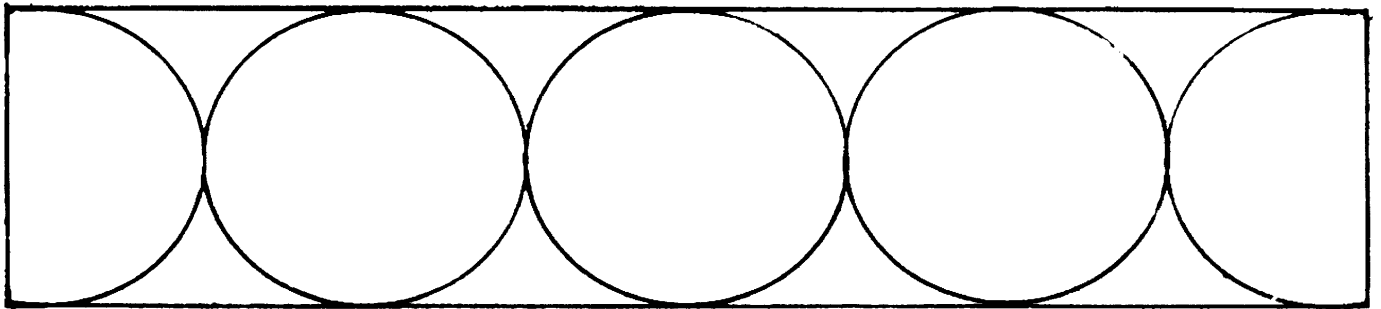
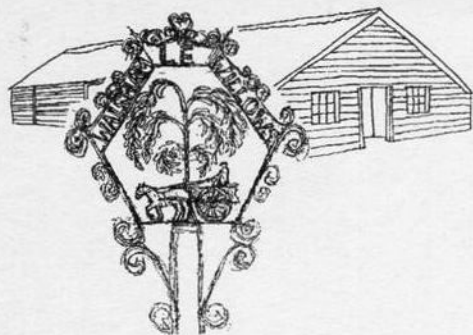


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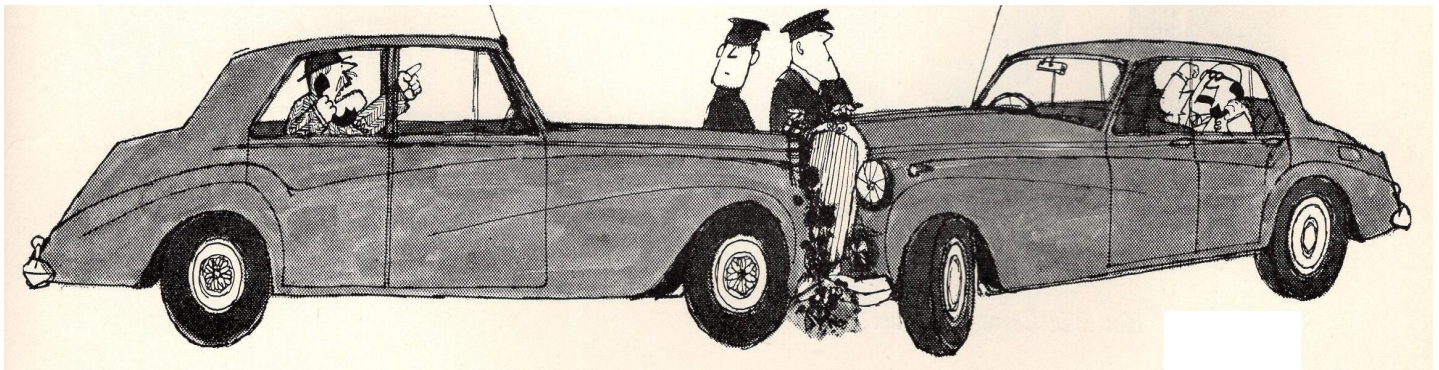
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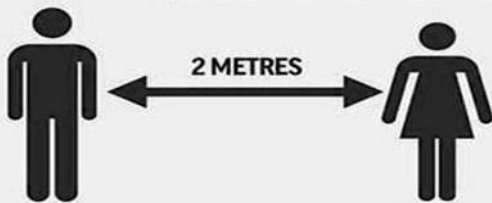
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EDITORIAL

Please forgive me this month if the Observer is not quite up to its usual standard, but my computer decided to play awkward and I had to make do with a strange laptop, which did not have all my files on it. In addition to this I had an argument with a ladder and stone bath which did not help matters much. Still, here you are gazing at the latest collection of articles which make up the Walsham Observer which I hope that, at least some, will be of interest to you.

As you will see, and I make no apology, I have been deluged with articles concerning the Fortieth Anniversary of the Open Gardens Weekend, and I have included a 'centre spread' of pictures of the event. Congratulations to all those, who over the years, have kept it going so well. One can only hope that the energy will remain to keep it going well into the future.

I hope that you will have received this edition early enough to be made aware of all the events which are taking place in the village this month.

To start off there is a **'Harvest' Songs of Praise at 11.00am on Sunday 2nd**. With the summer that we have had, the harvest has been on many people's minds, and will undoubtedly continue to be so with Climate Change and the current world political situation, but this should be a joyous occasion, and there will refreshments at the end.

I am glad to be able to report that a replacement **Lunchtime Recital**, for the one cancelled in respect for The Queen's passing. Is to take place in **St Mary's on Tuesday 25th October, starting at 12.15pm**. There are further details on page 26.

The **Wild Wood** have their annual **Pumpkin Evening** - which also doubles as a Tenth Anniversary Celebration - **on Saturday 29th at 5.30pm**.

The **History Group** meet on **Wednesday 19th in the Priory Room at 7.30pm** for a talk about The Royal Flying Corps at Great Ashfield airfield with the intriguing title of *The Forgotten Sentinel*. And not to be outdone the **W.I.** have a equally intriguing talk *'Girls of Little America'* in The Priory Room at 7.45pm on Wednesday 12th.

For those who enjoy the occasional frustration of jigsaw puzzles here is a **Jigsale** in the **Village Hall on Saturday 8th from 10.00am**, and the puzzling theme continues into the evening when **Common Ground** put on their production of **The Raven**, concerning the life of Edgar Allan Poe, in the **Village Hall at 7.30pm**. Further details can be found on page 26.

On **Monday 17th** you are invited to have your say about the **Neighbourhood Plan**, at an exhibition in the **Village Hall from 2.00pm till 8.00pm**. In the coming years community is going to become ever more important so let's try and make sure that ours develops into what we want and not what some faceless planners think that we ought to get.

There is also the **Community Lunch on Monday 10th at 12.45pm**. Details are available on page 11.

The Diary of Events calendar is becoming a little bare. If you are planning an event do let me know the details in order that people in the village can be made aware, and help to avoid double-booking.

Finally, many thanks to the kind people who have, through September, made donations to Observer, all the contributions have been gratefully received and help to keep the magazine in the size and 'quality' of recent times.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



If you are interested in becoming a **Special Constable** in the Suffolk Constabulary, a recruitment event will be taking place at Suffolk Police HQ, Martlesham, on Saturday 15 October 10am to 12midday.

It will cover what it's like being a volunteer police officer in Suffolk, the recruitment process, including discussing the application form and the new College of Policing Assessment Centre.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to speak to serving Specials about their experiences and ask any questions. There will be specialist teams attending so they can find out about the opportunities available longer term.

The event will finish with a presentation around the application and assessment process at 11:30am. To book a place and find information on other recruitment sessions, please visit Special Constabulary on the Suffolk Constabulary website.

Suffolk Trading Standards are receiving reports that residents are being targeted by telephone scammers claiming to be from OFGEM, the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets. OFGEM do not sell you energy, and will never ask you for personal information or come to your property.

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David Murray



GREEN THOUGHTS 1

‘Nature has ceased to be what it always had been - what people needed protection from. Now nature tamed, endangered, mortal - needs to be protected from people.’

Susan Sontag, US author, 1933 - 2004

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We have had a fabulous start back to the school with all of our children settling in to the school year superbly. After the sad news of the death of HM The Queen Elizabeth II, our thoughts and prayers have been with the Royal Family. As a school community, we came together for a special act of Collective Worship to remember her and have made a collection of work about her.

Caterpillars are starting the new year off with a topic based on themselves and other people in their community. They are making maps and finding out about the local area. They will also be exploring different kinds of materials in science.

Ladybirds are learning about School Days and comparing ours to those of the Victorians. They are finding out about the area of the school and exploring seasonal changes in science.

Dragonfly Class will be looking at urban pioneers exploring villages, towns and cities. As well as different urban artists. In science they are exploring light and place value in maths.

Grasshoppers will be exploring the Romans and the different kind of weaponry used and how they lived and will be visiting Colchester Castle. In science they are looking at different kind of animals including humans.

Crickets are discovering what life was like during World War Two and will be writing diaries and newspaper articles to enhance their learning.

Our theme for this half term in collective worship is 'Compassion' – we have been looking at ways we can show compassion and have empathy in action. We are looking forward to having our Harvest celebrations in the church.

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, on 01359 259319 or by e-mail admin@walsham-le-willows.suffolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

Maxine McGarr



GREEN THOUGHTS 2

‘My hope is that the natural world is more resilient than we give it credit for, and that we still have enough time to act.’

Zac Goldsmith Editor of The Ecologist



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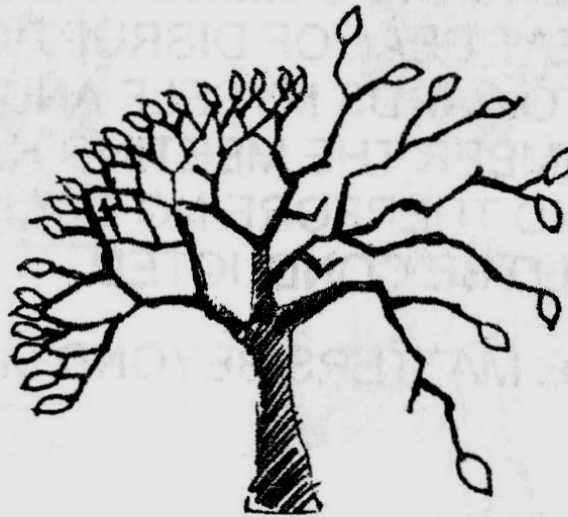
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Making home improvements can be stressful, but there are a few steps you can follow to help it go smoothly.

First, find a Trading Standards 'approved trader'. It's also worth checking if they're a current member of a trade body. Trade bodies have codes of practice and can help resolve problems if things go wrong. Ask who they're registered with and then check the trade body's website.

For any gas and electric fixes, only use certified traders - it's dangerous to use someone who doesn't know what they're doing. You can check the Gas Safe Register at gassaferegister.co.uk for a list of traders and use a registered electrician from electricalcompetentperson.co.uk who can certify their own work.

It's always helpful to get references or recommendations where possible. Ask your friends, family or neighbours if they know of anyone they'd recommend. You can also ask the person you hire for examples of work they've carried out in the past. Try to avoid contractors who won't give references - it's a sign they could be dishonest.

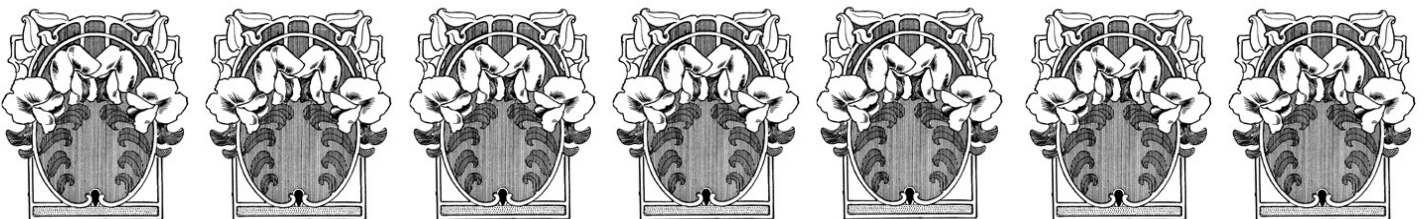
When you find someone, ask for a written quote - this is different to an estimate. A quote is legally binding and the tradesperson can't change it without a good reason - for example, if you ask for extra work to be done. It's worth comparing quotes from several contractors to make sure you're getting a fair price.

Next, get a written contract. This should cover exactly what you're paying for and everything you've agreed on, including timings, payments, who will pay for materials and any subcontractors if needed. When it comes to payment, it's best to opt to pay in stages rather than upfront. Try to pay by card if you can - this can give you extra safeguards if something goes wrong.

Finally, make sure your trader is fully insured. Keep copies of receipts and your written contract. These will be important as evidence if things go wrong. It's also helpful to take photos of any problems if they arise.

If you have a problem with a contractor and you're not sure what to do, call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on other issues, 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.



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Branch members are most grateful to Fiona Glover and David Sayer Poppy collection organisers for Walsham and Stanton also to all collectors who will be out from Saturday 29th October collecting for this appeal, please support this annual event.

“C” Group will be holding their AGM on Thursday 6th October at 8pm in Risby Sports Centre, Westley Road, Bury.

The programme for the Festival of Remembrance and Drum Head Service on November 10th in the Apex has now been completed, we are most grateful to Group Captain Holland MB, MA, RAF Station Commander at RAF Honington for allowing the Honington Band to take part in this event once again, tickets for this event are £13 50, all profit will be donated to the Poppy Appeal.

The local school children will be welcomed at the War Memorial on Friday 11th November to observe 2 minutes silence at 11am this will be included in a short service that commences 10 58am.

Some readers will remember a Wellington Bomber crashed at Wrenshall on Sunday 24th May 1942 killing all aboard; money has now been raised to cover the cost of a memorial in memory of those who died and permission has been granted for it to be placed in Stanton Cemetery but money is still needed to complete the Memorial surround; any donations will be most welcome.

Our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 8th November at the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm this will also be our AGM so please make an effort to attend.

Hubby Frost

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Moving tributes were paid to both the Queen and to our own dear Mary Bradley before Graham Jenner took our WI to the antipodes. Well, actually he showed us some parts of the west coast north of Perth, that have only recently begun to develop tourism. Buried amid the seemingly arid and sandy heath, which passes for outback in these parts, Graham showed us carpets of colourful wild flowers, about which he was amazingly knowledgeable. We saw dolphins, strange two headed lizards and lots of small mammals...bilbos and quokkas. Some now endangered species since feral cats account for an amazing 2,000 kills a minute over Australia. No! Pussy cats are not popular down under and foxes too have made good their escape and contribute to this toll! Our competition table was loaded with Australiana. Everything from a kookaburra, to a didgeridoo, a boomerang, and a small fluffy kangaroo that was not really like the 7ft fearsome Western Grey in Graham's picture. There was also a distinctive aboriginal dot painting representing a meeting of women –appropriate that! For a little while we were miles away. We even enjoyed Anzac biscuits with our refreshments!

Our next meeting October 12th will be about the "Girls of little America."

Jill Newell



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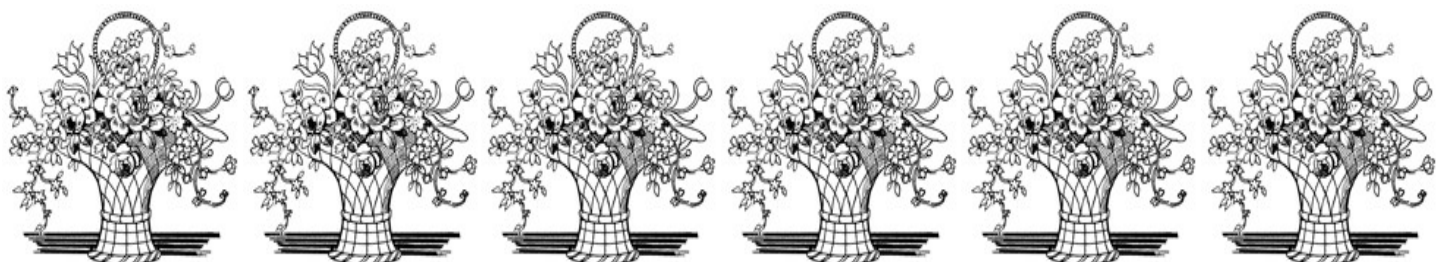


How the weather has changed over the last few days, Autumn is here. The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 10th October 2022. Lunch will be Stew and dumplings served at 12.45pm - 1pm, followed by Pumpkin Pie. Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

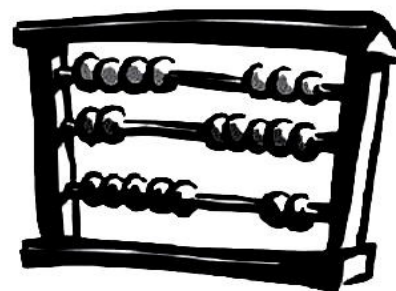
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THE 40th ANNIVERSARY

The weather was magnificent, making up in part, for the drought conditions that our poor garden owners battled through for the weeks beforehand. Thankfully the torrential rain on the Thursday not only brightened up the gardens but also our souls energising the outlook for this special weekend.

The Church bells pealed as the visitors arrived in their hundreds, not only our stalwart regulars but lots of newcomers, all eager to sample this year's delights. They certainly weren't disappointed; Walsham le Willows celebrated its 40th year Open Gardens in grand style. We had 45 grand open gardens and spaces for nearly 2000 visitors to wander through and be inspired by a village market selling locally created goods and produce, incorporating an inspiring floral display and art exhibition in St Mary's Church. Not to mention brass bands, Morris dancers, musical entertainment, glorious lunches, and teas! BBQ, pizza washed down with refreshing local ale or chilled wine in beautiful tranquil surroundings. Vintage and classic cars clubs, the list goes on and on not forgetting multiple giant tortoises that any national zoo would envy.

The compliments came in thick and fast as our guests handed back the feedback forms. So humbling as the whole Walsham community welcomed the outside world into our wonderful village. It was incredibly encouraging none of which would have been possible but for such an enormous community effort involving literally hundreds of Walsham residents all involved in the various aspects of what the weekend had on offer; the garden owners, village volunteers at the car park, the Church, the flower arrangers, the raffle ticket sellers, the helpers at the refreshment venues, the cake makers, the bell ringers, the musicians, the tent erectors (and dismantlers), our sponsors who advertised in the lovely programme and so on and so on.

You all know who you are and we, the committee thank you from the bottom of our hearts, because without you it couldn't and wouldn't have been such a success. Your warm welcome and generosity shone through with visitors who were simply in awe of the time everyone had invested and the sheer scale of the total village effort. We are still paying bills and sorting out the accounts but at this stage in excess of £20k has been raised for our village. As always 50% will go to the fabric fund of the Church and the rest will be used to support the many Walsham clubs and organisations who will be invited to submit bids in due course.

Our OGW committee will meet again shortly to reflect and pick through the whole weekend. Our visitor feedback forms will be analysed which we will share with you all. However, if you have any further comments on improvements or suggestions that you'd like us to consider please let me know or any other member of the OGW team. We will of course publish a summary of the final accounts here in the Observer once all is collected and accounted for.

Finally, once again please take a well-deserved collective 'pat on the back' and **THANK YOU** to you all so much for all your support. I do hope whatever the activity in which you were involved you got completely immersed and enjoyed the whole experience; although maybe exhausting at times hopefully you came away with a 'well charged community spirit' and that warm feeling of being part of the fellowship that is Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds in the beautiful County of Suffolk.

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Please bring your carved pumpkins along on the evening- tea lights will be provided on arrival- and enjoy the excitement of exploring the woodland paths in the dimpsy dark to find everyone's creations.

Last year's event was a huge success and you are advised to be there in good time to make sure you can enjoy the hot food and warm drinks prepared for you.

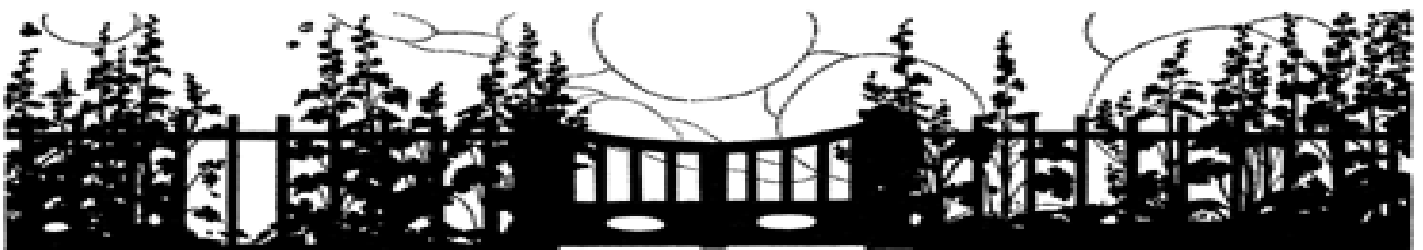
There will be traditional sausages supplied by Rolfes as well as vegetarian options and plenty of hot soup. We will be serving mulled cider and fruit juices; please bring your own reusable cups if possible. We are keen to avoid food waste and disposable items so help us to help the planet!

Donations are welcome on the evening to cover costs and to contribute to our exciting new project- the Jubilee Wood. It is to be part of the Queen's Green Canopy appeal and we have already purchased a corten steel Queen's Green Canopy commemorative plaque through the Royal British Legion. We are now organising and fundraising to bring the community's vision for the Jubilee Wood together. We have legal fees to meet in order to establish a 99 year lease on the new two acre plot. Also we hope to fund materials for footbridges connecting the new space with the existing footpaths to create a sense of continuity with the Wild Wood. We already have our oak Jubilee bench built by John Stebbing with materials funded by the Parish Council and look forward to seeing further seating crafted by John with donations for materials from Lovell's the builders. We are extremely grateful to Geoffrey Pollard as he is kindly preparing the ground for us after cutting his last crop on that plot earlier this summer.

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I was amazed at the speedy response to my request for sponsorship of the new rosebushes to be planted along the path to St Mary's. Thank you to all those who have contacted me. The list is now closed as we can fit no more in.

I will be contacting the sponsors shortly with payment details and a request for the wording of your dedication.

If there is anyone who would like to help with the removal of some of the non-flourishing roses and also with the replanting, please contact me as we will need help in October and November to carry out this project, Watch for further details.

Thank you all for your support with this project. If you would like to know more please contact me.

Frances Jenner

01359 259242 frances.jenner@hotmail.com

WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

October Talk

Forgotten Sentinel

Our October talk will be given by Peter McGee, author of the book 'Forgotten Sentinel'. The book and the talk tell the story of the journey to discover the truth behind local stories that suggested the Royal Flying Corp had once flown from a farm between Elmswell and Great Ashfield. Extensive archival research and archaeological exploration of this seemingly vanished First World War Aerodrome enabled the real story to emerge. A piece of history has now been salvaged from obscurity and the brave men and women of this Home Defence Squadron are duly recognised and commemorated in this book.

Come along and hear the story for yourself on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Copies of the book will be on sale, priced at £11.99 when I last checked.

Members free, visitors £5.00. We look forward to welcoming you.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion. This is a planning policy document which will guide future development in the parish to 2037 and we want to hear your views.

Come and see the drop-in Exhibition and comment on the draft plan at the Memorial Hall on Monday 17th October. 2pm -8pm. Refreshments available. Or you can read and comment at www.walsham-le-willows.org/neighbourhood-plan. Until 2nd December.

Following this consultation the plan will then be revised and submitted to Mid- Suffolk District Council for examination and put to a local referendum. If voted for by the residents of Walsham le Willows, The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory development plan for the area.

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I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped or contributed in any way to the catering in the Memorial Hall and the Priory Room for the Open Gardens 40th celebration. It was, as you may already know a great success, thanks to all of you.

A great many volunteers worked extremely hard in the Memorial Hall, and the Priory Room preparing food, serving lunches and teas, clearing tables, taking money and washing up (and what a lot of washing up there was!), It was particularly heartening to have so many newcomers to the village and young people volunteering along with our regular stalwart helpers. It did not go unnoticed that many stayed for longer than their allocated rota slots, doing two and three additional stints of helping, for which we are truly grateful. A number of our visitors commented that it was a joy to see so many young people involved and also recognised how hard people were working. We must also remember those who turned up to decorate and set up the MVH and Priory Room and arranged the floral displays so beautifully. Also, the muscle men who so efficiently set the event up and speedily dismantled it.

I would also like to extend our thanks to Paul Hubbard of Rolfe's, Home Farm Catering and Carol Hubbard who always support our event. Our thanks also go to the MVH Committee.

As usual we had a mouth-watering array of delicious, home baked cakes sent in, so a huge thank you to all our wonderful bakers, some of whom went home and baked again on Sunday evening as our supplies for Monday had been nearly exhausted.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all who gave their time and effort so generously and cheerfully. I wish I could thank you all personally but that would probably take me until the next Open Gardens event. Thank you all.

Frances Jenner



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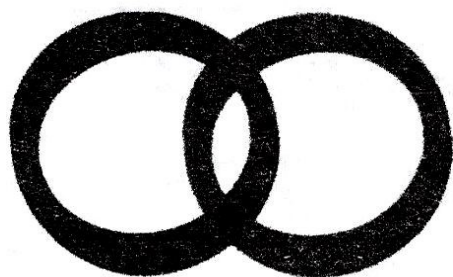


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The role involves picking up litter, leaves twigs etc and sweeping the full width of the pavements, removing weeds etc and taking all the arisings to the refuse bins to be emptied by MSDC. Litter picking and disposal in the Play Area is also part of the role.

All equipment required will be supplied.

Applicants will preferably live within the Walsham le Willows village boundary or otherwise locally; other applicants may be considered.

The successful candidate will be working on their own, need to be physically fit and methodical, with an ability to use own initiative. Good timekeeping is essential. Hours are 5.25 hours per week to be worked, weather permitting, to a regular schedule. Overtime can only be worked with the agreement of the Parish Clerk.

Following confirmation in the role, benefits include 5.6 weeks per annum (pro rata) statutory paid leave and statutory sick pay. The current rate for the role is £9.50 per hour, reviewed annually.

There is also a contributory workplace pension scheme subject to meeting statutory requirements.

APPLICATIONS: Please send a CV including details of why this job would be suitable for you by 26th October 2022 5pm to the parishclerk@walsham-le-willows.org or by post to The Parish Clerk, c/o Willow Cottage, The Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds IP31 3AA.



RINGING FOR THE BELLS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

At 12 noon on Friday 9th September the tenor bell of St. Mary the Virgin was rung, half muffled, 96 times, once for each year of the Queen's life.

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EPIPHANY SINGERS

January 2023

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

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

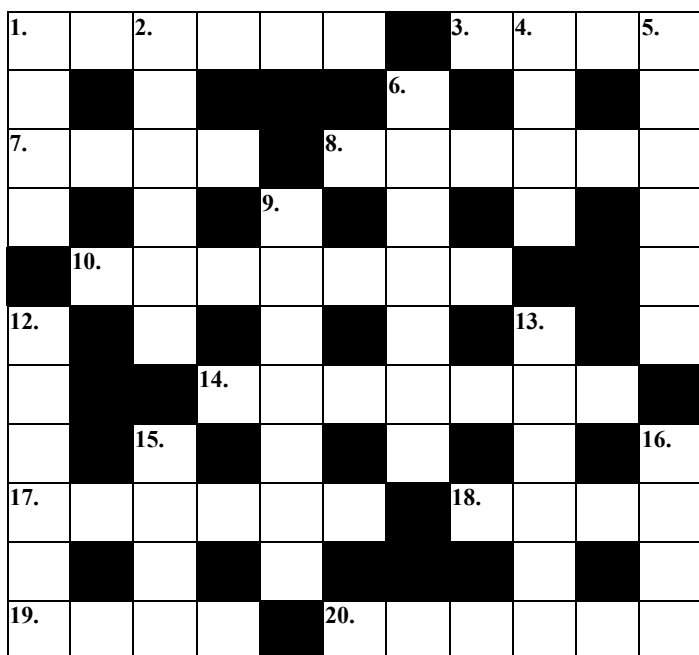
This will be the 50th Epiphany singers celebration - a real milestone in the history of Walsham. Actually, the celebrations started more than 50 years ago, but with one year missed due to bad weather some years ago, and the last two missed due to Covid, this will be the 50th time the singers have visited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

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

If you would like to know more about the singers and this wonderful weekend, or if you think you might like to be involved as a host, please contact me either by phone at 01359 258223 or email at figlover@btinternet.com

Fiona Glover

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Across

1. Such a severe reprimand can be ballistic. (6)
3. Support for the actor's item. (4)
7. Our star was given a quiet twist. (4)
8. Find that pater's changed for breakfast. (6)
10. Does this host judge as well? (7)

14. Writers associated with the elders in the good book. (7)
17. Match again for a second viewing. (6)
18. Plummet and die about five. (4)
19. You and another for the dancer in France. (4)
20. Sounds like a good place for the drink of the shopkeeper. (6)

Down

1. The flower that makes Eros sore as well. (4)
2. COUPON
4. High or low on the way to Scotland. (4)
5. Dither about like the craftsman. (6)
6. Does the coach need to change speciality? (7)
9. This copper may not be the best. (7)
12. PARROT Put up with change to keep it quiet.
13. Go back in a deal to refuse the facts. (6)
15. Identify the need to change the post. (4)
16. Worry for a ref in trouble. (4)



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OCTOBER			
Sun 2nd	Harvest Service		
	St Mary's	11.00pm	
Sat 8th	The Raven 'Drama'		
	Village Hall	7:30pm	
	Jigsaw Sale		
	Village Hall	10.00am	
Mon 10h	Community Lunch		
	Village Hal	12.45pm	
Wed 12th	W.I. Girls of Little USA		
	Priory Room	7:45pm	
Wed 18th	History Group		
	TBA	7:30pm	
Tue 25th	Lunchtime Recital		
	St Mary's	12.15pm	
Sat 29th	Pumpkin Trail		
	Wild Wood	4 till 7pm	
NOVEMBER			
Wed 9th	W.I. Stencil Painting		
	Priory Room	7;45pm	
Wed 16th	History Group		
	TBA	7:30pm	
DECEMBER			
Wed 14th	W.I. Make do and mend		
	Priory Room	7:45pm	
Wed 7th	History Group		
	St Mary's	7:30pm	
JANUARY			
Wed 11th	W.I. Birthday Party		
	Priory Room	7:00pm	
FEBRUARY			
Wed 8th	W.I. Shepherds Grove		
	Priory Room	7:45pm	
MARCH			
Wed 8th	W.I. Fire Safety		
	Priory Room	7:45pm	
APRIL			
Wed 12th	W.I. Pot Luck Supper		
	Priory Room	7:45pm	
Have your village events added to this page.			

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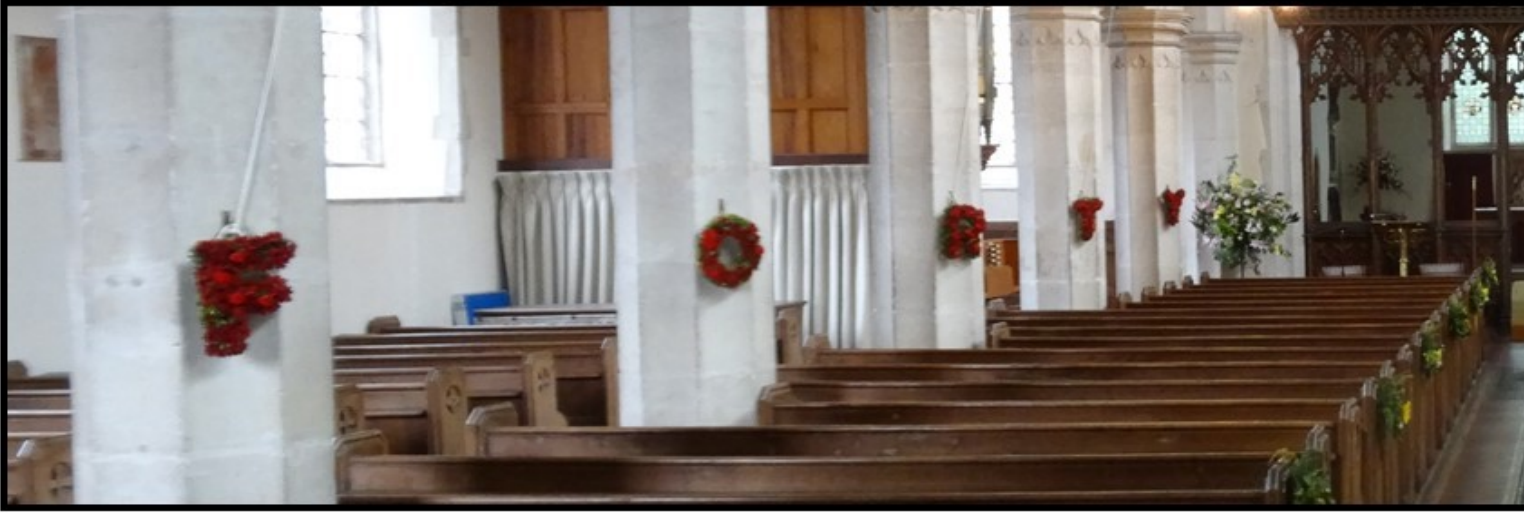
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Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 7.30pm

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Rick Meyer and 7 members of the public

1 OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00

2 APOLOGIES

a) Apologies had been received by Cllr Kinnair and 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

Minutes for meeting of 10th August 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

Seven members of the public were present. The chair asked if there were any public comments regarding the planning application for the smaller barn at Church Farm Barn DC/22/03886 creating 2 office units with WC and kitchen facilities with limited alterations to the appearance of the existing barn and including 6 vehicle parking places. There were none. Cllr Mecrow commented on the fenestration style as they were more in keeping with a residential building than a barn and had been mentioned in the heritage report on the planning application.

The chair asked if there were any comments with regard to the planning application for the larger wooden barn at Church Farm Barn DC/22/03886. This would create 10 domestic storage units 2.4 m x 3.1 m within the existing barn with no external alterations to the barn and with limited opening hours from 8 am to 6 pm on weekdays only. The public questioned the B8 classification and possible changes once permission was granted. The ability of Mid Suffolk to impose conditions to this planning permission if granted was discussed. Cllr Belson explained that any change of use would then be subject to a separate planning application. Cllr Belson said that in our response we would ask that if any change in the nature of the storage was to take place a new planning application would be required. There were no further comments.

Planning application DC/22/03961, which refers to the old grain store at Four Ashes, for a change of use from redundant agricultural barn to B8 commercial storage was then discussed. Public comments were made regarding the type and level of vehicle movement to and from the site. Attention was drawn to the sharp bend at Four Ashes and limited visibility for vehicles joining the highway in this area of the village. Cllr Meyer drew attention to SCC Highways submission in regard to the planning application wherein they foresaw no particular problems with the highway itself.

The planning application assumes similar movements on and off the site to recent levels. The public stated that this already causes concern but will only increase if a change of use is allowed.

Comment was also made by local residents about the noise and vibration associated with the access track on the site itself as this is an unpaved road. The residents of a listed property close to the unpaved track were particularly concerned.

A member of the public queried the use of the highway by large HGV vehicles but Cllr Mecrow confirmed that this route through the village had been designated a lorry route for a number of years but noted traffic through the village is a concern for many residents of the village as noted in the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

The public also drew attention to the fact that there is no pedestrian path in the immediate area of Four Ashes and in sections of Palmer Street making this a hazardous area for non-motorists.

A member of the public commented that the application was for essentially a new business rather than a development of the existing farm.

The public commented on the hours of operation and potential noise pollution caused by the projected 2 employees on site moving items using forklift trucks or similar. It was also noted that hours of operation for commercial storage would usually be longer than 8am to 6pm thus increasing the possible noise pollution.

Cllr Meyer stated that noise and light pollution assessments were required as part of the planning process. He also advised that the noise and light pollution and their impact on the domestic environment and on neighbouring listed buildings were the most significant issues relating to the planning application.

6 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 Winch asked how actively the support for buying and installing solar panels on domestic properties in the area through Solar Together was publicised. Cllr Meyer agreed to take this back to council.
- Cllr Bartholomew asked when the next window for funding would be open. Cllr Meyer said that he did not know if there would be funds for further rounds of support.
- Cllr Bartholomew also informed the meeting that the Memorial Hall had undertaken an energy audit and made initial enquiries through Community Action Suffolk but was still seeking potential suppliers to work with.

- Cllr Meyer informed council that the Sports Club have a quote for solar panels and that possibly the Memorial Hall and Sports Club could work together to achieve a better deal for village organisations.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) 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
- b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/03961 Proposal: Planning Application. Change of use of redundant grain barn to B8 storage Location: Four Ashes Farm, Badwell Road, Walsham le Willows IP31 3BT
The Parish Council wished to object to this application as the hours and scope of operation of B8 storage are not appropriate in a residential area and would detrimentally impact local residents and the domestic environment.
The noise and vibration on the unpaved road would negatively impact a listed building.
The impact of lighting and noise pollution are yet to be carried out.
The proposal is essentially for the creation of a new business not an extension of the existing farm
Lack of pedestrian pavements in the vicinity of Badwell Road and Palmer Street is a safety issue which would be compounded by a B8 storage development at Four Ashes Farm
- c) 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
The Parish Council did not wish to make any objection to the current proposal but if consent is given the operations stipulated in this amended application should be protected by applying Conditions so that if there were to be any subsequent change of use a separate planning application would be required. The Parish Council notes that the heritage report on fenestration should be upheld.

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

- a) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/03015 Proposal: Planning Application- Erection of modular building to form a gymnasium Location: Walsham le Willows Sports Club, Summer Road Walsham le Willows IP31 3AH MSDC COUNCIL GRANTED THIS APPLICATION
- b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION DC/22/03463 Proposal: Householder Application- Erection of single storey front and rear extensions (following the demolition of conservatory) Location: Meadow View, Wattisfield Road, Walsham le Willows IP31 3BD MSDC COUNCIL GRANTED THIS APPLICATION

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Mecrow reported that at the final stages the NP group had decided to create a section of the final report as a roadmap for community projects and future developments within the village informed by the process and the public feedback.

Cllr Mecrow had been tasked with drawing together this section. A draft was shown to Councillors. Cllr Meyer proposed setting an ambitious vision with overarching aims. Cllr Mecrow agreed to adapt his draft accordingly.

Cllr Bartholomew queried whether this process would impact the timescales for review and referendum. Cllr Belson said that this was not the case.

10 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report

11 FINANCE

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 31st August 2022 which was signed by Cllr Bartholomew.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were signed and payments approved by Cllrs Bartholomew and Winch (Appendix 1).
- c) Solar panel for speed indicator (€689) approved and bank overseas transfer form signed by Cllrs. Bartholomew and Belson for submission to Unity Trust Bank.
- d) Council approved CIL funding of 75% of invoices for Priory Room refurbishments as stated on application. This building is part of community infrastructure and advice had been sought. Also Cllr Meyer informed us that MSDC had also made a grant to the same project. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to CIL and inform them of our intentions.
- e) The Parish Council considered the insurance quote proposed by Clerk and agreed that the Clerk should proceed on this basis

12 STATUTORY BUSINESS

To consider and receive the new code of conduct for approval and adoption - adopted

Cllr Mecrow proposed follow up to audit is added as an agenda item for October meeting

13 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note-no action required
- b) Cllr. Cllr Belson requested that footpaths and pedestrian crossings in the village be added to the October agenda and that the council consider the options for churchyard trees at the next meeting
- c) Next Monthly Meeting – 12th October 2022, 7pm in Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 20:44

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation September 2022 (See next page)

GREEN THOUGHTS 3

‘Destroying rainforest for economic gain is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal.’

Edward O Wilson Biodiversity expert

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	M&TJ's	£144.00	Cutting Play Area hedge
2	CGM Group	£132.00	CGM grass cutting of stream verges and play area
3	Little Willows Pre-School	£5,419.55	Grant award for flooring renovations
4	Jenoptik	€689.00	Payment against PO for second solar panel for Summer Road speed indicator device. Paid by Overseas Funds Transfer direct by Unity Trust Bank. (£614.03 plus £24 transfer fee)
5	Memorial Hall	£25.00	Hall hire for Parish Council Meeting
6	Parish Council Employee	£286.28	Wages incl WFH allowance
7	Kevin Boardley	£74.27	Reimbursement for play area signage invoiced by Multisigns Ltd
8	GB Pollard	£38.65	2 nd Cut Footpaths – grant disbursement
9	P Dryden	£40.00	2 nd Cut Footpaths – grant disbursement
10	M Hawes	£62.25	2 nd Cut Footpaths – grant disbursement
11	Martineau Farms LLP	£153.95	2 nd Cut Footpaths – grant disbursement
12	H Reeve	£24.22	2 nd Cut Footpaths – grant disbursement
13	H Reeve	£147.15	2 nd Cut Footpaths – grant disbursement
14	K Boardley	£293.98	Reimbursement Namesco 2 years website hosting and cPanel backup (correct renewal)
15	Kevin Boardley	£177.76	Reimbursement for play area decking & delivery invoiced by EcoDek
#	Payments IN & Other Payments	Amount	Description
1	Namesco Hosting Received 12/09/2022	£299.99	Refund of incorrect renewal of old hosting package to Clerk, and transferred to PC account.
2	MSDC Received 17/08/2022	£466.22	Grant for footpaths 2 nd cut

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FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

September and October are very much the months when our churches celebrate Harvest Festival. Four of our Benefice churches having held their services in September with Walsham and Badwell to come in early October.

Since the year 2000 the period between September 1st and October 4th has not only been the season for Harvest Thanksgiving Services, but designated the Season of Creation; more widely celebrated in our churches and schools. The idea first came about as a simple celebration of creation by the Lutheran Church of Adelaide in Australia, and over the past 20 years, most or all Worldwide Christian denominations have also joined up to the ideal.

The Season of Creation has become an annual celebration of prayer and call for action. The theme this year is 'Listen to the voice of Creation,' but not just for the 34 days starting in September, but for the next 12 months as well.

All of us are called upon to listen to the voice of creation. To the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices that give us advice on how to live within the limits of our land and understand the interdependence we have with nature. Be it bees, hedgerows or trees, we cannot exist by ignoring nature.

The imagery which gives us our theme this year is taken from the Old Testament story of Moses and the burning bush. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the symbolic fires of injustice.

It is no coincidence that the actual Season of Creation formally closes on the 4th October, the **Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi**.

St Francis is one of the more widely known of the medieval Saints; patron Saint to Ecology and nature conservation. His many varied symbols in art include varieties of deer, fish and birds. The son of a very rich Italian Draper, Francis found himself increasingly uneasy with the plight of the poor, and questioned his own values and lifestyle.

Francis abandoned his inheritance, gave his riches away and became a travelling preacher; begging from the rich and giving to the poor. He soon attracted a band of followers who were impressed by his humility, generosity and the simplicity of his faith.

Francis became the Founder of the Franciscan Friars whose basis of rule for the communal life was that it's members should live simply. To many he is even more famous for his unprecedented love of nature, which it is said, stemmed from the belief that creatures reflected God their Maker.

Philp Merry



OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
2nd October	16th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Songs of Praise/Harvest	Walsham
9th October	17th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Badwell Ash
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
16th October	18th after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
19th October	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
23rd October	Bible Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Confirmation	Stanton
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



WILDLIFE IN OCTOBER

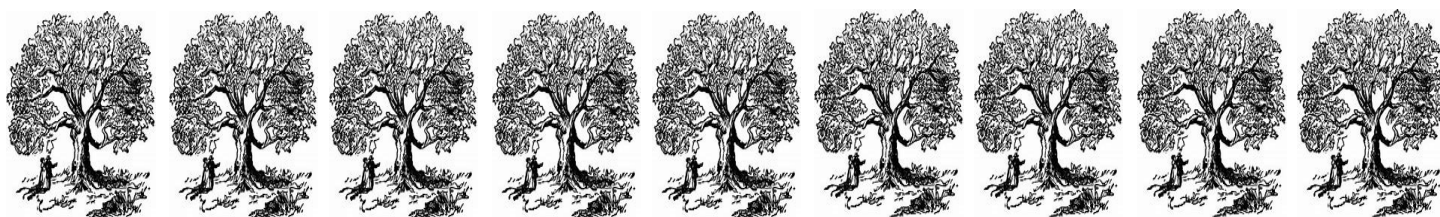
When the weather is cooling down and our flowers have either gone or losing their colour, things seem to be slowing down rapidly. Although for some animals this can be a busier time for them, such as Fallow Deer. The groan sounds they make can be heard from many fields away and throughout open woodland. Bucks which are the males usually rut separately, with each one bellowing trying to sound as large as possible and to intimate other males. Sometimes they will produce another sound which is called a Muster, this is to attract females. The Fallow Deer are the most widespread and common. The broad flattened 'palmate' antlers of the mature bucks are unique and both sexes have a white rear with a black tail. The scientific name for Fallow Deer is *Dama dama*.

Another creature that can be seen in October is the Red Slug, although they can be more orange in colour than red, and up north can be black. These Slugs are omnivores but will mostly eat dead material then living, so are very useful garden scavengers. You will mostly see them at night or after rainfall, as they have no shell retaining moisture is very important. Slugs can leave a scent in the slime trails which will assist in navigation and also species recognition. An interesting situation happened a couple of years ago, a train was ground to a halt in Japan after a wayward Slug short circuited the country's famous efficient rail system!

Now we have the darker nights you may be able to see Bats flying about catching their insect prey. It has been estimated that some may consume up to 3000 midges, moths, flies in a single night! Although as the Winter draws near and the temperatures drop there will be less and less insects to feed on. This will leave the Bats with only one option, hibernation. In October they will be busy checking out suitable locations for their hibernation to take place and by November they will be hanging up the No Disturb sign and going to bed. Brown Long Eared Bats are so tiny that they can squeeze beneath the roof of a house and into attic spaces, where they will sleep without making any noise and virtually no mess. With Halloween nearly here, why are Bats linked to it? We often see images of Witches, Black cats, Pumpkins, and there are always Bats. This may have started long ago when the ancient Celts lit large bonfires as darkness approached to ward off evil spirits. According to legends the Celts believed that the ghosts of their ancestors would return for one night, the 31st of October. The superstitious Celts dressed in costumes made from animal skins and gathered around the bonfire. As the darkness approached the light and warmth of the fire would have attracted insects, which would then attract the Bats. The Bats flying around would have looked like the evil spirits returning to the earth, which is why Bats are linked to the 31st of October, Happy Halloween everyone.

I am very happy to say I got married on the 17th of September at St Mary's church in Walsham. So for the first time I can sign off as Angie Bennington!

Angie Bennington





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OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND

Our First Experience

We moved to Walsham a couple of months after the 2019 Open Gardens and then due to Covid 2020 & 2021 came and went. So when it was announced that it was back for 2022, we were excited to be part of the belated 40th Anniversary. People "in the know" told us it was a big event, but we both thought, "OK, but just how big can an open garden weekend be"? Well, it was huge! When we dropped off our baking at the Village Hall on Sunday morning at 9am, busy helpers had already produced mountains of sandwiches. And when we opened our garden gates at 11am that day, it was like the first day of a Primark sale with people queuing outside to get in!

We welcomed hundreds of people through our gates over the two days. Everybody clutching their brochures and saying how well organised the event was. People surprised by the sheer number (45) gardens to walk around and all the add on attractions, as well as the good food and drink on offer. People travelling to the village for the first time, returning visitors and many seasoned "open garden enthusiasts" that thought Walsham is one (if not the best) garden weekend in their calendar. Asking where people had come from, revealed trips from as far afield as King's Lynn, Colchester, Lowestoft, Ipswich and Norwich. We were amazed at how many said that they were doing half the village on Sunday and returning on Monday for the other half plus another excellent lunch.

The whole village had a buzz and although busy in our own garden, we could hear the wonderful bell ringing at the Church and the tunes played by the two Brass Bands.

We have never answered so many questions about our fig trees, but we learnt a lot of helpful tips from visitors, including that we were nurturing a few weeds that if unchallenged could take over the flower beds that they occupied. We are no gardeners, but feel that we are growing in confidence and given a fair wind and some rain next Summer could achieve more. Oddly, a lot of people noticed and wanted to know about the "hoppers" attached to our roof drain pipes - who knew that grey water systems and filling water closets was such a hot topic?

The best bit about the whole weekend was that so many visitors said how beautiful our village is but also remarked on how they "felt the sense of community" that had brought the event together.

So, **Well Done** to the committee and all the volunteers who came together and made this spectacular weekend possible.

Cath and Graham Knowles



GREEN THOUGHTS 4

‘I feel strongly about environmental issues, but I’m not a zealot. I don’t think we should wear hessian underwear and knit our yoghurt.’

Ben Elton Comedian and author



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GREEN DILEMMAS

Energy Costs

There is a lot of discussion about how we can produce more energy. The other side of the equation is whether we could reduce or modify our consumption. This really means changing the timing of electricity use, installing home insulation and being more careful about usage. The problem here is that it requires a lot of little actions that may seem pointless but in aggregate could make a real impact.

Smoothing our electricity use could significantly reduce the amount of expensive gas that is used as at any point in time we use renewables first, then nuclear and the shortfall must be topped up with gas. The Economy 7 tariff only makes sense to households who have over 40% of their usage at night as the daytime tariff is so high. On a standard tariff it won't save you money to use electricity in non-peak hours but if enough of us did this it would save the country money and reduce fossil fuel consumption. You can see in real time how our electricity is generated - <https://grid.iamkate.com>.

A nationwide insulation programme has often been discussed but never quite materialised. This could quickly reduce the amount of gas and oil that we use. There are some limited grants available for cavity wall and loft insulation but at the moment it's down to each citizen to work out what to do on their own. There are of course some things we can do that are not super expensive like blocking letter boxes, cat flaps, other draught proofing, insulating tanks and pipes, using heavy curtains etc.

There are loads of websites with energy saving tips such as: turning the thermostat down by 2-3 degrees can save up to 10% on fuel; get someone qualified to check the temperature settings on your boiler; only heat some rooms and use radiator thermostats; wash clothes less, on a cooler wash and avoid using the tumble dryer; reduce shower time and look at the shower head type; check all light bulbs are energy saving and don't leave unnecessary devices on standby; use the microwave not the oven etc.

If you have a Smart Meter you can monitor your electricity usage and get more detailed information by linking the meter to a phone app. Here are some example costs (priced at the recently announced price cap) for different electrical appliances based on a typical one-off use (e.g. a 45 minute tumble dryer cycle, TV on all evening etc.):

	Cost per use		Cost per use
Tumble dryer	0.77	TV	0.05
Oven	0.68	Kettle	0.04
Dishwasher	0.68	Microwave	0.03
Washing machine	0.28	Light bulb	0.02

Without subsidies the cost could easily be at least double. So, each time I use the tumble dryer it might cost me 77p and I could also be putting 77p on the national debt!

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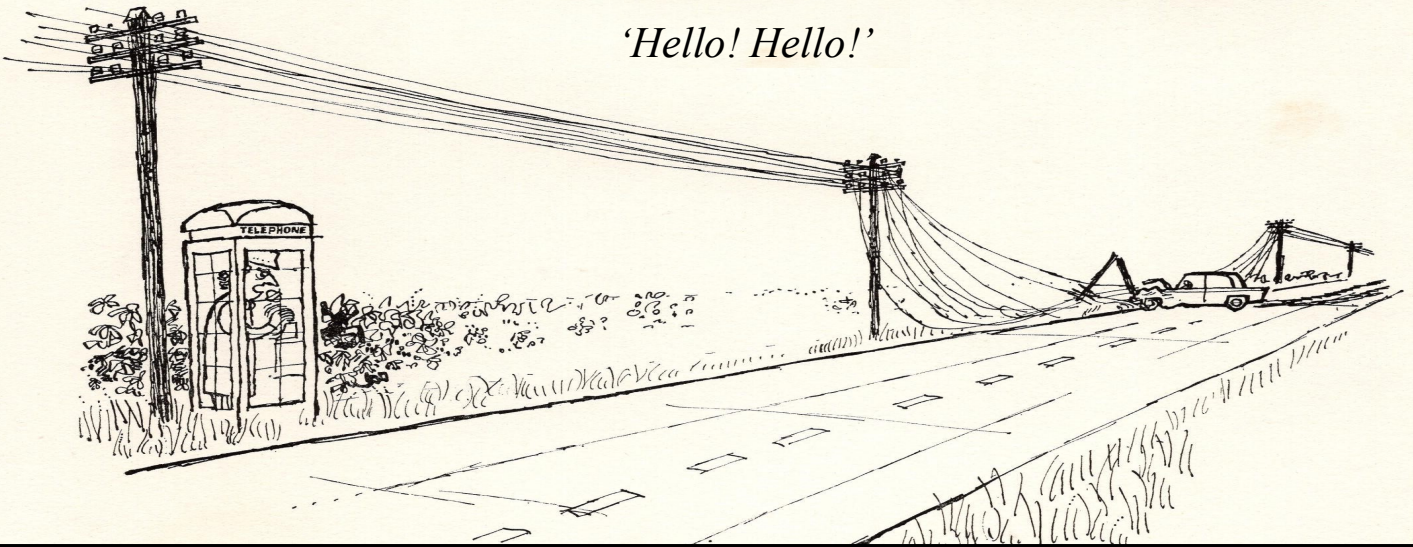
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GREEN THOUGHTS 5

**'The only way to save a rhinoceros is to save its
environment. There's a mutual dependency between it and
millions of other species, both animals and plants.'**

Sir David Attenborough

ON MOUNT OLYMPUS...

It will, no doubt, amaze many readers to learn that the members of Walsham le Willows Cricket Club are avid followers of Greek Mythology. In fact, many of our matches follow the lines of a tragedy – the prologue (panicked team selection); parados (the slow protracted arrival of the players right up to and beyond the start time); the episodes (variously failing and succeeding at cricket); the stasima (let's call it tea) and the final exodus (a glorious win in the setting sunshine).

This season, we have unearthed our own Adonis – a man chiselled from marble, of such striking effect that we stand in awe. Alex Harrison arrived; wore some sunglasses that would be fitting on a beach in the Dodecanese; picked up a bat for the first time – and then smashed a hundred against Chippenham. He then left to get married to his Aphrodite (Hilary) the following weekend. He is a man that can pack a lot into a few weeks.

Liam Bryant is our lesser-known hero, Bellerophon – the greatest slayer of monsters. In the autumn of our season, Liam drew deep on those reserves and did smite Frinton on Sea with the ball, slaying 8 of them for 42 runs. And if Liam is a slayer, then Mark Rothson is our Heracles; toiling through the labours of each game; using his wits and cunning to accumulate an amazing 53 wickets this season.

The 1st XI concluded their act with a very commendable 4th in Division 3. More importantly, the 2nd XI in their first season, finished 5th – and firmly proved themselves capable of playing some excellent cricket in a competitive division.

On a glorious Sunday in early September, the Sunday XI fulfilled their prophecy with an emphatic team performance against Newmarket – securing the win, promotion and Division title. Adam Howe swivelled that paddle sweep once more and Oli Jackson swotted a final six to win the match.

This season 58 adult players have fulfilled 44 fixtures. In the Juniors, 42 All Stars and 23 Dynamos got started on their cricketing journey. The U11s won their League as did the U15s. But the most important news to end the season was that little Elodie Waugh came home from hospital – and we were all reminded that she is the true hero and the rest is just a game.

James French

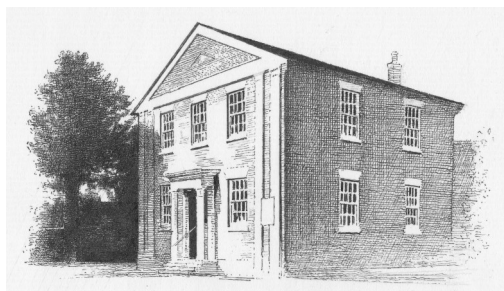
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Starting with any letter and moving horizontally, vertically or diagonally, see how many words of three letters or more you can find, using each letter only once in each word.

There should be one nine letter word which might find annoying..

Get 45 words and you are doing well.



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Services for October

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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.

2 nd	(to be confirmed)	
9 th	Rev Chalan Hetherington	(Bethel Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead, Herts)
16 th	Mr. David Butler	(Ebenezer Baptist Church, Old Hill, West Midlands)
23 rd	Dr. David Allen	(Walsham-le-Willows Congregational Church)
30 th	Mr. Daniel Biddle	(Calvary Baptist Church, Feltham, Middlesex)

'Come Before Winter'

Clarence E McCartney was a famous twentieth century American preacher who minister of churches in New Jersey, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. One of the things for which McCartney was best known was that for forty consecutive years, during the month of October, he preached the same sermon to his congregation. This was always the highlight of the church calendar and members of his congregation would go out amongst their friends and neighbours, urging them to come to church that Sunday night to hear the message being delivered. This sermon was given the title 'Come Before Winter' from the words of the apostle Paul to young Timothy in the Bible (2 Timothy 4:21). It has been published in booklets, can be read online and even seen on YouTube.

A person's life can easily be likened to the seasons of the year: Spring is the season of new life, growth and opportunity which moves to Summer, the time of strength, vigour and full bloom; these are the years of our prime. Autumn brings a time of reflection as the full growth and energy of the year and our lives begin to slow and fade with the ever-present prospect of Winter ahead. As the year concludes, the cold and dark image of Winter speaks so plainly for itself.

As the year 2022 has hastened by and is fading quickly into Autumn, so the years of our lives are passing and our personal Autumn, if not already here, is fast approaching, therefore the call of the sermon is most pressing: 'Come Before Winter'. The question then must be, where must we come before the winter, the end of our lives? We must come to Christ to be saved; we must come in repentance and faith, knowing God alone is able to forgive sin and give eternal life in His presence through a wonderful springlike, spiritual new birth.

On an October Pittsburgh evening in 1955, as Clarence McCartney preached this sermon for the fortieth and final time he concluded, as always, with these words:

"Come before life is over and your probation ended, and you stand before God to give an account of the use you have made of the opportunities, which in His grace He has granted to you! Come before winter!"

Come to thy God in time, Youth, manhood, old age past; Come to thy God at last."

Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
(John 3:16)

What is the singer Garfunkel's first name?

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Bowls

With the season now over The section intend to use their lovely extended facilities to the full. Starting on Tuesday 11th October we are holding a club night every Tuesday over the winter months and we would like to extend the invitation to everyone. We intend to play games or just have a natter over a drink of your choice. Please come along and join us. It will be a fun evening.

On Wednesday 12th October we will be starting our regular indoor sessions in the Sports Club at 2.30pm. All comers are welcome so please come along and join us .

The section recently held their finals day and the winners were:-

Ladies 2 Wood: Jan Murton

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Men's 2 Wood: Nick Foulger

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Mace Handicap: David Murray

Open Pairs: Neil Smart and Bill Hicks

Mixed Pairs: Trudy Wingrove and Nick Foulger.

Football

The First Team are having mixed results at present. They beat Hadleigh United 2-0, Mulbarton Wanderers away 1-0 and Kirkley & Pakefield away 2-0. They then lost 3-2 away to League leaders Harleston, drew 2-2 at home to Brantham but lost 2-1 away to Whitton United.

The Reserves have won both of their opening League fixtures away to Long Melford and Framlingham Town.

The A Team won their only league game played so far and the Under 18s having lost to Gorleston on penalties in the FA Youth Cup and Histon at home in the league beat Haverhill Rovers 3-1 away to kick start their season. The Veterans have lost their only game to date.

Home Football Fixtures for October

First Team

Sat 8th v Thetford Res 3.00pm

Tue 11th v Lowestoft Town 7.45pm

Sat 15th v Kirkley 3.00pm

Reserves

Sat 22nd v Wivenhoe Reserves

Sat 29th v Cornard United Reserves.

Under 18s

Thur 13th v Saffron Walden 7.45pm

Thur 27th v Royston 7.45pm

A Team

Sat 15th v Grundisburgh Reserves 2.30pm

Sat 22nd v Gipping Knats 2.30pm

Sat 29th v Kesgrave Kestrels Reserves. 2.30pm

Veterans

Sun 23rd Vets v Kings Arms Crusaders 2.30pm

Sun 30th Vets v Trimley Sports 2.30pm

What's On

Bingo on Sundays 2nd, 16th and 30th October 7pm start .All welcome.

Saturday 29th October. Halloween Disco with Bertie Bassett. Free entry. All comers are welcome Fancy dress optional.

Saturday 19th November. Quiz night £10 a team . Everyone welcome.

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THE CHURCHES RIDE ON FILM

For the first time for a number of years I decided to take part in the Historic Churches Cycle Ride and try and raise some money from people, other than family, since it was the first time for a while that I had not taken part in other money raising schemes for the village.

“How will we know that you have actually done it?” was - jokingly - the most frequent response. Having undertaken some ‘time lapse’ projects in the past, most notably the demolition and construction of the organ in St Mary’s church, I decided that maybe the ride could be another of these projects. ‘Time lapse’ for the journey from one church to another with somewhat more pedestrian ‘pans’ in the churches themselves.

Having strapped a ‘time lapse’ camera to the front of my bike, I set off from home to go to Stanton to visit All Saints and then the ruined St John’s, on the far side of the A143. Then on to Bardwell, with a stop at Wooster’s Bakery for provisions, before heading off to Barningham. Here I met a couple of ladies from Thelnetham who were taking part, but striding rather than cycling. I met them one or two times afterwards, so they must have been walking very briskly or my speed has somewhat diminished over the years, although I did have quite a long chat with a comrade from the now long-time ‘resting’ Drama Group.

Coney Weston, Market Weston, Thelnetham and on to Hinderclay, where I had to shelter from the rain for a while in bus shelter, before moving on to Rickinghall Inferior church. It’s far from inferior with its wonderful round tower.

Ever onwards, I rode the wrong way up Back Lane in Botesdale, in order to miss the steep climb past the village hall, and on Redgrave and its redundant church of St Mary’s. Here I found battlements - albeit - cardboard, erected in front of the choir stalls. One of the sometime congregation was on hand to tell me all about the play that was to be performed by WARTS, the Wortham Drama Group, and also, more interestingly, about the recent history of the church.

Then on through Wortham, Burgate, Gislingham and Thornham, stopping briefly at The Forge for an overdue snack, and a visit to the Beyond The Image Gallery - well worth a visit - before going to the church, where I found that the lady at the desk was reading *Where The Crawdads Sing* - for those who haven’t read it, do yourself a favour, but don’t see the film before reading the book.

On to Finningham, where I discovered another lady reading *Where The Crawdads Sing*, and then, via Westhorpe, to finish my ‘ride’ at St Mary’s in Walsham. Here I met up with Mary Kidd, who had been riding with her son and granddaughter. Seemingly we were some of the very few who had taken part in the ride from Walsham.

So after eighteen churches, thirty-eight miles and eight hours on the road I had raised £210. All that was left for me to do was get cleaned up and face the ‘challenge’ of collecting the money.

It’s excellent fun and maybe more from the village - even non-churchgoers - might take part next year.

Ian Toulson



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TWO AGEING POEMS

Invisible

At twenty, I could turn a head
Whenever walking down the street.
In fact, I turned a dozen heads
It's true I promise, not conceit.

At thirty, walking down the street
I turned a head, or two, or three.
And workmen often downed their tools
To take a closer look at me.

At forty, walking down the street
Some turned their heads, but turned away.
They rarely eyed me up and down,
And just continued on their way.

At fifty, walking down the street
They never saw me pass at all.
They simply walked and stared ahead,
Expressions blank, just like a wall.

And now I'm sixty-five years old
And now again, they stare at me.
The whole world looks me up and down -
My leg is plastered up, you see.

I broke it falling down the stairs,
A rather silly thing to do.
The unsuspected bonus is
I'm absolutely back on view.

The whole street looks me up and down
From toe to top, and top to toe.
It's lovely to be seen again.
It's splendid to be back on show.

From A Red Dress and other poems

By Liz Cowley

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Seventies

Less years ahead than the ones left behind.
More and more specs, as without them you're blind.
Less and less done, since you're always too tired.
Less and less work - well, at sixty you're fired.

More and more time, now the children have flown.
Less and less visits - they all use the phone.
Less and less hair, and more and more grey.
More and more wrinkles that won't go away.

More and more times you hear yourself say,
'We didn't do things like that in our day.'
Less and less programmes you like on TV.
Less and less people you're burning to see.

More and more time spent travelling abroad.
More and more money spent getting insured.
Less and less healthy, and more and more tweeks.
And more and more aches that won't go for weeks.

More and more thoughts that go through your head
Of friends who have gone, and things left unsaid.
More and more times when you sit down and think,
How could I manage without a stiff drink.

Liz Cowley

TWO CAKES

High Tea Cake

150gm butter	A good ¼ pint of milk
6 level tbsps. Golden syrup	240gm flour
240gm raisins	Pinch of salt
240gm currants	1½ tsp mixed spice
240gm sultanas	1 tsp ground nutmeg
120gm chopped dates	2 eggs beaten
Finely grated lemon rind	½ level tsp bicarbonate of soda

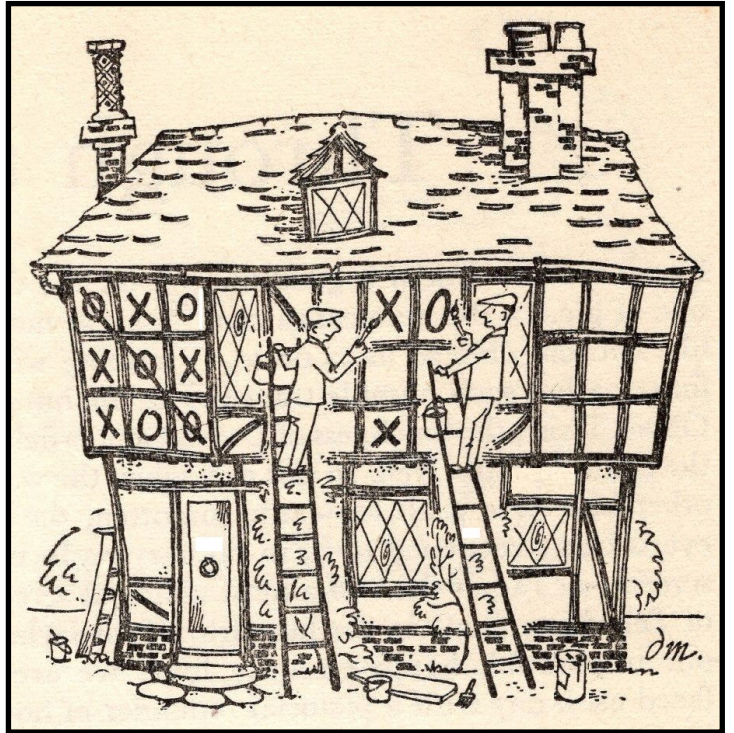
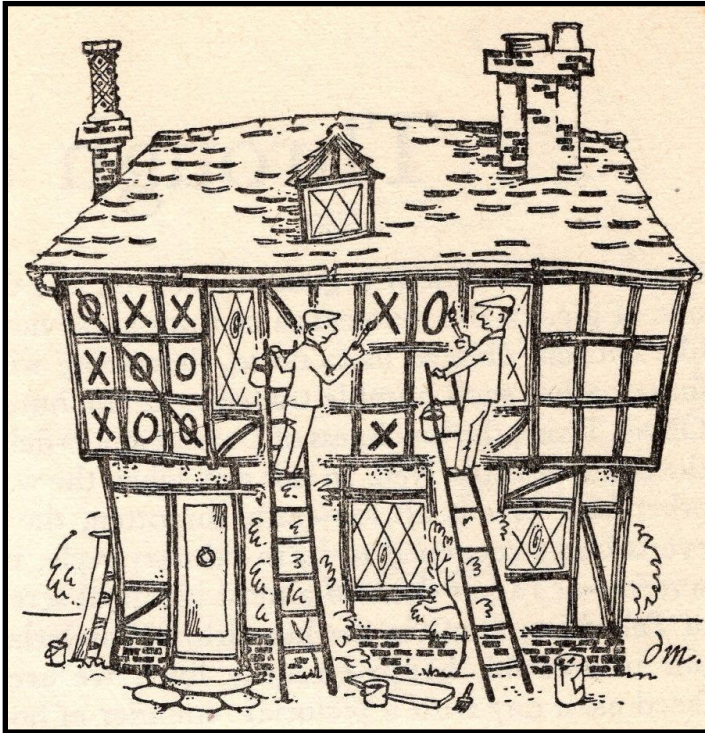
Set oven at 170°C or Mark 3. Place butter, syrup, fruit, lemon rind and milk in a saucepan and heat gently until the butter is melted. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring gently. Allow to cool. Sieve together the flour, salt and spices into a bowl and make a well in the centre. Beat the eggs lightly together, pour into the well but do not stir in. Add the bicarbonate of soda to the cooled butter mixture, pour into the well over the eggs and mix thoroughly. Turn into a 18 to 20cm cake tin lined with buttered greaseproof paper and smooth over the top. Bake for one-and-a-half to two hours, covering the top with kitchen foil if it appears to be browning too quickly. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out on a wire rack. Remove the paper when the cake is cold.

Sherry Cake

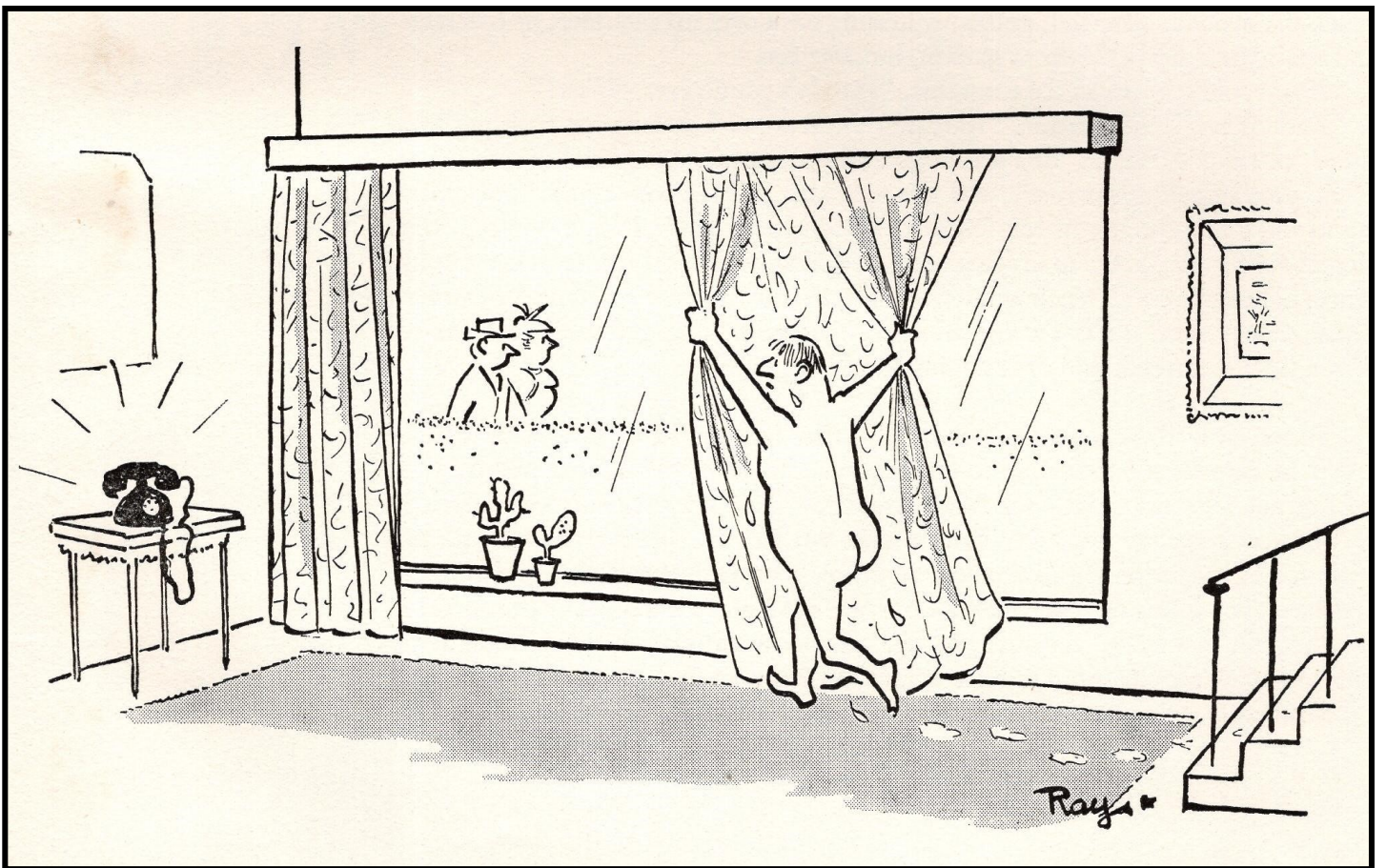
120gm butter, softened	60gm glacé cherries, halved
120gm caster sugar	and tossed in flour
3 eggs, separated	60gm flaked almonds
240 gm flour	Grated rind of half a lemon
Pinch of salt	1½ to 2 wine glasses of sherry
120gm ground almonds	1 level tsp bicarbonate of soda
180gm currants, sultanas or raisins	2 tsp vinegar
60gm chopped mixed peel	1 wine glass of sherry

Set oven to 220°C or Mark 7. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl until light and fluffy, then add the egg yolks, one at a time, beating well between each addition. Sieve together the flour and salt and stir into the mixture. Stir in the ground almonds, fruit, peel, cherries, flaked almonds and lemon rind, then add the 1½ to 2 glasses of sherry and beat well. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold into the mixture. Dissolve the bicarbonate of soda in the vinegar and stir in, mixing thoroughly. Turn the mixture into a 20cm cake tin lined with buttered greaseproof paper and smooth over the top. Bake for 10 minutes, then lower the heat to 170°C or Mark 3 and bake for a further 1½ to 2 hours, covering the top with a piece of kitchen foil. Remove from the oven and place, still in its tin, on a wire rack. While still hot, spoon over the final glass of sherry. Cover with a clean tea towel and leave in the tin to get completely cold before turning out.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before they the men run out of space for their games!!



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 wlwcommunitycouncil@outlook.com



ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Kansas, 2. Eustachian tubes, 3. Water, 4. In Jarrow, 5. 90° (right angle),
6. The Dutch East Indies, 7. Rotterdam, 8. The brontosaurus, 9. Oysters,
10. Lazarus, 11. Serving, 12. 1947, 13. A bascule bridge,
14. 'Theirs but to do and die' 15. 24, 16. J R R Tolkein, 17. Anthony Perkins,
18. Blue, 19. A flashlight, 20. Turkish, 21. Newmarket, 22. Sheep's wool,
23. The Queen Mother, 24. Pan, 25. Cain, 26. *Hello Dolly!*, 27. Fear,
28. The Stock Exchange, 29. Skiing, 30. 21, 31. Convex, 32. Silicon Valley,
33. Julius Caesar's, 34. Six, 35. The heart, 36. Hyde Park, 37. Humpty Dumpty,
38. Northern Holland, 39. Ireland, 40. Lung cancer, 41. Mars, 42. Switzerland,
43. Ice hockey, 44. Wagner, 45. Somerset, 46. Arthur (Art), 47. The squirrel family,
48. Chinese, 49. The Cross of St George, 50. The sixteenth

Su-Doku

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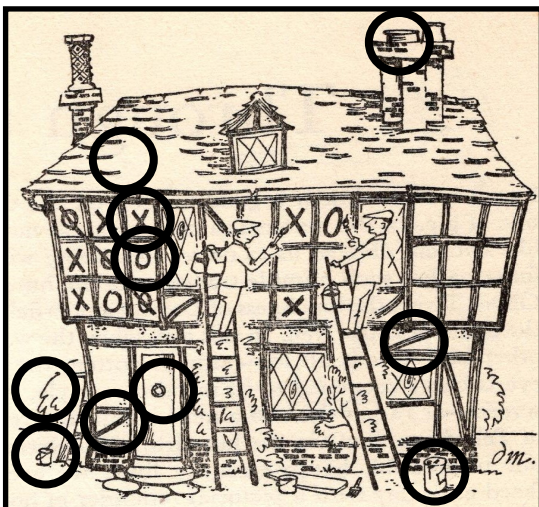
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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Big	Bight	Bin	Binge	Binger
Bio	Biro	Birth	Bore	Boring
Born	Both	Bother	Brig	Bright
Bring	Broth	Erg	Gin	Girt
Girth	Grin	Her	Herb	Hero
Hob	Horn	Hot	Ire	Nib
Night	Orb	Ore	Other	Rib
Rig	Right	Ring	Riot	Rob
Robin	Robing	Rot	The	Thorn
Throb	Tor	Torn		

Bothering (49)

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL



The Community Council committee
welcome you to the



MVH Coffee Shop



In the Garden and the Hall



Open under government guidelines for
village halls and COVID 19



Open every Thursday



From a time of 10.30am to 12.00pm



The Post Office van is there



From 11:00am till 12:00pm



Come and enjoy a chat and



A cuppa and a bite



Just for 'a couple of quid

