

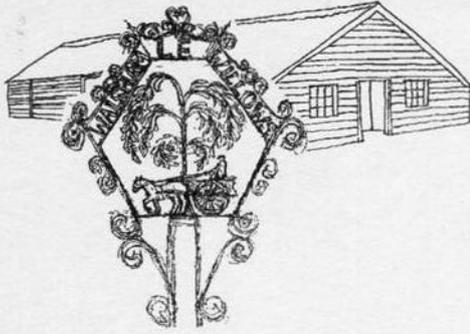
WALSHAM OBSERVER

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow



**Public Meeting
15th September
See page 15**

SEPTEMBER 2022



Walsham-le-Willows

Memorial Village Hall

Hire Charges for 2022

All Day £125
Hourly £12.50

All Enquiries & Bookings through
01359 258646



Automated External DEFibrillator (AED)

Located in the refurbished red telephone kiosk outside the Memorial Hall this AED has been registered with the East of England Ambulance Service and can be accessed via a digital keypad. The access code can be obtained by simply dialling 999 and asking the Ambulance Service. For reference purposes the location postcode is IP31 3AA.



THE WALSHAM OBSERVER

SEPTEMBER 2022

No 642

Published and distributed by the Walsham Community Council.

EDITOR Mr I R Toulson
01359-259646 iandmj@outlook.com

PRINTED by Gipping Press of Needham Market
Tel: 01449 721599 email: enquiries@gippingpress.co.uk
& **DISTRIBUTED BY** Volunteers

ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

These should be dropped by **FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER** into the box provided in Rolfes or emailed to the above address.

Advertisements should reach the Advertising Manager by **MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

ADVERTISING MANAGER Cheryl Bartholomew
01359-258349 walshamobserveradverts@gmail.com

The Community Council takes no responsibility for the accuracy or otherwise of advertisements published in the Walsham Observer.

ADVERTISEMENT RATES

Quarter-page £60 per year £15 per month

Half-page £100 per year £20 per month

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR Amanda Ellis
01359-258646 ferretjim@msn.com

SECRETARY Tara Campbell
01359-259519 taracampbell06@hotmail.co.uk

TREASURER Ian Bartholomew
01359-258349 IBarth2@aol.com

www.walsham-le-willocks.org

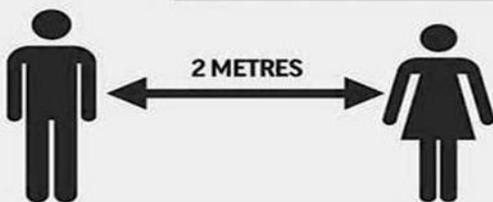
CONTENTS

Editorial	2	Spot The Difference	26
Neighbourhood Watch	3	Diary of Events	27
Village Hall Update	5	Parish Council Minutes	31
Walsham Open Gardens	5	From St Mary's	39
Little Willows	7	September Church Services	40
Observer Su-Doku	7	Back To Nature	41
Women's Institute	9	More or Less	42
Royal British Legion	9	Wildlife In September	43
Help to Avoid Wildfires	11	A Few Haikus	43
Citizens Advice	13	Congregational Church	44
Wild Wood Jubilee Wood	15	Green Dilemmas	45
History Group	15	Prince Charles is Right	47
Poppy Collectors	17	Observer Crossword	48
The Raven	17	Cricket is Better	49
The Blue Boar	19	Searching for Words	49
Historic Churches Ride	19	A Maze With a Difference	50
Horticultural Show	21	Sports Club Report	51
Sponsor a Rosebush	23	Two Cakes	52
Stanton Cinema	25	Three Poems	53
Community Lunch	25	All The Answers	55



WHEN WALKING IN THE VILLAGE

**YOU NEED TO STAY 2 METRES
APART TO SAVE LIVES NOW**



Please take the 2 meter distancing rules seriously. This protects everyone. It is a simple and very much appreciated courtesy and no one will take offence.

If you pass people with children, or elderly people who may not be as agile, please give some thought to how much easier it may be for you to cross the road to maintain a social distance of at least 2 metres from them.

EDITORIAL

Firstly I should like to thank all those who have made donations to the Observer to help cover the cost of production, which like most things these days is rising. I should also like to thank those who added kind words of support with their donation. I trust, that with your help, the Observer will, with the assistance of a number of contributors, continue to entertain and inform for the next few years.

It is to be hoped that this edition might have arrived through your letter box before Gardens Weekend so that the short article from John Stebbing won't have to be read in retrospect,. Whether before or after, I should be very grateful if you could send any pictures of the two days that you might feel worthy of publication so that I can include them in a small gallery of the event. Despite the unfavourable growing conditions of late, let's hope that the sun will shine on the two days and make all the work that has gone into this Fortieth Anniversary weekend will prove to have been well worth while. On **Saturday 10th September** there is the annual **Historic Churches Ride**. If you haven't taken part before, it is a lovely event, as long as the weather stays good, an excellent day out. It's not a race, and there is no fixed distance you need to ride. Decide upon your own route, taking in the places and churches you would like to visit, and enjoy a leisurely ride along the country lanes of Suffolk. Many of the churches offer refreshments, of varying quality, so do take some liquid and a bite or two, just in case. Sponsor forms are available from St Mary's or Mary Kidd. If you take part you will be helping to preserve, not only St Mary's, but also many other historic churches in the county.

Walsham Wild Wood are having a **Bat Safari on Saturday 3rd September**, starting off from the Wild Wood at 7.30pm. Hopefully those who attend will be able to marvel at these wonderful creatures and learn just a little bit more about them from the 'expert' who will be leading the evening event. Later in the month, on **Monday 12th**, there will be an informal meeting in the **Primary School at 7.00pm** to start making plans for the new **Jubilee Wood**.

Another, less strenuous, chance to donate money to the cause of St Mary's is on **Tuesday 13th September**, when there will be a Musical Recital, featuring piano and oboe, in the church starting at 12.15pm on Tuesday 13th September. Refreshments will be served afterwards and there will be a retiring collection.

A talk about Australia on **Wednesday 14th** in the **Priory Room at 7.45pm**, courtesy of the Women's Institute, and a **History Group** talk about **Medieval Drama**; again the **Priory Room** but at **7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September**, completes the 'Bill of Fare' for the month.

Hopefully after a full September you might be interested in 'exploring' the mind of **Edgar Alan Poe** in **Common Ground Theatre Company's** production of **The Raven on Saturday 8th October**. Further details of what could well be an interesting production can be found on page 17.

Finally, I should like to thank all those people who have contributed to this edition of the Observer. Hopefully others will find it a good read. If you would like to contribute to future editions don't hesitate to send your offerings to me via the email address inside the front cover.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Somebody is still stealing your stuff – Be Vigilant !

Old Newton - shed burglaries.

Police are appealing for information and witnesses after two sheds on an allotment in Old Newton were broken into.

An unknown person(s) broke into the sheds on Station Road sometime between 10pm Friday 29th July and 7am Saturday 30th July. A Mountfield lawnmower, SGS strimmer and hand tools were stolen.

Ixworth - outbuilding burglary.

Police are appealing for information after an outbuilding was broken into on Peddars Close.

Sometime between 10pm Friday 12th August and 9am Saturday 13th August, an unknown person(s) gained entry to an outhouse by forcing the door and damaging the lock. A pink and black mountain bike and a green road bike were stolen.

Thurston – motorcycle stolen.

Officers are appealing for information after a motorcycle was stolen from a garage on School Road in Thurston.

An unknown person or persons forced entry to a garage sometime between Tuesday 2nd and Friday 12th August and stole an orange KTM 200 EXC 11 motorcycle registration EU03BWD. The bike had been chained and locked in the garage, but these were cut.

West Suffolk - Commercial vans targeted.

Police are urging owners of commercial vans to stay vigilant following a series of reported thefts or attempted thefts from commercial vans across west Suffolk.

From Monday 25 July to Wednesday 3 August there have been 17 such reports across the west Suffolk area.

15 incidents saw actual thefts from vehicles and in all cases a variety of power tools and DIY equipment were taken, while the other two incidents saw two incidents of interference with motor vehicles. All of them took place overnight and six incidents took place in Stowmarket, five in Bury St Edmunds, three in Sudbury two in Haverhill and one in Cavendish. In five of the incidents the lock of the vehicle had been drilled before the items were taken.

David Murray



Marmaduke: *I've just been to see a most interesting play about the writer Poe!*

Christabel: *My dear, I think that I have read something about it in our village magazine.*

Priscilla: *Then let us see if it tells us when it's on and book tickets!*

GROUNDWORK & PLANT HIRE

- Mini Digger & Driver for Hire
- Block Paving & Patios
- Extension Bases
- Driveways & Pathways
- Drainage Work
- Footings & Oversites
- Gardens & Site Clearance

C.S. CONTRACTORS

01284 724048 / 07720843577

108 Horringer Road Bury St Edmunds
IP33 2DP

www.cs-contractors.co.uk



N & S PEST CONTROL SERVICES

**RATS! MICE! RABBITS! MOLES! BIRDS! WASPS!
FLIES! ANTS! SQUIRRELS! & MINK!**

All effectively controlled by

Norfolk & Suffolk Pest Control
Chris Earith, 2 Orchard Lane,
Pakenham, Nr. Bury St. Edmunds,
Suffolk. IP31 2LQ

Phone: 01359 232538 Mobile: 07885 745446



Natural Balance Reflexology and Massage

Experienced reflexologist with
advanced training in:

- Pregnancy
- Menopause
- Anxiety and Mild Depression
- Reflexology Lymph Drainage
- Hot Stone Reflexology

I also practise Full Body, Hot Stone,
Indian Head and Baby Massage.



Please contact Zoie
07968 903567
zoie.tuley@icloud.com

FLP Motors

*Your One Stop
Friendly Garage*

- * MOT's (Class 4 & 7 Up to 3500kg)
- * MOT Repairs
- * Diagnostics
- * Servicing (Inc under 3 years old)
- * Cambelts
- * Brakes, Tyres & Exhausts
- * 4 Wheel Laser Alignment (tracking)
- * Clutches
- * Air Conditioning Servicing
- * All Repairs Carried Out

**Free Collection and return
or courtesy car available**

Call Vic: 01359 250671

Flpmotors.com

MOT's £40 with this advert (Class4)

Unit 23a, Shepherds Grove Ind Est
Stanton IP31 2AR

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Thursday the 29th of September will see the Hall coffee shop again hosting its Macmillan Coffee morning, 10.30a.m. till 12 midday. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Whether you fancy a sausage roll, cheese scone or a slice of cake, a hot or cold drink. Come along, enjoy the company and home made baked goods, while assisting Macmillan Cancer Support.

Every penny you raise soon adds up, you'll be helping people living with cancer receive vital medical, practical and emotional support, along with their families.

After a summer break Lara Pepper will be running her popular Pilates classes in the hall on a Wednesday morning. All abilities and levels welcome, more information from contact@larapepper.com.

Looking forward to October the Hall is lucky to have the Common Ground Theatre Company coming with their autumn tour of "The Raven" an excursion into the weird & wonderful mind of Edgar Allan Poe". The evening promises to give the audience glimpses of the man and his life through his own words and those of his critics, friends and contemporaries. Tickets available to book online via their website www.commongroundtc.co.uk

Amanda Ellis



WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS

28th and 29th August 2022 our 40th Anniversary year

COME TO A PARTY

Well whatever happened to the summer but here we are at the end of August and the 40th anniversary Open Gardens is in a few days-time... thanks to Ian Toulson and the band of delivery people for getting the Observer out a little earlier this month.

We have been totally amazed and delighted by the reaction we have had to our '....what can I do to help....' leaflet and articles in the Observer and we have hundreds of volunteer helpers, as well as over 40 garden owners that we must thank and you all know who you are.

We would like to do that by inviting you all, with partners, to a drinks party in the garden of the Beeches and by kind permission of Penelope Robins whose parents did so much to establish this wonderful event in the calendar. It will be a chance to meet and great old and new friends, pick up your free program, garden owners can pick up their all important numbered signs and we can all have fun ahead of the hard work starting at the weekend. So please come to our party and the details are as follows:

**6.30pm to 8.00pm Friday the 26th of August
at the Beeches (just behind the Church)
for drinks and nibbles....**

*John Stebbing Secretary of the
Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust
07831 325610*



Shine n Clean

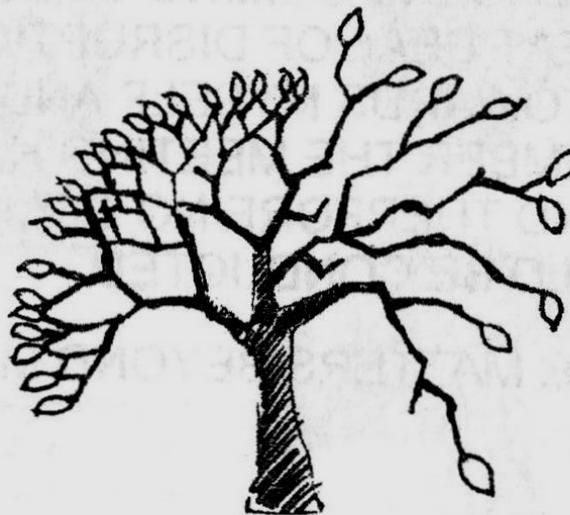
Residential and commercial window cleaning.
A reliable window cleaning service using the latest
pure water and reach & wash cleaning system,
leaving glass sparkling clean for weeks.
No mess, no smears and no harmful chemicals

01359 259376

email: shinenclean@mail.com

J WHEELER TREE AND WOODLAND SERVICES

Fully Qualified
Arborist and
Ecologist



Full list of
services on
reverse

Phone: 01379643197/07707674582

Email: jwheeler-trees@gmail.com

IS YOUR COMPUTER GIVING YOU HEADACHES?

PC & Laptop Repair
Virus Removal
Diagnose Start up Problems
Replace Hard Drives
Replace Power Supplies (PC Only)
New Laptop Screens
New PC / Laptop setups

Honest - Reliable - Affordable

Contact: Jim

01359 251946

07729 868669

email

info@completesolutions-it.co.uk

www.completesolutions-it.co.uk



WELCOME TO LITTLE WILLOWS PRESCHOOL!



The team at Little Willows have been working hard over the Summer Break to get ready to welcome all of the Children back in September. Thanks to generous funding from the Parish Council and Lovell Homes, we have installed new flooring and refreshed our outside garden area. The garden now contain some new features such as a mud kitchen, cosy den, fairy garden and planters.

We are thrilled to announce that Kylie Boccus and Sophie Mayhew have both accepted promotions in the setting, with Kylie taking on the role of Manager and Sophie moving to room leader. Also joining us for the new year is Mel Bignall in the role of Play Practitioner and we also welcome a Pre-School Administrator and a Student Volunteer.

Over the coming academic year, we hope to start to welcome back volunteers to both the pre-school and to the committee. If you are interested in supporting the preschool in a volunteer role please contact reception.littlewillows@gmail.com.

Our new website and facebook pages will launch in the coming weeks so that we can continue to update the community on activities and improvements in the setting.

We are super excited to welcome all of our staff and children, new and old, and wish everyone a wonderful new school year!

Rachel Robinson

Chairperson

Little Willows Pre-school Committee



WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

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!

Elite Fencing and Landscaping

JUST 10 MINUTES AWAY FROM YOU.
FENCING, GATES, DECKING, PATIOS,
PERGOLAS, PATHS, BASES,
TURFING, DEMOLITION,
REGRAVELING DRIVEWAYS,
GARDEN CLEARANCE,
GARDEN PROJECTS & RESTORATION,
REPAIRS, ODD JOBS & MORE!

ALL TYPES OF OUTDOOR WORK
UNDERTAKEN - SMALL OR LARGE
FOR FREE ESTIMATES CALL TREVOR
ON 01359 221128 OR 07761651567

EMAIL

TREVOR@ELITE-FENCING.CO.UK
WEB: WWW.ELITE-FENCING.CO.UK

BROWN'S



SERVICE

All Types of Tree Surgery Undertaken

**Thinning Reductions
Deadwooding Felling
Storm Damage**

**All types of hedges, shrubs
and fruit trees pruned.**

**Seasoned logs and
woodchip mulch delivered**

**For a Free Quote ring
01359 259149
Mobile 07881 816761**

**Chainsaw Certificate
City & Guilds Qualified
Public Liability Insurance**



Vegan Ready Meals by
The Fairy Godmother

- 100% dairy & meat free Vegan Dishes including Gluten Free options.
- Free samples and menus delivered to your door.
- Meals delivered chilled with heating instructions included.
 - Microwave and oven friendly.
 - Free delivery on orders over £10.
 - All meals priced at £3.95 each.
 - 5 Star EHO Rating.

*Order meals or samples by Friday evening
for Monday delivery!*

Contact us: Tel – 01359 269210

Email: foxyfoods@outlook.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fairygodmothervegan

Cash & Card Payments Accepted





WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



In the end the copious arrangements for wet weather (Thank you Philip) were not needed and another scorching day turned into a perfect balmy evening with a light breeze to soothe the ladies of the WI arriving for their Walking Netball taster session. We registered a good turnout and the footballers at their usual session may have wondered at the peals of laughter, chuckles and giggles coming from the tennis court as we were put through our paces by our delightful and ever encouraging tutors Tammi and Jan. Donning appropriate position jackets there was time for a quick game, where it was noted that successful scorers were not necessarily the tallest members! We learned not to run with the ball and which lines we could safely cross without being brought up short by the ref's whistle! A reviving cup of tea followed. A lovely evening and not a drop of rain in sight!

We note that some members already join the sessions at the Walsham Sports club on Tuesday am and Thursday pm.

The meeting closed with thanks to Tammi and Jan. for sharing their expertise with us. Our next meeting 14th Sept has an Australian theme.

Jill Newell



STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



At our recent branch dinner our President Sidney Kent read a letter from Her Majesty The Queen sending best wishes to all those present for a memorable and enjoyable evening at the 75th Anniversary Year of the formation of the Stanton branch, members enjoyed an excellent meal provided by Nigel and his helpers. As a result of a raffle held that evening £148 was raised for branch funds.

Due to the sad loss of members David Bleay and Brian Wallace generous donations given in their memory were made to the branch, as a result £350 was sent to the RBL Suffolk County Benevolent fund.

There will be a Military Veterans coffee morning at RAF Honington Thursday 15th September in the Community Centre please support this event.

The branch will be holding a sausage and mash evening in the Cock Inn Stanton on 28th September 7 30

Our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 13th September in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm

Hubby Frost



SOAK FITNESS

RAISE THE BAR



A functional fitness inspired gym based in Allwood Green. We promote a healthy, active lifestyle through dedicated Functional Fitness, CrossFit and Personal Training for all ages and abilities within our custom built, well equipped training facility.

SERVICES

- Group Fitness Classes
- Kids Classes
- 1-2-1 Personal Training
- Sports Performance Sessions



CONTACT US

- lsfitness35@gmail.com
- Lewis - 07740 185204
- Sam - 07860 102306

Units 20/21, Rickinghall Business Centre,
IP22 1LQ

www.soakfitness.co.uk

POLLARD & CO



Builders of Integrity

TREVOR POLLARD

Millfield
Wattisfield Road
Walsham Le Willows
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP31 3BD

Tel & Fax : 01359 258339
Mobile : 07768 124715

- New Houses • Extensions • Renovations
- Barn Conversions • Refurbishments

Email: enquiries@pollardandco.co.uk



HELP TO AVOID WILDFIRES



While driving along the M11 last week I saw a field of standing wheat on fire. Smoke and flames licked into the clear sky as a convoy of fire engines advanced along a track to put out the blaze. All over Suffolk this past month fields have been burning. A fire on August 11th burnt 40 acres of farmland at Rattlesden and required 15 appliances to contain the blaze and prevent it spreading to nearby houses. A new fire breaks out somewhere in East Anglia almost every day.

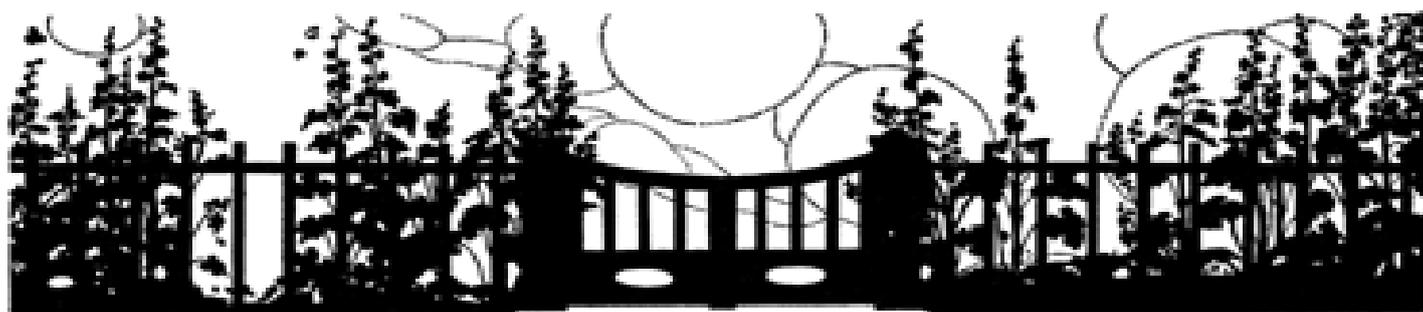
When I was a boy, my uncle and I used to spend happy afternoons burning the stubble in the crop fields around Walsham after harvest, running along with pitchforks, quickly setting whole fields on fire. Stubble-burning was a quick and easy way to kill pests and return mineral-rich ash to the soil. However, it was probably not entirely welcomed by people hanging out their washing in the village, as partly burnt embers rained down on their white shirts and gardens. A ploughed barrier around the field stopped the fire jumping into the hedges, but looking back it was a miracle these fires did not spread, and the practice was banned in the 1980s.

Most of the fires this year are not started deliberately, and are instead caused by multiple factors: the unprecedented temperatures, the intense drought, occasional sparks from farm equipment striking flints, discarded cigarettes, but most of all from glass bottles, lensing the sun's rays onto bone-dry grasses along verges.

Only this week, our venerable editor discovered seven discarded bottles along Readings Lane, including three bottles of Blossom Hill rosé, and two bottles of Lambrini sparkling perry. No doubt it had been a good party, but why stop the car and dump the bottles in a farm gateway where they could start a fire? Along the permissive paths and footpaths at Four Ashes and along the road to Badwell Ash other bottles have been retrieved, and some forty bottles have been picked from the paths and ditches around Potash Farm, between the airfield and Wkyen.

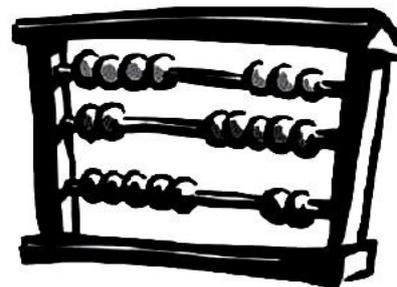
The hot weather has encouraged many of us to picnic more than usual and carry bottled liquids when out walking to maintain hydration. Please remember and remind your guests that littering is a criminal offence under section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. And littering glass bottles during an unprecedentedly hot summer drought is especially dangerous. If you see a glass bottle in a ditch or along a verge, please pick it up and help prevent a fire in Walsham.

John Martineau



TWINN ACCOUNTANTS LTD

We offer an **efficient and professional accountancy** service at a very competitive rate.



- ✓ Annual accounts and tax returns for Sole Traders, Partnerships and Limited Companies
- ✓ Preparation and assistance with VAT returns
- ✓ Payroll Services
- ✓ Construction Industry returns
- ✓ Management Accounts
- ✓ Tax Planning
- ✓ Company Secretarial Services

Tel: 01284 787616

Fax: 01284 787183

Email: info@twinnaccountants.co.uk

www.twinnaccountants.com

Suite 4, East Barton Barns,
Great Barton, IP31 2QY.

All accountants are not the same...we promise!



Garnet House Interiors

INTERIOR DESIGN, SOFT FURNISHINGS, FABRIC, CURTAIN POLES, WALLPAPER AND DESIGNER PAINTS

CALL 07568 365694

INFO@GARNETHOUSEDRAPES.CO.UK
WWW.GARNETHOUSEDRAPES.CO.UK

The cost of energy and food is so high now. With the kids home from school for the summer, I'm having to pay more for lunches and snacks. I'm worried about how I'll put food on the table. I'm on a prepayment meter and I'm really scared we're going to be left without any gas or electric if I can't top up. What can I do?

First of all, I'm really sorry to hear how tough things have been for you. You're doing the right thing in reaching out for support and there are things you can get help with.

As a prepayment meter customer, your energy supplier will be able to give you temporary credit if you can't afford to top up your meter. They might add this to your meter automatically, but if they don't, you can call them and ask them to do this.

If you run out of temporary credit, speak to your supplier to explain your situation. They may give you extra temporary credit if you're struggling with living costs. There are other reasons why they might give you extra credit too, including if you're disabled, have a long-term health condition, or you have children under the age of 5. You'll have to pay back anything extra you get, but you can agree how to do this in a way you can afford with your supplier.

As you say, the cost of living is really high but there is help available. If you pay council tax and you're in bands A-D, you should get a payment of £150 automatically. It could take until the end of September, but if you've not had it already you might need to make a claim.

You might also be able to get help from the Household Support Fund, which helps those experiencing financial hardship. They can offer support with energy bills, with food or other essentials.

For more information on the £150 payment or the Household Support Fund, email Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council on housingsolutions@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or call 0300 123 4000.

There's more government support coming from October in the form of a £400 payment to help you with your energy bills. If you have a prepayment meter, you'll be given vouchers in the first week of each month from October, via text, email or post. Make sure your energy company has your up-to-date details.

To help manage other costs, it's also worth checking you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to. There are benefits calculators you can use online or Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can complete a benefit check for you. If you can't afford to buy food, Citizens Advice also can help you get a referral for a food bank.

We know this is an extremely worrying time and everyone's situation is different. Don't struggle alone.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.



ROB WHEELER POTTER



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS
TEL: 01359 258167

Sweep 'n' Clean

HETAS Registered
Wood Burning Stove Installers
Qualified Chimney Sweeps
Bird Cows Fitted
Gutter Clearing
Driveway Power Washing
Fully Insured
FREE Site Survey



Email: contactus@sweepnclean.co.uk
Web: www.sweepnclean.co.uk
Office: 01359 232955

TIME FOR YOU™

DOMESTIC CLEANING

Are you tired of cleaning?



We have the
right cleaner
waiting
to help
you.

Regular - Weekly - Cleaner

01359 258991

Typically £15 per hour

www.timeforyousuffolk.co.uk



**Special cakes
for
special celebrations**

Jean Barker 01359 241135

www.amazingcakesbyjean.co.uk



WALSHAM'S COMMUNITY JUBILEE WOOD



have your say and get involved!

On Monday September 12th at Walsham Primary School we will be holding an informal planning evening at 7pm to which all interested members of the community are warmly invited.

In the coming months, Walsham Le Willows will continue to celebrate the Jubilee by beginning work on our new 2 acre site, The Jubilee Wood. We are very excited to collaborate with the community and in particular the school Eco Councillors past and present and those new to the village to help plan and plant the second phase of community woodland.

The Wild Wood is a valued asset to the village. We know that our physical and mental health are positively impacted by spending time in green spaces. We also know that we face an environmental crisis and that as well as benefiting ourselves we can create vital space for a wide variety of plants and trees that encourage bird and insect life. Green spaces and trees also help to moderate extreme temperatures. It is a win-win situation.

We will be drawing on ideas put forward at various village events and hoping to add to the list so that we can prioritise and accommodate as many suggestions as possible. Some initial thoughts are 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; to commemorate the pandemic with a blossom circle and to plant wooded areas of our most successful species from the original planting of the next-door Wild Wood.

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. Please come along to find out more, contribute ideas and maybe even volunteer to help with planting or fundraising. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!

Janette Winch



HISTORY GROUP

Scaffolds and Stage Devils

Walsham History Group will next meet on Tues 20th September at 7.30pm in the Priory Room. Please note a change from our usual meeting day of Wednesday to Tuesday and also the change of venue.

Our speaker for the evening will be Kate Jewell on 'Scaffolds and Stage Devils', who, I am sure will enthral us with tales of medieval drama and entertainment in Suffolk.

We look forward to seeing you. Members free, Visitors £5.00.

Langham Clinic.

Holistic Beauty & Complementary Therapies

Specialised treatments performed by highly trained & experienced therapists

Sports Massage - Pilates - Manicure & Pedicure
Electrolysis - Red Vein Treatment - Skin Tag Removal
Acupuncture - Oncology Massage - LaStone Therapy
Nutritional Medicine - Aromatherapy - Reflexology
Waxing - Mindfulness - Hypnotherapy - CBT
Dr. Hauschka Treatments (Holistic face & body treatments)

Everything possible at Langham Clinic is organic, sustainable & carbon neutral

www.langhamclinic.co.uk
Langham Grange, Stock Hill, Langham, IP31 3EE

Tel: 01359 258 700

Upstairs

Downstairs

A PREMIER CLEANING SERVICE

.... Bringing a sparkle into your home

Regular Housework

Trained Personnel

Safe, Secure and Fully Insured

No hidden administration charges

Tel: Gigi Wadham-Smith

on 07580314010

or email: gigi@upstairsdownstairs.biz

Rookery Barn Rookery Lane Walsham-le-Willows Suffolk IP31 3BD

Visit us at: www.upstairsdownstairs.biz



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.

Fiona Glover

01359 258223 figlover@btinternet.com



COMMON GROUND THEATRE COMPANY

present

THE RAVEN



**An excursion into the weird and wonderful mind of
Edgar Allan Poe**

adapted by Pat Whymark

Walsham-le-Willows Memorial Hall

Saturday 8th October, 7.30pm

“One does not become enlightened by imagining figures of light, but by making the darkness conscious.” Carl Jung.

If any writer of the last two hundred years can lay claim to “making the darkness conscious” it is surely Edgar Allen Poe.

An excursion into the weird and wonderful mind of Edgar Allan Poe through his short stories; the gothic intensity of “Ligeia”, the palpable malevolence of “The Cask of Amontillado”, the sumptuous imagery of “Mask of the Red Death”, and Poe’s most famous poem of loss and madness, “The Raven”.

Glimpses of the man and his life are revealed in his own words, and in those of his critics, contemporaries and friends.

Using live action, film and original music, Common Ground celebrates the work of this remarkable and innovative artist.

Running time 2 hours 10 mins (including interval)

Tickets £13 (adults) £10 (21 & under)



M A Heating Services



- * Oil, Gas and LPG boiler servicing, replacements and repairs
- * Repairs to central heating system faults i.e. pumps, programmers and cylinders
- * Servicing and repairs to Rayburn, Aga Stanley and Esse
- * Landlord's Certificates

Telephone: 01379 783427

Wickham Gate, High Street, Gislegham, Suffolk, IP23 8JD

*Oil Fired Pressure Jet Boiler
Servicing & Plumbing*



**ANDY'S
OIL BOILER
SERVICES**

ANDY BACOS



07775 751303



andy.bacos@ntlworld.com



Andy's Oil Boiler Services





GRAND OPENING OF THE BLUE BOAR



Becky and the Team are excited to announce the reopening of The Blue Boar on Saturday 8th October from 12pm.

We would like to keep the pub as a real British Pub where all members of the community can come and socialise and have fun.

Our plans are to hold a quiz night and karaoke night once a month.

We will be holding live music events every Saturday with a variety of different music types for everyone to enjoy.

Our aim is to satisfy everyone with our good quality locally sourced food at reasonable prices.

We also are opening our beautiful tearoom that will open at 10am daily and offer a wide range of homemade cakes, scones, breakfasts as well as our delicious afternoon teas.

We cannot wait to meet everyone; we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

If anyone would like to contact me my number is 07801958934.



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE



Saturday 10th September
9.00am till 5.00pm

Bike or walk in the Suffolk countryside! A fun day out for all, stopping off at as many Churches and Chapels as you can. Such a simple idea, 40 years now since it began in many counties all over England. (Norfolk and Suffolk claim to be the originators.)

Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining this sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful buildings, which also raises money for repair and preservation.

So do pump up your tyres! Please. All contributions to our six churches will be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

M. Kidd
259323



**Ordering your
heating oil through
CERTAS ENERGY
can help
YOUR SPORTS CLUB**

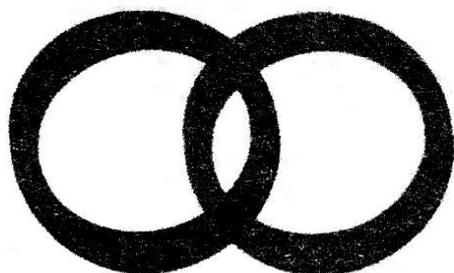


They will make a contribution to the Sports Club of
£10 per 1000 litres or £5 per 500 litres

**Call 01603 885100 (sales team)
or 01603 885236 (service team)**

Every order so far placed, has been competitively priced against other
suppliers - why wouldn't you help yourself and us

“All contributions gratefully received”
says Ian Campbell (Treasurer)



**ROBINS
ROW**

Insurance Brokers Since 1867

AN INDIVIDUAL SERVICE FOR ALL YOUR COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL INSURANCE

**SPECIALISING IN HIGH VALUE HOMES,
COUNTRY HOUSES, LISTED AND THATCHED PROPERTIES
AND ALL COMMERCIAL INSURANCE SOLUTIONS**

TEL: (01787) 378205

EMAIL: ADMIN@ROBINSROW.COM

HALL STREET, LONG MELFORD, SUDBURY CO10 9JB

AUTHORISED AND REGULATED BY THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

13 AUGUST 2022

Despite this year being a very difficult year for growing any sort of plant we were very lucky to have entries in most of the classes for this year's show although the number of entries were down. We were extremely grateful to everyone who entered something. The number of visitors in the afternoon seemed higher than usual, it was lovely to see the hall filled with people chatting over tea and delicious cakes.

Pauline Batchelor won the Walsham Flower Trophy, the Domestic Cup and the Overall Show Trophy. Hubby Frost won the Folkard Cup for vegetables, John Dyer the Novice Shield, Hubby Frost won the Folkard Cup for his tomatoes, and John Hall won the WI Cup for best item in the Domestic Class.

The Decorative Cup was won by Diana Turner, Alice Batchelor won the Budding Rose Cup and the Williamson Photographic Cup. The Hanging Basket competition was won by Rosie Jordan and the Ray Freeborn Sunflower Cup was won by Philip Merry.

Special thanks this year to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success, from setting up the hall, acting as stewards for the judges, baking such delicious cakes and serving the teas and for donating raffle prizes.

Thank you again for your support. We are always in need of helpers, so if you would like to get involved next year do get in touch. Next years show will be on Saturday 12th August 2023.

Debbie Watson
Horticultural Show Secretary

The full results were:

The Walsham Flower Trophy

1. Pauline Batchelor 2. C & L Hooper 3. Judith Harlow

Budding Rose Cup Alice Batchelor

The Folkard Cup

1. Hubby Frost 2. Pauline Batchelor 3. John Dyer

The Williamson Photographic Cup Alice Batchelor

Fothergill's Shield Hubby Frost

Ray Freeborn Sunflower Cup Philip Merry & Steph Draper

Domestic Class Cup

1. Pauline Batchelor 2. John Dyer 3. Ruth Frost

Hanging Basket Trophy Rosie Jordan

The WI Cup John Hall

The Novice Shield John Dyer

Decorative Class Diana Turner

Overall Show Winner Award

1. Pauline Batchelor 2. Hubby Frost 3. John Dyer & Judith Harlow



From Left to Right:- John Hall, John Dyer, Pauline Batchelor, Alice Batchelor, Diana Turner, Philip Merry, Steph Draper, Hubby Frost





botesdaledental
PRACTICE & IMPLANT CLINIC

Your local,
family run
**Dental
Practice**



Find us on
www.botesdaledental.co.uk




Tel: 01379897176
Email: reception@botesdaledental.co.uk
Botesdale Dental Practice, Holly Close,
The Drift, Botesdale, Suffolk IP22 1DH



Denplan
Part of Simplyhealth



**Denplan
EXCEL**
QUALITY ASSURED



SPONSOR A ROSEBUSH

and help to restore the Rose Avenue in the Churchyard

The original rose avenue, along the path to St Mary's was planted by the Rev'd John Rutherford, the then incumbent of St Mary's and the parish of Walsham, about forty years ago and in its time was beautiful. The idea, following the success of the daffodil planting, is to restore the original rose avenue leading to the church, which is now no longer looking its best, as many of the rose bushes have died or no longer continue to flourish. Old photographs show that there were considerably more rose bushes than there are now. Some of the current roses have responded to a little tlc in the form of pruning and feeding and these will be retained. Overall, the number of rose bushes planted along the path will increase and it is hoped that in the future will provide a continuous show of roses throughout the summer, giving much pleasure to all.

Bareroot rose bushes would be chosen and purchased from Peter Beales, where the existing rose bushes came from, as they specialise in the type of rose bush we require. We intend to choose more disease resistant varieties which will have continuous summer into autumn flowering and are attractive to bees. Peter Beales have already been most helpful in advising on this project.

It is hoped that the cost of this project can be met by asking people to sponsor a rosebush in memory of a loved one or on behalf of a village organisation or maybe you would just like to sponsor a rosebush.

The cost of sponsoring a rosebush works out at £25.00 to include a bare root rose bush and protection in the early stages of growth from damage by deer or rabbits. The Parish Council has kindly offered to meet the cost of any fertilizer required. Planting will be carried out by volunteers (I hope!) in the autumn. Following the planting, a book or similar of dedication will be put together containing a plan of the avenue, the rose bush names and recording the names of the sponsors and any words they wish to be added. It is hoped that this will be able to be placed in the church.

If you would like to sponsor a rosebush or have any questions then please contact Frances Jenner on 01359 259242 or email me on frances.jenner@hotmail.com for further information and payment details.

Any monies received for sponsorship will be banked by the Open Gardens Trust and ringfenced as payment for the above project.

It would be lovely to see the rose avenue restored to its former glory so I do hope that as many people as possible will to help in some way to achieve this.

Frances Jenner





Ed Batram GARDEN SERVICES



Lawns – Paths – Patios – Borders – Fruit – Vegetables – Pruning
 Tree Work – Hedging – Log Splitting – Fencing – Brickwork – Paving
 Clearance – Design – Planting – Aftercare
 Certificated/Insured

FREE ESTIMATES Tel: 01379 898203 (home) 07950923696 (mobile)
 email: edwardbatram@icloud.com

CLARKES

CLARKES OF WALSHAM LIMITED



CALL CLICK BUY IN STORE

COUNTRY STORE EQUESTRIAN ANIMAL FEED PLUMBING
 ROOFING MATERIALS TIMBER PRODUCTS
BUILDING & AGRICULTURAL
MERCHANTS POWER TOOLS PAINT
 METAL FABRICATION
CLOTHING FENCING GARDEN FURNITURE **CARPENTERS**
 AGGREGATES **BARBECUES** FIELD ENTRANCE GATES

01359 259 259

WWW.CLARKESOFWALSHAM.CO.UK

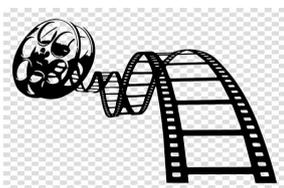
THE STREET • WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS • BURY ST EDMUNDS • IP31 3BA

The Priory Room

The Priory Room in Walsham
 is available to hire for private functions.

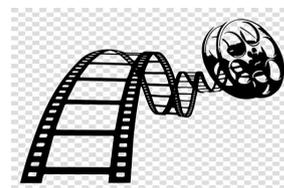
For bookings or further information, please contact:

John Boulter 07908 010555 johnboulter@yahoo.com



STANTON CINEMA

Autumn Programme



9th September

The Duke (12)

1h 36m

In 1961, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage.

14th October

Operation Mincemeat (12A)

2h 08m

In the context of WW2 narratives, the story of Operation Mincemeat is unique a bizarre and seductive cinematic blend of high-level espionage and ingenious fiction, where the stakes could hardly be higher. Michelle Ashford's script fuses multiple strands and moods: tense, romantic, thrilling, unexpectedly funny, and endlessly surprising. It tells a richly human story of the soldiers we seldom see, who fight a different kind of war in shadows and deception, haunted by the knowledge that certainty and guarantee of success are nowhere to be found.

11th November

Phantom of the Open (12A)

1h 46 m

The heart-warming true story of Maurice Flitcroft, who entered the 1976 Open despite never playing a round of golf before. The extraordinary story of an ordinary man, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN is an uplifting and moving comedy drama about pursuing your dreams and shooting for the stars, no matter what hand you're dealt.

9th December

Elvis (12A)

2h 39m

Elvis follows the story of infamous rock n roll star Elvis Presley seen through the eyes of his controversial manager Colonel Tom Parker. The film explores Elvis Presley's highs and lows and the many challenges and controversies he received throughout his career.



COMMUNITY LUNCH



How are you all coping with the weather, I must admit I'm struggling with the heat now!

Mardi Gras season went down very well in August. Everyone enjoyed their meal, what will be on the menu for talk like a Pirate day?

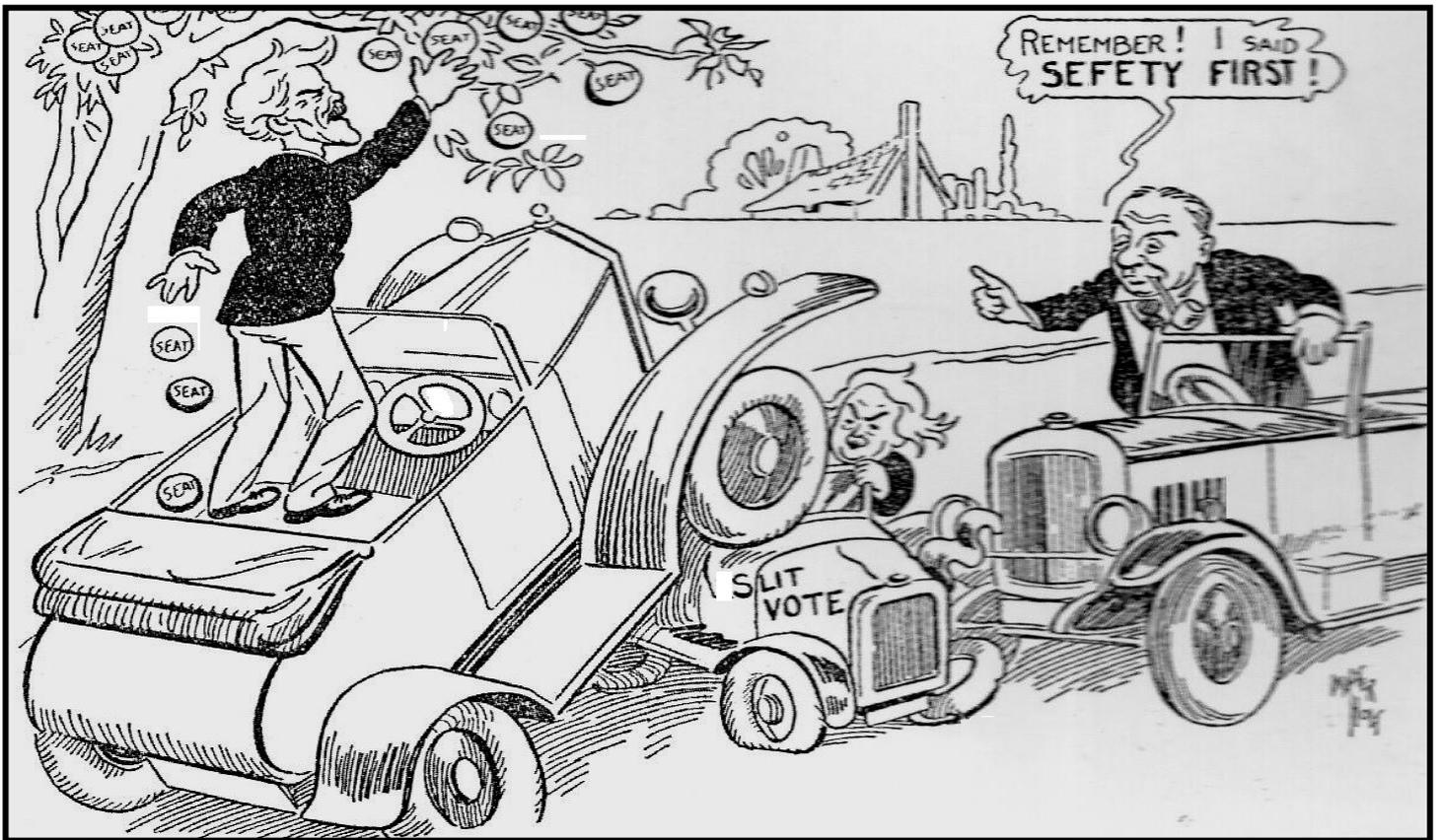
The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 12th September 2022. Lunch will be Hearty Fish Chowder served at 12.45pm - 1pm, followed by Ginger pudding with rum & raisin ice cream. Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £7.50, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 8th September 2022.

Shirley White

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures see if you can find them all before they start getting really political!

Who was the last British king to be crowned in Scotland?

COMMON GROUND THEATRE COMPANY

The RAVEN

An excursion into the
weird and wonderful
mind of

EDGAR
ALLAN POE

at Walsham-le-Willows Memorial Village Hall

On Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £13 (U21s £10)

available via www.commongroundtc.co.uk

or phone 07807 341364

 WALSHAM *History Group*



SCAFFOLDS & STAGE DEVILS

Tales of medieval drama &
entertainment in Suffolk.

A talk by Kate Jewell.

Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.30pm

The Priory Room, Walsham-le-Willows.

Members free. Non-members £5.00.



St Mary's Church
Walsham le Willows



LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Tuesday 13th September
12.15 to 1.00pm

Piano: James Thomas

Oboe: Neil Carlson

Free entry Refreshments
Donations for church funds



JIGSAWS WANTED

I am hoping to hold a Jigsaw sale on Saturday 8TH October 2022 in Walsham le Willows Memorial Village Hall in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.

Please would you pass on any jigsaws, up to 1000 piece, which you have and want to use for a good cause. Children's jigsaws will be very welcome.

Please deliver to me at 29 Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows or call on 259686 for collection.

With grateful thanks. Debbie Watson



Pawfect Moments
Dog Walking & Petcare
 (Badwell Ash and surrounding villages)



I am available to walk your dog/dogs, provide doggy day care, pet sitting and home visits for feeding, medication and toileting.

I appreciate that all pets are different and have a variety of needs, therefore I always start each relationship with a free home visit. I am fully insured and have attended a Canine First Aid course.

I look forward to hearing from you.....

Caroline Morris 07843 248 411

cdv_11@hotmail.com



Animal Feed & Bedding
Pet Foods

Wild & Caged Bird Feed
Kindling, Logs, Charcoal
Compost

Flour, Free Range Eggs,
Porridge Oats, Local Honey &
More!

Monday to Friday
8.30 am – 5.00 pm
Saturdays
8.30 am – 1.00 pm

01359 230277

www.pakenhamwindmill.co.uk
info@pakenhamwindmill.co.uk

CHIMNEY SWEEP



ECO SWEEP
 CHIMNEY SERVICES



- POWER SWEEP METHOD USED FOR A MORE THOROUGH CLEAN THAN A BRUSH
- FULLY INSURED
- INSURANCE RECOGNISED CERTIFICATES ISSUED ON EVERY SWEEP
- GOLD MASTER MEMBER OF GUILD OF MASTER CHIMNEY SWEEPS
- ALL CHIMNEYS, WOOD/MULTI FUEL BURNERS, AGA, BOILER FLUES SWEPT
- BIRD GUARDS FITTED

TEL: (01359) 232335

EMAIL: ecosweep@live.com



POST OFFICE

THE MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post Office will still be coming to the Village Hall Car Park on Thursday mornings from 11:00am till Noon till further notice.



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th August 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

PRESENT: Cllrs. Arbon, Bartholomew, Belson, Mecrow, Roberts and Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillors Rick Meyer

1 OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00

2 APOLOGIES

- a) Apologies had been received by Cllr Kinnair.
- b) Council gave consent to apologies as received.

3 DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

4 MINUTES

Minutes for meeting of 13th July 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record with the following correction to Agenda item 10: ...”It was noted that there will be a Zoom briefing for Parish Councillors between the 8th and 10th October. The Parish Council will be asked to endorse the new neighbourhood plan at their meeting on 12th October and prior to the Public Exhibition for the draft plan which will be held on Monday 17th October between 3pm and 8pm in the Memorial Hall.”

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

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Cllr Fleming not in attendance. District Councillor Rick Meyer took questions on his report.

- Cllr Mecrow asked if there were any plans or possibility of a pedestrian crossing being considered across Summer Road to make passage between the grounds from one side and the other safer. Cllr Meyer will make enquiries. He also said that funding for a footpath from Wattisfield Road allotment to the Sports Club was very much on the radar but the funding for a much larger project to put in a path from Six Bells to the sports club remain uncertain.
- Cllr Meyer advised that MSDC still has a considerable amount of CIL funding available for infrastructure projects which needs to be claimed.
- Cllr Winch asked if it would be possible to fund cycle paths to other villages. Cllr Meyer advised that the distances involved and the standards to which cycle paths

WILLOWSERVE LTD

Plumbing & Heating Services

- ✓ Worcester Bosch Approved Installers with up to 12 Years Warranty on Worcester Bosh Boilers
- ✓ GASSAFE, OFTEC, C.I.P.H.E, CHECKATRADE, TRADING STANDARDS approved
- ✓ Replacement Boilers, Hot Water Cylinders, Underfloor Heating, Servicing, Repairs, General Plumbing, Bathrooms etc. FREE QUOTATIONS

For a Professional Reliable Service

Tel: 01359 259886 Mobile: 07771 557937
willowserve_ltd@hotmail.com



 **Metritá**
WEALTH MANAGEMENT



We provide independent financial advice in the following areas:

- Savings and Investments
- Retirement Planning
- Long Term Care Plans
- Estate Planning and Family Wealth Preservation
- Mortgages
- Equity Release
- Financial Protection

10 Forbes Business Centre, Kempson Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7AR

admin@metritawm.co.uk

01284 700619

Tax planning is not regulated by the FCA

Metritá Wealth Management is a trading name of Metritá Wealth Management Ltd which is an appointed representative of 2plan wealth management Ltd. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority under no: 838586. Registered address: 10, Forbes Business Centre, Kempson Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7AR. Registered in England and Wales under no. 11832336.

have to be build would make this cost prohibitive.

6 PUBLIC FORUM - No members of the public were present.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

a) SHEPHERD'S GROVE (WEST SUFFOLK) – to consider matters relating to this development.

Cllr. Mecrow reported that following his and Cllr Roberts' attendance at the consultation event that there is no further engagement needed at the moment. Cllr Mecrow did want to make the point that it appears that the Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed without full details of the engineering requirements for the import and removal of materials which would appear to fundamentally undermine the accuracy and usefulness of the assessment.

8 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only – none to report

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Cllr Belson reported that the writing of the policies is moving along at pace and a plan is emerging. The Clerk was asked to minute significant upcoming dates following the last meeting of the group on 27th July.

- 8th & 21st September – Next meetings
- Neighbourhood Plan should be delivered to the Parish Council – end September
- Zoom briefing for Parish Councillors – 5th October
- Formal Parish Council consideration and endorsement – 12th October
- Public Exhibition – 17th October between 3pm and 8pm in the Memorial Hall.
- Public Consultation – from 17th October through to December.

10 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

a) Cllr Belson referred to Cllr Kinnair's report circulated 07/08/2022 and reported a very positive meeting with Premier Play Solutions [PPS] who had arrived well in advance of arranged meeting time and had already marked out the area and were ready to discuss refinements that had been flagged. There will be two key members of PPS on site during construction they will communicate with the Parish Council as the installation progresses. It is anticipated that the Play Area will be closed for two weeks beginning on Monday October 3rd and the area will be fenced off. 'No Access' signs will be positioned on the fencing. The safety surfaces required were discussed and agreed. Clerk to procure signage like that recently purchased for litter pick.

11 FINANCE

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 31st July 2022 which was signed by Cllr Bartholomew.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were signed and payments approved by Cllrs Bartholomew and Roberts. (Appendix 1).
- c) The approval of the internal check report (March) from Cllr Winch was postponed to October when checks for March, June and September will be approved.
- d) Cllrs. Mecrow and Roberts agreed to carry out the internal control checks for June and September. Clerk to circulate documentation.
- e) The August CIL bid round considered applications for CIL funding from the following as per the applications circulated 02/08/22:

Stuart Walker



Decorating, Painting & Refurbishments

A locally based company offering an honest and reliable service.

Painting - Decorating— Refurbishments - Repairs.

All work considered indoors & out! Fully Insured & free quotations provided. Please contact Stuart on Tel: 07711 606 464 or Email: stumal@hotmail.co.uk



REDEVELOPMENT OF PLAY AREA



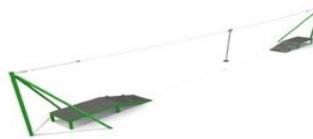
Walsham le Willows Play Area refurbishment is scheduled for later this year. The play area will remain open for the rest of the summer however.

THE GOOD NEWS: The Play Area is then scheduled to re-open from the Friday before half term and will have new equipment.

THE BAD NEWS: The site will be closed off as it will become a construction site and there will be no permitted access whatsoever. ... from 3rd October for approximately 2 weeks.

See the village website for the new equipment.

<https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/redevelopment-of-play-area/>



- Little Willows pre-school for refurbishment and redecoration to allow for more flexible use; amount requested £6,000. This was considered but the Clerk advised that this project is excluded from receiving CIL funding as it has already commenced and is nearing completion. However, it was proposed that a grant of up to £6,000 be made from the general budget. Proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Arbon. Unanimously approved.
- Gardens Weekend Committee for Four Ashes commemorative signage; amount requested £800. This was considered and it was proposed that this was not granted on the basis the project does not fall within the criteria of ‘infrastructure’ and ‘benefit to the whole village’. There were also concerns about ‘value for money’. It was proposed that this request be refused, proposed by Cllr Arbon and seconded by Cllr Roberts and carried unanimously.
- Sports Club for portable container accommodation suitable for the housing of a gym annexed to the Sports Club; amount requested £10,000; this was considered and a CIL award of £8,000 was proposed which it was hoped would demonstrate support from the Parish Council to assist with the considerable further sums that need to be raised to deliver this project. Proposed Cllr Arbon, seconded Cllr Roberts and unanimously approved.
- Parochial Church Council for the refurbishment of windows and flooring plus redecoration; amount requested £10,200. The Clerk and Cllr Meyer were of the opinion that there was a restriction on the Parish Council funding Parochial Church Council or Diocesan assets. The Clerk was asked to seek definitive guidance on this matter. In the meantime, it was proposed that an in-principle CIL award be approved for a sum up to 75% of invoices received with a maximum of £7,500 and subject to guidance on the legality of the Parish Council funding ecclesiastical or church bodies.
- Next round of CIL bids will be considered at the October meeting and need to be with the Clerk at least two weeks in advance (by 28th October).

12 STATUTORY BUSINESS

- a) To consider and receive the new code of conduct for approval and adoption (to be circulated by 5th August). The Clerk had circulated information, but this was too late for consideration at this meeting. The Clerk therefore advised this would have to be postponed until the next meeting.

13 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note.
 - The Clerk had been advised that part 2 of the Local Plan is not due until 2024. Part 1 has still not been approved and adopted by MSDC.
 - Stream verges had now been cut the length of the stream following a on-site meeting with the Clerk. This will be monitored.
 - Clerk advised that the decking for repairs to the Play Area boardwalk had been ordered in sum of £177.76 under provision in Financial Regulation allowing the Clerk to authorise payments up to £500 in emergency situations. The decking that had been sourced to match existing would include cost of £100 for delivery which had not been anticipated but this needed to be ordered so that it could be



J W Amps Ltd



Offering service and repairs to all types and makes of garden machinery, ATV's, compact tractors etc.

Machinery bought and sold

Over 15 years experience – factory trained by Briggs & Stratton, Stihl, Westwood and Countax.

Collection and delivery service available.



Contact Simon

Mobile 07974 430366



E-mail: simonamps@btinternet.com



HOUSE OF MAC

INTERIOR DESIGN

www.houseofmacinteriors.co.uk
houseofmac@mac.com
07711605582

 [houseofmacinteriors](https://www.instagram.com/houseofmacinteriors)

fitted before the Gardens Weekend takes place.

- Clerk advised that it was hoped that a conversation would be had in the next few days with the contractor about annual stream banks clearance.
- b) Cllr. Mecrow reported on the landowner concerns re access to Fishponds Lane following recent fires in adjacent fields. There are issues with the bollards installed by MSDC which snag on vehicles passing over them. The Parish Council originally asked for swing gates but these were refused. The Clerk will follow up with MSDC advising that bollards supplied are not fit for purpose. It is now thought that the fires resulted from sagging electricity wires and birds or wind shorting and showering dry fields below with sparks. UKPN are to address this.
- c) The draft advertisement for a pavement sweeper (circulated 02/08/2022) was considered and approved for publication. Clerk to action.
- d) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note (not for decision).
- In relation to action log items re liaison with Lovell's in October on various matters, Cllr Belson noted the requirement upon developers of the Acorns site to install a footpath from the NW corner of the site out to Fishponds Way. He noted that this will require a bridge. Clerk to add to log for action in October with other items.
 - Cllr Belson circulated a breakdown of finances for the Wildwood for 2020 and 2021 for information when Council is considering annual donations.
 - Clerk to advise grass cutting contractor of Play Area closure dates.
 - Cllr Belson asked if a pre Gardens Weekend litter pick was to be carried out. Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts agreed to organise. Clerk to send out emails and info for 9am Saturday 20th meeting at Memorial Hall.
- e) Next Monthly Meeting – 14th September 2022, 7pm in Memorial Hall (to be minuted by Cllr Winch against agenda prepared by the Clerk).

Meeting closed at 20:36

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation August 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire PC meeting July
2	CGM	£180.00	Play Area Grass cutting July x 2
3	Kevin Boardley	£19.76	Reimbursement stationery
4	Parish Council Employee	£365.77	Wages
#	Payments IN & Other Payments	Amount	Description
1	Bank CHARGES	£18.00	Quarter to 30 th June 2022
2	Bank Interest RECEIVED	£57.54	Quarter to 30 th June 2022



NAPIT & FGAS REGISTERED ELECTRICIAN OFFERING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:



- All Electrical including Certification
- EICR
- Solar PV Panels
- Battery Storage
- Electric Heating
- Air Conditioning



Professional & Reliable Service

Tel: 07377 153 954

Email: contact@lectec ltd.com

RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL

The
Old Tea Room
Veterinary Surgery

For a professional caring service

Tel: 01359 241 761

Station Road, Elmswell,
Bury St Edmunds IP30 9HA

A member of Stowe Veterinary Group
www.stovevets.co.uk



FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

This year's Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride Day takes place on Saturday 10th September. The funds raised being used for the preservation of our churches and chapels across the County. St Mary's will be open to welcome those taking part, and as always any contribution towards the day would be appreciated; whether taking part in either walking or cycling, sponsoring, or sitting in church for an hour to sign the participants forms. Please do contact myself or the local organiser Mary Kidd.

Elsewhere in the magazine are details of a lunchtime recital in church on **Tuesday 13th September, 12.15-1.00pm**; all are most welcome.

St Mary's Harvest Festival service will be held in church at **11.00am on October 2nd**; an informal Songs of Praise followed by an equally informal 'bring and share' lunch with a glass of wine; offers of food would be most welcome.

The following afternoon, **Monday 3rd October**, Walsham School will be holding their Harvest Festival Service in the church at **1.30pm**, led by the Bishop of Dunwich, Bishop Mike; everyone is again most welcome.

With all of that in mind, as you read this article, for many the summer holidays will either have ended or be drawing to a close. Pupils, students and teaching staff of all ages will be preparing for or already be into a new academic year. Some for the first time; others having returned after the summer holidays, and many having moved to different schools and colleges.

They may be happy and excited, perhaps uncertain and apprehensive, but for each of them it will be a time of new experiences and new opportunities, and through teaching and hard work, new skills will be developed and existing abilities improved.

However, these New Beginnings come in many shapes and forms and do not cease when we stop growing. More than ever, men and women of all ages find themselves making a fresh start; perhaps a second career, changed family circumstances, maybe even a renewed sense of being drawn to explore the deeper things of life.

But education and training are not simply about academic achievement or career development. Training and education are not quite the same thing. Training develops the skills we need for specific tasks, but education equips us for life, a life that we live in relationship with one another and with God. Each one of us is part of a wider society and it is here that we learn social interaction and develop inter-personal skills such as conversation and listening, patience and tolerance

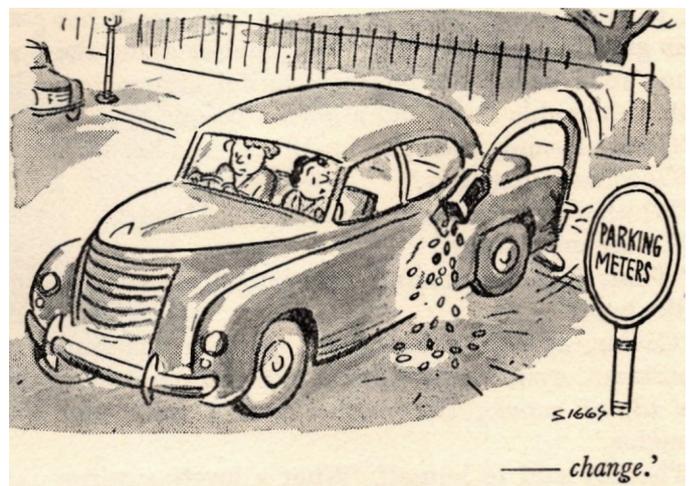
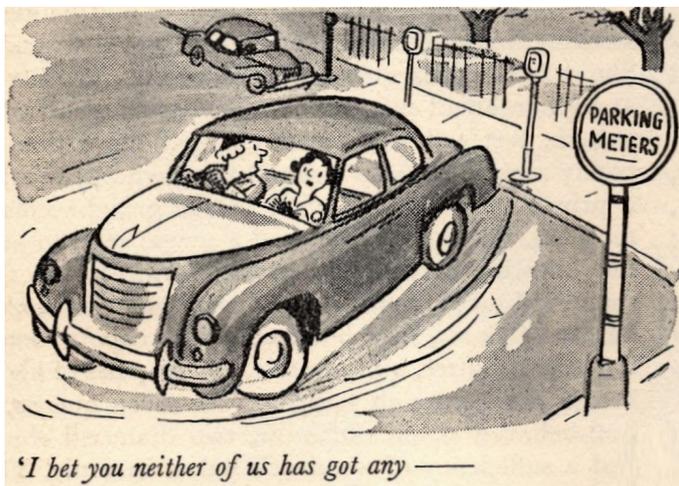
Through the teaching and example of Jesus we learn how to become fully human and to discern God's purpose in our lives. Each individual is enabled by God's grace to use their own particular abilities for the benefit of all, so that we can live in love and harmony with one another and grow in relationship with Him. To that end Jesus promises to be with us at all times and in all places until our School of Life is over, and He brings us to share with Him in the life and light of His eternal Kingdom.

*Philip
Benefice Priest*



SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
28th August	11th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
4th September	12th after Trinity	
9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Finningham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
11th September	13th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
18th September	14th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Langham
21st September	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
25th September	15th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving/Baptism	Westhorpe
11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Wattisfield
2nd October	16th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving/ Songs of Praise	Walsham



What colour is the starboard light on a ship?

BACK TO NATURE

Attracting Insects back to the countryside has really stepped up a gear with the new government grants and initiatives for farmers.

In late June I joined about 50 others visiting Fairoaks Farm in Westhorpe. Once known as a place to buy potatoes and eggs, and where they kept pigs, chickens and grew a range of crops, the 32 acre farm can no longer be run economically as a modern arable farm. Instead, the owners and the contract farmers have taken the bold move to draw up an Environmental Stewardship Plan and turn the whole farm over to wildlife enhancement. Two years on, the farm is buzzing with wildlife.

Wildlife: insects, birds and pond life don't just happen, they need the right habitat and food supplies, consistently, to be healthy and multiply. At Fairoaks, this is happening on several levels. The fields have been divided up into separate areas providing food and cover for different creatures. Some areas are sown with a nectar-rich flower mix to provide food for butterflies, bees and other pollinators (Sanfoin, winter vetch, lucerne, clover, musk yarrow, mustard and black knapweed). It sounds, and looks like a trek through "Cider with Rosie" country. Other areas are created to provide un-cropped, cultivated habitats for a wide range of declining annual arable plants which are ideal for insects and other invertebrates and farmland birds. Then there are the flower rich margins and plots which provide habitat and foraging sites for insects and birds. These contain wild carrot, meadow fescue, oxeye daisy, black knapweed and others. There are areas planted to provide bird food right through the winter with sorghums, sunflowers, millets, mustard and fodder radish. And in winter, when the seeds have all gone, they supplement the bird feed with hand thrown seed until the spring sees new growth. So far, they have recorded the delights of linnet, reed bunting and yellow hammers. There is also at least one pair of turtle doves. These summer visitors rely on ground-based seeds for feed and because of intensive farming practices their numbers have declined 90% since 1994. There are barn owls too. Last year there was one chick, this year there are three.

For aquatic life there is change too. The range and amount of aquatic life is indicative of water quality. The farm sits at the head of the source of the River Dove and flowing water is largely dependent upon drainage from the fields, so the presence of caddis, leaches, water boatmen and stickle back just 2 years after they stopped using herbicides on the fields is hugely encouraging. During hot summer months the water dries out on the stream bed, but there's still life below the surface. A large pond has been dug as well to encourage great crested newts.

All of this renewal is being measured and monitored and the data is being shared with the Suffolk Biodiversity Records Centre and 10 other projects (e.g. The British Trust for Ornithology, Anglia Ruskin University). Overall, the numbers are beginning to improve. They have recorded 57 species of birds, 22 species of butterflies and over 80 species of moths.

We can all benefit from the work going on in Westhorpe. Bee keepers will have well fed bees, the farmers will have improved pollination of crops, and we can all enjoy the increase in birdlife and wildlife generally that will radiate out from Fairoaks. They are looking for volunteers to help with their monitoring and counting of wildlife so if you want to get involved look them up on Facebook "Fairoaks Farm".

Alison Martin



WEST SUFFOLK HORSEBOX SERVICES LTD



We are a local, family run garage in Walsham-le-Willows who deal in, Horsebox, Van, 4x4, Car and Lorry servicing and repairs.

**Welding - Air conditioning - Car and HGV Diagnostics - Tyres
HGV MoT Preparation and Presentation
Hybrid and Electrical Qualified Technician**

**NEW to 2022. Car, Van, minibus and 4x4 MoT bay. Classes 4,5 and 7
Vehicle Collection and Courtesy Car Available, Subject to availability.**

**Unit 2, Old Bomb Store Summer Road IP31 3AJ
Telephone 01359-259994
Email wshorseboxservices@gmail.com**



MORE OR LESS

$$\square \quad \square < \square \quad \square > \square$$

$$\square \quad \square \quad \square > \square \quad \square$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \square > \square \quad \square \quad \square > \square \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \wedge \\ \square > \square > \square \quad \square \quad \square \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ \square > \square \quad \square \quad \square > \square \end{array}$$

The numbers 1 to 5 should appear in each row and column.

The greater and less signs indicate the relative size of adjacent numbers.

WILDLIFE IN SEPTEMBER

This month can be a busy month for many animals as we enter the late summer. One particular bird we may see more of is the Eurasian Jay. This exotic looking bird may stop you in your tracks when you see it. They are a species of crow and although they are wide spread across Britain they are a very shy bird. They spend most of their time on the ground very quietly moving and looking through the foliage. This however is about to change. Data from Birdtrack, which is an interactive recording system run by the British Trust of Ornithology, shows that the sightings of Jays climb rapidly during September which will peak in October, with twice the number of sightings. As late summer turns into Autumn these birds start collecting acorns, nuts and seeds to see them through the winter. During this time they are spending longer on the ground and will be going back and forth to bury the food that they find. They will also become a lot more vocal and their shrieks earned them the name of ‘screamer of the woods’

Another species that you will have been seeing more of is the European Wasp! Have you ever wondered why there are so many about all of a sudden? These are female worker Wasps. By now the Wasps will have stopped laying eggs and with no new larvae to feed the end is near for these workers. They are doomed as adult Wasps sip sugar for food, in the earlier months this food source was provided by the larvae they looked after. When they brought the larvae a protein rich carnivorous meal, in exchange the larvae would produce a sweet fluid which the adults would feed on. So now there are no larvae they must find food elsewhere. This is why you see Wasp’s around all of a sudden as they search for nectar and fruits for a sugary solution, once these food sources dwindle they will often come over to our foods and picnics in the fight to stay alive a little longer.

If we think back a few months ago back in May and June, the Elder trees were covered in cream coloured scented flowers. These flowers attracted many insects especially Hoverflies and Pollen Beetles, and maybe a few humans to make a refreshing cordial. Now the flowers have been pollinated and there are clusters of dark purple berries although they look black in colour. They may look good but do not eat raw Elderberries as they are bitter and also toxic. However, these berries will attract many species of birds such as, Starlings, Woodpigeons, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Robins, Tits and Warblers. Researches have found that more species of birds feed on Elderberries than any other native British fruit!

Angie Nice

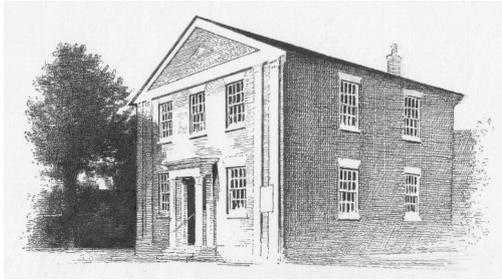
A FEW HAIKUS

Braced in the waters . . .
Scarecrow in the flooded field
Grimly endures it.

Ah my forest hut . . .
Where the friendly woodpecker
Knocks at door and post.

Weeping . . . willows
Kneel here by the waterside
Mingling long green hair

Perched on the bamboo
Marker of a new-dug grave . . .
The waiting dragonfly.



Walsham Congregational Church

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

Services for September

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.

4th *(to be confirmed)*

11th **Rev Stephen Holland**

(Westhoughton Evangelical Church, Lancs)

18th **Dr. David Allen**

(Walsham-le-Willows Congregational Church)

25th **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kyle Paisley

(Oulton Broad Free Presbyterian Church, Suffolk)

Lessons From the Leaves.

The national symbol of Canada is the maple leaf, and its bold and easily recognisable shape is to be found, in red, upon the nation's flag. The symbol of the maple leaf was chosen because of the prominent role the maple tree has played in the nation's history, whether it be from the desirable timber or the sap of the tree that gives us maple syrup.

Importantly, we understand that the maple leaf is a symbol that reminds us of Canada and, likewise, we can also look upon all leaves and see that they can remind us of ourselves. In the Bible we are told 'we do all fade as a leaf' (Isaiah 64:6) and this is a universal symbol of mankind, that we can be likened to leaves.

Because of the long, hot, dry summer this year the first few leaves have already faded and fallen gently to the ground and soon, as summer turns to autumn, the few will be joined by the tens, the hundreds, and the thousands until all around is carpeted as every leaf has fluttered to the ground. This is the unstoppable order of things that the vigorous and vibrant growth of spring moves to the maturity of summer and fades into autumn. So it is with us, the flush of youth passes and we find our strength, energy, and appearance fade, and life eventually passes away like the leaf.

It is surely then important to remember what is the 'end of all men' (Ecclesiastes 7:2). The leaf is frail and will fall in autumn, but it can fall early, perhaps by an unexpected summer wind or, as it is this year, by a fierceness of heat. Sadly, we too may not reach the autumn of our lives and fulfil our 'threescore years and ten' (Psalm 90:10); however, unlike the leaf, God has kindly warned us of what is to come and graciously given us opportunity to prepare. Through true and sincere repentance of sin, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour, comes the promise of forgiveness, and eternal life in his presence for evermore. Seek him while there remains opportunity as it is still the day of God's grace to lost sinners.

**Whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.**

(John 3:16)

GREEN DILEMMAS

plastic recycling

No one really disputes that plastic can be incredibly useful. However, there is increasing awareness of the problems it is causing. In the Blue Planet, David Attenborough said that plastic is “vile” and “horrible” and the amount of plastic floating in the ocean is “horrific”. Every year, about 8 million tons of plastic waste escapes into the oceans. That’s the equivalent of setting five garbage bags full of trash on every foot of coastline around the world.

There are of course many ways to reduce the use of plastic: use local shops with less pre-packaged products, use reusable containers, use refillable products, find alternative products that don’t use plastic, and don’t buy certain products at all. This requires going through everything we buy and questioning whether much of this plastic can be avoided. The Big Plastic Count revealed that UK households throw away 96 billion pieces of plastic every year and only 12% of it is actually recycled in the UK. The other 88% is burnt, buried, or dumped overseas.

One key problem with recycling is that it isn't always obvious which items can be recycled and the labelling where present is confusing. Many products have multiple different types of plastic with different recycling characteristics. The classic example is the coffee cup which has a film which prevents the liquid from seeping into the paper which therefore means you need a special facility to recycle the cups. Even for plastic items that can be recycled, its quality decreases each time it is recycled so unlike glass or metal it can’t be recycled infinitely.

Are things likely to get any better?

The Environment Act of 2021 seeks to establish greater consistency in recycling facilities and labelling. There is a plan for a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers (plastic bottles, glass bottles and cans made from steel or aluminium). This would mean citizens would have a strong incentive to recycle bottles as they would be worth money. This is significant as the UK uses an estimated 14 billion plastic drinks bottles per year! Another important development is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) which would mean the producer is responsible for the costs of waste collection and recycling. The theory is that this will result in producers making products with reduced recycling requirements. Unfortunately, the implementation of these initiatives has been put on hold until after 2024.

In Suffolk clean plastic bottles, pots, tubs and food trays as well as empty bathroom and household cleaning containers with the tops on can all be put in the recycling bin. Clean soft plastic like crisp packets, plastic film and wrapping can separately be taken to one of the larger supermarkets. Larger hard plastic items and Tetra Paks can be taken to the recycling centre. Some items like polystyrene can’t be recycled at all.

We all need to try and reduce our use of plastic whenever we can. Where we can’t we need to use the existing recycling facilities as best as possible. It's difficult to escape the conclusion that unless we can significantly reduce our use of plastic the problems are likely to continue to grow.

Richard Winch



EMILY SMITH

Garden Design

Garden design - Border renovations - Planting plans
Garden maintenance - Specialist horticultural advisory service

Visit www.emilysmithgardendesign.co.uk
email design@emilysmithgardendesign.co.uk
Call 07917 842071

WATER-RUN LANDSCAPING



AND TREE SURGERY

Covering all aspects of soft and hard landscaping, tree surgery and garden maintenance.

Patios
Fencing
Decking
Garden Rooms/Offices
Concrete Bases
Ponds
And Much More

Tree Felling
Stump Grinding
Wood Chipping
Clearances
Mowing
Hedge Cutting
And Much More

T 07450708022
E charliewhitehall74@gmail.com
W water-runlandscaping.co.uk
F @waterrunlandscaping

TONY FISHER

PLUMBING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

24Hr Emergency Callout Burst, Leaks, Blockage, etc Bathroom/shower installation
Tanks/cylinders/radiators Tiling floors/ walls Painting & Decorating
General DIY jobs Garden maintenance

Tel: 01359 242556 Mobile 07758 327743

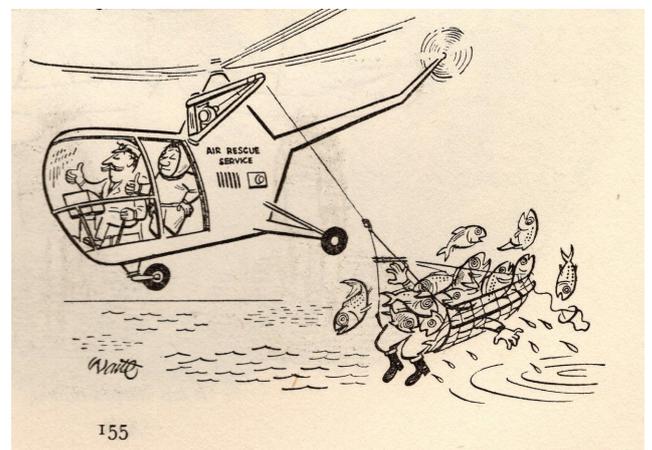
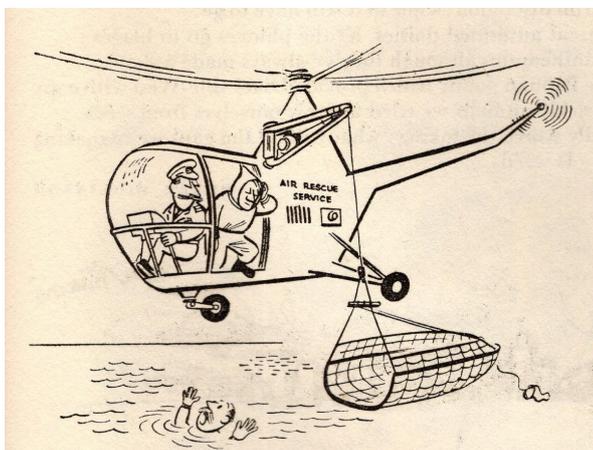
Reliable & friendly service

PRINCE CHARLES IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT

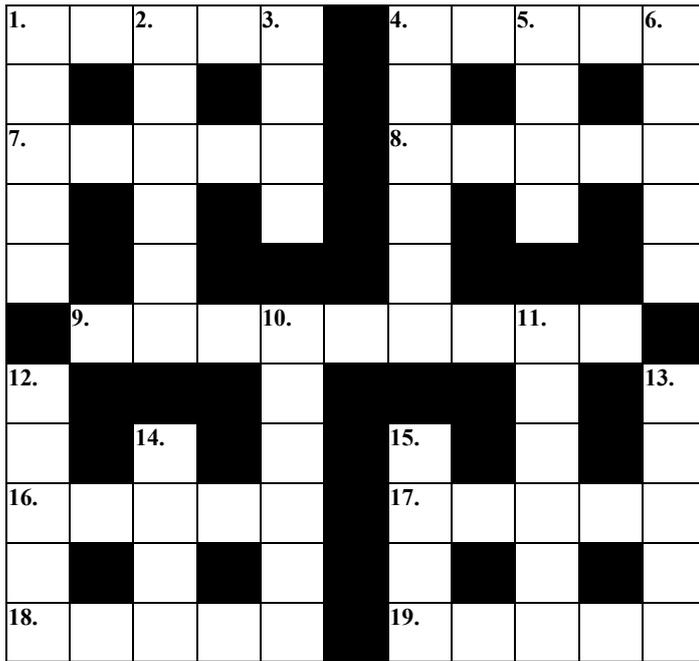
You can converse with trees

Five elderly cricketers mused together under the shade of one of the Sports Club's magnificent oaks on Sunday 14th August; it was very much the normal waffling of old men about how much better they performed in their prime. At some point in the conversation the subject turned to the oak tree under which they were sitting and various guesses were made as to how old the tree was and what antics had taken place under its canopy by the lusty youth of yesteryear. Now I cannot be sure which part of the conversation the oak tree took exception to but the odds are that if the tree was a she, it might have the language and tenor of the subjects covered but I am inclined to think it was because they were talking of her age. Now all of us know that although old men proudly boast of their age, you never should mention a lady's age in her company so I am inclined to think that was what pushed her over the edge. The good news is, that rather like the old men underneath, the oak tree also suffered from memory lapses and it wasn't until the early hours of Monday morning that she remembered and decided to let a large bough break off in the hope that the rude b.....s below would get their comeuppance.

One of the old b.....s



WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



Across

1. Reject the returning outcast. (5)
4. Out of condition and weathered badly. (5)
7. Such a welcome watering hole for the group. (5)
8. Peggy Lee's illness.
9. Does one need crocs to raise a rumpus.

(9)

16. Might I assume that I am warmly covered. (5)
17. The quarrel I created about this antique.
18. Shady dealers of broken rails (5)
19. Shove this craft. (5)

Down

1. Do the trios run amok? (5)
2. One rose up to become a fraud. (6)
3. The sole arrangement was not to win. (4)
4. Reject the offer of rubbish. (6)
5. Rescue five in the rough sea. (4)
6. These are threads to all those tales. (5)
10. Looks fixedly but does not go up or down. (6)
11. Could the one in front be made to be a pusher?
12. It remains a short way to feel unwell. (5)
13. Cruel changes to filthy money. (5)
14. Hear a bid for the ancient king. (4)
15. Copy found in the scribbled notes. (4)



Which two towns formed Budapest in 1872?

CRICKET IS BETTER...

In the autumn of the cricket season, with September approaching and the football pitch ominously bearing down on the carefully curated square, it's the start of the reflection on the months passed in the quiet company of others.

Cricket is better in the sun. We have been blessed with sun. Almost too much sun. But it is better than the cold and the rain. Nothing disheartens more than a steady drizzle – the one that perpetuates cold but doesn't allow everyone to troop off to the bar early and pretend to all those waiting at home that the game really did carry on. True – some of the scenes of cricket this year look like the dustbowls of the sub-Saharan, but on the upside, a chance to test the cordial mixing abilities of opposition more frequently.

Cricket is better when played by the young. Albie Bryant-Howe opened the batting for Suffolk U10s this month. One likes to imagine his first scoring shot was the reverse paddle sweep. His infectious passion for the game is matched only by young Henry Jackson. They are inseparable. Further proof that the cricket is better played by the young comes with the league topping performances of the U11s and U15s. A team is forged by individuals supporting others – and these two groups embody that spirit.

Universally accepted, cricket is better when Nick Smith plays. It is one of the unfathomable laws of nature. Some say that is because everyone is not quite certain which bit of flesh Nick will field the ball with; or how long a single grip on his bat will last; or whether he will come on to bowl. One day Thomas Cadge will return to play and things will be complete.

Cricket is, or rather was, better in the old days. The modern troupes, the influencers, the trendsetters all have superfans. Walsham cricket has the bench – a place where the greats go to reside and pass judgement on antics unfurled before them. Arguable whether cricket was better in their playing days – no doubt it was different – but we revel in the stories.

And undoubtedly, cricket is better in the bar after the game. Runs are flashier, catches more acrobatic, misses more disastrous – fuelling the next generation of bench occupiers.

September may bring league success for the Sunday XI. Wish them luck or come and join that bench on the 4th September. Stay to hear the stories in the bar – they will amaze you.

James French

SEARCHING FOR WORDS

E	I	D
W	R	E
N	O	D

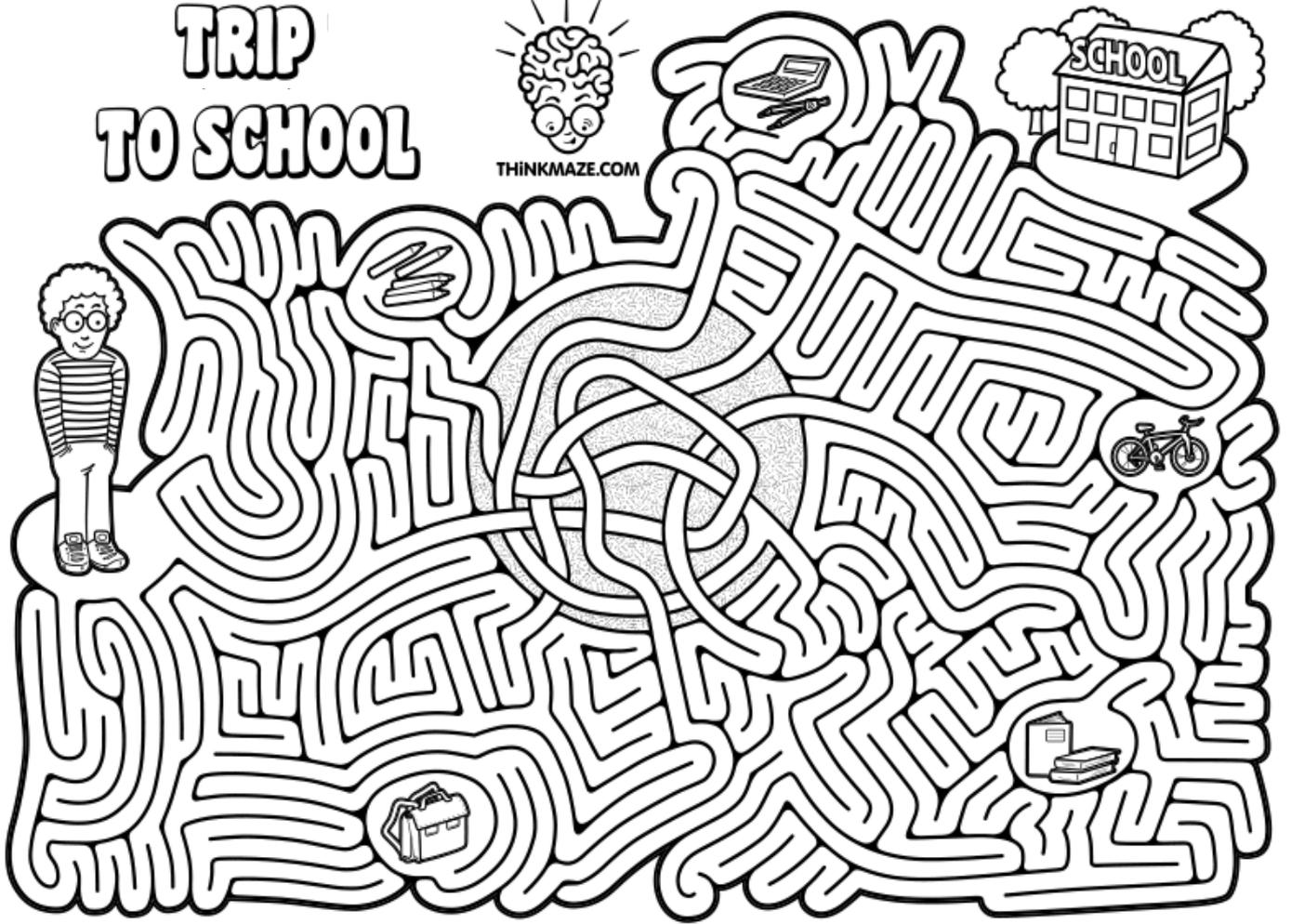
Starting with any letter and moving horizontally, vertically or diagonally, see how many words of three letters or more you can find, using each letter only once in each word.

There should be one nine letter word which might keep you warm.

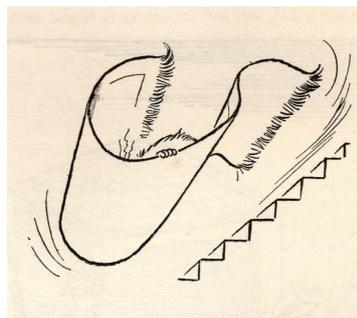
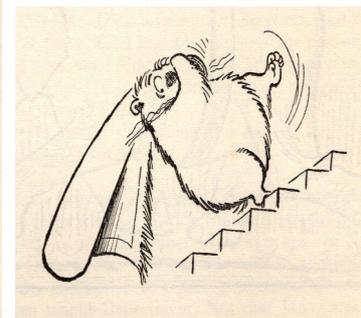
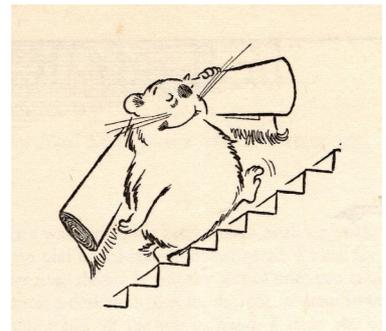
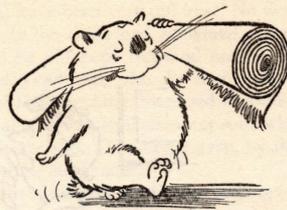
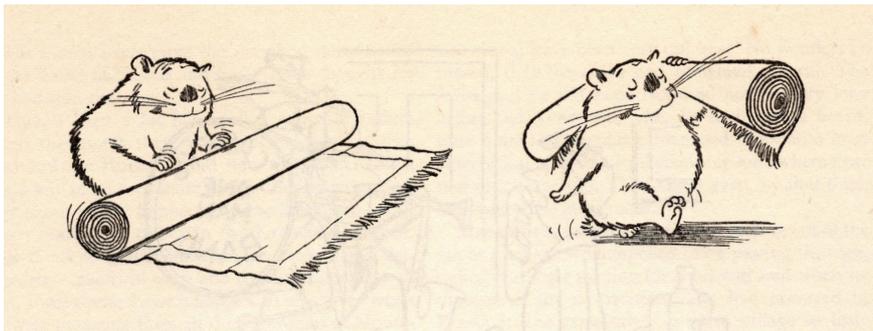
Get 40 words and you are doing well.

A MAZE WITH A DIFFERENCE

TRIP TO SCHOOL



Get the boy to school, collecting all the things that he needs on the way.



Which are the three disciplines of the Triathlon?

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The first team have had a difficult start to their new season losing all 4 games to date. Let's hope their fortunes change quickly.

The club teams' home fixtures and start times in September are:-

First Team

Saturday 17th v Brantham Athletic 3pm

Reserve Team

24th Sept v Halstead Town. 3pm

Under 18s

Thursday 8th v Histon kick 7.45pm

Thursday 22nd v Newmarket Town 7.45 pm

A Team

Saturday 28th August v Sporting 87 A 2.30pm

Saturday 3rd v Westerfield United Reserves 2.30pm

Saturday 10th v Framlingham Town A 2.30pm

Saturday 24th v Hope Church 2.30pm

Cricket

Saturday 3rd Sept v Long Melford 12.30pm

Sunday 4th Sept v Newmarket 1.00pm

Sunday 11th September v Copdock and Old Ipswichians 1.00pm

Bowls

The League season has now finished but the section will be holding their Finals Day on Saturday 10th September starting at 10am. There will be plenty for everyone to enjoy so come along and have a roll up.

What's On

Sunday 4th September

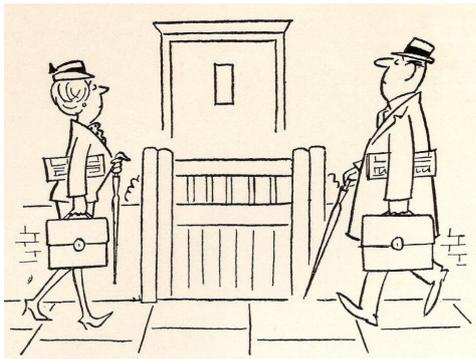
Mega Bingo in the Marquee in aid of Elodie Waugh. The Bingo starts at 7pm. Everyone welcome. Nearly all Observer readers will be familiar with Little Elodie's plight and all monies raised will be gratefully received. Please come along have fun and help raise money for a very worthwhile cause.

Friday 16th September is our final Friday Night of the summer featuring Gemma B. The fun starts at 6.30pm. All comers are welcome

Sunday 18th September

Bingo in the clubhouse starting at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

For information on these and other events please contact Gordon Ross on 07790 564674 or email to gordonaross2@gmail.com

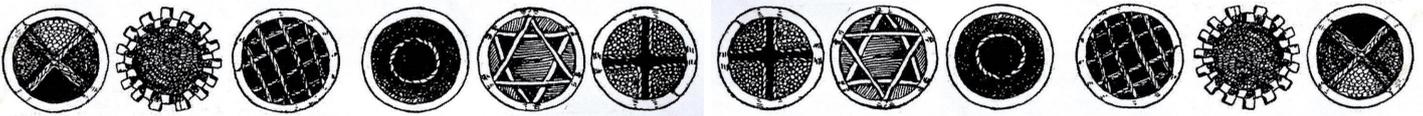


TWO CAKES

Apple and Hazlenut Cake

240gm Bramley apples, weighed after peeling and coring
90gm butter, softened
2 eggs
1 tsp baking powder
½tsp ground cinnamon
60gm chopped hazelnuts
120gm soft brown sugar
240gm flour
½tsp bicarbonate of soda
60gm raisins

Set oven to 170°C or Mark 3. Grease and line a 900gm loaf tin. First, peel, core and slice the apples and cook in a pan with just a very little water, until reduced to a pulp. Cream together the butter and sugar in a bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time with a little flour. Sift in the remaining flour with the baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and cinnamon, add the apple purée, raisins and chopped nuts and mix well together. Put into the tin and bake for 70 to 80 minutes until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Leave in the tin for about 10 minutes then turn out on to a wire rack to cool.



Carrot and Fruit Cake

120gm unsalted butter, softened
60gm soft brown sugar
60gm clear honey
3 large eggs beaten
240gm wholemeal flour
2tsp baking powder
180gm carrots, finely grated
90gm sultanas
90gm ground almonds
grated rind and juice of one orange

Set oven to 150°C or Mark 2. Grease and line an 18cm round cake tin. Cream together the butter, sugar and honey in a bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in two eggs, adding a little flour towards the end. Fold in the remaining flour with the baking powder and mix in the grated carrot, sultanas and ground almonds. Finally, fold in the grated orange rind and juice. Put into the tin and bake for 1½ to 2 hours until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Leave in the tin for a few minutes and turn out on a wire rack to cool.



THREE POEMS

WHAT'S THE PLURAL

No one for spelling at a loss is
Who boldly spells Rhinoceroses;
I've known a few (I can't say lots)
Who called the beasts Rhinocerots,
Though are not so bad (Oh fie!)
As those who say Rhinoceri.
One I have heard (Oh holy Moses!)
Who plainly say Rhinoceroses,
While possibly a Fourth-Form Boy
Might venture Rhinoceroi -
The moral that I draw from these is
The plural's what one damn well pleas-
es.

Anon



SWIFTS

Sky high flying
black images flashing,
riotously arrowing
dipping and diving
wheeling whirling
skittishly screaming
wee-eee-eeeing,
twisting twirling
skimming rooftops
swooping round chimneys,
scaling treetops
dive bombing under
telephone cabling,
rushing in on you
breaking away,
such exhilaration
in their preparation
for the long flight home.

Rob Barber

HINTS ON PRONUNCIATION FOR FOREIGNERS

I take it you already know
Of rough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you
On hiccough, thorough, laugh and through?
Well done! And now you wish perhaps
To learn of these familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
That looks like beard and sounds like bird,
And dead; it's said like bed not bead,
For Goodness' sake don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat,
They rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother
Nor both in bother, broth in brother,
And here is not a match for there,
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear,
And then there's does and rose and lose -
Just look them up and goose and choose,

And cork and front and word and ward
And font and front and word and sword.
And do and go and thwart and cart -
Come, come, I've hardly made a start!
A dreadful language? Man Alive,
I mastered it when I was five!

Anon

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



COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOD BANK

To help, get involved or to discuss your needs
please contact Amanda on 01359 258646 or
email wlvcommunitycouncil@outlook.com



ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Harold Pinter, 2. Backstroke, 3. Spain, 4. 37°C, 5. Lady Day, 6. Green,
7. A young child, 8. The Mendips, 9. John Le Carre, 10. Bullfighting,
11. The Drifters (later Shadows), 12. The Rhine, 13. Six, 14. Sardinia,
15. When castling, 16. The brain, 17. Muslims, 18. Manna, 19. Dan,
20. Steeleye Span, 21. South America, 22. Namibia, 23. Out of work, 24. A sheep,
25. The Welland Canal, 26. Charles II in 1651, 27. New Zealand's rugby players,
28. The Times, 29. Billy Bragg, 30. The liver, 31. Captain James Cook,
32. The Cenozoic, 33. Allan Pinkerton, 34. The Apennines, 35. The Radio Times,
36. London, 37. Edinburgh, 38. Hickstead, 39. The olive tree 40. Green,
41. The Waste Land by T S Eliot, 42. Red chalk, 43. A lodge, 44. Glamorgan's,
45. The Whigs, 46. The Tower of London , 47. David Copperfield, 48. Buda and Pest,
49. Vienna, 50. Swimming, running and cycling

Su-Doku

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

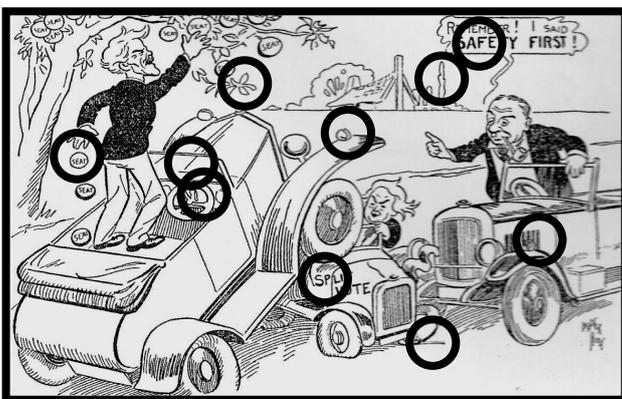
Crossword

R	E	P	E	L		R	U	S	T	Y
I		O		O		E		A		A
O	A	S	I	S		F	E	V	E	R
T		E		E		U		E		N
S		U				S				S
	C	R	E	S	C	E	N	D	O	
S				T			E			L
T		O		A		C		A		U
I	N	F	E	R		R	E	L	I	C
L		F		E		I		E		R
L	I	A	R	S		B	A	R	G	E

More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Die	Died	Dire	Doe	Doer
Don	Dower	Drew	Dried	Drown
Eon	Erode	Eroded	Ire	Iron
Nod	Node	Nor	Now	Ode
Ore	Owe	Own	Red	Redo
Rid	Ride	Rod	Rode	Roe
Row	Weir	Weird	Were	Wide
Wider	Wire	Wired	Woe	Won
Word	Wore	Worn	Eiderdown (44)	

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Community Council Secretary Tara Campbell	01359-259519	Surgeries Ixworth	01359-230252
		Stanton	01359-251192
Police Suffolk Police	01473-613500	Botesdale	01379-898295
Stowmarket	01473-383400	Woolpit	01359-240298
Neighbourhood Watch wlmhw@gmail.com		Parish Council Chair Richard Belson	01359-258868 richardbelson@ btinternet.com
David Murray	01359-258646	Parish Council Clerk Kevin Boardley	parishclerk@ walsham-le- willows.org
Rev. Philip Merry	01359-258806 07526-271784	District Councillor Richard Meyer	01359-251760 07771-703668
Anglian Water Emergencies (24hr)	08457-145145	County Councillor Mrs Jessica Flemming	01449-711065
Accounts	0800-919155	Suffolk County Council	03456-066067
Eastern Electricity	0800-7838838	Member of Parliament Jo Churchill	0207-2198487
British Telecom Customer Service	150		
Line Faults	151		

VILLAGE ORGANISATION CONTACTS

Allotments Group
Alison Findlay 07704311468
milcroft66@gmail.com

History Group
Frances Jenner 01359-259242
frances.jenner@hotmail.com

Horticultural Show
Debbie Watson 01359 259686
debbiewatson2916@gmail.com

Sports Club
Mike Powles 07379089890
mike.powles@btconnect.com

Walsham Wild Wood
Lorna MacKinnon 01359 259140
mackinnonlorna@gmail.com

Women's Institute
Pippa Baxter 01449781757
pippabaxter2@gmail.com

Community Yoga
Julia Dunicliffe 07980 476 140
dunicliffej@hotmail.com.



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

