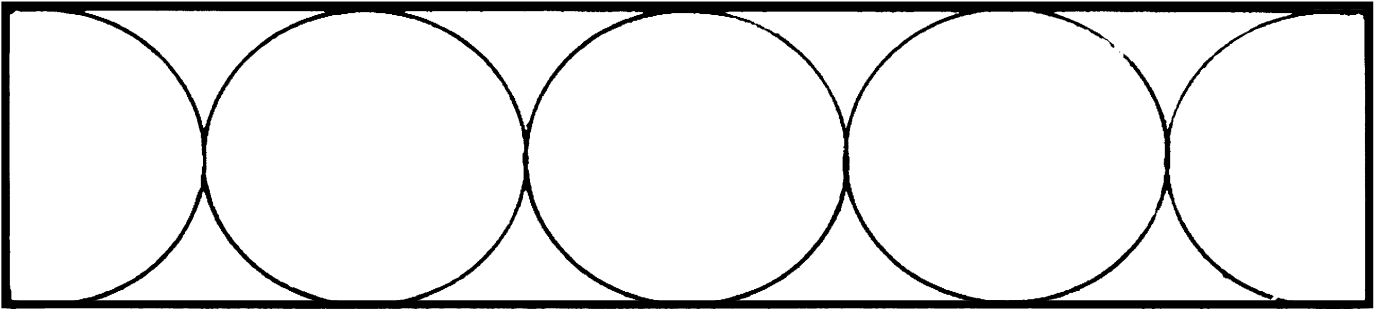
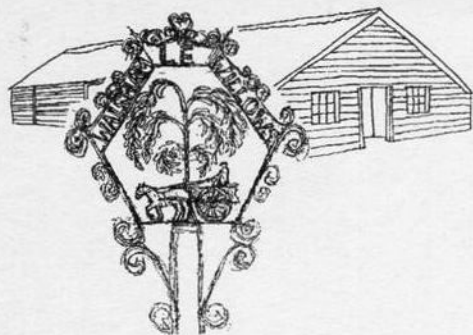


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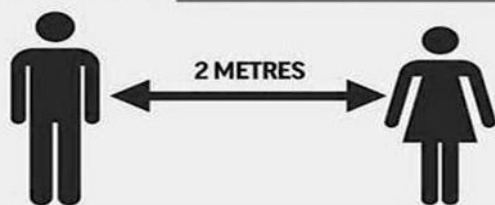
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# EDITORIAL

If perchance you have received this edition of the Observer before Christmas Day may I wish you all the best for Christmas, but I suspect that it has arrived a day or two after the first seasonal 'Blow Out' and I shall wish you a speedy recovery and all the very best for the New Year and hope that for all of us that it will be a Happy and Peaceful one.

As I put this edition together I was all too aware of the cold as I sat in my garret fumbling with the keyboard thinking of the **Warm Hubs** that are available in the village during the week. Don't forget that the **Village Hall is open from 10.30am till 2.00pm on a Thursday** and that the **Priory Room is open from 10am till 3pm on a Wednesday**. Both venues offer pleasant surroundings with the availability of hot drinks - including soup - and cake and biscuits. In addition it does provide an opportunity for villagers to get together and discuss life in the village, and how we might be able to help around the village.

With the continuing news about strikes it is all too apparent that there are many people who are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. **The Food Bank** in the village is providing an excellent service, but it does rely, to a great extent, upon the generosity of those who are maybe a little more fortunate. All donations which you can make, either in the church or at the Village Hall will be gratefully accepted. Amanda can be contacted on **01359258646**, should you need to do so.

After a three year gap, St Mary's will once again resound to the delightful singing of the **Epiphany Singers on Saturday 7th January. Their Carol Concert begins at 7.30pm**, but you would be well advised to come a little bit earlier to get a good seat; and with that in mind a little seat padding might be a wise addition, in case the cushion supply in the church is insufficient to meet the demand. The singers will be 'performing' once again during the Sung Eucharist the following morning at the service which begins at 11am.

**On Thursday 9th February at 12.15pm** there is a **Lunchtime Recital in St Mary's**, hopefully the freezing cold weather will not have returned and so allow us to have our minds on the music and not the coldness of our hands, or more importantly those of the performers. Once again there will be refreshments and a retiring collection.

Hopefully villagers honing their wits for the monthly **Quizzes** which are taking place. **Friday 27th January at the Sports Club, Friday 24th February in the Village Hall (Community Council) and Friday 24th March in the Priory Room (W.I)**

I am sometimes asked whether there is a bus service into Bury or Diss. With this in mind I have included a bus timetable on page 44 for both directions - Bury St Edmunds and Diss. Unfortunately to get to Diss you need to get to Stanton (bus times from there have been included) If you are 'of an age' you can get a Bus Pass which helps with reducing the cost of living. I do apologise to those with less than perfect vision for the need, maybe of some ocular assistance. Or maybe read the magazine on the village website.

Once again many thanks for those who have supplied articles to both keep you informed and possibly entertained. As in all matters, life in the village is only as good as those who are prepared to contribute. Do get involved - it can be great fun, and it's a great way of getting to know local residents.





# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



## **Suffolk Constabulary are promoting their Christmas campaign highlighting dangers of drink and drug driving**

The month-long initiative began on Thursday 1 December, and continues until Sunday 1 January, in conjunction with a UK-wide operation organised by the National Police Chiefs' Council. It will see officers carrying-out roadside checks throughout the day and night - including early morning checks - as well as intelligence-led enforcement activity. The campaign was officially launched on Monday 5 December and will seek to focus peoples' minds that stopping drink-driving is a shared responsibility – for example, if you have friends or relatives that you know will take risks and drive under the influence, then you should do all you can to persuade them not to get behind the wheel. If you can't stop them, then you should call the police.

### **Did you know ?**

Suffolk County Council have this month relaunched their website **suffolk.gov.uk** From the home page, their Community and Safety service contains information and advice on a number of subjects, including :

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Staying Safe Online – Information, advice and resources on how to be responsible and safe when using the internet.

Road Safety Issues – Courses and initiatives to help reduce the number of collisions on Suffolk's roads through education.

It's worth exploring, you may find something to your advantage.

*David Murray.*



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Thank you to all the team who helped put on the Community Christmas Lunch, from decorating the hall the day before, the kitchen elves and those serving tables on the day. I believe it was much enjoyed by those that attended, although the mulled wine may have helped with that.

The Community Coffee Shop every Thursday will continue to run from 10.30am until 2pm in the new year but instead of craft stalls, as in the run up to Christmas, we are working on different visitors coming along.

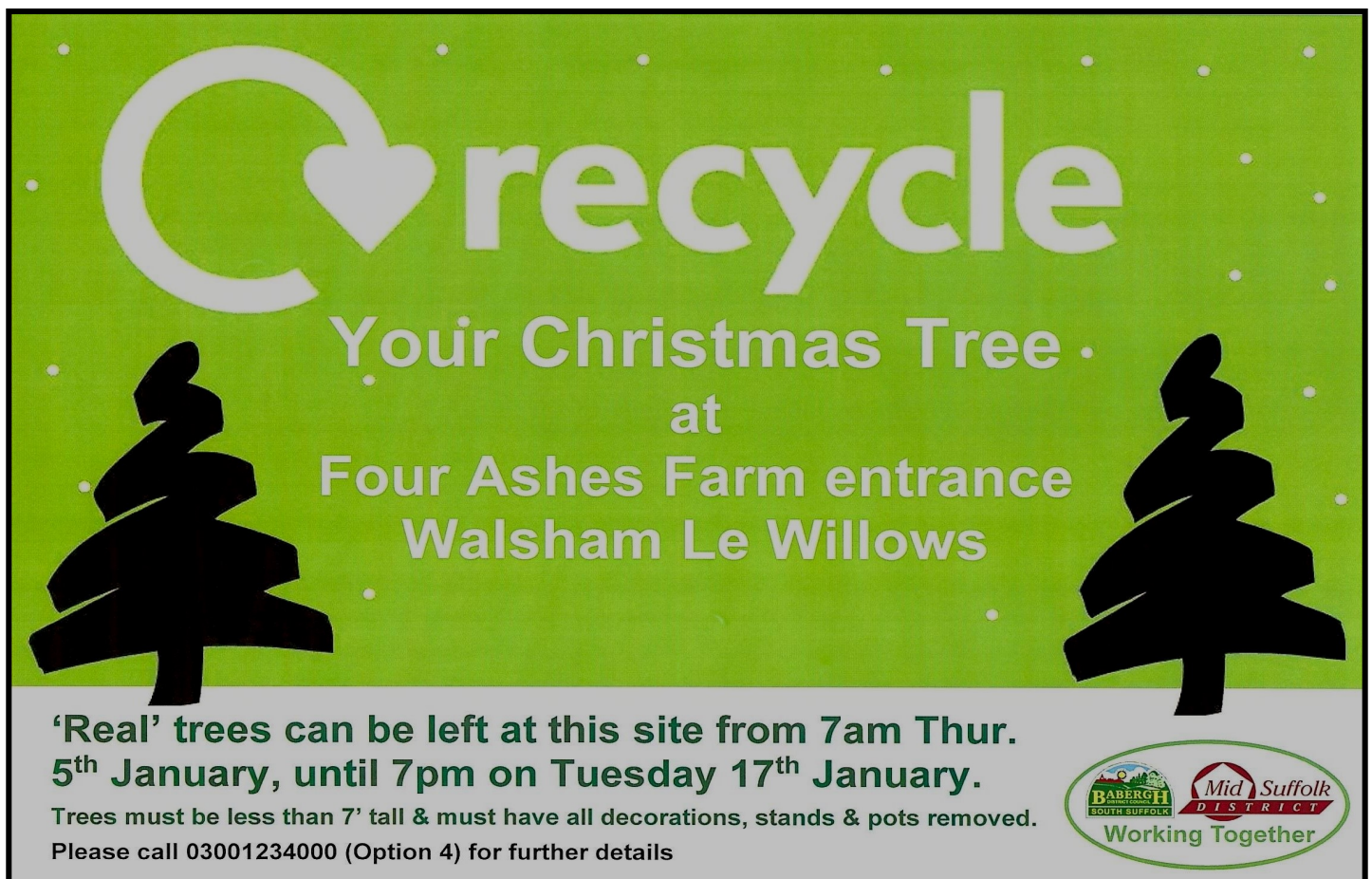
On the 26th of January the hall will be hosting Free NHS Health Checks. These are for anyone aged between 40 and 74 and will be held in a private area at the back of the hall. There is more information in this Observer.

We are also hopefully going to have a visit from the Citizen Advice Bureau in the new year.

The Community Council is very aware of the financial issues affecting everyone at the moment and after much discussion about how we can continue to support the community and remain a hub for the village, in these difficult times, the committee have decided that while we too are feeling the pinch, to delay all our price increases for the time being and will review our prices in 6 months. We hope this decision will help support the activities, classes and meetings and those that organise them, so that they can continue for all those that take part.

Finally, we the committee wish you all health, wealth and new blessings to count each day in 2023.

*Amanda Ellis*



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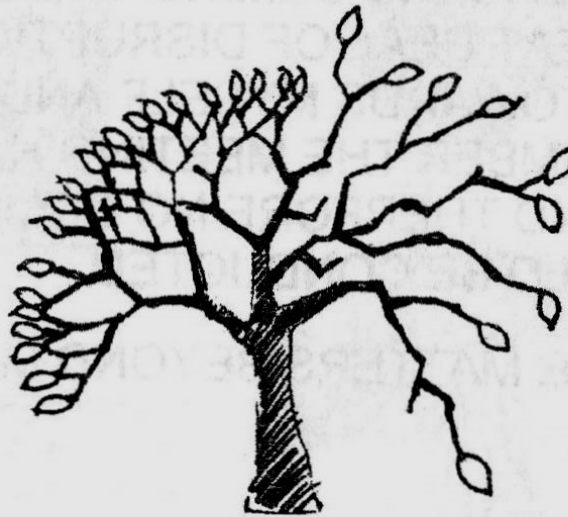
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# WALSHAM –LE-WILLOWS

## CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had an incredibly busy half term as we head into Christmas and all the festivities. The PTA organised a Christmas fete after school and raised an incredible £421; thank you if you were able to attend. Children from the choir sung at St Mary's Church for their Christmas fete and it was lovely to see them on the stage. Our youngest children put on a wonderful Nativity in the church and performed brilliantly. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

The children in Caterpillar's have been looking at The First Christmas Story and why Christmas is still celebrated today. They have created Santa's sleigh as part of their shape work and made space buggies and tested them on sand and rocks. Their next topic will see them looking at different reptiles around the world and they will be looking at different colours and patterns.

Ladybirds have written a newspaper report and a letter to Father Christmas. They have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and looking at how exercise can affect our pulse rate. In the new term they will be writing labels and lists and doing multiplication and division in maths.

Dragonfly Class have continued their work on oceans and have been writing leaflets about The Great Barrier Reef. They have designed their own African repeating patterns and next term will be finding out about where all our food comes from.

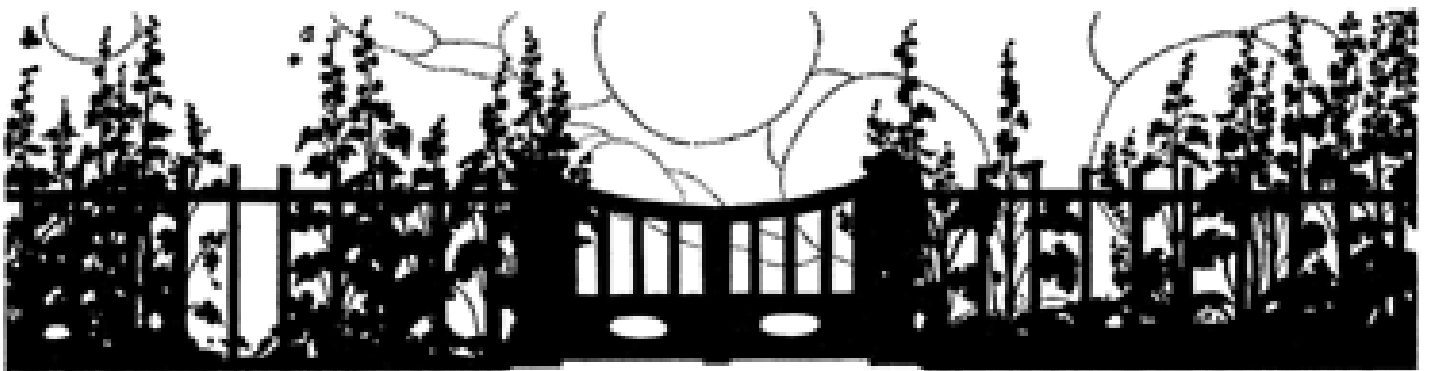
Grasshopper class have identified different features of a good website as part of their computing learning. They have created Christmas cards using a technique called 'iris' and written diary entries from the perspective of someone at the time of the plague. Plague. Next term they will be exploring fantasy stories using different portals.

The children in Cricket class have debated who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic and came up with reasoned arguments for their choices. They have created looked at different features of the polar regions and in maths, have converted different fractions. Next term they will be taking a journey into Mexico.

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](mailto:admin@walsham-le-willows.suffolk.sch.uk) We would love to hear from you!

*Maxine McGarr*



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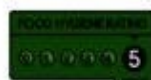
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With everything getting more expensive, it's sensible to be thinking about how you can manage. There are lots of things you can do to try and stay in control of your money.

Before you start spending, work out exactly what money you have coming in and going out each month. Be realistic about what you need for essentials like food and travel. Take a look at the budgeting tool on the Citizens Advice website [citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting). This can help you set a budget you can stick to.

You'll also be able to find tips on how to reduce your regular living costs, which might be helpful if you're struggling to keep within your budget. While it can be tempting to split payments with schemes like Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL), you'll need a plan to pay the money back. If you're using something like that repeatedly, you might be managing for now, but it could also be a sign that it's unaffordable in the long run. Keep a record of how much you owe in total.

Always make sure you understand what you're signing up for, how you'll make the repayments and what will happen if you can't pay on time. It's important to check the returns process for both the retailer and credit provider. Paying through BNPL may also affect the cost of postage returns if you've ordered online. The riskiest thing about it is that you're not guaranteed to be protected if something goes wrong. For example, you can't go to the Financial Ombudsman Service if you have a complaint.

If you find yourself turning to credit cards, your overdraft, or store cards for your spending, keep track of what you owe. You should prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first, because not paying these has the most serious consequences. On the Citizens Advice website, you can find information on what bills to prioritise and how to manage debts. There's also information on the support available for paying these and other bills.

If, like many during this crisis, you find you can't afford to reduce your debts after paying your priority bills and essentials, seek advice as soon as possible. If you need specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk so they can help you find a way forward.

Everyone's circumstances are different, particularly when it comes to managing personal finances, so it's important to get support that's correct for you.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this and 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](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). More information and our opening hours can also be found at [midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us](https://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us).







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The money has at last been raised and a memorial for the nine that died (five crew members and four who had gone along for the trip, one of whom was a 17 year old cadet). The Wellington Bomber T2802 crashed at 16 02 hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1942 between Potash Farm and Wrenshall, Walsham.

The memorial has been placed just inside the Stanton cemetery, there has been a delay in the delivery of special stone which will surround the base. It has been decided that the official unveiling will take place Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The Wellington had left RAF Newmarket to take part in a regular training mission and flew to RAF Duxford for a briefing with the Spitfire pilot before taking off again at 15:20 hrs and flying to a height of approx. 7000ft, while taking evasive action from a simulated attack after taking a steep turn a structural failure occurred in the starboard wing causing the wing to become detached, the pilot was unable to control the aircraft and crashed.

On 6<sup>th</sup> December branch members were at Stanton Cock where they enjoyed a Christmas lunch provided by Nigel and his helpers.

"C" Group will be holding a meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the Six Bells Felsham at 8pm.

The Suffolk County AGM will be at the Community Centre Needham Market Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.

I am very interested to contact the person who placed a wooden poppy cross at the Walsham Memorial in memory of L/CPL Herbert William Nice MM who died 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1917, please contact me on 259724 as I have information, of interest, about Herbert.

Fifteen members braved the cold weather to attend our December meeting, David Sayer Stanton poppy organiser reported the village collection was £2285. Stanton Parish Council has made a donation of £100 to the RBL, our branch account stands at £1226 86p.

I have recently purchased six Crimson Glory rose bushes from Peter Beales, Attleborough and planted them in the two gardens in front of the Walsham War Memorial.

Our next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

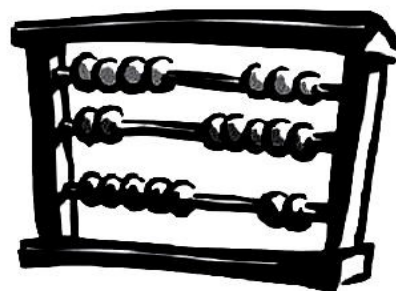
I would like to wish everyone very best wishes for 2023, take care and stay warm.

*Hubby Frost*



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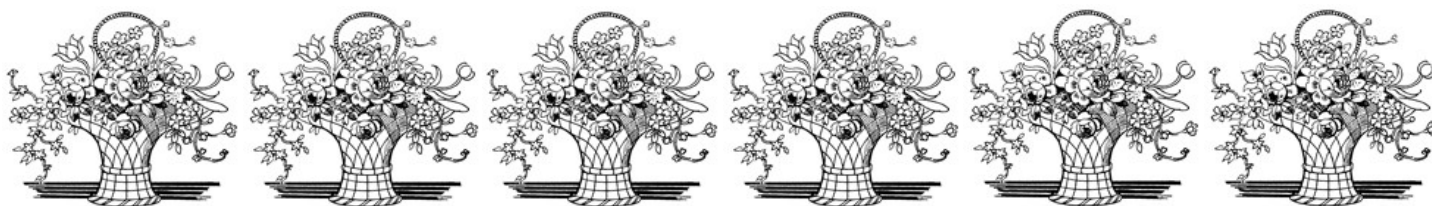
Sadly there was no 'making do' and no 'mending' after all this month as our speaker became a victim of the icy weather. We are promised a re-booking of this in warmer times. There was little enthusiasm for a substitute meeting plan and as we don't count a "Torvil" or a "Dean" amongst our members it was decided to cancel and advise members to stay warm and safe at home on this occasion. We will concentrate on next month's meeting which will be a buffet supper and our annual celebration of the re-forming of our WI in 1971. At this meeting members will each be asked to cast their vote for just one of the topics on the short list of resolutions. They are:

1. Save our Water- every drop matters.
2. Women to women- turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers.
3. Online gambling harm-: time for action
4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife.

The most popular topic will be debated at the NFWI annual meeting, this year to be held in Cardiff.

*Jill Newell*

*Note:- There are three Open Meetings; February 8. History of Shepherds Grove, October 11 Bomb Disposal and February 14 2024. Land Army Girls.*



## COMMUNITY LUNCH



Happy New Year to you all

We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Last year ended with the Christmas lunch in December that was very noisy and everyone enjoying themselves. Here's to more of the same this year.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Lunch will be Beef Hotpot with vegetables served at 12.45pm – 1pm, followed by Ginger bread & butter pudding. Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £7.50p, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 5th January 2023.

*Shirley White*

### And A Thank You

I would like to thank the team who cater for the community lunches each month and especially the Christmas Special we have just thoroughly enjoyed, so much effort was put into the table decorations to make it so festive and inviting,.

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# JUBILEE WOOD UPDATE



The creation of the village's new Jubilee Wood has begun!

We are excited to see a forest of canes and protective spirals in the new Jubilee Wood, each marking the position of a new tree or hedge sapling planted this season. Over the next couple of planting seasons we plan to add to the planting and we are confident we can acquire further plant material from donated sources. Our plans include the planting of a small area of heritage fruit trees adjacent to the allotment to be funded by Mid Suffolk as well as a blossom circle and fritillary bulbs in the meadow.

Already we have seen a large community involvement with a group of about twenty villagers attending the planning meeting in September and our steering group expanding from six members to eleven including a Walsham Primary School pupil representing the school Eco Council. Geoffrey Pollard, the former tenant of the new plot, donated his time and effort to kindly prepare the whole area and the seed bed which kept the project on schedule and saved us costs. Subsequently we have sown a wildflower and meadow grass mix on designated areas of the site as well as planting 851 whips with the help of eighteen volunteers and have planted commemorative oak saplings funded by the WI and other individuals.

Mid Suffolk District Council have supported the project with advice and funding for specific priorities and Richard Parmee, Biodiversity Project Manager for the council, who visited the Wild Wood and new Jubilee site was very impressed by our work so far. We have successfully applied to Lovell Homes, the Woodland Trust and e.forests ltd for funding. We are also grateful to the Parish Council for its support of £500 a year to help with rental costs and machinery hire. Unfortunately, our recent bid to the Lottery Commission was not successful but we plan to work with the school to apply again for the Forest School training aspect of the project.

Many hours of volunteer time is freely given to further the Wild Wood's aims but clearly we do have some ongoing costs and more significant financial costs when setting up new projects. We have held a variety of fundraising events and continue to do so but these raise generally small amounts of money as we aim to be inclusive and try to keep the costs down to enable as many as possible to participate. The biggest cost we have is funding legal fees for the long term lease we have agreed with the Old Town Trust.

Our aims remain as ever: to enhance and protect the biodiversity of the village environment and to benefit local people in accessing public green space. This is a small step towards looking after ourselves, future generations and the planet itself. Thank you to all who have supported the project so far and look out for ways you can get involved in 2023!

*Janette Winch*



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*on behalf of the Wild Wood Steering Group*



# HISTORY GROUP

## Hexachordia Concert

A freezing cold evening, on 7<sup>th</sup> December did not prevent the history group gathering in St Marys Church to listen to a selection of medieval dance music and song presented by the talented musicians that are Hexachordia. The music and song were intertwined with fun facts about dance in times gone by. The very talented trio of musicians that are Hexachordia, all play several different instruments, and have the added bonus of very good singing voices.

The group have worked with well know institutions, including The British Museum, The National Maritime Museum, and The Fitzwilliam Museum, they have a wide experience and talk with great knowledge on their subject.

Our beautiful church always provides a wonderful backdrop for many occasions and for our Christmas event looked beautiful with the lights dimmed and many candles flickering gently, the atmosphere was delightful.

After the concert, there was time to sample the food on offer, and driving a warming glass of mulled wine, and of course wishing friends old and new a very happy Christmas!

*Jean Davies*



## CHURCHYARD ROSES UPDATE



For those of you who have kindly sponsored a rose for this project you may wish to know how the project is going.

If you walk through the churchyard on a regular basis, you will notice that the majority of the rose bushes have been planted. Planting at this time of the year is always dodgy but the planting party were lucky with the weather, managing a day when it wasn't pouring with rain or freezing cold. Our thanks go to Sara Grey, John Stebbing, Les Fulcher, Jerry Bliss, Ian Campbell and Ian Wright who did the planting and to Alison Findlay who put together the planting plan and did the measuring up.

At this stage we are unable to let the sponsors know which is their named rose as we had a little hiccup with the suppliers and there are a few roses still to be planted but the recent weather has been against us. Once this is sorted, we should be able to move forward again

The new roses (and the old) will need pruning in late February. Once this is completed we will be able to add the protection against deer damage. This may not look very pretty for a while, but it is necessary if the roses are to survive and not provide a tasty supper for the deer. Once this is complete then we will be able to let sponsors know which is their rose, so please be patience as this is not a quick process and we do want the rose avenue to flourish and look glorious.

*Frances Jenner*





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## CHRISTMAS FETE

An immense thank you to all who made the Christmas fete the event it was, in whatever way you participated. The weather was kind, and the ringing of the church bells heralded a warm welcome.

The tone for the afternoon was then set out with the Walsham le Willows school choir, who laid down a marker for the Walsham 'male voice choir' to follow!

Craft activities organised by Walsham Primary School staff, tombolas, art and gifts, with a raffle of hampers bursting with Christmas fare.

All served up with delicious refreshments of teas, mulled wine, mince pies, pizza and real ale, with the addition this year of hot chocolate. Thanks to local Primary schoolboy Callum for ably switching on the churchyard Christmas Tree lights.

To be confirmed by the PCC, but a likely date for next year is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December; pencil it in the diary!



## PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES



### Play Area Volunteers Needed

Would you be willing to give up a Saturday morning, two or three times a year to join the existing volunteers who help maintain the play area for all children in the village? Tasks will include hedge and shrub trimming minor repairs, maintenance and general tidying. Adults and children welcome. Contact\_details below.

### Near Misses on Palmer Street?

Thank you to those who have responded already, The more responses received the better the chances of persuading SCC Highways to install a proper pavement along this section of the road. If you have you ever experienced a 'near miss' while walking or jogging or cycling along Palmer Street the Parish Council would like to hear from you with the details including your name, the date and time and nature of the incident, and if possible the number or a description of any vehicle involved.

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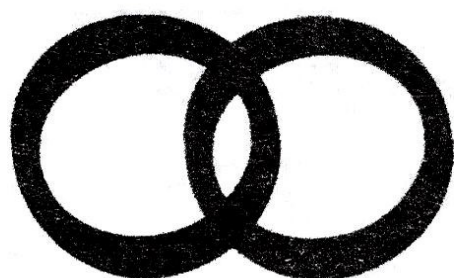


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## WARM SPACE in the Priory Room

What bitter weather we have been having! By the time you read this it will hopefully have warmed up a bit, but we shall probably all be in jumpers and woolly hats for another two or three



months. It is very miserable being cold, so why not head down to the Priory Room on a Wednesday. This week there was a jigsaw being tackled on a large table, a group of friends enjoying delicious hot home-made soup at lunchtime, and people popping in for coffee and a warm-up with the newspapers. Mid Suffolk Council have given us a grant which should keep the Priory Room warm on Wednesdays until the end of March. **We shall be open on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December.**



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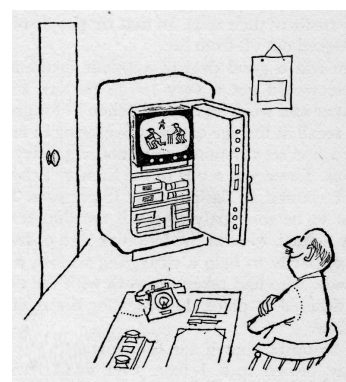
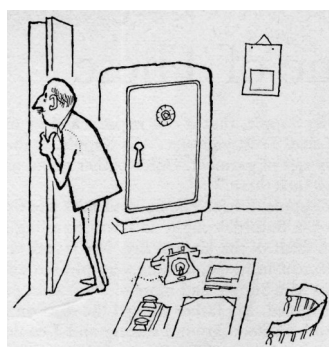
## And Needed At The Sports Club!

A couple of editions ago in the Observer, we put a piece in about the Sports Club's need for some fresh blood to help us run your club and wonder of wonders a newcomer to the club stepped up to the plate and said he and his wife would be keen to offer their services. There are times when the prospect of new building developments in a village are viewed with horror but houses bring new occupants and if you scroll across all the voluntary groups in the village it is often the new occupants who bring fresh zest to groups – thank goodness!

This is a second request for help and this time it is for someone who might want to join a dedicated team of people who volunteer week in and week out to look after the grounds and playing fields at the Club. It is a bit like a "Men's Shed" with plenty of tea and laughs looking after the grounds, pitches, cricket field and bowls green. Training and tools supplied so for an informal chat give Mike a ring or text on 07379 089890.

The revamp of the Club during covid has brought many benefits in terms of the facilities to enable increased use by the community but one of the best moves was re-siting the snooker table in its own dedicated room off the bar lounge. If your exercise these days is of a more leisurely nature, then a game of snooker/billiards with friends is what you want, then again contact Mike Powles on 07379 089890

*Mike & Ian*



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# DIARY OF EVENTS

<b>JANUARY</b>		<b>JUNE</b>	
Sat 7th	Epiphany Singers St Mary's 7:30pm	Wed 14th	W.I. Women's Health Priory Room 7.45pm
Wed 11th	W.I. Birthday Party Priory Room 7:00pm	<b>JULY</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		Wed 12th	W.I. Visit to St Mary's Church 7.45pm
Wed 8th	W.I. Shepherds Grove Priory Room 7:45pm	<b>AUGUST</b>	
Thu 9th	Music Recital St Mary's 12.15pm	Wed 9th	W.I. Garden Party Westhorpe 6.30pm
Fri 24th	Village Quiz Village Hall 7:30pm	Sun 27th	Open Gardens All
<b>MARCH</b>		Mon 28th	Weekend Day
Wed 8th	W.I. Fire Safety Priory Room 7:45pm	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Fri 24th	W.I. Quiz Priory Room 7.00pm	Wed 13th	W.I. Garden Wildlife Priory Room 7.45pm
<b>APRIL</b>		<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Wed 12th	W.I. Pot Luck Supper Priory Room 7:45pm	Wed 11th	W.I. Bomb Disposal Priory Room 7.45pm
<b>MAY</b>		<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Wed 10th	W.I. Annual Meeting Priory Room 7.45pm	Wed 8th	W.I. Community Singing Priory Room 7.45pm
		<b>DECEMBER</b>	
		Wed 13th	W.I. Christmas Workshop Priory Room 7.45pm

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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** County Councillor Jessica Fleming

- 1 OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00
- 2 APOLOGIES
  - a) Apologies had been received from Cllr Roberts due to work commitments.
  - 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 – Cllrs Belson and Winch re Wild Wood grant.
  - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none were requested.
  - c) To receive requests for dispensations – None requested.
- 4 MINUTES

Minutes for meeting of 30th November 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record
- 5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION - to receive written reports for information only: Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Cllr Meyer not in attendance.
  - County Councillor Jessica Fleming invited questions on her report as previously circulated (14/12/2022) and noted the addition of two more bird flu outbreaks in Hinderclay.
  - Cllrs Belson & Winch asked about the proposed changes to status of SCC as a devolved authority with regard to impact on local government and whether this is part of a strategy. Cllr Fleming confirmed that SCC have not yet taken a position on the proposals and that the previous attempt under the devolution deal including regional mayors, failed. Her feeling was that local government structures should not need to be changed for access to the required funding. Cllr Fleming also confirmed that the decision to accept or reject will be in the hands of elected county councillors. She also confirmed that she will seek to ensure that a straightforward explanation of the proposed changes is circulated.
  - Cllr Belson raised the issue of pavement upgrades noting that of the two areas of concern, the path from Sports Club to the Six Bells and across the road between the sports club sites was in hand as part of the proposals being pursued

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by the sports club with the help of Cllr Meyer. The other area of concern being Palmer Street which forms part of the circular route around the village that is taken by walkers, joggers and cyclists. Most of that route is safe but one short section on blind bends is the cause for concern. Cllr Belson explained that attempts have been made to address this longstanding issue with the adjacent landowners who can only be contacted through an agent and neither of whom seem very interested in helping out by making some of their land available. Cllr Belson proposed that filling in the shallow ditch (which never has running water in it) and flattening the banks would give enough space for a pavement which would connect areas of housing and areas of the village. Cllr Fleming suggested that she try to get this added to the Local Cycling WIP initiative. The Clerk was asked to draft a note and send to Cllr Fleming with photographs.

- Cllr Fleming mentioned the hiccup with play area funding that she had offered. The Clerk confirmed that the required information had not been sent through.
- Cllr Mecrow asked about the development of the Stanton co-part site. Cllr Fleming confirmed that a scoping exercise will be undertaken to determine what will be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment. Cllr Fleming was of the view that it is important for impact on surrounding villages to be considered and that the entire A143 needs to be considered as part of the 'transport corridor'.

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

7 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) SHEPHERD'S GROVE (WEST SUFFOLK) – no developments were noted other than that highlighted by Cllr Mecrow to Cllr Fleming (agenda item 5)
- b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/06058 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear (following demolition of flat roof side element). Replace windows and doors and alterations to fenestration and all associated works. Location: The Bungalow, West Street Farm, West Street, Walsham Le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT

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

Appeal Ref: APP/W3520/W/21/3288571 - Land to the rear of Holmwood, The Street, Walsham Le Willows - The development proposed is the construction of a single two-storey 4 bedroom dwelling including parking areas and landscaping. **Inspector (Appointed by Secretary of State) Has Refused the Appeal..**

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council asked for it to be minuted that the consultation had closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and had received 51 written responses from residents. MSDC, SCC and others have responded to the consultation, but these responses have not been published yet. The Steering Group Chair will call a meeting or meetings in January to review the responses.

10 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

- Cllr Kinnair confirmed the contactors had attended to address the issue with the height of the basket swing.



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- The Clerk was asked to insert the notice for volunteers every month through until the spring.
- Clerk advised that action plan on RoSPA report would be circulated before Christmas.
- Agenda item for February re arrangements for maintenance on older equipment and opening.

## 11 FINANCE & AUDIT

- a) The bank reconciliation for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 was approved and signed.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment (Appendix 1) were approved and signed.
- c) It was proposed to set the budget for 2023/24 as follows: Income £27,143.44, Expenditure £39,117.44, producing a deficit of £11,974.00. This deficit spend is due to CIL monies having been received in the previous year when a surplus was posted, but due to be spent in 2023/24. This was unanimously approved.
- d) It was proposed to set the precept at £24,596 which represents a 0.00% (zero) increase on council tax bills for 2023/24. This was unanimously approved and the precept claim was completed and signed.
- e) The Clerk had previously circulated proposals (04/12/2022) for adjusting earmarked amounts against budget items to bring these up to date with recent large expenditures. The changes were unanimously approved.
- f) Council considered again the report from the diocesan tree officer (circulated 23/11/2022) alongside quotes for works to closed churchyard trees. The tree officer had provided a number of options for ongoing management but no specific proposal for work that needed to be carried out immediately. It was decided not to carry out any work immediately but to keep this under review.

## 12 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) The updated action log was reviewed for any matters of concern/note. Clerk noted the internal control checks for December need to be completed. It is hoped that Cllr Roberts will be able to sign off on these at the January meeting.
- b) The issue of barriers on Fishponds Lane was reviewed. Cllr Arbon has not been able to get quotes for alternatives. It was decided to wait for these costings from Cllr Arbon before any further action is taken.
- c) Council considered Cllr Fleming's response to concerns about road safety under agenda item 5. Clerk to draft proposal for approval and send with photos to Cllr Fleming for action. The Clerk was asked to continue submitting the notice for reports of 'near misses'.
- d) Council considered proposals from Cllr Nick Mecrow on the continued ownership of marquees and speed gun. Cllr Mecrow proposed that the speed gun is located, before seeking an interested group of people in the village who wish to use it, and if interest is forthcoming, to have the speed gun serviced and calibrated, otherwise to dispose of it; secondly given that the marquees have been loaned out on only one or two occasions in the last two years that these are offered to a village organisation that may derive greater use/value from them. Both proposals were approved unanimously, and the Clerk was asked to offer



# Stuart Walker

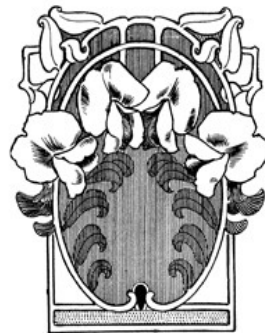
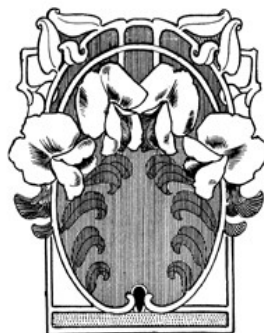
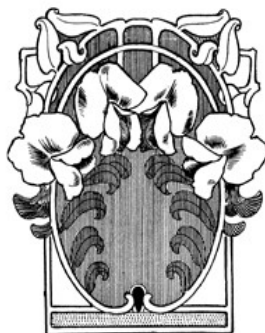
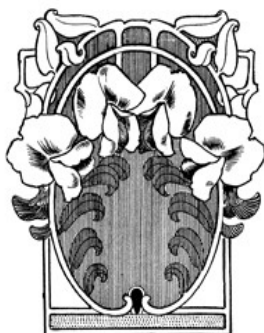
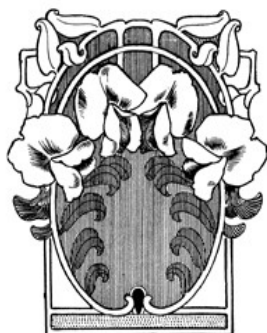


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the marquees to the main user of the marquees, namely, the Gardens Weekend Committee. Cllr Mecrow will locate the speed gun.

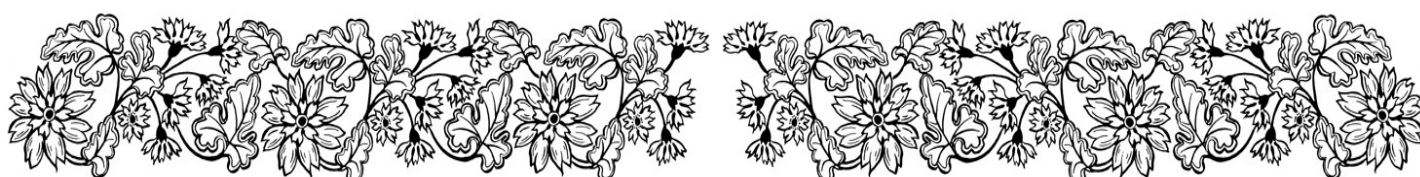
- e) Cllr Belson advised that he had observed that the closed churchyard flint wall had been patched. The Clerk had previously advised that this was completed free of charge by the contractor who completed the last major works.
- f) The Clerk noted that no response had yet been received to the request for clarification from BMSDC re Community Governance Review concerning the request by Botesdale and Rickinghall Parish Councils that three properties be moved into Rickinghall Inferior from Walsham (email circulated 01/11/2022). Council decided to make no comment until clarification is received.
- g) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note. Any requiring a decision to be added agenda for next meeting.
  - Correspondence about tree damage to a parked car was discussed. It was felt that in the absence of the alleged cause of the damage having been witnessed and reported to the police, this was a matter for private insurers. The Clerk was asked to respond.
- h) Monthly Meetings – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7pm in Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:25

## APPENDIX 1

### Payments for Authorisation December 2022

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Kevin Boardley	£326.76	Reimbursement for printer (Printerland)
2	Memorial Village Hall	£50.00	2 x November PC meetings
4	Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust	166.60	2 invoices – closed churchyard sundries
5	Geosphere	£54.00	Parish Online subscription
6	Wild Wood Donation	£500.00	For 2022/23 – the 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 3 payments before review.
7	Parish Council Employee	£325.76	Wages
	Turner Tool Hire	£443.52	Billy Goat Hire for leaf collecting
8	Walsham le Willows Community Council	£35.00	Observer Colour Cover for NP consultation
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	Mid Suffolk	£15,000.00	Capital grant for Play Area





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# FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

By the time you read this Christmas will seem to have passed; the trimmings may well have returned to their storage boxes, the last remains of the turkey eaten, and you could turn that image of the Christmas card around as we watch the Holy Family disappear once again into the distance. January can feel like a long and gloomy month with inclement weather and long dark nights and the brightness of Christmas can feel like it has faded away.

And so it's January, a new year, a time to reflect on the past year, and look forward to the next and what it may bring. Lots of people will have made resolutions, no doubt driven by what has gone before, a realisation that they may have overspent, drunk or eaten too much, and react by setting themselves rather a lot of difficult goals for the future.

Yet as we leave the Christmas Season behind and enter into the New Year and the Season of Epiphany, I would invite you to look back to times in the Christmas Season when the light of Christ shone through for you. Was it a special gift, time spent with family, an unexpected invitation, the joy on someone's face, a look of wonder from a child, a school nativity or perhaps a Christmas card from someone whom you had lost touch with. Whatever has brought you joy this Christmas, hold that in your mind to draw on again and again in the winter days and then look for opportunities to express that joy and its light to others. The Christmas Season may be passing, but its joy, peace and Blessings need not if we allow it to continue in our hearts.

After a three year break due to the Coronavirus restrictions, St Mary's looks forward to once again hosting the Epiphany Singers for both the concert on the evening of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January and the Epiphany Sung Holy Communion upon the morning of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>; the guest speaker will be The Reverend Philip Banks, Precentor of Bury St Edmunds Cathedral.

Epiphany itself is celebrated in the Christian Church on 6<sup>th</sup> January. A major Christian Feast Day, celebrating the Wise Men, or Three Kings, bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus. An occasion of realisation, or Epiphany, that Jesus had been born for the Redemption of all mankind.

Denise and I and all at St Mary's wish everyone a Very Blessed 2023



# JANUARY CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
<b>25th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
9.30am	Family Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Family Communion	Walsham
<b>1st January</b>	<b>2nd of Christmas/New Year</b>	
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>8th January</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>15th January</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Re-Affirmation Service	Wattisfield URC
<b>22nd January</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Christingle	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
<b>29th January</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
<b>5th February</b>	<b>3rd Sunday before Lent</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham



What is the name given to the first day of Holy Week?



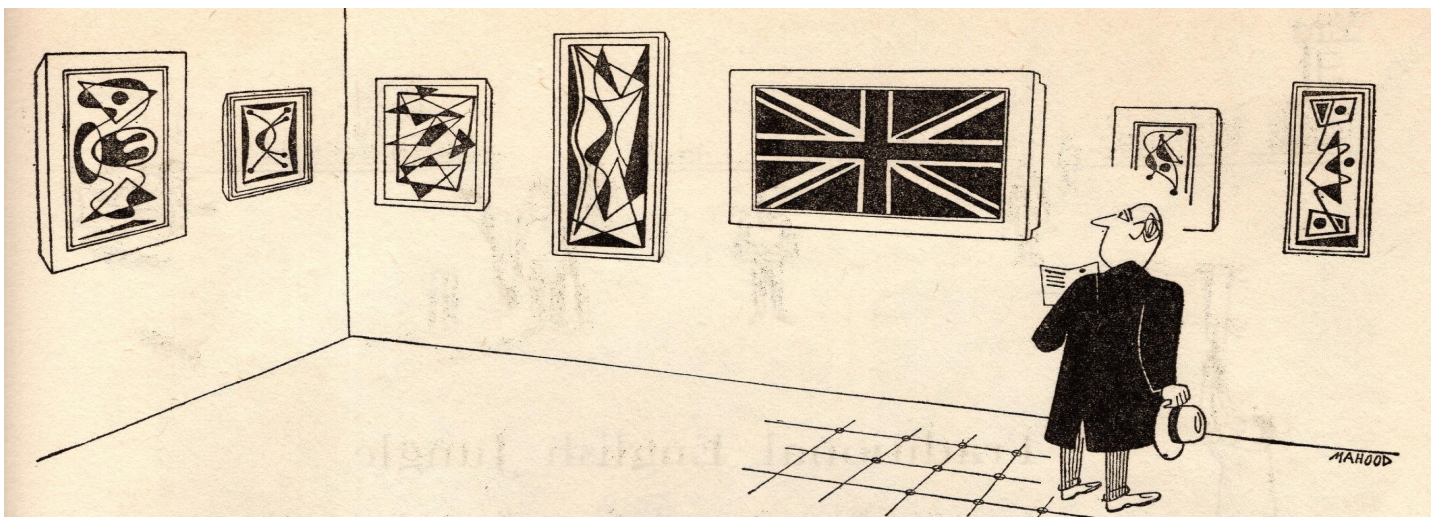
# WILDLIFE IN JANUARY

With the cold weather here birds will be sighted a lot more in our gardens in the search of food and shelter. One of the birds we will see more of this month is the Wren. The Wren is one of our smallest birds and they will be very busy trying to find food. The lack of insects this time of year and the cold temperatures make these little birds vulnerable, and in severe winters the population can decline dramatically. Their scientific name is Troglodytidae, which means cave dweller. This name reflects how they search for food in gaps and crevices and also how they nest. I found two nesting in my hanging basket, they had made a little hole and were very well tucked up in there keeping warm, with just a little eye looking at me. Wrens will defend their territories especially when they have a good food source, but come the very cold temperatures you will see them on an evening coming together to roost to keep warm. Good foods to put out for the birds at this time of year would be mixed seeds which is a good allrounder and foods high in protein such as peanuts, sunflower hearts, mealworms and suet to help keep them warm and well fed. Remember in these freezing months to also leave water out, you do not need to have a bird bath, just a tray or dish will be fine, if you do have a bird bath remember to defrost it in the mornings. You can even get heated bird baths!

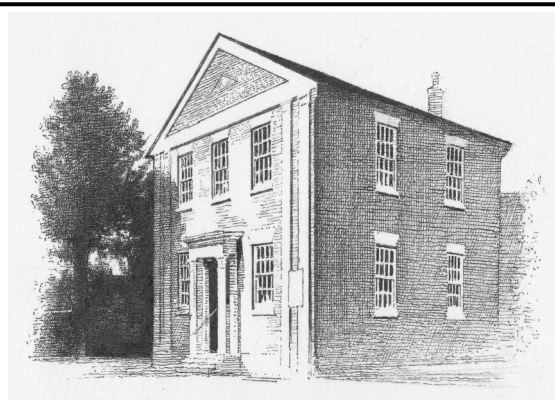
When we walk around trees and vegetation have shut down, but there is still life around such as King Alfred's Fungi. You can find them sprouting on fallen Ash branches and they look like charcoal or a lump of coal. Their name comes from the legend that King Alfred was supposed to be watching some cakes that were baking, but he burned them and threw the charred remains away to conceal what he had done! These Fungi also have another name 'Cramp Balls' and it was said that the Fungi were used to help with muscular spasms and for several thousands of years they were used as a firelighter and old specimens would burn nice and steadily which was great for a campfire.

The evenings and nights may be coming a little noisier now as the Foxes calls increase. Territories will be pushed as this is their peak mating season. Expect screams, barks and also fights as they find their position to successfully find a mate. Foxes only breed once a year and there are only a few days when the Vixen is in heat. The Vixen will be pregnant for 53 days and will be looking for a suitable place to give birth. Be sure to listen out for them!

*Angie Bennington*







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## Services for December

We are open for worship each Sunday at 11.00 & 6.30 so why not come along? Please be assured of a warm welcome; it would be lovely to see you.

1 <sup>st</sup>	(to be confirmed)	
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mr. Stephen Toms</b>	(Chelmsford, Essex)
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mr. Daniel Biddle</b>	(Calvary Baptist Church, Feltham, Middlesex)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Dr. David Allen</b>	(Walsham-le-Willows)
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rev. Gordon Dane</b>	(Crossgar Free Presbyterian Church, N. Ireland)

## Happy New Year & Happy Eternity

Dr John Duncan was a very well-known Scottish Presbyterian minister in the 19<sup>th</sup> century: for a number of years, he served as a missionary to the Jews in the Hungarian city of Budapest. Later, his denomination brought him home again to his native Scotland so that he could teach Hebrew in the Theological College in Edinburgh. Because of his strong association with the Jewish people, he was often affectionately known as 'Rabbi Duncan'.

Once, on New Year's Day, Dr Duncan met two of his students who both greeted him with a hearty, "Happy New Year, sir!" Immediately, Dr Duncan doffed his hat to the two young men, and solemnly replied, "A happy eternity, gentlemen". It is good to have a happy new year, and that is certainly what we would all wish for as 2022 gives way to 2023, but it is so much more important to have a happy eternity, which is only possible if we have the prospect before us of spending that eternity in Heaven, in God's very presence.

Now that another year of our lives has run its course, it is good to stop and consider; remembering that we are another year older, and eternity is now another year closer for all of us. How sobering this truth is! It is important to remember that each of us are heading in the same direction, at the same pace, but not necessarily to the same destination. As another year swiftly draws to a close, we are reminded that life is at best fleeting, time passes and eternity beckons.

There are very many places upon this earth that we might never visit, but it is certain that all of us will inhabit eternity when time has passed. Time passes but eternity never does, and our destiny remains the same forever; it is surely vital therefore to seriously consider for ourselves where our destination will be. The Bible tells us that eternal life and entrance to God's Heaven are not guaranteed, but conditional. We are shown in Revelation 21:17 that nothing less than God's Holy perfection can enter into Heaven, and we are told, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Is there then any hope? Yes, indeed there is, by genuine repentance of sin and faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour, and the only way. Christ himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

This New Year, instead of making resolutions that we have neither the willpower or intention to keep, might it not be more profitable to be assured of a safe and happy eternity by seeking the Lord while he may be found, and calling upon Him while he is near (Isaiah 55:6)

**Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.**  
(Psalm 144:15 )

# GREEN DILEMMAS

## Onshore Wind

There has been a lot of coverage in the press about onshore wind with the government eventually agreeing a compromise around the planning laws.

Wind pumps and windmills have been used for land management and food production for hundreds of years. The first windmill designed to generate electricity was built in Scotland in 1887 by Professor James Blyth to power the lighting in his holiday cottage. Blyth offered the surplus electricity to the local village but was turned down as the villagers thought that electricity was 'the work of the devil'! The first utility grid-connected wind turbine to operate in the United Kingdom was built until 1951 in the Orkney Islands and the first onshore wind farm was opened in Cornwall in 1991. Today there are more than 1,500 operational onshore wind farms across Great Britain contributing roughly 12% of the UK's electricity needs.

However, while onshore wind has recently continued to make a big impact in Scotland, the planning laws in England have meant that there has been an effective ban on onshore wind development in England since 2015. A recent YouGov poll found that 67% of voters wanted the ban on onshore wind lifted.

The main arguments against onshore wind farms are local environmental objections. Some residents feel that they are an eyesore on the landscape. Anyone who has walked near a wind farm in windy conditions will know the turbines can be noisy for several hundred metres around the site. There are also concerns about the potential impact on birds and bats though the concrete evidence for this is still developing.

On the other hand, onshore wind is one of the cleanest and cheapest sources of energy (it's much cheaper than gas or nuclear and is roughly half the cost of offshore wind). Onshore wind turbines are environmentally efficient to install and can be constructed within a few months. It is estimated that financial payback can be within about two years. When in operation, onshore wind turbines also have low maintenance costs. The sites are usually remote and can still be farmed.

Onshore wind opens up possibilities for community ownership of wind farms and there are many success stories from around the country where the turbines are locally owned and part of the profits are reinvested in the local community. (for example see <https://www.weset.org/about/>)

Wind power is of course intermittent and some people question why we want to increase reliance on wind technology. Wind power in itself cannot be the solution to the continuity of energy supply. We need other sources of power or other solutions like energy storage to address this problem. The role of onshore wind is to increase the overall volume of carbon free electricity, to reduce the cost of electricity and improve our energy security in relation to imported gas.

The problem we have all got with the impact of high energy costs on the public finances is that apart from reducing the amount of energy we use, there aren't many options in the short term (i.e. next few years) to reduce the cost of energy - onshore wind is one of the few options.

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# TIRAMISU RECIPE

250ml mascarpone  
 350ml double cream/shipping cream  
 4 teaspoon caster sugar  
 1 and a quarter packs of hard sponge fingers  
 1 tablespoon cocoa powder  
 25g dark chocolate  
 around 300ml strong coffee or espresso

1. Mix the mascarpone and sugar together, then slowly add the cream in whilst mixing
2. Once the cream and mascarpone are fully incorporated, whisk either by hand or with an electric mixer until it is thick
3. Make some strong coffee and wait for it to cool, then dip the sponge fingers in one by one on both sides for about 5 or 6 seconds in total
3. Place one layer of the soaked sponges in a tray and then place half the mascarpone mixture on the sponges
4. Repeat soaking the sponges and place them on top of the first layer, then finish off with the rest of the mascarpone mix
5. Dust evenly with cocoa powder and then grate some dark chocolate on top
6. Wrap in clingfilm and place into the fridge for at least 2 hours
7. Enjoy!



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**Diss / Garboldisham → Stanton → Bury St Edmunds****Monday - Friday****Via: Botesdale, Hepworth, Walsham le Willows, Ixworth, Great Barton****(not Bank Holidays)**

Service:	338	304	304	304	337	337	304	338	304	338	304	304	304	338	304
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Palgrave opp. Church		0640	0710	0725	--	--	0945	--	1025	--	1305	1445	1445	--	1745
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Stanton Memorial	0706	0722B	0738	0755	0750	0750E	1028	1006B	1052	1322B	1349	1512	1512	1609	1812
Stanton Shepherds Grove Shops		0726				--		1009		1325					
Stanton Chare	0711		0743	0803		--			1057		1354				
Bardwell Green	0714		0746	0808		--			1100		1357				
Walsham-Le-Willows Blue Boar PH		0733				--		1015		1331					
Walsham-Le-Willows Town House Estate		0736				--		1018		1334					
Badwell Ash White Horse PH		0741				--		1022		1338					
Bury St Edmunds Rail Station	R			R	--	--		1053			1422				R
Bury St Edmunds St Benedicts School			0835		--	--									
Bury St Edmunds West Suffolk College			0842		--	--									
Bury St Edmunds Bus Station Bay 5	0746	0813	0847	0845	--	--	1055	1055	1128	1411	1424	1541	1553	1639	1836

**Diss / Garboldisham → Stanton → Bury St Edmunds****Saturday Only****Via: Botesdale, Hepworth, Walsham le Willows, Ixworth, Great Barton****(not Bank Holidays)**

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Palgrave opp. Church	0705		0725	--	1025	--	1355	1455	--	--
Stanton Shepherds Grove Shops			0805	--			1436	1537#	1616	1643
Stanton Memorial	0744	0747B	0808	0936	1052	1312B	1439	--	1619	1646
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Stanton Chare	--		0812	0940	1057		1443	--		
Bardwell Green	--		0815	0943	1100		1446	--		
Walsham-Le-Willows Blue Boar PH	--	0756				1321		--		
Walsham-Le-Willows Town House Estate	--	0759				1324		--		
Badwell Ash White Horse PH	--	0803				1328		--		
Bury St Edmunds St Nicholas Close	--		0838		1123		1509	--		1704
Bury St Edmunds Rail Station	--	0834		1008		1357		--	1643	
Bury St Edmunds Bus Station Bay 5	--	0836	0845	1010	1128	1359	1516	--	1645	1710

# THREE NEW YEAR POEMS

## RESOLUTION! SCHMEZOLUTION!

Resolution! Schmezolution!  
This year, I'm resolved  
to make no resolutions  
because failure is involved.  
No plans, no goals, no promises.  
No journal, chart, or list.  
No calendar that goes unstarred  
for every day I've missed.  
No weekly ruminations over  
changes not achieved.  
No self-defeating burials  
of good intentions grieved.  
No self-recrimination or  
disparagement at all.  
No personal experience  
of how the mighty fall.  
No feeling like a loser as  
the year rolls to an end.  
No starting fresh on New Year's Day  
and trying to pretend.  
'Cause this time WON'T be different.  
Join my cause and face the facts.  
The Resolution Revolution:  
"Just give goals the axe."

*Susan Noyes Anderson*

## TWO FROM ANONYMOUS

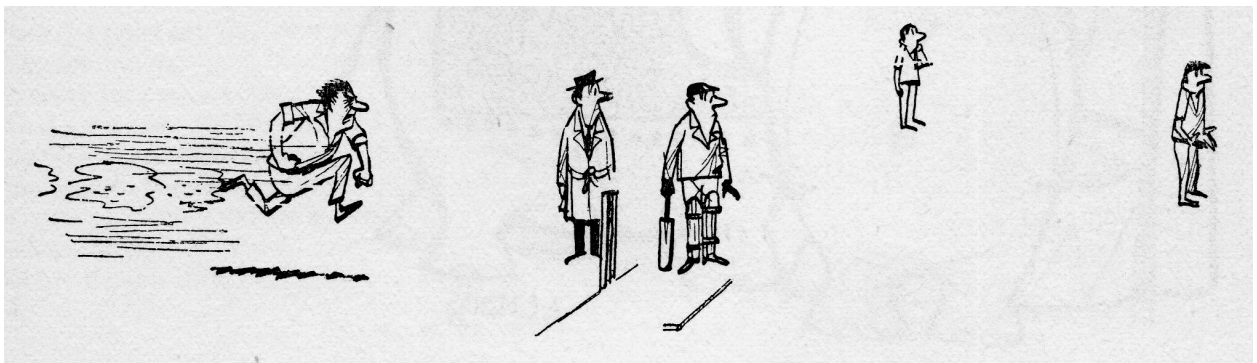
What can be said in New Year rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?  
The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we know.  
We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.  
We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.  
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our prides, we sheet our dead.  
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of a year.

I'm writing this in a state of shock,  
Watching the clock—tick tock, tick tock,  
Advancing, approaching, relentlessly,  
A brand new year; Oh, can it be?

The calendar says the same thing, too;  
Time races, vanishes for me; Boo hoo!  
No, wait! If time flies, I'm having fun!  
A year of fun! It's gone! It's done!

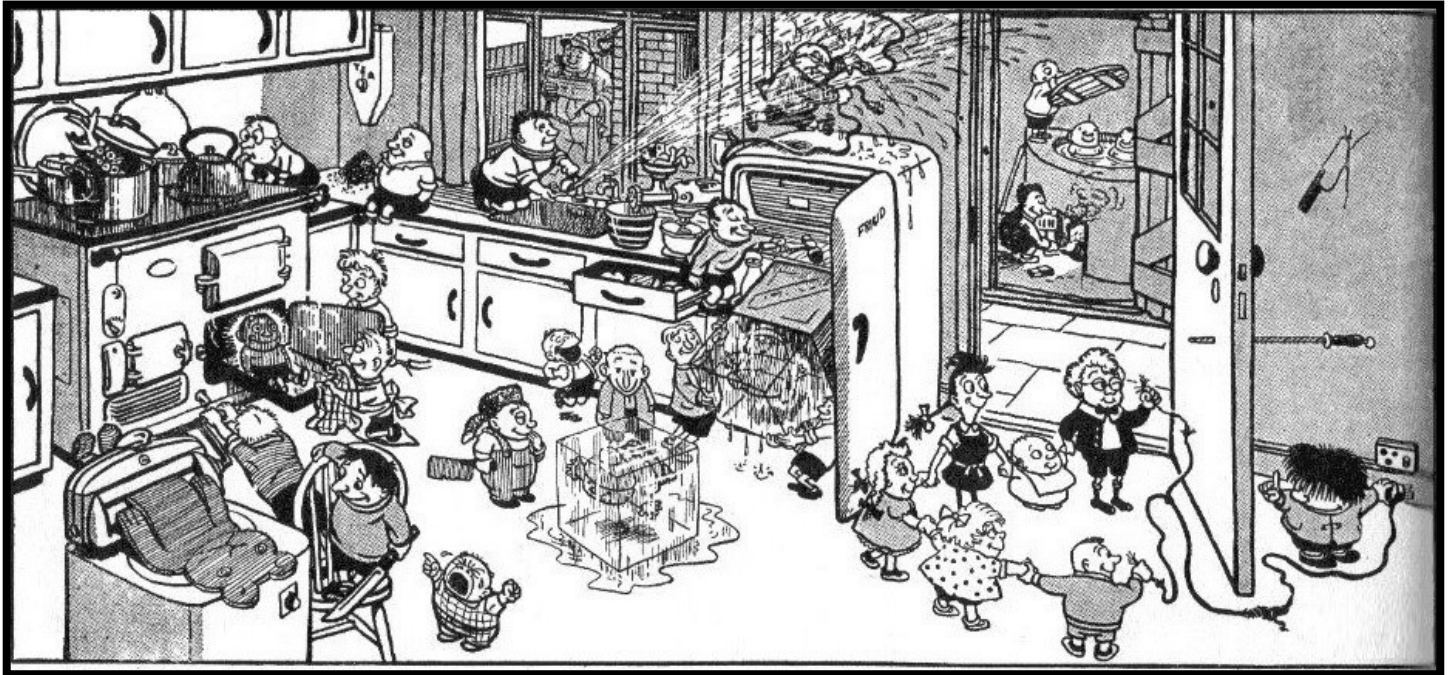
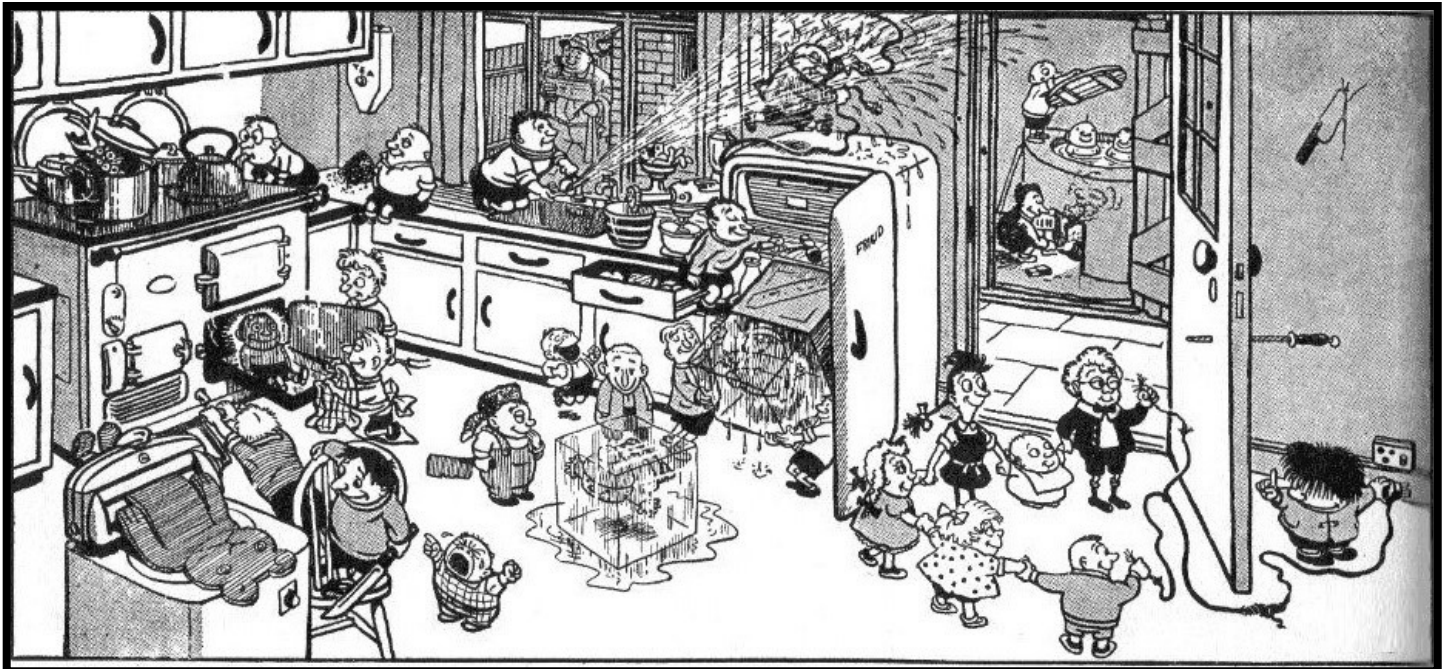
I now embrace the blur of time,  
Because it simply means that I'm  
Too busy with pleasure, joy, delight  
To mourn the passing days' swift flight.

So I'm wishing you fast, happy days,  
Pleasuring you in myriad ways,  
Filled with happiness and cheer,  
Oh Happy, Happy Bright New Year!

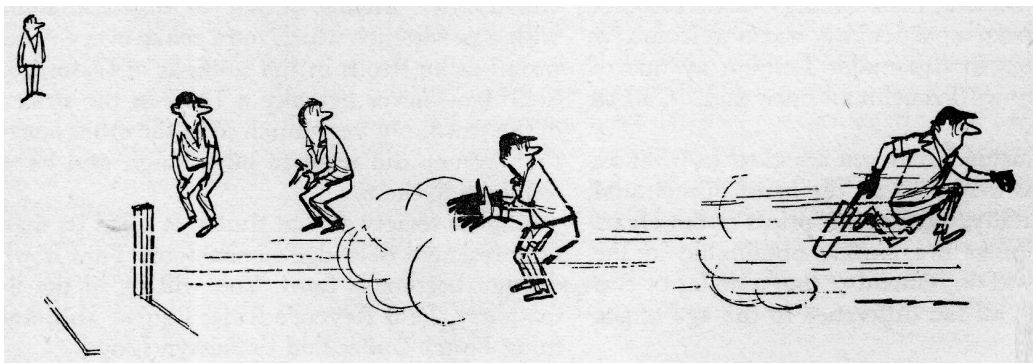




# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before Mum returns and gets order back!!*



A collection of what is called a rabble?

# SPORTS CLUB REPORT

## Football

The First Team went on a six game unbeaten run culminating in a 5-0 thrashing of Sheringham Town. However, their last fixture saw them lose 3-0 at Fakenham Town.

The Reserves sit top of the League and are 7 points clear at the time of writing. They won their latest league match away to Wivenhoe by 3 goals to nil. Kalum Benham, Charlie Glover and Owen Walton-Ross were the scorers of three brilliant goals. They are however out of the Chell Trophy are losing 1-0 at home to Stowmarket.

The As are in a mid-table position in Division 4 of the SIL while the Under 18s won their latest home game 10-1 against Haverhill Rovers. They lost their last game 3-0 away to table topping Newmarket Town.

The Veterans won their latest fixture 6-1 at home to Long Melford in the Suffolk Veterans Cup.

## Home Fixtures for January

### 1st Team

Mon 2nd v Harleston Town 2pm.

Sat 14th v Haverhill Rovers 2pm

Tue 24th v Lakenheath 7.45pm

Sat 28th v Ely City 2.00pm

### Under 18s

Thur 26th v Mildenhall Town 7.45pm

### Reserves

Sat 7th v Whitton United 2pm

Sat 21st v Woodbridge Town 2pm

### A Team

Sat 14th v Capel Plough Reserves 2pm

Sat 21st v Old Newton United Reserves 2pm

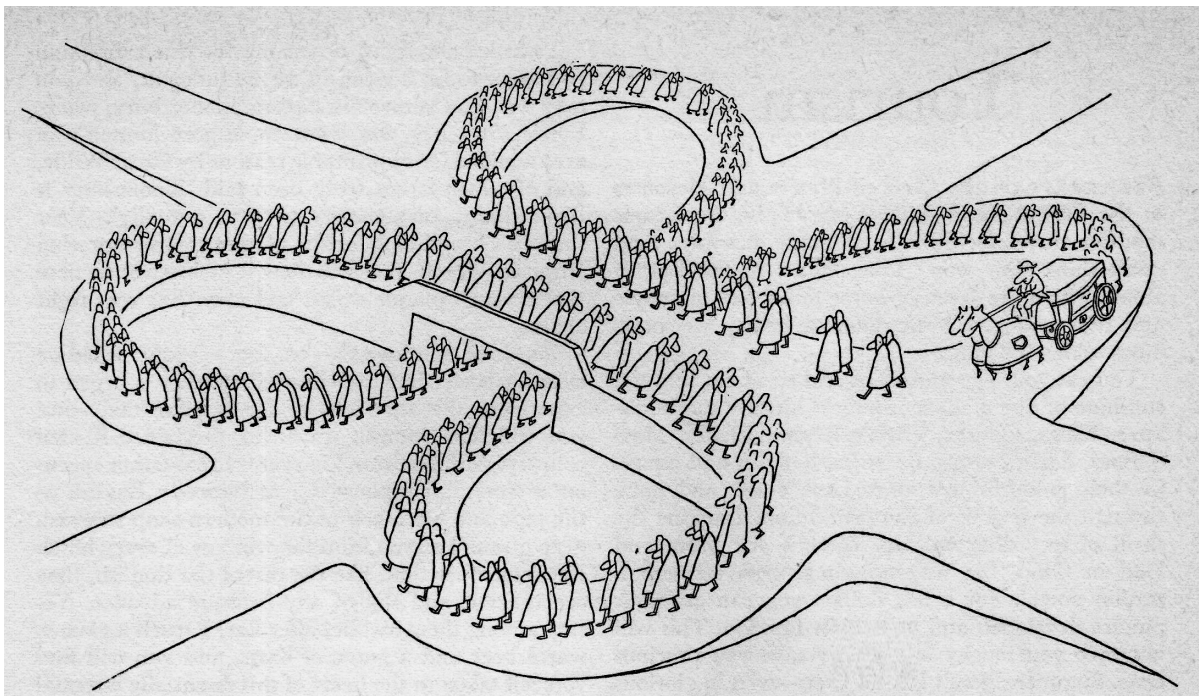
### Veterans

Sun 15th v Trimley Sports & Social Club.2pm.

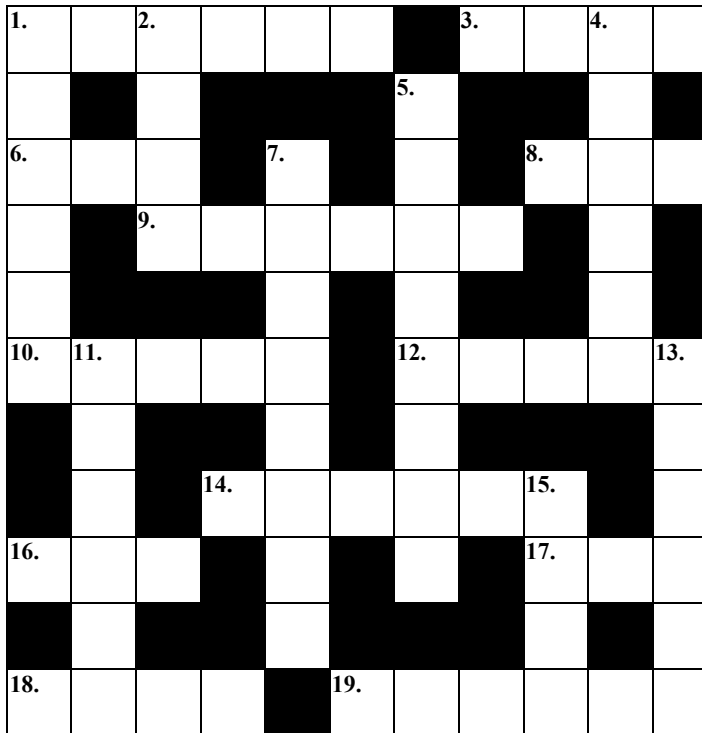
## What's On

Sundays 8th and 22nd Bingo 7pm start. All welcome to attend..

Friday 27th January Gordon's Quiz Night. 7.30pm Start. Teams of up to 4. All welcome  
For information on these and other events please contact Gordon Ross on 07790 564674  
or email to [gordonaross2@gmail.com](mailto:gordonaross2@gmail.com)



# WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



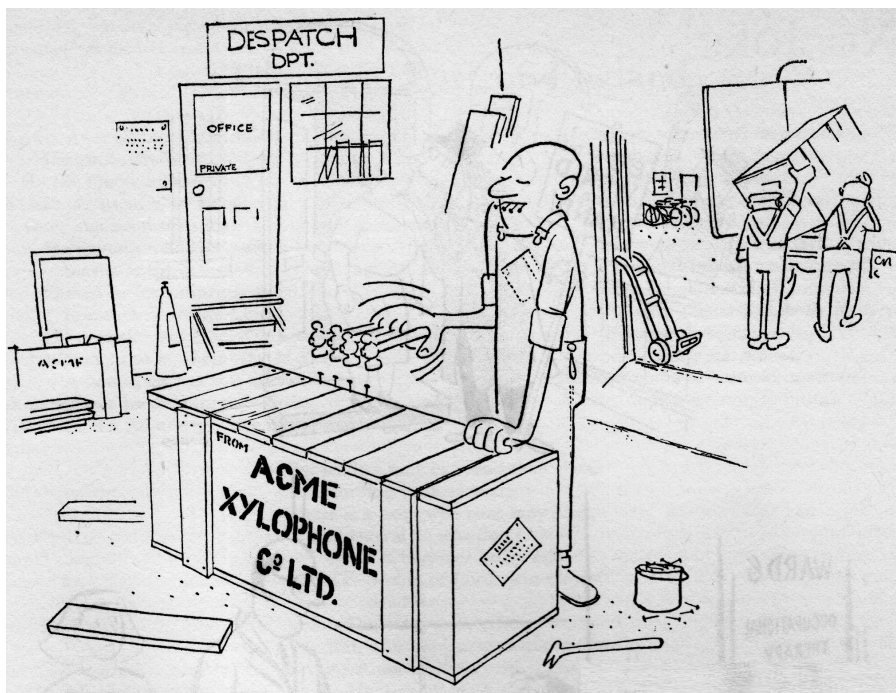
9. Maybe the best common prison In the desert. (6)  
 10. Loans were arranged for the hairdressers shop. (5)  
 12. Do without and pass over menu starter. (5)  
 14. Brought up the reader to be adaptable. (6)  
 16. Hold this type of wooden leg. (3)  
 17. It's almost quick enough for Cleo's killer. (3)  
 18. A particle found in A to M. (4)  
 19. It's not her service to hold them. (6)

## Down

1. I'd almost perch to get the angles right. (6)  
 2. It's such an undertaking in these pictures. (4)  
 4. The flow of mater's reform. (6)  
 5. Riches found on Stevenson's Island. (8)  
 7. Playing pieces found in stores. (8)  
 11. Is this feature the fate of bird food? (6)  
 13. Pa maps arrangements for grass production. (6)  
 15. Bewilder maybe for some time. (4)

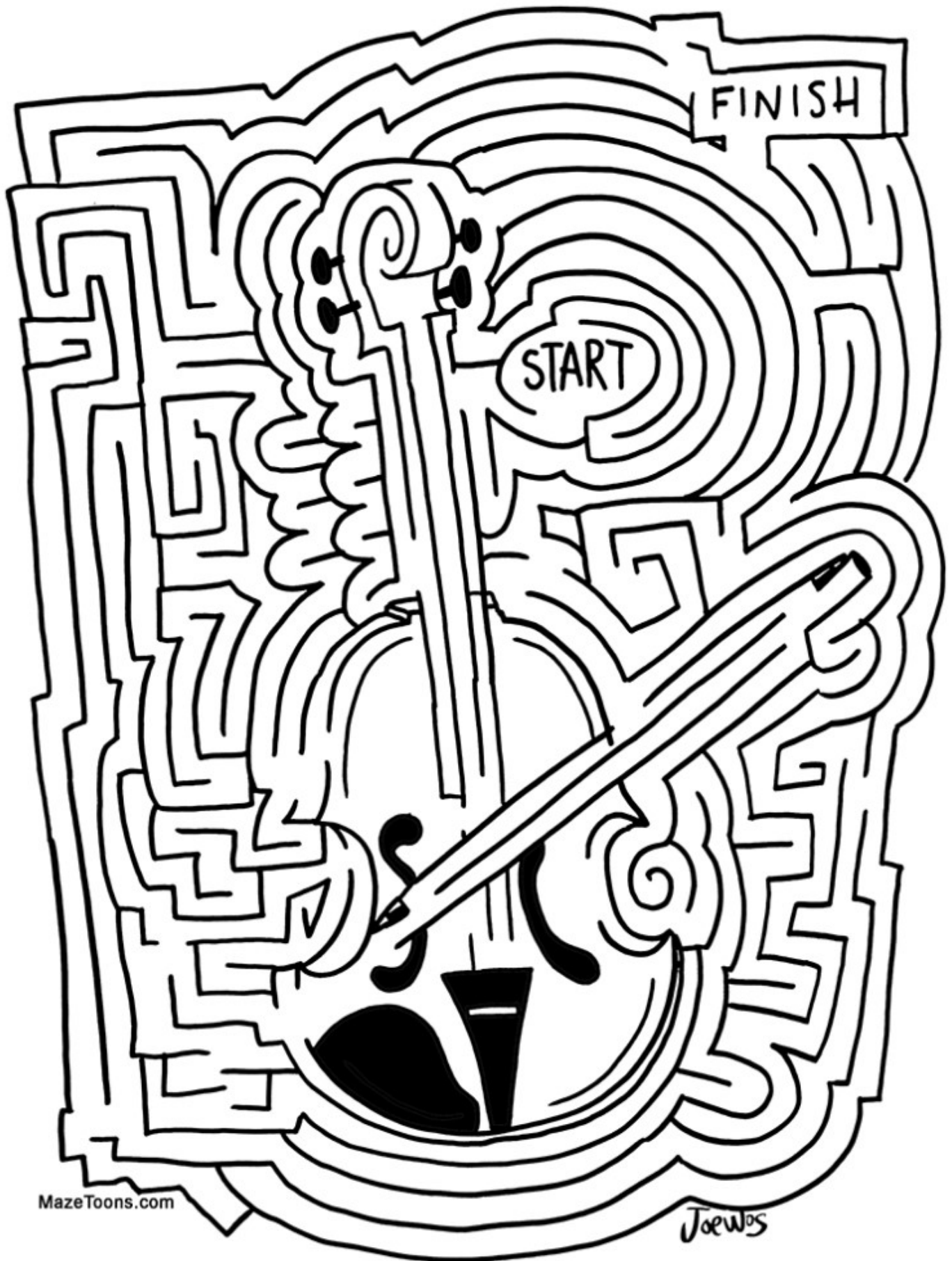
## Across

1. Sounds like wall decoration will stop me in my tracks. (6)  
 3. Change the shop for the upper end of society. (4)  
 6. Sliding downhill in a riskier manner. (3)  
 8. Forecast where mineral may be found. (3)





# JUST TO MAZE YOU



## 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



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOOD BANK

To help, get involved or to discuss your needs  
please contact Amanda on 01359 258646 or  
email [wlwcommunitycouncil@outlook.com](mailto:wlwcommunitycouncil@outlook.com)



# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Page Bottom Quiz

1. The Humber, 2. The cockpit, 3. The albatross, 4. In Utah USA, 5. The terrier,
6. Three years, 7. The Romans, 8. Sunderland, 9. Gone With the Wind,
10. Four, 11. Deep sea divers, 12. The law, 13. Charlie Chaplin, 14. Paris,
15. Kindergartens, 16. The Beach Boys, 17. Leonardo da Vinci, 18. March 1st,
19. Seven, 20. A semi-breve, 21. Bird's nests, 22. Buster Keaton,
23. The Cultural Revolution, 24. Charles Darwin, 25. Caught and bowled,
26. An alligator, 27. 1773, 28. Edinburgh, 29. Kate Bush's, 30. Columbia,
31. Trygve Lie, 32. The tenor, 33. The Atlantic, 34. The can-can,
35. Wavelengths, 36. Golf (A free shot), 37. Oysters, 38. Palm Sunday,
39. *From Russia With Love*, 40. Thumbs up, 41. Houston Texas, 42. T.S. Eliot,
43. The Pastoral, 44. 1 and 0, 45. The Goons, 46. Rats, 47. German,
48. Yachts, 49. Rouen, 50. Downing Street

## Su-Doku

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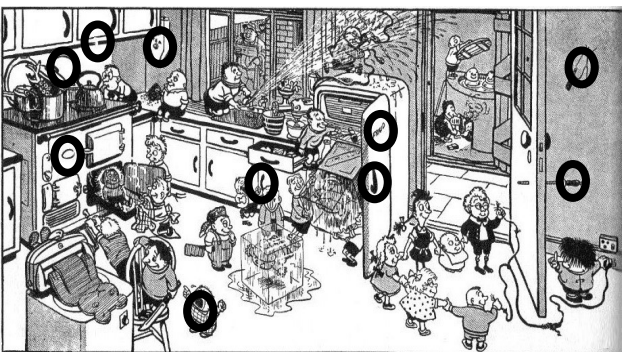
## Crossword

F	R	E	E	Z	E		P	O	S	H	
I		P				T			C		
S	K	I		C		R		O	R	E	
H		C	O	O	L	E	R		E		
E				U		A			A		
S	A	L	O	N		S	K	I	M	P	
	S			T		U				A	
	P		R	E	A	R	E	D		M	
P	E	G		R		E		A	S	P	
	C			S			Z			A	
A	T	O	M			O	T	H	E	R	S

## More or Less

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

## Spot the Difference



## Searching for Words

Ail	Ails	Amen	Asti	East
Fist	Fit	Fits	Ism	Item
Items	Its	Lam	Lame	Lament
Laments	Lames	Lams	Last	Lift
Lifts	List	Listen	Lit	Lite
Mail	Mails	Mast	Meal	Meals
Men	Met	Nest	Net	Nets
Sail	Same	Sea	Seal	Seam
Sent	Sift	Sit	Site	Slam
Slit	Steal	Steam	Stem	Tea
Teal	Team	Teams	Teas	Ten
Tens	<b>Filaments (57)</b>			



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# **WALSHAM LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL**

The Community Council committee  
welcome you to the

**MVH Coffee Shop**  
**In the Garden and the Hall**  
Open under government guidelines for  
village halls and COVID 19

**Open every Thursday**

From a time of 10.30am to 2.00pm  
The Post Office van is there  
From 11:00am till 12:00pm

**Come and enjoy a chat and  
A cuppa and a bite  
Just for 'a couple of quid.'**