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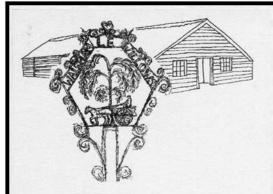
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#### **EDITORIAL**

During my time as editor I have tried, with varying degrees of success, to produce a magazine which not only provides information about activities in the village but also includes articles of interest and items of entertainment.

With the pandemic there was a reduction in the number of adverts, the income from which has, in the past, covered the costs of production, enabling the magazine to be distributed free to every household in the parish. Income and expenditure are now in a delicate balance, with income down and costs rising due to inflation and an increasing print run.

There are three ways of dealing with this situation. One is to cut out the 'fripperies', so reducing the magazine to an information sheet. The second is to make the magazine an online only publication which means having to go onto the village website each time you want to look at the magazine. The third is to put the 'begging bowl' out to seek a little financial support to maintain the magazine in its present form.

Hopefully, you will have found an OBSERVER DONATIONS envelope attached to this copy of the Observer. If you feel that you can make a donation then please drop your donation into the Observer Donations box in Rolfes. Any donations via the donations envelopes will be most welcome.

August sees the annual plea for no ill-timed heavy precipitation as the Horticutural Show takes place on Saturday 13th August (see the advert on page 22 for details) and come along on the day and enjoy viewing the produce from both gardens, kitchens, sitting rooms, workshops and further afield.

Also pleading for precious little rainfall at the end of the month is the Open Gardens Weekend committee. This event takes place in the last weekend of August (Sunday 28th and Monday 29th). The event has, in years gone by, raised considerable money, not only for St Mary's but also for village organisations and projects to enhance the village. It's a great day for the punters, who have flocked to the event, but also for those involved in helping with the event. If you feel that you would like to be involved in some way take a look at pages 19 and 22.

A month would not be complete without any activity in the Wild Wood. This month sees a little Yoga on Saturday 6th with Julia Dunnicliffe from 10am till 11am.

As a callow youth at boarding school, I discovered via a school friend that there were such things as  $16\frac{2}{3}$  rpm records, when I borrowed a record of Edgar Allan Poe's, Tales of Mystery and Imagination. The Tell-Tale Heart, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Pit and the Pendulum, The Cask of Amontillado and The Mask of the Red Death, but unfortunately not The Raven. So it good news to find that a play of The Raven is to be performed in the Village Hall, on Saturday 8th October, by a company called Common Ground Theatre Company. Take a look on their website www.commongroundtc.co.uk. The group have performed in the area in recent years to very appreciative audiences.

Once again I am very thankful to those members of the village who have provided me with copy for this month's magazine, and invite anyone who feels that they have something that they would like to share with the whole village to send in their article. My email address is inside the front cover.





#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**



#### **NEWS**

#### Attention. Somebody is out and about in our area, wanting to steal your stuff! Westhorpe - shed burglary

Police are appealing for witnesses or information after a shed was broken into in Westhorpe.

The incident took place between 8.45pm Monday 4th and 6.30am Tuesday 5 July. An unknown person gained access to a garden of a home on The Crescent via an insecure side gate. They forced off the padlock to gain entry to the shed. A lawnmower and electric drill were stolen.

If anyone has information regarding this incident please contact Suffolk Police, quoting crime reference number: 37/42199/22.

#### Gislingham - theft from car

Police are appealing for information after items were stolen from a vehicle parked on a driveway in Poppy Way, Gislingham

A wallet containing bank cards, and a mobile phone were removed sometime between 3pm Monday 4 July and 8am Tuesday 5 July. It is unknown how entry was gained to the vehicle.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Suffolk police quoting crime reference 37/42337/22

#### Walsham le Willows - motorcycle stolen

Officers are appealing for information or witnesses after a motorcycle was stolen overnight from a property in Walsham le Willows.

The red Honda CRS250, registration AY69DZG was stolen from a shed at the rear of a home on Townhouse Road. The theft occurred sometime between 10pm Tuesday 12th and 7.55am Wednesday 13 July.

If you saw the motorcycle being taken or have any information about this theft, please contact Suffolk police quoting crime reference 37/44182/22

David Murray

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#### VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

June the 29th saw the Annual General Meeting for both charities involved in the running of the hall, the printing of the Observer and the running of the Walsham le Willows Community Food Bank. I would like to say thank you to all who attended.

Below is the transcript of the Chairs speech for those who were unable to come along in person and enjoy a glass of wine with us.

Since the last AGM in June the Community Council has continued with improvements and updating the hall. The old grey swing doors at the entrance have been replaced with a double-glazed entrance door, which allow light in and crucially keep heat in the hall on cold days. The wooden flooring which was in need of attention has been sanded back and resealed, resulting in many thinking we had actually had a new floor laid. The latest asset for the hall are professional staging units.

The Community Council would like to thank all those who have supported the hall in this last year, be it through attending events, bookings or helping to raise the funds necessary for these improvements works. The committee would like to thank the Parish Council and the Town Farm Charity for their support with the refurbishment and upgrading projects.

As we all emerged out of COVID rules the hall once again has become a hub for the village being used for everything from: the village horticultural show, Pilates, burlesque and self-defence classes, informative History group talks, children's parties, theatre performances, meetings, the ever-popular coffee shop and community lunches and the village quiz night, the list goes on.

One new event run by the Community council was the village sale trail, the proceeds from which was used to help pay for Father Christmas to visit the village, I would like to thank Tara and Kayleigh for all their work on this event that really brought a smile to so many faces.

All of these and other village events are advertised in the observer every month and I need to thank Ian the editor and all the volunteers who enable this to happen.

I am sure you are all very aware of the cost-of-living crisis and do not need me to go in to the details tonight. Needless to say that the food bank, initially set up to help individuals during the height of the pandemic, is seeing more referrals than ever. The food bank is sited in the halls green room as we didn't expect it to be an ongoing need.

As it appears the food bank will be needed for longer than we intended. Going forward, the committee intends, over the summer months to convert and improve the gents old toilet/ store room into a suitable food storage area for food bank and for the Basic Life pop up shop drop off, which has been a great success this last year. with the Community Council working with the Basic Life charity, helping reduce food waste and bringing affordable food to the community. These improvements would also free up the green room once again.

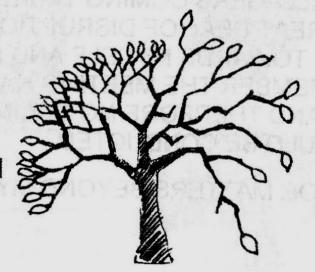
As for further plans we the committee like many of you I'm sure are watching the financial climate before any other decisions are made.

Amanda Ellis





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#### WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This half term has seen us as busy as ever and taking part in lots of activities. The whole of Key Stage 2 put on a super performance of 'The Keymaster' in the village hall and the acting and singing were superb. We have had our sports day and had a wonderful turn out of parents/grandparents etc to cheer the children on. The team that won overall was Redgrave (by one point!), but we all enjoyed taking part in the different types of activities that included traditional running races mixed in with obstacle races.

Our summer fete, organised by the PTA, took place at the end of June and we managed to avoid any rain (the only rain forecast in weeks for that day). There was a wonderful atmosphere with plenty of stalls and activities and a total of £700 was raised, which is incredible.

The whole school has enjoyed two mornings of transition where the children moved into a different year group and getting an idea of things to come in September.

Caterpillar class have been looking at pets and how to care for them. In maths, they have been looking at money and time and looking forward to moving into a different year group.

The children in Ladybirds have been recounting fables and then re writing their own and changing and adapting them. In maths, they have been recapping all four functions and exploring living things and their habitats in science. In art they have drawn observational drawings of animals using hard and soft pencils to make different lines and sewn luggage labels in DT.

Dragonflies have been looking at the Women's Euro Football competition and finding out facts about the countries and players. They made clay runes and sewing some Viking bags. They are also rewriting a legend of King Arthur and programming sprites.

Grasshoppers are exploring the Vikings and comparing how they lived with Anglo Saxons. They are writing Anglo Saxon style poetry and learning about shape and coordinates in maths. In PE they have been developing their striking and fielding skills.

Cricket class have had a cricket coach from South Africa to teach them cricket skills. They have created a 3D model of a Victorian factory in computing. As part of their science, they have explored human evolution and life cycles as well as visiting their new high schools for September.

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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## A FOND FAREWELL AT LITTLE WILLOWS PRESCHOOL.

It is with great sadness that we have today said goodbye to our longest serving and very dedicated member of staff at Little Willows Preschool, Sarah!

Sarah has finally hung up her pen after a total of 27 years of leading and developing a very caring, nurturing and happy environment for the children and families of Walsham le Willows and surrounding villages.

It has been very difficult to put into words how much she has meant to all the hundreds of children she has supported and educated in order that they have grown and blossomed into the people they are now, the staff that have worked with her and she has mentored and encouraged, the committees she has engaged with to ensure the continuation of the setting and of course the parents who Sarah and other members of staff have been given the privilege of looking after their children.

Sarah who had lived in the village for the majority of her life did, as many of the staff, fall into the job by accident after volunteering as a Parent helper when her children were young, while it was at the Priory Rooms for a few mornings a week. Not wishing to see it close when Debbie and Jan moved on, she took on the mantel which she has never waivered from even though over these past years we have expanded into a facility which is now open every day all day, including breakfast and after school club (term time), along with the expectations and paper work from Ofsted that have increased beyond recognition.

Sarah was involved as many of the people of the village were in helping to fund raise for the building we have so proudly resided in since September 1999. Car washes and fetes were the order of the day.

She has given of her time selflessly to ensure that the setting has always been ready to welcome our families and children and especially during the Covid Pandemic when she continued to work in setting along with one other member of staff Sophie, so that it remained open for vulnerable children and those of critical workers.

There will unfortunately probably not be another Sarah but hopefully there may not be a need if and when the Early Years Education Sector is funded correctly for the work involved.

We wish Sarah all the best in what she decides to do in the future but she will never be forgotten for all her hard work and dedication.

That said we now have a new Leader of the setting Kylie Boccius who we are confident will carry on the legacy that Sarah has left with great success.

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As a result of a Table top and bric-a-brac stall £ 191 was raised for branch funds.

At the "C" group meeting held 7th July members were informed that the hire charge for the Apex where The Festival of Remembrance will be held in November has risen to £1600 plus we expect to pay a further amount for extras, last year this was about £1000. When a branch closes down its standard is usually laid up in the local church, however at this meeting we were informed that those at the top of command in London had changed the rules, saying anyone could use the standard and parade with it at any time they so wished, and that they need not be RBL members. There has been tremendous disapproval to this arrangement a result of which they have had to back down. Our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm

Hubby Frost.





#### WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



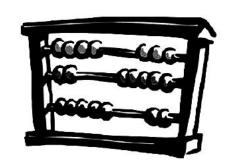
Norma Howell, a volunteer speaker for the charity Medical Detection Dogs, delivered a fascinating talk describing the widening boundaries for the use of canine operations in this field. She described the two arms used...first the Bio Detection dogs trained to recognise very early cases of various conditions like prostate cancer and even Parkinsons from samples, which can be life saving. The second are the Medical Alert Assistance dogs. Their role is to monitor and raise the alarm if they detect changes in their partner's condition. They can be working 24/7, living with their partner and again providing life saving care on occasion. All the dogs live at home not in kennels building strong bonds with their partners.. Training a dog comes at a cost of £29,000. At the end of their working lives they are, more often than not, adopted by their partner. We marvelled and could hardly credit the use of the fantastic sense of smell and capacity to work with humans exhibited by these dogs.

Lastly we learned of an African connection. ... children in Africa are given socks to wear, which are then sent to the charity and from these samples the presence of early malaria can be detected by the Bio Detection dogs in the laboratory. Who would have thought it, that sweaty socks sent from African children's feet might prove the saving of their lives. Amazing what you can learn at the WI!

Next month a chance to try walking netball. Meet at the Sports Club 10<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm Jill Newell

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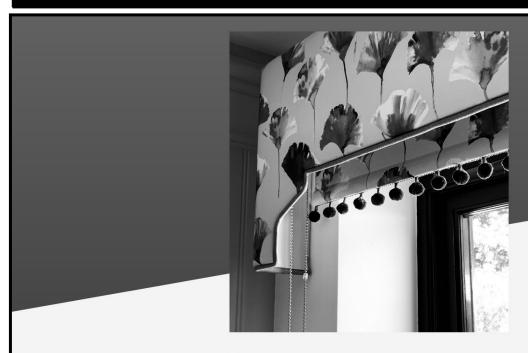
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• look after children.

- work and pay for childcare
- need help with housing costs
- are disabled or have a health condition
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There may also be other benefits you are entitled to, depending on your circumstances. You can use the benefit calculator to find out at gov.uk/benefitscalculators. If you need help, then Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can do a benefit check for you.

If you are struggling to buy food, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can make a referral to your local food bank. They can also talk through your circumstances to see if there is other help they can provide or anything else you may be eligible for, such as help with your energy bills or school costs.

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#### POPPY COLLECTORS



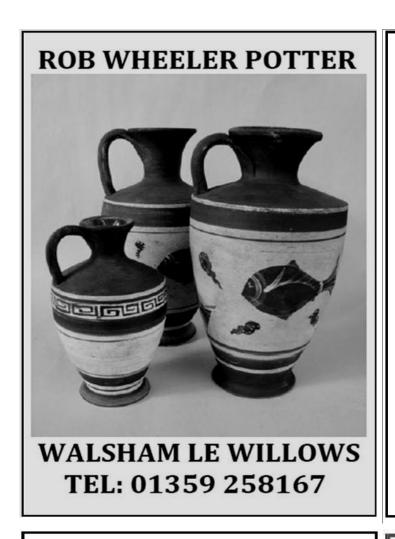
Calling all would be Poppy Collectors.

I have a faithful band of kind folk who wander the streets of Walsham at the end of October and the beginning of November. They will be seen with a bright red collecting tin (made of plastic nowadays!) in one hand, and a box of Royal British Legion goodies in the other, going from door to door, in all weathers, asking for donations for this very worthy cause.

I am in need of 3 or 4 new collectors in Walsham, and would love to hear from you if you think you can spare some time to help.

There used to be a collector in Langham, and another in Great Ashfield - both have stopped collecting after many years, so if there is anyone out there who would be happy to collect in these two villages, I would love to hear from you too.

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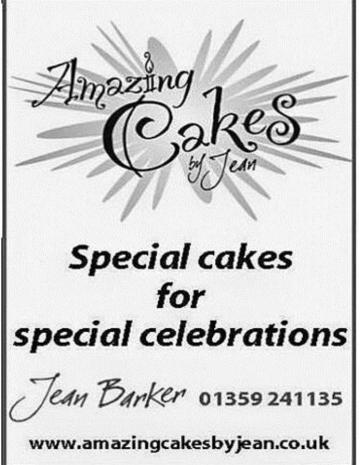
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The Wild Wood Steering Committee offers you the chance to take part in a bat safari led by Nick Sibbert, an expert from the Suffolk Bat Group, in and around our very own woodland on the evening of September 3rd 2022. One of the biggest threats to all bat species is the loss and fragmentation of habitat and this is why the creation of spaces like the Wild Wood and the new Jubilee Wood is so important to help preserve these and other creatures.

As the evenings pull in, the opportunity increases to see, and more particularly to hear, bats in our locality. Because they are nocturnal and have poor eyesight, most bats rely on echolocation to find their way around and this sound can be picked up by portable technology. Hopefully, there will be opportunities to identify specific species and the information gathered can be a baseline for monitoring numbers and types of bats in our area in future years.

We know that Fishponds Lane running from Sumner Road to Wattisfield Road is an area used by bats in flight and this is why the housing sited on the new Lovells development does not run up to the field boundary as bats are protected in the UK under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981. The bat safari will allow us to see how they are getting along with their new neighbours!

The Safari will start from The Wild Wood. There is a limited number of places available for this event so please contact Lorna or John to book a place. Refreshments will be available. Donations on the evening are welcome.

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To find out more about these fascinating creatures go to: https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer/mammals

Booking for Bat Safari can be completed on Eventbrite online!!!



#### COMMUNITY LUNCH



The weather was brilliant for our BBQ last month.

August is Mardi Gras season so what will be on the menu this month.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Lunch will be **Mild** Jerk Chicken, lettuce and mayo in a wrap with Sweet potato fries served at 12.45pm - 1pm, followed by Lemon Crunch. 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 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Shirley White

#### WILD WOOD YOGA

Thanks to Julia we had a lovely hour's yoga at the Walsham Wild Wood early in July. It was a wonderfully sunny day with blue sky overhead and birds singing. We all relaxed and enjoyed our time out from busy lives.

Please contact Julia Dunnicliffe@hotmail.com f you would like to join us at the Walsham Wild Wood on Saturday  $6^{th}$  August from  $10 \text{ am} - 11 \text{ am } \pounds 7.00$ .

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## **EPIPHANY SINGERS**



#### January 2023

I know this seems a very long way off - indeed, in the midst of a hot summer, who wants to be thinking about cold early January?

Due to Covid, this wonderful event has been cancelled for the last two years, so with the hope that 2023 Epiphany will be celebrated in Walsham again, I would like to get ahead with organising.

This will be the 50th Epiphany singers celebration - a real milestone in the history of Walsham. Actually, the celebrations started more than 50 years ago, but with one year missed due to bad weather some years ago, and the last two missed due to Covid, this will be the 50th time the singers have visited our village.

I am looking for volunteers who would be prepared to host for the weekend. This basically means offering bed and breakfast to a singer or singers. They are all lovely people - my husband and I have hosted for about 20 years, and it is always one of the highlight of our year.

If you would like to know more about the singers and this wonderful weekend, or if you think you might like to be involved as a host, please contact me.

Fiona Glover 01359 258223 figlover@btinternet.com

#### **BLACK FOREST GATEAU**

240gms butter 240gms self-raising flour 450gm tinned black cherries

4 eggs, beaten 1 teaspoon arrowroot

2 tbs cocoa powder 2-3 tsp Kirsch

A little water to mix 1½ pts double cream

90gms grated chocolate for decorating

Set oven to 170°C (325°F) or Mark 3. Grease and base line two 20cm (8in) sandwich tins. Cream together the butter and sugar in a bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs with a little flour. Blend the cocoa powder with a little water to form a paste, mix in, alternately, with the remaining flour and combine well together. Divide between the tins and bake for about 30 minutes until springy to the touch and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Turn out on a wire rack to cool. When cold, split each cake in half. Drain the cherries and reserve the juice. Blend the arrowroot with the juice, boil to thicken, stirring, then add the Kirsch. Allow to cool. Whip the cream until thick. Spread cream on each cake layer, except the top, cover with halved cherries (reserving some whole cherries for decoration) and spread over them the thickened juice. Assemble the cake, cover the top and sides with cream, decorate with reserved cherries on top and sprinkle grated chocolate around the sides.

If you like making cakes look at page 22



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#### Bank Holiday Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> August

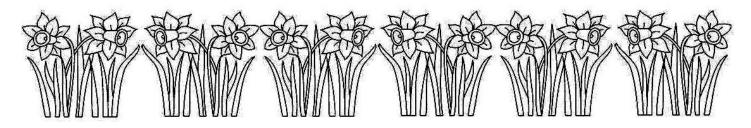
We very much hope that you like the lovely picture of our retiring chair, Robin Newell and his wife Jill, sitting on the new bench in the Churchyard. We bought and presented the bench to Robin to mark and celebrate his many years of dedication to this very important Walsham event. Robin has been involved for much of the 40 years and we miss him now that he has stood down.

**But** I hear you say 'what can I do to help...' with this year's extravaganza?? As we have said previously we will do our very 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 really is a lot of **Fun**...!!! Some suggestions:

- We have achieved our ambition for 40 gardens in our 40<sup>th</sup> year but if you want your garden to be included, its not too late, and you can contact **Alison Findlay at 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
- If you are a flower arranger then Cheryl would love to hear from you at bartholomewcj@aol.com or on 01359 258349
- 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 07843052970.
- We will need help setting up and just as importantly taking down and I would like to add you to my list at john@architectatwork.co.uk or on 07831 325610

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 really is **FUN**...!!

John Stebbing Secretary to the Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust





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	Wed 10th	W.I. Netball Taster	TBA 7:30pm NOVEMBER
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Sports Club 6:30pm	Wed 9th W.I. Stencil Painting
	Sat 27th	± 5	Priory Room 7;45pm
		Sports Club 7:30pm	Wed 16th History Group
		Open Gardens	TBA 7:30pm
	Mon 29th	~3	DECEMBER
		SEPTEMBER	Wed 14th W.I. Make do and mend
		Bat Safari	Priory Room 7:45pm
		Wild Wood 7:30pm	Wed 7th History Group
	Sat 10th	Churches Ride	St Mary's 7:30pm
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	wed 14th	W.I. Talk on Australia	Wed 11th W.I. Birthday Party
	Thu 15th	Priory Room 7:45pm Jubilee Wood Plans	Priory Room 7:00pm FEBRUARY
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(機)	Tue 20th	History Group	Priory Room 7:45pm
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		<b>OCTOBER</b>	Wed 8th W.I. Fire Safety
	Sat 8th	The Raven 'Drama'	Priory Room 7:45pm
		Village Hall 7:30pm	APRIL
	Wed 12th	W.I. Girls of Little USA	Wed 12th W.I. Pot Luck Supper
		Priory Room 7:45pm	Priory Room 7:45pm
	Wed 18th	History Group	Have your village events added to
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#### WALSHAM & DISTRICT W.I.

#### A NETBALL TASTER

at The Sports Club

#### Wednesday 10th August at 6:30pm

Please note the time.

If cancelled due to weather
an email will be sent to all members

#### NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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#### WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 & District Councillors were unable to be present

- 1 OPENING The meeting commenced at 19:00
- 2 ELECTION FO CHAIR AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR
  - · Cllr Belson was unanimously re-elected as Chair (proposed by Cllr Mecrow, this was seconded by Cllr Bartholomew). Acceptance of office was signed and countersigned by the Clerk.
  - · Cllr Bartholomew was unanimously re-appointed as vice-chair having been proposed by Cllr Kinnair.

#### 3 APOLOGIES

- a) Apologies had been received by Cllr Arbon.
- b) Council gave consent to apologies as received.
- 4 DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
  - a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality None were declared.
  - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda none were declared.
  - c) To receive requests for dispensations None required.

#### 5 MINUTES

- a) To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
  - Minutes for meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.
- 6 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION to receive written reports for information only:
  - Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group not in attendance as little has happened since last PC meeting.

Neither District or County Councillors we able to be present.

- · Cllr Bartholomew asked if anything has been heard about the outcome of deliberations on the school transport issue. The clerk was not aware of anything and was asked to follow up with Cllr Fleming.
- · Cllr Winch asked about the investments by CIFCO (the investment company for MSDC) and noted that most of these were outside the Babergh/Mid-Suffolk area.



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Cllr Belson and others were able to clarify that from previous discussions with Cllr Meyer that this would not be unusual; the purpose of the investments was not to invest specifically within the District but to provide the best returns to supplement the District budget.

- 7 PUBLIC FORUM No members of the public were present.
- 8 PLANNING MATTERS
  - a) SHEPHERD's GROVE (WEST SUFFOLK) to consider matters relating to this development including consideration of response to PLANNING CONSULTATION DC/22/0987/EIASCO, Land At, Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate East, Sumner Road GD (circulated 01/07/2022).

Cllr Winch noted that a visit to the Co-Part site in Deal, Kent (a smaller sites than is proposed for Shepherd's Grove) confirmed one vehicle movement every 90 seconds which would represent at least a 10% increase in traffic locally when this site is up and running. In addition there will be more traffic generated by new housing in Ixworth. The concerns is about the cumulative effect on traffic movements and what if any plans there were for traffic 'pinch points'. Cllr Winch asked if the Parish Council should co-ordinate a publicity drive for the upcoming 'Community Consultation Event' advertised by Jaynic for Thursday 21st July from 3pm to 8pm in Stanton Village Hall. The Clerk advised that this had already been published on website, and facebook, with posters around the village and had also been circulated to all the potentially interested Parishes along the A143.

Cllr Bartholomew asked if the Clerk could enquire of Cllr Fleming if there were any more grounds for pursuing more highways related issues.

Cllrs. agreed that the plan is to gather as much information as possible before calling for a planning and strategy meeting amongst all interested Parishes so that a joint response can be put together.

The Clerk was asked to put together an addendum to the previous Parish Council comment on this proposed development based on the discussion this evening and to submit on the West Suffolk planning portal.

- b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/03015 Proposal: Planning Application Erection of modular building to form a gymnasium. Location: Walsham Le Willows Sports Club, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AH The Parish Council Supported This Application.
- c) APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/02096 Proposal: Outline Planning Application (All Matters Reserved) Construction of 1no. dwelling following demolition of existing farmhouse and temporary siting of a mobile home Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, Diss Suffolk IP22 1LY **The Parish Council Supported This Application.**
- d) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/03463 Proposal: Householder Application Erection of single storey front and rear extensions (following demolition of conservatory) Location: Meadow View, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BD The Parish Council Made No Comment.



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- 9 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only
  - a) DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
    - Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/00842- Condition 3 (Underlying Fabric), Condition 4 (Section Drawings of Wall) and Condition 5 (Schedule of Works) Location: Clive Cottage, The Street, Walsham le Willows, Suffolk IP31 3AZ
  - b) Application Reference: DC/22/02778 Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application Erection of single storey rear extension and pitched roof to existing flat roof side extension 18 Grove Park, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3AE **Permission Granted By MSDC.**
  - c) Application Reference: DC/22/01898 & Application Reference: DC/22/01897 Proposal & Location of Development: Application for Listed Building Consent Erection of a single storey side extension to store and conversion of hayloft to form annex, installation of stairs leading to hayloft, replacement of garage door with French windows, closing up of wall between garage and proposed sitting room, extension of garden wall to form courtyard, and erection of a new garden store The Priory, The Causeway, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB **Permission Granted By MSDC.**
- 10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Nothing to note. The Clerk was asked to check if there was a copy of the draft plan on the village website and if not to arrange for this to be uploaded.
  - It was noted that the Parish Council will be asked to endorse the new neighbourhood plan at their next meeting in August and prior to the Public Exhibition for the draft plan will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October between 3pm and 8pm in the Memorial Hall. There will be a Zoom briefing for Parish Councillors between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. The Clerk was also asked to flag up to the Steering Group that due to the size of the final document, Parish Councillors will need as much time as possible to review and read before signing off. Clerk to ask what the plans are.

#### 11 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

- a) Cllr Kinnair reported that meeting scheduled in next week or two with project Manager for redevelopment.
- b) Council unanimously & approved the informal decision by email to submit the previously circulated purchase order for the play are redevelopment in the sum of £66,934 to Premier Play Solutions for payments in three tranches of 25% deposit, 70% completion payment and final 5% retention payment six months after satisfactory completion. The final value of the contract remains subject amendment for minor variations as yet to be agreed with project manager.

#### 12 FINANCE

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 which was signed by Cllr Kinnair.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were signed and payments approved by Cllrs Bartholomew and Kinnair. (Appendix 1). The clerk noted that

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- hours worked for June included 9 hours (2 days) of annual leave pay as per the agreement of Council last year.
- c) Proposal for the purchase of a second solar panel for operation of the speed indicator device on Summer Road (Cllr Mecrow) has finally been informed by a quote from the German office (circulated 07/07/2022) of 689 EURO (approx. £586). Cllr Roberts advised that an additional battery will not be needed. The clerk advised that the same procedure can be used as last time for shipping (getting local courier to collect for which there will be a small additional amount to pay). It was unanimously agreed that this could be purchased under the CIL budget as enquiries about this and an in-principle decision to go ahead had been taken prior to the adoption of the CIL policy. The delay has been caused by lengthy communications with suppliers.
- d) Variance report to end June had been circulated and published. Parish Council had not queries.

#### 13 STATUTORY BUSINESS – None to be transacted

#### 14 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. Nothing of concern other than employment of a new street cleaner. The clerk referred to ongoing work to clarify the contract for cutting the stream verges and also for the repair of play area boardwalk at earliest opportunity.
- b) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note (not for decision).
  - The clerk reminded that he will not be at the September meeting. Cllr Winch has agreed to minute the meeting to an agenda prepared by the clerk.
  - · There is a new code of conduct that the PC will need to consider for adoption.
  - · Cllr Bartholomew noted that gas supply to the Memorial Hall Kitchen is proving impractical, so an appropriate electric range is to be sourced. Council did not require the grant monies to be returned at this stage but await the outcome before a final decision is made.
- c) Next Monthly Meeting  $10^{th}$  August 2022, 7pm in Memorial Hall.
- d) APPENDIX 1

#### Payments for Authorisation July 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	David Murray	£53.11	Closed Churchyard Fuel
2	David Murray	£350.00	Closed Churchyard Grass Cutting
3	HMRC	£168.61	PAYE
4	Parish Council Employee	£505.64	Wages
5	Memorial Hall	£25.00	Hall hire for parish council meeting
#	Payments IN & Other Payments	Amount	Description
1	Bank CHARGES	£18.00	Quarter to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
2	Bank Interest RECEIVED	£57.54	Quarter to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

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Following on from a highly successful SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools), Walsham School were able to hold their 'Leavers' assembly for the first time since 2019, in St Mary's Church.

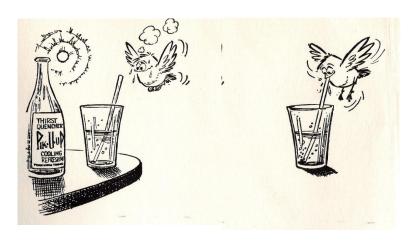
The results of the SIAMS inspection, along with the depth and breadth of the content of the assembly, led mainly by pupils, illustrated how hard both staff and the children have worked during what has been an immensely difficult period for the whole school; since the first 'lock-down' back in March 2020.

Whilst the assembly was largely focussed around the year 6 children, the rest of the pupils shared some wonderful memories of their favourite times working and playing with those who were leaving. There was poetry, song and guitar playing, and the outgoing Foundation Governor, Di Barker, (after many years of dedicated service to the school), presented the 'leavers' with prayer cards.

It was a joyful occasion, and yet I suspect tinged with a small degree of sadness for those moving on to a new stage in their lives. For those leaving the school to move to a new environment in September, there will inevitably be excitement along with some apprehension, but Walsham school will have equipped them well for the new experiences and new opportunities which lie ahead. Through further good teaching and hard work, new skills will be developed and existing abilities improved. May pupils, teachers and staff alike have a very Blessed summer break.

Looking through the Church's lectionary for August, the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month is set aside as a celebration for a writer who had virtually no formal education whatsoever. John Bunyan, born in 1628, was self-educated, learning to both read and write, as well as to understand grammar, through his study of the Bible. Yet Bunyan went on to write 'The Pilgrim's Progress,' one of the most published books in the English language. A story of the man Christian on his journey through life to God. A book which was started when Bunyan was serving a twelve year sentence in Bedford prison because of his Christian preaching as a non-conformist, at a time when the monarchy had just been restored; Charles II in 1660. It was unfortunate that during this period non-conformists were regarded as a threat to the very foundation of the monarchy, and anyone deviating from the rules of the State Church, the Church of England, were treated extremely harshly. Thankfully those days are behind us in this country, and the Church of today embraces religious tolerance.

Philip Benefice Priest





#### **AUGUST CHURCH SERVICES**

Date	Service	Church
7 <sup>th</sup> August	8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
14 <sup>th</sup> August	9 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Langham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
21 <sup>st</sup> August	10 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
28 <sup>th</sup> August	11 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
4 <sup>th</sup> September	12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	
9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Finningham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe







#### **GREEN DILEMMAS**

#### eco impact of food

Assuming the cost is similar, most of us would like to be greener but often it's unclear what the best course of action is. The food we eat is responsible for over one third of greenhouse gas emissions so understanding the impact of specific foods is a good place to start.

The table below shows the carbon footprint of foods per kilogram.

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Minced beef	21	Cheddar cheese	14.2	Pork chops	5.8
Chicken breast	4.1	Cucumbers	2.2	Milk full fat	1.9
Tomatoes	1.8	Tofu	1.3	Avocados	1.1
Bananas	0.5	Carrots	0.4	Apples	0.3

(source CarbonCloud kgCO2eq/kg).

Surprisingly, the numbers suggest that food items such as bananas have a lower carbon footprint than we might expect. The basic fact is that emissions at the farm stage typically dwarf those for processes like transport and packaging.

Probably like me though you are still a bit sceptical - is importing all those avocados really OK? We need to analyse the whole supply chain and a lot of factors other than greenhouse gas emissions. To assess the eco impact of a can of beer I would need to understand the agricultural, the malting, the brewing, the packaging, the distribution, the storage, and the disposal / recycling processes in detail.

A new traffic light system for the eco impact of food is currently being trialled. This will rate products from A to G / green to red. The scheme is overseen by Foundation Earth an independent not for profit organisation which is backed by major industry players in the UK and EU. There will be a single eco impact score, but this is derived from assessing carbon emissions, water usage, water pollution and biodiversity at each supply chain stage.

There are some on-going issues. Some large companies want to use carbon offsetting — they invest, for example, in forestation and then want to apply these numbers to reduce the eco score of specific food products. If this isn't allowed, they argue, then the eco impact isn't rewarding companies who are serious about a net zero target. The disposal and recycling cost is also currently excluded on the basis that there are other ways of addressing this. Another problem is that something like a beef product may always have an overall red eco impact, but most people would still like to know which beef product is the most sustainable.

So, the new scheme is not perfect but a big step forward. We will all get much better visibility, and the labelling will drive significant product innovation as most supermarkets and manufacturers will not want to have too many red scores on their products.



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7<sup>th</sup> Mr. David Cordle (Chelmondiston, Suffolk)

14<sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed)

21<sup>st</sup> Dr. David Allen (Walsham-le-Willows Congregational Church)
28<sup>th</sup> Mr. Daniel Biddle (Calvary Baptist Church, Feltham, Middlesex)

#### **The World Record Longest Shower.**

It is amazing what things people will do, and the lengths to which they will go, to gain recognition or become famous; especially, it is remarkable what feats a person will try, hoping to get a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records. Would you believe it? there is even a record for person who showered for officially the world's longest time of 121 continuous hours. Quite an achievement!

In recent days we have been experiencing a period of record-breaking summer temperatures, and maybe a few days in a cool shower may seem an attractive idea but, as so often happens with periods of hot dry weather, we may see water restrictions and the world record shortest shower may yet be required.

However, it is so very important to remember that no matter how long we spend washing, no amount of washing can wash away sin or produce a clean conscience before God. Five days in the shower, for the Guinness record holder, might well have left the body very clean but it could do absolutely nothing to cleanse the heart or the soul; it doesn't matter how much water is used or how it is applied, or by whom, it will be of no value toward a person's Salvation. The reality is that water does not have power over sin; not even being sprinkled with water at christening or total immersion in water at baptism can wash away our sins; the Bible shows that baptism is a public confession that a person has become a Christian, not that baptism can make a person a Christian.

When it comes to the stain of sin, there is only one thing that has power to wash it away and that is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible plainly states, "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). There are times that a person may long to whitewash their sin, but it is only the blood of the Lord Jesus that was shed, as he hung crucified upon the cross of Calvary, that can truly wash it white. As the well-known Sunday School chorus clearly reminds us:

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7)

### WILDLIFE IN AUGUST

If you are reading this you survived the high temperatures of last month! With very little rainfall our gardens and wildlife will have struggled. Hopefully this month will be a little easier for them. Flowers will be in full bloom especially in our gardens providing food and shelter for wildlife. If you look closely, you may see little black or green dots on the stems of the plants. These are Aphids! Aphids are among one of the most destructive insect pests for most of our garden plants, ornamentals, vegetables and fruits. These tiny insects weaken the plant by sucking their sap, and also can transmit plant viruses. They live on the underside of the plant leaves or on the stems and are most active from spring to late summer. The symptoms for Aphid infestation will include, stunted growth, curled or distorted leaves, deformed fruit and flowers, and a sticky substance which will allow black moulds to grow. They can reproduce very quickly and numbers can become out of control. As the Aphids feed on the sap of the plants they will excrete a sticky substance and this is called Honeydew. Sometimes if you keep watch on the Aphids you may see another insect appear climbing all over the Aphids. These are Ants. The Ants however are not eating the Aphids, neither are the Aphids just simply in the way, these Ants are farmers! The Ants will herd the Aphids together on plants keeping them captive by releasing chemicals through their feet that subdue the Aphids to ensure they remain under the Ants control. They will 'milk' the Aphids by stroking their abdomens which will coax them into secreting the Honeydew. This is what the Ants are after, this is a favourite food and can make up to 90% of their diet. The Ants will regurgitate the Honeydew once they return to the nest to feed the queen and the larvae. They can even move the Aphids to a more juicy part of the plant. Although the Aphids are subservient to the Ants this is a very symbolic relationship, as well as being the farmers the Ants also protect the Aphids from predators such as Ladybirds, Lacewings, Wasps and Hoverfly larvae.

In August Hedgehogs will still be breeding. Mothers with a litter of Hoglets to raise will be struggling if there has been no to little rainfall, so please leave a shallow bowl of water available which can be a lifesaver to these endangered species. Do not give them milk as they are lactose intolerant, peanuts are not good for them and do not give mealworms as they have been proven to cause metabolic bone disease. Instead give wet or dry meaty dog or cat food which they will love, especially as the insects start to die down leaving only the slugs and snails which harbour the killer parasite to hedgehogs, Lungworm. Hopefully you will attract a night time visitor in to your garden!

Angie Nice





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### THE KEY MASTER

The Primary school children and teachers surpass themselves with this performance

On 5<sup>th</sup> July I was sitting in the Memorial Hall watching a performance of 'The Key Master' by the children of Walsham primary school and what a truly amazing evening that was.

It started with a class of children complaining how boring History was; the teacher then left the classroom and re-appeared as a sparkling magician carrying a huge bunch of keys which unlocked doors and was able to transport the children back in time.

Starting in 1066 at the battle of Hastings with Saxons fighting the Normans; it ended with King Harold crying out "I think I have something in my eye". The Key Master then took the class back through further ages of history: -

- 1538 Don't drink the Tudor water was the message then
- 1714 This was the story of the smugglers
- 1733 Now came the Industrial Revolution
- 1839 Here we saw Victorian children working for a living
- 1918 Saw the critical Suffragette movement that opened the door for women

The last key unlocked a vision of the future in 2072 where the children discovered that their world had disintegrated – no trees, no flowers, no animals, and no birds, only dust! Now the children gave us, the audience, a message "Stop this happening and save the world for our children and all the children to come"

This was when a very proud granny and lots of others, had tears in their eyes. What a wonderful journey these amazing children and their teachers took us on - thank you for a truly magnificent performance.

Sue Campbell

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### **OBSERVATIONS OF A NEWCOMER**

My name is Tony and with my wife Isobel, cat George and Lulu, our puppy, moved into the new Acorns development towards the end of last year. I thought I might share some our experience of moving into the village.

I appreciate this development has not been to everyone's liking in the village and totally understand that, but hopefully, ourselves and our new neighbours will add to the village.

Walsham is a lovely place, everyone we have met has been welcoming and friendly and we are hopefully slowly making new and long lasting friends. There are so many beautiful, historic houses to enjoy whilst walking in Walsham and it's nice to stop and sit in 'The Wild Wood', planted by and for the village making it a great place to take strolls around its many footpaths and permissive walks.

The thriving football and cricket club have also been welcoming and Lulu and myself have enjoyed strolls to the club, watching games on several occasions, I look forward to many more visits. We hope to try our hand at green bowls at the club on The Street sometime as well.

Rolfes of Walsham is a great little deli and butcher, around for over 130 years, the staff seem to be aging incredibly well! Fresh bread every day, homemade pies, sourcing local products from around Suffolk of a very high quality, curing and smoking their own ham and bacon, amongst many other things, it's good to know the quality of their products and the low food miles involved; also the locally produced fresh milk van outside every Monday.

There's even a very nice burger van which arrives, next to the bowling green, every Wednesday evening along with 'The Suffolk Mermaid' fish and chip van near the church every other Friday serving excellent food.

We were sad to see The Blue Boar close its doors having made several visits and it's another nice building with a lovely beer garden and we hope someone takes it on and offers meals again for the benefit of both locals and visitors, along with the coffee shop, which apparently was popular and it seems a shame if its lost and ends up converted into housing. We do still however have The Six Bells pub if you just want a drink, a 16<sup>th</sup> century pub of some considerable character!

All in all Walsham le Willows is a well-served, friendly village that we are extremely happy to have become a part of. My only issue would be that on our daily dog walks there is quite a lot of dog mess left not cleared. Walking a dog of our own we know how easy it is to get caught out when your dog is running of the lead, especially if they are behind you, so if all dog owners could be mindful of this perhaps this issue could be sorted easily.

I finish with a simple thank you for those who have made us feel so welcome and look forward to meeting more of you!

Tony and Isy oh also George and Lulu



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### THREE POEMS

#### **FLOWERPOTS**

There's trouble in the garden
I've disturbed the status quo
as this place of peace and quiet,
where our best loved plants and flowers
grow,

submits to the gardener's tidying, a spruce up of the space, so that August Bank Holiday visitors see Walsham's best gardening face. Pots are weeded and replanted, fed and watered with the best, but some rearrangement's needed so now for the heavy lifting test! Suddenly there is chaos, "all out warfare" scream the bugs and, as the woodlice scurry sideways spiders, beetles, scatter too; but toad beneath the daisies, the creamy 'humbug' looking snails, they hold their line with patience while the gardener holds his sway. And all the while there's chirruping, anxious movement all about, birds know a feast awaits them but the gardener won't get out! By evening all is quiet in the cool of fading light the gardener's sought his supper and nature's settling for the night.

#### **MOBILES**

Oh, yes, the meeting turned out fine. Expect me back at half past nine. Before I am, though, one small task, A favour that I'd like to ask -Please, could you put the washing in? It's mostly in the laundry bin, No, actually, there is some more -Of course, it's on the bedroom floor. And, darling, don't forget my tights. I think they're hanging on the lights, Or else they're on the bedside table. I'm sure that even you are able To put them in ait number three. That would be so much help to me! Hang on, don't put the nickers in -I know the gusset's wearing thin. I think the label says, /By hand'. What, darling, don't you understand? A gusset? That's the middle bit. Oh darling, you are such a twit! No, darling! Do I have to shout? I said to leave the nickers out!

> Liz Cowley From A Red Dress Published by Constable

Rob Barber

#### **SMILING**

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu, When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin. When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.

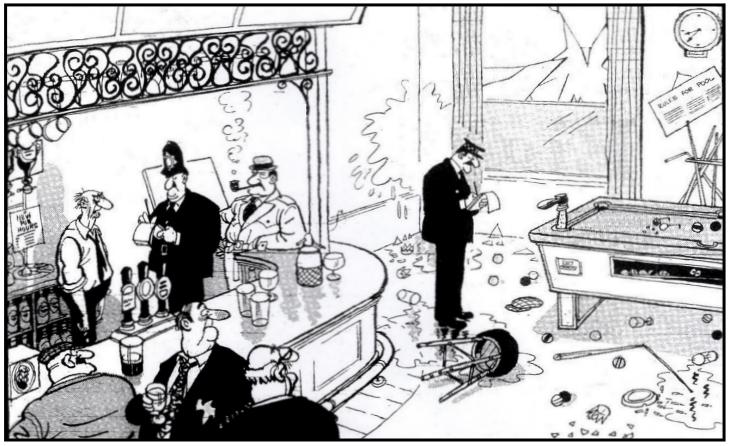
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth. A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

Spike Milligan

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE





There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the policemen have recorded the whole incident!

## **CHARITY CRICKET MATCH**

### Money Raiser For Good Causes on Sunday 17th July

This year marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RAF Regiment since being formed in 1942; to celebrate it RAF Honington held a charity match at the Sports Club between the Regiment and a Wounded Veterans X1 with proceeds of the day going towards the Wounded Veterans charity, RAF Benevolent Fund and the Centurion charity. Billing it as just a cricket match did an injustice to the effort that Honington put in to make a fun day for families from both the base and also from the Walsham village community. Those few from the village who took advantage were able to see their children enjoy the use of a wide range of bouncy castles, slides, target football and other pursuits plus a very talented face-painter. A barbecue, pizza oven, coffee stall and ice cream van catered for refreshments as well as Sports Club bars. All the children's activities were provided by the Base without charge making a super day out with the only cost being the voluntary contributions made to the Charities.

Bringing the event to Walsham was stimulated by a much-loved member of the Club, Ian Giles, who came to us originally while based at Honington and who is still in the RAF, based down in the Chilterns. Remembered by us as 'Dobs' due to his run up at cricket which we felt resembled a carthorse hence the nickname 'Dobbin' which was quickly shortened to Dobs also sticks in my mind was a tackle he made on the football field that was never punished as it was so late that the ref was at the other end of the field by the time it was completed!

The cricket was a timely reminder of the courage in the face of adversity shown by some of the participants with lack of limbs being very obvious; less visible was one with severely impaired sight that still managed to take part. Honington station commander was enthusiastic about the day and eventually left with an indicated desire to make it an annual match in subsequent years. If that comes about, we will make a much greater effort to 'sell' the day to the local community, freebies like this don't often come around and greater participation would have swelled the amount the charities raised.

As ever it is right to pay tribute to Mike Powles and his volunteers from Walsham and the RAF cadets who maned car parks, sold raffle tickets and made the day tick.

Ian Campbell





### WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

Each row, column and large square must contain the numbers 1 to 9 inclusive.

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

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!



## WALSHAM'S YOUTH FOOTBALL

The youth section has introduced Soccer Camps and have had 3 very successful ones with three more booked for the Summer. All players received free club snoods during the season and we have our first U7 team for a while. Other purchases included new corner flags for all pitches and captains' armbands for all teams, including senior teams. All matchday goals were replaced with new modern wheeled goals but the biggest achievement off the field of play was the installation of a new tea hut and servery to satisfy all those hungry people on a Saturday and Sunday morning. This includes a seating area inside to make the matchday experience better. Little Willows for '5 to 8' year olds increased to two Saturday morning sessions due to its popularity and supplied mascots and ball boys for the senior matches. £5,000 was donated to replace the floodlights with new state of the art LED Lamps and the presentation night was the first for many years and was attended by over 300 people. The club held its first football festival and has 2 more planned for next season. We also eagerly await the arrival of our new kits fully funded by the section for all the teams in the youth club and we are proud to announce that all kits will carry the logo of local charity SARS (Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service). A unanimous decision by all the committee to support this very worthwhile charity. I nearly forgot that we have nearly 200 children playing organised football every weekend which we feel is not only a great achievement for a small village but is also a great service to the community.

Plans are already in place for further improvements over the next 12 months.

Walsham le Willows youth FC Joint Chairman Mark Dolman and Tom Howling

### **SPORTS CLUB REPORT**

With Friendly fixtures coming thick and fast at the moment the season starts in earnest on 30th July.

First Team August home fixtures

Tue 2nd Mildenhall Town

Fri 5th St Neots Town

Tue 23rd Hadleigh United

**Bowls** August home fixtures

Mon 1st Bramford 6.30pm

Tue 2nd Old Newton 2pm

Wed 3rd St Botolphs 6.30 pm.

Thur 4th Stanton Wolves 7pm

Wed 17th Thornham Magna 6.30pm

Thur 18th Coney Weston Swan 6.30pm

#### What's On

Sundays 7th and 21st August are Bingo Evenings starting at 7pm. All welcome. Saturday 27th August is the Annual Trailer Gig (See details on page 44)

Please come along and join in a super evening for a great cause at an affordable price. Hot food can be purchased and there's a licensed bar.

Cricket August home fixtures
Sat 6th Worlington 3rds 1pm
Sat 13th Woolpit 2nds 1pm
Sun 14th Elmswell 1.30pm start
Sat 20th Acton 12.30 pm start
Sat 27th Tuddenham 12.30 pm start

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## THE TELEVISOR

Ninety-two years ago, and to a limited audience, 'The Man with the Flower in His Mouth' became the first piece of televised drama. This three-character, Italian drama, set in a railway bar was the start of the narrative arc that ends in another three-character drama set near a bar, but without any Italians.

Nearly thirty-two years ago, a man working at CERN, wrote about a small project he had combining the concept of hypertext with TCP and DNS. Nowhere in that project brief on the world's first website was there a mention of possibility of using the idea to broadcast details of the latest wild hack across the line at Walsham to the world. John Logie Baird and Tim Berners-Lee never knew of Ashley Forbes, local butchery legend, or Neil Baker, local building merchantry legend. But they have unleashed them to the world, for Walsham Cricket Club is now competing with T-Series for You Tube audiences.

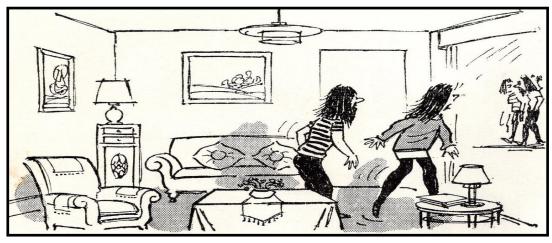
If you search hard enough, then you can find, recorded for all time, the moving images of Neil Baker plucking a right-handed swooping catch at first slip. You can see how, very discreetly, he regains his feet and checks that most of his vertebrae are still in place. You can also find footage of Forbes charging in from the Village End, bowling with a mellifluous action and such mesmeric grace that the beguiled opposition subsides. The world is not big enough for such things.

As counterbalance, there are plenty of moments of comedy – the kind that only men and women trying to hit a sphere with a plank of wood can produce. It records the calamitous middle-order collapse that Walsham specialise in – the type that sends numbers 8 and 9 running to the changing room discarding clothing en-route. It is only a shame that no footage exists of Ned Campbell at Haverhill fielding at short cover – but on reflection – the world is not ready for that moment.

On the field, Walsham no matter what the side or opposition, have won games with metronomic regularity. The Sunday XI are perilously close to promotion out Division 5. The Saturday 1sts continue to press the top three, with the second XI scoring freely – notably Simon Barrett with a maiden tonne at Woolpit.

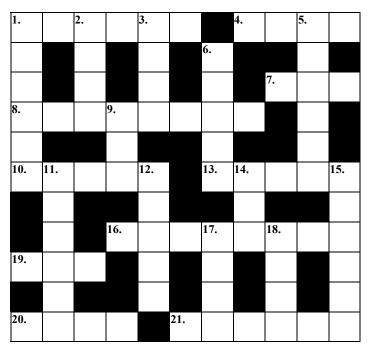
So pull yourself up close, pour an iced drink, settle back, and watch, with the 'Men on the Wooden Bench with Strong Opinions', the drama unfurl.

James French



My God, they're here! Just look at the place!

### WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



#### Across

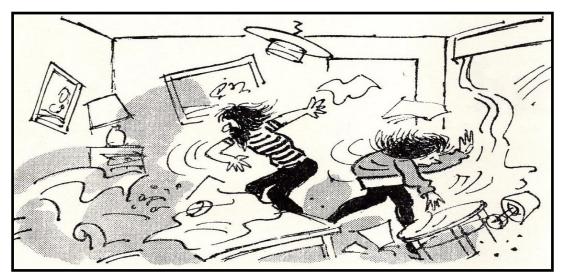
- (6)
- 4. Confront the facilities leading expert.
- 7. This remuneration gets the bird! (3)
- **8.** Compare the tracts on movement. (8)
- **10.** Comic dog is endlessly spied on. (5)
- **13.** How I carelessly upset the beans. (5)
- 16. Hand round the drink to be allowed to travel. (8)

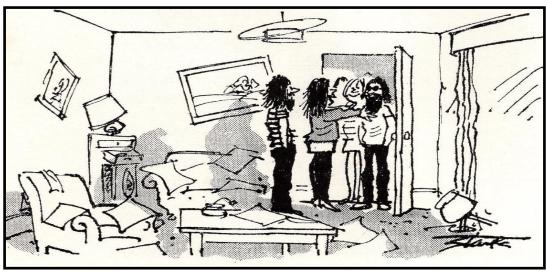
- **19.** The idiot returns for the barrel. (3)
- 20. Bring up at the back. (4)
- 21. The power has many reduced to dust.

#### Down

- 1. Follows the paths. (6)
- 2. Soon to be unknown briefly. (4)
- **3.** Raise the dress in old York. (4)
- **5.** Maybe wine about these price fixers. **(6)**
- **6.** I joined the bass to form a solid foundation in the choir.
- **9.** In addition for the duo possibly. (3)
- 11. Such wild life might upset the tea urn.
- 12. Just position the machinery. (5)
- 1. Extra velocity has the capacity to move. 14. Father swings both ways for the music.
  - 15. Might this be used to carry the rubbish.
  - 17. Start to answer twice in an average way. (2-2)
  - 18. The poet might change such an empty space. (4)







### **AN APOLOGY**

Some inveterate quizzers may have been surprised, amused and baffled by the fact that all their answers to last month's Bottom Page Quiz were 'incorrect'; it was a total oversight on my behalf for not changing the answers from June for those in July. Please find below the correct answers for July

Red Faced 'Red Sox'

- 1. Assassins and spies, 2. Bristol, 3. Tchaikovsky, 4. Sir Lancelot, 5. A fern leaf,
- 6. Worked in leather, 7. Charles Dickens, 8. Dogger, 9. J M W Turner,
- 10. The Blue Flames, 11. Anne Boleyn, 12. The Mississippi, 13. Latin, 14. Seven,
- 15. Paediatrics, 16. Rosetta in Egypt, 17. A gents urinal, 18. Rhodesia (Zimbabwe),
- 19. Somnus, 20. Gilbert & Sullivan, 21. Japan, 22. Zero, 23. Epsom,
- 25. The Tallahatchie Bridge, 26. New York, 27. A maze, 28. Marlene Dietrich,
- 29. Seven, 30. A stiff white petticoat, 31. Winchester, 32. Romania (in 1859),
- 33. A book, 34. Edward II, 35. The Dance of the Seven Veils, 36. Igor,
- 37. To counteract pain, 38. The Apache, 39. The letter K, 40. Italian ham, 41. Green,
- 42. The Ukulele. 43. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 44. Mary Poppins, 45. Crecy,
- 46. Chihuahua, 47. They gnaw, 49. 45 55, 50. Norwegian

### 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

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Walking Netball Sports Club

6:00pm till 7::00pm

Community Yoga Priory Room

7:15 pm till 9:15pm

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### **ALL THE ANSWERS**

#### **Page Bottom Quiz**

- 1. Lon Chaney, 2. The water-lily, 3. Elvis Presley, 4. Seven, 5. Monday,
- 6. Rheims, 7. Meadowbank, 8. 1 & 5, 9. The cornea, 10. Zeus, 11. Zeus,
- 12. A breed of duck, 13. Criminal Records Office, 14. Vasco da Gama (in 1497),
- 15. Book illustration, 16. The trumpet, 17. The Valley of the Kings, 18. The neck,
- 19. Tin, 20. Jacob's, 21. Don Bradman, 22. Boy George, 23. A witch,
- 24. Charlie Chaplin, 25. Opium, 26. A clear soup, 27. Handel,
- 28. An electric guitar, 29. The foot, 30. Highwayman, 31. Scotch eggs,
- 32. Weightlifting, 33. Mary Queen of Scots, 34. David Hockney,
- 35. A keyboard instrument, 36. North Sea oilfields, 37. Elton John,
- 38. St Nicholas, 39. Milk, 40. Lymeswold, 41. James Bond,
- 42. Back of the neck, 43. Gypsum, 44. Bronze Age, 45. William II (Rufus),
- 46. Golf, 47. Mashed potatoes, 48. The epiglottis, 49. Birmingham, 50. Shoot them

#### Su-Doku

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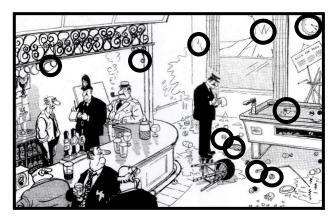
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#### More or Less

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### **Spot the Difference**



#### **Searching for Words**

Ace	Aces	Arse	Art	Arts
Ash	Car	Cars	Cart	Carts
Case	Cash	Cast	Cat	Cats
Ear	Ears	Earth	Earths	East
Eat	Eats	Hoe	Hoes	Horse
Hose	Host	Hosta	Hot	Race
Races	Rash	Rat	Rats	Rear
Recast	Rest	Roe	Roes	Rose
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Sea	Sear	Shore	Sore	Star
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Toes	Tosh	Trace	Traces	

Carthorse (60)

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Tara Campbell	01359-259519	Ixworth	01359-230252
•		Stanton	01359-251192
Police		Botesdale	01379-898295
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