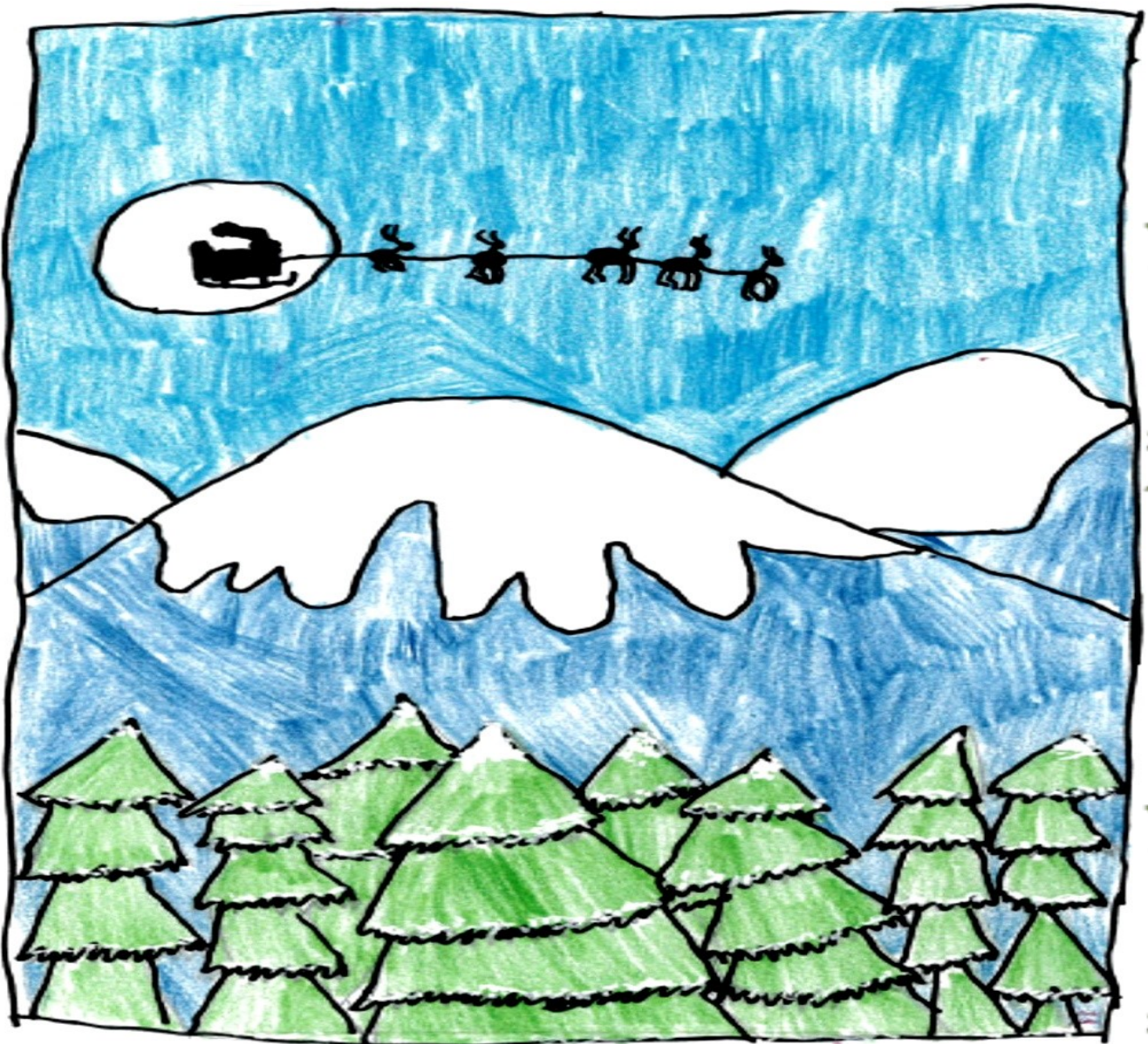
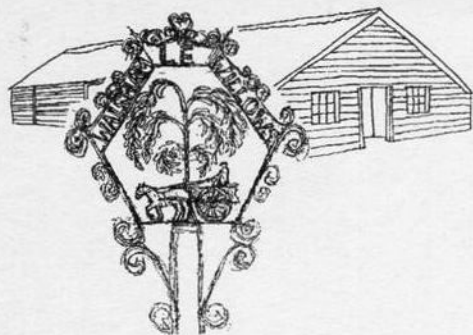


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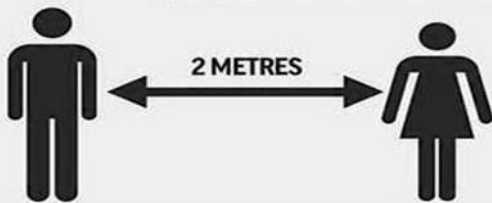
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EDITORIAL

This month's cover picture is the winning entry from the cover picture competition, generously sponsored by Penelope Robbins - the Overall Winner was Mia - of Cricket Class - Year 6. The Key Stage 1 Winner was Orla of Ladybird Class, Year 2, and the Key Stage 2 Winner was Isabelle of Grasshopper Class, Year 5. I'm sorry that the minor winners pictures only appear in black and white in the hard copy of the magazine. To get the full colour version you will need to go onto the village website.

It was necessary to get this edition out as early as possible, which accounts for early due dates, as there are two events occurring at the beginning of December. First of all there is the **Mini Market and Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday 3rd December**. This proved a popular event last year and you can find full details on page 27 of this edition.

Another event that has proved popular in the past is a concert by **Hexachordia on Wednesday 7th December in St Mary's**. Tickets are available at Rolfes or from Shirley Luscombe or Frances Jenner. It promises to be an enjoyable occasion. Fuller details appear on page 23 of this edition. Just an early reminder that **The Epiphay Singers** are returning to the village, after a two-year enforced break, on **Saturday 7th January**. They will be attending a sung eucharist on the following Sunday.

In addition to the **Coffee Shop on Thursdays** - now running an extended 'service' from **10.30am till 2.00pm** - there is another 'Warm Hub' at **The Priory Room on Wednesdays from 10.00am until 3.00pm**. As well as the hot drinks and some food on offer, each venue provides an excellent opportunity to get together with others and have a good natter in warm surroundings. Hopefully these impromptu discussions will prove fruitful, with regard to activities in the village.

With regard to the activities within the village; the Diary of Events is looking a bit thin. I am sure that events are not just going to cease at the start of 2023. If you are getting something organised why not stake your claim to a date and so avoid the possibility of some other organisation pinching your date.

Although you might just get your January edition before Christmas Day, I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and the hope that 2023 will prove to be a better year than this one has been - for everyone!



Isabelle - Stage 2 Winner



Orla - Stage 1 Winner



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



Police are appealing for witnesses after a man was attacked with a crowbar at a bus stop in Stanton. The assault took place at around 6.50pm on Tuesday 25 October in Wyken Road. A man sitting on a bicycle was approached by another man and hit to the face with a crowbar. The victim's bike was also damaged.

Police arrested a man on suspicion of committing grievous bodily harm, criminal damage and possession of an offensive weapon. Following a search of his property, he is also being investigated for possession of a class B drug and possession of a firearm offence. The suspect has been released on bail.

Officers would like anyone who saw the assault or who has any information to contact Suffolk Police, quoting crime reference 37/68344/22.

Neighbourhood Watch National Campaign.

Street harassment is on the rise and that is partly down to our culture of acceptance and tolerance of it. Crimes and harmful behaviours such as public sexual harassment and hate crime are significantly under-reported. A key factor for this is the everyday nature of these crimes and incidents and the fact that they are deeply ingrained in our culture. Street harassment is an issue for all people – not just those who experience it. Everyone should be able to feel safe in public spaces without the fear of being harassed.

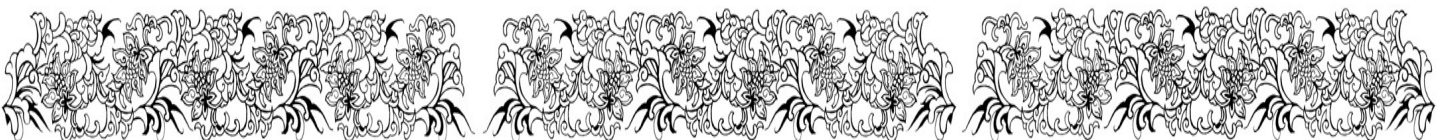
Yet no matter how serious the incidents may be, they pervade the lives of those who experience it relentlessly and are often likely to escalate if not addressed. But people are becoming more aware of it and the long-term implications it has on victims and whole communities. The tide of acceptance is turning.

Harassment often occurs in residential streets, on the bus, or in local parks and high streets when there are people around who may witness it. There are many reasons why they won't intervene particularly when in large groups. Termed the 'bystander effect', this occurs when the presence of others discourages an individual from intervening. The greater the number of bystanders, the less likely it is for any one of them to initiate help for a person in distress. Witnessing street harassment and not safely intervening, sends the message to those experiencing it that it is okay and society normalises it. Ongoing acceptance of street harassment contributes to a toxic culture.

ARE YOU OKAY? Campaign targets bystanders.

We are leading a national campaign to raise awareness of street harassment and the role bystanders have in prevention and support. The campaign was launched on the 5th of September 2022 and we welcome support in sharing the message far and wide. The campaign encourages all people who witness street harassment, when it is safe to do so, to ask those experiencing it, '**Are you okay?**' This lets them know you stand by them, and that street harassment is never okay. If you see it, ask it.

David Murray.



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The Community Coffee shop and crafts has been a real happening weekly event in the village. With many of you coming down to enjoy a cuppa, slice of cake, sausage roll or a bowl of home-made soup and perusing the variety of gifts and crafts on offer each week. This coming month we will have local crafters with everything from fabric Christmas wreaths to reworked / reworked cutlery into fun little critters, so why not pop down one Thursday between 10.30 am and 2pm and enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Just a reminder that the coffee shop will be closed between Christmas and the New Year, the 29th of December, to give all the hardworking volunteer team a break.

On the back of the success of the extended Thursday coffee shop, the hall will be opening its coffee shop every Friday morning 9am until 11am but instead of craft stalls there will be children's toys out. This will enable children to burn off energy in our lovely large hall while you sit and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake. All welcome to come along, not just those with children.

The hall improvement works are continuing with the last of the old metal windows being replaced with new double-glazed units, the first stage of repurposing the redundant men's toilets into a clean, hygienic storage area.

These improvement works to the hall and the events which take place, are only possible because of the continuing support from the you in our community. The hall was built for and by the village, for all in the village to use and enjoy. It has been wonderful this year, after reopening since the Covid lock downs, to see so many of you using this facility for everything from self-defence and Pilates class to meetings, theatre shows, the Gardens weekend, Horticultural show, parties, lunches and the coffee shop.

Thank you all, we the committee hope your holiday season is full of peace, joy and happiness.

Amanda Ellis



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On behalf of the Community Council Committee, the Editor and the Advertisers we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the distributors for volunteering and kindly giving up their time to distribute over 630 copies of the monthly magazine to all corners of the village and in some cases a little wider.

Without their support the magazine would be unable to continue to inform many people of the events, activities and businesses that are available in and around the village, it is also a vehicle used by many societies to pass on their news and to galvanise community support.

So, on behalf of everyone that has read the articles or used the information contained within the pages of the Observer we would like to thank them once again for their continued support.

Wishing them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Community Council Committee





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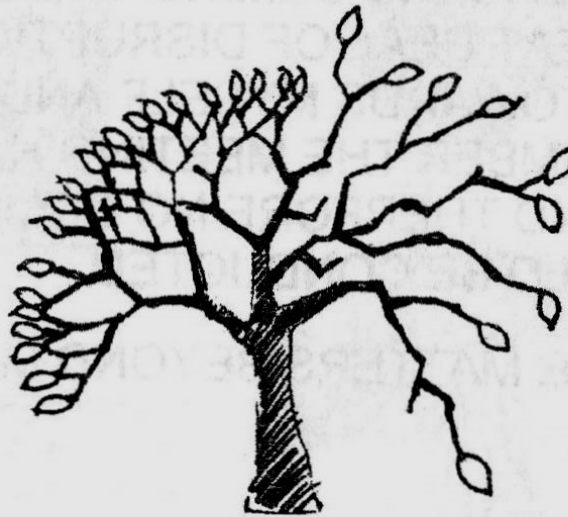
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This half term has seen us celebrate Black History Month with different online visitors telling stories across the school, our Remembrance Services where the children wrote poems and reflected on the past and, we have celebrated Children in Need by dressing up and wearing spots. These events all demonstrate our values as we show respect, courage, service and thankfulness.

We have welcomed parents and children in to see our school for those who are starting school in September 2023. If you were unable to make it, please do contact us if you would like to arrange a visit.

The children in Caterpillar class are looking different types of transport and the different types. They are looking at famous inventors including Henry Ford and George Stephenson and will be using their acting skills to learn the Nativity. They have also looked at the story of The Gunpowder Plot and made firework pictures.

Ladybirds are learning about different information texts and comparing them to story books. They have written a biography about Marcus Rashford. In RE they are looking at Judaism and good deeds as well as learning the Christmas Story.

Dragonfly Class have been to the Sea Life Centre at Great Yarmouth and also had the opportunity to visit Banksy's art work, which they were very excited about.

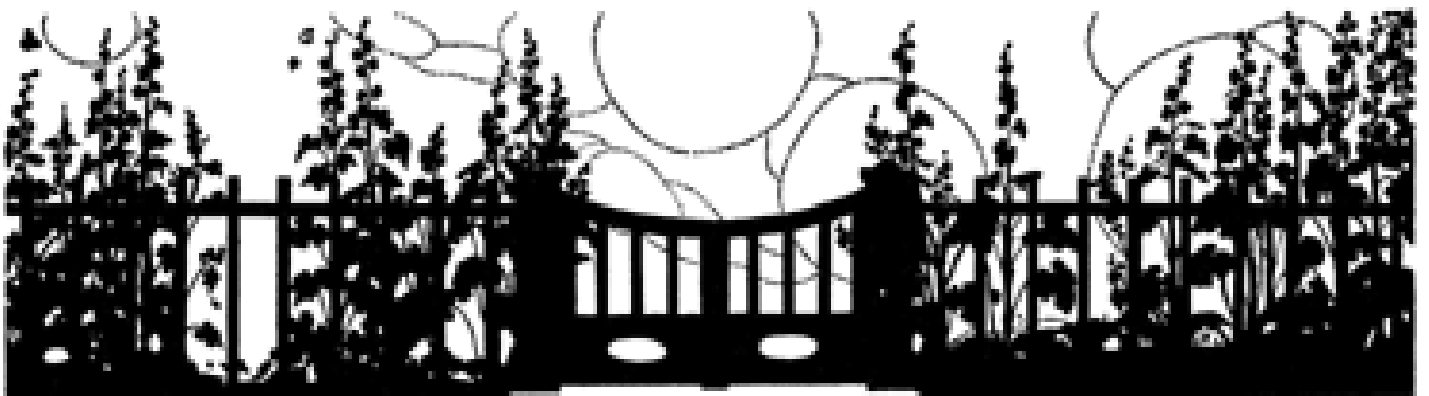
Grasshopper class are learning about The Black Death and have had a visitor from the History Group to talk about it, and how it impacted life in the village. They are exploring perimeter in maths and looking at Van Gogh as inspiration for their painting of sunflowers.

The children in Cricket class are starting to learn about 'Frozen Kingdoms' and explore the Polar Regions. As part of this focus they will be studying Inuit artwork and making their own prints and finding out how animals adapt to their environment. In history, they will be debating who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic.

Reverend Merry continues to visit us weekly and the children all look forward to seeing him.

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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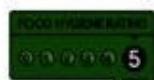
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Do your research. If you're buying from a website you haven't used before, spend a few minutes researching it. A good place to start is finding a website's terms and conditions. You should also look up the company's address, this can normally be found in the website's 'contact us' section and should have a street name, not just a PO box. If it's a registered UK company you can check its details on the Companies House website at gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company

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Friday morning the 11th local school children joined us at the War Memorial where they laid a wreath and five wooden crosses. In the evening we were at the Apex for a Festival of Remembrance and Drumhead service which was conducted by Rev, Richard Stretch, County Padre and Squadron Leader (Rev) Matthew Buchan of RAF Honington. We would like to thank Group Captain Piers Holland MBE MA RAF for granting permission for the Honington Voluntary Band to take part, L Fulcher, Funeral Directors for their continued support, generously printing programmes and publicity material also Magnus Group, Freight Operations for their generous donation towards the staging costs of the Festival and Hard hire, Van rental for the transport of band equipment.

Members along with the branch standard paraded at the Remembrance Service at Walsham which was officiated by the Rev Jill Walker. The service at Stanton was conducted by Rev Cathy Blayden, where 8 wreaths were placed on the Memorial on behalf of the RBL, RAF Honington and 6 village organisations.

I would like to thank those who placed the poppy nets over the Church wall at Walsham and on the memorial at Stanton.

I was very interested in one of the wooden crosses placed at the Walsham Memorial the details on it was In Memory of L/CPL Herbert William Nice MM who died 2nd November 1917, I would be pleased if the person contacted me as I have information about Herbert which may be of interest to them my telephone No is 259724.

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

Hubby Frost.



COMMUNITY LUNCH



I can't believe it's nearly December or maybe I can as it has been rather wet and cold this week. Where has the year gone.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 12th December 2022. Lunch will be a Traditional Christmas dinner served at 12.45pm - 1pm, followed by Christmas pudding and custard. Tea and coffee will follow.

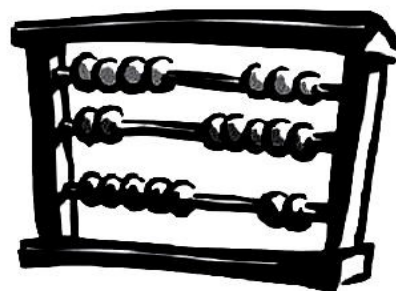
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Our speaker Jo Green had done a great deal to prepare for introducing us to the craft of stencilling on to fabric. Following her careful guidance, a sea of paint pots and brushes opened up in the Priory Room. As a result a number of Christmas trees around Walsham will have a new and special decoration produced at our stencilling craft session. Foxes, deer and leaping hares entwined with leaves and berries figured on a number with a striking blue bird or two. Each, though similar, was individual, but at the end of the evening it was Constance who took the points and was judged the winner. In all it was a delightfully relaxing evening with something new for us to try.

We finished with the ever-popular handbag scavenger hunt that seeks to justify all the clobber carried round in our bags. Next month Amanda Sutherland makes a return visit to Walsham, this time to give us some inspiration with her 'make do and mend' talk.

Jill Newell

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A big thank you to the following who provided funding towards this project: Walsham le Willows Town Farm Charity, District Councillor Rick Meyer, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, Mid Suffolk CIL Funding Team and Mid Suffolk Community Grant Team. The remainder of the funding came from the Parish Council, including £30000 from its own CIL Fund.

Volunteers Needed

To help maintain the Play Park, the Parish Council are looking to establish a team of volunteers, who would be willing to give up a Saturday morning, two or three times a year. The team would carry out tasks such as cutting back shrubs & hedges, repairing gates & fences and general tidying. It would also give an opportunity to influence further development of the Play Park. Volunteers would be welcome from both adults and children and if you are interested, please email the Parish Clerk in the first instance at parishclerk@walsham-le-willows.or



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JUBILEE WOOD UPDATE



The season for planting bare root trees and shrubs is almost upon us and we have received our first bundles of year old whips and are awaiting the imminent delivery of 400 hedging plants. We are very excited to begin planting the Jubilee Wood in earnest on the new site behind the allotments.

Since our last village update in the Observer, a great deal of positive activity has been taking place. Firstly, Geoffrey Pollard prepared the ground after harvest for us. After all the dry weather of the summer it was a real boon to have the site prepared for planting and we are very grateful to him. It will really help when we plant the young plug grown trees.

In September, we held our public meeting to discuss plans for the Jubilee Wood and had a very successful and productive evening. Lots of ideas were generated leading to an outline plan being developed and five additional members joined our steering group including a member of the school Eco team. Thank you to everyone who came along to contribute.

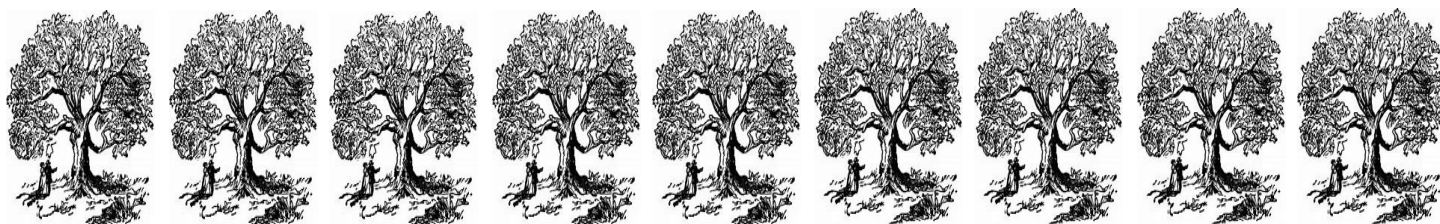
The continuation of Church Ride and the creation of a wild flower meadow towards the bottom of the site were decided upon and we were very grateful to receive a donation of 15kg of grass and wildflower seed suitable for clay soil from Mid Suffolk District Council. Subsequently, the seed was sown by using a seed spreader on designated parts of the site and we are hoping that the continued mild weather with the wetter conditions will allow the seed to germinate before winter sets in.

Mid Suffolk District Council are also helping with advice on heritage varieties of fruit trees to create a small fruit orchard bordering the allotments to provide a link with our neighbours' land use, utilising some of the land to produce local food crops and linking with the wild fruits we are planning to incorporate into the scheme.

Our successful Pumpkin Trail raised over £170 pounds in donations towards the new Jubilee Wood and we have secured funding from Lovell's the builders for timber to create new oak seating. We will be working hard to raise further funds to pay for the lease of the land from the Old Town Trust and aim to secure funding for Forest School Leader training for two members of staff at the school.

Once the hedge plants arrive, we will share planting dates via the Walsham Community Hub Facebook page so keep an eye out for that if you'd like to get involved. In the meantime, enjoy the last of the autumn colours in the Wild Wood and we hope to see as many of you as possible in the Jubilee Wood helping to bring our community project to life!

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Wednesday 16th November gave us a delightful and interesting talk, more than 50 people braved the awful weather to join us.

We were shown photographs of paintings that were all by Suffolk artists and showed scenes of farming life and people. The audience were great at guessing who the artists were.

Ashley used words to paint a wonderful picture of a farming way of life that is lost to us now. Life was hard work and Harvest Time was all important. All possible hands were needed, children remained in school and did not break for the summer holiday until Harvest was ready to begin, in some years at the end of August. Teachers would have to create more lessons if Harvest was late that year.

In addition to the all-important wheat and grain crops, Suffolk produced several other crops. There was no electricity for refrigeration, so it was vital to create food to generate income and to store. In the summer milk was in abundance and butter was made with the excess sent to London to sell, farmers' wives could make extra money this way. Long-term preserving came in the form of cheese. Suffolk cheese was known to be as hard as a coach wheel. Hay was an important crop with a quarter of the harvest needed to feed the farms' horses. Hops would have been grown, Acorns would have been collected by children and sold back to the farmers.

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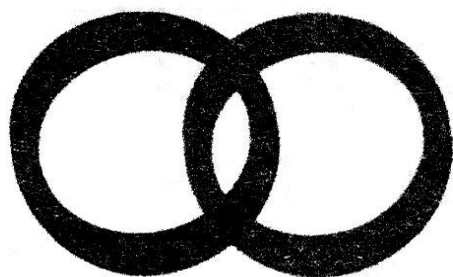


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This year's Poppy Appeal has been a great success.

Firstly, I must thank all the Poppy Collectors who have done such a wonderful job again this year. Many of you bought your boxes back saying that you thought it had not been so good this year, but you all did brilliantly—thank you all for your continued support, I couldn't manage without you. I know that one shouldn't single out anyone in particular, but the Primary School do deserve a special mention this year, as they raised the amazing sum of £209.00, which is way above anything they have done before – well done and thank you.. Secondly, I would like to thank everyone in the village who gave so generously. Including the donations from the Armistice Service, the total we have collected this year is

I would also like to thank Stephanie Folkard, who after 20 years collecting has decided to “hang up her collecting tin”, and Jill Newell, who has also decided that this year will be the last having done 22 years. My grateful thanks to you both for all your hard work. Hopefully, you all noticed that there were poppies adorning the churchyard walls again this year. This was down to Diana Turner, who very kindly agreed to take on this task, and with a group of helpers made the area look splendid again. Thank you Diana and your team—everyone admired them and said how lovely it all looked.

Fiona Glover



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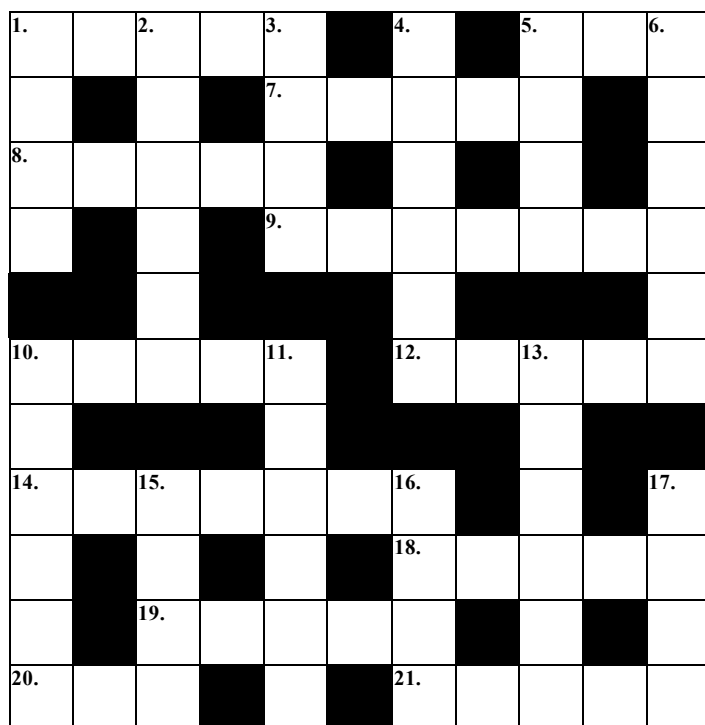
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Frances Jenner



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10. Prepares the ground for the dissolute men. (5)

12. This is always my cover for fibre. (5)

14. Father's wise way. (7)

18. It's a later change. (5)

19. I drift when there's noting in the flat. (5)

20. It's the time for an afternoon drink. (3)

21. Fight for a small piece of waste metal. (5)

Down

1. Is a store in this hopeless condition? (4)

2. Sounds like a fixer for the push. (6)

3. It's a pathway in planetary motion. (4)

4. Simply guides the bullocks. (6)

5. To be French can make such a plant. (4)

6. Old Ford was a rep overseas. (6)

10. Make a comment about the drink. (6)

11. Maybe view the child in spring. (6)

13. Is it an easy catch for the artist's model? (6)

15. Initially some old furniture available to sit on. (4)

16. Consumed the teas ordered. (4)

17. Just the carriage to catch. (4)

Across

1. Come to a halt at a place in the stables. (5)

5. Most tacticians have a nervous reaction. (3)

7. This performer is now in a satisfactory condition. (5)

8. Regular as a decimal. (5)

9. Sides of the cricket club. (7)



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Wed 14th	W.I. Make do and mend		APRIL		
	Priory Room	7:45pm	Wed 12th	W.I. Pot Luck Supper	
Wed 7th	History Group			Priory Room	7:45pm
	St Mary's	7:30pm	MAY		
JANUARY			JUNE		
Sat 7th	Epiphany Singers		JULY		
	St Mary's	7:30pm	AUGUST		
Wed 11th	W.I. Birthday Party		Sun 27th	Open Gardens	All
	Priory Room	7:00pm	Mon 28th	Weekend	Day
FEBRUARY			Have your village events added to this page.		
Wed 8th	W.I. Shepherds Grove				
	Priory Room	7:45pm			
Thu 9th	Music Recital				
	St Mary's	12.15pm			
Fri 24th	Village Quiz				
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of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 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, Roberts 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 Mecrow due to illness.
- 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 12th October 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.
- District Councillor Rick Meyer welcomed questions on his report. Cllr Winch asked a question about the ownership and development of the Broad Meadow site. Cllr Meyer explained that MSDC transfers ownership of such small sites to a ‘growth company’ to develop and to set quality standards as a benchmark for other developers. In that the Broad Meadow site will follow the Elmswell model. There are issues with power lines to be resolved before the development proceeds and this may mean that outline planning consent may have to be sought again. Cllr Belson raised the issue of the establishment of requirement for allowance for a 10 meter wildlife corridor on the northern side which would make the original proposal for 22 dwelling unrealistic. Cllr Meyer was confident that there will be engagement with the Parish Council on design issues as things proceed but as reminded that without an adopted Neighborhood Plan, the views of the Parish Council carry not much more weight than those of any other parishioner. However, once the Neighbourhood Plan gets to the stage of referendum it “starts gain weight” as part of the planning process and will support any comments the

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- Cllr Belson raised questions about the balance sheet and income figures for CIFCO Capital, a property investment company established in 2017 and wholly owned by Babergh District Council (BDC) and Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) group, the purpose of which is to generate income to the Councils from property investment for the provision of services to their Districts, communities and residents. Cllr Meyer explained the profit and net income figures in the context of the balance sheet which is a snapshot at a given date. Although asset values can fluctuate widely over time the historical upward trend of income generation remains remarkably stable. Cllr Meyer referred councillors to the CIFCO website for more information. <https://www.cifcocapital.com/>

7 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) SHEPHERD'S GROVE (WEST SUFFOLK) – no developments were noted.
- b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/05048 (and associated LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/22/05049) Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form residential annex. External alterations to existing garage to re-orientate the garage doors. Location: The Beeches, Grove Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AD **The Parish Council Made No Comment.**
- c) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/05544 Proposal: Householder application - Erection of first floor and single storey side and rear extensions Location: Fairfield House, 3 Postmill Gardens, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DZ **The Parish Council Made No Comment.**

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

- a) 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 **MSDC Raised No Objections.**
- b) DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/01381 - Condition 3 (Roofing Materials) and Condition 5 (Eaves and Verges) Location: Four Ashes, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ Mid Suffolk District Council hereby gives notice that the details submitted in pursuance to the conditions referred to above have been determined as summarised below in relation to each relevant condition together with any appropriate comments, limitations or advice.

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council discussed the requirements and resolved that the Parish Council would co-ordinate the two yearly reviews which can be 'light touch' followed by a 6-week consultation with no further examination or referendum required to effect the change. It is hoped that existing neighbourhood plan group members can be persuaded to participate and assist the Parish Council with this according to their different areas of interest. Should the Local Plan change significantly the policies in



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the Neighbourhood Plan may need to be reviewed outside of this two-year review cycle. It was agreed that the review cycle will be set from the point that the NP is adopted by MSDC and that two yearly reviews should take place somewhere in September before the annual budget meeting.

10 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

- a) Cllr Kinnair was pleased to report that the Play Area refurbishment had completed apart from minor snagging issues.
- b) The Clerk was asked to send the suppliers a copy of the RoSPA report inviting them to rectify the minor issues related to the new installation. Discussion about the condition and maintenance of existing wood equipment and how the maintenance would be managed. The Clerk was asked to draw up an action plan based on the RoSPA report and circulate noting all the issues discussed and starting to map out who may address these. Cllr Winch agreed to draft a form of words for new signage including the usual disclaimer and also for signage exclude dogs (apart from assistance dogs). Cllr Winch will also investigate new seating options.
- c) It was decided to postpone an open day until the spring after all snagging and maintenance issues had been addressed.
- d) Cllr Kinnair to draft notice publicising the completion of refurbishment and calling for volunteers to join an regular maintenance work party and circulate for approval.

11 FINANCE

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 31st October 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) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. Clerk was asked to resubmit request to BMSDC planning re the replanting of the hedge to the front of The Acorns.
- b) Consideration of way forward on Fishponds Lane, bollards or alternative etc postponed until next meeting when Cllr Mecrow is present.

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- c) Councillors considered recent correspondence expressing concerns about road safety. It was decided to focus on one area at a time and then pursue that with Cllr Fleming and SCC highways. Cllr Belson agreed to draft some publicity for reporting 'near misses' that will support the Parish Council's actions. Cllr Winch agreed to get a photograph that illustrates the issue for forwarding to the Clerk.
- d) Consideration of Parish Council ownership (possible disposal) of marquees and speed gun postponed until next meeting when Cllr Mecrow is present.
- e) Councillors considered the 5 options as set out in the previously circulated Diocesan tree officer report. It was agreed to obtain 3 quotes on basis of the 4th option and in meantime Cllr Belson asked that as many councillors as possible took a look before a final decision is taken. (circulated 14/10/2022).
- f) The Clerk had not yet contacted the contractors who carried out the closed churchyard wall repairs. Further consideration Postponed until the next meeting.
- g) Council considered the email from BMSDC re Community Governance Review and submission from Botesdale and Rickingham Parish Councils that three properties be moved into Rickingham Inferior [presumably from Walsham] (email circulated 01/11/2022). The Clerk was asked to contact for clarification and to circulate the response.
- h) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note. Cllr Winch asked that an agenda item be added for next meeting the possible identification and rejuvenation of ponds that exist around the village. Cllr Winch agreed to draw up a list of all such ponds and the land around them to assist in coming to a decision.
- i) Monthly Meetings – next meeting 23rd November 2022 (budget meeting), 7pm in Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:38

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation November 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Memorial Hall	£125.00	Hall Hire PC meeting & NP Consultation
2	CGM	£132.00	Grass cutting stream verges and play area
3	Playsafety Limited	£498.00	Post Installation/Annual Inspection Play Area
4	CompassPoint	£2,401.80	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy
5	Rachel Leggett	£3,043.82	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy
6	Parish Council Employee	£309.83	Wages – note P30 nothing to pay
7	Premier Play Solutions	£72,200.76	Paid on 01/11/2022 - Play Area supply & installation (less 5% retention). Authorised by approval of PO (minute ref 11b, 13 th July 2022): https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/20220713-concil-minutes.pdf
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	Transfer to current account from deposit account	£72,000.00	To cover payment to Premier Play Solutions



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FROM ST MARY'S

During October St Mary's Church was very pleased to welcome Sarah Dunsdon and Jackie Cuningham, playing clarinet and piano respectively, as they entertained a very appreciative audience to a lunchtime concert. This was followed by light refreshments, and the intention is to have several more such lunchtime recitals, the next being February 9th when the church hosts Neil Carlson, oboe, and James Thomas, piano.

From Advent Sunday, 27th November, just inside the entrance to St Mary's will be situated a small 'Jesse Tree.' The Jesse Tree is a very old Christmas tradition somewhat prevalent in medieval times; the first being recorded in 1086. As with so much in our ancient churches, such as the stain glassed windows, the Jesse Trees were placed inside the churches (Jesse Trees during Advent), to assist people in understanding all that was in the Bible, from Creation to the Christmas story. In medieval England of course, people neither had Bibles, nor the ability to read them if they had possessed them.

The name comes from Jesse, father of the great Jewish King David, from whom Jesus is descended; albeit about 1000 years before. The tree is in fact a reference to the passage from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah 11:1; 'A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of His roots.' The first Jesse trees were often large carvings or tapestries with symbols and imagery denoting events and people from the Bible. Nowadays a cut down piece of the last years Christmas tree is often used. Traditionally there are 25 symbols, but in reality any number can be used, as can the symbols themselves. Commonly used symbols may include a model fish, representing Jonah and the 'whale,' a small artificial apple as signifying the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, and with a rather more Seasonal theme, a star, which guided the wise men to the infant Jesus.

Please do feel free to come into church when passing and see the Biblical symbols upon our Jesse Tree, and at the same time read the notes of explanation.

Following what have been for many two difficult Christmases, the church is looking forward to inviting people back to services and events that have not been altogether possible recently. During December there will be the usual carol/crib/Christingle services across the Benefice, to which all are most warmly invited, with refreshments afterwards. St Mary's Walsham will hold their carol service on the evening of Sunday 18th, and the crib service on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. There will also be the usual Christmas Eve Mass, commencing at 11.15pm, with an 11.00am informal Christmas Day service; please see details of all Benefice services to be held throughout the Seasons of Advent and Christmas elsewhere in the Observer.

St Mary's wishes everyone a Blessed Advent and Christmas.

Philip and Denise



DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
4th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
2.30pm	Carol Service	Langham
13th December	Tuesday	
7.00pm	Compline	Walsham
18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Family Communion	Badwell Ash
3.00pm	Carol Service/Christingle	Finningham
6.00pm	Carol Service	Walsham
20th December	Tuesday	
7.00pm	Carol Service	Wattisfield
22nd December	Thursday	
6.00pm	Carol Service	Westhorpe
24th December	Christmas Eve	
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Walsham
3.30pm	Crib Service	Walsham
5.00pm	Carol Service	Badwell Ash
11.15pm	Christmas Eve Mass	Walsham
25th December	Christmas Day	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
9.30am	Family Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Family Communion	Walsham
1st January	2nd of Christmas/New Year	
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham



Whose dying words were *'I shall hear in heaven'?*

GREEN DILEMMAS

Electric Vehicles

There are two main ways to reduce our global warming emissions from vehicles: reduce the number of journeys we all take and move away from petrol and diesel vehicles. The UK currently plans to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel vehicles from 2030. Whilst hybrid vehicles will still be allowed, if we want to get the full environmental benefits this really means transitioning to electric vehicles.

Manufacturing electric vehicles produces more global warming emissions than manufacturing the average petrol vehicle. However, over their whole lifetime electric vehicles have significantly less emissions and less local air pollutants. The full benefits of electric cars are dependent on the extent to which electricity production is non fossil fuel based.

You can compare the running costs of petrol and electric vehicles by converting miles per gallon and miles per kilowatt hour into a price per mile. A typical smaller electric car costs just over 10p per mile to run versus nearer 20p per mile for an equivalent diesel car i.e., your fuel bill would be halved. However, if you are always charging away from home the difference will be reduced as the cost of electricity on a public charger will be higher.

The main issues, other than cost, for most people looking at buying an electric car are the lack of second-hand vehicles; doubts about range; concerns about the speed of charging and the availability of the charging network.

Only 15% of new cars and just 2% of cars on the road in 2022 are electric so it's going to be a while before the second-hand market develops.

Most modern electric vehicles now have a reasonable range but if you want to preserve the battery life you shouldn't consistently charge your battery above 80% capacity. This combined with the fact that charging takes more time as the battery gets fuller means that you are likely to end up charging a lot more frequently than you might expect.

The situation with the charging infrastructure is mixed. There are around 35,000 electric vehicle charging points across the UK, but it is estimated that we need to add roughly the same amount every year for the next 8 years to meet the 2030 target.

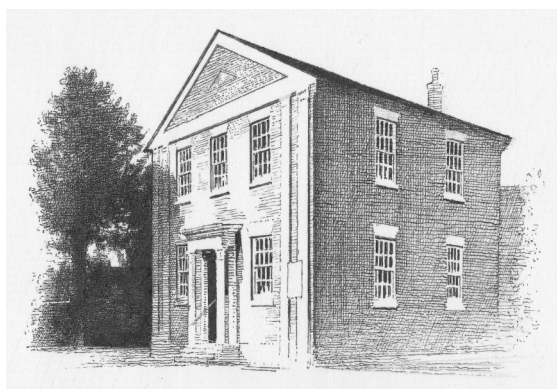
A recent Which Report also highlighted a lot of dissatisfaction with the speed, availability and reliability of the public network. This is compounded by the fact that there are currently over 60 providers all with different apps and payment mechanisms.

The bottom line is that if you buy an electric vehicle, it is better for the environment and if you are charging from home this can be easier and cheaper to run. If you don't have a home-based charging point (and this isn't really an option for many people in built up areas) you will end up paying more for charging, it can be more inconvenient and longer journeys can be stressful.

We must solve the charging infrastructure issue if the transition to electric vehicles is going to happen fast enough. It's difficult to see how leaving everything to the market is going to work.

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18th CAROL SERVICE at 6.30pm

Rev. Peter Kinley (*Needham Market*)

25th CHRISTMAS DAY at 11.00 & 6.30

Dr. David Allen (*Walsham-le-Willows*)

The Greatest Love & Greatest Gift

In the year 1860, during a period of great spiritual revival, a young man who was a pickpocket and troublemaker was passing the Alhambra Circus in Manchester where a preaching meeting was taking place; hearing the noise and supposing it to be a fight, he buttoned his coat and rushed in for the fray. As he entered, he was arrested by one word, "JESUS". The word shot from the preacher's lips like a bullet and entered his heart; he had entered to fight but remained to praise and pray – Henry Moorehouse was soundly converted to Christ.

At the close of a service in Dublin, in 1869, Moorehouse met the famous American evangelist, DL Moody and expressed a desire to return to America with him to preach the Gospel. Shortly after, Moody gave him the opportunity to preach from his pulpit in Chicago and Moorehouse ended up preaching for a whole week. Every night he took John 3:16 as his text and proceeded to preach on the love of God.

On the seventh night young Henry got up to speak and said, "I have been hunting all day for a new text, but I cannot find any so good as the old one, so we will go back to John 3:16. At the end of the sermon he summed up like this, "I have been trying to tell you how much God loves you, but I cannot do it with this poor stammering tongue. If I could borrow Jacob's ladder and climb up into Heaven and ask Gabriel, who stands in the presence of the Almighty, to tell me how much love the Father has for the world, all he could say would be, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life'." Moody did not at first realise that the messages of this young preacher would also have a profound effect on his own ministry: that he would preach thereafter with greater power. In fact, Moorehouse was known as, 'The man that changed the man that changed the world'. Indeed, this is a message that should change us all.

Remember, this Christmas time, that as John 3:16 says, truly God gave his Son. The Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary announcing, "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS" (Luke 1:31). The Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest gift to this lost, fallen, sinful world. How wonderful that God should take on human flesh and live a perfect, sinless life that we could not live; that he should die upon the cross bearing the righteous punishment for sin, that we deserve. Pray too for another of God's gifts - the gift of faith to believe.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)–

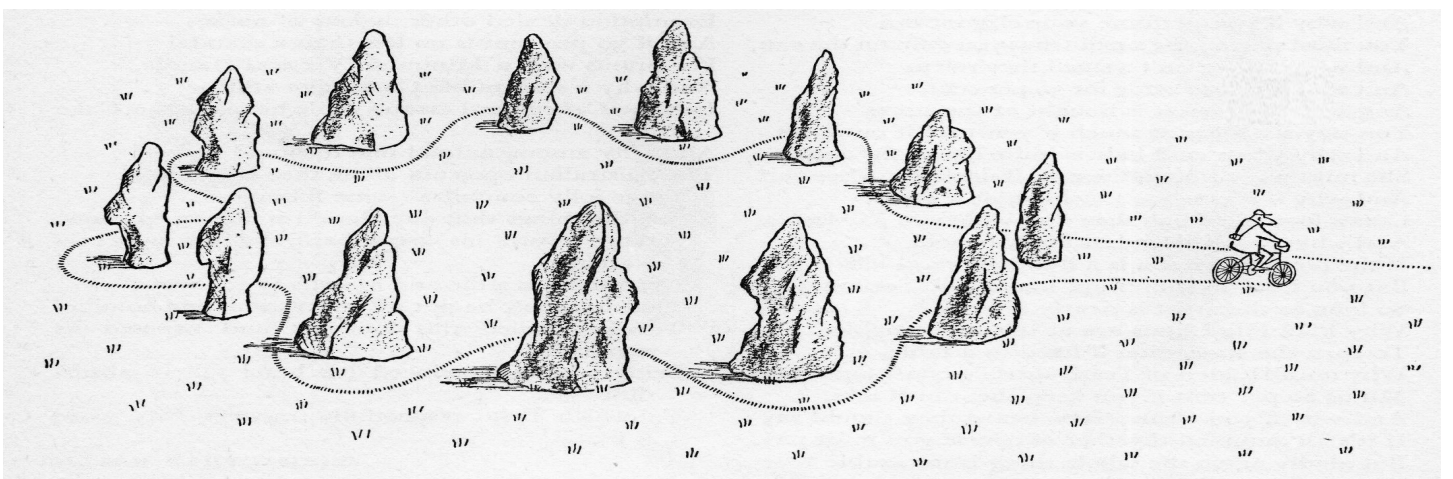
WILDLIFE IN DECEMBER

We have now reached the month of the Yule festivities which will start on the 21st of December, which will also be the Winter solstice, until the 1st of January. It is the month we decorate our homes, and a traditional favourite is the Holly. Holly has been used since medieval times where it was gathered to decorated houses and churches. The red berries of the Holly are supposed to offer protection from evil. The Holly tree can either be male or female, both sexes of this tree will produce white flowers in the spring but it is only the female tree that will produce the red berries. As well as being a great and traditional Christmas decoration the Holly berries also provide a food source for many birds, but of all our garden birds the Blackbirds and Thrushes like them the most.

Another decoration used for Christmas is the Common Yew Tree, this was made popular in Britain during the reign of George the 3rd when his wife Charlotte brought the evergreen tree indoors to decorate. Yews have been used as a symbol long before Christmas, in pre- Christmas times they were associated with death rituals and important spiritual sites. Many of the oldest Yews can be found in the Church yards and many were there long before the foundations of the Church were laid. Again, like the Holly the Yew trees are either male or female, in Winter the female tree produces red berries. Sometimes this tree can change sex but the reason to this is still unclear, and even stranger sometimes it is just one or two branches that make the switch.

Now onto an animal that is part of the magic of Christmas but is very much real, the Reindeer. Reindeer were found to be roaming in herds freely in Scotland until the species was hunted to extinction, they also became extinct in Britain around 800 years ago because of hunting by the Vikings. A small herd was reintroduced to the Cairngorms in Scotland in 1952 with 150 Reindeer now found in the mountains. They thrive in the Cairngorm mountains as it is a harsh climate producing a sub-arctic environment, and the Reindeer have to endure weeks of blizzards and whiteouts. A herd of Reindeer can also be found in the Cotswolds too. Reindeer were first associated with Santa when a poem was published by a New York printer William Gilley in 1821. The poem goes, Old Santeclaus with much delight/ His reindeer drives this frosty night/ o'er chimney tops and tracks of snow/ To bring his yearly gifts to you. The most famous Reindeer Rudolf was named by Robert L May in 1939 with Johnny Marks adding the tune to promote a chain of department stores. However, they were invented be sure to listen out for them pulling Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve night! Merry Christmas!

Angie Bennington





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NOW THERE'S PÉTANQUE PROGRESS!



Since my article in last month's Observer, I've received a very encouraging response from the village, so I thought it would be good to update you on progress.

My thanks to Mike P, Graham H. and John B. at the Sports Club where the new 12m x 8m pisté has been dug out ready for the sub-base. Thanks too to John S who has most successfully got Lovells to donate the aggregate. It's all a great example of what's best in our community - a selfless generosity of time and effort by all concerned.

Once the leaves have stopped falling we'll be getting on with the next stages - the membrane, the laying and compressing of the aggregate, and then the top fine grit dressing. Finally, it will all be contained by pole edging. We already have an outdoor bench and small table and so we are well on our way. In a few weeks' time I will set up a meeting so that all those who have so expressed an interest can come along, ask any questions and make their suggestions and see the piste.

It's in a great position by the magnificent oak trees and near the clubhouse.

If you too would be interested - do email me and I'll add you my list so that I can keep you updated and let you know when we'll be meeting. If you haven't already seen it, you can read my full article about this project in November's Observer which is also still available online on the village website.

For all enquiries please email: graham.portlock@pm.me

BOXING DAY

Where did that come from?

There are several reasons which explain why the 26th December is called Boxing Day. The day after Christmas is also the feast of St Stephen, who was the first Christian martyr and known for dedicating his life to the service of the poor. He is referred to in the first line of the carol 'Good King Wenceslas', who last looked out on the feast of Stephen. The carol tells the story of King Wenceslas, a Bohemian King who went out into the snow with his page to take gifts to the poor, following in the tradition of St Stephen. Therefore, it seemed fitting that the day after Christmas should be the day that the alms box, usually to be found in every church and filled by the wealthy, should be opened and the alms distributed to the poor of the parish. It was also the tradition for the rich to give their leftovers of food from Christmas Day. These were collected into boxes/baskets and given to the poor and hungry.

Boxing Day has also traditionally been the day that tradesmen and servants were rewarded for their service throughout the year. The rewards were usually given in boxes to servants, who would take them home to open with their families on their first day off after Christmas. Tradesmen would often have their own boxes to collect their money. Up until quite recently, it was usual to give refuse collectors, milkmen, delivery boys etc some money at Christmas to say thank you for their good service and this was known as a 'Christmas Box', following the old tradition, so it is not at all surprising that the day after Christmas is known as Boxing Day.

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WINTER HAIKUS III

With this hat blown off
The stiff-necked
Scarecrow stands here
Quite discomfited.

Out over the lake
Long cold
Hollow emptiness
A solitary crow.

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team are now unbeaten in the league in 5 games. They drew 1-1 at home to Kirkley but then thrashed Haverhill 6-0 away from home.

They drew 1-1 at Lakenheath and then beat Long Melford 1-0 with the last kick of the game. Their last game saw them draw 1-1 at Hadleigh.

The Reserves are top of the League. Their latest success was a 3-0 away win at Woodbridge.

The A Team won their latest game 6-0 at home to Woolverstone United Reserves in the Suffolk Primary Cup Jacob Fearweather who is normally a goalkeeper scored a hattrick in 10 minutes.

The Under 18s have suffered with poor results this month but hopefully their fortunes will change for the better soon.

Forthcoming Home fixtures for December

First Team

Sat 10th v Woodbridge Town 3.00pm

Sat 17th v Whitton United. 3.00-pm

Under 18s

Thur 15th v Thetford Town 7.45pm

What's On

Bingo on Sundays 4th and 18th December starting at 7pm in the clubhouse. The second one is the Christmas Bingo. Everyone is welcome to join in on both Sundays.

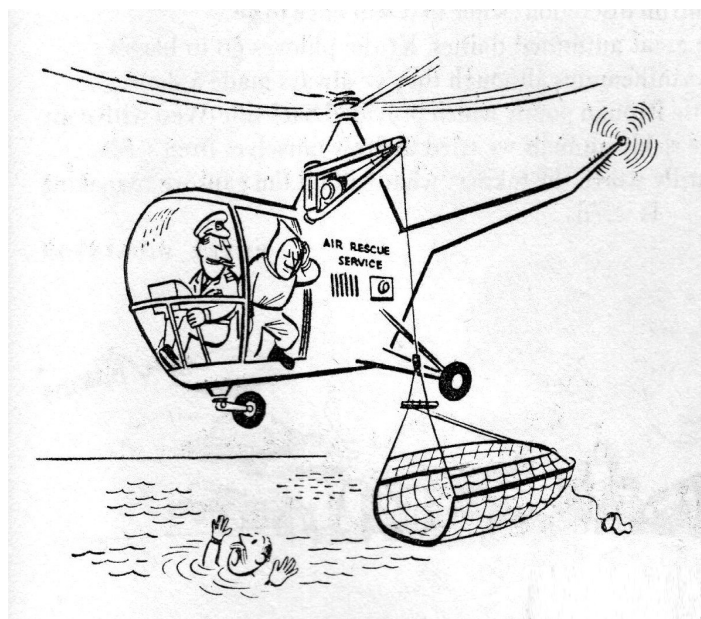
Saturday 3rd December is the Football Section Games Night. Again everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun.

New Year's Eve Disco and Family Fun Night in the clubhouse 7.30 until late. Come along and join in the fun.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year.

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

Gordon Ross



ALMOST A SOB STORY

During the past ten years, at that joyous Christmas Season, you may have seen an aging Mad Hatter, outside Paul Hubbard's marvellous emporium, selling calendars, diaries, books of poetry and puzzle books.

Last year, with the resurgence of Covid, he was unable to take up his usual pitch; so copies of Pandemic Problems, which he had spent some months preparing, remained mostly unsold, and so money that might have been raised for St Mary's and the Village Hall never really materialised.

That's the bad news!! The good news is that copies are still available at the pre-inflationary price of £5, so fun and jollity can be spread amongst your friends and relations without undue cost to yourself. In addition you will be providing much needed cash to needy village organisations.

A veritable cornucopia of puzzles ranging from Crosswords and Searching for Words to the more frustrating Spot the Difference and Dingbats, and including General Knowledge, as well as Limericks - just for your delight. In all there are thirteen puzzles for each of the twelve sections. That's a whopping 143 puzzles - more than enough to keep granny quiet on Christmas Day!!

PANDEMIC PUZZLES
A Lockdown Therapy
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DECISION

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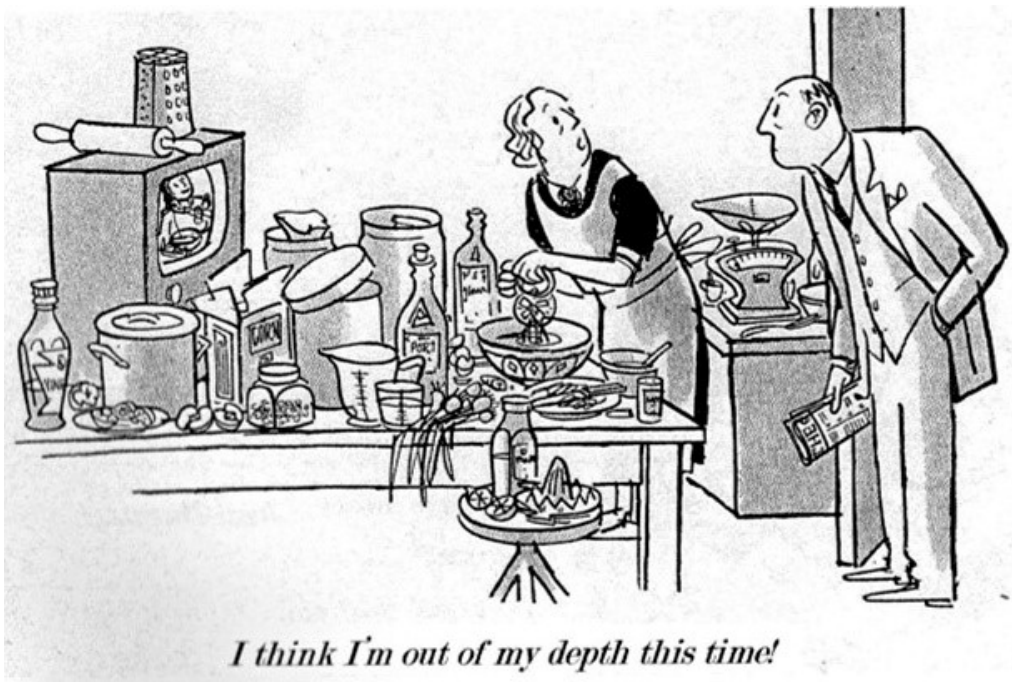


ALWAYS READ THE RECIPE

Right To The Very End

Always read the recipe right to the very end,
I speak from long experience and advise you as a friend;
For often in my cooking I've been carried quite away
Busy looking up some *haute cuisine* in a gay abandoned way,
But as I smugly finish off and think I'm quite a cook
I idly scan the recipe and take a final look,
And Then I see those vital words I somehow missed first time
(Which is why my cooking's always more standard than sublime.)
I recall a certain soufflé, when alas, too late, I found
I added all the walnuts whole instead of finely ground.
And the time I beat a dozen eggs, if only I had waited
Till I'd read the next line where I saw the word . . . separated.
And yes, the piquant bubbling sauce, the fruit of one hour's toil
How did I miss the heavy type, 'Do not allow to boil!'
Once, cake inside the oven, it was then I learnt the worst . . .
My eye was caught by the crucial phrase 'Preheat the oven first'
And about to serve that sumptuous dish, I check I've got it right
I spot the tip hither to unseen, 'Marinate it overnight,'
Yet the time when was well prepared and cooked the night before
The three words, 'Serve at once' somehow were the three I never saw.
So please do heed my warning, and never skip a line . . .
You'll save yourself ingredients, embarrassment and time.

Judy Rose
Fridge Over Troubled Water
The Windrush Press



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



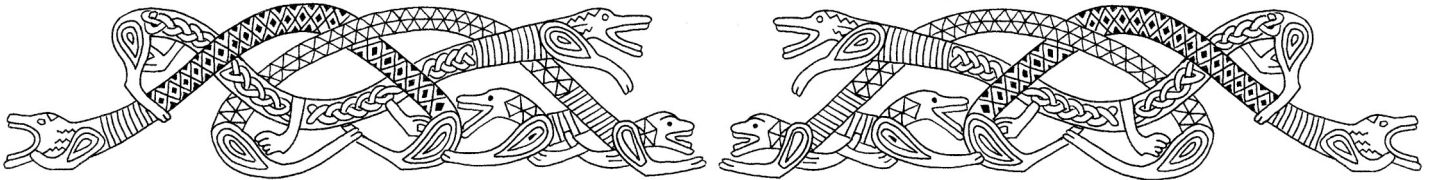
There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before Christmas becomes a complete fiasco!

What is Hugh Maskela's instrument?

UNLESS?

How does one make sense of it all?
This planet Earth,
its thin and life sustaining atmosphere
which allows our very being,
indeed, saves us from extinction
like nowhere else within the cosmos,
is threatened by our life.
Our planet will no longer be
the one we've become accustomed to.
There'll be much hotter times for us to bear,
extremes of weather to endure,
deserts growing year by year,
sea levels rising and I fear
such loss of food producing land
there'll be less food to share,
creating such migrations,
more human conflicts
and such deep despair
amidst a massive loss of life
and impacts planet wide
upon the way man lives.
Our planet, 5,000 million years of age,
will carry on without a blink
while we, brief visitors, will vanish,
just like the dinosaurs I think.
Unless?

Rob Barber



SEARCHING FOR WORDS

M	O	R
Y	A	T
T	I	L

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 that thigs don't go on forever.

Get 35 words and you are doing well.

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

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



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For what would you use a 'half-hunter'?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. The thumb nails, 2. The Plimsoll Line, 3. Softball, 4. London Heathrow, 5. Eight (Desert Island Discs), 6. By necking, 7. The Royal Ascent, 8. Glastonbury, 9. HMS Bounty, 10. John Keats, 11. Betty Rubble, 12. Boris Karloff, 13. Jesus Christ Superstar, 14. The Leader (1st violin), 15. Printing, 16. The Dukes of Argyll, 17. Christabel and Sylvia, 18. 'In the same place', 19. Bristol, 20. 'Coming through the rye', 21. Crumble, 22. Noon, 23. Plymouth, 24. 10,000, 25. The Kalahari, 26. Albert Camus, 27. Star Trek, 28. Galileo Galilei, 29. The laburnum, 30. 26th December, 31. Baggy trousers, 32. France, 33. Irving Berlin, 34. Four, 35. Golf, 36. Harold Macmillan, 37. The Penny Black, 38. Beethoven's, 39. Australia, 40. One a penny, two a penny, 41. Porgy and Bess, 42. Orion, 43. The beaver, 44. Bernardo, 45. Acetic, 46. A shield, 47. Motorbikes, 48. Trumpet, 49. Bull, bear and stage, 50. Telling the time it is a pocket watch

Su-Doku

8	6	3	4	2	9	5	1	7
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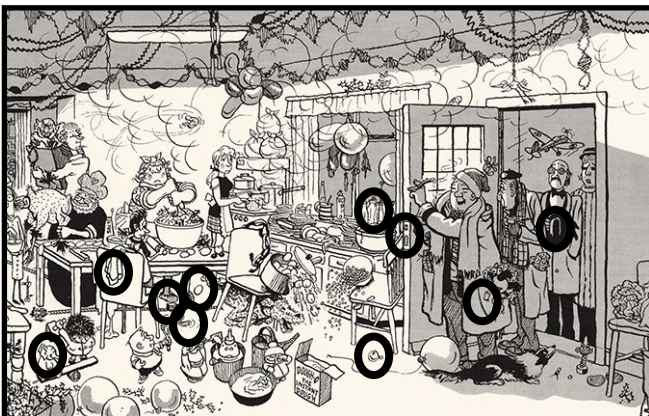
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	C			E			U	
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R	F	L	O	A	T	E	A	
T	E	A	N	S	C	R	A	P

More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ail Art Lam Lay Liar
 Lit Mail Malt Mar Mart
 Mat May Mayor Moa Moat
 Moral Mortal Oar Oat Rail
 Ram Rat Ray Roam Rot
 Royal Tail Tam Tar Tart
 Tat Tilt Tit Tor Toy
 Trail Trait Tram Tray Yam
Mortality (41)

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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.'**