been informally approved. Any further corrections will be proposed & minuted at the next meeting]*

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Arbon, Bartholomew, Belson, Kinnair & Roberts.

**ALSO PRESENT:** District Councillor Meyer

1 OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:01

2 APOLOGIES

- a) Apologies had been received by the Clerk from Cllrs Mecrow and Winch.
- b) Council gave consent to apologies as received.

3 DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

- a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – none were declared.
- b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none were declared.
- c) To receive requests for dispensations – none were required.

4 MINUTES

- a) To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
- b) Minutes of the full Council Meeting (Special Planning) of 8th March 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- c) Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 9th March 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

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

- a) Report from Phil Newby (Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) – There was no-one in attendance from the group.
- b) Report from County Councillor Jessica Fleming has been circulated. Cllr Fleming unable to attend.
- c) The Chair invited questions for Cllr Meyer on his report and any other matters. Cllr Bartholomew had a question unrelated to the report about reports of ongoing issues with refuse collections. Cllr Meyer had understood that the issues had been resolved. A watching brief to be maintained.

6 PUBLIC FORUM

- a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on the agenda. No members of the public were present.



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## 7 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) STANTON DEVELOPMENT (WEST SUFFOLK) – to consider matters relating to this development. Councillors discussed the assessment of the actual levers available to influence this development. Cllr Meyer thought the influence is limited but probably best focused on congestion, weak bridge on A1088, and the fact that potential numbers of vehicle movements along with those from other developments now exceed those that were anticipated when the IKEA application for this site was under consideration.
- b) Cllr Bartholomew proposed approval of the suggestion by Cllr Winch (by email 03/04/2022) to make contact with all parishes that are potentially impacted to see if a working party could be convened to put forward shared concerns. It was suggested that all parishes along the A143 from St Edmundsbury to Wortham be contacted. Cllr Winch had offered to follow up.
- c) Application DC/22/01367 Proposal: Erection of a single storey pitched roof extension to side of dwelling and link to outbuilding. Location: Four Ashes Palmer Street Walsham Le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ **The Parish Council Made No Comment.**
- d) Application - DC/22/01897 – Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension to store and conversion of hayloft to form annex, installation of stairs leading to hayloft, replacement of garage door with French windows, closing up of wall between garage and proposed sitting room, extension of garden wall to form courtyard, and erection of a new garden store Location: The Priory, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB **The Parish Council Supported This Application.**
- e) Application DC/22/01898 for Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey side extension to store and conversion of hayloft to form annex, installation of stairs leading to hayloft, replacement of garage door with French windows, closing up of wall between garage and proposed sitting room, extension of garden wall to form courtyard, and erection of a new garden store Location: The Priory, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB **The Parish Council Supported This Application.**

## 8 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority - to be noted)

- a) DC/22/00637 Proposal: Full Planning Application – Change of Use of agricultural barns for B8 (Commercial Storage). Location: Church Farm, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AB **This Application Was Withdrawn.**
- b) DC/22/00640 Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Works to facilitate use of barns for commercial storage (B8). Location: Church Farm, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AB **This Application Was Withdrawn.**
- c) DC/22/00627 Proposal: Householder Application - Construction of swimming pool, associated landscaping and erection of pergola. Location: Grove Farm, Grove Road, Walsham Le Willows, IP31 3AD GRANTED by MSDC.

## 9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – to receive any comments from Parish Council representatives (Cllrs. Belson & Mecrow) and consider any matters arising.

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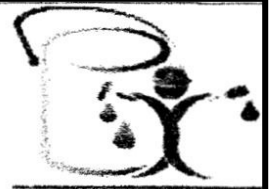
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- Cllr Belson reported that the meeting strongly encouraged by the consultants in their enforced absence did not take place as planned due to technical difficulties with online platform. Three group members did manage to meet but without the rest of the group could not properly start consideration the draft Design Code. This document runs to 95 pages and is full of interesting and helpful guidance on the design of new housing in the context of Walsham le Willows and will provide a much stronger position on the design of housing in the future.
  - Cllr Bartholomew asked if policies and a positive statement on the installation of photo-voltaic panels had been included in the design code. Cllr Belson will check this.
  - a) Council formally approved the decision indicated by email (24/03/2022) with regard to neighbourhood plan consultancy funding for period of funding gap. Councillors were asked to indicate by email if they wished that the Parish Council directly meet consultancy fees during the funding gap that is created by the return of unspent funds 2021/22 and re-application for funding for 2022/23. The majority of councillors indicated against this provision and for the return and reclaim of the funding to be expedited as quickly as possible to allow consultancy support to the neighbourhood plan group to recommence.
  - b) Council approved the return of unspent grant for £5611.50 (as calculated by the Clerk) for 2021/22.
  - c) Council approved the application for grant funding of £9,990 for planned work in 2022/23 (£5611.50 plus £4378.50 additional grant) - email circulated 08/04/2022
- 10 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT – to receive report from Cllr Kinnair and consider any matters arising.
- Cllr Kinnair reported the interest of two more suppliers based in Burnley and Leicester. It is hoped that tenders will be received from these as well as those previously contacted for indicative quotes.
  - It was noted that the closure date for receipt of tenders is 17<sup>th</sup> April at 17:00; the tenders will be sent to the Clerk who will meet with Cllr Kinnair on 22<sup>nd</sup> April to document their opening and circulate for consideration ahead of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April when it is hoped the contract will be awarded.
- 11 FINANCE
- a) To consider and receive bank reconciliation for period ending 31st March 2022. Unanimously approved and signed by Cllr Kinnair.
  - b) To receive and approve the accounts awaiting payment (appendix 1). Unanimously approved and signed by Cllrs Bartholomew and Kinnair.
  - c) To consider and receive for approval a request for CIL grant from for the surfacing of the track by the allotments (circulated 31/03/2022). Council discussed this in the light of information that a wider project encompassing this proposal may be possible. Cllr Meyer had indicated that MSDC has appointed a new officer who he will contact to highlight the possible overlap with MSDC priorities re cycle paths to see if there is any interest from that



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direction. Council resolved to defer a decision on this CIL grant request pending the outcome of Cllr Meyer's enquiries.

- d) To receive and consider proposal from Clerk for approval of supply and installation of Four Ashes Finger Post by SCC at an estimated cost of £3,150. Council discussed the information received from the Clerk which indicated only a broad cost range for supply and installation by SCC Highways (effectively the only viable option) and subject to further cost assessments. Given that it is difficult to ascertain the potential additional costs unless the Parish Council undertakes to fund these assessments, which it is thought would highlight the need to move fire hydrant and speed signage, Council determined that value for money could not be reliably established in advance and resolved that this CIL bid request could not be granted.
- e) To consider and approve Clerk's proposal to transfer £55,000 to the deposit account. This was approved along with agreement that the Clerk manage these balances within the £10,000 limit as provided for in the Council's Financial Regulations to maximise the interest from the sums currently held.

## 12 STATUTORY BUSINESS

- a) To consider and receive for approval the Internal Controls document as reviewed and amended (circulated 21/03/2022). This was unanimously approved.
- b) To approve the completion of Internal Control checks for 2021/22 (circulated 21/03/2022). Signatures for audit. This was unanimously approved and signed by Cllr Bartholomew. The Clerk to arrange for signing by Cllr Winch outside the meeting. The Clerk noted that these checks were carried out by Cllrs Bartholomew and Winch for 2021/22 but that those remaining on the revised suite should in future be carried out throughout the year, with all councillors taking part.
- c) To consider and receive the example CIL grant policy and to decide the CIL grant policy for Walsham for approval. Council discussed the merits of the example policy from Thurston Parish Council which it was acknowledged has a much larger CIL budget. It was resolved that the Clerk would tailor this policy for Walsham and forward to Cllr Bartholomew for review prior to proposing the new policy for adoption at the next meeting.
- d) To consider and receive NJC rates of pay applicable for Clerk. To approve for implementation by SALC payroll, backdated from 1st April 2021. Council unanimously approved the new pay rates. Clerk to advise SALC payroll.
- e) To approve date of Saturday 21st May for the Annual Parish Meeting (as provisionally agreed by email 21/03/2022). This was unanimously approved. Cllr Kinnair suggested the event be used to promote the work on the Play Area refurbishment.

## 13 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. Noted, there were no questions for the Clerk.
- b) To consider and receive Clerk's proposal that CGM are asked to quote for spring 2023 annual stream maintenance. Council considered the Clerk's view



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of the performance of the work this year. It was resolved to formalise this as an annual contract with the work taking place in October/November to clear summer growth. Clerk to contact CGM to action.

- c) To consider and receive the contract for grass cutting along the verges of the stream (circulated 09/04/2022) and approve the signing by the Clerk. This was discussed and approved. Clerk to sign and return the contract.
- d) To note the dates for Play area tender process: BID submission closes Sunday 17/04, bid opening Friday 22/04, award meeting Thursday 28/04 at special meeting. Noted under agenda item 10.
- e) To note request for loan of Parish Council marquee(s) for Open Gardens Weekend 2022. This was noted.
- f) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note (not for decision). Cllr Arbon asked that the Clerk follow up the correspondence from last year re the tree work he thinks was requested on the Oak Tree outside Oak Tree Cottages. The Clerk could not recall the outcome.

Meeting closed 20:25

## APPENDIX 1

### Payments for Authorisation 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Kevin Boardley	£31.18	Website SSL certificate - reimbursement
2	Clarkes of Walsham	£215.77	Materials for Wild Wood Platinum Jubilee bench
3	Groundworks UK	£5611.50	Return of unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant 2021/22
4	Suffolk Assn. Local Councils	£459.36	Membership Subscription
5	CGM Group	£2257.42	Stream Maintenance
6	CGM Group	£90.00	Grass cutting & Litter Pick Play Area
7	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire – Parish Council meeting
8	Suffolk County Council	£1186.34	Streetlighting Energy & Maintenance costs
9	Rachel Leggett	£1107.90	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Fees + expenses
10	CompassPoint	£1260.00	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Fees
11	Parish Council Employee	£652.68	Wages
#	Payments IN	Amount	Description
1	HMRC RECEIVED	£5331.91	VAT rebate 2021/22
2	MSDC DUE	£11,125.00	Precept 22/23 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment
3	MSDC DUE	£20,388.50	Neighbourhood CIL Funding



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# FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

As with every month, during this coming time of May, as we continue through the Easter Season, the Worldwide Christian Church celebrates many Feast Days and Festivals to remember a diverse collections of Christians from throughout the past centuries.

Some were the original disciples, James and Matthias, others were Victorian reformers, such as Josephine Butler, who fought tirelessly for women living in poverty, who had been forced into prostitution. Others celebrated include Bishops and Archbishops, along with Priests and Historians, and the famous hymn writers and Evangelists John and Charles Wesley from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. From my own home City the Christian church celebrates the 14th/15<sup>th</sup> Century Spiritual writer Julian of Norwich, and of course from the same period in history, Joan of Arc.

Also during the month of May, annually, the Church holds its Christian Aid Week; this year from May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Much of this year's focus will of course be upon helping the refugees from Ukraine. Christian Aid estimate that the figure may well be 7.5 million displaced people, the largest wave of European refugees since the Second World War.

Christian Aid is the official relief aid charity for churches across the UK and Ireland, having begun at the end of the Second World War, to offer support to the refugees in Europe. Started by churches of mixed denominations; Catholic, Protestant, Methodist.... Since then it has worked across the world to support sustainable development and provide disaster relief in mainly South America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. But Christian Aid works alongside other agencies in many other parts of the world.

Christian Aid Week was launched during the 1950s, and became the largest door to door envelope collection in the UK. At the same time Christian Aid was instrumental in the establishment of the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), to enable young people to make a difference, at the same time offering help to churches in countries moving from Colonialism to Independence to meet the needs of poor people.

In the 1960s it was at the forefront in the crisis in Biafra, at the same time standing out vocally against racism, working alongside the UK visit of Martin Luther King.

The 1970s saw Christian Aid develop more of a policy towards educating people about world poverty and the global food crisis. The 1980s saw more of a development in feeding the poor of North Africa and the Ethiopian crisis. 1990s was very much focussed upon the world debt for the Third World Countries, leading to the 2000s when the main (but not only) focus was upon the victims of the Asian Tsunami, in excess of 500,000 people.

Christian Aid continues to help the poorest and most vulnerable across the world. St Mary's Church in Walsham le Willows will be holding a coffee morning and 'Bring and Buy' sale on the morning of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9.50am directly following the 9.30am church service. All will be most welcome.

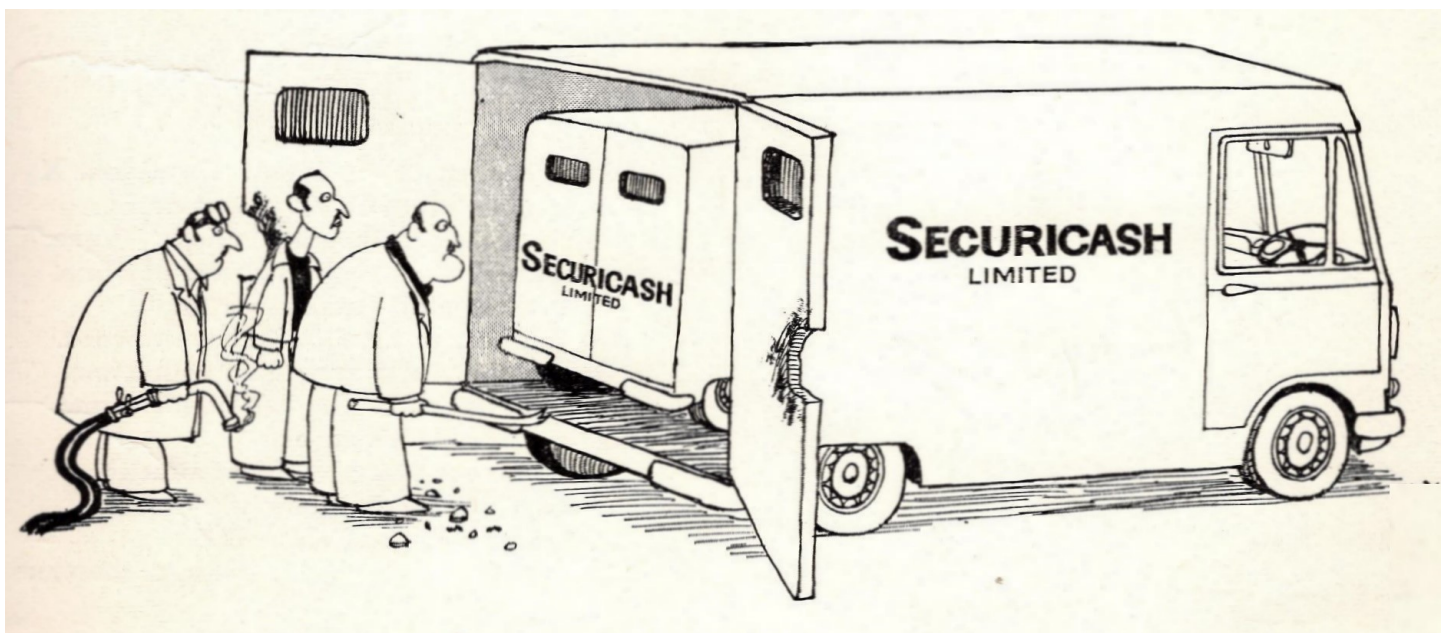
*Philip Merry*





# MAY CHURCH SERVICES

<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Finningham
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Christian Aid</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion followed by Christian Aid coffee morning	Walsham
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
3.00pm	Evensong	Langham
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Sunday after Ascension Day</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham



What are the three primary colours of light?

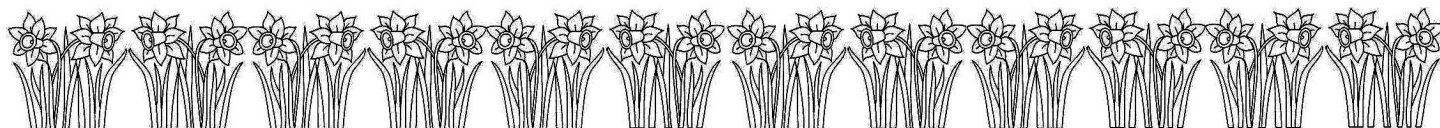
# WILDLIFE IN MAY

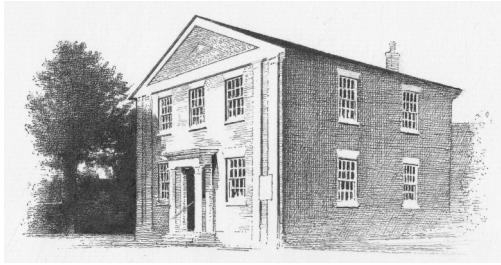
Spring is in full throttle now, with birds singing, making nests, looking after a brood, insects flying around everywhere you look, and animals that were once hibernating are awake once more. Animals such as our hedgehog, who have chucked their pyjamas into a heap and are out and about in the search of food again to build up the fat reserves lost over winter. They will have lost around half their body weight in hibernation, so it is extremely important that they find food. With our seasons behaving erratically with it being hot one minute to the next being rain and gale force winds, food can be hard to come by especially in early spring. There are slugs and snails around but these are not a favourite of hedgehogs, and they will do well to avoid eating these as much as possible, as they carry the Lungworm parasite. Hedgehogs prefer insects such as beetles and grubs and will even eat dead carrion on the sides of the road. You can help these wonderful little creatures by putting out a shallow dish of water, no milk as they are lactose intolerant, and feeding dry/wet meaty cat or dog food. They used to produce a litter in May and one in August, but with our seasons changing some have produced litters back in March, making it a struggle for mum and babies to find enough food. Ones born later in the year will also struggle as the insects die down and the slugs and snails are the only thing to eat, sometimes the Lungworm burden can be too much. If you are worried about a hedgehog you have seen please call a hedgehog rescue to ask their advice. The numbers have been on the rise but they are still classed as an endangered species.

Talking of insects you may be able to see if you are lucky a Lime Hawk Moth. This is one of our best looking moths that can be seen on warm May evenings. It has distinctive scalloped wings and a pattern that is green and chestnut in colour, which is great camouflage against trees or leaves when resting during the day. The Lime Hawk Moth is common in urban areas, parks and gardens. It loves Lime trees hence the name, but it is not the flowers this moth is after, in fact the adults do not feed at all. It is the leaves they are wanting to lay their eggs on. In the absence of Lime trees the moth will go to Elm or London Plane which is an ornamental tree. After some weeks of munching away the caterpillar's which are stripy green and yellow with a blue tail horn will descend to the ground, you can often see them on the ground in leaf litter or on pavements in late summer as they look for a spot to pupate. Once at their chosen spot they will remain until the following May when they will start the cycle again.

Did you know we have a fungi that can freeze solidly, thaw out and continue its growth? This is called the Jelly Ear Fungus. Look out for them in damp, shady conditions growing on decaying wood, particularly on Elder or Beech which they love. This fungus looks very much like a velvety human ear. One of the more common names for this Fungus is the Judas Ear. The name alludes to the fact that the ears mostly appear on Elder, which is the tree Judas hung himself on after the betrayal of Jesus. The legend is that the ears that emerge from the Elder wood represent the tortured soul of Judas!

*Angie Nice*





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## **Services for May**

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

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>Dr. David Allen</b>      | (Walsham-le-Willows Congregational Church)             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Rev. Trevor Carlisle</b> | (Whitley Wood Reformed Baptist Church, Reading, Berks) |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Mr. David Butler</b>     | (Ebenezer Baptist Church, Old Hill, West Midlands)     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Rev. Stephen Holland</b> | (Westhoughton Evangelical Church, Lancashire)          |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Mr. Paul Pontin</b>      | (Leiston Baptist Church, Suffolk)                      |

## **Touch Wood.**

'Touch wood' is an expression that we often hear, it is one of the many superstitious things that people say and do. A person will state something they hope is going to happen to them and they will put their hand on a piece of wood and repeat the words, 'Touch wood', going through a ritual to bring them 'good luck'. The expression originally comes from the idea that there is merit or value in touching the Cross of Christ. Strangely, enough wood supposedly from that cross has been found to make a hundred crosses and more, but it is claimed that to touch the actual wood of the cross that Jesus died upon would find you favour before God and even allow you access to Heaven. The Bible teaches no such thing!

We must always remember that it is the work of the cross that saves a soul, not the wood of the cross. There was nothing special about the wood of the cross that Jesus died upon (that has long since rotted away) but there is something very special about Christ's work.

The work of the cross is the sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian church has been remembering the death of Christ upon Calvary's Cross this Easter but, as we do, it is necessary to stress that the death of Christ was a reality. The Lord Jesus did not merely swoon or faint on the cross, He actually died. The Roman centurions were experts in death, and that is why Pilate asked the Roman centurion to confirm that the Lord Jesus was dead – the centurion's testimony settled this question once and for all (Mark 15:44-45).

The great question is why He died on the cross? It was not as a martyr or as a criminal; Jesus died bearing the punishment for our sin. It is important to stress that the Cross-work is central to the Gospel and to our Salvation, and it was completed by the Saviour at Calvary because from the cross He cried, "It is finished". The work is done completely, and it is sufficient; nothing ever needs to be added to it.

The Bible teaches that God's way of Salvation is by simple faith in that finished work. Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). If you put your trust only and completely in the finished work of the Saviour, then you will be saved for all eternity.

**But now is Christ risen from the dead.**

(1 Corinthians 15:20)



# COMMUNITY FITNESS CENTRE/GYM

In past surveys of club members and the community, one of the items desired for Walsham has been a gym; now we have a chance of making it happen and we would welcome comments back on what is being proposed:-

Neil Evans has been operating a 'Boot Camp' at the club for the past couple of years with growing success and has now made an approach to us to see if he could operate a gym on our land. The trustees and club management committee are interested but feel that any buildings should be owned by the club with Neil hiring the space, supplying the equipment and growing his business as a fitness trainer in there. The details are still under discussion and quotes for the cost of the building are being sought but it is anticipated that the cost to the club will be in the region of £50,000 for which it is hoped sufficient grants can be secured to make the project viable.

Projected plan:-

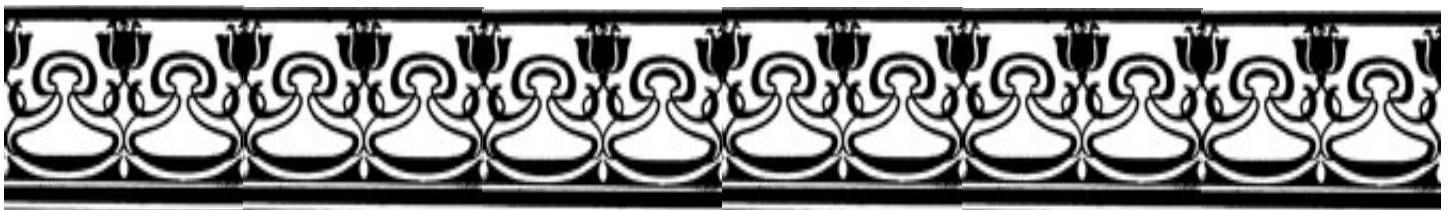
- Maximum of 4-5 people using the equipment at any one time
- One -one supervision by Neil for his personal clients (he currently operates in this way in Bury)
- Management of the gym including booking system done by Neil
- It is anticipated a monthly membership will be required for access (rates for Neil's personal clients will be up to him)
- Club and Community membership income will be shared depending on what training input is required from Neil.
- Access will be via coded lock and booking system

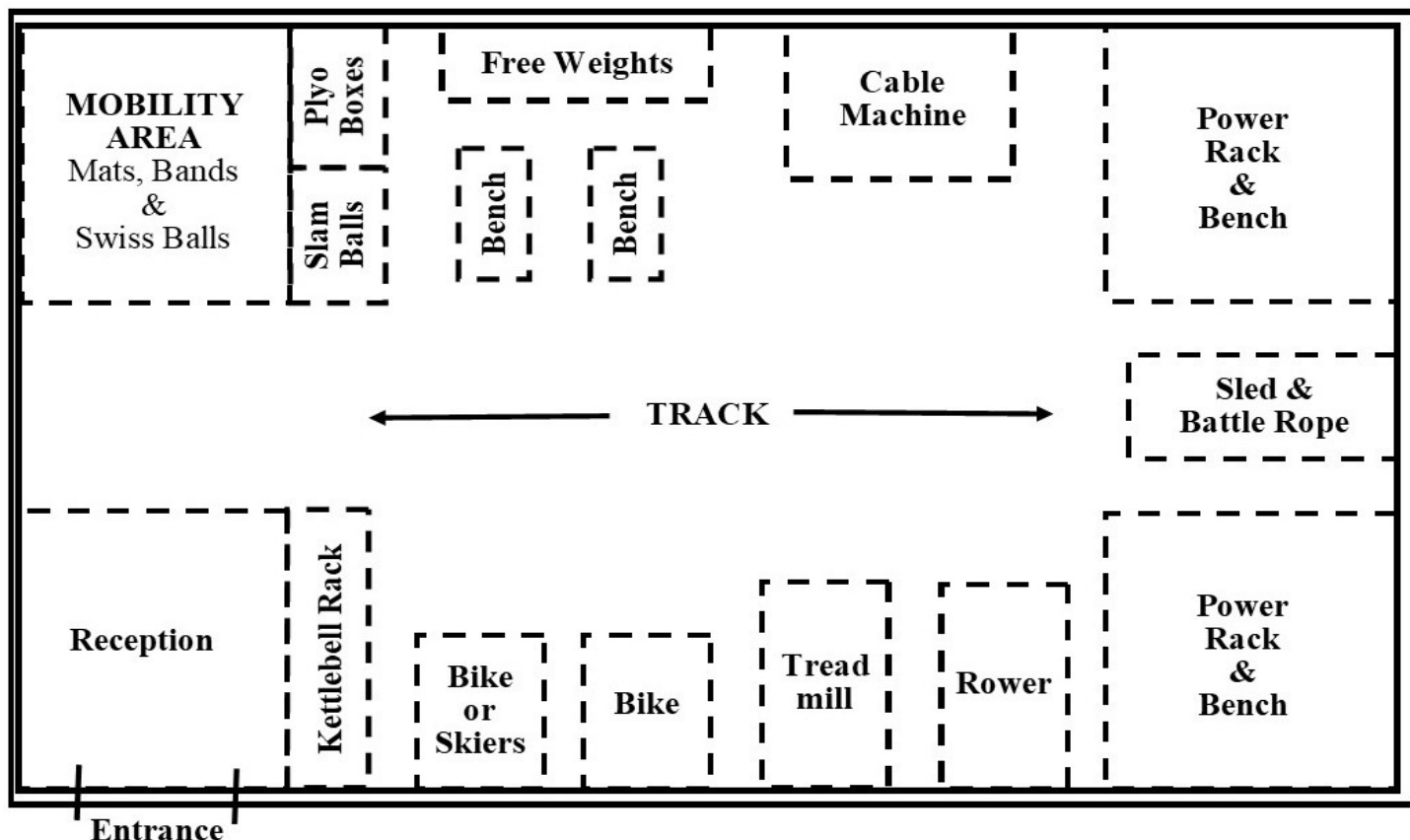
It is quite clear that current global issues make any new business venture difficult to judge but the development of a local fitness centre that can be used instead of a trip into town makes sense for regular gym users whilst at the same time creating a facility that can improve the health and fitness of the general population who would not necessarily welcome comparison with the honed physics of the normal 'gym bunnies' who frequent the larger gyms. In this fitness centre the opportunity for individuals or small groups of friends to work out in their own time whether that be 10 minutes or an hour, will be there and will add to the Yoga and Otago classes that currently at the Club and in the Memorial Hall. It has also been abundantly clear with Walking Football and Netball that these physical activities also provide a valuable social aspect for the older citizen.

We would be very pleased to have your help and input as we shape this new development at the Sports Club so please give us feedback

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# SPORTS CLUB REPORT.

## Football

The First Team have now had 3 straight wins. They thrashed Whitton United 5-1. Ollie McKensie Vince, Alex Walden, Jamie Smith, Cam Nicholls and Matt Skevington were the goal scorers. They then beat Swaffham Town 3-0 away. Ryan Clark, Jamie Smith and Alex Walden were the goal scorers. They then had a cracking 2-1 home win over Newmarket Town in their latest league game. Charlie Norman and Jamie Smith were the goal scorers.

The Reserves have reached the final of the Suffolk Senior Reserves Cup against Stowmarket Town on Saturday 14th May at Ram Meadow, Bury St Edmunds with a 2.30pm kick off. They reached the final in impressive style beating Lakenheath 6-0. Captain Ryan Twinn and Charlie Glover both scored a brace of goals while Alex Walden and Joe Greenslade-cross also scored.

The A Team were unlucky to lose on penalties to a higher league side Kesgrave Reserves following a 2-2 draw in the SIL Intermediate Cup.

The under 18s finished their league season with a fine 3-1 home victory over Mildenhall Town.

The Veterans have reached the final of the Norfolk and Suffolk Veterans Cup on Tuesday 10th May at Bungay Town FC with a 7.30pm kick off.

## Home Fixtures for May

### Bowls

Wed 4th v Needham Market 6.45pm  
Thur 5th v Hopton 6.45pm  
Tue 17th v Bildeston 2.00pm  
Wed 18th v Old Newton 6.45pm  
Thur 19th v Haughley PF 7.00pm  
Mon 23rd v Combs Ford A 6.45pm  
Wed 25th v Bildeston 6.45pm  
Tue 31st v Gipping EE 2.00pm

### Cricket

Sat 7th v Witham 2nds 1.00pm  
Sat 14th v Bardwell 2nds 1.00pm  
Sat 21st v Felixstowe 1.00pm  
Sun 22nd v Elveden 1.30pm  
Sat 28th v Elveden 1.30pm

## What's on

BINGO on Sundays 8th and 22nd May. The fun starts at 7.30pm so please come along and have a fun evening.

May 14th is the first running of the annual 90/10 Darts tournament with a 7.30 start.

As part of the Queens Platinum celebrations on Friday 3rd June we are hosting a family fun day from 2pm onwards. See the advert on page 24.

For information on these and other events please contact Gordon Ross on 07790 564674 or email to [gordonaross2@gmail.com](mailto:gordonaross2@gmail.com)

*Gordon Ross*





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the ladies drive off leaving the men in a cloud of dust!*

Which line precedes 'Mother of the free'?

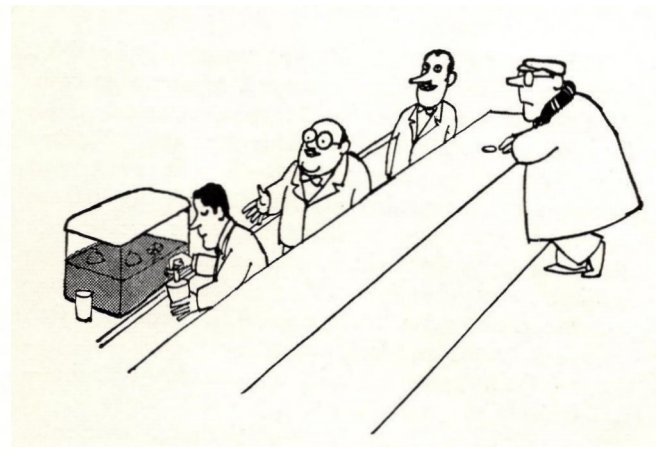
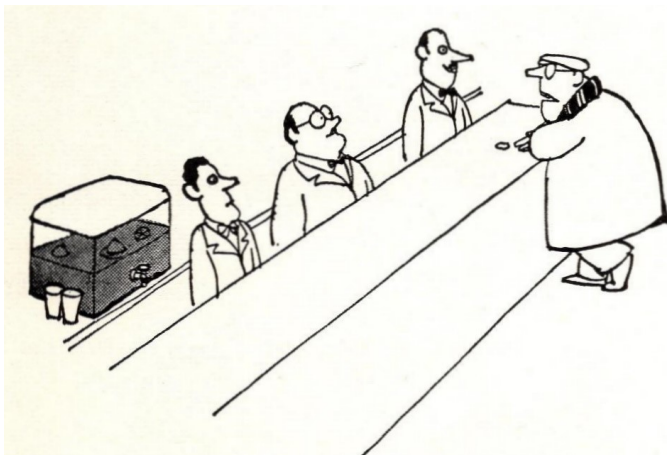
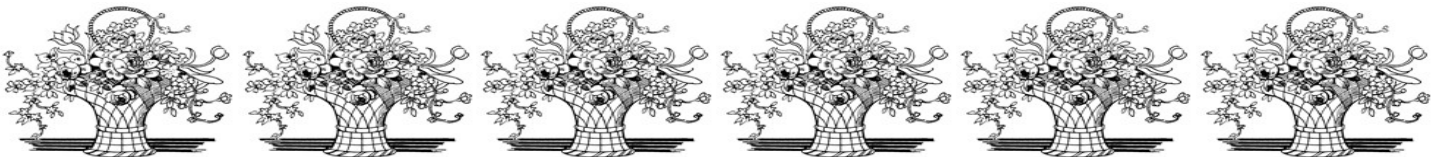
# SUMMER!

Damp days,  
Chilly nights;  
Morning haze,  
Evening blights;  
Grey skies,  
Sodden earth;  
Butterflies  
Weak at birth;  
Gloom over,  
Grime under;  
Soaked clover,  
Hail, thunder;  
Wind, wet,  
Squelch, squash;  
Gingham yet,  
Mackintosh;  
Lawns afloat;  
Paths dirt;  
Top-coat,  
Flannel shirt;  
Lilacs drenched,  
Laburnums pallid;  
Spirits quenched,

Souls squalid;  
Tennis "off,"  
Icy breeze;  
Croak, cough,  
Wheeze, sneeze;  
Cramped cricket,  
Arctic squall;  
Drenched wicket,  
Soaked ball;  
Park a paddle,  
Row a slough;  
Muck, muddle,  
Slush, snow;  
(No bay!)  
Spoilt beaver,  
Shoes asplay;  
Lilies flopping,  
Washed-out roses;  
Eaves dropping,  
Red noses;  
Pools, splashes,  
Spouts, spirts;  
Swollen sashes,

Gutters, squirts;  
Limp curls,  
Splashed hose;  
Pretty girls,  
Damp shows;  
Piled grates,  
Cold shivers;  
Aching pates,  
Sluggish livers;  
Morn cruel,  
Eve bitter;  
Hot gruel,  
Sweet nitre;  
Voice a creaky  
Cracked cadenza,  
Face "peaky,"  
INFLUENZA!!!  
Gloom growing,  
Glum, glummer  
Noses (*and nothing else*)  
Blowing, -  
*That's Summer!*

*From Punch*



*"Glass of lemonade please, mate."*

# REGULAR

## MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall  
2nd Monday 12:45pm

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

Positive Steps Sports Club  
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

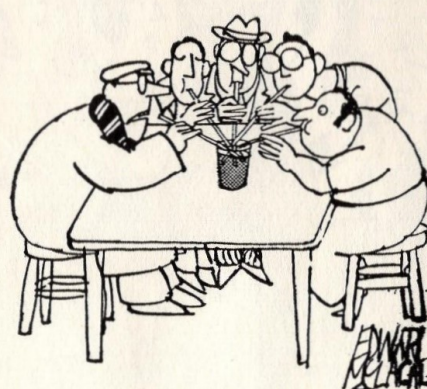
## SATURDAY

Pop-up Shop Village Hall  
Last Saturday in the month

## SUNDAY



*"Bloody marvellous! Three blokes to get one glass of lemonade . . . ."*



*"... No wonder these caffs lose money."*



# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Page Bottom Quiz

1. The border of Mexico with USA, 2. Henry V, 3. A breed of cat,  
4. To avoid capture by the Romans, 5. Rome, 6. Brideshead Revisited, 7. Adidas, 8. Florrie,  
9. Lord Darnley, 10. George Bernard Shaw, 11. The Beach Boys, 12. The Rhône,  
13. The black box, 14. Tommy Docherty, 15. Davy Crockett, 16. Chester, 17. Mel Brooks,  
18. Ted Hughes, 19. Linoleum, 20. Richard I, 21. Helicopter, 22. The Knight,  
23. Stevie Wonder, 24. Fungus or mould, 25. The Church of England, 26. Herod,  
27. The collar-bone, 28. Bangladesh's, 29. Southampton, 30. Rudolph Valentino's,  
31. Earthworms, 32. The king, 33. Dame Edna Everage, 34. Trees, 35. Hungary,  
36. Oscar Wilde, 37. Leicester City, 38. Red, blue and green, 39. Africa, 40. Pharoah,  
41. Tom & Jerry, 42. The Royal Flying Corps, 43. James Callaghan,  
44. Land of Hope and Glory, 45. The Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew,  
46. An imminent death, 47. Holyrood House, 48. Public Image Limited, 49. Eighty,  
50. John

## Su-Doku

9	2	7	6	1	8	4	5	3
6	4	8	3	7	5	9	2	1
5	1	3	9	4	2	7	8	6
7	6	1	5	8	9	3	4	2
3	8	2	1	6	4	5	7	9
4	5	9	2	3	7	6	1	8
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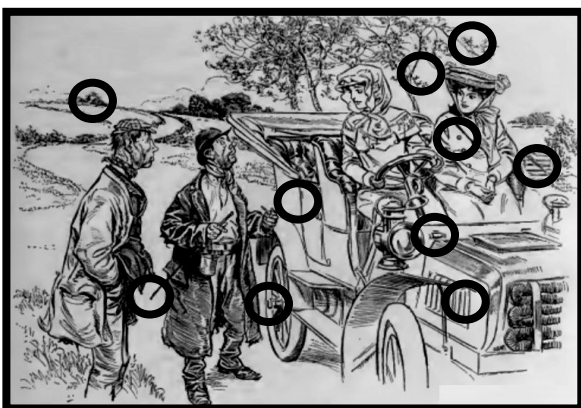
## Crossword

S	T	R	I	P	E		S	N	O	B
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	D	E	C	L	A	R	E			E
B		R		A		T		A		R
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F		I		T		N		R		S
F	A	S	T	E	R		M	E	A	T
L		I		R				E		U
E	A	S	T			C	A	N	D	I

## More or Less

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

## Spot the Difference



## Searching for Words

Cop	Cope	Coped	Copter	Cor
Core	Cored	Corrupt	Coup	Coupe
Cud	Cue	Cued	Cup	Curd
Cure	Cured	Cut	Cute	Drop
Due	Duet	Duo	Dupe	Opt
Opted	Ore	Our	Out	Outed
Pet	Pore	Pour	Poured	Pout
Pouted	Pouter	Pure	Purr	Purred
Put	Red	Ret	Roc	Roe
Rope	Roped	Rout	Routed	Router
Rue	Rude	Ruder	Rut	Ted
Tip	Tup	Turd	<b>Corrupted (59)</b>	

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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.'**