

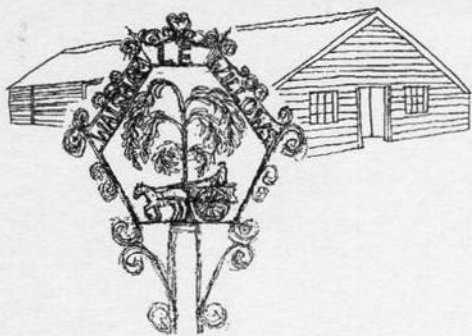
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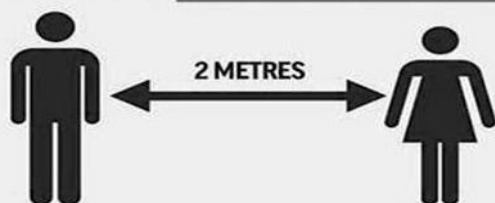
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# EDITORIAL

Thankfully the rain of the Coronation weekend did not extend to the Sunday and a good time was had by all those who went to the Sports Club's Fun Day., as can be seen by the centrespread of this month's edition. After the slight worries about whether the weather would be kind enough to enable the balloon to take people aloft, it seems that it was a great success, even if it wasn't quite 'Infinity and beyond'. A great result for the organisers.

For those who hadn't come across Pétanque - or Boule - before, the afternoon enabled some members of the village the chance to sample the joys of skilfully lobbing steel balls. There's far more technique than appears from first glance. If you haven't sampled the delights yet, give it a go soon; I'm sure there will be help at hand.

Travelling around the area during April it looked as if there was only one party standing in Mid-Suffolk. However there were elections in most wards, but the result showed that we are living in interesting times, with one of the victorious candidates living in Walsham. Is the Green Revolution starting here?

With local issues in mind, you will notice that there is another 'aerial' view of the locality on the front cover. After a slow succession of planning applications, they now seem to be coming thick and fast. First housing and industry. Then an application by Copart to establish a car auction site on the airfield. It now appears that Equation Properties are looking to develop a large area of warehousing on another part of the airfield, towards the A143. You will find information of their intent, on page 17, together with ways that you find out more about this application and how you can make your feelings known. However you will need to move fast as the virtual exhibition ends on Monday 29th May.

**On Wednesday 28th June the Community Council are holding their AGM** in the Memorial Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Late news - or Early Morning news - arrived, that there is a **music recital in St Mary's on Friday 2nd June**. Details can be found in the Diary of Events section on page 21.



*Now look out for the sun!!*

# WALSHAM –LE-WILLOWS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have certainly enjoyed having two Bank Holidays this half term! For The King's Coronation, we dressed up in red, white and blue and took part in a special lunch. We decorated crowns to wear and found out facts about King Charles III.

Our Ofsted Report has recently been issued and we are extremely proud to say that we received good in all areas. The process was very detailed and rigorous and we are pleased that this has been acknowledged.

Caterpillar Class have been finding out about seasonal changes within their environment. They have also learnt who Christopher Columbus, Robert Scott and Amelia Earhart were and their contribution to expeditions. They are looking forward to going on a trip with Ladybirds to Lackford Lakes after half term.

The children in Ladybirds have been doing observational drawings of insects and writing about how to do a mini beast hunt. In maths they have been looking at position and direction. In PE they are doing athletics and have had great fun trying to get their javelin to go straight!

Dragonfly Class thoroughly enjoyed finding out about Pompeii and could talk about lots of interesting facts they found out about. They have been working hard on creating a garden for The Suffolk Show which they will be displaying over half term. Their theme has been A Garden Fit for a King and they have created an incredible castle, complete with drawbridge!

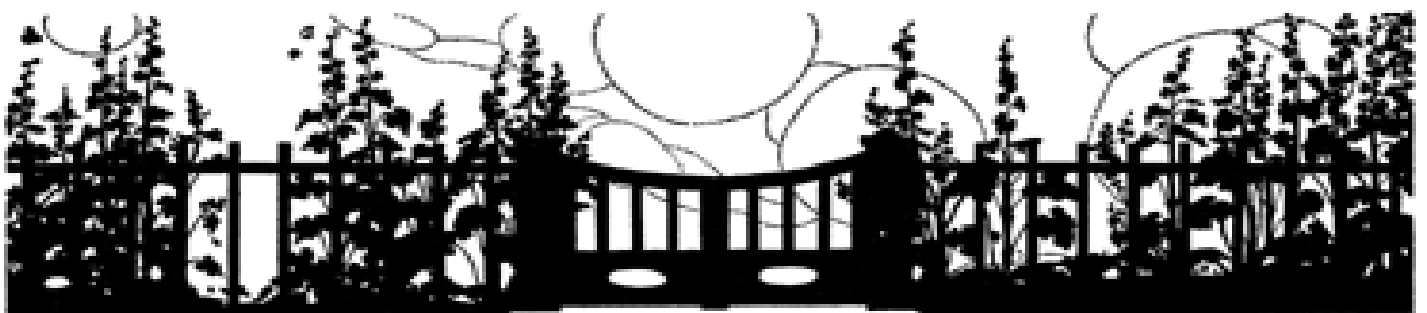
Grasshopper class are looking at traditional tales from Ancient American Civilisations. In maths, they are looking at statistics and telling the time. They continue to do weekly ukulele tuition in music and have started tennis in PE.

The children in Cricket class worked incredibly hard during their SATs and we are all so proud of them. They are very much looking forward to going on their residential to Eaton Vale and experiencing some fun activities. They will then be working with children from Grasshoppers and Dragonflies to put on the Key Stage 2 play.

Our theme for Collective Worship for this half term is Responsibility and Reverend Merry continues to visit us weekly and the children all look forward to seeing him. This half term we have discussed National Children's Day and how children have the right to have a happy and safe childhood.

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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The team are seeking volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds to support local people with their problems. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

Citizens Advice volunteers come from all walks of life and choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. Volunteers are often looking for ways to make use of their skills or to gain valuable experience and make use of the fantastic training. They also enjoy the opportunity to meet different people and be part of a friendly, welcoming team of existing volunteers. They find it rewarding to support local people and make a difference to their lives.

Current volunteers at Citizens Advice said:

"You gain skills and experience that stay with you for life. There is a great support system in place...it makes you feel like you are part of something great."

"The most enjoyable part of volunteering is seeing the difference we make. You meet a person who might be nervous and not know what will happen to them - in some cases they will be quite distressed. At the end of the day they leave smiling and thanking you for all that you have done for them."

"As a volunteer, you're made to feel an equal and valued member of the team. Volunteering with Citizens Advice is not only mentally stimulating but also very rewarding."

"I volunteered to help others, but didn't realise how much I would get back! I love the feeling of satisfaction at the end of the day and the feeling you get from being part of a brilliant, friendly, professional and happy team."

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At the last "C" group meeting which included members from branches Bury, Felsham and Gedding, Ixworth, Hopton and Stanton some members commented they were concerned about the lack of support on occasions from Haig House when issues were reported or assistance sought.

Ivor Bowden will parade the Branch Standard at this year's Suffolk Show on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. As a result of a plant sale Carol Bowden has donated £14 to branch funds.

The Festival of Remembrance sub-committee will hold their next meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, their task has been made easier as other members have offered to help on the day.

Our branch account at time of going to press was £1390-36p. We will be holding a table top sale in aid of funds on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10am in the Cock Inn Yard Stanton at 10am

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

*Hubby Frost*



## COMMUNITY LUNCH



After all the Bank Holiday Mondays last month we are back to the second Monday in the month for Community lunch and hoping the weather will be warmer.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Lunch will be Seasonal green vegetable Quiche served with new potatoes, salad and homemade coleslaw served at 1pm, followed by Eton Mess. Tea and coffee will follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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*Shirley White*







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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



Our Annual Meeting gave us a chance to review the past year and plan for the year ahead. As usual there was a mixture of both good and bad news. It is increasingly difficult to run charitable groups like the WI on subscriptions alone but we have managed to run a full programme of activities including crafts, sport, local history and just plain fun! As Margaret Moore stepped down from her role as a very successful President, the meeting was tasked to find a new officer for that role. The good news is that this they did in the shape of Janet Brown, formally our WI Adviser but now a member of Walsham and District WI. Janet will bring a lot of experience to the role. With the coming year's programme already sketched in there is a lot to look forward to. Business done, the meeting considered the 2023 Resolution 'Clean Water for people and Wildlife'. Brenda Dyer, WI Adviser, led the discussion, much of which centred on the wording. It is thought there may be changes by the time it is discussed at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff this month. Walsham WI voted strongly in favour of the resolution but also voted to give our delegate discretion should this happen in order that she may still vote.

A very much lighter tone was introduced to close our meeting, as members guessed who was behind the four facts recorded on a postcard. Secrets were divulged! Who walked alongside Mother Teresa, and who has won a 'Blue Peter Badge'? We learnt the answers to this and much more amid much laughter!

Next month June 14<sup>th</sup> after a request by members, a local doctor will give a talk on 'Before, during and after the menopause'.

*Jill Newell*



## HORTICULTURAL SHOW

**Saturday 12 August 23**

Now is the time to start sowing seeds so that your vegetables will be ready for entry into this year's Horticultural Show. If you are not a gardener there are lots of other categories to enter including Decorative, Domestic, Photographic, Handicrafts and Novelty. Details of all classes can be found on <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/>

This year cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the following:

**£10** - Overall Show Winner Cup, Walsham Flower Cup, Folkard Cup for Vegetables and Domestic Class Cup.

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*Debbie Licata*  
(Horticultural Show Secretary)



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# WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

## The Anti-Terrorist Branch

### A talk by Paul Jordan

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March saw a great turnout of well over 60 members and guests who came to listen to Paul Jordan, a retired forensics officer with the Metropolitan police talk about his life's work with Scotland Yard, concentrating on his time in forensics and the anti-terrorist branch. Paul was joined by Ian McCloud, who worked alongside him for many years. Ian served for over 28 years; the majority of this time spent as a detective. The talk covered a broad span of activities, including forensic training and covert operations to name but two.

Over the years, Paul, Ian, and their colleagues showing amazing tenacity and bravery, in keeping London and its people safe. We were given a rare insight from the people who were there, a chance to see into the background of famous cases that made headline news and that many of us remember.

We learnt about the Harrods and the Brighton bombings, and the many hours of painstaking forensic and detective work needed to try and bring the perpetrators to justice. In the case of the Grand Hotel in Brighton, the blast brought down a five-ton chimney stack, which crashed down through the floors and into the basement, leaving a gaping hole in the hotel's façade. With all this devastation an expert could still identify exactly where the blast originated. Sadly 6 people lost their lives and a number suffered permanent damage from their injuries.

A potential plane bombing connected to the middle east was stopped by careful surveillance and much hard work, thereby saving many innocent lives. People who had lost their lives, while just going about their daily business were remembered, as were members of the police force. Through the undoubted high stress and strain these jobs hold, despite the terrorists attempts to confuse the police and cause as much human hurt as possible, we know that these brave officers never gave up the fight, and that this attitude and bravery continues to this day.

*Jean Davies*

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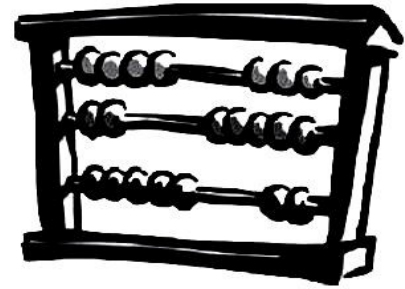
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# A CORONATION CELEBRATION

**Sports Club Style**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

What a lovely surprise to get a warm, sunny day wedged between days of copious rain; the King may have had his parade rained on but seems clear that Walshamites are really the chosen ones.

Penelope Robins' pressure to have a significant feature of a tethered hot air balloon giving rides to entertain people, certainly paid off and with financial sponsorship from her and other local businesses, I am pleased to say it even yielded a profit for the club. The need to pay a non-returnable deposit of £500 in the event of bad weather, had left me reluctant to invest and I am delighted to be proved wrong.

Richard Martineau, Sports Club president, started proceedings with some reminiscing of the last time in 1953 when the Club held the event; it would have had special significance then as the playing fields had only recently been returned from arable use after the Second World War. Richard's father, John, would have been president at that time reflecting the family's generosity, in first leasing the land to the club and more recently when it became a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) effectively gifting it in perpetuity.

Richard also officially opened the Pétanque court, recently constructed, which hopefully will give Graham and his fellow players many happy hours of projecting missiles and drinking.

The theme for the day was a repeat of last year's Jubilee celebrations when it seemed like the whole village had turned out for a good old family get together. This year again, children's races were a great success even if attempts to separate adults from their refreshment to also take part, proved difficult. The young racers all received a new 50p Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> coin courtesy Penelope Robins .

The ladies from the Memorial Hall operated a cake stand which was a great addition to the normal barbecue/servery offering of burgers, sausages and chips. Head caterer Pat plus Helen and Steve were rushed off their feet for most of the afternoon before taking a break only to re-open when the music started at 18.30. Gemma B provided the music, taking us back into the sixties and seventies; it was lovely to watch both kiddies and grannies twisting the evening away - doesn't that era last well!

I didn't announce the winner of the 'guessing the balls in the bag' competition which was run by Ruth and Hubby Frost; Michael from Long Thurlow got closest being only three away from the eighty-six balls in the bag.

As ever, grateful thanks to Julian and the volunteers who gave of their time to make all the activities happen safely and from what was heard after, a very enjoyable day for all .

*Ian Campbell*





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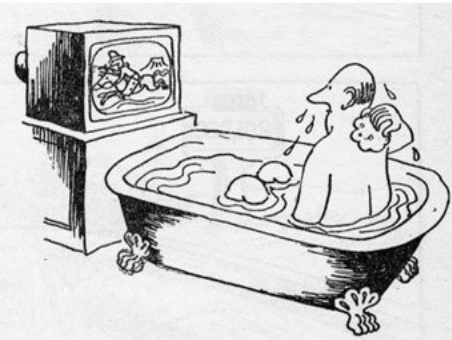
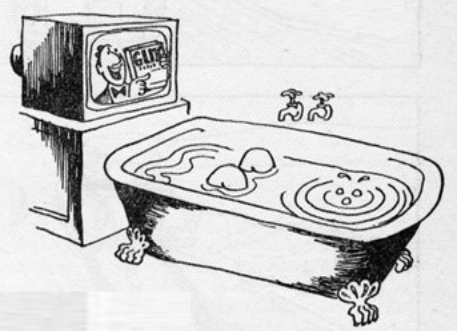
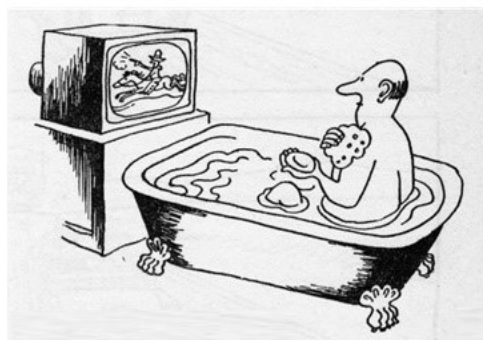
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*Pictured is Richard Martineau throwing the first boule along with Ian Campbell and Graham Portlock*



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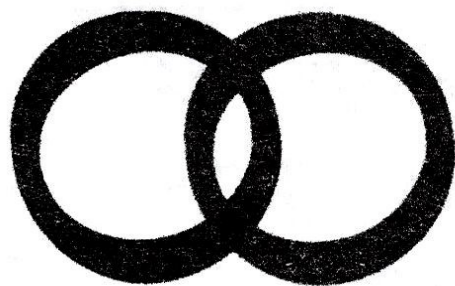
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The scheme would aim to deliver much-needed industrial warehousing to meet the current shortfall in the region. Our proposals could also include new premises for Suffolk Mushrooms, should they wish to remain at the site. We are keen to receive your feedback regarding our proposals.

As a result, we are holding a virtual exhibition at **[stanton.your-feedback.co.uk](https://stanton.your-feedback.co.uk)** until **Monday 29th May 2023**. Plans can also be viewed by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page. For those without internet access, paper copies are available on request by email **[equation@your-feedback.co.uk](mailto:equation@your-feedback.co.uk)** or by phone **08000996712** - leave a message and our project team will call you back.

The land is classified as 'brownfield' and is currently used for a mixture of commercial storage, warehousing, and general industrial uses. Investment is required to bring the space back to its intended use.

To the East lies a distribution centre operated by DHL. To the North is the A143 Bury Road which provides access to the wider transport network. Equation is aware there is a scheme from Jaynic already under consideration, to redevelop another part of Shepherds Grove Industrial area. This is in line with the wider council-led masterplan produced in 2019. Jaynic's scheme is expected to lead to a new roundabout and infrastructure being created on the A143 providing improved access for new and existing users, such as DHL, and directing vehicles away from Stanton village. Our plans have been produced with reference to Jaynic's proposals, and are working in tandem to ensure there is a holistic and well-planned transformation of the site.

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# DIARY OF EVENTS

## JUNE

- Fri 2nd Music Recital  
St Mary's 12.15pm
- Wed 14th W.I. Women's Health  
Priory Room 7.45pm
- Wed 21st History Group  
St Mary's 7.30pm
- Wed 28th History Group (Outing)  
Hill Farm (Sudbury)  
Community Council AGM  
Village Hall 7.30pm

## JULY

- Wed 12th W.I. Visit to St Mary's  
Church 7.45pm
- Wed 5th Wild Wood AGM  
Wild Wood 7.00pm
- Sat 15th Pizza Night  
Wild Wood 5.00pm
- Wed 19th History Group  
Priory Room 7.30pm

## AUGUST

- Wed 9th W.I. Garden Party  
Westhorpe 6.30pm
- Sun 27th Open Gardens All
- Mon 28th Weekend Day

## SEPTEMBER

- Wed 13th W.I. Garden Wildlife  
Priory Room 7.45pm

- Wed 20th History Group  
Village Hall 7.30pm

- Thur 28th Anglia Baroque  
St Mary's 12.15pm

## OCTOBER

- Wed 11th W.I. Bomb Disposal  
Priory Room 7.45pm

- Sat 14th The Consort Singers  
St Mary's 7.30pm

- Wed 18th History Group  
Priory Room 7.30pm

- Sat 28th Pumpkin Trail & Story  
Wild Wood 4.00pm

## NOVEMBER

- Wed 8th W.I. Community Singing  
Priory Room 7.45pm

- Wed 15th History Group  
Priory Room 7.30pm

## DECEMBER

- Wed 13th W.I. Christmas Workshop  
Priory Room 7.45pm

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Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Time: 7:30 pm

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Jo Manning 7th July  
Gemma B 28th July  
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**Music in St Mary's**

***Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
12.15 – 1.00pm***



***Rococos – Baroque music: Alastair Cuninghame (flute, recorder and keyboard), Jackie (recorder and keyboard), Rosy Payne (violin) and Patrick Crooke (violoncello da spalla - a small cello played on shoulder). We play on copies of 17-18th century instruments, which give a different sound to modern ones, and play in the style of the period. Our programme would consist of music by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, Georg Phillip Telemann and Antonio Vivaldi.***

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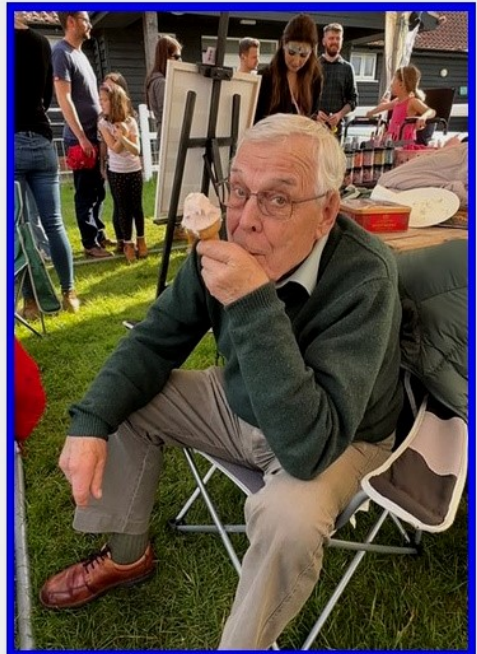


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# CORONATION WEEKEND



Which Sioux Indian chief's real name was Tashunka Witco?





# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the **ANNUAL** meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Bartholomew, Mecrow, Roberts and Winch.

**ALSO PRESENT:** District Councillor Richard Winch; Sam Stonehouse for Evolution Planning

## 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

- a) In the absence of the incumbent Chair, Cllr Bartholomew took the Chair being the incumbent Vice Chair.
- b) Cllr Belson had indicated to the Clerk his willingness to be re-elected as Chair in his absence. Cllr Belson was proposed as Chair and this was unanimously agreed.
- c) Cllr Winch was then proposed to Chair the meeting and this was unanimously agreed.

## 2. APOLOGIES

- a) Cllr Tuck (reason not minuted); Cllr Belson (reason not minuted); Cllr Arbon not present no apology received, likely to be a work emergency.
- b) Council consented to all absences.

## 3. CO-OPTION TO VACANCIES

Ian Bartholomew was proposed for co-option to the Council and this was unanimously approved.

## 4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Cllr Bartholomew was then proposed for Vice Chair. This was unanimously agreed. He then took the Chair in his role as Vice Chair.

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- a) The Clerk then requested that all members present completed Declarations of Acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk.
- b) The Clerk received the previously signed and witnessed Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Cllr Belson.
- c) It was proposed by the Clerk that Acceptance of Office by Cllr Tuck was postponed until the next meeting. This was unanimously agreed.
- d) At the request of the Clerk all Cllrs present then signed an agreement to receiving summons by email.

## 6. 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 received.
- b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none



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were received.

c) To receive requests for dispensations - none required.

d) Cllr Bartholomew then proposed that the Public Open Forum be taken next (agenda item 9) followed by Planning Matters (agenda items

## 7. MINUTES.

- Council considered the proposal from the Clerk that the minutes of the last meetings at which annual business was transacted, those being the meetings of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and also the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at which the Chair was re-elected, be approved as a true and accurate record. Approved unanimously.
- Council considered the proposal by the Clerk to retrospectively confirm for the minute record, approval of all the decisions minuted at the meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, for which there was no formally re-elected Chair. Unanimously approved.
- Meeting minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved as true and accurate record and duly signed.
- Meeting minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved as true and accurate record and duly signed.
- Actions agreed from previous two meetings were reviewed. Outstanding actions:
  - Cllr. Winch to get together a working party to tidy stream banks of winter debris.
  - Cllr Mecrow had taken a look at the concerns of the farmer who has reports people accessing the land he rents from the Old Town Trust from the Acorns site. Cllr Mecrow spoke to the farmer concerned. The development plans do not show any fencing in the area concerned, therefore the Parish Council resolved it is not in a position to challenge the developer. The Parish Council requests the adherence to the Countryside code and asks all not to walk in standing crops and to keep dogs under control.
- Cllr Arbon was to have had a word with resident re parking issues.

## 8. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS - to receive written reports & put questions:

- District Councillor Richard Winch was in attendance but having just been elected had no report. The Parish Council congratulated him on his election welcomed him to his new role.
- The Parish Council also wished to minute a note of thanks to outgoing District Councillor Richard Meyer, for his solid support, presence and guidance over his period of office.

## 9. PUBLIC FORUM

- Sam Stonehouse for Evolution Planning spoke in support of planning application DC/23/01951 and took questions from Councillors.
- Cllr Bartholomew then proposed that Planning matters be considered next including this one. This was agreed (see agenda items 11 & 12).

## 10. ANNUAL BUSINESS

- a) The re-adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations as reviewed 26/02/2023 was approved.

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- b) The Clerk's recent review of the Parish Council's asset register (26/02/2023) and approved at meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was confirmed.
- c) The Clerk's recent review of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks (26/02/2023) and approved at meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was confirmed. These will be reviewed again just before renewal in October.
- d) The Council's annual subscriptions (SALC membership and GeoXphere mapping subscription) to other bodies for 2023/24 were unanimously approved (SALC membership and GeoXphere mapping subscription).

*[Cllr Winch took over as Chair as Cllr Bartholomew was called away from the meeting for an emergency – 20:05]*

- e) The Council's policies, procedures and practices as reviewed 26/02/2023 and approved at meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were confirmed for re-adoption.
- f) The Clerk published the times and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council in 2024 on the Parish Council's website. These were approved.
- g) The appointment of SALC as internal auditors for 2023/24 was approved.
- h) The areas of specific responsibility assigned to individual members were reviewed. Changes were Paul Arbon, Play Area (subject to co-option and agreement at next meeting; Cllr Nicholas Tuck Internal oversight of financial matters (subject to agreement at next meeting); Cllr Janette Winch, Village Stream; Cllr Roberts Sports Club.

## 11. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Matters relating to DC/22/2190/HYB Proposal Hybrid planning Location Land At Shepherds Grove Bury Road Stanton Suffolk. Cllr Roberts advised meeting that Copart had provided answers to all the technical questions posed apart from the key question about the construction of the roundabout. The Clerk was asked to make sure that all other interested parishes were aware of this.

- b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/23/01951 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 4No dwellings. Location: Land East Of Maltings , Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, IP31 3BZ **The Parish Council Objected To This Application** for the following reasons:

The Parish Council approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan for submission to BMSDC on 23rd April 2023 and although the plan has not yet been adopted, the Parish Council is committed to considering planning applications against the policies & codes set out in the entirety of that draft Plan in the anticipation that it passes examination and referendum leading to adoption of the plan by BMSDC.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan incorporates the 2022 settlement boundary which is expected to replace the existing 1998 settlement boundary in the forthcoming revisions to Stage II of the BMSDC Local Plan.

The application was very well received by the Parish Council in terms of the proposed scale and its close adherence to the design codes and policies as well as the responses by Sam Stonehouse (Evolution Planning) to questions posed by Parish Councillors. On that basis the Parish Council would have been very pleased to support the application but has objected because:

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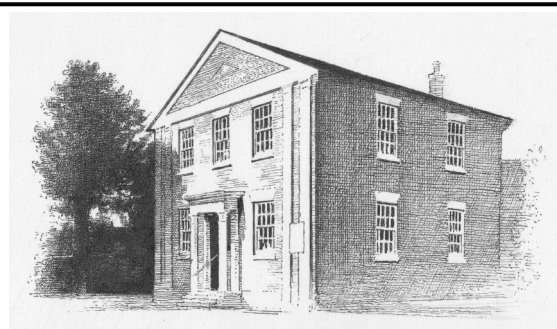
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- Although the attention to design and scale met with much approval, the application goes against the spirit and intention of the draft Neighbourhood Plan in its entirety.
  - The Parish Council is satisfied that the Broad Meadow site for which a planning application has been approved, will provide much needed affordable housing.
  - Although not a valid basis for objections to housing development, the Neighbourhood Plan consultation exercises noted a strong sentiment against excessive or inappropriate development.
  - BMSDC has advised that they have a 10-year housing supply (against a current requirement for 5 years) and Walsham has already met its quota within that requirement via the Wattisfield Road developments and other smaller infill developments.
  - This development would further link Four Ashes and the rest of the village which would impact on the separate character of the two distinct areas. Maintaining these distinct areas was one of the purposes of redefining the settlement boundary in 2022.
12. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only – None  
*[Meeting continued from agenda item 7]*
13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – to receive any comments from Parish Council representatives (Cllrs. Belson & Mecrow) and consider any matters arising
- a) Council noted that the Clerk has listed for approval a payment of £1745.38 to Groundworks UK (Locality) representing the unspent portion of the grant for 2022/23.
  - b) Council noted for minute record that the amended Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to BMSDC on 18 April 2023. If the plan meets the submission criteria, a Regulation 16 public consultation will be commenced.
  - c) Council considered and received proposal from Cllr Mecrow that methods of encouraging residents to vote in the NP referendum should be discussed and an outline plan was agreed to be finalised by Cllr Mecrow and the Clerk.
14. PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT – to receive report from Cllr Arbon and consider any matters arising.
- a) Council considered the repairs to the play area surface the Clerk advised the retained amount was due for payment on 16<sup>th</sup> May. Council decided to approve payment of 50% of the retained amount of £3,800.04. Clerk set up payment for immediate authorisation based on approval of purchase order at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 minute ref: 11(b).
  - b) Council considered proposal from Cllr Winch for the purchase of new litter bins for the play area possibly with grant from MSDC that has receptacles for soft plastic, hard plastic recyclable and non-recyclable waste. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes and Cllr Richard Winch was asked if he could investigate possible sources of funding from MSDC.
  - c) Council also wished minute a note of thanks to resigning Cllr Brian Kinnair for his service and work for the Parish Council generally and particularly on the





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However, in 1741 Handel composed his great and most enduring work, 'Messiah', not about the anointing of an earthly king but proclaiming the 'Anointed One' - the Messiah - the Lord Jesus Christ - the KING OF KINGS.' Handel was a Christian and he understood that just as we are subject to earthly kings and rulers, everyone, whether king or commoner is subject to King of Kings who will truly reign for ever and ever. The guests in Westminster Abbey may have curtsied or bowed before Charles, but the Bible declares that one day everyone who has ever lived will bow before the Lord Jesus Christ: ***"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"*** (Philippians 2:10-11)

Therefore, no matter if our personal inclinations are monarchist or republican relating to earthly rule, the ultimate question for us all must be, how shall we fair on that great and final day of this world's history when every knee shall bow before Jesus Christ? The Bible makes this very clear that dependent upon how we live in this life, we shall either bow before Christ as our Lord and King or as our Judge. If we will not repent, believe, and own Him as our Lord and Saviour in this life, we shall hear those solemn words of judgement: ***"I never knew you, depart from me"*** (Matthew 7:23). If we shall love, serve, honour, and worship Him as our Lord, Saviour and King we shall be forgiven of our sin, reconciled to God and, ***"We shall reign with him"*** for ever and ever (II Timothy 2:12).

Handel had an unshakable faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and he knew his Bible. During the three weeks that he took to write 'Messiah' he sought to show the glory of God, the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel so virtually every word of this masterpiece is taken directly from the Bible (KJV). This gifted composer understood that there are no greater words of truth than those of Almighty God as revealed in the Bible. If you are seeking to know the truth, to know God, and find Salvation then follow Handel's example and prayerfully read and ***"Search the scriptures"*** (John 5:39)

... and he shall reign for ever and ever...

**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** (Revelation 11:15 & 19:16)

Play Area and for internal financial oversight.

## 15. FINANCE & AUDIT

- a) Council approved the bank reconciliation for period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for approval which was duly signed.
- b) Council approved accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment. (Appendix 1).
- c) Council approved the Year End Reconciliation Statement for approval which was duly signed by the Chair.
- d) Council considered each of the Annual Governance Statements (Section 1), these were completed and the statement was approved and signed by Chair and the Clerk for publication and submission to internal auditor.
- e) Council considered the Annual Accounting Statements (Section 2) prepared by the Clerk. These were approved and signed by Chair and the Clerk for publication and submission to internal auditor.

*[Cllr Bartholomew re-joined the meeting]*

- f) Cllr Roberts proposed the purchase of a larger shared shed and set out the rationale for his proposal. Council decided that this would not work for a number of reasons and the proposal was not approved. Cllr Bartholomew advised that a planning application may have to be submitted. The Clerk was asked to contact BMSDC planning for a definitive opinion.
- g) Council considered the proposal by Clerk to transfer £20,000 back from current account to deposit account. This was approved.
- h) Council considered proposal from Clerk for purchase of set of new toner cartridges (2500 pages) at £320.76 excluding vat plus waste toner cartridge at £14.50 excluding vat. This was approved.
- i) Council considered changes to Council membership as result of the election and nomination of replacements to maintain four bank signatories who are also able to view, authorise and submit online payments. It was decided to postpone this to the next meeting when hopefully all councillors will be present.
- j) Council considered if new appointment is required for Council's internal financial oversight function. It was decided to postpone this to the next meeting when hopefully all councillors will be present.

## 16. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) The action log had been reviewed by the Clerk prior to the meeting, no further updates were required.
- b) Cllr Winch proposed format of Annual Meeting of the Parish now to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 6-8pm in the Memorial Hall and publicised as WleW Question Time. This proposal was approved. The Clerk was asked to make sure the poster had been sent to all previous group representatives with a request they forward it to the mailing lists for their organisation. Cllr Winch and Clerk to work on this.
- c) Internal Control Checks for 2023/24 were considered and the method for how these will be completed and by whom was discussed. It was decided that the Clerk should split into four and allocate to councillors on random basis so that all councillors are involved. The Clerk made the point that this is not much

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different to how it was done for 2022/23 and that they needed to be completed in a timely manner as allocated. The Clerk may decide to issue them all at once so that those councillors allocated have nearly a whole year to complete as and when suits them.

- d) Council considered guidance on Spring Litter Picks and how picking not completed as part of a Parish Council organised group/day will be handled in respect of Parish Council risk assessments and insurance cover. It was decided to ask the Clerk to contact the insurance company for advice after which the risk assessment may need to be revised. Cllr Mecrow agreed to work with Cllr Roberts to reallocate areas against current volunteers, establish vacant areas ready for a drive to attract more volunteers possibly with flexibility to carry out pick over a week at time of their choosing. They would be allowed to keep the kit issued from year to year until they 'resigned'. It was decided that publicity should go out in June for August pick and February for the April pick to ensure Observer publication. Cllr Winch agreed to draft publicity articles once insurance cover has been clarified.
- e) The Clerk advised that site visit appointment with CGM had been cancelled previous week and was happening on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Add to next agenda for consideration for quotes.
- f) Other matters of concern/note for next agenda: Cllr Mecrow gave his apologies in advance for the next meeting as he will not be in the village.
- g) Next Meetings:
  - Wednesday 24th May 2023 6-8pm – Memorial Hall - Annual Walsham le Willows Question Time – to allow residents come along and with any questions, suggestions and comments.
  - 14th June 2023 7pm - Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 21.25

#### APPENDIX 1 Payments for Authorisation May 2023

| # | Payments OUT                           | Amount     | Description                                       |
|---|--|------------|---|
| 1 | Mid Suffolk District Council           | £956.09    | Dog & Litter Bin Emptying                         |
| 2 | Clarkes of Walsham                     | £12.42     | Bitumen for repairs at play area                  |
| 3 | CGM                                    | £132.00    | Grass cutting of play area and stream verges.     |
| 4 | Groundwork UK                          | £1,745.38  | Unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant 2022/23 returned |
| 5 | Parish Council Employee                | £577.53    | Wages   |
| # | Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers | Amount     | Description                                       |
| 1 | HMRC REC'D                             | £13,638.06 | VAT rebate 2022/23                                |
| 2 | MSDC REC'D                             | £2953.41   | CIL infrastructure Grant 2023/24 final payment    |
| 3 | MSDC REC'D                             | £12,298.00 | Precept 2023/24 1 <sup>st</sup> tranche           |
| 4 | Internal Transfer REC'D                | £16,500.00 | Deposit to Current account                        |



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# FROM ST MARY'S

Throughout England you are never far from a Christian Church of one period in history or another, very often churches which would be loosely described as 'Medieval.' Indeed we have six within our own Benefice; as well as two more recently built Chapels. They give a somewhat obvious indication of the importance placed upon Christianity within our nation down through the ages. At the same time there are also forty-two Cathedrals upon mainland England, based in each Diocese as the Primary Church of the Bishop.

Recently I was fortunate to visit one of these fine buildings; Carlisle Cathedral. The second smallest of all the Cathedrals. It began life in 1122 as a Priory or Monastic Church dedicated as our church in Walsham is, to St Mary. Unusual in being the only medieval monastic Cathedral of the Augustinian Order of Monks. By 1133 the area, being close to the Scottish border, had become so unruly that Henry I decided that he needed to impose his authority. The King duly created a new Diocese, with Carlisle at its centre, and the church became a cathedral to symbolise the authority which Henry wished to show. The first Bishop to be appointed was an Englishman, Athelwold, previously the Prior.

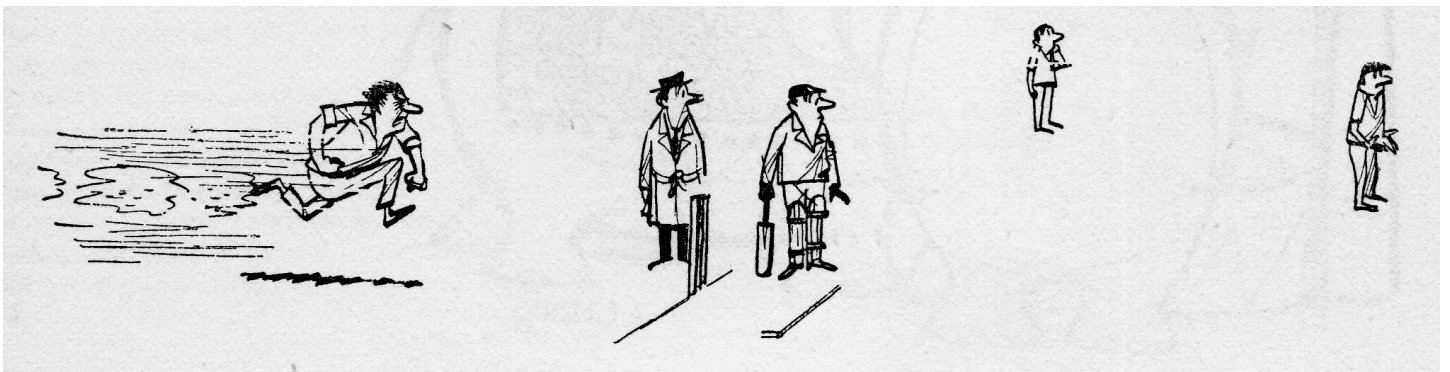
During these last nine hundred years the Cathedral has seen its fair share of turbulence, which has been a direct result of being so close to the Borderlands. During the English Civil War much of the Cathedral Nave was demolished by the Scottish Presbyterian Army in order to use the stone to reinforce Carlisle Castle. A Century later the Cathedral was used as a prison to house Jacobite prisoners from the 1745 uprising.

As with most churches and Cathedrals, Carlisle Cathedral has seen its fair share of refurbishment, periodically changing its style, not always intentional. In 1292 part of the Cathedral was severely damaged by a city-wide fire, caused by a young man called Simon of Orton, disgruntled at his inheritance (or rather lack of).

With the Dissolution of the Monasteries from 1536, and the establishment of Henry VIII as Head of the Church, the monastic Cathedrals were dissolved to be run by a secular chapter. However good evidence of the former monastery remains intact, enough to give a genuine feel for the atmosphere pre-Dissolution.

The Cathedral especially focuses upon the lives of St Anthony of Egypt, the founder of monasticism, St Augustine, the founder of the Augustinian Order and from Northumberland St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. The cathedral is rich in carvings, paintings, an impressive Treasury collection, and a stained-glass East Window which is one of the tallest in England. Entrance is free, (donations gratefully received), and a visit is certainly worthwhile.

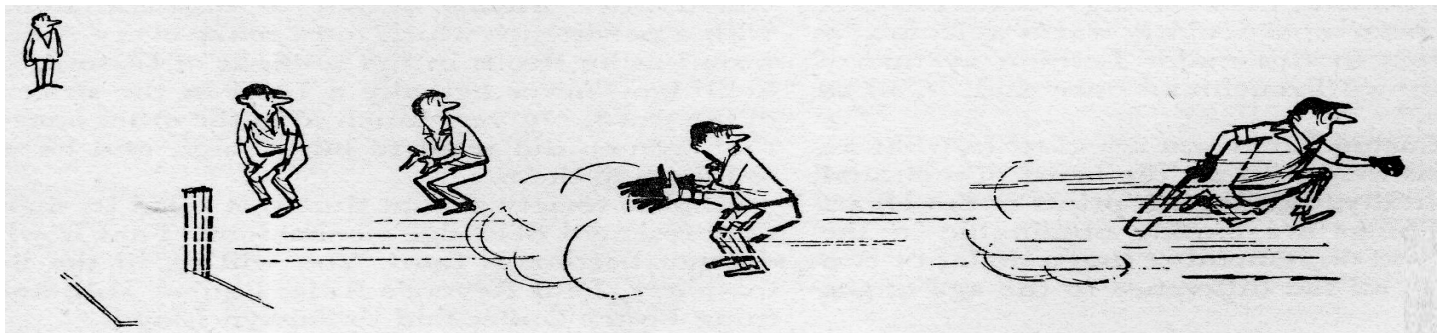
*Rev Philip Merry*





# CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

|                             |  |             |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>28th May</b>             | <b>Pentecost</b>                           |             |
| 8.00am                      | Holy Communion                             | Walsham     |
| 9.30am                      | Holy Communion                             | Finningham  |
| 11.00am                     | Holy Communion                             | Wattisfield |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Trinity Sunday</b>                      |             |
| 8.00am                      | Holy Communion                             | Walsham     |
| 9.30am                      | Holy Communion                             | Westhorpe   |
| 11.00am                     | Songs of Praise                            | Walsham     |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Barnabas the Apostle</b>                |             |
| 8.00am                      | Holy Communion                             | Walsham     |
| 9.30am                      | Holy Communion                             | Finningham  |
| 11.00am                     | Holy Communion                             | Langham     |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> |             |
| 9.30am                      | Family Communion                           | Badwell Ash |
| 11.00am                     | Holy Communion                             | Walsham     |
| 3.00pm                      | Evensong                                   | Westhorpe   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> |             |
| 8.00am                      | Holy Communion                             | Walsham     |
| 9.30am                      | Holy Communion                             | Finningham  |
| 11.00am                     | Holy Communion                             | Wattisfield |
| <b>2nd July</b>             | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> |             |
| 8.00am                      | Holy Communion                             | Walsham     |
| 9.30am                      | Holy Communion                             | Westhorpe   |
| 11.00am                     | Songs of Praise                            | Walsham     |



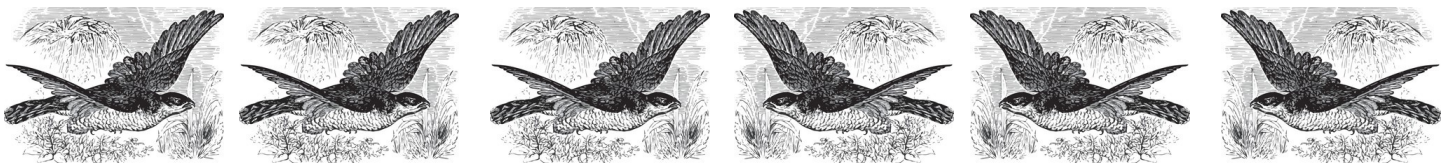
# WILDLIFE IN JUNE

Plants are coming into flower, hedgerows and trees are thick with leaves and animals are at full activity once again. June is a very busy time for one of our birds of prey, the Sparrowhawk. These birds are now widespread and a common sight, but a few decades ago were almost extinct due to persecution and pesticides. June is a very busy month for them as this is the month when their first chicks hatch. They prefer dense wooded areas to build their nests and they will lay around 3-6 eggs. Their breeding seasons are timed perfectly by them as this is the time when food, weather dependent is in abundance. The timing is to do with the songbirds, newly fledged and young birds are inexperienced with flying and to the dangers around them, and make easy prey for the Sparrowhawk to hunt to feed their chicks. Breeding and rearing success in June is very dependent on how the songbirds rearing success went in earlier months. In 2021 the cold and wet spring adversely affected the songbirds and the Sparrowhawk had a hard year. So, they only do well if their prey does too. Male chicks will fledge the nest at round 26 days old and females at day 30. They will remain in the vicinity for another 3-4 weeks after fledging with care from the parents.

Unlike the Sparrowhawk that we see often, there is a mysterious mammal that is a rare sight, the Water Shrew. It is not to be mistaken for the Water Vole. This little Shrew looks more like a mole with a more pointy nose, is black on top and a silvery grey underneath. They have adapted to aquatic life very well, they have thick fur to aid buoyancy, a hairy tail and, although they do not have webbed feet, they do have stiff hair on their toes which aids swimming. They live in burrows along the banksides of very well vegetated ponds, streams and ditches, making them very hard to spot. Many reports of them come from their high-pitched squeaks being picked up on bat detectors. June is the month that these Water Shrews start giving birth and this will continue throughout summer. The female will give birth in the burrow and will have around 3-15 young per litter. The adults have a very short lifespan of around 1-2 years only. They are carnivorous, and their red tipped teeth are strengthened with iron. An interesting fact about these small mammals is that they have venomous saliva which is potent enough to subdue small fish and frogs!

You do not have to venture far to see wildlife, it is all around us if we stop for a few moments to watch and listen. Our gardens are now springing back to life with more colour and there are visitors lurking in the undergrowth. One of these is the Black Slug. A lot of gardeners will quickly get rid of these pests straight away, but are they really a pest? Only a quarter of our 40 species of slugs actually eat our plants, so what is the Black Slug feeding on? They eat decaying material and much prefer a compost heap. By recycling these decaying plant matters and turning them into nutrients they play a very important role in the ecosystem. They are called Black Slugs but some can be orange to brown in colour with a frilly orange skirt. They have been on this planet a long time, around 150 million years, so if you come across one perhaps admire and watch for a few moments and think these are a gardener's friend.

*Angie Bennington*



# GREEN DILEMMAS

## Wood Burners

### Are They Bad for The Environment?

I'm writing this in May as hopefully no one is still using their wood burner!

Roughly 8% of homes in the UK have a wood burner and I confess that I am one of them. I like the focal point in the room, the flicker of the fire and the blast of heat on a freezing day. I am also attracted to the idea that if the electricity is cut off I would still be able to heat my home without relying on anyone else.

The trouble is that there is now increasing evidence that wood burners are bad for the environment. The main pollutant emitted by burning solid fuels like wood is ultra-fine particulate matter, also known as PM2.5. The toxins get lodged in the brain, heart and lungs. It is widely acknowledged as being the air pollutant which has the greatest impact on human health impacting respiratory and cardiovascular diseases as well as leading to asthma in the young and dementia in the elderly.

The overall scale of the impact of wood burners is hard to get your head round. Research suggests domestic wood burners produce more small particle pollution than all road traffic in the UK. The problem has also increased significantly since 2010.

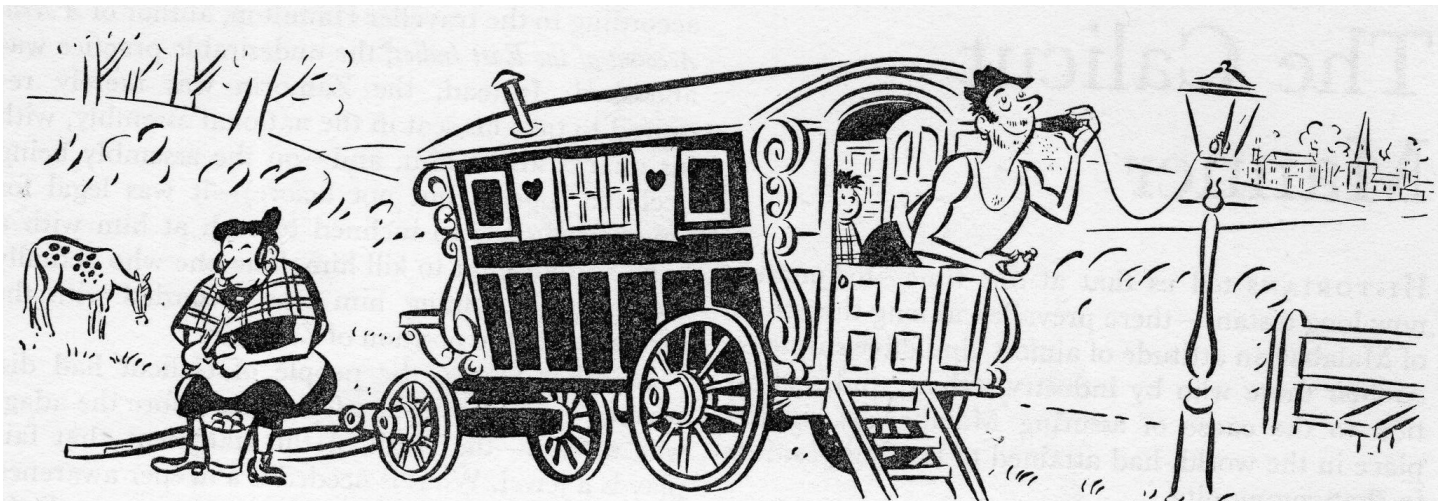
So where are we heading on this?

The first step was the "eco design" standard which enables an 80% reduction in particulate emissions. However, even wood-burning stoves meeting the new standard still emit 750 times more tiny particles than a modern HGV truck.

Is the next step going to be an end to the sale of wood burners, the compulsory registration of existing wood burners, followed by a ban on their use? In London wood burners are effectively already banned in new and refurbished buildings as the impact of a wood burner would exceed the air pollution limits.

So, if you already have a wood burner what should you do? There are three obvious measures. Firstly, get your wood burner checked so you can see how eco efficient it is and act accordingly. Secondly, ensure any logs you use have a maximum moisture content of 20% (they should ideally be kiln dried). Before use, you should bring the logs inside at least 24 hours before burning. Finally, there is no getting away from the obvious. The way forward is to reduce the amount you use the wood burner. This means maybe just using the wood burner for special occasions or when it's really needed.

*Richard Winch*





# THE RATIONAL SOUL

Keen readers of the Observer will know, no doubt, that the Walsham cricketers are a cerebral bunch. Wander, as one might, into the home changing room before a match, pick your way through the detritus of discarded apparel and the smorgasbord of Boot's compression hosiery offerings, and you shall find such earnest conversation happening. At the heart of the argument will be the two camps – the Platonists, led by Ben Clark and the Aristotelianists, led by Warwick Izzard – and the divisive opinions on the nature of the psyche. Is the psyche a living thing? Is it the concept that makes all living things alive? You should then cast your eye to the far corner to find a subject that epitomises the argument.

Joe Scarce, a backbone of the Walsham 1<sup>st</sup> XI, each week dons his pads, shadow bats four or five balls in his mind, and centres his attention once more on his task – opening the batting. If Plato ever played cricket (one might imagine him as a wily, slow left armer bowling into the dustbowl of the Akademia under the olive groves), then he will have had a perfect article for the rational soul in Joe. The near constant battle of the rational soul, with all those decisions to make, combined the spirited soul of determination and courage – vests in Joe each week. So be triumphant that Joe, wracked as he often is with those demons, has hit a wonderful vein of form with 110\* and 83\* against Sudbury and Frinton.

Elsewhere, the first graduates of our original All Stars programme in 2018 have reached the senior teams. Step forward Anthony Clark and Tobias Macrae, talented young cricketers in the making, on their journey. Jason Smithers and Oli Jackson join Scarce in the Century Club – with 108\* (Old Newton) and 105\* (Mistley) respectively. In the bowling department, Liam Bryant hit form against Frinton with a 5 for 40.

The Under 13's have started their new season with a win over Long Melford and the Under 11's are to commence their campaign away to Battisford.

And Friday evenings are once more a sea of youngsters tearing around the green field of Summer Road – free from all worries, waving their orange bats. They epitomise the immortality of the appetitive soul – all of their dreams ahead of them. Come and join us on those evenings and marvel at it, and forget for a moment that self-doubt of adulthood.

*James French*

## CRICKET

As one who's born in England  
There is something I don't know  
Exactly what is "cricket" ?  
Please tell me so I'll go

Both teams dress in white  
The bowler doesn't bowl  
He doesn't bend his arm to throw  
I don't understand the goal

The ball goes out it scores six runs  
But it must go in the air  
The ball rolls out it scores four more  
Is this really fair?

The games can last for days and days  
But what confuses me  
Is that every game at four o'clock  
The players stop for tea

A game is called a test  
But is every test a game  
some may last for just one day  
The length is not the same

There's a throw they call a googly  
I know what that means  
I got hit there playing hockey  
It \*\*\*\*\* your breath so you can't scream

There's wickets and there's bails  
mid slips, and those silly stumps  
I'm sure that if it confuses me  
What does it do to ump's?

The biggest question that I have  
Besides, what's a sticky wicket?  
Is of all the players on the field  
Which one of them's the cricket?

*Roger Turner*

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# SPORTS CLUB REPORT

## Football

The season is now over. The First Team ended up in fourteenth position having lost their final game of the season at home to Fakenham Town in controversial circumstances. Next season will be their seventeenth consecutive season in the Premier Division of the Eastern Counties League.

The Reserves won the Thurlow Nunn Reserves Division with plenty to spare having lost only one league match all season.

The A Team finished fourth in the Macron Sil Division 4.

The Under 18s had a good finish to their League fixtures beating Saffron Walden 5-1 away and then drawing with Mildenhall at home.

Finally, the Veterans Team were relegated to Division 2 South but are looking forward to next season along with new manager Mark Dolman. We thank out going manager Dan Warrington who gave us great service and we wish him all the best for the future.

Bowls Home fixtures for June

Mon 5th v Thornham Magna 6.45pm

Wed 21st v Stowupland 6.45pm

Tue 6th v Thorndon. 2 pm

Mon 26th v Woodfield A 6.45pm

Wed 14th v Haughley 6.45pm

Tue 27th v Borough of Eye B 2pm

*Gordon Ross*

## THANK YOU.

Residents of Walsham le Willows and surrounding villages, the Sports club would like to thank you for making the King's Coronation Celebration event such a success. The weather and turnout far exceeded our expectations and apologies if you had to wait a little longer at the bar than expected.

I would like to praise our exceptional volunteer base who once again worked exceptionally hard to provide all the events and make the day go smoothly.

A few facts and figures for you to digest regarding the day. More than 130 people went up in the balloon and more importantly came down again. 607 pints were drunk and approximately 150 burgers consumed along with loads of bags of chips, 35 black bin bags of rubbish went into the wheelie bins and 4 dustbins full of empty bottles were put into the bottle bank.

The new Pétanque court provided everyone the opportunity to have a go and our new Sports Club branded plastic re-usable pint mugs went down a storm.

Lastly if anyone is keen to get involved in **Your Club** in any capacity please phone or text me on 07379 089890 or e mail [mike.powles@walshamsportsclub.co.uk](mailto:mike.powles@walshamsportsclub.co.uk)

There are many skillsets locally that would be able to help our volunteers greatly.

*Mike Powles*

*Chairman*

*Walsham le Willows Sports Club.*

*The Gym building should have arrived on site on the  
10<sup>th</sup> of May so keep an eye open for it.*





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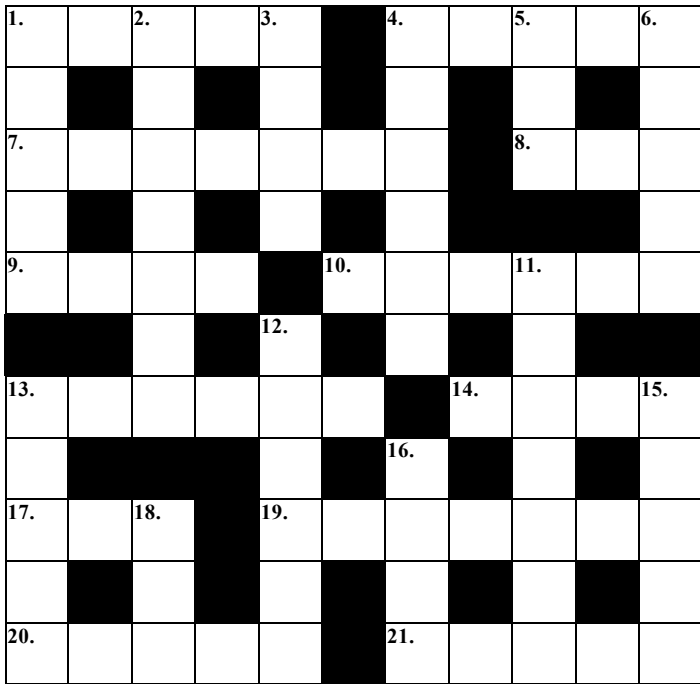
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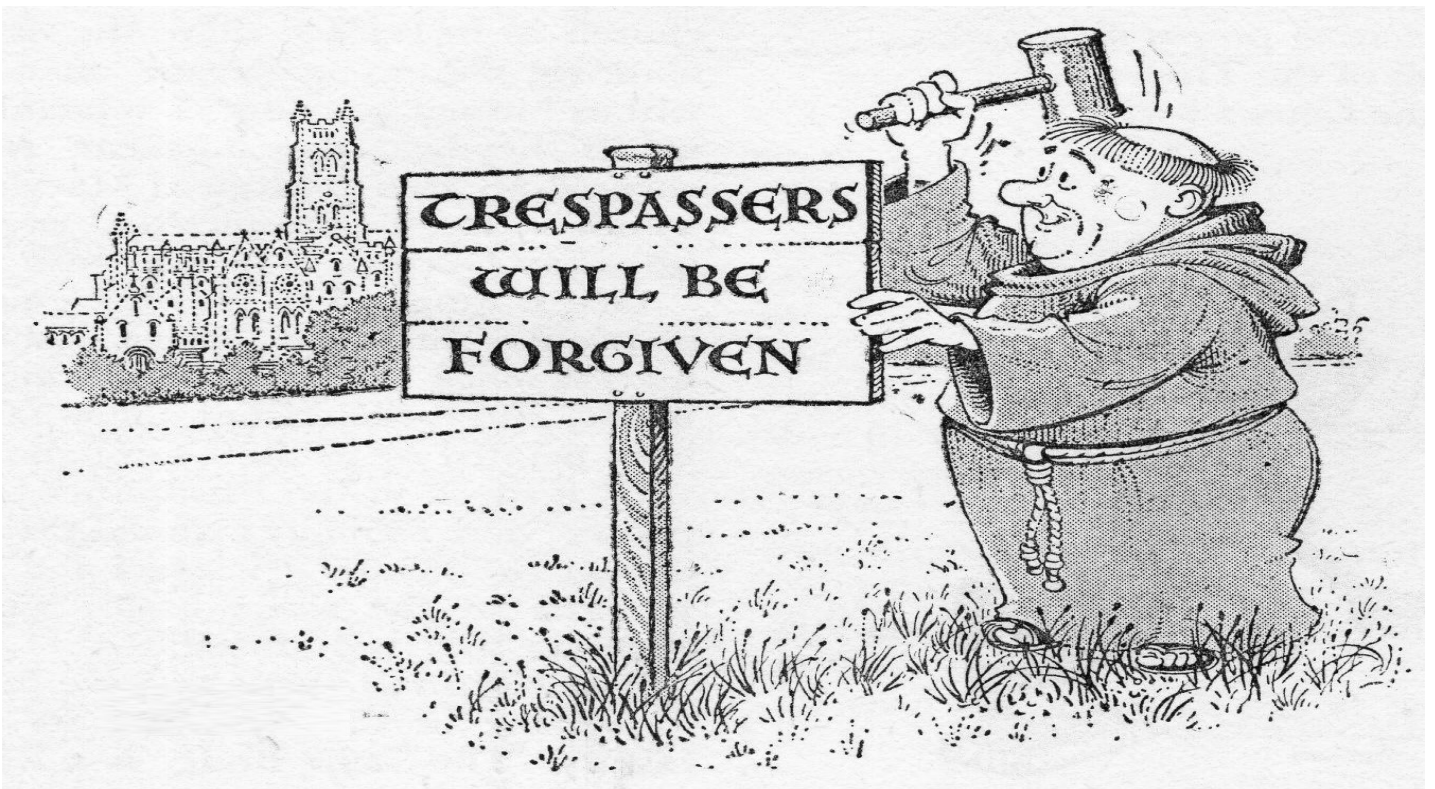


## ACROSS

1. Does this fruit produce a smile. (5)
4. Almost a tree by the sea. (5)
7. Can the supervisor organise one farm? (7)
8. Just a little drink for a little child. (3)
9. Are you in this wreck? (4)
10. We halt a change to riches. (6)

13. Vaporizes when the side gets on board ship. (6)
  14. Hesitate to make a swap perhaps. (4)
  17. It's initially found very funny. (3)
  19. One more unknown member of the group. (7)
  20. Exhausted after having parted with the money. (4)
  21. Why follow the nobleman at dawn? (5)
- ## DOWN

1. Rifle made by a prisoner. (5)
2. Mother may almost have such a pot. (7)
3. Tear up the seam in an identical manner. (4)
4. Such a safe hill in fight for independence. (6)
5. Play around with a cat. (3)
6. It's such a problem to cadge a lift. (5)
11. Beat some hide. (7)
12. Pass round the little devil's skill. (6)
13. Sails around for Eliot's hero. (5)
15. The homeless cat may wander. (5)
16. Once formed a solid. (4)
18. Old priest made to rest. (3)





## 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

C & A Coffee Shop Village Hall  
9.00am till 11.00am

Cardio Tennis Sports Club  
12noon till 1:00pm

### SATURDAY

Pop-up Shop Village Hall  
Last Saturday in the month



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# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Page Bottom Quiz

1. Paul Gaugin, 2. The West Indies, 3. Twenty-two, 4. Italy, 5. Monochrome,
6. Holiday Inn, 7. Glamis, 8. Remembrance, 9. People's names, 10. Sussex,
11. Jericho's, 12. The cock, 13. The American Civil War. 14. The 800m,
15. The emperor, 16. White, 17. Canterbury & Rochester, 18. Brown, 19. Vitamin C,
20. The Dead Sea, 21. Venice, 22. A mongrel, 23. Tic-tac, 24. Crazy Horse,
25. Doric, 26. Billy Bunter, 27. On the tum, 28. Marilyn Monroe,
29. The Salvation Army, 30. Argentina, 31. The Stage, 32. Essex, 33. The Pleiades,
34. A tea clipper, 35. Richard I, 36. Napoleon and Josephine, 37. Greece,
38. Uranium, 39. Sir Edward Lutyens, 40. Cliff Richard, 41. The police, 42. MPs,
43. Afghanistan, 44. Boo Boo, 45. Reykjavik, 46. Carpentry, 47. The Square Dance,
48. John Constable,

## Sudoku

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

## Crossword

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| L | I | M | E | S |   | B | E | A | C | H |
| I |   | A |   | A |   | A |   | C |   | I |
| F | O | R | E | M | A | N |   | T | O | T |
| E |   | M |   | E |   | K |   |   |   | C |
| R | U | I | N |   | W | E | A | L | T | H |
|   |   | T |   | I |   | R |   | E |   |   |
| S | T | E | A | M | S |   | P | A | W | S |
| I |   |   |   | P |   | C |   | T |   | T |
| L | O | L |   | A | N | O | T | H | E | R |
| A |   | I |   | R |   | N |   | E |   | A |
| S | P | E | N | T |   | E | A | R | L | Y |

## More or Less

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 |

## Spot the Difference



## Searching for Words

|       |                |        |       |        |
|-------|----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Ash   | Dash           | Dee    | Deem  | Deems  |
| Dees  | Det            | Dets   | Mosh  | Ease   |
| East  | Had            | Hast   | Haste | Hasted |
| Hoe   | Hoes           | Home   | Homes | Hose   |
| Hosed | Host           | Hosted | Meet  | Meets  |
| Mesh  | Met            | Mosh   | Most  | Sad    |
| Sea   | See            | Seed   | Seem  | Set    |
| Shade | Shoe           | Some   | Stead | Steed  |
| Stem  | Tea            | Teas   | Tease | Ted    |
| Teds  | Tee            | Teed   | Teem  | Teems  |
| Tees  | Homestead (52) |        |       |        |

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**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.'**