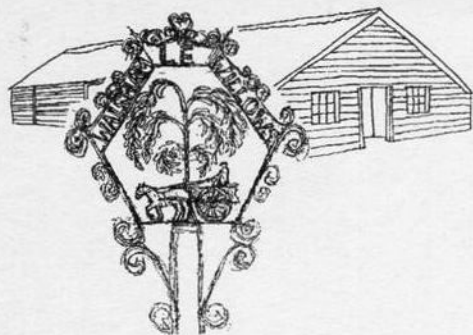


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EDITORIAL

For the second month, here is a bumper edition of the Observer, for which I should like to thank all those who have contributed - contributions are always welcome!

The 'patriotic' cover is to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee - especially Jubilee Wood - details of which can be found on Page 11. Adverts for the celebration activities do appear in this edition, so don't miss out on what, it is hoped, will be a glorious few days.

As you will see, from the article on Page 45, Eastern Angles again produced a wonderful East Anglian play, which was enjoyed by a select audience. They are sure to return so keep a look out for advance notice in the Diary of Events which, seemingly unknown to one reader, is open for any organisation to have details posted, but please note that, as it is advance warning, only two brief lines are used (Event, Date, Time and Place). So do get your advance notifications in and avoid clashes.

Do note that the **AGM of the Community Council** is taking place on **Wednesday 29th June at 7:30pm**. Do make every effort to get to it to find out what has been going on during the past year, and also what is hoped for the future. You might have suggestions yourself which might be gratefully accepted.

Woolpit Drama Club are coming to **Walsham on Saturday 9th July** with their production of *Wind in The Willows* - how appropriate, but hope that evening will be calm! Those who saw their production of *Alice in Wonderland* a few years back will be looking forward to this.

Cathy Cass will be bringing her singing group, Octave, to St Mary's on **Saturday 25th June at 7:30pm**, along with the Phantom Wind Quintet. Another enjoyable evening can be expected.

A dip back into the past will be made when the History Group are showing the Walsham Millennium video on Wednesday 22nd June. If nothing else you will be able to marvel at one 'Red Sox' masquerading as Mr (John) Nice, and some expert lawn management at The Six Bells.

STOP PRESS

A bonus for the children on Sunday 5th June at our Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

The 'street' party in the Hall and car park organised to bring the village together to celebrate this momentous occasion has had an added extra offered for the children to add to their fun.

Mrs Penelope Robins has created a Treasure Hunt in her garden at The Beeches at the back of the Hall and thought out some suitable clues and prizes for the Under 11s. Her hope is that some families will perhaps start their afternoon with a stroll round her garden whilst the youngsters find the answers to the questions asked, before enjoying the refreshments and company at the Memorial Village Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact me, iancampbell@suffolkonline.net

Frances Jenner heard from the BBC that the programme about Walsham and the Black Death is to be put out on BBC2 on the 31st May at 9pm as part of the 'Lucy Worsley Investigates' series and is called the 'Black Death'.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Suffolk Police are asking people to hand in unwanted or illegal guns as they support a national surrender on firearms and ammunition.

The campaign is being coordinated by the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) and will run from Thursday 12 May until Sunday 29 May, in a bid to reduce the availability of illegal firearms to criminals, reduce the number of illegal firearms within local supply chains and ultimately reduce firearm offences in the county.

During that period, those surrendering firearms will not face prosecution for illegal possession at the point of surrender and can remain anonymous. The items that people are urged to surrender include replica firearms, air weapons, BB guns, imitation firearms, component parts and other ballistic items currently lawfully held.

Firearms can be surrendered at the three Public Enquiry Offices (PEOs) in the county between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday. The locations of the PEOs are as follows:

- **Ipswich Police Station, 10 Museum Street, IP1 1HT**
- **Lowestoft Police Station, Old Nelson Street, NR32 1EQ**
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Anyone handing in a firearm should make sure that it is unloaded and covered up and, if possible, people are asked to ring the police beforehand on 101 to let officers know that they are bringing a gun in as part of the operation.

Suffolk Police are releasing images of a number of bicycles that are believed to have been stolen. Officers also found a quantity of lead.

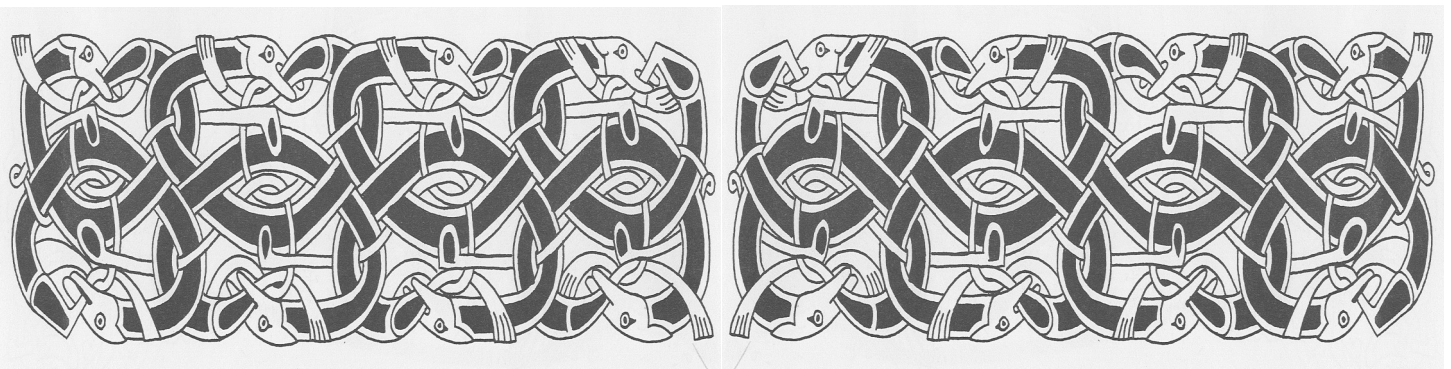
The items were found and seized at an address in Stowmarket following an attempted arrest of a man who was wanted in connection with other offences.

Anyone who believes the items may belong to them, or has any information regarding the bicycles or the lead, is asked to contact Suffolk police, quoting crime reference 37/28485/22

Pictures of the recovered bicycles can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website in a **News** article dated 17th May

Catalytic Converter thefts are taking place again in the area with recent thefts from vehicles in Elmswell, Wetherden and Ixworth. Security advice regarding this can be found on the Suffolk Constabulary website under the **Advice – First Principle** heading.

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As I am sure you are all aware, the beginning of June sees the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee occurring in the village. You are invited to bring a picnic along to enjoy in the street party atmosphere in and around the bunting decorated hall and garden, the hall coffee shop will be open if you need to purchase extra sausage rolls, cakes or need reviving with a cup of tea or coffee, also the bar will be open for those that would like something a little bit stronger.

Penelope Robins is very kindly running a Treasure Hunt for children within the Beeches Garden on the same afternoon, starting from the Hall.

The Community Council will be holding their Annual A.G.M at the hall on Wednesday the 29th of June in the evening. Full and proper notice is elsewhere in this edition of the Observer.

On Saturday the 9th of July the Woolpit Drama Club will be coming to the hall with a fun outdoor promenade production of Wind in the Willows. Bring a picnic at 4.30pm and then at 6pm follow Mole, Rat, Toad and Badger on an adventure in the garden, around and inside the Village Hall. The coffee shop and bar will be open for refreshments.

The village Sale Trail will be on Sunday the 24th of July, 10am till 1pm. So maybe start sorting out your cupboards and garages for items to sell from the comfort of your doorstep. Details of how to get your address on the map will be in next month's Observer but if any craft people would like a table inside the hall, you can email me at ferretjim@msn.com for more information or to book a table in the hall.

Amanda Ellis

All village residents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of

**The Walsham le Willows Community Council
(charity number 278321)**

and

**Memorial Hall Walsham le Willows
(charity number 304950)**

Date: Wednesday 29th June 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Memorial Hall Walsham le Willows

I. Bartholomew – Honorary Treasurer – 1st June 2021

JUBILEE PHOTOGRAPHS

It is hoped to put a Jubilee 'photograph album' in the middle four pages of next month's Observer. Please send a few of the photographs that you might take during the celebrations to the editor - preferably in jpg format. If you could give the names of people who feature in them it would be helpful.



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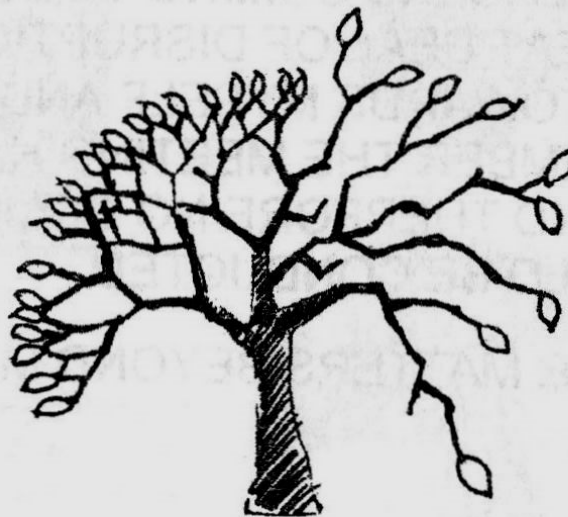
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We returned to school after the Easter break to find a duck had decided to nest in our grounds so we were very excited when she had four ducklings. We are looking forward to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and have some exciting activities planned. Caterpillar class have been looking at Bright Lights, Big City and exploring London in the past and today and have learnt about The Great Fire of London. In science they are exploring growth and learning about what makes us special and unique in R.E.

In Ladybirds, they are learning about Magnificent Monarchs and finding out about the lives of Queen Elizabeth 2nd and Henry 8th and their Royal Palaces. In R.E. they are looking at why do Christians follow and trust Jesus.

We have had some children from Ukraine join us and all the children have been welcoming to them and trying to learn some new words.

Dragonflies have looked at Heroes and Villains and will be researching historical heroes and creating riddles. The children have worked really hard in the garden area and have completely revamped these and we now have potatoes growing, along with different herbs; the area looks wonderful now!

Grasshoppers have been finding out about Chinese Dynasties and are writing Chinese folk tales. In science they are learning about plants and lifecycles and exploring Buddhism in R.E.

Cricket class have worked incredibly hard with their SATs, enjoying a breakfast in school beforehand. They have also visited Kingswood and had a fantastic time doing caving, archery, climbing and laser with the weather being dry and sunny for them.

The PTA are very busy organising the summer fete and this year it will take place on **Saturday 25th June 12.00 to 2.30pm** at the school.

There will be lots of activities including face painting, tombola, food stalls, craft stalls and tea and coffee – please do come along and visit us.

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

Maxine McGarr



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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI REPORT MAY 2022

Members gathered in the Priory Room for the Annual Meeting. The WI Committee remains the same with the welcome addition of Denise Merry and sadly, the retirement of Margaret Simpson, a very long serving committee member. Reports from our President and Secretary recorded the events of the year past and looked towards the year to come. There was only one nomination for President was accepted and so Margaret Moore will continue to be President for the coming year. We were pleased to welcome Val Simpson, ACWW Representative for the Suffolk West Federation of WIs. Val was able to give us an update on recent changes to this the world wide arm of the WI movement. What was familiar to us as Pennies for Friendship projects will now be known as Rural Women in Action with a striking simplified logo. The aims and objectives remain the same, those of supporting rural women in many countries to lead a better and more sustainable life. The first new project is to be announced soon. Val was thanked for making the relatively lengthy journey from Haverhill to be with us. Our evening was rounded off with a quick shot at Maggie's diabolical anagrams. However, someone got them all! Clever lady!

At our next meeting on June 8th in the Priory Room, Walsham we will be hearing about The Work of a Parish Nurse, with Lesley Williams as our speaker. This will be an 'open' meeting to which everyone is invited.

Pippa Baxter



W. I. PROGRAMME TILL APRIL 2023

JULY 13.

Medical Detection Dogs - Norma Howell
Competition: Photograph of a dog

AUGUST 10.

Netball Taster.
Sports Club, Summer Road - 6.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 14.

Talk on Australia - Graham Jenner
Competition: Australian souvenir

OCTOBER 12.

Girls of Little America - Sophie Green

NOVEMBER 9.

Christmas stenciling - Jo Green
Competition: Best made card

DECEMBER 14.

Make do and mend - Amanda Sutherland

2023

JANUARY 11.

Birthday Party - 7 p.m. for 7.15 p.m.

FEBRUARY 8.

History of Shepherds Grove - Peter Palmer
Competition: An old family photograph.
OPEN EVENING

MARCH 8.

Fire safety in the home

APRIL 12.

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WALSHAM TO BE PART OF THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY



Walsham le Willows will celebrate the Platinum Jubilee by contributing to the Queen's Green Canopy. We are very excited to share the news with the village that we will be planning and planting the second phase of the Wild Wood in 2022. The Wild Wood Steering group are extremely grateful to Geoffrey Pollard who stepped forward in response to our appeal for land. He has offered to end his long tenancy of a two-acre parcel of land adjacent to the current Wild Wood for the purpose of continuing our work to promote a wide variety of plant species and wildlife. Hugh Reeve, the chair of the Old Town Trust who own the land, confirmed that after harvest this autumn the lease of the land would be granted to the Steering Group so that the community led by the Wild Wood Steering Group could begin planting.

We know that the Wild Wood is a valued asset to the village. Many people walk through or sit and look towards the church and many families and groups come to the wood to enjoy the space for special occasions. On April 16th over 100 people visited the Wild Wood for Easter Egg hunting, coffee and hot cross buns. This shows how it can benefit the whole village whilst at the same time creating space for a wide variety of plants and trees that encourage bird and insect life.

Throughout the summer and particularly at the village Platinum Jubilee celebrations we plan to involve as many members of the community as possible to get involved in the project through sharing their ideas and finding out how they can become practically involved. Our initial outline plan is to create a link with the allotments by having an area devoted to edible wild planting; to continue the church ride; to create a fritillary and wild flower meadow and to plant wooded areas of our most successful species from the original planting to connect the two areas.

We are very enthusiastic about working with the village to develop further green space and are delighted that we are able to support part of the Old Town Trust's aims of protecting the environment, conservation and heritage.

Janette Winch



CAPTURE THE MOMENT Platinum Jubilee Photo Booth



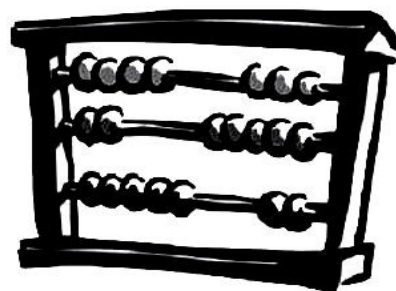
You are invited to take photos of yourselves sporting our Jubilee crowns seated on the new bench in Walsham Wild Wood. The bench will be situated along the church ride just before the Bank Holiday weekend and the crowns available on Saturday 4th June. To celebrate the weekend of the Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council have funded the materials for a new oak bench which has been hand-crafted by John Stebbing.

If you wish, please post any photos on the Community Hub or forward to the Wild Wood Steering Group.

Janette Winch

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First of all, you are not alone in this and there's support to help you.

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There's also emergency support that you may have access to, such as food bank vouchers or fuel vouchers.

If you're struggling to stay on top of bills, it's really important to understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. Citizens Advice also has a budgeting tool on its website that can help with this.

If you're already behind on bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if they can help you repay your bills sustainably.

We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don't have to face this alone, so do contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk to help you find a way forward.

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COMMUNITY LUNCH



Good to see you all last month and thank you for your continued support. The buzz in the hall was brilliant and told us you were all enjoying yourselves. Going forward there will be no restriction on numbers now.

For the time being we will continue with waitress service.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 13th June 2022. Lunch will be Coronation Chicken, new potatoes and salad served at 12.45pm - 1pm. followed by Eton Mess. Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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HISTORY GROUP TALKS

The Falklands War 40 Years On

On Wednesday 27th April, we had excellent attendance for a talk on The Falklands War by Wing Commander Andrew Gray.

The history of the of the islands going back to the 17th century was covered. Many of today's islanders are direct descendants of British people, farmers from Somerset being one example. The main income for native islanders today, derives from sheep and cattle farming, fishing, and tourism. The population is around 3,500 with 75% living in Stanley.

The Falklands war lasted only 74 days from start to finish. Air, sea, and land troops were dispatched. In total 28,000 service personnel served in the conflict. Tragically, in such a short time 255 British servicemen and 3 civilians lost their lives. Many more suffered injuries, and many were affected with PTSD after the conflict. As well as the human cost the financial cost for the conflict was in excess of a billion pounds.

The talk was packed with in depth details and insights. Many facts that never made the news were presented making for an interesting and enlightening evening. There were a number of beautiful photographs both on display, and in the presentation, many of which were taken by the speaker himself.

There were some controversial points of view included, that provoked thought and I am sure, further discussion after the evening was over. Wing Commander Andrew Gray kindly donated a copy of his new book which was offered as a raffle prize during the evening, the lucky winner was Derek Blackiston.

Jean Davies

Does My Bum Look Big In This?

On Wednesday 18th May, the History Group were treated to a wonderful evening with a talk on The Fashion of the Female Gentry 1750-1850, by James and Sarah Deering. The talk was not only fascinating and informative, but also visually stunning.

James and Sarah provided us with a display of dresses, hats, and accessories from the period. These were all made by Sarah and her mother using fabrics and methods as close as possible to those used during the time period. James, Sarah, and mum, all dressed in period costume to add to the ambiance of the evening.

Just the same as our present-day fashions, things changed all the time, wide skirts, changed to narrow silhouettes, and back to enormous crinoline skirts.

Some interesting facts were revealed, for example, pockets in the early dresses were just slits in the fabric of the skirt, the actual pockets were made separately, and stitched to tapes that tied around the waist. They could be sizable and were used to carry a wide variety of possessions.

Keeping clothes clean was a challenge, especially in the 1700's, ladies wore layers of petticoats to create a fashionable silhouette, these would be a mixture of woollen, silk, and linen layers. Washing these successfully was almost impossible. Several methods

were used to try and keep a gown clean, a chemise was worn underneath dresses, these could be washed, armpits could be cut out of a dress and replaced, fancy hems could be cut off a skirt and replaced. As silhouettes changed and skirts become narrower, life could be a little easier, however, it was considered dreadful for a lady of fashion to soil her dress if it could be avoided.

There was a great interest in the costume display and Sarah was available to answer questions from our members.

Jean Davies



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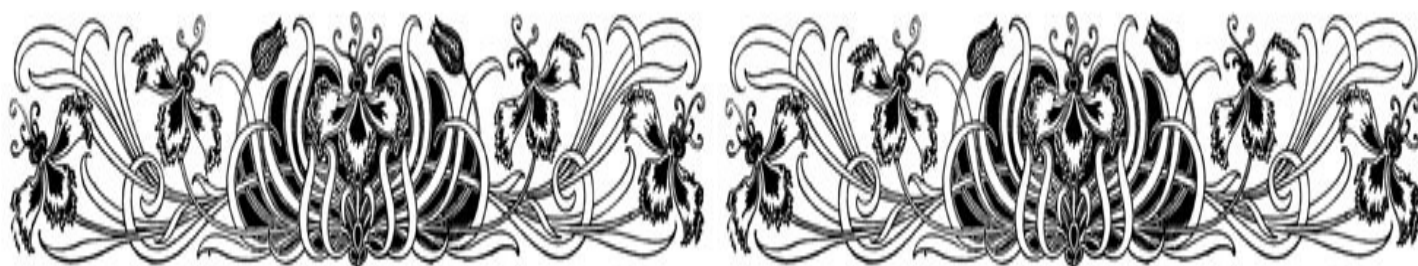
Ian Campbell

After reading the Observer about the village green spaces from the children of the Primary School survey, that was put in by Sally Johnston, the children have made a good example of what they like and wish for in the village. The children are our future, let's hope that we can give them what they would like. We need new ideas.

Mr & Mrs R Hubbard

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Jenny Blackburn



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The idea for making the film came from the late Dr Alec Russell and was taken forward by Margaret Hey, who wrote the script and was directed by Stephen Colby, (apologies if I have missed anybody but you get will your credits on the night). The making of the film was funded by a grant from the Suffolk Acre Millennium Scheme. At the same time the History Group published a book of photographs entitled 'Walsham le Willows: Photographs of a Suffolk Village', which compliments the film. Currently available priced £5.00.

We hope that the evening will be more than just the showing of the film and has been planned as a social event, so there will be plenty of opportunity to chat over a glass of wine and some light-bites before and after the main event of the evening. The film will certainly give you all plenty to talk about.

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Frances Jenner

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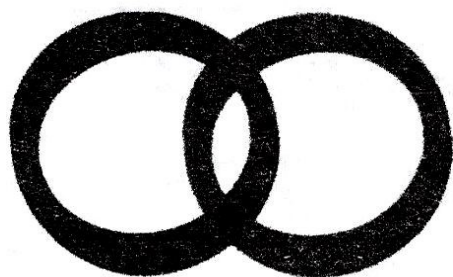


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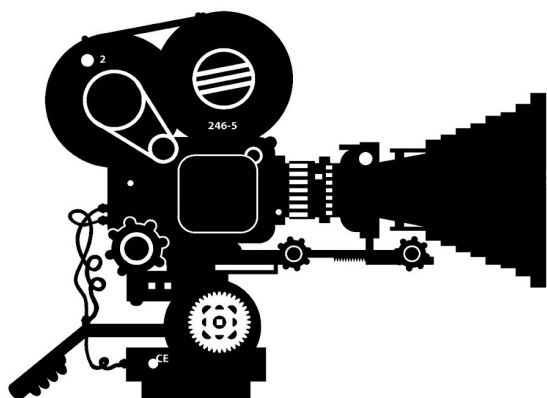
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 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. Bartholomew, Belson, Kinnair, Mecrow, Roberts and Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Fleming (Cllr Rick Meyer had given apologies).

1. OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00

2. APOLOGIES

a) Apologies had been received by Cllr Belson from Cllr Arbon who had been detained at work.

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

· Cllr Winch agenda item 13d

· Cllrs Bartholomew and Roberts agenda item 11l

b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none were declared.

c) To receive requests for dispensations – Dispensations to take part in discussions were granted.

4. MINUTES

a) To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)

· Minutes of the full Council Meeting 28th 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 was invited to take questions. Cllr Mecrow raised concern about the cost of school transport (£930 pa per child over 16) being discriminatory towards rural residents, antithetical to the 'levelling-up' agenda, the knock-on impacts on parental choice as to school attended (usually only the nearest being funded for school transport) and the fact that parents have to meet the cost themselves for under 16's. The current cost of living crisis exacerbates this and could deter parents from supporting their children into further/higher education which he felt needed more resourcing. Cllr Bartholomew asked about hardship provision and commented that this only kicked



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in at very low-income levels. Cllr Winch noted the potential for environmental impact if parents choose to drive their children to school if they cannot afford provided public transport. Cllr Fleming acknowledged the problem which she noted was long standing and welcomed the suggestion from Cllr Mecrow for a representation from the Parish Council to support the inclusion of this funding in the County Deals initiative. Action Clerk to write to Cllr Fleming on this matter.

Cllr Bartholomew raised the issue of the closure of The Street for works to pavements, finding that the experience on the ground did not match the assurances given prior to the start of works about access for residents along The Street and to the Memorial Village Hall. He also noted the costs of having two people sit all day in vehicles at either end doing nothing other than redirecting road users even when there appeared to be little going on. He asked if the current contract review might consider taking highways responsibilities back in-house. Cllr Fleming confirmed that this was one of the options on the table.

Cllr Belson raised the issue of proposals for the building of a network of large electricity pylons across the county and the impact these will have on the countryside. Cllr Fleming advised that she was attending a meeting about this in the coming week and that she was to propose that the district council as well as the county council put in a response.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

- a) To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on the agenda. One member of the public was present to answer questions on the recently submitted bid for neighbourhood CIL funding for the Sports Club to facilitate the inclusion of a gym that would be run by a private enterprise but providing 400 slots per week for use by the Sports Club and community on top of those that would be used privately. Membership of some sort would be required to use the facility (details still to be worked out); in addition, for the creation of better pedestrian (and possibly cyclist) access from Wattisfield Road to the Sports Club, all to the end of improving physical and mental well-being of village residents. It is early days for this project, but the estimated budget is £55-57k and it is hoped that half of that may come from MSDC and the, so far informal, request was for approximately £10k from the Parish Council neighbourhood CIL budget. The Parish Council was advised that there is currently an indication of support from the district council, and it was felt that some funding from the Parish Council would facilitate the raising of the remaining funds required to complete such a project. The inclusion of a cycle path is something that SCC would lead on, but this may be a longer term aim but Cllr Fleming asked that the Sports Club write to her about the importance of this path to the overall project as this would help to raise the profile for the funding requirement for such a project. There is also the possibility of a footpath along Summer Road from the Sports Club to the crossroads in the village to ease access along what is a busy road. Ian Campbell for the Sports Club felt that this could be more difficult to achieve in the short term because of the narrowness of Summer Road and the resulting requirement for the availability of land adjacent to the road. Cllr Bartholomew asked what stake the Sports Club would take in this and it was advised that currently thinking is approx. £10k. Ian Campbell noted that the demographic of Sport Club users has changed

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quite significantly over the past 10 years, and this is leading the club organisers to focus on sustainability of the club as a community resource. Cllr Belson noted that the inclusion of a cycle path from Wattisfield Road to Summer Road at this stage would possibly delay the progress with the wider plan. Cllr Bartholomew asked about provision for horse-riders. Ian Campbell advised that this presents an ongoing maintenance issue for landowners. Cllr Winch suggested the Parish Council should implement a formal structure of the consideration of CIL bids (agenda item 12f refers). Cllr Mecrow noted that the proposed new jubilee wood would also benefit from these access plans.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

a) STANTON DEVELOPMENT (WEST SUFFOLK) – to consider matters relating to this development. The Clerk shared the responses so far to the proposal for a working party to be formed amongst local parishes. It is thought that many of the recipients will still be in the process of putting this to their full council meetings and that more responses would probably be received. It was decided to keep a watching brief on proposing to join forces with Green Ixworth group on this. Cllr Roberts added a note of caution in terms of land use licensing for land use of such projects and how the County Mulch site appears to be used as a general dumping ground. He has been unable to find any environmental permit for such use. Cllr Fleming advised that any representations received from members of the public to herself, and Cllr Meyer might facilitate an approach to the Environment Agency. Cllr Roberts also noted that it appears that tenants of the Shepherd's Grove site have been given notice.

b) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 APP/W3520/W/21/3288571 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1no. 3bed two-storey dwelling including parking areas for two spaces and landscaping Location: Land To Rear Of Holmwood, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk – THIS WAS NOTED

8. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority - to be noted) – none notified

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

Cllr Belson noted the advice from the Clerk that the bid for the grant for 2022/23 had been advised as accepted and was expected to be received in the next 7 days.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will take place on by Zoom on Thursday 19th May at 7pm when the group can get on with the urgent matters of considering two major pieces of work that will progress the work on the plan. Cllr Winch asked if there was a residents 'wish list' based on the results of the Neighbourhood Plan household survey and questionnaires. The Clerk referred Cllr Winch to the information available on the village website about the work done so far. Cllr Winch will review this to see if there is anything that feeds into deliberations on CIL funding requests and to identify views expressed that fall within the remit of the Parish Council.

10. PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT – to receive report from Cllr Kinnair and consider any matters arising.

· Cllr Kinnair reprised his email to councillors circulated on 04/05/2022 about the

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meeting at the Play Park with the preferred bidder. Toddlers multi-play unit could be adapted; space available for twin zip-wire to be worked out as things progress; different sized and priced shelters to be quoted for; size of roundabout confirmed as 2m, same as other companies had quoted for; revised quotes for options on safety matting are on their way; older children's net/basket swing not required; clarification on groundworks required. Quote was expected by end of the week and will be circulated as soon it is received by the Clerk. Clerk to arrange a full Parish Council for 21st May after the Meeting of the Parish in case this is needed to progress to award of contract.

11. FINANCE

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 30th April 2022 which was signed by Cllr Kinnair.
- b) Council approved the 2021/22 year-end statement against the reconciliation for 31st March 2021/22. Paper copy to be signed by Cllr Belson after the meeting.
- c) Council approved the Internal Audit report for 2021/22 for approval and actions on recommendations were agreed with the Clerk for the coming year. Council congratulated the Clerk on a clean audit.
- d) Section 1 Annual Governance Statement was completed by Chair with reference to full council, was approved and duly signed by Chair and Clerk.
- e) Section 2 Accounting Statements for 2021/22 was approved and duly signed by Clerk and Chair.
- f) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were signed and payments approved. (Appendix 1).
- g) It was noted that Clerk took advice on reinstating the budget figures on the reconciliation for 2022/23 after the original electronic file became corrupted.
[at this point after a suggestion from Cllr Mecrow, the Chair proposed taking agenda item 12f]
- h) Council considered proposal by Cllr Mecrow for the contribution to the purchase of a second solar panel for operation of the speed indicator device on Summer Road. This was proposed on the basis of road safety concerns given the frequency with which someone has to scale the post to change batteries on the narrow verge to a road. Clerk was asked to obtain a quote which was expected to be in the region of £1000.
- i) Following discussion in Public Open Forum it was resolved to ask the Clerk to earmark £8k CIL funding in the budget subject to the receipt of detailed and final proposal from the Sports Club.
- j) Council considered the previously circulated training dates for Cllr Winch - the first was approved by the Clerk. Council approved the remainder for expenditure of £180. (Appendix 2).
- k) Council noted that the Clerk has been given the option of joining the Council approved pension scheme and has declined to take up the offer. And that the Clerk has submitted a re-declaration to the Pensions Regulator to confirm compliance with legal duties to re-enrol eligible employees.
- l) Council considered the request from Memorial Hall Committee for Neighbourhood CIL funding for a new kitchen equipment namely a range oven and hot cabinet and the necessary accessories and calor gas bottles and safety cage for same. Advice



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had been taken on the use of the hall by caterers and upgrading this equipment from the current domestic model could facilitate more use and therefore revenue for the Memorial Hall; it is also anticipated that given the cost-of-living crisis that the community lunches are going to face more demand therefore a professional range oven would be more appropriate. Total cost £3,500 towards which the Memorial Hall committee would provide £1,000. Cllr Kinnair proposed a CIL grant of £2,500, Cllr Mecrow seconded, and this was unanimously approved. Clerk to action.

12. STATUTORY BUSINESS

- a) Council approved the re-adoption of standing orders and financial regulations and all other policies as previously reviewed for 2022/23. (Appendix 3)
- b) Council reviewed and approved of the Council's subscriptions to other bodies with unanimous approval for continuation. (Appendix 4)
- c) Council reviewed expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and general powers, for 2022/23. Cllr Bartholomew proposed increasing payments from £40 to £100 for the coming year, apart from the Food Bank donation which was to be kept on the list but decided at a later date. This was unanimously approved. (Appendix 5)
- d) Dates, time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council (Appendix 6) were noted.
- e) Council considered the proposal by Cllr Winch (circulated 07/05/2022) to update the Equal Opportunities Policy with an action plan appendix for 2022/23. Clerk to action and publish.
- f) Council considered this item earlier in the meeting before decisions on other CIL grant bids. The draft policy (circulated 07/05/2022) was reviewed and unanimously approved in the meeting and the Clerk asked to update the draft application form accordingly for later approval.

13. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) There were no action log matters raised.
- b) Council discussed the position on the assessment of all proposed village gate locations and resolved that this needed to be actioned quickly for a decision or removed from the agenda. It was agreed that Cllrs Roberts and Mecrow would assess ALL the proposed locations and bring a firm proposal to the next meeting.
- c) It was noted that the Parcel of Land adjacent to The Avenue, Walsham le Willows, was advised as back on market. In the absence of firm ideas of how this would be used for amenity land, it was decided that no further action be taken.
- d) Cllr Winch referred to her earlier proposal that a stream volunteer group be set up independently of the Parish Council to support the Parish Council funded stream maintenance work (Cllr Winch circulated 17/03/2022) but suggested that at this stage maybe it was better to wait for the contract to bed in and then review, maybe at the first contract renewal. This was agreed.
- e) Council noted the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on 21st May between 1 and 4pm in Memorial Hall. It was decided that it would not be appropriate to serve alcohol.
- f) No other matters of concern/note were raised.
- g) Next Monthly Meeting – 8th June 2022, 7pm in Memorial Hall.



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APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation 13th April 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Memorial Hall	£50.00	Hall hire PC meetings
2	CGM	£354.00	Grass cutting – play area & stream verges
3	SALC	£31.20	New Councillor Training Module 2
4	Parish Council Employee	£1009.69	Wages
#	Payments IN	Amount	Description
1	MSDC RECEIVED	£11,125.00	Precept first payment
2	MSDC RECEIVED	£20,388.50	Neighbourhood CIL grant (April payment)

APPENDIX 2

SALC Training modules for Cllr Winch & £25 per module: Mod 1 Wednesday 10th Sept; Mod 2 Monday 9th May; Mod 3 Monday 16th May; Mod 4 Wednesday 29th June; Mod 5 Wednesday 6th July; Mod 6 Monday 6th June; Climate Forum FREE Thursday 16th June

APPENDIX 3

Policies reviewed and approved for re-adoption at meeting on 14/02/2022

001 Model Standing Orders; 002 Financial Regulations; 003 Internal Control Statement; 004 Data Protection and Document Retention Policy; 005 Risk Assessment – Financial; 006 General Health & Safety Policy; 007 Litter Pick Guidance; 008 Risk Assessment - Pavement Sweeping; 009 Disciplinary Procedure; 010 Grievance Procedure; 011 Covid Guidance - Litter Pick Volunteers; 012 Risk Assessment- Litter Pick; 013 Child & Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy; 014 Marquee Usage Policy; 015 Suffolk Code of Conduct; 016 Reserves Policy; 017 Equality & Diversity Policy

APPENDIX 4

Current subscriptions: SALC Membership 457.82; GeoXsphere Ltd 48.00

APPENDIX 5

Expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and general powers: Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (s.137) £40.00; Headway Suffolk (s.137) £40.00; East Anglian Air Ambulance (s.137) £40.00; East Anglia Children's Hospice (s.137) £40.00; Mid Suffolk CAB (s.142 [general powers]) £40.00; Suffolk West CAB (s.142 [general powers]) £40.00; Community Council Food Bank (s.137) £250.00

APPENDIX 6

Date of meetings up to next Annual Meeting in Memorial Hall at 7pm

11 May 2022 **Annual Meeting of Parish Council**; 21 May 2022 **Saturday Annual Meeting of the Parish**; 8 June 2022; 13 July 2022; 10 August 2022; 14 September 2022; 12 October 2022; 9 November 2022; 23 November 2022 **Budget Setting**; 14 December 2022 ; 11 January 2023; 8 February 2023; 8 March 2023; 12 April 2023; 10 May 2023 **Annual Meeting of Parish Council**

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

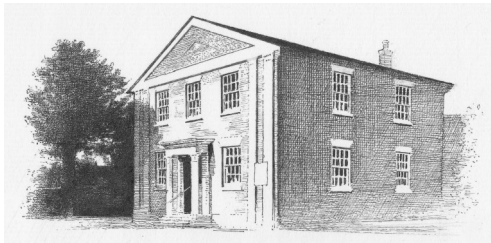
of the specially convened meeting held on Wednesday 28th April 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

PRESENT: Cllrs. Arbon, Bartholomew, Kinnair, Mecrow, Roberts & Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: None

1. OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00. Vice Chair Cllr Bartholomew chaired the meeting.
2. APOLOGIES
 - a) Apologies had been received by the Clerk from Cllr Belson.
 - b) Council gave consent to apologies as received.
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a) No declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda were received. No declarations gifts of hospitality were received.
 - 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)
 - a) Minutes of the full Council Meeting of 13th April 2022, as previously circulated. The Clerk noted on amendment which was made by hand to agenda item 7b which omitted to state unanimous approval. Council approved, as amended, with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record
5. 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.
- 13 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS
 - a) Cllr Kinnair gave feedback from sub-committee deliberations, proposing:
 - Removal of the shelter
 - A reduction in the amount of matting
 - Agreement on the feasibility of a twin zip wire
 - Changing the multi-play unit, possibly to a ‘build-your-own’ option offered by Premier.
 - Clarification on the powder coating.
 - Possibility of visiting a local site with equipment recently installed by Premier.



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Services for June

We are open for worship each Sunday at 11.00 & 6.30 so why not come along? Please be assured of a warm welcome; it would be lovely to see you.

5th Dr. David Allen

(Walsham-le-Willows Congregational Church)

12th Rev. Graham Chewter

(Trinitarian Bible Society)

19th Mr. Daniel Biddle

(Calvary Baptist Church, Feltham, Middlesex)

26th Pastor Chris Banks

(Daws Heath Evangelical Church, Rayleigh, Essex)

Royal Wisdom.

Back in the days of the Old Testament, Moses commanded that the king chosen to rule the nation was to write out a copy of the law of God (Deuteronomy 17:18-20). He was to read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of the law, and to obey them and, so doing, he might be kept from pride, and thus from turning from the way of the Lord.

In 1547 when Edward VI was crowned king, he called for the Bible, saying, "This Book is the Sword of the Spirit...without that sword we are nothing, we can do nothing, we have no power. From that we are what we are this day. He that rules without it is not to be called God's minister or a king. Under that we ought to live, to fight, to govern the people, and to perform all of our affairs. From that alone we obtain all power, grace and virtue and salvation, and whatsoever we have of Divine strength."

At her coronation our Queen, Elizabeth II, was presented with a Bible by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, who said, "Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the rule for the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom, this is the royal Law; these are the lively [living] oracles of God".

The Bible does not only speak to monarchs. It is the living word of the living God that speaks to all people. It is the word of life. It is the Wisdom by which monarchs reign (Proverbs 8:15). The fruit, the Bible tells us, of this Wisdom is better than fine gold, jewels, and power. This Wisdom is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody can say they have read the Bible and not met the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jesus himself said, "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye may have life" (John 5:39-40). All who come to him in repentance and faith find life, for Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

It has never been easier to own a Bible. It is relatively cheap to produce, free to download from many websites (we will happily give you a free copy if you just let us know that you would like one), and in Great Britain and many other countries legal to buy, own, and read. However, it is no use merely to have a Bible. It is no use just reading it for entertainment, but reading it to know what God has revealed to the world is of immense use. All who read it humbly, seeking the Lord's guidance in understanding, will find the wonders of heavenly truth. We must ask ourselves, Do we read the Bible? and How do we read the Bible?

The entrance of thy words giveth light (Psalm 119:130)

- Contacting preferred bidder for site visit discuss the above to see if an acceptable agreement can be reached that could be proposed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 11th May.

Cllr Bartholomew proposed acceptance of the sub-committee recommendations, and these were unanimously approved.

Clerk to advise Premier Play Solutions that the contract could not be awarded but that they have ranked as preferred bidder at this stage. And that they contact Cllr Kinnair asap to arrange an early site visit.

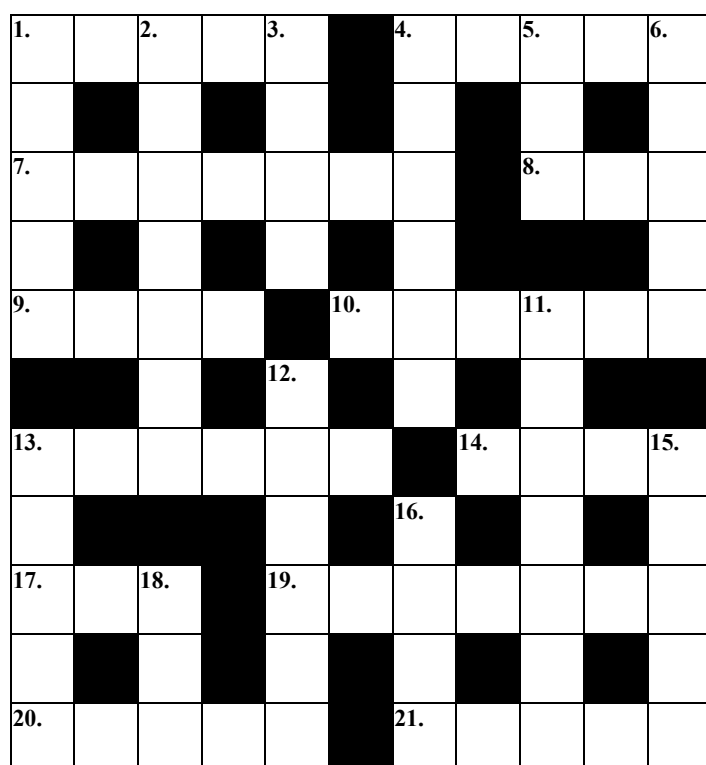
b) Consideration of updated action log was deferred to next meeting.

b) No other matters of concern were raised.

Meeting closed 19:48



WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



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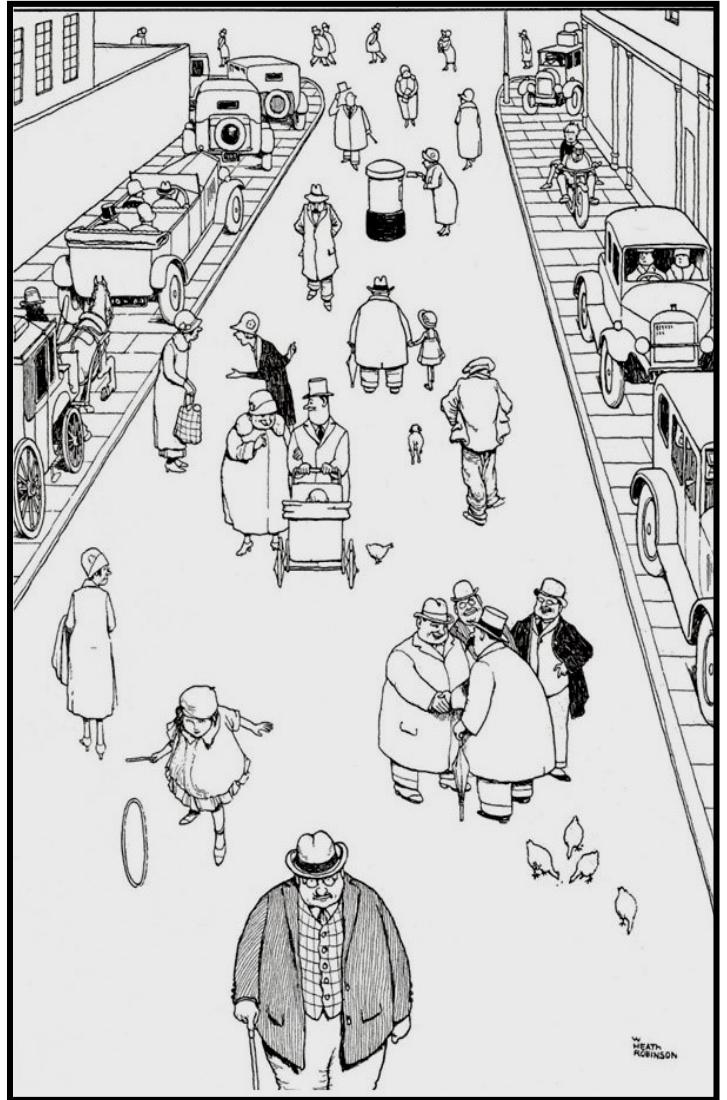
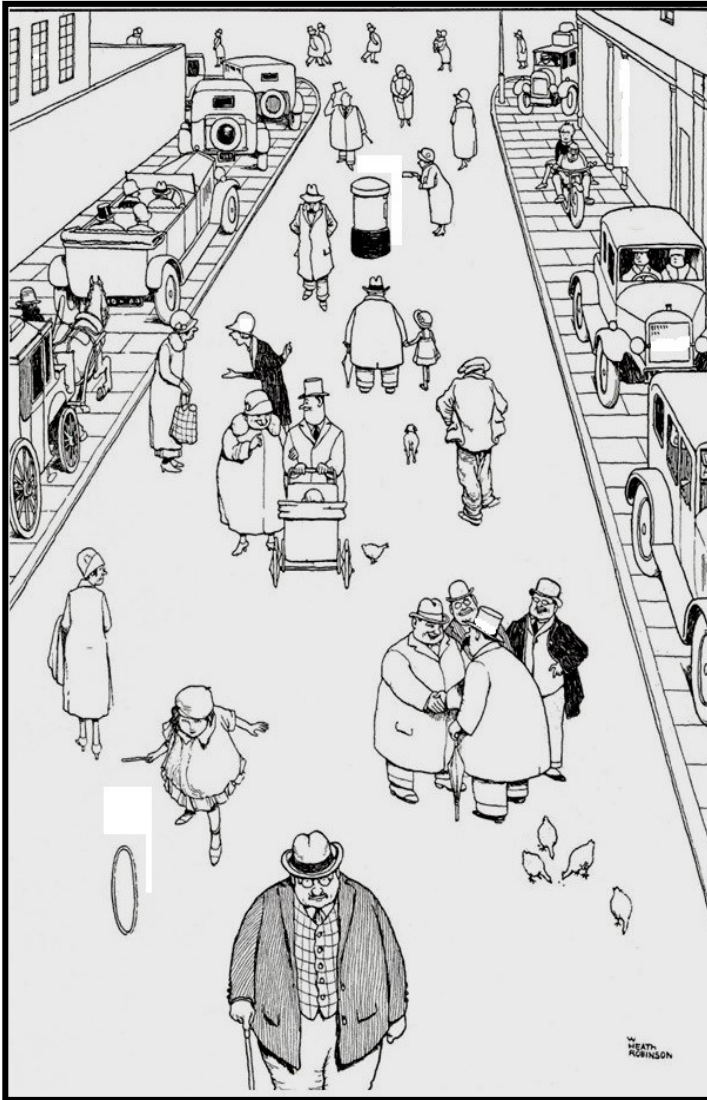
- The small bird has such electricity but it's unsaid. (6)
- Beat the currency. (4)
- Observe the lizard. (7)
- The listener was confused about the age. (3)
- Seems like trouble was observed. (4)
- Gender has not returned for the church minder. (6)
- How the batsman is these days. (6)

- So be it for the name change. (4)
- Sounds like it's over for the electric horse. (3)
- Does a priest spend it rashly? (7)
- It's the devil not to have a right in modern alterations. (5)
- Let it be changed to give it some status. (5)

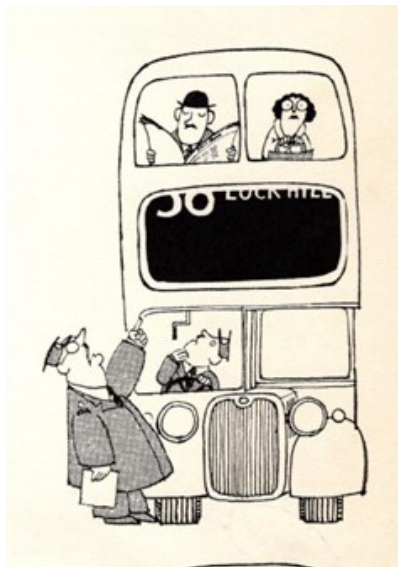
Down

- The durations multiply. (5)
- The unity of a musical performance. (7)
- Farewell with repeated thanks. (4)
- Ale for a carrier. (6)
- Employ in the refuse business. (3)
- The way the brain might end up overseas. (5)
- Shakespearean play goes down such a storm. (7)
- Add spice in Spring or Summer. (6)
- Sounds like being reared to the staff of life. (5)
- Encourage nude to have a good start. (5)
- Maybe failed to meet in poor visibility. (4)
- Small workout area for little James possibly. (3)

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures; see if you can find them all before traffic and pedestrians revert to normal.



Which king of Egypt abdicated in 1952?

FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

At the beginning of June the nation will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen, Elizabeth II. Having been on the throne for 70 years it makes her the longest serving British Monarch in History.

The Queen is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Our Benefice of Badwell and Walsham will hold three church services on Sunday 5th June, when the Queen will be especially remembered.

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's Walsham le Willows

9.30am Holy Communion St Mary's Badwell Ash – refreshments to follow

11.00am Songs of Praise St Mary's Walsham le Willows – refreshments to follow

All are as always very welcome.

With her deep rooted Christian Faith, it will not be lost upon the Queen that Sunday 5th June is also The Day of Pentecost, known in the past as Whit Sunday. The day marks the end of the fifty day Easter Season, and is commonly regarded as the 'Birthday of the Church.' It is said that on that first Pentecost, some 3000 people were baptised into the newly formed Christian Church.

The early Church was probably more fond of Feast Days and Festivals than now; and so Pentecost was both widely and wildly celebrated. Today the celebrations may be less so but the colour red is used in churches to symbolise the spiritual energy and fire of the original Pentecost.

It is often said that here in England we live in a Christian country; that may or may not be true depending upon your interpretation. However, as well as our reigning Monarch being very much a practising Christian, so much that surrounds us is of course a direct result of the Christian Faith, even if from a time long forgotten. Our Feast Days of Christmas and Easter, the Parish system which is a part of every community, and where is there a village that does not support a Christian Church of one denomination or another?

Several years ago Her Majesty had this to say with regard her own Christian Faith; 'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace....is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.'

*Philip
Benefice Priest*



JUNE CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
5th June	Pentecost	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
12th June	Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
15th June	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
19th June	1st after Trinity	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Langham
26th June	2nd after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
3rd July	St Thomas	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham

BENEFACTICE EVENTS

Saturday June 11 th	7.30pm	Variety Concert St Margaret's Church Westhorpe
Saturday June 18 th	2.00pm	Langham Hall Garden Festival
Saturday June 25 th	7.30pm	Octave Vocal Ensemble and Phantom Wind Quintet St Mary's Church Walsham
Saturday July 9 th	7.30pm	Shingle Street Folk Group St Margaret's Church Wattisfield



From which mountain did Moses view all the Promised Land?

BOOMING VOICES

Eastern Angles Production

*Rivers and dykes, Eels and pikes,
Sails of wherries, Old chain ferries,
Pubs that we know, Holiday homes,
Farmers' land, Ewes and lambs,*

*Old tower windmills, Crops in the fields,
Any of this, What will we miss?
Which are we going to save?*

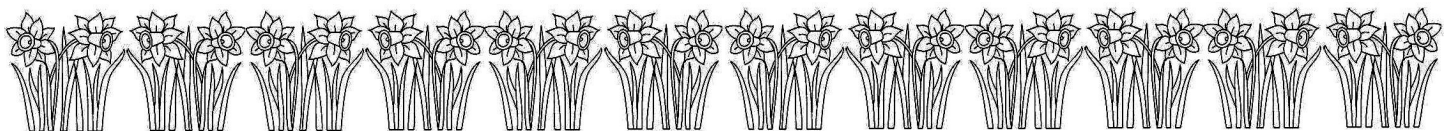
The words of this song, sung in a four-part harmony with guitar and bodhran accompaniment, recur a number of times throughout Eastern Angles latest production of Booming Voices and serve to highlight the conflicts of interest over the long term future of the lowlying and vulnerable watery landscape of The Broads. In the past it was a remote, almost inaccessible region where travel by water and messaging between isolated communities by using particular settings of windmill sails were the ways of contact. The traditional occupations of habitat management, water control, grazing of cattle and the pursuit of craft occupations, set the area apart from other intensively farmed arable lands and created social perceptions of an unchanging environment which others wished to explore, study, spend time in, buy into and make their own.

This freshwater wetland paradise, recognised worldwide, risks inundation by rising sea levels on a scale way beyond the extensive flooding from the disastrous tidal sea-surge of 1953. The extraction of groundwater to irrigate arable farmland risks drying out the wetlands with the consequent loss of rare and species-rich habitats: the swallow tailed butterfly and its host plant, milk parsley, exists nowhere else than The Broads. Economic tourism supports many businesses and is a good source of employment, and yet the collision of new and traditional cultures impacts directly with erosion of the river banks, loss of cottage homes to second home owners, increased traffic on unsuitable roads.

The Eastern Angles drama aims to capture the magic that is still The Broads and to explore its future under the acknowledged pressures. The company explored the area, interviewed local people, observed conflicts of interest between different managing authorities and investigative scientists to create a fusion of voices, music and science to tell the story of The Broads from its creation by the natural flooding of medieval peat diggings to the present day.

Jen, a young student who is shielding in an isolated cottage in this watery landscape during the Covid pandemic, becomes the focus of the play's exploration of the nature of The Broads, its iconic wildlife and the issues surrounding its future. In front of a background screen of projected Broadland scenes, four remarkable actors depict a total of 27 different characters and through their ongoing dialogue, zoom meetings, computer searches, telephone calls, recorded birdsong and touching music making, Booming Voices tells a new and unheard story in a piece of theatre which is illuminating, innovative and utterly compelling. Congratulations to Eastern Angles for an excellent piece of theatrical entertainment and well done to the Community Council for inviting them to perform in Walsham.

A. Broadsman



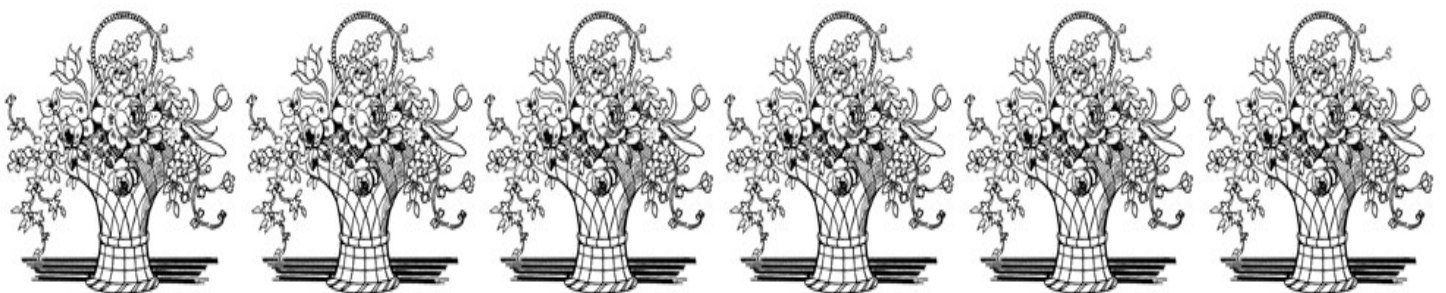
WILDLIFE IN JUNE

June is the month that is the height of the Cuckoo breeding season. Male Cuckoos are polygamous, meaning they will mate with several females within their range. Cuckoos will parasitize over 100 different bird species, and they adapt to different hosts so will have to travel vast distances every year to find the host they have adapted to. Once a female Cuckoo is pregnant she will go in search of a hosts nest where she will lay her egg. She will wait for the host birds to leave the nest and eggs unattended, she will need to be quick before they return, it will take her only 10 seconds to lay her egg! Cuckoos have the ability to retain the egg in the uterus for 24 hours prior to laying, the egg inside the uterus will be kept at a temperature of around 40 degrees Celsius. This allows the chick inside the egg to grow faster than it would do if she just laid it in the nest. This is a clever trick as the embryo will be more advanced than the host eggs allowing it to be the first to hatch. As soon as the Cuckoos egg hatches the baby chick will push out the other eggs in the nest using its shoulders and back allowing it to be the only one left to look after. The chick is a lot bigger than the host chicks would have been and the surrogate parents will be very busy feeding this chick in the 4 weeks it takes for it to fledge. If a pregnant female Cuckoo comes across a hosts nest where the eggs have already hatched, she will eat all the chicks forcing the host birds to have another batch of eggs where she can then lay hers.

Have you ever come across a pretty, shiny, emerald coloured beetle? These are called Rose Chafer Beetles. This emerald beetle likes to bask in the sunshine on garden roses and dogwood roses. They can be a bit of a nuisance as they can do a bit of damage with all their munching! Unlike other beetles they will fly with their wing cases flat on their backs, the wings come out from the bottom of the cases instead. At night you may see them flying around porch or security lights.

Another gardener's hate is the Cabbage White Butterfly. Females are larger than the male and also have more black markings on the wings. The females have two larger black spots on the middle of their wings, whereas the males will have only one small black dot and a small black marking on the tip of the wing. Females will lay their eggs in batches mostly on vegetables of the cabbage family, but they can lay them elsewhere too. The larvae are yellowy green, with a speckled back. Adult butterflies will not harm plants but the caterpillar's can do a lot of damage and can destroy crops. You can plant sacrificial or trap plants next to the plant you want to save. Nasturtium's are very good at this and will provide the butterfly with somewhere to lay their eggs and provide food for the caterpillar's. I always think working with nature is a better option, and with butterflies decreasing in numbers sometimes the only butterflies we see are the Cabbage Whites.

Angie Nice



THE LONG WAIT

Winter, for cricketers, is a curious season. By the end of the Summer, thoughts of turning out for another game in the increasingly bitter September winds are tough to overcome. The dark months of December and January are punctuated by news of another capitulation of the England middle order, causing a lurking suspicion in every Club cricketer in the land that they might soon be getting a call-up to help out. And then, Spring – and the search once more for cricket whites and pads – reaching into the garden shed and hoping that the mice have not made those pads unusable. And so it is with the cricketers of Walsham.

The off-season has been a busy one on the administration side. With the cohort of youngsters coming through, the Club decided that the time was right to add another side to the Saturday Leagues. Luke Ridding will lead the Second XI as they start their competition in Division 9. New players have joined the Club too which bolsters the Sunday XI. Adam Howe now takes on the captaincy, leaving Oli Jackson to lead the T20 side. A set of friendly fixtures will offer games for those looking for a more ‘social’ activity on Sundays.

All sides will benefit from the work on the ground and equipment. The old roller has finally retired and Chairman Rick Meyer deployed his negotiating acumen to acquire a mower for the outfield – which promises hope for the scoring of runs along the ground. There will be a new scoreboard to offer comfort and shade for those keeping check on those runs and wickets as they accumulate. Technology will be deployed in the coming months to allow for streaming of home matches on You Tube – more details on that in the next month.

The youth section has also benefitted from some time to organise – and a full set of fixtures are in place now for U7, U9, U11, U13 and U15. All Stars and Dynamos cricket programmes are up and running on Friday nights with over 60 kids. New playing kit has been sponsored by Lovell’s for all the junior sections – and the equipment cupboard is now full thanks to grants from the local authority.

So, with the weather improving, the evenings drawing out and the warmth of the Spring sun high in the sky – the Club is in a great position for a new season of cricket. We look forward to a new season and new friends and some success on the field – though we may have to accept that the England call up is still a long way off...

James French

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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

Walsham's First Team finished the season strongly winning 2-1 at home to Newmarket and drawing 1-1 away to Long Melford. They finished 7th in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division.

The Reserves finished 4th in their league and won The Suffolk Senior Reserves Cup for the third time in eight years. Alex Walden scored the only goal of the final with Stowmarket Town.

The A Team finished 6th in the SIL B Division.

Cricket Home Fixtures

Sat 4th June Frinton 2nds

Sat 11th June Nowton 2nds

Sat 18th June Mildenhall V

Sun 19th June Stowmarket

Sat 25th June Mistley 2nds

Sun 26th June Mildenhall

All Saturday fixtures start at 1.00pm
and Sunday fixtures at 1.30pm.

Bowls Home Bowls

Mon 6th June v Thorndon 6.45 pm

Wed 8th June v Gipping Swallows 6.45 pm

Thu 9th v St Edmundsbury 7pm

Tue 21st June v Stowupland 2pm

Thu 23rd v Elmswell Fox 7pm

Mon 27th v Mendlesham 6.45pm

Tue 28th v Woodfield B 2pm

Wed 29th June v Stowupland 6.45pm

Sat June 11th Bowls section ladies and

Men's 4 wood Competition. 2.00pm

Sat June 25th Ladies and Men's 2 wood
Competition 2.00pm

What's On

Bingo on Sundays 12th and 26th June. 7.30 pm start.

Friday June 3rd Queens platinum Jubilee Family Fun Day. 2.00pm until late.

Friday 17th June music night featuring Mason Greig. Doors open at 6.00pm.

Please note the Sports Club Bar is open every Thursday from 6.30pm,

Fridays from 6pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 2.00pm.

For information on these and other events please contact

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What would you hear at Ronnie Scott's?

THREE NONSENSE POEMS

AMELIA MIXED THE MUSTARD

Amelia mixed the mustard,
She mixed it good and thick;
She put it in the custard
And made her mother sick,
And showing satisfaction
By many a loud huzza,
Observe,' she said, 'the action
Of mustard on Mamma.'

A.E. Houseman

BRIAN

Brian is a baddie,
As nasty as they come.
He terrifies his daddy
And mortifies his mum.

One morning in December
They took him to the zoo,
But Brian lost his temper
And kicked a kangaroo.

And then he fought a lion
Escaping from its pit.
It tried to swallow Brian
Till Brian swallowed it!

Yes, Brian is a devil,
A horrid little curse -
Unlike his brother Neville
Who's infinitely worse!

Doug Macleod

THE MAD GARDENER'S ILLUSIONS

He thought he saw an Elephant,
That practised on a fife:
He looked again and found it was
A letter from his wife.
'At length I realize,' he said,
'The bitterness of life.'

He thought he saw a Banker's Clerk
Descending from the bus:
He looked again, and found it was
A hippopotamus:
'If this should stay to dine,' he said,
'There won't be much for us!'

He thought he saw a Rattlesnake
That questioned him in Greek:
He looked again and found it was
The Middle of Next Week.
'The one thing I regret,' he said,
'Is that it cannot speak!'

He thought he saw an Albatross
That fluttered round the lamp:
He looked again and found it was
A Penny-Postage-Stamp.
You'd best be getting home,' he said:
'The nights are very damp!'

He thought he saw a Buffalo
Upon the chimney-piece:
He looked again and found it was
His Sister's Husband's Niece.
'Unless you leave this house,' he said
'I'll send for the Police!'

He thought he saw a Coach-and-Four
That stood beside his bed:
He looked again and found it was
A Bear without a Head.
'Poor thing,' he said, 'poor silly thing!
It's waiting to be fed!'

Lewis Carroll

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

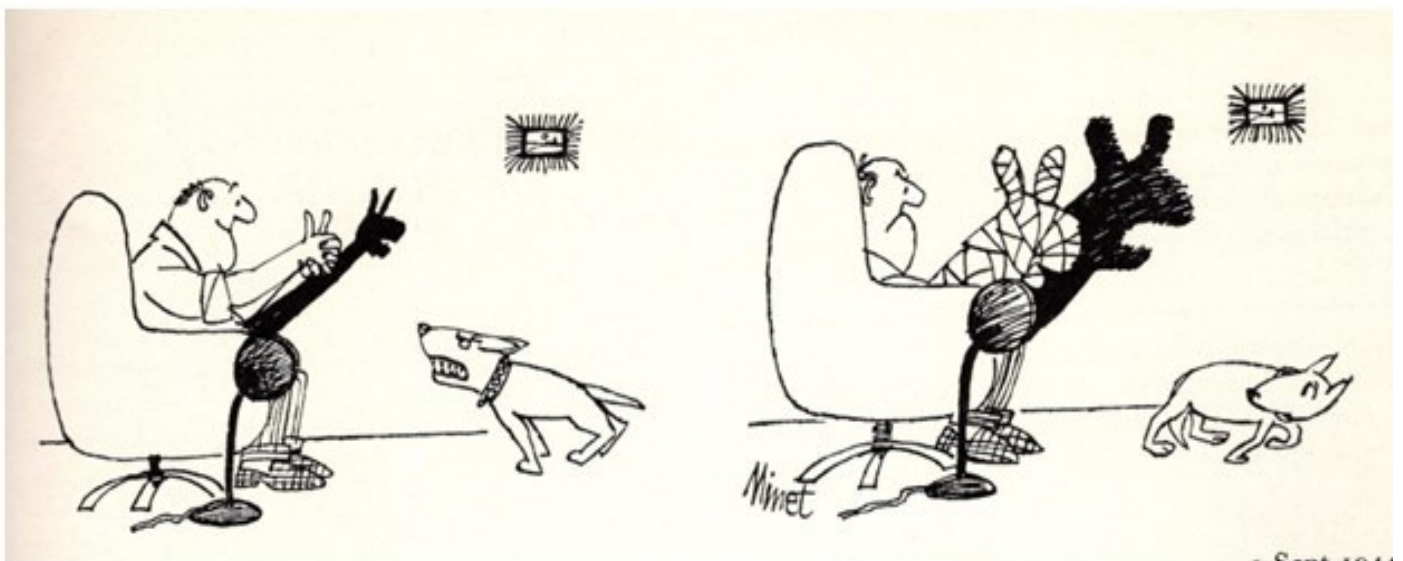
Community Yoga Priory Room
7:15 pm till 9:15pm

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Pop-up Shop Village Hall
Last Saturday in the month

SUNDAY



ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Jules Verne, 2. Yellow, 3. A, 4. The National Trust, 5. Holyrood House, 6. '... The law is a ass.' 7. Wodhouse, 8. he bluebottle, 9. York, 10. Lamb, 11. The Great Wall of China, 12. The Isis, 13. Shelley, 14. Smelting, 15. Divine wind, 16. Notre Dame Cathedral, 17. Maud, 18. The Jersey breed, 19. Wounds received on active military service, 20. Glasgow, 21. Richard II's, 22. The long jump, 23. Minnesota University (didn't graduate), 24. Mercury, 25. Alabama, 26. Mrs Gaskell, 27. Eggs, 28. Morocco, 29. Grenada, 30. Clay pigeon shooting, 31. Jasmine, 32. 'Gyre and gimble' From Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky, 33. His arm, 34. The pike, 35. Handel, 36. France (Brittany), 37. The Wimbledon Men's Single title, 38. 30cm, 39. Bottom, 40. Edmund, 41. *Rainbow Warrior*, 42. King Farouk I, 43. Myanmar (Burma), 44. Mount Nebo, 45. Wagner, 46. Jack Spratt's, 47. Pelé, 48. Jazz, 49. Black, 50. A stringed musical instrument.

Su-Doku

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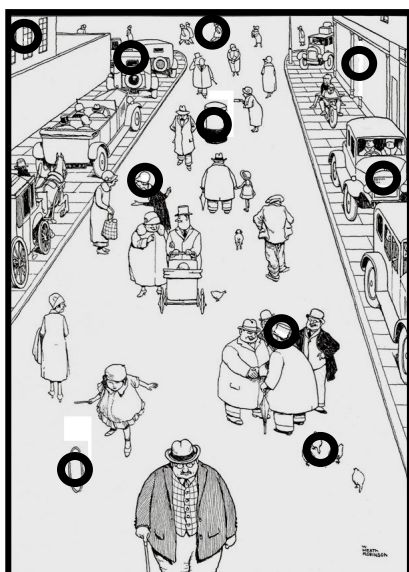
Crossword

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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ape	Apes	App	Apps	Apse	Apt
Are	Arse	Asp	Aster	Ear	Ears
East	Era	Eras	Its	Pap	Par
Pare	Pares	Pars	Parse	Past	Paste
Pest	Pet	Pets	Rap	Rape	Rapes
Raps	Rasp	Reap	Reaps	Resit	Resite
Rest	Ret	Rets	Sap	Sea	Sear
Set	Sit	Site	Spa	Spar	Spare
Step	Tea	Teas	Tease	Terse	Tie
Tier	Tiers	Ties	Tsar	Appetiser (59)	

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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.'**