

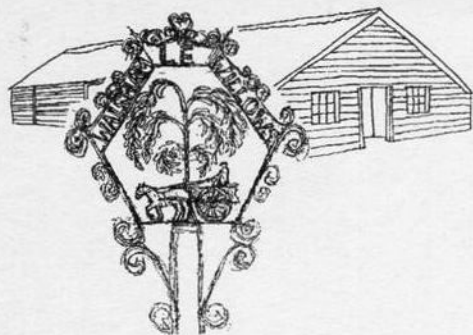
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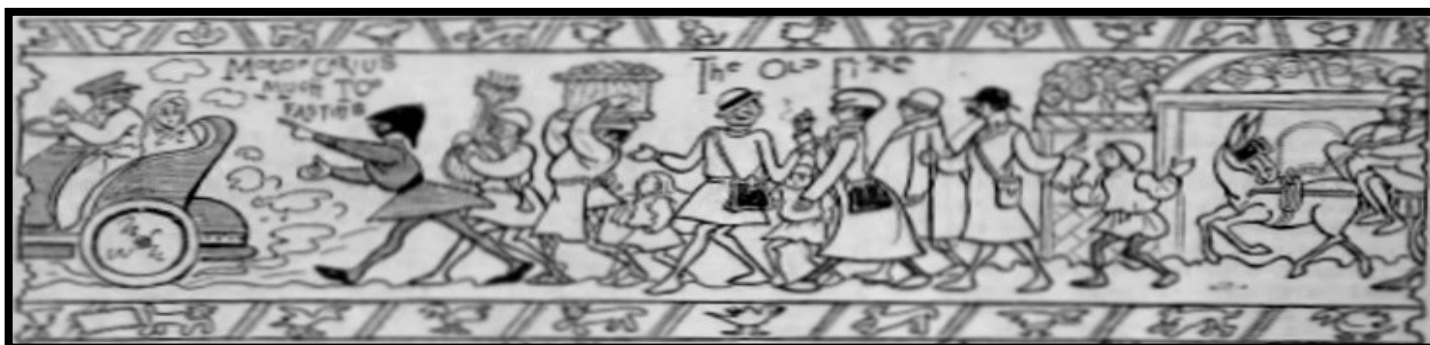
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# EDITORIAL

With signs that Spring is very much on the way, it is hard to believe, as the sun shines on us, that 1,500 miles away, even as the sun there too may be shining, that life is so much different to the way in which we can go about our daily lives. There is at least one family hoping to get involved in offering hospitality to refugees from Ukraine. Even if you feel unable to offer such assistance we can, at least, offer a warm Walsham welcome to any who find themselves here or nearby. There are a number of ways to help make their lives bearable under the circumstances.

Getting down to far more parochial matters, the number of articles in this edition show that life is returning to 'normal'. There is much for you to enjoy - **Music in St Mary's** on Wednesday 15th May (see p7), **Eastern Angles** production of Booming Voices on Saturday 7th May (see p17), the **Wild Wood Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday 16th May (see p28), and the **History Group** have a talk by Walsham resident Wing Commander Andrew Gray on The Falklands War (Forty Years On) (see p 27). There is also plenty of opportunity to get involved in helping to organise future events in the village, the first being the **Jubilee Celebrations** (see p11) and then offering help with the twice postponed **Fortieth Open Gardens Weekend** (see p23).

If you have events that you would like advertised do send the details to me in good time and I will find space somewhere to include your advert. In addition, if you would like to provide an article to promote your event that would be most appreciated - as would any article, story or poem. It all helps me to provide a readable magazine.

As you may realise, I spend quite a bit of time in charity and second-hand book shops. Recently I picked up a book from the World Haiku Association; so this month sees haikus as some of the space fillers. None of them actually meet the 5 - 7 - 5 rule for haikus; five syllables in the first line, seven in the next and five in the third, but this may well be due to translation. However I hope that you will enjoy the ones I have included and maybe even generate your own.



**Wife:** *Are you going to come down for a very late supper or a very early breakfast?*

**Editor:** *Sorry dear! Just one moment while I put in this last space filler!*



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



**Suffolk Trading Standards** advise that times of crisis may bring out the best in you, but they are a magnet for scammers, and sadly right now are no different. Fraudsters follow the headlines and have already been working overtime to create ways to encourage people to part with their cash and personal information.

If you are looking to help people in **Ukraine**, please donate wisely – do your research first so you can give without getting scammed. Please protect yourself with the following information:

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**Suffolk Trading Standards** also advise that residents have been receiving fake NHS text messages stating they have been in close proximity with someone who has been contagious and they will need to order a PCR Test kit. The links lead to fake NHS websites that ask for personal information and payment. Forward these texts to 7726 so action can be taken.

**Suffolk Constabulary** has recently taken a number of reports of theft of heating oil at premises around the county. Crime Prevention advice for Heating Oil Security can be found on their website.

*David Murray*



## HAIKU I

Chanting a sutra together  
while taking a bath  
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# VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The upgrading and improvements to the Memorial Village Hall continue with a new asset for the hall and its users arriving this week. The hall can now offer its users new and versatile GoPak staging, which will allow a greater variety of events to occur, funded by the Parish Council from the Community Infrastructure Levy grant, following a successful bid by the trustees of the Memorial Hall. We hope this staging will be a great addition to events taking place in your hall for years to come.

As mentioned in the last months Observer, Eastern Angles are bringing their new play, Booming Voices, to the Village Hall on the 7th of May. Why not come along and support a local theatre group and your village hall. More information can be found in the Observer pages, tickets available from EA's box office [www.eastenangles.co.uk](http://www.eastenangles.co.uk) or by phone **01473 211498**.

The food bank continues to see an increase in referrals, with the ever increasing cost of living hitting some in our community hard. You as a community are helping to support those close to us that need a little support in difficult times. With drop off boxes for the food bank in churches of the Benefice; Finningham, Wattisfield, Westhorpe and now the Sports club in Walsham, **Thank You** to all who think of others and place items in these.

Our District Councillor Richard Meyer, has awarded the Community Food Bank £250.14 through the Locality Awards from Mid Suffolk District Council, towards its operating costs and our Parish Council have also donated £250. These are gratefully received and will be used to pay for any extra food that is purchased, if there is a gap in necessary items (such as formula milk or nut / gluten free foods) as well as fuel for deliveries.

The organising of events continues for the Jubilee and more information will be coming about events at the sports club and the village hall soon.

*Amanda Ellis*



## WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

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We are now expecting to make contact with potential guests in the next week or so.

We would love to hear from anyone who might be considering hosting Ukrainian guests or who would be interested in helping out in any way.

Contact Richard Winch

either by phone **07931 709486** or email **richard@winchmail.net**



## CHURCH FLOWERS AT ST MARYS



Over the years we have been lucky to have a dedicated group of ladies who have decorated the Church with some wonderful flower displays for various occasions from Weekly Displays, Church Celebrations and Gardens Weekend.

However, we are beginning to see a decline in the number of people available to help.

To try to address this and to gauge interest in helping with the flowers I have arranged a meeting in the Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.30am for current members and anyone else who would like to join our team. Enthusiasm and an interest in flower arranging is the only criteria required **experience is not necessary**. Although some of the team have many years experience behind them, some are novices who have picked up the art by helping out at festivals and Gardens Weekend.

I look forward to seeing you there but do not worry if you cannot make it, just give me a call on 01359 258349 and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

*Cheryl Bartholomew*



## MUSIC IN ST MARY'S CHURCH



Covid unfortunately put a stop to the much appreciated concerts in St Mary's church, but it is gratifying to find that they are making a reappearance. The first concert is on Wednesday 13th April at 12:15pm and is a recital by Yalda Davies on cello and Andrew Leach on piano.. There will be refreshments and there will be a retiring collection.

Details of other concerts can be found on page 27.





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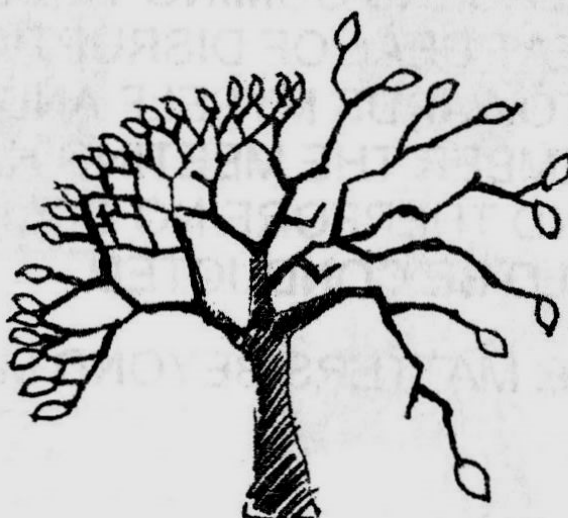
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# WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring is definitively upon us now and we were lucky to not have too much damage from the storms last month. With Covid restrictions continuing to lift we have been able to mix more within the school and it has been lovely to see the older children using the dining hall to eat instead of their classrooms.

The children in Caterpillar class are exploring 'What Happens When I Fall Asleep?' and exploring nocturnal animals and writing information text about their discoveries. They are also researching the moon and planets as well as writing bedtime stories. They are exploring growth in science for different animals including humans.

Those in Ladybirds are focusing on 'Moon Zoom' and have been reading the story 'Beegu'; they have then looked at character descriptions of aliens and written their own science fiction story. They will be looking at Neil Armstrong and his journey to space and then designing a suitable outfit for an astronaut. In maths they are learning to tell the time.

The children in Dragonflies are printing Andy Warhol inspired carnivorous plant inspired art work. In maths they are looking at fractions and writing a dilemma-based story. In music they are learning a song about a Dragon.

The children in Grasshopper class are exploring the solar system, discovering how other planets are different to Earth and investigating if life could be sustained on Mars. In English they are writing rescue transmissions using the scientific language they have been learning. In maths they are learning to use decimals.

In Cricket Class this half term, we are exploring the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece. We will be holding debates and writing balanced arguments about which city state was the best, and recording podcasts to discuss some of their greatest achievements. In Art, we are practising our observational drawing skills using Greek pottery, and sculpting different architectural styles using clay. We are also learning about evolution and inheritance in Science, and what Buddhists believe about the Triple Refuge in RE.

For science week we have explored growth with each class investigating a different element of growth and are excitedly waiting for the arrival of the planetarium and the Stem ambassador.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is Hope and we have been looking at how Jesus had Hope as part of our learning about Lent. Reverend Merry is a regular weekly visitor to the school and the children have been enjoying his presence.

We had a fantastic response to the World Book Day competition and judging them was really difficult and resulted in us choosing 2 winners from each class. We did a viewing for the children and it was so nice to be able to see them rotate in each other's classrooms to see all the different designs.

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*

# VILLAGE 'GREEN SPACES'

**Walsham Primary School children  
have their say on green spaces in the village.**

Children at Walsham School have identified their 'important green spaces' in a whole school survey conducted in February. The data will go forward to help shape our Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

In a 'hands up' session in assembly, 86 of 112 children voted for the play area known as the 'big park' on Townhouse Road as their top green space in Walsham. Riding bikes in the Wild Wood came second and is a popular pastime across all ages. The small play park in the Elmside Housing Estate was also very popular.

Among the older children, the football and cricket pitches at the Sports Club were named as favourite places.

On the children's wish list for the future, are a shop, a fish and chip shop, a skate park and a 'racetrack'.

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group would like to thank Maxine McGarr and all the staff and pupils of Walsham C of E Primary School for the time they gave to conduct and report the findings of the survey.

*Sally Johnston*





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# PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Following on from the previous meeting in January held at the Sports Club which considered potential ideas for the Celebratory Weekend a subsequent meeting has been held which was attended by members of the Sports Club, Community Council, PCC and WI along with interested members of the Public. From this there are now more specific ideas and plans to make this an event that all villagers will feel excited to attend and be involved with whether it is on the Friday at the Sports Club, the Sunday at the Church and Village Hall or both!

The Sports Club are keen to go forward with their ideas of a 'Festival of Sporting and Recreational activities' starting in the afternoon and going through to the evening. These will include traditional races and games for all the family along with some more wacky ideas such as a pram race!

They are also keen for other organisations in the village to perhaps come along and showcase themselves with displays or activities to share with the wider community.

You will be most welcome to bring along your own picnic however their famous BBQ will be available along with the Bar!

They are at this time trying to arrange music for the evening. Full details of what will be happening we hope to convey in the May edition of the Observer and on the Facebook Community Hub.

On the Sunday we are proposing to hold a 'Street Party' in the carpark and surrounding area of the Memorial Hall, which will be suitably decorated with bunting.

You are invited again to bring along your own food to eat or perhaps share as we have done in the past. Your views on this would be appreciated.

The WI are happy to provide cakes for the event and the Community Council will be able to run a bar with tea, coffee, soft drinks or alcohol.

This would be preceded by the ever popular 'Teddy Bear Parachute Jump' from the Church Tower where your beloved Teddies can have the flight of their lives using a homemade parachute.

During the afternoon we are hoping to hold a Treasure Hunt for the children in the Beeches Garden with the kind permission of Penelope Robins along with prizes.

Other ideas for the Street Party will include some traditional games such as Hopscotch and activities such as Fancy Dress in red, white and blue or designing your own crown.

We hope that this will have inspired the village to participate in these events and to add some more ideas or volunteer your help to ensure this weekend is a great success and a celebration to remember.

Please contact us via the Hub or the following emails

Cheryl Bartholomew (Community Council) [bartholomewcj@aol.com](mailto:bartholomewcj@aol.com)

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**South America** – holiday of a life time for our speaker, who came to share it with us. For us it was a whirlwind trip round a whole continent- taking in all the iconic sights that you might expect. The extraordinary landscape which varied from the glossy green terraces in the north to savage grey mountains before our trip southwards to snow and ice regions carved into incredible sculptural forms. The classic civic buildings of the major cities looked somehow sombre while the wild water of the Iguazu Falls just took one's breath away. Pink flamingo, ant eaters and alpacas. We saw them all and for just a while we left Walsham behind!

Later members heard that the chosen resolution for debate this year relates to Girls with ASD and ADHD who are said to be under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed and under-supported.

**This month's meeting is on Wednesday 12th April at 7:45pm. Come and try some new crafts in celebration of Spring.**



## STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



I would like to thank those who supported our recent coffee morning held in Stanton when £194.15 was raised.

Members have been invited to attend the next "C" group meeting along with other branches on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Greyhound Inn Ixworth. At the last group meeting held in January members were informed that there was £130,000 in the County Benevolent account and it was anticipated that there would be more requests for financial help from the fund in the near future.

Members will be supporting the Ixworth branch at their Annual Dinner which will be held Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

As grass cutting will soon commence around the War Memorial I have removed the wooden poppy crosses that had been placed, these are now in the church porch.

Our next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm

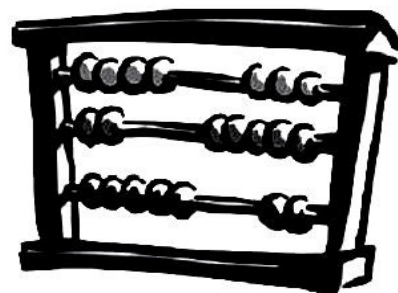
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**I love live music and now that restrictions have lifted, I'm keen to start going to events again. I've booked tickets for some gigs over the next few months, but I'm still a little worried. I can't quite believe things are fully back to normal. What will happen if restrictions come back in?**

It's understandable to be feeling apprehensive when there's been so much change, and knowing your rights will help you deal with anything unexpected.

If you've got tickets to an event which goes ahead, but you change your mind about going or realise you're no longer able to go, you have no legal right to a refund. However, if the event is cancelled, your right to a refund will depend on how you bought the ticket.

If you booked through an official seller and the organiser cancels, moves, reschedules, or makes the event behind closed doors, you should get a refund. This is true even if it's cancelled due to a government ban on large events. If this happens, contact the official seller to find out how you can get a refund.

If you bought your ticket from a ticket-reselling website, your refund will depend on the site's terms and conditions. If you're worried about the event being cancelled, it's a good idea to look at the terms and conditions before booking.

If you bought from a private seller, unfortunately it's unlikely you'll be able to recover your money, even if the event is cancelled or rescheduled. We recommend contacting the seller to see what they can do.

Ahead of any events you've booked, keep checking the information from the official seller or organiser to make sure you know straight away about any updates, like changes to the date or cancellations.

Another thing to be aware of is that scammers exploit these situations for their own benefit. If your event is cancelled and anyone - whether it's a person or a company - offers their services to try to recover money on your behalf, be suspicious. Make sure that you're aware of the signs of a potential scam and always be on the lookout.

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In the height of the pandemic, Jen, a young student, is shielding in an isolated cottage on the edge of a watery haven, housesitting for a Professor in the US who is investigating the impact of climate change. Together they explore the iconic wildlife and nature of the Broads, showing us just how vulnerable this seemingly timeless landscape is.

With the songs of acclaimed folk musician Jimmy Alridge, and insights from figures who helped discover the true nature of this wetland paradise (comparable to Ibiza, sang David Bowie), Booming Voices promises to be an evening that both prepares us for the future and gives us for the future and give us hope.



## 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. Numbers will be restricted to 20.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Lunch will be Quiche Lorraine with new potatoes served at 12.45pm - 1pm. followed by fresh Fruit Salad and Ice cream . Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £7.50, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

*Shirley White*



## BOWLS CLUB



Walsham le Willows Bowls club will be having a **Bowls Open Weekend on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.**

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# WALSHAM WILD WOOD

*Our priority is to create green spaces to promote  
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In the March edition of The Observer, I wrote about our aim to create a second woodland space or to plant a field margin or hedgerow to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We wrote to individuals and organisations across the parish who we hoped may be able to help us find a suitable piece of land for the commemorative planting.

Recently, Jessica Fleming, our County Councillor, shared with the Parish Council Suffolk's ambition to plant 775,000 trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. This would amount to approximately one tree per resident of the county!

Unfortunately, she described the lack of available land to plant these trees as an issue across the county of Suffolk and sadly it seems to be holding us back in Walsham le Willows too.

The urgency of the crisis facing our native insects, birds and plant species is well documented and the most recent IPCC report urges us to take immediate action to preserve the planet and humanity itself. Let's ensure that we prioritise the environmental and climate emergency by acting in our own community. If you can help in any way with our search for suitable land, please contact the Walsham Wild Wood Steering Group. [mackinnonlorna@gmail.com](mailto:mackinnonlorna@gmail.com) or [janette@winchmail.net](mailto:janette@winchmail.net) 07572 866430

*Janette Winch*

## BIRD FLU

This is to ensure that you are aware of the outbreak of bird flu locally at the Gressingham Duck operation. Very sadly about 35,000 ducks must be destroyed and the business suspended until sanitation measures are complete. A smaller outbreak has been confirmed near Westhorpe.

A 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone are in place around the each infected premise. Defra have published details on Avian flu near Redgrave, Suffolk - **GOV.UK** ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

Message from Trading Standards - If your birds show any sign of disease, you must report your suspicions to Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) immediately by telephoning 03000 200 301.

Bird flu is a 'notifiable' disease. If you own chickens, ducks, geese or any other captive birds we urge you to register them with APHA so that you can be contacted if there is an outbreak near to you: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/poultry-including-game-birds-registration-rules-and-forms)

Details of the national situation and the overlapping control zones in Mid Suffolk can be viewed on:

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# BROADBAND DIFFICULTIES

As broadband and mobile prices rise, social tariffs can help people stay connected

Broadband and mobile phone providers will be increasing their prices for both in-contract and out-of-contract customers in April. Because these increases are tied to inflation, which is currently at a record high, prices are going to increase by as much as 11.7% this year.

Due to the way these increases have been written into contracts though, unfortunately even those customers still in-contract will be subject to the increases. This means a large proportion of broadband and mobile customers will be forced to accept the rise or be charged a penalty to leave their contract early.

Recent research carried out by Choose, found more than 1 in 10 people would be unable to afford these increases. This is hardly surprising considering they're due to come at a time when people and families are already facing a living cost crisis and energy bills are soon to increase dramatically too.

Becoming digitally excluded can mean difficulty accessing mainstream services, school children unable to carry out homework, increased social isolation, exclusion from some financial services, and higher prices with exclusion from online-only tariffs.

It's so important then, that people who are struggling are made aware of the alternative options available to them.

BT, Virgin Media, Hyperoptic, KCOM (in Hull), Community Fibre and G.Network (in London) all offer social broadband tariffs that are available to people on low incomes in receipt of certain benefits.

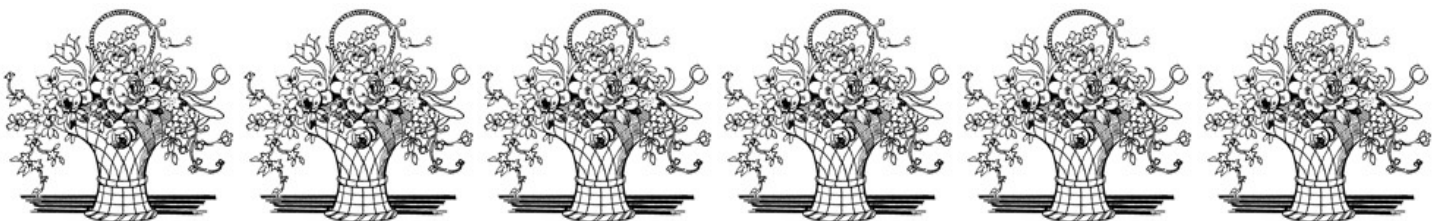
These tariffs cost as little as £15 per month for a fibre broadband connection, and sometimes include a call plan with inclusive calls too.

For people who may be looking for work, with school-age children, or elderly people who simply need to stay in touch with family and friends, these tariffs can ensure Internet access remains affordable.

Choose has a full guide to social broadband tariffs that's kept regularly updated to ensure people have access to the most up to date information.

It's vital people who are struggling find out about these tariffs to ensure they can stay connected.

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# WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2022

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

The meeting on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March in St Mary's went extremely well with a fantastic turn out, lots of familiar faces and lots of new ones which was very satisfying. The new committee thank you all for your support and it makes us ever more determined to make the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary a very special one, especially given the troubled world in which we find ourselves.

We started the gathering by celebrating the work that Robin Newell has done for the event. He has decided to retire and he will be a hard act to follow, having kept us on the straight and narrow over many many years, we will miss him very much indeed. We also acknowledged the considerable contributions that Mike Unitt, John Hall and Clive Wadham Smith have made to the success of the event, they have also decided to call it a day, during the enforced delays over the last two years.

We will do our best to make this year's event a special success but we need your help and volunteers are essential **and** for newcomers this is a great way to meet people and get involved and it is **fun** ....!!! Some suggestions:

- We need more garden owners to come forward if we are to achieve our ambition for 40 gardens in our 40<sup>th</sup> year and Alison Findlay would love to hear from you on **opengardens@walsham-le-willows.org** or on **07704311468**
- Frances Jenner needs people to bake and help with the considerable amount of catering that is needed over the weekend and she is at **frances.jenner@hotmail.com** or on **01359 259242**
- The Art in the Church needs people to spend a couple of hours helping in wonderful surroundings and Ian is eager to hear from you at **igghar@btinternet.com** or on **01359 259140**
- We will need people to help in the car park and Grant will hope to hear from you at **grant.robinson163@gmail.com**
- Mike Cousins needs raffle ticket sales persons **mike@mcousins.com** or on **07843 052970**
- We will need help setting up and just as importantly taking down but more of that nearer the time

This event 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 get involved and I repeat that it is **FUN**...!!

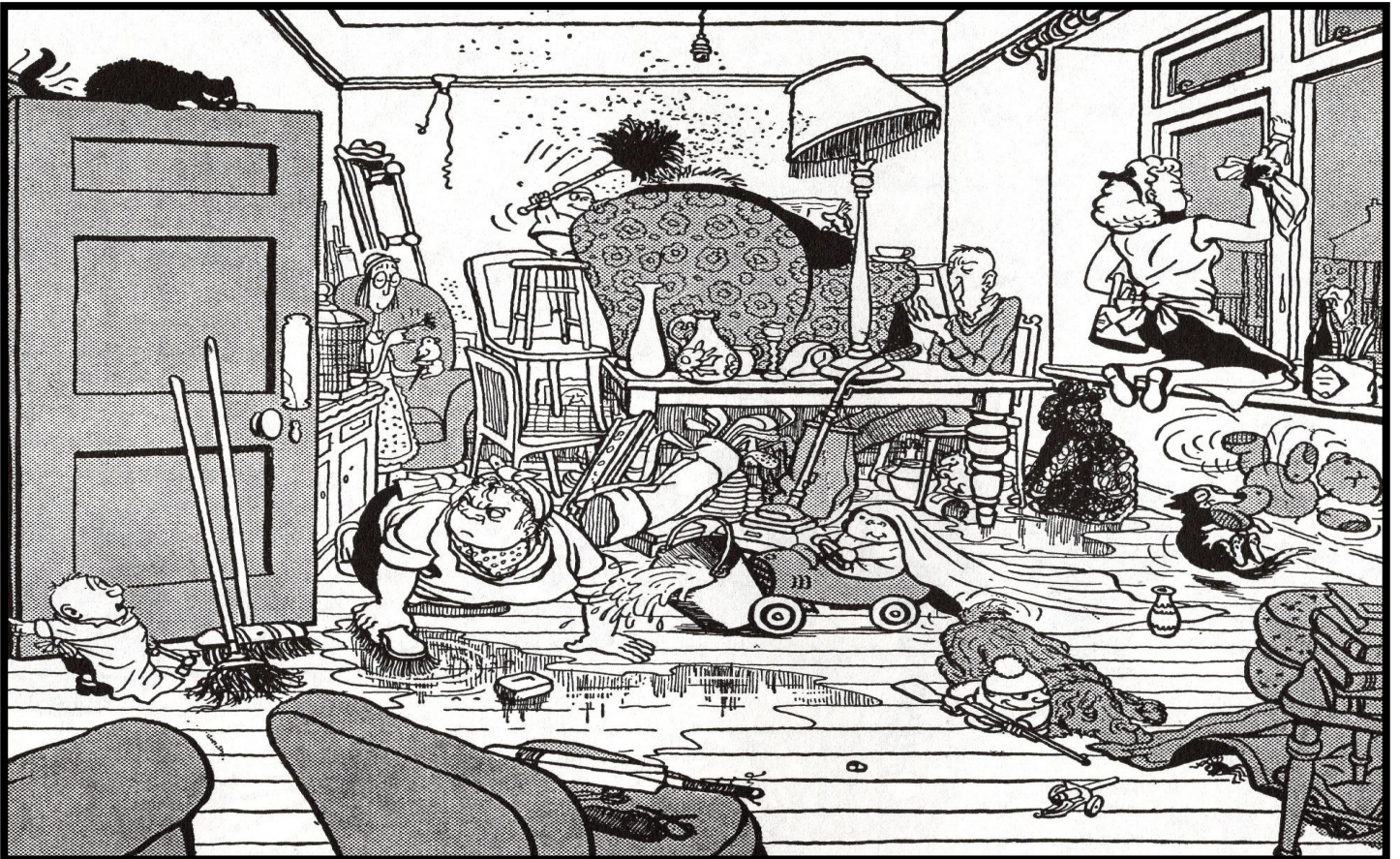
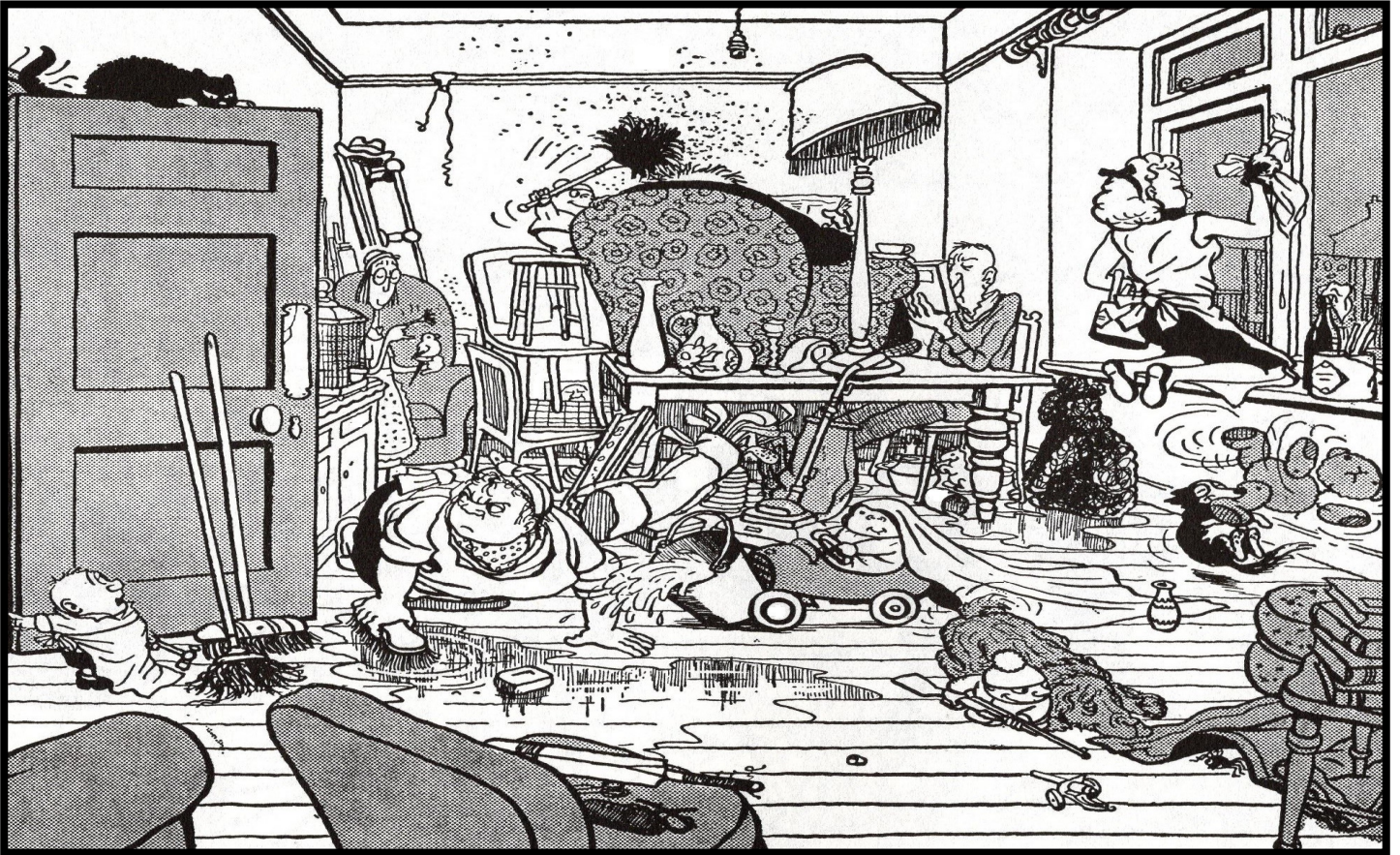
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# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures see if you can find them all before some sense of order returns.*

A bowling alley is how many feet long?



### APRIL

- Wed 13th W.I. Crafty Evening  
Priory Room 7:45pm  
Sat 16th Easter Eggs & Buns  
Wild Wood 10 till Noon  
Wed 13th Lunchtime Music  
St Mary's 12:15pm  
Wed 27th History Group  
Village Hall 7:30pm

### MAY

- Sat 7th Eastern Angles  
Village Hall 7:30pm  
Wed 11th W.I. Annual Meeting  
Priory Room 7:45pm  
Wed 18th 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

## Allotment Plant Sale!

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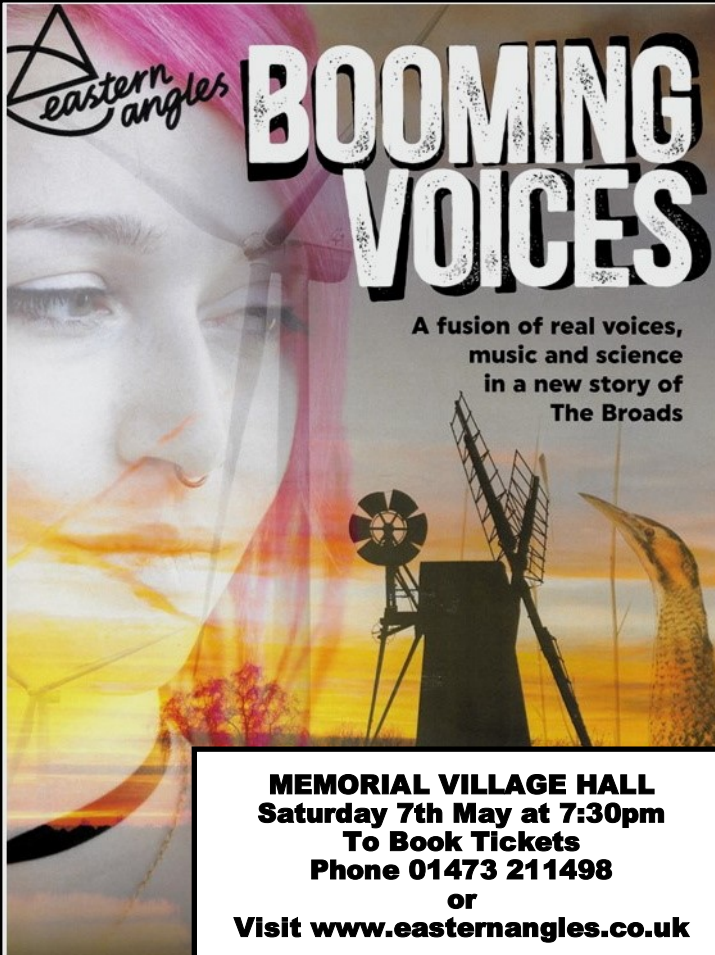
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**Saturday 25th June 7:30pm.** Octave in the church in the evening. Refreshments during the interval.

**Future Events:** Neil Carlson is intending to give a recital in the Autumn.

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**Saturday July 9th 7:00pm.** A concert by Shingle Street, the Suffolk folk band. Refreshments at the end.





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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Priory Room.

*[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, Mecrow, Roberts & Winch.  
Also in attendance: 30 members of the public, including 9 Causeway residents, and Mr Richard Martineau (applicant) and Mr John Martineau.

**1. OPENING** – The Chairman opened the meeting by setting out how the business for meeting would be conducted and explaining the Parish Council's role in the planning process and the limits to its influence.

**2. APOLOGIES -**

- a) There were no applicable apologies for absence
- b) Apologies of absence were noted from District Councillor Meyer.

**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 to include any gifts of hospitality - none were none declared
- b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none were declared.
- c) To receive requests for dispensations - none had been received prior to the meeting.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM -**

a) Members of the public present were invited to put questions about the applications on the agenda to the Parish Council and the applicant so that the Parish Council could get a feel for reasons for objections to be taken into account in the Parish Council comment on the applications. There were many concerns raised among them:

- Errors and contradictions in a 'vague' application
- Lack of detail in the application making meaningful comment on the proposals very difficult. There was a strong feeling that more detail is required on the precise type of storage proposed so that meaningful assessments could be made about traffic impacts, limited pavement space alongside the road, environmental impacts (light and noise), the use of the yard for village events, the implications of employees on site etc. It was felt that as it stands once the detail is known it will be too late.
- The impact on the unique and special importance to the village of The Causeway, its street scene and close proximity to grade II buildings and the grade I listed St Mary's Church.
- The fact that a main route out along The Causeway has one way passing only.





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- The application for Class B8 storage which is for ‘industrial locations’ – it was suggested that this can include large distribution operations and all that entails.
- The ‘policing’ of the lease once B8 storage is permitted and enforcement of any conditions and the fact that subsequent usage changes would be easier once class B8 had been granted and very much depended on the particular tenants and how effectively lease agreements are enforced. It was asked what the enforcement mechanism would be. The Chair suggested that this would be by the community reporting any breach to the landlord or the Parish Council for appropriate action under the terms of the lease or by the enforcement of planning conditions.
- The fear that once B8 storage is permitted if the site is then sold, the local community, through the planning process, would have no further say on how activity on the site may evolve under different ownership.
- The concerns about adding to existing lorry traffic much of which should not be using the roads through Walsham if highways signage was obeyed.
- There were concerns about the usual methods of notification of planning application as required by law. These were clarified and are not under the control of the Parish Council.

*During the public forum the applicant Mr Martineau was able to clarify some questions but did acknowledge that he had not actually read the application as this was being handled by appointed architects, but:*

- that the intention is to preserve the barns by ensuring they are utilised whilst also possibly providing some employment (this point was also made by a member of the public)
- that the barns are actually used at the moment as a fertilizer store for which is it accessed twice a year by large articulated vehicles
- the current strict hours of use would be stipulated in tenancy agreements
- the yard would remain accessible for use for village events

*The Chair asked for suggestions from the public as to alternative uses, among these were, restaurant, café, antiques centre, farm shop(s), garden centre. It was pointed out that many of these would involve considerable traffic movements, possibly more than the storage uses would generate.*

*Cllr Mecrow reminded the meeting that the road from Badwell Ash onto the Causeway and Summer Road is a designated as lorry route. He also reiterated the limited role and influence that the Parish Council has in the planning process as it is not the final decision maker.*

*The Clerk advised that neighbours can have as much influence as the Parish Council in this process and the views of the officers of the planning authority (e.g., a highways officer), will usually carry more weight than either the Parish Council or neighbours. (refer to village website: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/governance-community/parish-council/#planning-applications>)*

*It was also asked how people can comment if they are not online. The Clerk will put*



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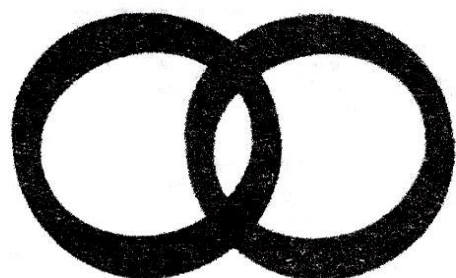


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*the postal address for comments on the village website but also will post this on the village notice board. Parishioners are of course also welcome to contact the Clerk for any such information.*

- b) Representations from members of the public present relating to Walsham le Willows in general – there were none.

*The chair closed the public forum at 20:10 to allow Councillors to consider the representations made and formulate a comment for submission. No members of the public remained for this part of the meeting.*

## **5. PLANNING MATTERS -**

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*The Chair called for an indication as to how the Parish Council should comment on the planning application. The decision was to object. The Parish Council further discussed the basis of the objection and Cllr. Belson offered to draft a comment of objection for final approval at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, before submission by the Clerk.*

## **6. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- a) To receive any matters of concern for noting only. There were none.

Meeting closed at 21:05



# **PLAY PARK REFURBISHMENT**

The Parish Council are looking to refurbish the Children's Play Park at Townhouse Road. Installation to start as soon as possible after award of contract but no later than 1st July 2022. Supply and installation to be completed no later than 31st July 2022.

The successful contractor is required to supply and fit the equipment listed in the specification plus any necessary safety surfaces.

Contractors are prohibited from contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process.

Contract value £60K - £84K (Including VAT)

Completed tenders must be returned **by post** in an envelope marked as confidential and addressed to the Clerk.

Closing date 17 April 2022 at 5pm

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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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, Mecrow, Roberts & Winch.

**1. OPENING – Meeting opened at 7pm**

**2. APOLOGIES -**

- a) There were no applicable apologies for absence
- b) Apologies of absence were noted from District Councillor Meyer.

**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 to include any gifts of hospitality - none were declared
- b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none were none declared.
- c) To receive requests for dispensations - none had been received prior to the meeting.

**4. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS**

- a) Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 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**

- a) Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan group had given apologies and no-one else was available to attend. The Chair proposed to discuss under agenda item 9.
- b) The Chair invited questions for Cllr. Fleming on her report and on any other matters. Cllr Winch asked about the acquisition of more land to create more green space such as the Wild Wood. Cllr. Fleming to speak to colleagues and report back.

Cllr Mecrow asked about SCC's approach to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Cllr. Fleming referred to the item in her report and advised that this was currently being managed by a charity in Ipswich.

Cllr. Arbon asked if Cllr. Fleming had any information on when the weak bridge B1088 towards Norton would be repaired and reopened to HGV's. Cllr. Fleming had no information on this. Cllr Belson noted the rise in the number of applications for solar farms and noted that there doesn't seem to be much of



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plan to co-ordinate these. Cllr. Fleming agreed and advised that this has been taken up at County level.

- c) The Chair invited questions for Cllr Meyer on his report and any other matters. Cllr. Meyer advised that he would leave the meeting early but remained for the discussion on the Stanton development.

## 6. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

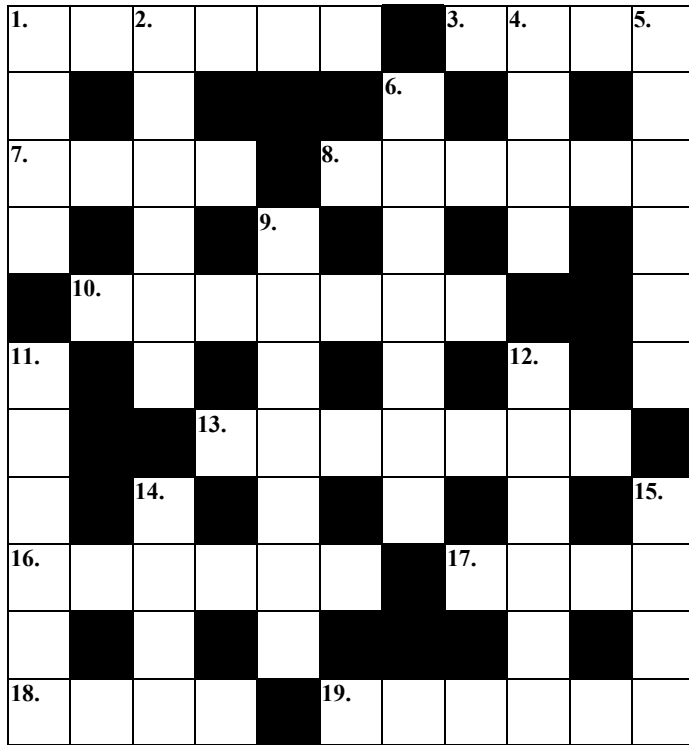
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**The Parish Council Objected to applications 00637 and 00640.** Consideration was given to the draft comments that Cllr. Belson had circulated prior to the meeting. Some amendments were proposed and approved. Cllr. Belson to revise and forward to the Clerk for submission.

- 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 **The Parish Council made No Comment** on this application. Cllr. Mecrow asked that it be minuted that he dissented and wished to support with comment on conditions (as noted by the environment health report).
- d) STANTON DEVELOPMENT (WEST SUFFOLK) – to consider matters relating to this development. Cllrs Winch and Roberts referred to their previously circulated report and answered questions on their attendance at the meeting that was held for local Parish Council representatives. A comparison was made with the CoPart site at Sandy which is half the size of the proposed site at Shepherd's Grove. Cllr. Fleming said she thought that the Parish Council and BMSDC will both be consulted and a key concern, given that West Suffolk did not operate a Community Infrastructure Levy scheme, what financial benefits would accrue to Mid-Suffolk DC from s106 payments to West Suffolk DC, something that Cllr Meyer had also noted as a concern. There was some scepticism of the likelihood that the roundabout construction on the A143 and the development of the site itself would be concurrent thus minimising disruption to local communities. There was a discussion about how the negative impacts of this development could be tackled. Some ideas were to co-ordinate a group of impacted Parishes following on from initial contacts made; possibility of height restrictions on highways Unlikely, as Cllr Mecrow has pointed out, Summer Road/Causeway is a designated lorry route; Cllr Fleming suggested a travel plan but this relies on the MSDC enforcement team with whom previous experience of enforcement of the travel plan for the Wattisfield Road

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## Across

1. It's quicker to find a loud daisy. (6)
3. Thrust into the pasta bake. (4)
7. Domestic found in characteristic surroundings. (4)
8. Does this national shine? (6)

10. Maybe view the edge of the coast. (7)
13. Unhappy Sheeran is maybe not open for checks. (7)
16. Shy and frothy drink. (6)
17. Poet goes back being dull. (4)
18. Could be a good sign when no gents are seen. (4)
19. Cooked up the tweeds for a meal. (6)

## Down

1. Well known sporting body caught short. (4)
2. Worries of a broken caress. (6)
4. Stumble upon a voyage. (4)
5. In support but not face on. (6)
6.  $-273^{\circ}\text{K}$  (7)
9. Sounds like it was an attempt to sit on a horse the male way. (7)
11. Hey! All of a sudden! (6)
12. It's a herb we concocted in the Middle East. (6)
14. Change face for the diner. (4)
15. I make an offer from the same place. (4)



**Gwendolyn:** *I hear that you are thinking of opening your garden this year.*

**Hermione:** *Yes! That very nice Mr Stebbing said that it was just the sort of garden the committee were looking for, and had I thought of having some sort of attraction!*

## HAIKU III

A girl is carrying  
Needles of the pine tree  
In her hair

In the dying camp fire  
Yesterday's potatoes  
Never to be eaten

North and South  
West and East -  
Only you I will follow



development had been disappointing; the application is expected during the summer and there should be another public consultation prior to this but the concern is that the period of time that would be available following notification of any planning application and decision – forward preparation will be essential. The following actions were proposed and approved: Cllr Fleming will check if an EIA should be required as this will enlarge the scope of the consultation and will also attempt to get Suffolk Highways engaged on this; Cllr Meyer will write to John Pateman-Gee to try to prompt a commitment to co-ordination between the cross border districts on this application; Cllr Bartholomew to contact other parishes that may have been impacted by Copart developments to see what can be learned from their experience; Cllr Winch will contact Green Ixworth to see if this might be the most appropriate way to foster co-ordination between parishes.

## 8. PLANNING OUTCOMES

- a) 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 **MSDC Made no objection**
- b) DC/22/00092 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of rear extension (following demolition of conservatory). Location: Felbrigge, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3BD **MSDC Granted this application**

## 9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllrs. Belson & Mecrow reported that a lot of work has been done and is being done. The Housing Needs Assessment (68 pages) has been received back from AECOM which highlights issues of affordability, oversupply of smaller affordable housing units and shortage of affordable 1 and 2 bedroom units. The work on Design Code is not yet complete but all the contents have been mapped out and the AECOM write up is due soon. The last meeting focused on adding new green spaces to those already identified in the Local Plan and report back on position re designation of the village in the Local Plan. There is now a huge volume of content to read, but it is felt that the 15-page executive summaries needed further condensing into bullet points to aid quick review and improve accessibility. It was noted that Cllrs Belson and Mecrow and Sally Johnston in particular, have put in a huge amount of time on all this work. Work is now beginning on the built and natural environment policies. A policy will be written to address the issue of solar farm developments. The Clerk was asked what of all this has been published on the website. The Clerk advised that there had been few requests to publish on the website. Cllrs Belson and Mecrow to address this.

## 10. PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Kinnair reported that, as previously advised by email, the Capital Grant and CIL bid offer letters had been received. He proposed that the £15,000 Capital grant offer be accepted. This was unanimously approved. Cllr Kinnair proposed that the CIL offer contract for £9,315.75 was also accepted as one final payment (rather than staged payments). This was unanimously approved. Clerk to sign and return



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both these letters on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council considered the previously updated and circulated specification. A few more amendments were agreed and this was approved for publication. It was proposed that the tender now be published on the Contract Finder Portal as is required by Standing Order 18c. Clerk and Cllr Kinnair to liaise as necessary and Clerk to action asap.

## **11. FINANCE**

- a) The Clerk proposed the approval of the bank reconciliation for period ending 28th February 2022. This was approved and duly signed by Cllr. Kinnair.
- b) The Clerk proposed the approval for signature of the accounts awaiting payment (appendix 1) These were approved and duly signed by Cllrs. Bartholomew and Kinnair.
- c) The Clerk proposed the review of earmarked and CIL reserves. It was decided that these should be left unamended until the next budget review.

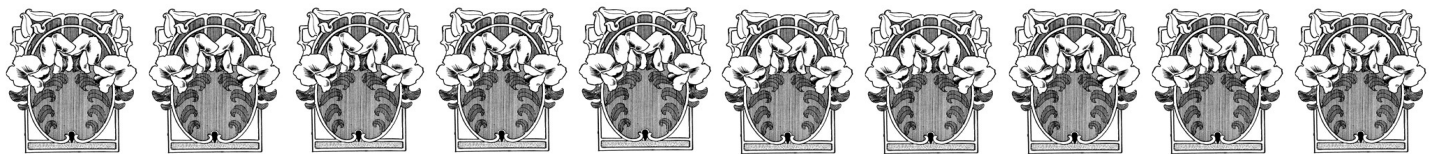
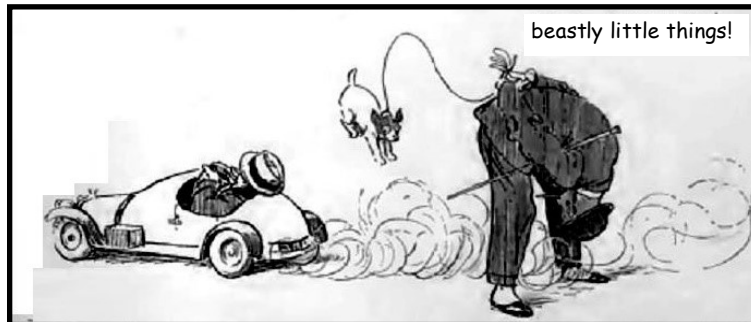
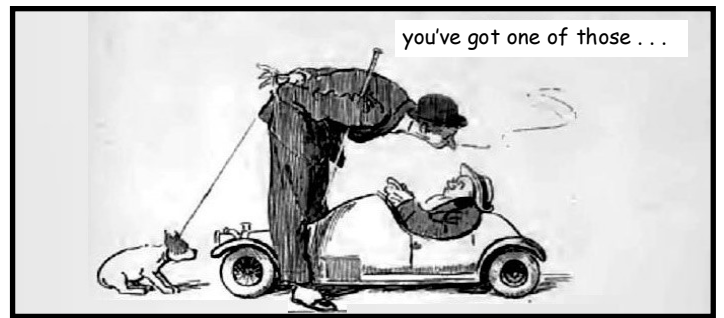
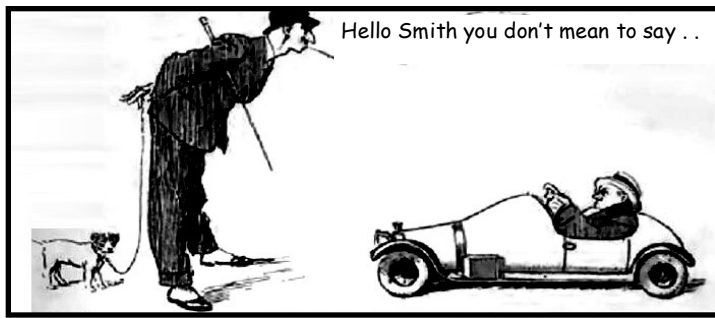
## **12. STATUTORY BUSINESS**

- a) The Clerk proposed the approval of reviewed policies 001-017 (including Internal Controls, Standing Orders and Financial Regs) for readoption at the Annual Meeting (as circulated on 04/02/2022 and 14/02/2022). Unanimously approved.
- b) The Clerk proposed the approval of the updated Register of Assets for approval with revaluations (circulated 01/03/2022). This was unanimously approved.
- c) The Clerk proposed the approval of the asset maintenance review for 2022. (circulated 01/03/2022). This was unanimously approved.
- d) The Clerk proposed the approval of the Clerk's contract reviewed at appraisal on 17th January 2022 and to base paid leave on core hours (circulated 01/03/2022). This was unanimously approved.
- e) The Clerk proposed the approval of the CGM contract as reviewed by Cllr. Winch for Play Area grass cutting (circulated to RB on 28/02/2022). This was unanimously approved.
- f) The Clerk proposed the approval the updated Risk Register (circulated 04/03/2022). This was unanimously approved.

## **13. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- a) The Clerk invited questions on action log items 9as previously circulated). There were none and no other matters of concern were raised.
- b) The Clerk advised that before the licence fee is paid some more scrutiny is given to the feasibility of the locations proposed for village gates with more detailed specifications as to the widths available for gates at either side of the highway at all locations bearing in mind that a gate on one side, with or without a single post on the other, may be appropriate at some of these. Cllr Belson asked for volunteers for this task. Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts kindly offered.
- c) Dates of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of April were proposed for the spring Litter Pick. These were agreed. Cllrs. Mecrow and Roberts to co-ordinate with assistance from the Clerk. Cllr Winch offered to assist on the day. Clerk to send out an email to previous volunteers with relevant paperwork to be followed up by Cllr. Roberts



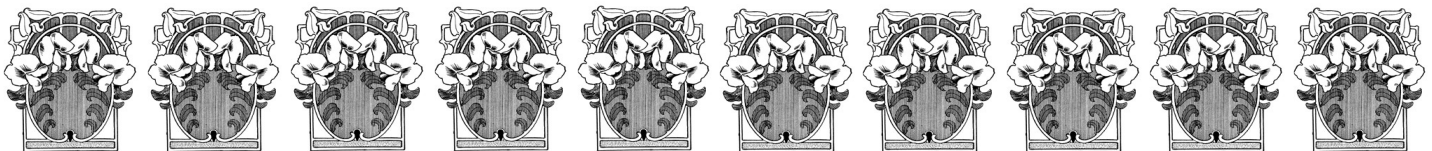


## HAIKU IV

The climber's shadow  
Hesitatingly climbing  
The ladder's shadow

Oppressive heat -  
Pigeon and hen-pigeon  
Too sluggish to mate

My father is stranded  
Inside a sky submarine  
Milky Way shipwreck



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and Mecrow on the day. Clerk to request collection MSDC collection of arisings.

- d) Previously circulated correspondence from Walsham Wildwood requesting financial assistance with purchase of materials for the construction of a bench to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was considered. After some deliberation Cllr. Arbon proposed that the Parish Council make a CIL grant to the amount as per the sales quotation (No. SQ0003416) from Clarkes in the sum of £179.81 (excl. vat). This was agreed and approved by a majority of councillors.
- e) To consider and receive any other matters of concern for noting only: There were none.

Meeting closed at 21:25

## APENDIX 1

### Payments for Authorisation March 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	£54.00	6 Months Payroll Services
2	Community Council	£250.00	Donation (s137 1972 LG Act) – see minute ref 11.2 – 09/02/2022)
3	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire Parish Council Meeting
4	Parish Council Employee	£542.21	Wages
5	GoPak	£6753.90	Staging for Memorial Hall
6	K Boardley (Multisigns Ltd)	£207.89	Reimbursement for Litter Pick Signage
7	Clarkes	£297.00	Replacement Village Sign Post
8	K Boardley (Abitech Systems Ltd)	£19.99	Reimbursement for Printer Ink
#	Payments IN	Amount	Description
1	MSDC RECEIVED	£106.92	Q3 grant for leaf sweeping



## HAIKU IV

The climber's shadow  
Hesitatingly climbing  
The ladder's shadow

Oppressive heat -  
Pigeon and hen-pigeon  
Too sluggish to mate

My father is stranded  
Inside a sky submarine  
Milky Way shipwreck



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

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Services are at 7.30 each evening of Easter week (11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April)  
Refreshments to follow

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Wednesday & Thursday	Rev. David McMillan	(Armagh Free Presbyterian Church, Co. Armagh N. Ireland)
Friday	Rev. Gearóid Marley	(Alconbury Independent Baptist Church, Cambridgeshire)

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**Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures...and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.** (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



# FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

As we witness ever more the disturbing scenes upon our TV sets, and read and see in our daily newspapers the horrific consequences of the conflict in Ukraine, it is inevitable that we are reminded of Europe in the 1930s and 1940s under the oppression of Nazism. A very real sense that history may well be about to repeat itself.

With that in mind, I am reminded that the 9<sup>th</sup> April is always set aside by the Worldwide Christian Church to remember Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran Priest, executed by the Nazis for his opposition to all that they stood for.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in Wroclaw, Poland, in 1906, into an academic family, and as a young man was Ordained in the Lutheran Church. He served as a Priest in Spain and New York, and then in 1931 back in Berlin. Always opposed to the philosophy of Nazism, he was one of the leaders of the Confessing Church, a movement which broke away from the Nazi dominated Lutherans in 1934. He was to spend time in German speaking London churches between 1933 – 1935, denouncing the German Church which refused to oppose the Nazis.

Bonhoeffer began training young Priests, until the seminary was closed by the Gestapo, and then spent two years travelling in eastern Germany, supervising Priests who were working illegally in small isolated Parishes. The Gestapo banned him from Berlin in 1938.

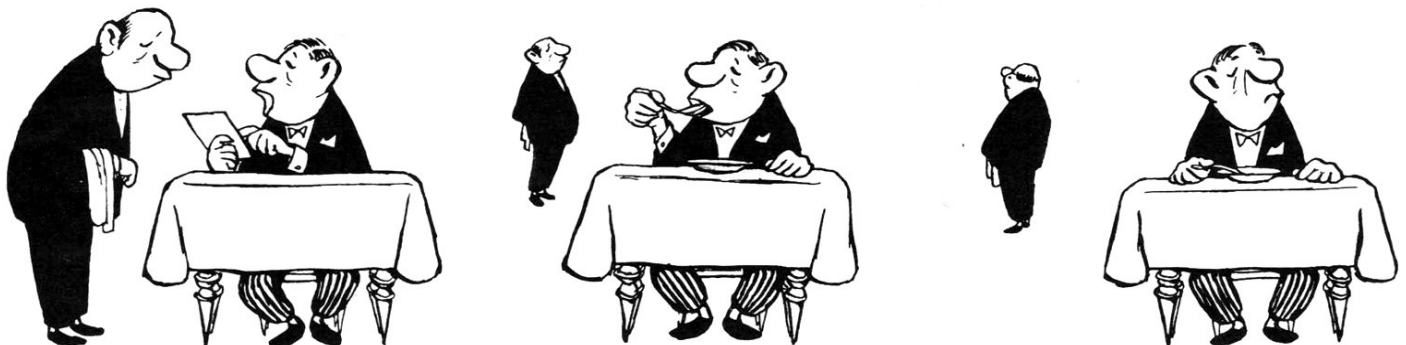
Dietrich Bonhoeffer returned to America where he could have safely stayed, but instead bravely returned to Germany at the outbreak of the war in 1939; he would have been well aware of the dangers that might lie in front of him.

Bonhoeffer became involved in 'Operation Seven,' a plan to get Jews out of Germany by giving them papers as foreign agents. The Gestapo uncovered the plans, and Bonhoeffer and his brother-in-law, Hans von Dohnanyi were arrested in 1943.

In February 1945 Bonhoeffer was moved to Buchenwald and in April to Flossenburg concentration camp. On April 9<sup>th</sup> 1945 he was hanged with his brother Klaus Bonhoeffer, along with his brothers – in - laws Hans von Dohnanyi, and Rudiger Schleicher.

Bonhoeffer's legacy is that of a life as a pastor and theologian with great intellect and spirituality who lived as he preached. He was the first martyr to be so recognised who lived after the Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. He has influenced not just Christians but Civil Rights Movements and anti-communist democratic movements across eastern Europe. His theological writings are respected the world over, by all faiths and those with none. His book 'The Cost of Discipleship' is still regarded as a modern classic.

*Philip Merry*



# APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> of Lent</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
7.00pm	Compline	Finningham
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Monday – Holy Week</b>	
7.00pm	Compline	Walsham
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Tuesday – Holy Week</b>	
7.00pm	Compline	Wattisfield
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Wednesday – Holy Week</b>	
7.00pm	Compline	Walsham
<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
7.00pm	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
10.00am	Walk of Witness	Wattisfield
1.00pm	Readings/Meditation	Walsham
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Walsham
<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Langham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
<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

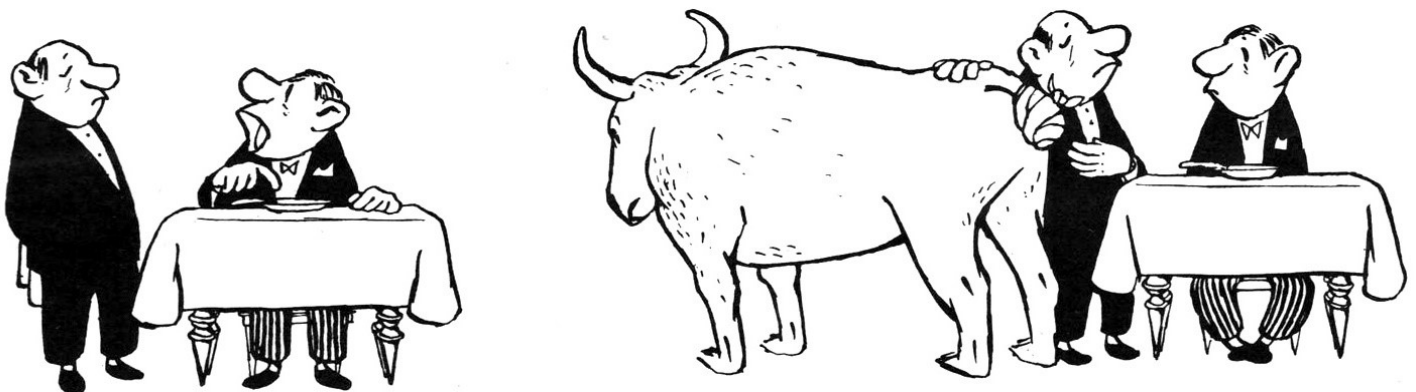
# WILDLIFE IN APRIL

Spring is here! Flowers are starting to bloom and animals are pairing up ready to start breeding if they have not already. We have had the wonderful yellow spring colour of the Daffodil last month going into this month, but now it is the turn of the Bluebells. Bluebells flower in April-May and there are two types of this lovely flower. There is our native British or English Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*) and a Spanish variety (*Hyacinthoides hispanica*) which can be found over much of Britain. The ways you can tell a English from a Spanish Bluebell is the Spanish Bluebell has erect flowers, paler coloured petals, no scent and the pollen has a green/blue colour. The English Bluebell has flowers that droop to one side, the flower is deep purple, the pollen has no colour and it has a pungent scent. The Spanish variety grows faster than our native one and this is one of the major threats to our species with the added potential risk of cross breeding. Did you know that the UK is home to over half of the worlds population of Bluebells?

Tree Bumblebees will be around this month, you can identify them by their markings. They have a dark orange band near the head, then a band of black followed by a band of white. These little Bees are relatively new to the UK, first being identified just over a decade ago in Wiltshire. They have become abundant across the country due to bird nesting boxes which create the perfect nests. There is a Beetle that relies on a species of bee, have you heard of an Oil Beetle? There are four species of Oil Beetle in the UK, they are flightless beetles and they get their name due to them releasing oily secretions from their bodies when stressed. They have a complex lifecycle of the insect world, after hatching from the soil the larvae need to find a food source quickly, pollen being preferred. The larvae position themselves inside the spring flowers and then they wait. They are waiting for a Mining Bee, which we covered last month. As the Mining Bee lands on the flower the larvae hitch a ride, they are then flown back to the Mining Bees nest and will munch away on pollen and the nectar stored in the nest until they emerge as adults where the cycle will start all over again.

April is a great time to see Badgers. The females called Sows gave birth underground deep in the safety of the Sett back in February. The cubs stay underground for around six weeks gradually exploring the tunnels and chambers, before emerging above ground in April. They are very playful and boisterous and will venture further out from the Sett with the protection of mum to learn how to feast on worms!

*Angie Nice*





# ABBREVIATIONS

*With the present fashion for abbreviating words to dis, uni, inspo and vacay, see how you get on with this poem found in an early twentieth-century edition of Punch!*

The Bard, at times,  
Is stumped for rhymes,  
    Without the least excuse,  
He could defy  
Such moments by  
    Abbreviation's use.  
For words like Bucks:  
    Or even Ess:  
Are not a lux:  
    But a necess:

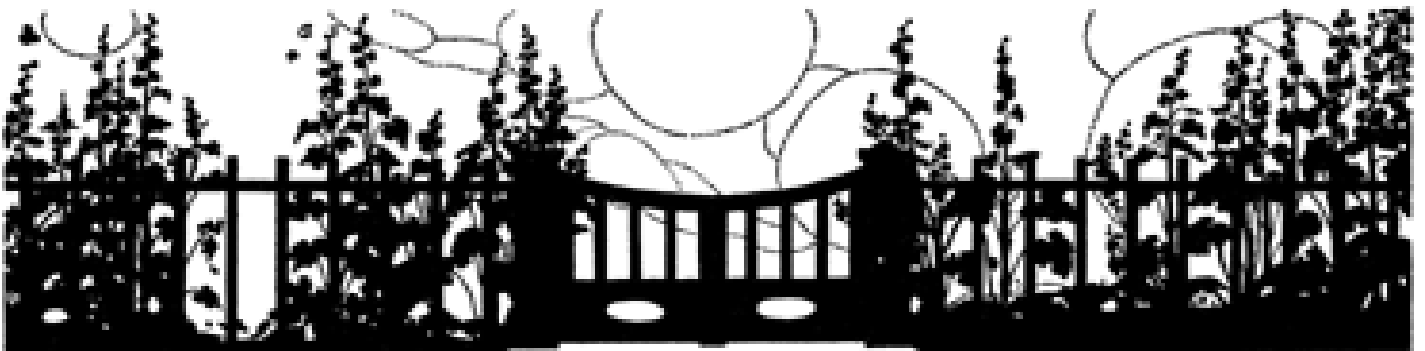
So simp: a rule  
May seem pecul:  
    And make the crit: indig:  
What matter if  
The scan: is diff:  
    The meaning too ambig:?  
The net result,  
    Lacon: and punct:  
Is worth a mult:  
    Of needless unct:

We long for sile:  
From folks who pile  
    Their wordy Pel: on Oss:  
Extremely nox:  
And quite intox:  
    By their exub: verbos:  
We curse their imp:  
    In manner dras:  
And fail to symp:  
    With their Loquac:

In the House of Com:  
They all abom:  
    The periphrastic Pol:  
Reviewers sniff  
At auth: prolif:  
    With the seminnual vol:  
But we can pard:  
    I do believe,  
The minor bard  
    We will abbrev:

With pen and ink  
In close propinq:  
    The Poet, lucky fell:!  
Avoiding troub:  
May give his pub:  
    The cred: for some intel:  
And like an orph:  
    In pose recumb:  
In arms of Morph:  
    Securely slum:

Let corks explode  
With brand: and sod:  
    Ye wearers of the mot:  
Decant the cham:  
(What matt: the dam:?)  
    And empt: the flowing bot:!  
And ne'er surren:  
    The Laureate's palm,  
His haunch of ven:  
    And butt of Malm:!



# SPORTS CLUB REPORT

## Football.

The First Team lost 1-0 at Woodbridge and 2-0 at home to Kirkley and Pakefield in the league before returning to form with a 2-1 victory at home to Lakenheath. Man of the match Karl Saffrey and Charley Norman were the goal-scorers. They currently sit seventh in the League Table. Walsham also lost 1-0 at Needham Market in the Suffolk Premier Cup and gave a very good account of themselves.

The Reserves had 2 very good league victories. They thrashed Cornard United 6-0 at home and Diss 5-1 away. In the Suffolk Senior Reserves Cup they beat Ipswich Vale Exiles Reserves 2-0 to reach the semi-finals.

The A Side drew 1-1 with Ipswich Vale Exiles Reserves in the Intermediate Cup but won 4-1 on penalties to reach the semi-finals of that competition.

The Under 18s drew 3-3 at Kirkley but won on penalties to reach the semi-finals of the Suffolk Midweek Under 18s Cup. They then beat Saffron Walden 2-1 away in the league. Callum Barrett scored both goals including a penalty.

The Veterans were thrashed 6-0 at home by Lowestoft in the Suffolk Veterans Cup semi-final but did really well just to get to this stage.

## April Home Fixtures

### Bowls

Wednesday 20th v Wortham. 6:00pm

Thursday 21st v GW Staniforth 6:30pm

Monday 25th v Rookery 6:30 start

### Cricket

Saturday 23rd v Mildenhall 3rds 1:00pm

Saturday 30th v Woolpit 1V 1:00pm

### What's On

Bingo on Sundays 10th and 24th April. 7:00pm start.

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*

## CRICKET SECTION DINNER

The Walsham Cricket Section held its annual dinner on the 25 Feb 22 at the newly refurbished Walsham Sports Club. Forty-eight members, new and old, dined with their guests and enjoyed a convivial evening reminiscing over past achievements and planning the campaign ahead. The Chairman, Rick Meyer, spoke of the successful drive to update and improve the Club's ground equipment and thanked his committee for their support and hard work over the past year. He also challenged the players to make individual and collective improvements to their game to match the first-class environment in which they now play. Forthcoming cricketing dates of note include: the first home game is to be held on 23 Apr 22; Friday night kids' training starts on 6 May 22; and an RAF Honington "Help For Heroes" charity match will take place on 17 Jul 22.

*Rick Meyer*



## 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



## HAIKU V

The captured fairy  
Transforms itself  
Into a little flower

A stray fish  
In the net of dreams  
Waking the fisherman

Green leaf  
Supporting two caterpillars  
Such is life

From which country does Emmenthal cheese come?



# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Page Bottom Quiz

1. Basin Street, 2. Turkish Delight, 3. The Suffragettes, 4. Lyme Regis, 5. Russia, 6. Hawaii, 7. J. R. R. Tolkien, 8. Ice-skating, 9. Turin, 10. Columbine, 11. Three, 12. Rice, 13. *Tom Sawyer*, 14. Five, 15. The eighteenth, 16. The Tower of London, 17. Edith Piaf, 18. *The Boys From the Black Stuff*, 19. Neptune, 20. Sir Paul McCartney, 21. A falcon (male), 22. Elizabeth I, 23. Romania, 24. Sixty, 25. Mickey Mouse, 26. Doric, 27. Francisco Franco, 28. Insects, 29. John Milton, 30. Newton and Ridley, 31. None, 32. The Forth, 33. *Madam Butterfly*, 34. The thrush family, 35. Fifteenth, 36. The Mersey and the Dee, 37. Sonny Liston, 38. Fat, 39. Smoke it (It's a cigar), 40. Yellow, 41. *Round the Horn*, 42. Funny Lady, 43. Decapitated heads of criminals, 44. *Man of La Mancha*, 45. Mary Queen of Scots, 46. The Kray brothers, 47. New York, 48. Switzerland, 49. William Wordsworth, 50. Adolph Hitler.

## Su-Doku

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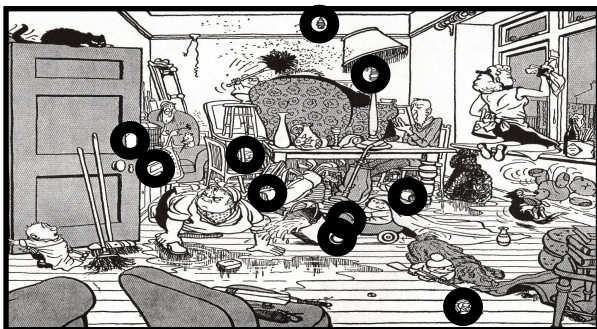
## Crossword

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	S	E	A	S	I	D	E			N
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S	H	A	N	D	Y		D	R	A	B
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O	M	E	N			S	T	E	W	E

## More or Less

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

## Spot the Difference



## Searching for Words

Act	Acted	Alter	Art	Ate
Car	Card	Care	Cared	Cart
Carted	Cat	Cater	Death	Drat
Eat	Era	Eta	Hate	Hated
Hater	Heat	Her	Herd	Lard
Late	Later	Lath	Lathe	Lather
Rat	Rate	Rated	React	Red
Ret	Tar	Tard	Tare	Tea
Ted	The	<b>Cathedral (43)</b>		

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# **WALSHAM LE WILLOW 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.'**