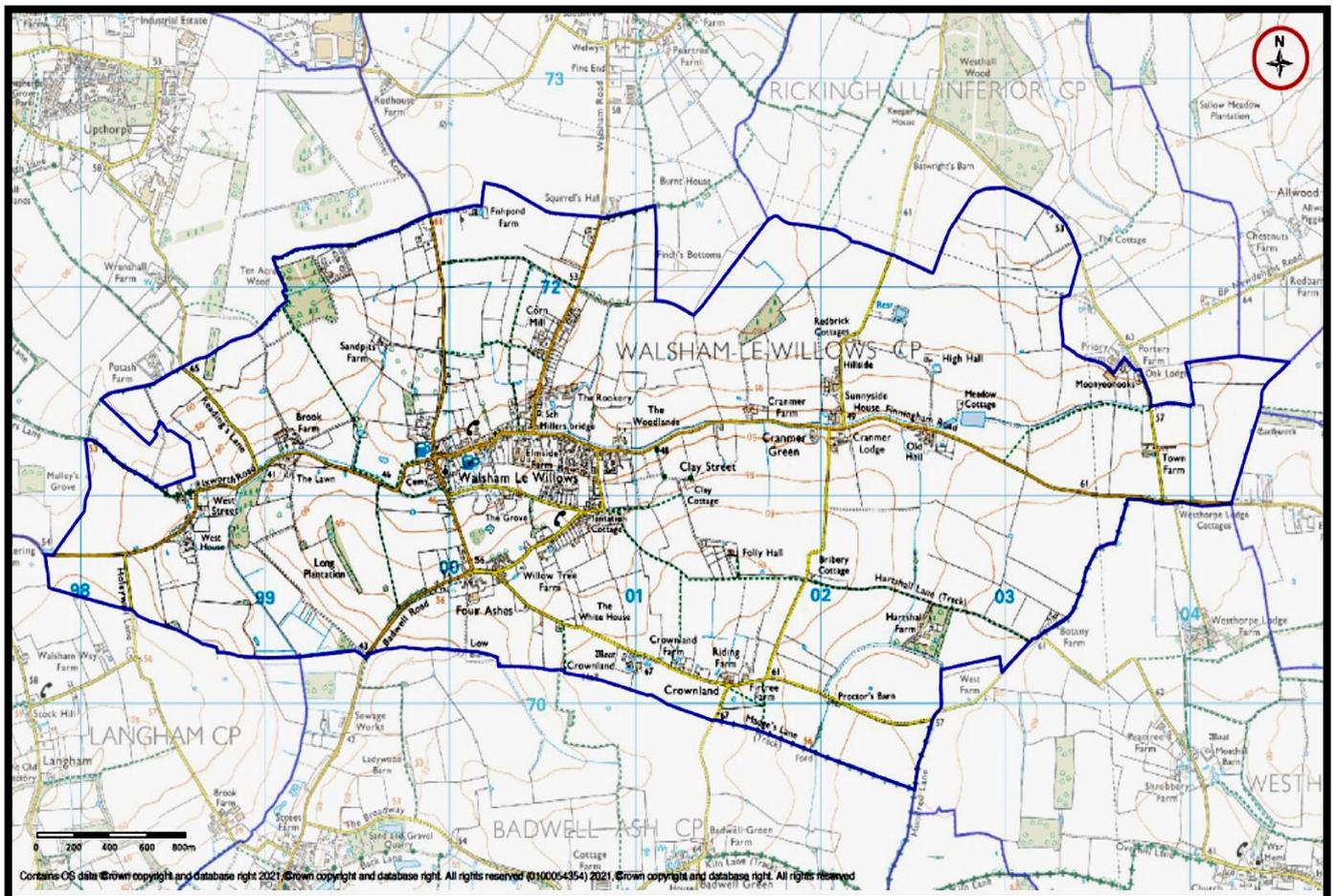


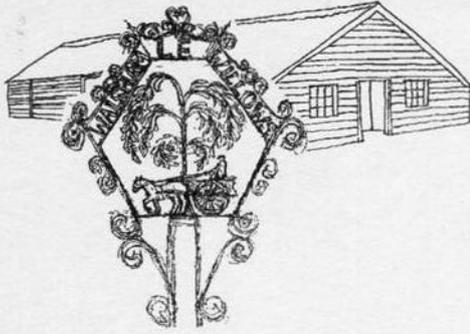
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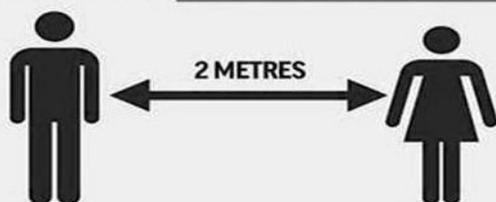
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EDITORIAL

"May you live in interesting times" is an English expression that is claimed to be a translation of a traditional Chinese curse. Interesting times are most certainly what we are living through at the moment, but hopefully we are not totally cursed!

One way, hopefully, to avoid the curse of the planners is to make sure that we, as a community, inform the local authority, and others, how we, as a community, would like to see our village develop. Do have a look at the details on **page 7** to see how you can help in this process of producing our **Neighbourhood Plan**.

Somewhat like the fabled London buses; you wait for ages for one then three come along together. If you missed the Village quiz earlier this year then your wait for another is almost over. There is a Quiz for the Women's Shelter in Bury on **Friday 18th November**, another at the **Sports Club** the very **next evening**. The Blue Boar is intending to have regular monthly quizzes. If that is not enough, then take a short break and await the W.I. and Village quizzes in February!!

With Christmas rapidly approaching, you might well be tempted to visit the Priory Room from **Saturday 26th to Monday 28th November** to see the work of **Walsham Artists**. The very next weekend there is the **Mini-Market in St Mary's**. This proved to be a very enjoyable event last year. See **page 26** for details of this year's event.

The History Group is providing stress-free entertainment with a talk on Harvest Time on Wednesday 16th November in the Priory Room. On **Wednesday 7th December Hexechordia** will be performing in St Mary's. Do look at page 17 for details.

The group who are running the **Food Bank** are doing really valuable work, but it is only through the generosity of others that they are able to provide help to those most in need. If you can, please help by making donations of both food and money to enable others to 'enjoy' some Christmas Cheer! To see how you can help, do look at page 9.

On a personal matter. I have still got a number of copies of **Pandemic Puzzles**, which I produced for last Christmas. I was selling them to raise money for St Mary's and the Village Hall. For the ridiculous cost of **£5** you could provide friends and relations with an excellent means of enjoying Christmas and beyond. To get a copy or copies do contact me.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Countywide – Cooking oil theft warning

Suffolk Police is urging food catering businesses to assess their security arrangements regarding the storage of cooking oil, both new and waste. Organised crime groups are targeting premises that use cooking oil on a commercial basis and are stealing it to convert it into biodiesel.

Redgrave - Theft of Heating Oil

Officers are reminding residents, especially those living in rural locations to regularly check fuel levels and security of their fuel tanks.

This follows a report of approximately 2000ltrs of heating oil stolen from a property in The Street, Redgrave. It is believed the theft occurred in the past month sometime between Tuesday 30th August and Sunday 25th September.

Public urged to be vigilant following phone scams

Police are urging the public to be vigilant to cold callers claiming to be police officers following a series of incidents across Norfolk and Suffolk. These incidents have happened throughout the past week where victims have received a telephone call from a man claiming to be a detective. The caller has requested victims to withdraw money in order to aid with an investigation.

Courier Fraud happens when a fraudster contacts a victim by telephone claiming to be a police officer, bank or from a government department, among other agencies. A number of techniques will then be adopted in order to convince the victim to hand over their bank details or cash, which may then be passed on to a courier.

The public are reminded that banks and the police will **NEVER** ask someone to withdraw money or purchase items.

David Murray

WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

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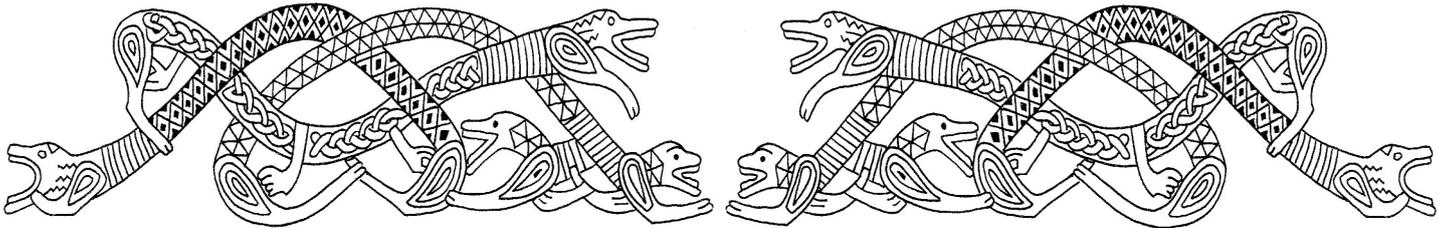
VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The MacMillan coffee morning held on the 29th of September was a bustling success. The W.I once again ran their amazing cake stall, thank you to all the members who baked and helped to run their stall. Together with the coffee shop and tombola £323.50 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support.

Looking ahead, from Thursday the 3rd of November, the village coffee shop will be extending its hours. Still opening at 10.30am and staying open until 2pm. With home made soup available from midday, refills of tea and regular coffee half price and in the run up to Christmas a variety of stalls will also be in the hall. The first week of the longer coffee shop, will see stalls selling Avon goods, cards and hand made fabric items from bags to bloomers, an ideal opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and pick up special gifts or come along for chats, read a newspaper or simple enjoy a cuppa with a sausage roll, slice of home made cake or a bowl of soup.

To give you all time to prepare and for something to look forward to next year, The Village Quiz is taking place on Friday the 24th of February 2023. This gives you all enough time to organize your teams, ready to come along for a fun night of laughter or groans and possibly win the Village Quiz Robotham Shield or maybe you have your heart set on the wooden spoon.

Amanda Ellis



COMMUNITY LUNCH



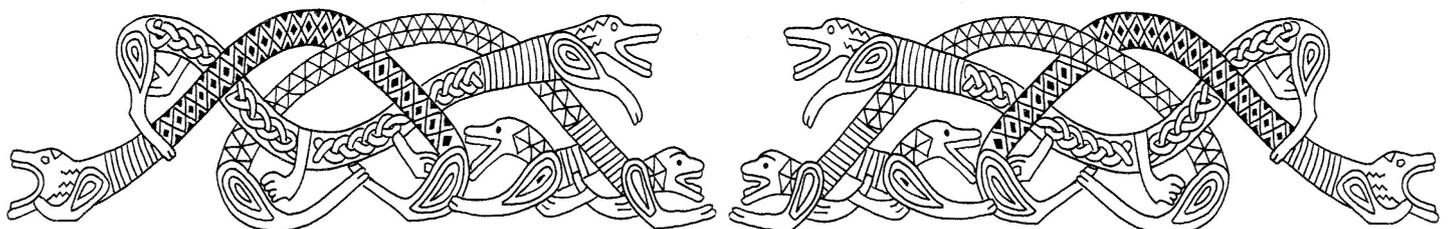
Hope you are all well. The weather is still good for the time of year but I don't like the dark nights, do you!

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 14th November 2022. Lunch will be Sausage casserole and Baked potato served at 12.45pm - 1pm, followed by Apple crumble and custard. 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 10th November 2022.

Shirley White





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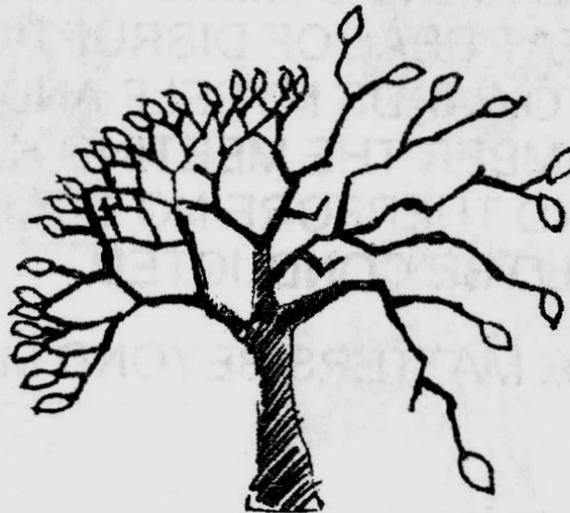
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All too often when new development happens, it does so in the teeth of local opposition. This is because many projects are widely considered to be in the wrong place, on the wrong scale or in the wrong style. Local communities have little redress against developers who pay scant regard towards ensuring that what they build is designed to fit in and enhance rather than detract from the area. Having our own Neighbourhood Plan will give us the chance to change all this.

We'd appreciate your views and comments on the draft document at www.walsham-le-willows.org/org/neighbourhood-plan/ . There are 15 policies and the draft Design Code for review. If you spot an issue you feel has been overlooked, or anything else not yet recognised, please add your thoughts so we can consider how to best weave them into the final document. The deadline for all comments is 2nd December. Afterwards the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan will go forward for examination and a local referendum.

Perhaps you've not yet managed to have your say? We appreciate that many people, especially those with young families lead extremely busy lives. Your views and those of your children are important and so we'd very much like to hear from you and from anyone else who hasn't yet got round to commenting. The Neighbourhood Plan aims to represent the views of our WHOLE community, so please give a few minutes of your time to take the opportunity click on the link and comment on the draft

*The Walsham le Willows
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.*



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WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOD BANK UPDATE



We would rather there was no need for Food Banks at all but right now we are on the front-line of this cost-of-living emergency, we have no other option.

We, like all the other Food Banks, are bracing ourselves to meet what feels like "a tsunami of need." The Food Foundation published data on the 18th of October that shows the UK is experiencing alarming levels of food insecurity and it is UK wide, not just as some mistakenly believe, in the big cities and towns. Rural poverty is a hidden but very real emergency too.

We work with other organisations, churches and agencies to offer support for those in our community in need of emergency food. Those in need are identified by and referred to us by these organisations and local care professionals. To solve longer term issues, we work with other appropriate agencies. In September we gave out the highest amount since we opened during the Pandemic, with 927.98 kg going out.

There have been lots of Harvest Festival donations from Walsham and Stanton school, which were just in time as our stocks were getting very low. We are always so overwhelmed by the generous community around us. Thank you all who have and do donate and those that plan to, we and those we help really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

We are starting preparations for Christmas food bank drops. If you are able to, please drop off something from the list below or something else Christmas related, to one of our donation points inside village churches, Walsham-le-Willocks Sports Club, the Walled Garden in Langham or at the Village Hall in Walsham during Coffee Shop on a Thursday. We get referrals for all sizes of family and dietary needs, so please any size boxes, vegan, gluten free, multi packets will all find a Food Bank box to go in and help make someone's Christmas better.

- Large tins of ham or corned beef
- Christmas pudding
- Mince pies
- Tins of salmon
- Gravy or packets of stuffing mix
- Instant hot chocolate
- Variety pack of cereals

- Christmas cake / iced buns
- Tin/cartons of custard
- Birds trifle mix
- Crisps, twiglets, cheese savouries etc
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We have welcomed parents into the school to look at children's learning and share in their homework; it has been so lovely to see everyone coming back in to school.

Our youngest children in Caterpillars have been finding out about their local community and the United Kingdom. After half term they will be looking at how travel has evolved over time, thinking about different inventors of travel. They will then be looking forward to Christmas and thinking about the Nativity.

Ladybirds are learning about Inspirational People such as Neil Armstrong. In art, they have completed some observational drawings of flowers. In science they will be finding out about seasonal changes and exploring animals, including humans.

Dragonfly Class have been studying Ben Wilson and have enjoyed replicating his 'bubble gum' artwork (using clay!) and writing a biography about him. During the next half term, they will be looking at multiplication and division and finding out about 19th century ocean exploration as part of their learning project 'Blue Abyss'.

Grasshopper class have taken their learning outside to Colchester Castle where they enjoyed a talk about the Romans and how they lived. In the new half term, Grasshoppers will be exploring 14th century England and writing journals and non-chronological reports. Year 5 will continue with their ukulele learning and in French, they are looking at animals from the book 'Dear Zoo'.

Crickets have enjoyed finding out about life during World War Two and we were lucky enough to have an actor from the series 'Band of Brothers' come in to share his experience of filming, as well as sharing his uniform and artefacts, which the children loved trying on.

Our theme for the coming half term in collective worship is 'Thankfulness' and we will be looking at different ways we can say thank you and be thankful for what we have. Reverend Merry continues to visit us weekly and the children all look forward to seeing him.

Now Covid restrictions have been lifted, we are welcoming back volunteers to listen to children read. If this is something you would be interested, please contact the school office and you will be required to complete a DBS check.

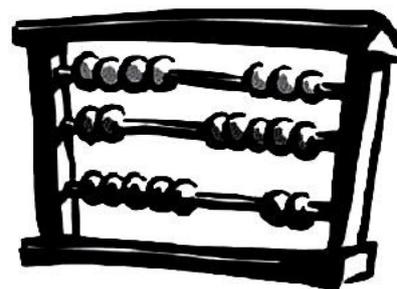
If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs McGarr or Mrs Pascoe, on 01359 259319 or by e-mail admin@walsham-le-willows.suffolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

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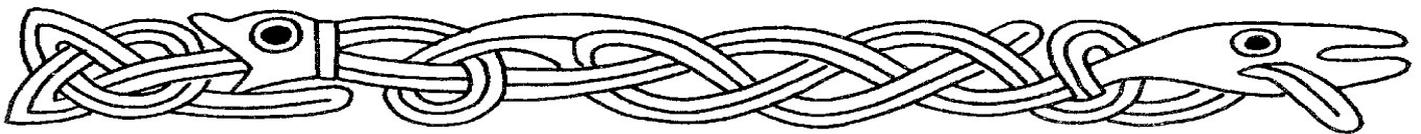
WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



We were previously puzzled about the title of this talk. 'The Girls of Little America'. In the event all was expertly revealed in Sophie Green's impressively detailed talk. 'Little America' was wartime Britain and the 'Girls' were an army of American women who volunteered for military service, many as nurses or in the Army Corps or as volunteers for the Red Cross. Sophie's talk was illustrated by many photos of the local large houses in East Anglia that became hospitals or rehabilitation centres for the duration and the local airfields that received casualties flown in, many often from the battles in the Ardennes. To illustrate the different arms of the services Sophie unpacked a quartet of figures in authentic uniforms so lifelike one almost expected them to salute. The numbers of women posted overseas was surprisingly large and they put up with accommodation in some very basic barrack huts. A multitude of roles became theirs. Some staffed the mobile canteens created inside what were commandeered Green Line Buses but now used to reach soldiers and airmen out on the airfield runway, who could not leave their posts for Coffee and Donut Breaks! It was indeed 'Little America'. It was a hugely impressive contribution to the winning of the war.

Our November meeting Wed.9th Priory Room 7.45pm will be a demonstration and hands on work shop 'Christmas Stencilling' with Jo Green. Please indicate your attendance in order to provide materials.

Jill Newell



WEDNESDAY WANDERS

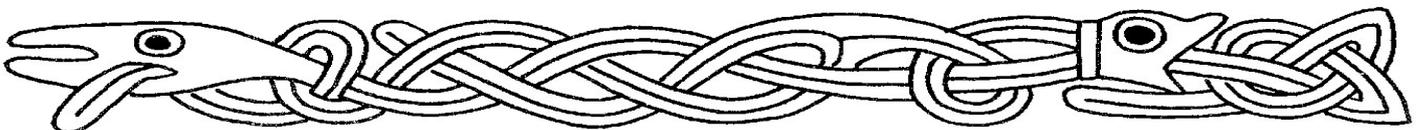
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Friday morning 11th November we will be at our War Memorial to observe 2minutes silence at 11am ,we will be joined by local school children ,the short service will commence at 10 58am, in the evening the Festival of Remembrance takes place in the Apex (Apologies this date was incorrect in last month's Observer)

Sunday 13th the Church Parade will be held at Walsham , members please assemble outside the Church gate by 10 50 am the service will commence at the Memorial 10 56am to be followed by 2minutes silence at 11am the service will continue in the Church.

At our October AGM our treasurer reported our Branch account was £1562- 86p this included £ 104 raised at a recent Sausage and Mash evening.

The Christmas lunch will be held in The Cock Inn Stanton 6th December 12-30 for 1pm.

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

Hubby Frost



OPEN GARDENS GRANTS

Well the dust has settled but the memories linger on and we are still basking in the warm glow of a very very successful weekend and certainly the best in recent memory.

The purpose of this article is to say that we are now open to bids for funding from the profits that we have accrued from the weekend, and we invite any properly constituted Walsham organisation to contact us with their costed ideas and projects. We shall fully consider each and every application and the more information you can give us the better. Feel free to give me a call to discuss your ideas if you wish.

The bid period ends on the 31st of January 2023 and you can send them to the Hon Treasurer at garth@gharlow.plus.com or drop hard copies through my letter box. We shall be taking decisions early in February 2023.

Warm regards from all of the Open Gardens Team.

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If you are new to the village or missed them last time, Hexachordia are an acclaimed locally based band whose concerts combine a unique blend of historical narrative and period music and song. The three very talented members of the band play over a dozen musical instruments of the period between them, bringing a great range and depth to their music. Their music is truly beautiful and further enhanced by being performed within the candlelit beauty of St Mary’s Church. This time the band will hop and skip their way through dance music and customs at all levels of society, including Medieval estampies and branles, and Renaissance courtly pavans and galliards.

If you would like to know more about Hexachordia and their work, then please look on their website: www.hexachordia.com.

Their last concert in Walsham was a great success so make sure this date is in your diary and buy your ticket early. It’s a wonderful way to start celebrating the festive season.

Frances Jenner



I DIDN’T KNOW THAT!

For all those who missed this year’s Annual Village Quiz, you will be pleased to know that the Women’s Refuge in Bury St. Edmunds is holding a quiz in the Priory Room on Friday 18th November. The doors will open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm. The event will raise funds for those ladies and their families to help them through the Christmas period.

If you wish to enter a team, of 4 people, please contact Jeannie Bloomfield on 01359 258596, or bloomfield644@btinternet.com. Entry is £5 per person, and includes free refreshments. If tea or coffee is not your thing, you’re welcome to bring other liquid refreshment.

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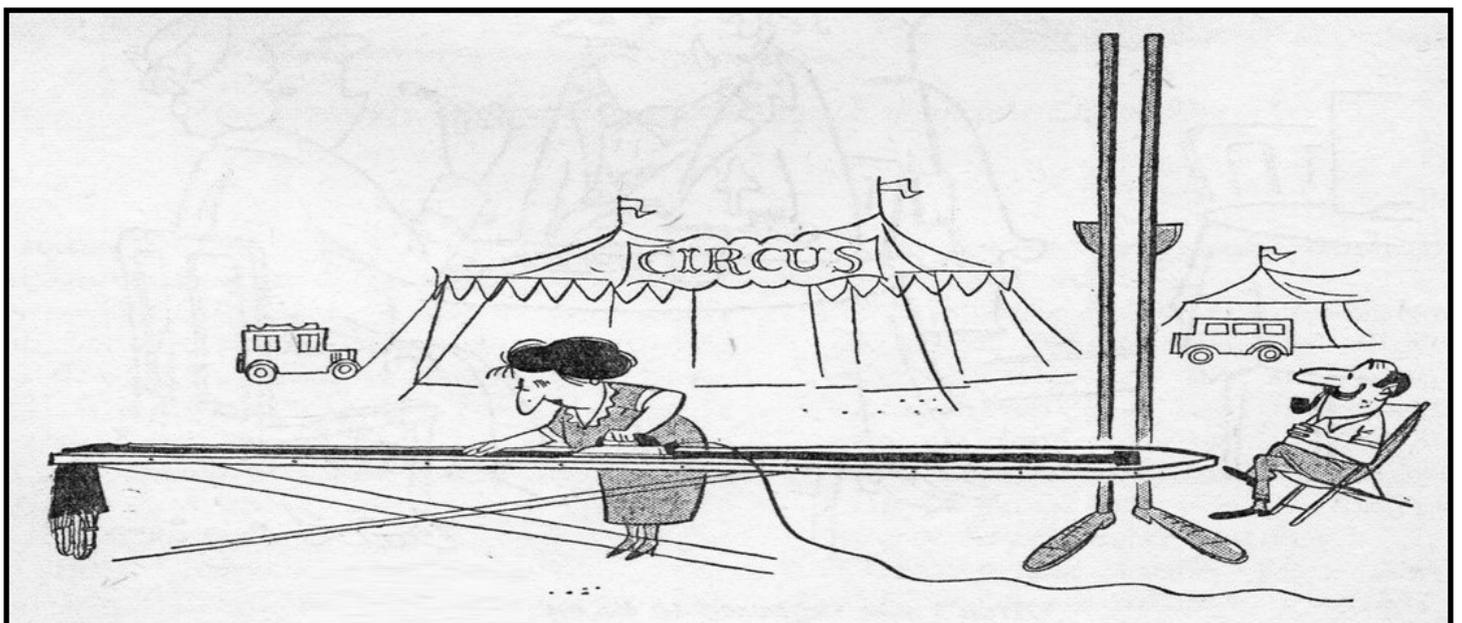
We are a group of local artists working in a variety of media showing our skills at the annual show. This year in addition to our core group of painters, print makers, a potter, jeweller, metal worker and glass artist, we have invited guests showing painting, photography and sculptures from recycled materials. We returned to the Priory Rooms in November last year and are all working hard making new work for the coming show. We are all aware that there have been many new folk in the villages during the past couple of years and warmly invite you to our show to buy gifts and hand made items that are unique to our village. You will be guaranteed a very warm welcome and an exciting show. Payments at the show are by cash or cheque only.
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OCTOBER JIGSAW SALE

Over 250 jigsaw puzzles were donated to the Jigsaw Sale held on Sat 8th October. Thank you to all the generous people who provided them. Special thanks to everyone who helped on the day with the refreshments and setting/clearing up.
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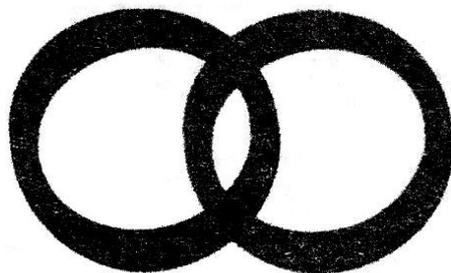


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To conclude this (hopefully short and sweet) memoir - I have to mention how enjoyable it was, seeing everyone and feeling so welcomed. At every church there was a warm welcome that kept our spirits high as we continued our journey. Not to mention the large array of biscuits supplied as well.

When I was first asked to partake in this Ride and Stride, I didn't realise that it would be so exciting and an educational experience. Not only did I learn even more about churches, I was also taught about our country's history. I am so grateful that I did it and I look forward to visiting even more churches next year.

Isla Kidd

The 40th Sponsored Ride took place on September 10th, which was thankfully a fine day. Unfortunately few people from Walsham joined in, but thanks to kind sponsors and families Walsham raised £475. This is shared equally between nominated Churches or Chapels and the Trust.

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Wed 16th	History Group Priory Room 7:30pm	Fri 24th	Village Quiz Village Hall 7:30pm
Sat 19th	Quiz Night Sports Club 7:30pm	MARCH	
Sat 26th	Walsham Arts Group	Wed 8th	W.I. Fire Safety Priory Room 7:45pm
Sun 27th	Priory Room 10:00am	APRIL	
Mon 28th	till 6:00pm	Wed 12th	W.I. Pot Luck Supper Priory Room 7:45pm
DECEMBER		MAY	
Sat 3rd	Mini Market St Mary's 2:00pm	JUNE	
Wed 14th	W.I. Make do and mend Priory Room 7:45pm	JULY	
Wed 7th	History Group St Mary's 7:30pm	AUGUST	
JANUARY		Sun 27th	Open Gardens All
Sat 7th	Epiphany Singers St Mary's 7:30pm	Mon 28th	Weekend Day
Wed 11th	W.I. Birthday Party Priory Room 7:00pm	Have your village events added to this page.	



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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Rick Meyer

1 OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00

2 APOLOGIES

- a) Apologies had been received from Cllr Roberts.
- 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

- a) Minutes for meeting of 14th September 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

5 PUBLIC FORUM - no members of the public were present.

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

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Cllr Fleming not in attendance.

(It was agreed to take agenda item 9a at this stage)

- Neighbourhood Planning Consultant Andrea Long was welcomed to the meeting by Zoom to brief Council and take questions on the draft Neighbourhood Plan which was being presented for sign off by the Parish Council before it proceeds to the next stage.
- Andrea described the next stages after the sign off by the parish council, which is the first formal stage, as: seeking comments on draft plan and sign off, a six week public consultation starting with the drop-in event on 17th October, contacting consultees, collation of all responses received by the steering group (1st week December) with consideration and incorporation of changes by early new year, followed by representation to the Parish Council requesting permission for submission to the district council, then 1 February, the district council would hold a 2 week public examination to take written representations, whereupon the Parish Council as the 'Qualifying Body' may be questioned on the plan. Publication of the plan follows and the district council decides if the plan should be put to a referendum which would be held and funded by the district council.



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The plan (design guidance, codes and 15 policies will be published on the village website and hard copies available for scrutiny and comment.

Andrea then took questions:

- **QN:** Cllr Bartholomew asked about the deliverability of the plan as the policies are only tested on contact with real world scenarios. **A:** The plan is written to be easily reviewable by the MSDC case officer with whom the consultants have a very good working relationship. The plan has been robustly written drawing on all the previous experience of the consultants with regard to the sorts of comments received from case officer reviews.
- **QN:** Cllr Bartholomew asked about mechanism for changing policies after the plan is 'made'. **A:** The Parish Council as the 'Qualifying Body' is entitled to review the plan as much or as little as required. This can be part of a light touch review followed by a 6-week consultation with no further examination or referendum required to effect the change.
- **QN:** Cllr Mecrow asked about the decision not to include site allocations at this stage. **A:** The Parish Council as the 'Qualifying Body', ultimately decides on site allocations and there is no requirement to include allocated sites. The draft Neighbourhood Plan has a housing figure derived from the Local Plan which is already met by MSDC up to 2037 thanks to the inclusion of unit numbers from the Wattisfield Road sites, The Acorns and the yet to commence Broad Meadow. The allocation of sites was considered by the steering group alongside the current housing supply position of the district council and the desire for more. MSDC currently has a 10-year housing land supply against a statutory requirement of 5 years which at the moment takes the district council to 2032 at which point the Walsham Neighborhood Plan will need to be reviewed.
- Cllr Winch suggested that the plan should maybe have more of a focus on climate emergencies or that this should be highlighted more.
- Cllr Mecrow noted that the NP policies need to be reviewed alongside the design codes which should protect the village in the future.

(It was agreed to take agenda item 9b at this stage)

- Cllr Belson asked if the Parish Council wished to sign off on the draft plan and if there was a proposer.
- Cllr Winch asked for clarification that comments of the Parish Council and other residents can still be incorporated after the signing off on the draft. Andrea confirmed that this was the case and is the point of the draft plan.
- Cllr Winch proposed the Parish Council sign off on the draft neighborhood plan, this was seconded by Cllr Bartholomew and carried unanimously.
- District Councillor Rick Meyer welcomed questions on his report. There were none but Cllr Meyer wanted to add that all costs had been covered on plans for expansion of The Range building on Gateway 14.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

SHEPHERD'S GROVE (WEST SUFFOLK) – no developments were noted. Cllr Winch requested that the Clerk respond to the parish councils in the area who had made requests to work as a group of parishes – nothing further to note at this stage

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/22/04434

Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Lift 26 No. Trees

(T1 to T26) to 5m. Location: Brook House, Grove Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AD **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

8 **PLANNING OUTCOMES** (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only

a) DC/20/04630 Address Land West Of Wattisfield Road Walsham Le Willows Suffolk Proposal Application under S73 of Town and County Planning Act for approved DC/19/04273 dated 19/02/2020 - to vary Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) to facilitate increase in affordable provision from 21 to 31. Twin garage omitted and provision of sheds in rear gardens with amended fence/gate positions to plots 29 and 30. Updated site plan to show omission of twin garage and the alteration of tenure types from Market to Affordable to plots 27, 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 54, 55, 56 and 57. As per drawings and documents submitted 17/10/2020. **Permission Granted By MSDC**

b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/03886 (and associated listed building consent Application DC/22/03887) Proposal: Full Planning Application. Change of use of agricultural barns- 1no B8 (domestic storage) and 2no for B1a (Office units) Location: Church Farm, The Causeway, Walsham le Willows IP31 3AB **Permissions Granted By MSDC**

Cllr Bartholomew noted that all conditions had been imposed as had been requested by the Parish Council's comments on this application.

c) APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/02096 Proposal: Outline Planning Application (All Matters Reserved) - Construction of 1no. dwelling following demolition of existing farmhouse and temporary siting of a mobile home Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, Diss Suffolk IP22 1LY **MSDC Granted Permission**

9 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- Agenda items 9 a) and b) were taken under agenda item 6 for Neighbourhood Plan.
- Cllr Mecrow asked that the Clerk write to Neighbourhood Plan Consultants to thank them for their work with the steering group and also to the steering group.

10 **PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT**

a) Cllr Kinnair was pleased to report that he was last on site on Monday (10th October) when he was told that the contractors expect to be finished by end of the following week. The rocks in the play pit were moved without any problems and Cllr Kinnair has agreed to some tree branches being cut to clear the way for the installation of the zip-wire. Walsham le Willows will have a newly refurbished play park by the end of next week.

Parish Councilors then discussed how to proceed with regard to the steam cleaning and painting of some of the retained equipment, the advertising, insurance and certification questions, the preparation for the formal sign off meeting with Premier Play Solutions and the timing for the formal re-opening.

It was decided that Cllr's Kinnair, Arbon and Belson would attend an informal site meeting on the morning of 15th October to prepare for the formal sign off meeting with Premier Play Solutions (PPS); the formal re-opening date would be provisionally set for 12th November with details to be discussed at next meeting. Cllr Kinnair confirmed that the contract with PPS states that certification will be

supplied at completion handover. In meantime the Clerk was asked to check with RoSPA with regard to any sign off required by them (it is thought there is nothing required) and also to check if anything else is required by the insurance company.

- b) The Clerk asked Council to review the list of existing insured equipment to confirm that items that have been removed have been taken off the insurance inventory. The Clerk's record was confirmed with a couple of amendments.

11 FINANCE

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 30th September 2022 which was signed by Cllr Kinnair.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were signed and payments approved by Cllrs Bartholomew and Kinnair (Appendix 1).
- c) Council received internal control check reports from Cllr Winch for April and Cllr Mecrow for July (circulated 22/09/2022). These were approved and signed by Cllrs. Winch and Mecrow with points for action by Clerk as noted.
- d) Council considered the submission of CIL bid enquiry form to MSDC for the Sports Club/Cycle access/footpath proposals in light of responses received from MSDC (emails circulated 04/10/2022 and follow ups from Ian Campbell and MSDC via Cllr Meyer). It was agreed that no bid can be submitted at this time. Cllr Meyer confirmed that he will continue to keep this issue on the radar with his contacts at MSDC.

12 STATUTORY BUSINESS - None

13 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) Council had reviewed the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. There were none. The Clerk noted that Cllr Winch had offered to take on liaison with CGM re the annual cutting of stream banks and regular cutting of the verges.
- b) Council considered email correspondence re metal detecting permissions and local landowner contact details (previously circulated 22/09/2022): The conclusion was that it is not really the responsibility of the Parish Council to provide contact details of local landowners for this purpose. The Clerk noted that this would also require permission from each landowner in order to comply with data protection even if these details were to be gathered for this purpose. However, it was decided that the Clerk should write to the resident to advise that the Old Town Trust which owns a large proportion of the land around Walsham does not allow metal detecting.

Council also considered email correspondence re the road safety issues on Palmer Street and the request for consideration of a footpath, effectively between the haulage yard and the council houses (previously circulated 22/09/2022): The request and the issues relating to it were very fully discussed. The Parish Council has much sympathy with these concerns but there are many issues raised, not least the lack of space on either side for a footpath without a local landowner giving permission to use part of their land and the considerable costs that have to be met. It was decided that this warranted an agenda item at the next meeting to fully work out if the Parish Council would be able to convince SCC Highways that something needs to be done and to fund at large part of this. Clerk to add to next agenda. Also, to contact Cllr Jessica Fleming to request her support for any decision to pursue. It was noted that there are similar well-known issues in other parts of the village.

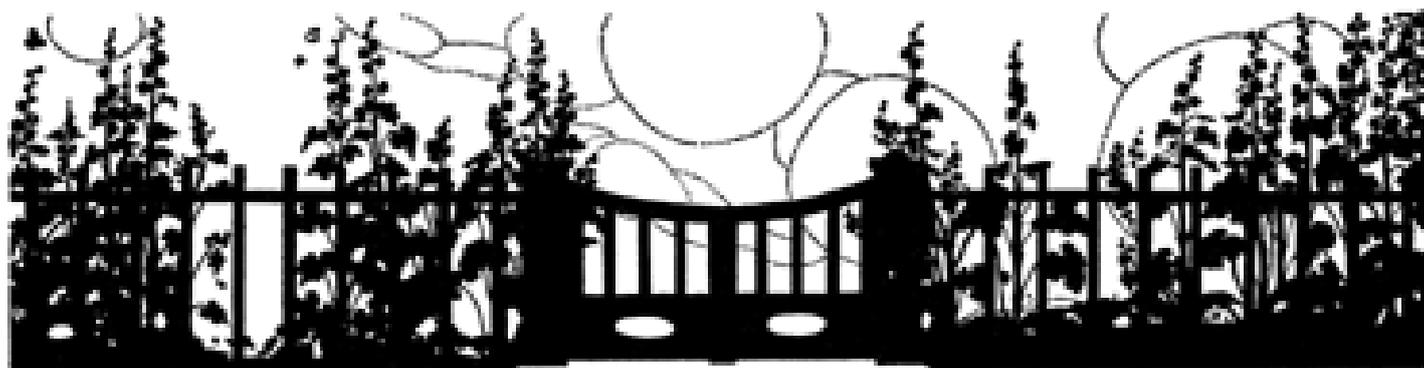
- c) Council had received correspondence from Area Rights of Way Officer Claire Dickson re the bollards installed on Fishponds Lane and related correspondence (circulated 03/10/2022). Council considered the options but decided to postpone for fuller discussion and decision on a course of action at the next meeting.
- d) Other items for next agenda as follows: Cllr Nick Mecrow: Parish Council ownership of marquees and speed gun. Cllr Belson: Churchyard trees & diocesan assessment; flint falling from churchyard wall again. Cllr Arbon: issue of tree pruning at Oak Tree Cottages – not an issue for the Parish Council but most likely the Housing Association.
- e) Next meetings – 9th and 23rd (budget meeting) November 2022, 7pm in Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:55

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation October 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Memorial Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire PC meeting
2	Old Town Trust	£250.00	Annual Rent Play Area
3	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	£54.00	Payroll Service Charge 6 months)
4	CGM	£90.00	Grass cutting play area
5	CGM	£132.00	Grass cutting stream verges and play area
6	M&TJ's	£144.00	Cutting of Play Area Hedge
7	PKF Littlejohn	£480.00	External Audit fees
8	Namesco	£19.19	Reimbursement to K Boardley for website domain name
9	CAS	£973.07	Insurance 2022/23
10	Parish Council Employee	£668.37	Wages – note P30 nothing to pay
#	Payments IN & Other Payments	Amount	Description
1	MSDC Received 08/09/2022	£11,125.00	2 nd Tranche Precept 2022/23



FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

November is very much a time to remember, whether we regard ourselves as people of faith or otherwise. The month begins on the 1st with a Remembrance of 'All Saints,' followed by 'All Souls Day' upon the 2nd, when we remember our loved ones no longer with us – St Mary's will hold a short service that evening at 7.00pm when names can be read out and candles lit.

There will be an Act of Remembrance around the War Memorial on the morning of the 11th, followed by further Acts of Remembrance and Church Services across the Benefice on Sunday 13th (details are shown elsewhere in the magazine).

I believe it to be important to meet and remember those who have lost their lives in conflict, and to pray for world peace. This year our thoughts will be especially drawn to the conflict in Ukraine.

There has probably never been a time in the history of humankind when war or conflict of some degree has not existed in the world. The First World War was labelled by many, including the President of the United States of America, Woodrow Wilson, as the war to end all wars. Sadly, all were wrong, and as I write this article there are reported to be some forty armed struggles taking place in the world today. Some are familiar to us, many are the forgotten wars. There may be casualties of thousands or far less, but however many the toll, everybody is some mother's son or daughter.

Whenever there is a war, we are hopeful of it being the last, that there will be no more conflict, but we are never free from conflict. Remembrance Day affords us the time to acknowledge that. At the same time we should thank God for the freedom which we enjoy because of the laying down of life by so many.

Peace is of course a precious commodity which comes from trust, patience, tolerance and faith. It cannot be 'peace only on my terms,' but from mutual agreement and understanding. Peace is not always easy to achieve, it is very hard work to establish and keep the peace at any level in our society. Yet peace is what we should all strive for.

Peace must come from us all as individuals, as one theologian recently wrote; 'Perhaps I cannot make peace with the enemies of my nation, but perhaps I can make peace in my individual and personal conflicts. If I am a person of peace, perhaps others will 'catch peacefulness' like a beautiful infection and become persons of peace themselves.'

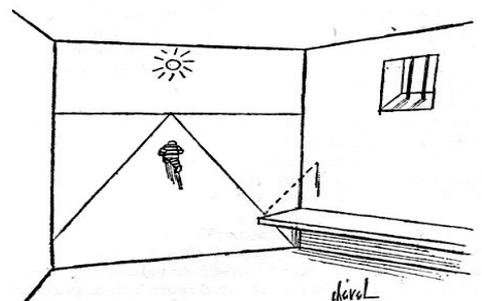
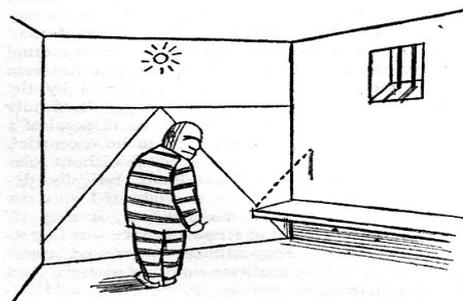
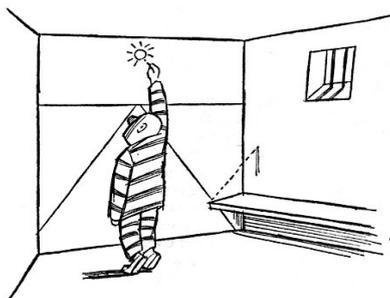
I pray that God will grant us peace, and that those who have laid down their lives for freedom, will be raised in glory with all of us who remember them on both Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

*Philip and Denise
from the Rectory*



NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

30th October	All Saints Day	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
2nd November	All Souls	
7.00pm	Remembering the Departed	Walsham
6th November	3rd before Advent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11th November	Armistice Day	
10.50am	War Memorial	Walsham
13th November	Remembrance Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.15am	Remembrance Service	Badwell Ash
10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Finningham
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Walsham
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Wattisfield
10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Westhorpe
16th November	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
20th November	Christ the King	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Stir-up Sunday Worship/Workshop	Finningham
27th November	Advent Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Advent Songs of Praise	Walsham
7.00pm	Compline	Finningham
4th December	2nd of Advent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham



WILDLIFE IN NOVEMBER

The weather has turned and the nights have pulled in, our gardens although they have some colour still hanging on, flowers and trees are fading away into the winter months. Animals and insects are preparing for the long months ahead, such insects like the Ladybird. Did you see the masses in October? Ladybirds often gather in masses when the weather starts to turn cooler, they are looking for a suitable place to spend the Winter. They prefer to be under bark, window frames, sheds/garages to spend the colder months in Torpor, a kind of suspended animation rather than hibernation. Many insects and even some amphibians will overwinter in long grasses, so keeping an area in your garden that is uncut and a bit untidy will be very beneficial.

If you are working in the garden and are digging you may come across brown plastic looking cases, these are the pupae of Moths and Beetles. If you carefully re-bury them where you found them they will emerge next year.

You may also come across bramble leaves that look as though someone has scribbled on them. This is the work of the caterpillars of the bramble leaf-miner. They will munch away within the top and bottom layers of the leaf which makes the scribbled pattern. If you look closely you will see the tunnels widen as the larvae become bigger, and if you hold the leaf to the light you will see a trail of frass (insect droppings). Hundreds of Moths, Fly, Sawfly and Beetle species have larvae that mine leaves. This helps to protect them against predators but also helps them access the sap of the plant which is easier than if they had to come from outside the plant.

Into the water we now dive, if you keep a look out this month you may see a glimpse of our largest predatory freshwater fish, the Pike. The largest ever caught in Britain was 46lb in weight, while in Scotland a huge head of a Pike was found and was estimated to be a Pike weighing 80lb! No wonder Pike have created chilling legends of biting swimmers and eating pet dogs! This time of year sees the Pike spawning, Pike gather in the shallows of lakes to lay and fertilise eggs. Several males will pursue a bigger female, with each male trying to get close enough to be the one to fertilize the next generation. Look out for sudden dramatic splashes, and if the water is clear you may be able to catch a glimpse of them.

This is the month for the traditional bonfire, a wonderful and warming sight on these dark nights, but spare a thought of what animal could be thinking this looks like a cosy place to sleep, the Hedgehog. Hedgehogs will be still in search of food and making nests to hibernate over Winter, and a ready made log pile looks a wonderful place. We get quite a few admitted to the hedgehog hospital at this time of year with horrible life threatening burns. Before you light the bonfire please give it a thorough check or if you cannot, light one side only so the hoggie has a chance to escape, alternatively make the bonfire up the same day.

Angie Bennington



Stuart Walker

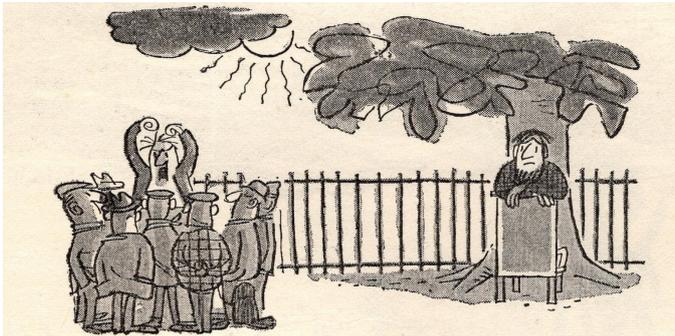


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THE RAVEN

*Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,
Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten law –
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping,
As of someone gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door,
“Tis some visitor”, I muttered, “tapping at my chamber door –
Only this and nothing more.”*

You are a lively imaginative creative child when, at the age of just three, you are suddenly orphaned then adopted by an otherwise childless but rich couple only to have the most unhappy childhood. As a young man you spend a year at university where you encounter many problems, turn, unsuccessfully, to gambling to pay off your debts, all the time your unusual and intense creativity driving you to write verse and short stories, some of which are published but which fail to provide you with a living.

This is Edgar Allan Poe, born in the USA in 1809 who, at the age of 21 enlisted in the army but was quickly dismissed for deliberate neglect of duty. He turned to journalism and short story writing, held various journalistic posts co-edited several literary magazines and at times achieved success with his weird, wonderful, wild, fantastical, horrible and grotesque writing but never achieved fame and fortune. He became a pioneer of the modern detective novel but his most famous work was a poem of loss and madness, The Raven.

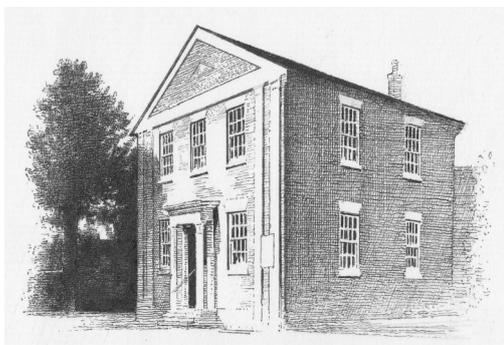
A literary genius, Poe died at the age of 40 and on October the Memorial Village Hall was the venue for a drama production by Common Ground Theatre Company to celebrate the life and work of this remarkable and innovative artist. A team of just six individuals set up their own stage with sound, lighting and back-projection film facilities. They each took the role of more than one character, sang songs, harmonising them to their own beautiful instrumental accompaniment and performed their own roles with huge professionalism. At the end, these same six performers dismantled the stage and technical equipment, stored it in their large van and left to set up again at their next one-night stand.

Here was dramatic entertainment to excite and stimulate the mind, to help us understand a weird and fantastical world which is beyond the accepted norms of human endeavour. Thank you Common Ground Theatre for bringing your production to Walsham. The generous and warm applause said it all. Thanks also to the Memorial Hall Committee for again providing the licenced bar.

*And the raven, never flitting, still sitting still is sitting
On the pallid bust of Pallas just above the chamber door,
And his eyes have all the seeming of demon's that is dreaming,
And the lamp-light o'er him streaming throws the shadow on the floor;
And my soul from that shadow that lies floating on the floor
Shall be lifted -- nevermore!*

Rob Barber





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Services for November

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.

Remember the Highwayman

It has been estimated that John Westley, the well know preacher and evangelist, rode some 250,000 miles on horseback as he travelled throughout our land, preaching the precious Gospel. However, one dark night, as he was riding home from a meeting across Hounslow Heath, (the area outside London now occupied by the vast Heathrow Airport) suddenly he was accosted by a masked highway man demanding, "Your money or your life".

Wesley was not a wealthy man, but he politely handed over the few small coins he had in his pocket and invited the man to look through his saddlebags if he wanted more; finding only Christian books, the robber was about to ride off in disgust, when the preacher boldly issued this challenge to the man. "Stop! there is something more to give to you...there will come a time when you regret this way of life; when that day comes, remember this, 'The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7)". As the highwayman turned and rode into the night, Wesley offered a heartfelt prayer that those words would burn into the young man's conscience.

Several years later, as Wesley finished preaching and the evening service came to a close, a gentleman stepped forward to greet him. It was the highwayman - now a changed man, a Christian and an honest businessman. The man testified that he had never forgotten what the preacher had urged him to remember on that dark night, years before, and he could never get away from that simple message. Those few words followed him every day he lived and every-where he went until that day did come when he truly regretted his lawless life and, before God, repented of his sin. That is how it is with the Word of God, which is living and powerful; once it has been heard or read, the Holy Spirit can use that Word in a person's life to convict of sin and to draw them back to God; that they may be washed clean in the blood of Christ, shed upon the Cross of Calvary.

November is a month particularly associated with remembering. We remember the 5th of November for the attempted assignation of Parliament and King James in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Then follows Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who, in service to our nation, have lost their lives through war and conflict. The Bible also reminds us to: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8) "Remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them" (Numbers 15:39) "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1) "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:35).

Wonderfully though, to such as that highwayman, who have come to realise that they are lost sinners and have repented of their wayward life; that have sought God for forgiveness and cleansing, He declares, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 10:17).

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

(1 John 1:7)

GREEN DILEMMAS

Investing In Solar Panels

If you are going to install solar panels you ideally need a predominantly south facing, sloping roof which is unshaded. West and east facing roofs produce less energy but can make sense depending on your usage.

The most obvious issue with solar panels is that they require significant upfront investment. There are grants available for charities and community-based organisations and some government grants if you are on a lower income. There are also group buying schemes like Solar Together Suffolk which might help you save money. VAT on energy saving measures has also been reduced from 5% to 0%.

The likely payback period for solar panels has usually been quoted at around 10 years but this has now significantly improved with the changes in energy costs. So how does this calculation work?

Let's say the price of a typical 4.2 kilowatt-peak solar panel system with 12 panels is about £6,000. Based on your postcode, the orientation and angle of your roof you can work out the amount of energy that will be produced in a 'typical' year. You can then multiply this by the energy price to calculate the value of that energy. Let's say this calculation comes out as £1000. That would mean that you would pay for the system after 6 years and from then on you would be saving £1000 per year.

The problem with this calculation is that it assumes you can use 100% of the solar power you produce when it is available. In reality more solar power is produced in the summer and during the middle of the day i.e., at times when you often need less power. Any excess is fed to the National Grid but at a much lower rate than you have to pay for electricity.

One way round this is to use a solar battery to store excess power generated by your solar panels rather than exporting it back to the grid. The electricity can then be used at a later time. Of course, if you go down this route you would need to consider the cost of the battery in your pay back calculation.

The price you pay for electricity is currently capped at 34p per kWh. This compares to typically 1p to 6p you might receive for selling electricity via the smart export guarantee (older solar installations had a more generous rate). Some suppliers do offer better rates tied to certain conditions, so you need to check this out.

This means that if you can only use say 60% of the power as you produce it your annual energy saving goes from £1000 to £600 (plus say c.£50 from exporting to the National Grid). This means it would now take you c. 9 years to recoup your money. This would still be an OK investment, it just highlights that it could be improved by looking at ways to utilise the electricity as you produce it such as heating of hot water, domestic heating via electricity or electric vehicles.

From an environmental viewpoint, solar panels take around 6 years to pay back the energy cost of manufacture. This means about 20 years of usage with no carbon footprint. The energy you create from solar panels improves our ability to meet society's Net Zero target and contributes to our overall energy security.

Less than 4% of UK homes have solar panels and hardly any have battery storage. It's got to make sense for all public buildings, company offices and households with the right type of roof space to seriously look at installing solar panels - we just need a few more incentives either in the form of grants, loans or a better price from the export guarantee.

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It was a big project but very rewarding. Jenny took on restoring the bread oven and after much elbow grease and determination, brought it back almost as new. I bought scaffolding and chiselled off the stained cracked cement render from the front. This also was very arduous but so satisfying as the beautiful original limestone was revealed. Over the next five years we worked every other month at the house before finally deciding to move to France full-time.

So we sold our flat in Bury and the boulangerie, and we were then able to buy a very modern house in Agnac. It had a large plot and overlooked small truffle oaks at the back, and mature woodland at the front. It was a haven for wildlife - red squirrels, deer, wild boar, hoopoes and golden orioles and much more. In the house we had underfloor heating and air-con upstairs - very luxurious when compared to the old boulangerie!

I joined a local pétanque club and we played in the shade of the plane trees at the village boudrome. There were about fifteen of us and we all looked forward to this relaxed social game each week. Pétanque is played throughout France, and can be enjoyed at every level from beginners to more experienced.

Last autumn after eight great years in France, we returned and were delighted to buy our house in Walsham. Recently I've been canvassing for interest in creating a pétanque piste in Walsham and have received a lot of encouragement and support. I've been agreeably surprised to find that pétanque is also very active over here with established clubs and leagues across the country, including Suffolk.

Anyone can play, whether young or old. Being outdoors, it's very relaxing. Great skill can be acquired, but there's no pressure, and I see a Walsham pétanque group as a sociable activity where we can all play at our own level and simply have a good time.

We are well advanced in the preparatory stages of costing etc and have a potential site. What would really help now would be if we can get a good idea of how many of you might be interested. We want this to be a real village activity open to all. Whether you are totally new to the game or not, it doesn't matter. If you have your own set of boules, then fine, but if not, don't worry. Just get in touch so that I can note your interest and keep you updated.

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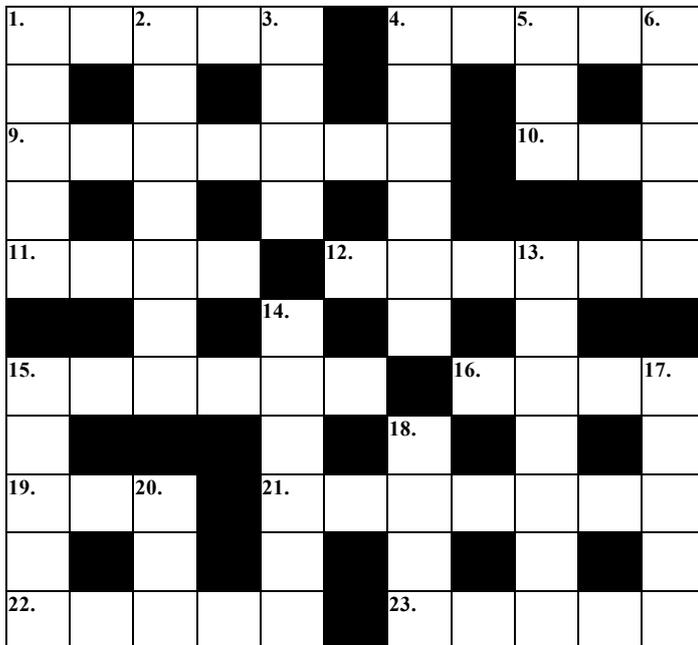
Advanced Planning

Advanced planning is not something the Sports Club is renowned for but it is something we need to tackle. Many of the officers have been in situ for a considerable period of time and the desire is to introduce new blood to help carry the club forward.

The club has activities happening every day of the week and caters for all ages, gender and abilities. It is always happy to discuss new activities and ideas and plans are in place for additional activities such as a Community cycling Group, Pétanque and the new gym that is making progress.

If you feel your skills can help please contact Chairman Mike Powles on 07379 089890 or e mail mike.powles@btconnect.com for an informal chat.

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Across

- Such an idiot to start the month. (5)
- To climb with your laces undone may be crazy. (5)
- A hipper organisation is more contented. (7)
- Fool young Billy. (3)
- Nips back for a twirl. (4)
- Tend to ask for a kindness. (6)
- Keep the damaged retina in place. (6)
- It might possibly be time to change the part. (4)

- Might exist as an insect. (3)
- Might you send this Norfolk lady away. (7)
- The Musketeers can be arranged to have been elsewhere. (5)
- Dared to change the Judge. (5)

Down

- Found as she changed the trophy at Lord's. (5)
- Is this an instruction to the bad portrait artist. (7)
- How the table was set out. (4)
- Flower for the lively master. (6)
- This vessel was in remarkably good condition. (3)
- Duck down for comfort. (5)
- Is the cricket team that is not in here? (7)
- Tinker about with the instrument. (6)
- Has to go back and steal from the mechanical assistant. (5)
- Thought the medico had to have employment. (5)
- Employed to change the dues. (4)
- There's fearsome content for the listener. (4)



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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

It has been a difficult month for the First Team following the resignation of manager Trevor Collins. We thank Trevor for his contribution to the cause over the past two and a half years and wish him well for the future. His assistant Trevor Newman has also stepped down and we thank him for his efforts, although he remains connected with the club. Chay Budd is the current interim manager and is being assisted by Ian Hubbard.

Last Saturday Walsham took the lead against Kirkley and Pakefield thanks to a superb goal from Scott Chaplin, but we're pegged back by a penalty in the second half.

The Reserves, who are currently top of their league, are in the reliable hands of Mark Cook who led them to an emphatic 5-1 victory over Henley Athletic in the Suffolk Senior Cup.

The A Team have had a difficult month but last week thrashed Grundisburgh Reserves 6-2 and are lying in fourth place in SIL Division four.

The Under 18s thrashed Thetford Town 11-0 but then lost to both Saffron Walden and Mildenhall Town.

The Veterans are yet to play in October.

Home Fixtures for November.

First Team

Sat 5th v Long Melford 3.00pm.

Sat 19th v Sheringham Town 3.00pm

Reserves

Sat 26th v Stowmarket Town 2.00pm

A Team

Sat 5th v Woolverstone Utd Reserves 1.30pm

Sat 12th v Westerfield Utd Reserves 2.00pm

Sat 19th v Framlingham Town A 2.00pm

Veterans

Sun 20th v Foxhall Town 2.00pm

Under 18s

Thur 3rd v Bury Town 7.45pm

Thur 17th v Ely City 7.45pm

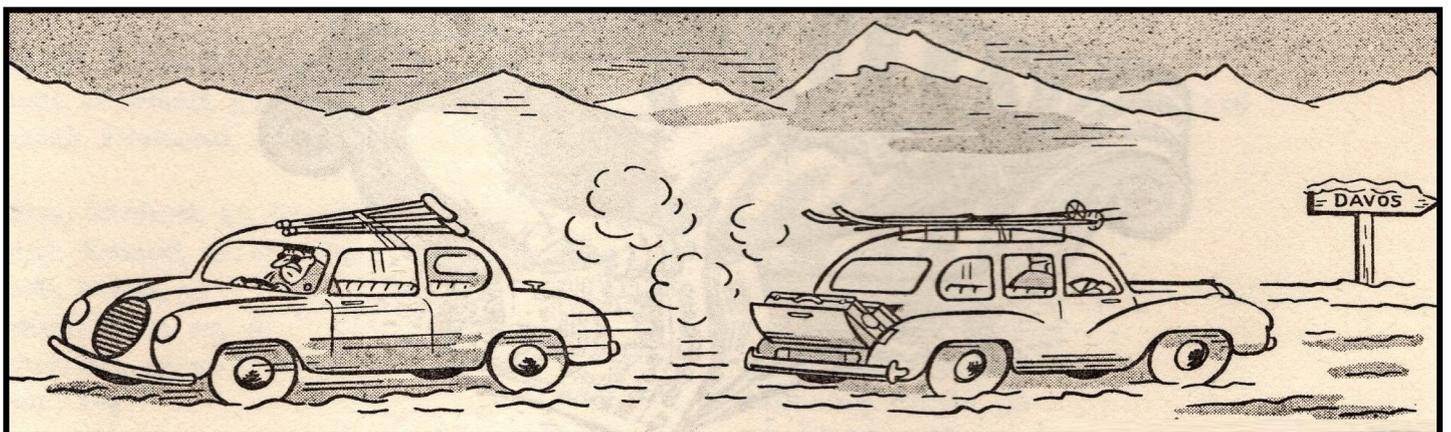
Thur 24th v Haverhill Rovers 7.45pm

What's On

Bingo on Sundays 13th and 27th November. 7pm start. All comers welcome for a fun evening with great prize money.

Saturday November 19th Quiz night with host Howard Gilbert. See poster for details.

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Paradise Cake

230gm shortcrust pastry	2 tblsp chopped walnuts
Apricot jam	60gm ground almonds
120gm butter, softened	60gm ground rice
120gm caster sugar	30gm self raising flour
2 small eggs, beaten	½ tsp almond essence
2 tblsp chopped glacé cherries	Caster sugar for sprinkling

Set oven to 180°C or Mark 4. Grease and bottom line an approx. 18cm x 28cm baking tin. Rollout the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use to line the base of the tin. Spread a layer of apricot jam over the pastry. Cream together the butter and sugar in a bowl until light and fluffy then beat in the eggs, a little at a time. Add all the rest of the ingredients to the bowl and stir well together. Spread the mixture over the jam and smooth out. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until golden brown. As soon as the tin is out of the oven, sprinkle with caster sugar. Leave to cool in the tin then turn out on to a wire rack. When cold cut into fingers.

Christmas Cake

180gm butter softened	450gm mixed dried fruit
180gm soft brown sugar	60gm chopped blanched almonds
1 tblsp black treacle	120gm chopped mixed peel
4 eggs beaten	60gm chopped glacé cherries
240gm flour	2 tsps grated lemon rind
2 tsps mixed spice	1 tblsp brandy or dark rum

Set oven to 170°C or Mark 3. Grease and line a 20cm round cake tin with a double layer of greaseproof paper. Wrap a double layer of brown paper around the tin and secure with string. Cream together the butter, sugar and treacle in a bowl until pale and fluffy. Gradually add the eggs, beating each addition thoroughly. Sift the flour with the mixed spice and stir in, mixing well. Add the dried fruit, almonds, peel, cherries, lemon rind and brandy or rum and mix to a dropping constituency, adding a little milk if necessary. Put into the tin, make a hollow in the top and bake for 30 minutes then reduce oven to 150°C or Mark 2 and continue for a further 3 to 3½ hours until the cake has shrunk slightly from the tin and a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool in the tin. Eat plain or decorate with marzipan and frosted icing.

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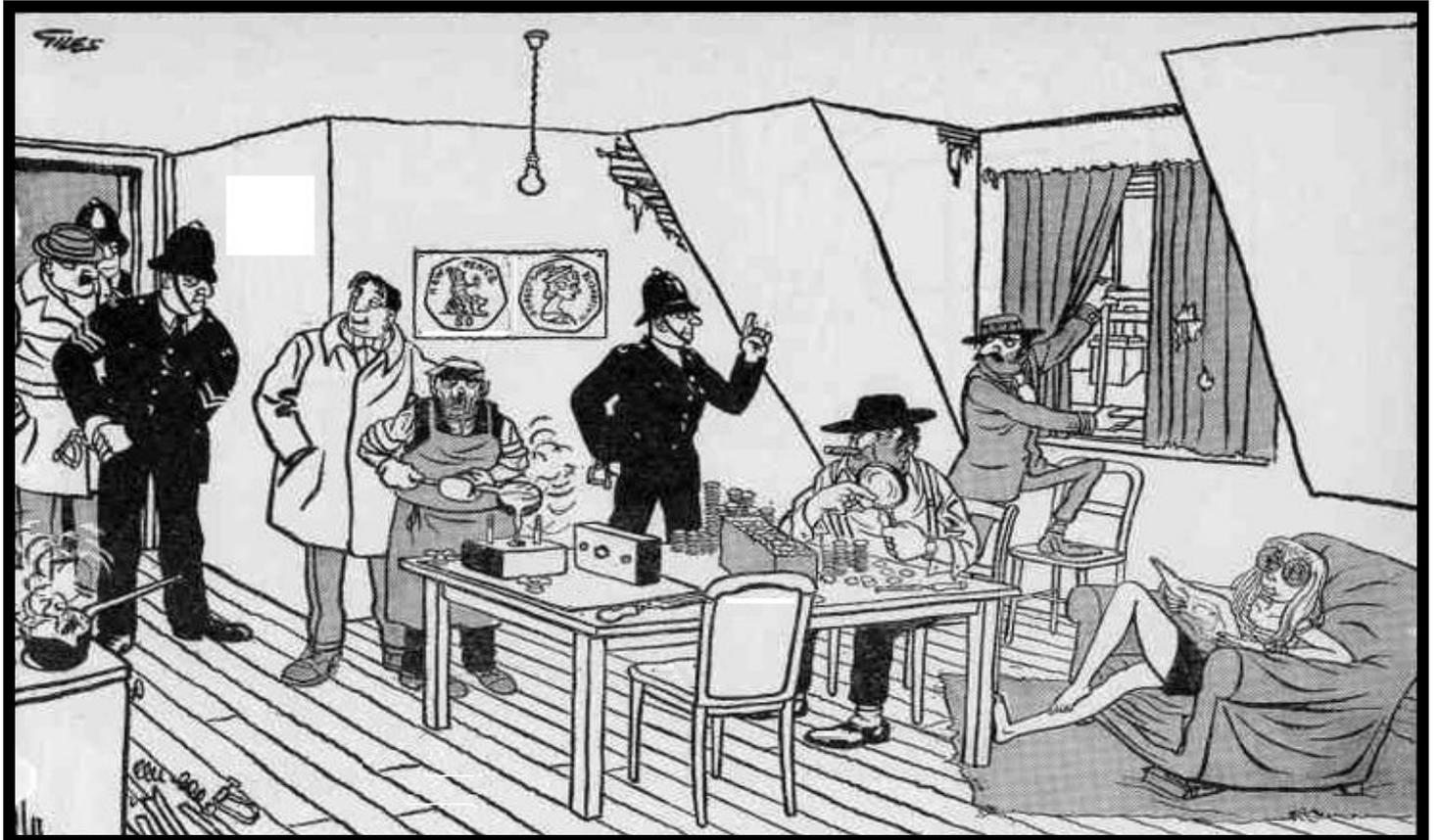
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Pilates Class Village Hall
1:30pm till 2:30pm

Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Pilates Classes Village Hall
9:15am till 10:15am

Yoga Sports Club
10:00am till 11:30am

Positive Steps Sports Club
11:30am till 12:30pm

Wednesday Wanders Sports Club
11:30am till 12:30pm

Carpet Bowls Sports Club
2:30pm till 4:00pm

EVENTS

WI Meeting Priory Room
7:45pm Second Wed of the Month

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. Seven , 2. The Korean War, 3. The Dead Sea, 4. The Gillette Cup,
5. The zebra and pelican , 6. Seven, 7. Gold, 8. Hamlet, 9. Cinnabar,
10. Louisiana , 11. BMX , 12. The primrose family, 13. Virginia ,
14. 'The crop rotation system'. 15. Country music, 16. Tina Turner, 17. Cocaine,
18. Sir Henry Irving, 19. Lord Lucan, 20. Andrew Lloyd-Webber, 21. 72,
22. The Edsel, 23. The Republican Party, 24. J M Synge, 25. Sir Ernest Shackleton,
26. 'Mary had a little lamb', 27. Shirley Temple (age 6), 28. Ogden Nash, 29. Dover,
30. Samson, 31. Geronimo, 32. The Bismark, 33. Scotland, 34. Belgium,
35. The Romans, 36. George Bernard Shaw, 37. Kneeling down, 38. Africa,
39. A very bright star, 40. On Dartmoor, 41. Conical, 42. Marsala, 43. Clementine's,
44. Poetry, 45. The Giraffe, 46. Thomas Hardy, 47. Underground,
48. Paul Revere, 49. Edgbaston, 50. Covent Garden

Su-Doku

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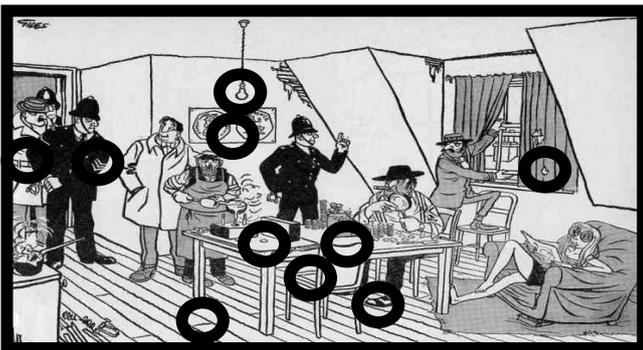
Crossword

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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ace	Acer	Acers	Aces	Ale
Ales	Are	Area	Areas	Arse
Ate	Case	Cast	Caste	Ear
Ears	Ease	Easer	East	Eat
Eats	Era	Eras	Eta	Etas
Lace	Laces	Laser	Last	Lea
Leas	Lease	Least	Lest	Let
Lets	Rascal	Rat	Rate	Rates
Rats	Real	Recast	Resale	Resat
Reseal	Reseat	Reset	Rest	Sac
Sale	Sate	Scale	Sea	Seal
Sear	Seat	Set	Star	Stare
Steal	Tar	Tare	Tares	Tea
Teal	Tear	Tears	Teas	Tease
Teaser	Tsar	Lacerates (71)		

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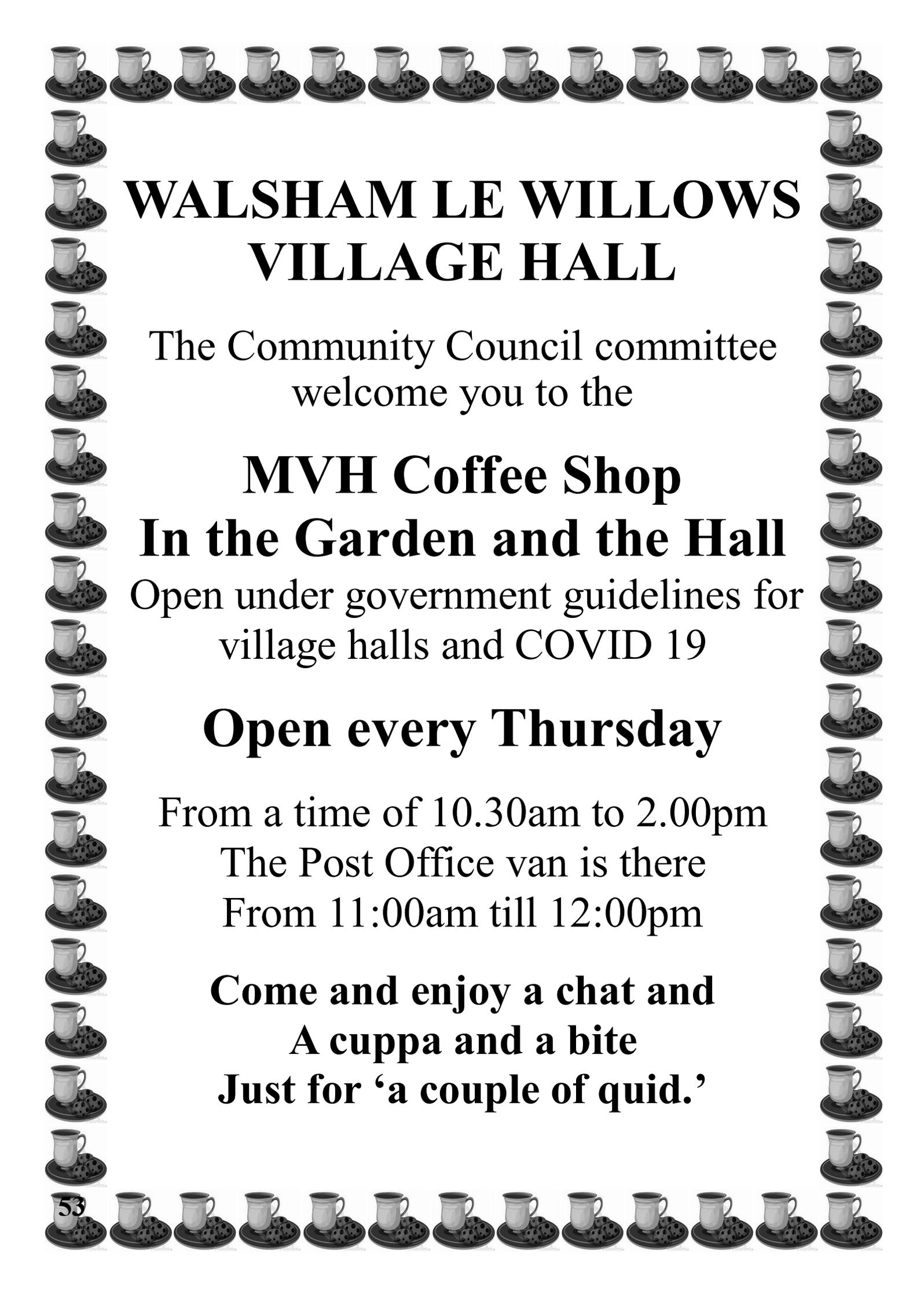
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL

The Community Council committee
welcome you to the

MVH Coffee Shop In the Garden and the Hall

Open under government guidelines for
village halls and COVID 19

Open every Thursday

From a time of 10.30am to 2.00pm

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.’**