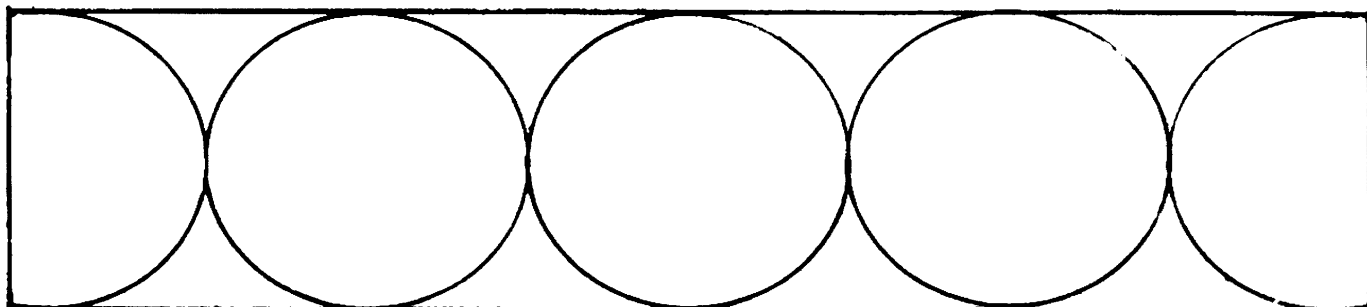
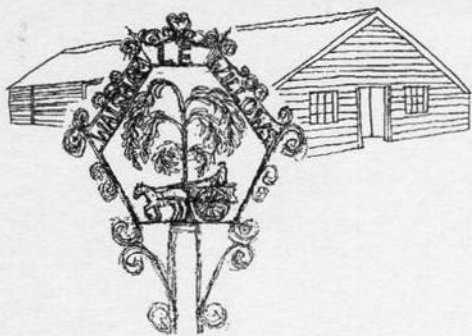


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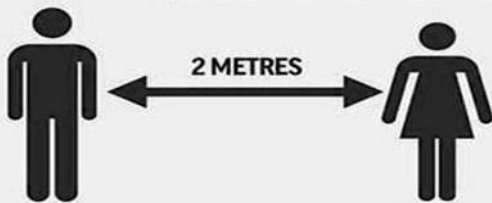
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EDITORIAL

This month is but a prelude to the two horticultural events of the village calendar. You will note that there is pull-out section for the **Horticultural Show on Saturday 12th August**. At last the recipes have been disclosed so some families made be subjected to an overload of Viennese Fingers and Carrot Cakes as perfection is attempted.

The other event is the forty-first **Open Gardens Weekend (August 27th & 28th)** for which help, as always, is sought. Do take a look at page 13 to see if there is any way in which you can help to make the event another memorable occasion.

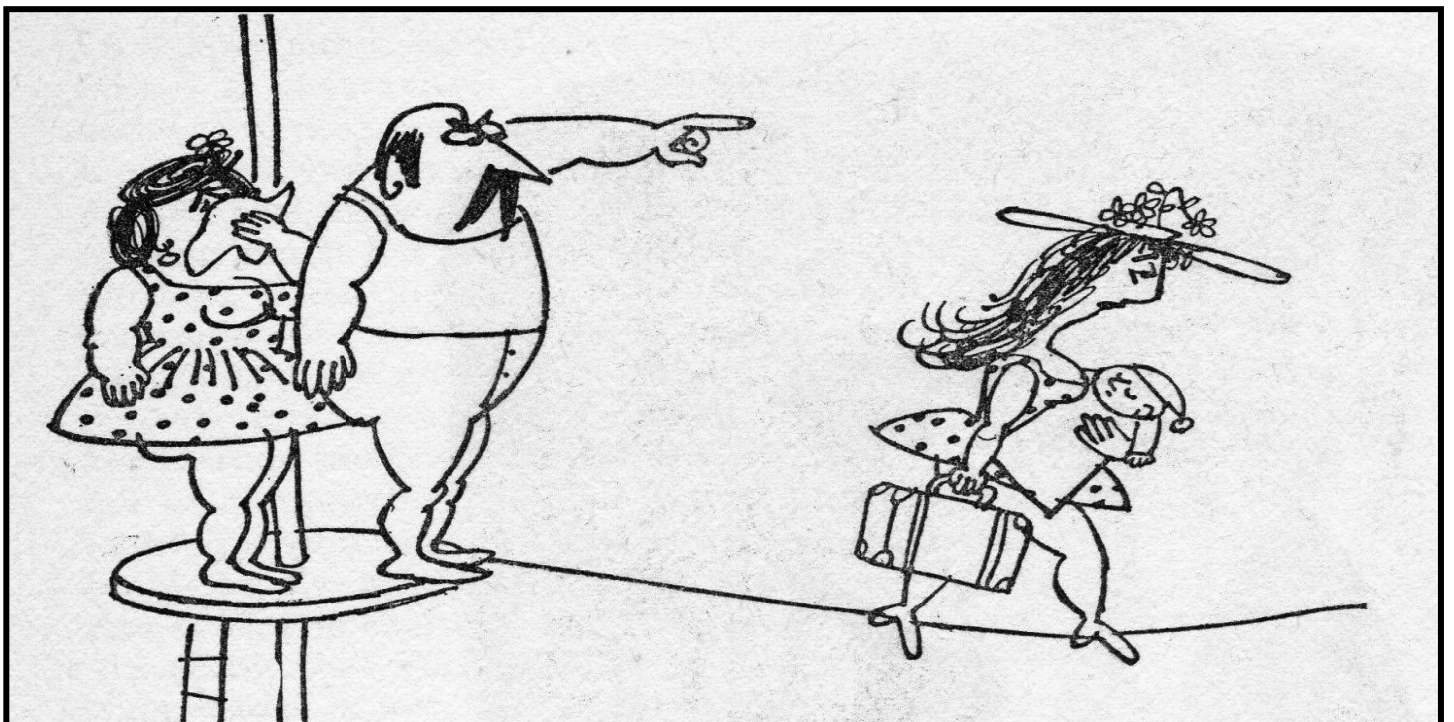
On **Wednesday 19th July the History Group** have another talk in their interesting and varied programme. This time it is about **Basil Brown**, the local 'amateur' archaeologist. For those of you who witnessed Ralph Fiennes portraying him in the film *The Dig*, it might be quite interesting to hear the speaker's views on both the portrayal and factual correctness of the film itself. The meeting is in the **Priory Room, starting at 7.30pm**.

Philip Merry, who is shortly to take his leave, is the guest speaker of the **WI** this month giving a guided tour of St Mary's - his work place. The meeting is on **Wednesday 12th July** and starts at the unusual time of **7.00pm**. It will be interesting to see if there will be a Bat flight as part of the tour!

In these

I have included adverts for two out-of-village entertainments in this edition. Firstly Stanton's 'Flicks in the Sticks' is showing the film *She Said*, relating to the #Me Too movement, on Friday 14th July, starting at 7:30pm. There is always a warm welcome at the Community Centre. The other event is a folk concert by the **Shingle Street** folk band at **Finningham church on Saturday 15th July at 7.00pm**. The tickets, which include a glass of wine and 'nibbles' are **£8.00**. If interested contact Philip & Denise Merry on 01359 258806 .

Harry Graham, as you may remember, has graced the pages of the Observer on a number of occasions, and it is his, at times, somewhat scurrilous poems which once again appear in this edition in the form of space fillers. I resisted the temptation of selecting those which relate the demise of both young and old!



Which is the oldest city on the South American continent?



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS



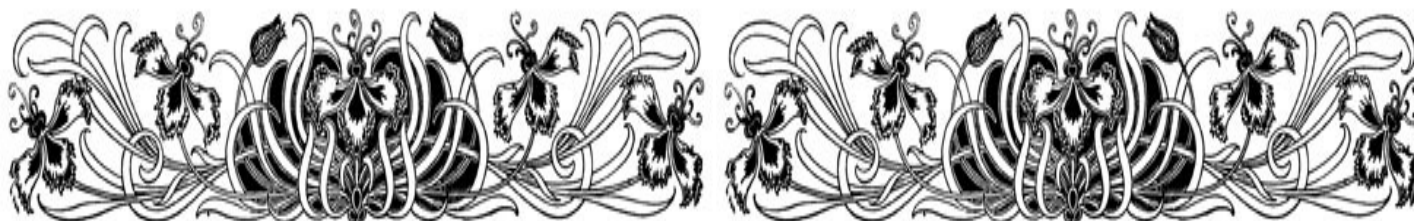
Neighbourhood Watch is the largest crime prevention charity in England and Wales with around 2.2 million member households and 90,000 coordinators working to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime by helping people to protect themselves, their property and their communities. It was founded on the premise of bringing people together as neighbours and communities.

The Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association operates as part of the local policing plan in conjunction with the police, police and crime commissioner, and other partner agencies.

The Association's role is to help support existing schemes and to encourage, create and develop new community schemes across the county of which there are approximately 900, Walsham le Willows being one of those.

Since 2018, I have acted as the registered co-ordinator for the Walsham le Willows scheme, publicising what I believe to be relevant crime and safety messages through the Observer. I have decided to give up this role and remove my name from the Suffolk Association. A scheme co-ordinator can do as much or as little as they wish and a scheme can cover the whole village, a street or a particular area of activity. If there is anybody out there who would like to take on this role, please feel free to contact me as I am willing to offer advice. In the meantime, the Neighbourhood Watch signs located on the approaches to the village will remain.

David Murray.



VILLAGE GARDENING OPPORTUNITY

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The children from Dragonfly Class worked incredibly hard on their garden for The Suffolk Show. We were all thrilled when they were announced the overalls winners! The judges were impressed with how the garden was designed, how much input the children had on the design and the work they did for it. They were also impressed with how they used their prior knowledge of learning to use medicinal plants.

Caterpillars and Ladybirds visited Lackford Lakes on a gloriously sunny day and thoroughly enjoyed the mini beast hunts, pond dipping, scavenger hunt, lifecycle of a butterfly and plant and flower classification.

Caterpillars are looking at information texts about the sea and making postcards. In PE they are learning different athletic skills and will be learning some sea shanties in music.

Children in Ladybirds are looking at living things and their habitats in science and finding out about Captain James Cook in history. In maths they are looking at length, height, mass and volume.

The children in Dragonfly Class are looking at diaries and instructions in English and in maths will be exploring shape, position and direction. In History they are looking at changes in Britain.

Grasshopper class are looking at mystery stories and poetry. In history they are exploring Ancient Egypt and finding out about the features of Egypt and the Nile in geography. In DT they will be making toms and pyramids.

The children in Cricket class are exploring the lives of The Victorians and how their lives have significance for us today. They are looking at the invention of bridges in DT and in art, exploring the work of William Morris. They had a great time at the residential to Eaton Vale at the end of May and the weather was perfect.

All of Key Stage 2 are working hard on their play – Shakespeare Rocks – and we look forward to seeing it towards the end of term.

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.

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

Maxine McGarr

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On behalf of my family and myself I would like to thank you all for the beautiful cards, flowers and thoughtful messages of sympathy. It was so appreciated by us during this sad time. I would also like to thank those who helped me so much in many ways during Jerry's illness. We will be forever grateful for the wonderful friends that we have here in the village and for their support. At the heart of Walsham le Willows is its community, which is full of kind, caring and generous people and in the past few months I have seen this at its very best. Thank you to you all.

The funeral service for Jerry will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Walsham le Willows on Friday 14th July at 1.30pm followed by a cremation service attended by family and close friends. Refreshments will be served at the Sports Club after the service.

Although we will be saying goodbye to Jerry at the church, we hope that you will be able to join us in this celebration of Jerry's life and the part he played in this community. Dress code optional, after all Jerry never liked to wear a suit!

Frances (Jenner), Bexx, Emily, Chloe and Alex

SLOWING DOWN

Having spent time in hospital recently and receiving advice to slow down and take things easier, I have to stop attending the following-

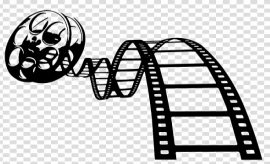
For many years I have been tending to the WWI graves in the old part of the village cemetery, both graves have granite surrounds and one is infilled with chippings so only requires the area around the grave to be cut. The other one is grass covered so will require cutting as will the grass surround. There may be times when the headstone needs washing. I have been checking them about every eight weeks.

I have also been attending to the two small gardens in front of the village war memorial I am hoping, in the future, a village charity, providing its rules apply, would be able to cover the cost of flowering plants that would be planted providing receipts could be produced. If not, maybe someone would just hoe the garden occasionally to keep the weeds under control.

I would be most grateful to anyone who could take on these tasks.

Thank you so much

Hubby Frost.



STANTON VILLAGE CINEMA

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The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

On the National Citizens Advice website, we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. If you're claiming benefits it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms. This information can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs . If you are not online, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on the telephone or in person.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second hand uniforms. Often the school will have a second hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non logo items rather than official logo school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

A lot of peoples' budgets are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. For more information go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

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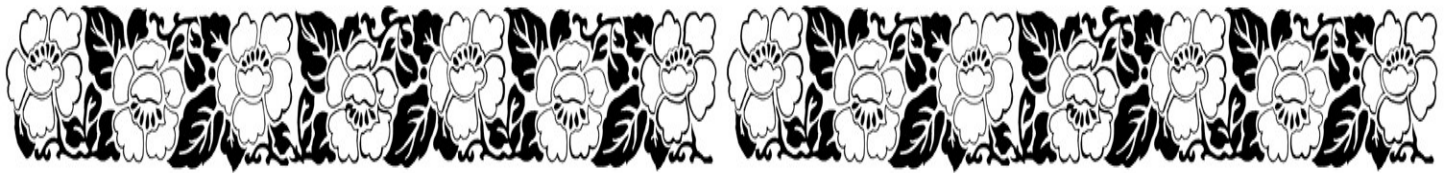
WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI



No euphemisms covered up the bare facts at our June meeting, Dr Jen used the direct correct vocabulary in her illustrated talk entitled 'Before 'During and after the menopause'', so there were no references to the general 'down there'! The all important effect played by hormones was made clear and who knew that testosterone was so important to the ladies! The statistics were pretty baffling but the advice given through the risks and benefits was clearly for us all to avail ourselves of every opportunity for regular scans even over the age of 70, in order to secure early diagnosis. The widely different symptoms and experiences that could be put down to the menopause ranged from osteoporosis to cervical cancer, depressive moods swings to weight gain. Hopefully we each learned something even if it was only some very long words! To round off the evening we tackled one of Maggie's fiendish puzzles all based on parts of the body. It was oh so simple when you knew the answer! This year's resolution relating to securing clean rivers for both people and wild life was passed with an 85% majority at the NFWI AGM in Cardiff and will now be the basis of our latest campaign.

Next month we meet in the church at 7pm and after brief business we will enjoy a guided historical tour with Philip.

Jill Newell



COMMUNITY LUNCH



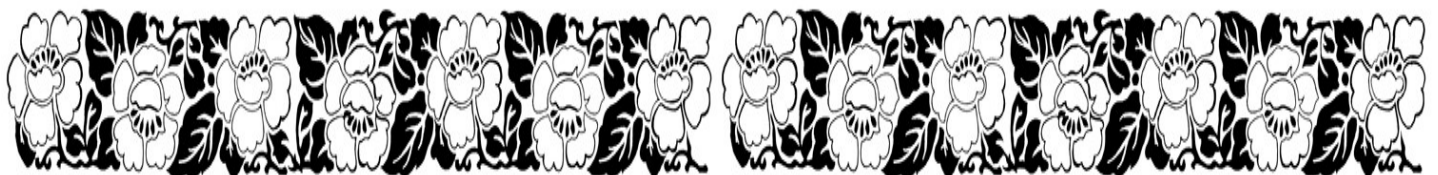
How are you all coping with this wonderful weather? No doubt some of you are enjoying it while others are hoping the weather will be cooler soon!!

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 10th July 2023. Lunch will be Hunters Chicken, a breast portion wrapped in bacon with BBQ sauce and melted cheese, served with Potato wedges, corn crunch salsa, green salad, served at 1pm. Followed by Lemon cheesecake topped with blueberries, strawberries and raspberries. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

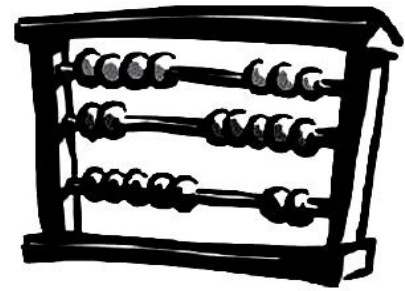
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- We had over 40 gardens in our 40th year and we have slightly less this year but if you want your garden to be included, it's not too late, and you can contact Alison Findlay at opengardens@walsham-le-willows.org or on 07704311468
- Frances Jenner needs people to bake and help with the considerable amount of catering that is needed over the weekend and she is at frances.jenner@hotmail.com or on 01359 259242
- The Art in the Church needs people to spend a couple of hours helping in wonderful surroundings and Graham and Jenny are eager to hear from you at graham.portlock@protonmail.com or on 07512 0218790
- If you are a flower arranger then Cheryl would love to hear from you at bartholomewcj@aol.com or on 01359 258349
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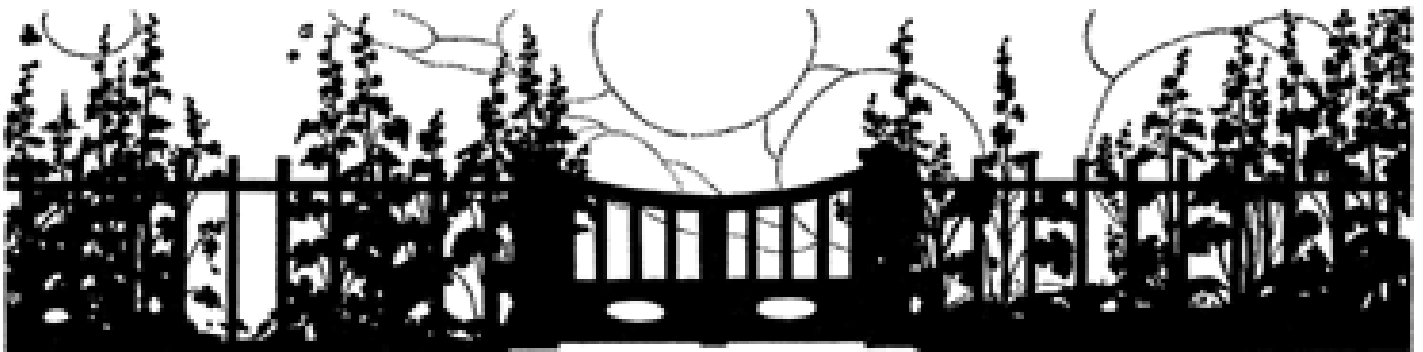
This event has been a big part of Walsham life since the early 1980's. During that time hundreds of thousands of pounds has been raised for the village, half of which has been spent on the upkeep of St Mary's and the rest has supported lots of the organisations, clubs and societies that go towards making Walsham the wonderful place that it is.

Please get involved and I repeat that it really is FUN....!!

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Get involved with the Wild Wood and the Jubilee Wood!

Please note the change to a slightly later time from that advertised in the June Observer



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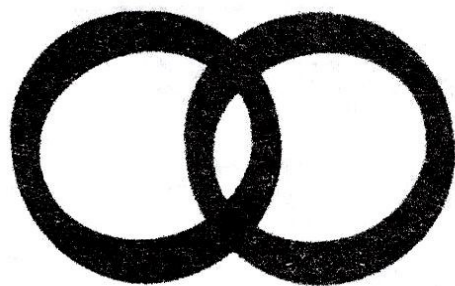
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ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL QUESTION TIME

14 members of the public were present, four parish councillors, district councillor and county councillor.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who came along to the Question Time annual meeting of the parish. The aim was to assist the Parish Council in formulating priorities for the year ahead, to involve as many members of the community as possible and to share the successes and challenges the Parish Council encountered over the previous twelve months. Newly elected Mid-Suffolk District Councillor, Richard Winch, Green Party and Jessica Fleming, Suffolk County Councillor, Conservative Party attended to answer questions.

Parish Councillors found the discussion really useful with much to think about; concerns and possible solutions were discussed whilst all recognised the difficulties for local communities making their voices heard with some of the issues raised.

The concerns raised were:

- The **proposed large scale commercial development of land to the west of the A143 on the Shepherd's Grove estate** (the Jaynic development and now the potential for another alongside by Evolution) and the issues of further increased traffic including HGVs and vans both on the A143 and through local villages, and the loss of a rural landscape through inappropriate overdevelopment and air, light and water pollution.
- **Ever increasing volumes of traffic**, the pros and cons of parking on the streets in the centre of the village and the perception of cars driving too quickly
- **The impact of housing development on the village and its infrastructure**, including public transport; our neighbourhood plan and at what point it starts to carry weight in the planning process
- **Footpaths** were raised and the Chair of the Parish Council explained the difference between public paths and permissive paths and responsibilities for signage and cutting to keep paths clear
- **Ian Campbell invited people to visit the Sports Club** to see the development of a gym suite part funded by CIL seed funding from the Parish Council
- After questions, the **Chair of the Parish Council then delivered his annual report**

There were requests to be kept up to date with some of these issues. These are usually documented on the village website and also in the minutes of Parish Council minutes also published on the website and in The Observer. In order to further improve involvement and communication, all who wish to receive updates on specific issues are invited to contact the Parish Clerk and request their details be added to a parish council communications database. The database of names collected for Neighbourhood Plan communications will be updated and used to allow people to register their interest in communications on specific topics – these will be no more than one a month and considerably less when there are no major developments on planning issues of note.

Please watch out for further information on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan which once passed by referendum and adopted by Mid-Suffolk District Council will then have to be taken into account for each submitted planning application which means our voice carrying more weight in planning decisions.

Also, get involved in finding out more about the plans for Shepherd's Grove and make comments by writing to your MP, local councillors or commenting on the Mid-Suffolk District Council Planning Portal at the relevant time.

COMPENSATION

Weep not for little Léonie,
Abducted by a French *Marquis* !
Though loss of honour was a wrench,
Just think how it's improved her French!



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DIARY OF EVENTS

JULY			OCTOBER		
Wed 12th	W.I. Visit to St Mary's Church	7.45pm	Wed 11th	W.I. Bomb Disposal	
Wed 5th	Wild Wood AGM			Priory Room	7.45pm
	Wild Wood	7.00pm	Wed 18th	History Group	
Sat 15th	Pizza Night			Priory Room	7.30pm
	Wild Wood	5.30pm	Sat 28th	Pumpkin Trail & Story	
Wed 19th	History Group			Wild Wood	4.00pm
	Priory Room	7.30pm	NOVEMBER		
AUGUST			Wed 8th	W.I. Community Singing	
Wed 9th	W.I. Garden Party			Priory Room	7.45pm
	Westhorpe	6.30pm	Wed 15th	History Group	
Sun 27th	Open Gardens	All		Priory Room	7.30pm
Mon 28th	Weekend	Day	DECEMBER		
SEPTEMBER			Wed 13th	W.I. Christmas Workshop	
Wed 13th	W.I. Garden Wildlife			Priory Room	7.45pm
	Priory Room	7.45pm			
Wed 20th	History Group				
	Village Hall	7.30pm			

WALSHAM & DISTRICT W.I.

History and Tour of St Mary's Church

by Rev Philip Merry

Wednesday 12th July at 7.00pm

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Ladies are able to attend 2 meetings free of charge before joining.



THE MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post Office will still be coming to the Village Hall Car Park on Thursday mornings from 11:00am till Noon till further notice.



WALSHAM SPORTSCLUB EVENTS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Sunday Night Bingo

2nd, 16th & 30th July 13th August 7pm start

Friday Night Is Music Night

Gemma B 21st July Emily Spampinato 28th July
Jo Manning 4th & 25th August 7.30pm start

Charity Trailer Gig

Featuring Rock Band 'Beautiful Dangerous'
Saturday 19th August starting at 7pm
see page 42 for further details

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 **WALSHAM** *History Group*
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*The local archaeologist who
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A talk by Sarah Doig.*

Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Priory Room, Walsham-le-Willows.

Members Free Visitors £ 5.00 Refreshments



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the **ANNUAL** meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 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, Belson, Tuck and J.Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Richard Winch

1. OPENING - including Statement, if any
2. APOLOGIES
 - a) To receive apologies from Cllrs Mecrow (holiday) and Roberts (family commitments). Apologies also received from County Councillor Fleming.
 - b) Council consented to all apologies
3. OUTSTANDING ANNUAL BUSINESS
 - a) The clerk reported that former councillor Paul Arbon had advised that he no longer felt able to consent to co-option back onto the council feeling that the demands of his work mean he was not able to give the commitment to attendance that is required. The Parish Council expressed thanks for his work for the council over the past few years. Cllr J.Winch agreed to pursue a search for a suitable candidate for co-option to the Parish Council. District
 - b) Cllr Belson signed the agreement to summons by email.
 - c) Cllr Tuck signed his declaration of acceptance of office and agreement to summons by email.
4. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – none were declared
 - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none were declared
 - c) To receive requests for dispensations – none were required
 - d) The Clerk received the remaining register of interest form from Cllr Tuck. These will now be submitted to MSDC for entry onto the online register.
5. MINUTES
 - The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023 for approved as true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.
 - Actions agreed by Councillors from that meeting were reviewed for completion: Cllr Winch noted offer by Clarkes of Walsham to resume cutting of the stream verges alongside any work done by the engaged contractor. The Parish Council cannot and does not object to this but is not able to 'give permission' but welcomes this suggestion. Cllr J.Winch to communicate this; The Clerk reported

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS HORTICULTURAL SHOW

PROGRAMME

Saturday 12th August 2023

Show opens at 2.00pm

Entry 50p

Children Free

Prize-Giving 3.45pm

Refreshments

Raffle

ENTRY FORMS: Thurs 10th August 10.30–12noon at the Memorial Hall Coffee Shop or 6-8pm at The Six Bells. **No late entry forms please.** Forms are at the back of this programme, and on the village website.

ENTRIES: Saturday 12th August: All Entries should be brought to the Memorial Village Hall for staging between 8.00am and 10.00am. The Hall will be closed promptly at 10.00am for judging.

All plated entries in the domestic classes should be presented on firm plates as the judge needs to handle them, and paper plates are too flimsy.

Trophies: WALSHAM FLOWER CUP, FOLKARD CHALLENGE CUP, FOTHERGILL'S SHIELD, DOMESTIC CLASS CUP, W.I. CUP, DECORATIVE CLASS CUP, BUDDING ROSE CUP, WILLIAMSON PHOTOGRAPHIC CUP, **RAY FREEBORN** SUNFLOWER CUP, HANGING BASKET TROPHY, NOVICE SHIELD, OVERALL SHOW WINNER AWARD.

PRIZES These will be as follows:

£10 - Overall Show Winner Award, Walsham Flower Cup, Folkard Challenge Cup and Domestic Class Cup. **£5** - Fothergill's Shield, WI Cup, Budding Rose Cup, Williamson Photographic Cup, Ray Freeborn Sunflower Cup, Hanging Basket Trophy, Novice Shield and Decorative Class Cup.

Method of scoring: 3 points for 1st prize, 2 points for 2nd prize, 1 point for 3rd prize.

NB Next Year's Show will be on Saturday 10th August 2024

Recipe for Class 73: VIENNESE FINGERS

Ingredients

175g/6oz butter, 60g/2oz caster sugar
175g/6oz SR flour, 90g/3oz plain dark chocolate broken into pieces

Method

1. Combine the butter and sugar in a bowl and cream together until pale and fluffy. Stir in the flour and beat until well combined.
2. Spoon the mixture into a piping bag with a medium star nozzle. Lightly grease 2 baking trays and pipe fingers into 7cm/3in lengths.
3. Bake in a preheated oven at 160c/140c fan/gas 3 for about 20 minutes until golden. Cool on a wire rack.
4. Put the chocolate into a heatproof bowl. Set the bowl over a pan of hot water and heat gently until the chocolate has melted. Dip both ends of each biscuit into the chocolate. Leave to set on the wire rack.

Recipe for Class 76: ICED CARROT CAKE

Ingredients

175g/6oz light brown sugar, 175ml/6 fl.oz sunflower or vegetable oil
3 large eggs lightly beaten, 140g/5oz grated carrot (3 medium)
100g/4oz raisins, Zest & juice 1 large orange
175g/6oz SR flour, 1 tsp bicarb of soda
1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp nutmeg

FROSTING - 140g/5oz icing sugar, 1 ½ - 2 tsp orange juice

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180c/Fan 160c/Gas 4. Oil and line the base and sides of 18cm/7in square tin.
2. Tip the sugar in a large mixing bowl, pour in the oil and beaten eggs. Lightly mix then stir in carrots, raisins and orange zest.
3. Mix the flour, soda and spices, then sift into the bowl. Lightly mix all the ingredients.
4. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 40-45 minutes, until it feels firm and springy when you press it in the centre. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes then turn out and cool on a wire rack.
5. Sieve the icing sugar into a small bowl, gradually add enough orange juice and mix to a thick smooth consistency. Drizzle the icing over the top.

Hanging Basket Competition: Class 91

and

Sunflower Competition: Class 90

Please let us know you wish to enter by completing one of the forms for Class 90 or 91, judging of the hanging baskets and measuring of the sunflowers will take place on Friday 11th August.

NB Sunflowers will be measured where they are growing; hopefully they should provide food for the birds in the Autumn.

TEAS

Teas will be available from 2.00pm onwards, if you have not been to the show before why not come along for a cup of tea and something delicious and enjoy looking at all the exhibits.

The teas are organized by Constance Whitaker, Liz McCann and Barbara Murray. The committee is very grateful to them for their help.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW CLASSES 2023

FLORAL CLASS

1. PANSY or VIOLA One flower in a vase.
2. CLEMATIS One flower in a vase.
3. SWEET PEAS (Annual) Six stalks in a vase
4. ROSES Hybrid tea with own foliage – one bloom in a vase.
5. ROSES Spray – one stem in a vase.
6. HERBS Two or more culinary varieties, five stalks in a vase.
7. MIXED ANNUALS Two or more varieties – five stalks in one vase.
8. PERENNIALS Two or more varieties – five blooms in one vase.
9. DAHLIAS Ball or Pompom – any size – five blooms in a vase.
10. DAHLIAS Small or large cactus and/or semi-cactus. Assorted or same variety – three blooms in a vase.
11. DAHLIAS Decorative, small or large, assorted or same variety. Three blooms in a vase.
12. LILIES One stem.
13. GLADIOLI Giant, large or medium flowers
assorted or same variety. Three stalks in a vase.
14. HYDRANGEAS Three heads in a vase.
15. HOUSE PLANT Flower type – any variety in a pot. (Max 12² pot)
16. HOUSE PLANT Foliage type – any variety in a pot. (Max 12² pot)
17. CACTI or SUCCULENTS (Max 8² pot)
18. FLOWERING TREE OR SHRUB Three sprays of flowering tree or shrub in a vase – assorted or same variety, other than Hydrangeas.
19. GERANIUM or PELARGONIUM One plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot)
20. FUCHSIA Upright – any variety. (max 10² pot)
21. FUCHSIA Trailing – any variety. (max 10² pot)
22. HOSTA One plant in a pot (max 12” pot)
23. FRAGRANCE - A Fragrant flower, single stem (any variety)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASS

30. BEANS Dwarf French – five on a plate.
31. BEANS Runner – five on a plate.
32. PEAS - Five pods on a plate.

33. BEETROOT Red - three on a plate.
 34. CABBAGE Any variety - one on a plate.
 36. COURGETTES Long type, one on a plate.
 37. CUCUMBER Outdoor Grown - one on a plate.
 38. CUCUMBER Grown under cover - one on a plate.
 39. LETTUCE Any variety – one on a plate.
 40. MARROW Any variety – one on a plate.
 41. SQUASH Any variety winter - one on a plate.
 42. ONIONS: LARGE (over 8cm) - one tied.
 43. ONIONS: SMALL (under 8cm) - one tied.
 44. SHALLOTS Any type – six on a plate.
 45. GARLIC Any variety – three on a plate.
 46. POTATOES White – one on a plate.
 47. POTATOES Coloured – one on a plate.
 48. TOMATOES Red - any variety - one on a plate.
 49. TOMATOES Other than red - one on a plate.
 50. TOMATOES Cherry - red or yellow - one on a plate.
 51. PEPPERS Any variety – three on a plate.
 52. ANY OTHER VEGETABLES Any variety - one on a plate, not otherwise in schedule.
 53. APPLES Eating – three on a plate.
 54. APPLES Cooking – three on a plate.
 55. BERRIES Nine on a small plate or more varieties.
 56. PLUMS or GAGES Any variety - one on a plate.
 57. RASPBERRIES Nine on a small plate.
 58. ANY OTHER FRUIT Any variety - one on a plate or three on a plate or grapes on a plate.
 59. TRAY OF VEGETABLES Nine on a tray, arranged decoratively within a tray, from classes 30 – 51 (**Double**).
- ### DECORATIVE CLASS
- Flowers and foliage. No height limits. Table covered with white cloth.*
60. EXHIBIT: ARRANGEMENTS Any variety - bigger than 6”/15.5cm
 61. EXHIBIT: SHADES OF GREEN

und. (tops on and tied)
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 any colour less than 8” – three on a
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 on a plate.
 plate – other than raspberries. One
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 fruit not otherwise on schedule,
 ne bunch.
 Four varieties of vegetables ar-
 an 18”x12” box or tea tray selected
le points for class 59)
*ers do not have to be grown by ar-
 depth 65cm.*
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 REEN up to 45cm width.

DOMESTIC CLASS

70. CHEESE SCONES - Six on plate – own recipe.
71. COFFEE AND WALNUT CAKE 8”/20cm - own recipe.
72. COTTAGE LOAF - own recipe.
73. VIENNESE FINGERS - Six on a plate - **Recipe given**
74. BLUEBERRY MUFFINS – 6 on a plate – own recipe
75. ROASTED VEGETABLE QUICHE 8”/20cm – own recipe.
76. ICED CARROT CAKE – **Recipe given**
77. MEN’S CLASS – FOCACCIA - **Recipe given**
78. EGGS - Six displayed in a plain egg carton.
79. FRUIT MARMALADE - One Jar.
80. FRUIT JELLY - One Jar.
81. FRUIT JAM - One Jar.
82. CHUTNEY - Onion Marmalade - One Jar (minimum 3 months old). **Recipe given**
83. HONEY – One Jar.

No points awarded for the following classes

90. **SUNFLOWER CUP** For the tallest sunflower growing in Walsham: measured *in situ* the week of the show. Open to all ages.
91. **HANGING BASKET / GARDEN TUB COMPETITION** for the best display viewed *in situ* the week of the show.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASSES - *No larger than 5"x 7", a small mount is permitted; all photos must be taken in the Walsham area.*

92. CHIMNEYS
93. A CELEBRATION
94. GLASS

HANDICRAFTS CLASSES

96. KNITTING – Premature baby jacket. Pattern available from Debbie Licata (259686)

or on village website.

97. WOODWORK – Walking stick (hand-carved no lathe).

NOVELTY CLASSES

99. Heaviest Potato.
100. An animal carved out of vegetables.
 (The vegetables for Class 100 do not have to be grown by the exhibitor)

Recipe for Men's Class 77: FOCACCIA

Ingredients

500g/1 lb strong bread flour, 7g dried sachet fast action yeast
2tsp fine sea salt, 5tbsp olive oil, 1 tsp coarse sea salt

Method

1. Tip the flour into a large mixing bowl. Mix the yeast into one side of the flour and the fine salt into the other side. Then mix everything together.
2. Make a well in the middle of the flour and add 2 tbsp oil and 350-400ml lukewarm water, adding it gradually until you have a slightly sticky dough (you may not need all the water). Tip the dough onto a floured work surface and knead for 5-10 minutes until the dough is soft and less sticky. Put the dough into a clean bowl, cover with a tea towel and leave to prove for 1hr until double in size.
3. Oil a rectangle, shallow tin (25x35cm). Tip the dough onto the work surface and stretch it to fill the tin. Cover with a tea towel and leave to prove for another 35-45 minutes.
4. Heat the oven to 220c/200c/gas 7. Press your fingers into the dough to make dimples. Mix together 1 ½ tbsp olive oil, 1 tbsp water and drizzle over the bread. Sprinkle over with coarse sea salt.
5. Bake for 20 minutes until golden. Cool on a wire rack.

Recipe for Class 82: ONION MARMALADE

The recipe was in the February Observer and is on the Walsham le Willows website. To enter in the show the chutney must be at least three months old.

Knitting Pattern for Class 96: PREM BABY JACKET

The pattern is on the Walsham le Willows website or can be obtained from Debbie Licata on 259686

Walsham le Willows Horticultural Show Rules

Rules can be very tedious, but these are our simple rules. They have evolved over many years, to answer queries, to make things fair for the entrants, to make things simpler for the judges and to make things clear for all.

1. All judging will be done by RHS rules. Judges for the Floral, Domestic and Fruit & Vegetable Classes are professional, independent and from outside the village.
2. Entrants must be resident in the parish of Walsham le Willows or a pupil at Walsham le Willows school.
3. Only one entry per exhibitor per class.
4. Pot plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least three months.
5. Fuchsia Classes: NB blocks may be used for Trailing Fuchsias only.
6. Flowerpot sizes: NB measurement is across the inside of the top of the pot.
7. Tray of Vegetables: Nothing should overhang the edges of the tray.
8. Please make sure all food entries are covered with cling film or a polythene bag.
9. Please check tin sizes in the domestic classes.
10. All plated entries in the Domestic class should be presented on firm plates, as the judge needs to handle them and paper plates are too flimsy.
11. In the Domestic classes jam jars and lids should not have any commercial names on them
12. Decorative class exhibits should be brought to the Show ready assembled.
13. The winner of the Photographic Class will be asked to judge next year's competition.
14. Children's classes are open to those who have not reached their twelfth birthday by the date of the show.

For more information about the Show, and to download the recipes or the entry form please go to the Walsham le Willows website <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/>

ENTRY FORM

Entry forms with fee should be brought to the Coffee Shop 10.30am – 12 noon in the Memorial Hall or to The Six Bells on between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. No late entries please!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL WILL BE OPEN FOR STAGING ENTRIES FROM 8.00am to 10.00am on SATURDAY 12th AUGUST.

Any Queries: Debbie Licata, Telephone 259686

HORTICULTURAL SHOW ENTRY FORM 2023

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Address _____

Phone no: -----

Class Nos:

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that new bins for play area had not yet been ordered as it has not yet been possible to arrange for their emptying into the MSDC bin. Further, it was agreed that in the light of potential new guidance from central government, for now two new bins are purchased for recyclable and non-recyclable waste. A third bin may be added in the future compostable waste. The Clerk will action this after checking again with MSDC re the emptying of these bins directly by MSDC without the waste having to be transferred to the MSDC wheelie bin that is in the locked unit. District Cllr R.Winch also offered to investigate this; Cllr Mecrow was going to speak to local landowner re concerns about access on foot over his land. Cllr Mecrow was not present to report back; Former Cllr Arbon did not stand and will not now be co-opted so Cllr J.Winch will have word with resident about parking issues and blocking of footpaths; Clerk still to submit planning application for shed.

- Notes from annual meeting of the parish on 24th May 2023 approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record. Clerk to send for publication in The Observer.

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

- The Chair invited questions on District Councillor R.Winch's report – No questions but Cllr Bartholomew congratulated District Councillor R.Winch on the high bar set with a very 'Walsham focused' report.
- County Councillor Fleming was not able to attend

7. PUBLIC FORUM

No members if the public were present.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- Matters relating to DC/22/2190/HYB Proposal Hybrid planning Location Land At Shepherds Grove Bury Road Stanton Suffolk (Jaynic and Equation proposal). - It was felt that engagement at District level on this application and any future applications would be more effective and District Cllr Winch confirmed that he is in the process of escalating this.
- EN/23/00140 - Land To The West Of The R&D Construction Depot, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows (UDR) - Update from Clerk. – The Clerk had circulated latest position and will seek clarification as to what 'to rear of site' means. The existing planning permissions only allow for storage on the old bomb site.

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

a) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/23/01362 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of rear extension including new replacement windows. Location: Fairfield House, 3 Postmill Gardens, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3DZ MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

b) Application Reference: DC/23/01328 Proposal & Location of Development: Application for works to trees within a Conservation Area - Reduce 4no Mature Lime trees T1 & T2 by 7ft and balance, T3 & T4 by 10ft and laterals by approx.. 6ft, fell 1no Ash and remove a limb from 1no Cherry 2 Avenue Cottages, The

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10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – to receive any comments from Parish Council representatives (Cllrs. Belson & Mecrow) and consider any matters arising – Nothing to note other than the plan has been checked by Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) and they are now running the public consultation which runs until 21st July and after which they will submit it for independent examination before holding a referendum.
11. PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT – to receive report from Cllr Arbon and consider any matters arising.
 - a) The play area action log which had been reviewed by Cllr Mecrow and updated by the Clerk was considered. Remaining entries either had a ‘watching brief’ or will be addressed by the next working party, date and time to be agreed with Cllr Roberts who has the remaining picnic bench on his van. Clerk to liaise.
 - b) Proposal from Cllr Winch re the gate exiting from the wood area (circulated 22/05/2023) was considered and it was decided that this would be assessed at time of next working party.
12. FINANCE & AUDIT
 - a) The bank reconciliation for period ending 31st May 2023 was approved and signed by Cllr Tuck.
 - b) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were approved for payment except number 9 £500 for Wildwood. This payment is not actually due until June 2024 to align with other donations. (Appendix 1).
 - c) The internal audit report for 2022/23 has been circulated and was approved. The previous approval of Annual Governance Statements and Section 1 and Annual Accounting Statements Section 2 (as signed at meeting on 10th May 2023) was confirmed.
 - d) Cllr Tuck was proposed for fourth bank signatory for authorising and submitting online payments - to replace Cllr Kinnair. This was unanimously approved.
 - e) Cllr Winch proposed Cllr Tuck for appointment to the Council’s internal financial oversight function. This was unanimously approved.
13. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS
 - a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. Some items were removed as completed.
 - b) The response from the insurance company about cover for more flexible litter picking arrangements had been circulated and Cllr J.Winch agreed to draft publicity for the summer litter pick for circulation to Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts prior to submission to The Observer for July. This litter pick will be from 7th to 13th August and will allow people to complete at any time during that week subject to the usual safeguards. Once agreed the Clerk will circulate directly to previous participants.
 - c) Quotes were considered with regard to pavement sweeping and closed churchyard grass cutting and maintenance as detailed in proposal circulated for

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previous meeting. The suggestion from the GWC that the area be maintained as a managed meadow area was unanimously rejected on the grounds that complaints have already been received given the current absence of a contractor to carry this out. It was agreed that the Clerk pursue the proposal from a local resident to take on this role. In meantime it was decided that a one off cut should be requested from M&TJ's to include epicormic tree growth and the removal of arisings.

- d) The correspondence from the '20's Plenty' campaign which is being promoted by a number of Suffolk Parish Councils was considered. The clerk was asked to invite someone from the group to the next Parish Council meeting.
- e) Council considered the offer of a leaf sweeping machine from a local resident at a cost of £350. Council decided in principle that this should be pursued subject to an appraisal of the condition of the machine by Cllr Roberts and, if he is satisfied with the condition, an offer of £300 was unanimously approved.
- f) Following the Annual Meeting of the Parish (Annual question time), council considered the discussion that took place and the issues raised. Objectives were agreed as follows (plan to be confirmed at next meeting for allocation of tasks:
 - Further improve access to footpaths and permissive paths:
Map of permissive paths to be published to make distinction clear; locations and condition of signage/roundels/maps at start of paths to be reviewed;
 - Traffic calming & reduction: Investigate weight limit on bridge, why the causeway is classified a lorry route, and the 20's plenty campaign
 - Shepherd's Grove site: Continue to provide information as it becomes available, publicising through usual channels including Parish Council communications database, and lead on actions agreed; further public meetings when application is made by Equation
- g) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note for next agenda. Cllr Tuck asked if any permissions were required for a mobile pizza van providing food in the village. The Clerk advised that previous advice from the previous District Councillor was that there nothing specific that was required of the vendor.

Next Meeting – 12th July 2023 7pm - Memorial Hall. – Meeting closed 20:40

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation JUNE 2023

	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Janette Winch	£65.86	Reimbursement of expenses for refreshments and stationery for the Annual QT meeting of the Parish
2	Kevin Boardley	£6.22	Expenses
3	Suffolk West CAB	£100.00	s.142 general powers donation
4	Mid Suffolk CAB	£100.00	s.142 general powers donation
5	East Anglia Children's Hospice	£100.00	s.137 donation

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6	East Anglian Air Ambulance	£100.00	s.137 donation
7	Headway Suffolk	£100.00	s.137 donation
8	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£100.00	s.137 donation
9	GB Pollard	£46.38	1st Cut Footpaths, grant disbursement
10	P Dryden	£48.00	1st Cut Footpaths, grant disbursement
11	M Hawes	£74.70	1st Cut Footpaths, grant disbursement
12	Martineau Farms LLP	£184.74	1st Cut Footpaths, grant disbursement
13	H Reeve	£25.09	1st Cut Footpaths, grant disbursement
14	H Reeve	£176.58	1st Cut Footpaths, grant disbursement
15	Kevin Boardley	£32.59	Reimbursement WP Media for website caching plugin annual subscription
16	CGM	£132.00	Grass cutting Stream verges x1 and Play Area x1
17	Memorial Hall	£50.00	Hall hire for 10 th and 24 th May
18	Clarkes of Walsham	£415.80	3 rd Picnic Table/Bench for Play Area
19	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Hall hire 19 th April
20	Kevin Boardley	£384.91	Reimbursement of Printerland invoice for toner cartridges
21	Parish Council Employee	£596.21	Wages
22	Premier Play Solutions	1900.02	Play Area - paid 15th May following meeting 14 th May, based on authorisation of PO [13/07/2022, min ref 11(b) and authorisation for payment of 50% of retained amount, 10/05/2023, min ref 14 (a)]
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	Transfer from Current to Deposit	20,000.00	Minute ref 15 (g) 10/05/2023
2	Suffolk County Council	555.49	Grant first cut footpaths

FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

By the time this publication is read, the Feast Day of St Peter will have been and gone, having been celebrated on the 29th June. Petertide, as the period around the Feast Day is known is the season for those who are called to the Church's Ministry, to be Ordained as Priest or Deacons. This year at our Diocesan Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds, 10 candidates will be Ordained as Deacons, (and usually 'Priested' in a years' time), with a further 13 being Ordained as Priests.

Some will be entering the Priesthood to serve full-time, whilst others will be 'non-stipendiary,' and serve only the Parishes where they reside. From our Deanery, Reverend Catriona Brinkley will be Priested within the Blackbourne Team Ministry.

Across Suffolk, within the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, at the time of writing there are in excess of 20 Priest vacancies, which would suggest over 100 churches being without Priests; Suffolk has always been notoriously difficult to attract and recruit clergy to their churches.

Amongst the many Cathedrals hosting Ordinations this Petertide will be Lincoln Cathedral, a place I know well through the years I was there after Denise and I moved to Lincoln in the early 1980s.

Building of the Cathedral began in 1072, and the Cathedral was consecrated 20 years later, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1185 it suffered extensive damage in one of the most powerful earthquakes ever to be experienced in England. When it was finally completed again in 1311, it was the tallest building in the world, (surpassing the Great Pyramid of Giza, which had held the record for almost 4,000 years!), a title the Cathedral was to hold until 1548, when the spires upon the towers collapsed, they were never to be replaced. Set high upon the famous Steep Hill of Lincoln, in the beautiful surrounds of the Bailgate, it must have been an awesome sight to the medieval pilgrims as they made their lonely way across the bleak flat landscape of the Lincolnshire Fens. In the other direction the Cathedral can still be seen to this day from almost 20 miles away on the road coming across the Lincolnshire Wolds from the coast of Skegness!

The Cathedral is the fourth largest in the Country, and until recently held one of only four remaining copies of the original Magna Carta. It was the famous Victorian writer and critic of art and history (to name just a few of his topics), John Ruskin, who declared; 'I have always held....that the Cathedral of Lincoln is out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles and roughly speaking worth any two other Cathedrals we have.'

Rev. Philip Merry



CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

2nd July	4th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
9th July	5th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
16th July	6th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Langham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
23rd July	7th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
30th July	8th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
6th August	Transfiguration of Our Lord	
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham



What colour is a blue tit's breast?

WILDLIFE IN JULY

Our gardens are full of colour, sunshine and happiness once more. The insects are buzzing about busy pollinating, our amphibians are our own pest controllers and the birds are bringing their babies into our gardens once again. These young birds are called fledglings. You will see them usually close to the ground fluttering away, sometimes looking like an injured bird, but watch closely and soon you will see the parent bird come down and give them a tasty snack. They will look after their young birds for a while until they are independent enough to look after themselves. With Blackbirds after fledging mum and dad will feed, then mum will go off and prepare the nest for the new brood leaving dad to feed their young until he joins her in looking after the new brood. Birds at this time of year are fairly tame giving us a closeup view while they feed their young or come down for a well-earned drink. A bird bath is very welcome not only for quenching a thirst especially in dry weather but to also bathe before flying back to the nest, it is important to keep those feathers clean! It is important to keep feeders, bowls and baths scrubbed and clean to help prevent the spread to disease.

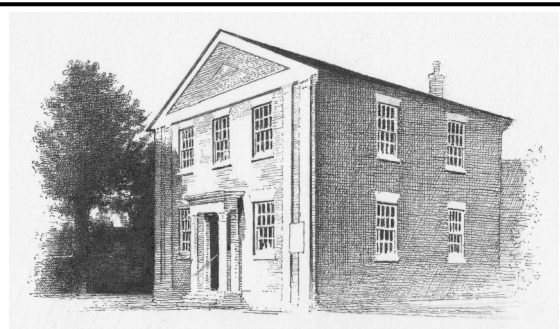
There is another animal that is in the full-swing of breeding and that is our beloved Hedgehog. With our earlier months getting warmer they will be on their second even third litter by now. We are all told if you spot a hedgehog out during the day then they are ill, these are the months when it is a bit tricky as mothers are sometimes seen out during the day collecting leaves and other bedding material. If it is a large hog and moving with purpose it is more likely to be a mother. If though the hedgehog is small, or large but either not moving, moving but in a daze or circling or thin then they will need help. If you are unsure ring a hedgehog rescue for advice. Do not delay as time is vital in saving these hoggies. Apart from the above they are nocturnal and if you have visiting Hedgehogs then you can leave out either wet/dry cat or dog food, meaty is best as fish can make them unwell, and a shallow bowl of water which can be a life saver in hot dry weather.

There is a plant that you may come across on your walks or you can even grow in your garden where it will thrive, this plant is the Common Knapweed. It looks like a thistle and has lovely pink/purple flowerheads that attract a lot of Bees. It was once described as the “Lucozade for Bees”. If you do grow Knapweed in your gardens after flowering the seed heads will attract Bullfinches and Goldfinches, a good plant to have if you love wildlife.

Angie Bennington

TRAGEDY

That morning when my wife eloped
With James our chauffeur, how I moped!
What tragedies in life there are!
I'm dashed if I can start the car!



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The King & The King of Kings

We have recently witnessed the great spectacle of the Coronation of King Charles III. As Charles was anointed with oil, the words of that great coronation anthem of George Frideric Handel, 'Zadok the Priest' sounded out, "God save the King, long live the King, may the King live for ever".

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)

GREEN DILEMMAS

To mow or not to mow

The connection between mowing and the beginning of the gardening season is deeply entrenched in the psyche of gardeners but the reasons for re-thinking our mowing habits are quite clear. Many British pollinating insects are in decline. Since the 1930s we have lost 97% of our wild flower meadows largely owing to changing farming practices. Between 1980 and 2013, every square kilometre in the UK lost an average of 11 species of bee and hoverfly.

No Mow May has now become a regular feature of the gardening calendar. The results indicate that modifying the way we mow can result in a tenfold increase in the amount of nectar available to bees and other pollinators with a reported increase in the growth of daisies, germander, speedwell and creeping buttercup.

For a bigger impact on biodiversity the RSPB are promoting the spring meadow (don't mow your lawn or part of your lawn at all until early July and then mow as normal until the grass stops growing in late autumn) or the summer meadow (mow your lawn once in late March / early April and then leave it until August or September before mowing once or twice until the end of the autumn growing season thus mimicking the old hay meadows).

With all the suggested regimes it's important to remove all the cuttings. If you don't do this, any rotting debris might smother germinating wildflower seeds and will fertilise the ground, encouraging tough grasses to take over.

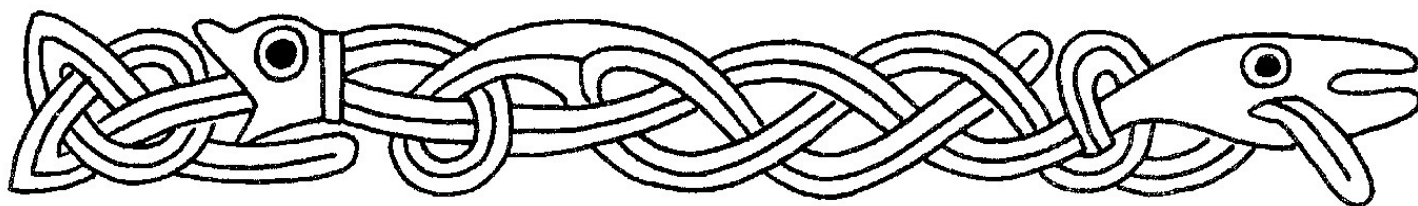
Leaving areas of grass to go 'wild' is now becoming increasingly common in public areas. This trend is partly driven by the biodiversity issues discussed above but also by the desire to save mowing time (or cost). Public reaction to this is to say the least mixed. A lot of people are concerned that leaving the grass uncut looks untidy. They are also worried about road safety issues with visibility, neglect of footpaths and cycleways, the spreading of weeds and limiting of public access.

To avoid these issues we should follow some basic guidelines such as::

- For larger areas it is recommended that paths are mown through the long grass to break up the view and allow access.
- Road safety should be prioritised usually with a one metre strip mown beside the highway.
- Areas used as play areas should remain available for that use and mown
- Areas in the middle of towns or villages should be kept tidy to avoid disagreements

If we create some basic guidelines we can all hopefully adopt a more relaxed mowing regime at least to part of our gardens and part of our public spaces.

Richard Winch



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ON THE NATURE OF FATE

And so it was on that Sunday afternoon earlier in June, when Finn Daly was, once again, giving the assembled masses another in his excellent series of topical lectures. Finn had chosen on that day to focus on the eastern religion's adherence to the principles of fatalism – we, mere humans, are set on a dependent path – a huge chain of phenomenon where one event begets another. The Buddhist cycle of Samsāra is a good example, extolled 'Phil'.

Whilst cricket has the hallmarks of a religion; rituals passed from generation to generation; the sacred works of John Wisden and his almanack; a trust in a higher being to help guide in moments of crisis; a hope that there is redemption in the second innings for earlier lapses – all cricketers have a sense that fate is already determined. One might as well give that next ball a mighty hoick – because I am bound by karmic actions – and nothing will change the outcome. If I was to be caught at cow corner then that was the way it was always meant to be. Finn is an oracle on such matters.

As such, the fate of Walsham Cricket is set on the path during June. The 1st XI have battled hard in the headwinds of availability – and have had the rare pleasure of fielding teams comprised of family kinship – the Bryants, the Macraes and the Dalys. Battling wins against Mildenhall and Long Melford, losses in high run chases at Abberton and Felixstowe. Steve Moulton getting in both the runs and wickets, Oli Jackson and Matt Ellis scoring well. The 2nd XI, have had similar mixed results, but a highlight being Andrew Ross's maiden century (110 not out) against Worlington in a 61-run victory.

The junior teams at Under 13 and Under 11 have been setting a strong pace in their hardball fixtures. Nail-biting final over victories are the regular turmoil inflicted on supporters and coaches. The U13s played local rivals Bardwell – Arun Chandraraj holding out in the gloom to seal victory; the U11s similarly against Stowmarket and Stowupland – with excellent all-round performances from Elodie Brown and Kasper Howling. Matthew Moynehan's left-arm 'chinamen' beguiling batters. Howling won the reverse sweep-off against Albie Bryant-Howe – inspired by events at Edgbaston. And that is the final word on fatalism – if we are to be out reverse sweeping the opening bowler, then so be it – it was pre-ordained, and nothing should stop us from trying it once more.

James French

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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

There are a few home friendlies organised for July

Fri 7th First Team v Stowmarket Town. 7.45

Fri 14th First Team v Framlingham Town. 7.45pm

Wed 19th July First Team v Whitton United. 7.45 pm

Sat 22nd Under 23s v Claydon. 2.30 pm

Bowls

Home fixtures for July.

Mon 3rd v Old Newton 6.45pm

Wed 5th v Wortham. 6.45 pm

Thur 6th v Stanton Wolves 7.00pm

Tue 11th v Gipping EE. 2.00pm

Mon 17th v Combs Ford B 6.45pm

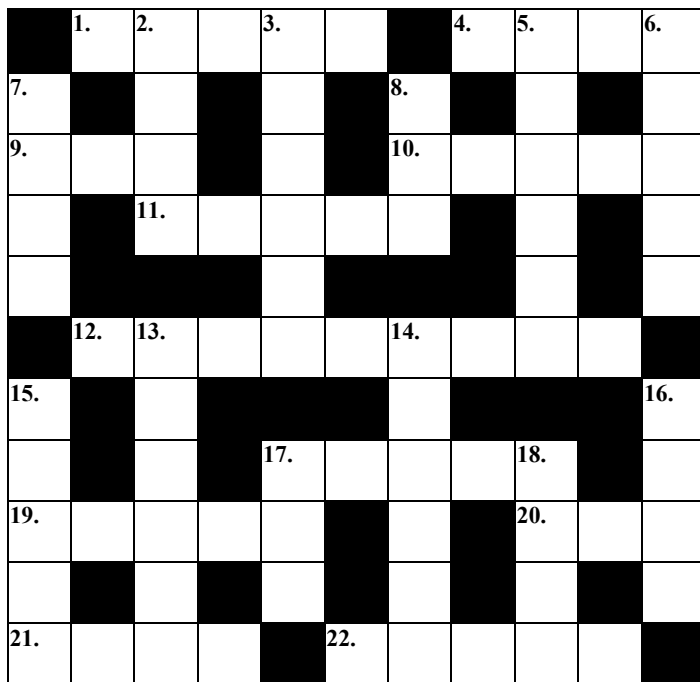
Wed 19th v Needham Market 6.45pm

Thur 20th v St Botolph's 6.45pm

Mon 31st v Thorndon 6.30pm



WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



12. Carry the torn parts around. (9)

17. Such delight found In the French army. (5)

19. Just a small copy in core products. (5)

20. Could this be a pressing particle. (3)

21. Do you take off the pressure by taking these pills? (4)

22. He lived in a reflection. (5)

DOWN

2. Injured in hurtling downhill. (4)

3. Injury of an artist in doing a turn. (6)

5. The retainer was old in her case. (6)

6. Possibly an alternative for the civic leader. (5)

7. Design a dress from old York. (4)

8. Possibly merit another boiler. (3)

13. Such an odd cat may possibly cause an upset. (6)

14. Quietly lift from a compliment. (6)

15. Move steadily forward in the smithy. (5)

16. A really smelly queue! (4)

17. Just the nut for a horse. (3)

18. She sounds like the supreme egotist. (4)

ACROSS

1. There's little chance of finding such a spirit. (5)

4. Like a pal for the dog. (4)

9. The rest of the field found in a pub. (3)

10. Pass it on that the layer needs altering. (5)

11. School artist in the can. (5)

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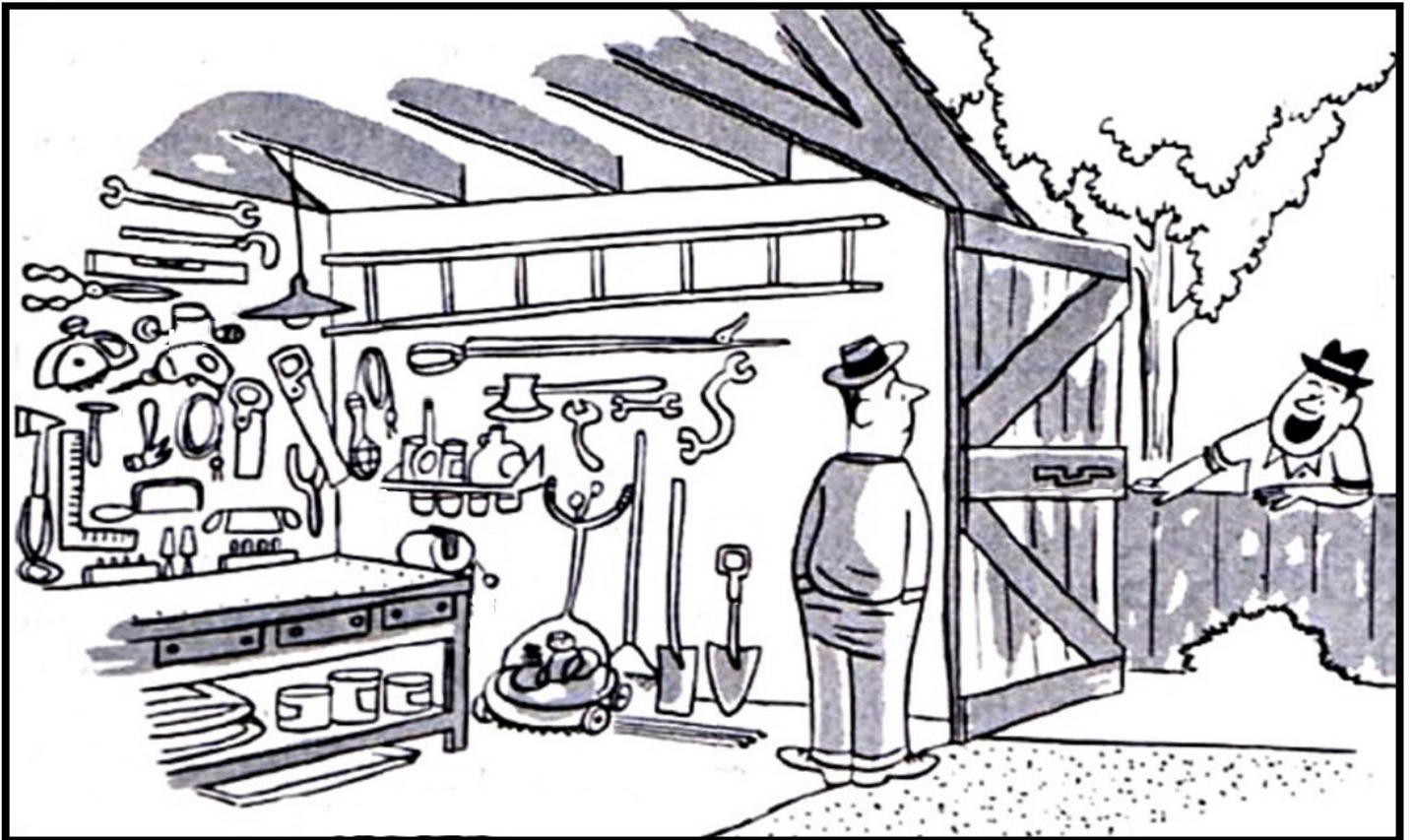
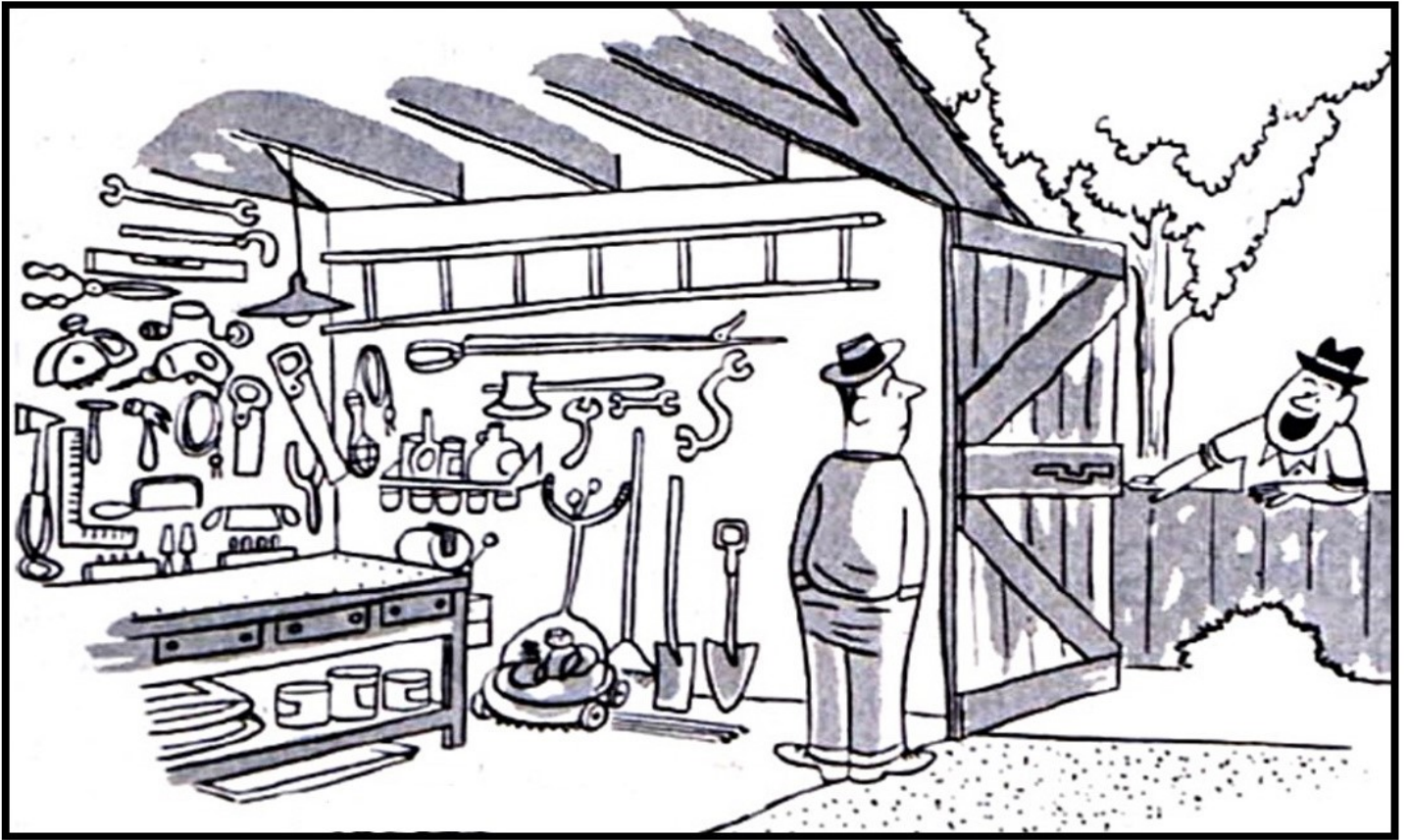


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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



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MOTHER-WIT

When wilful little Willie Black
Threw the tea-things at his mother,
She murmured, as she hurled them back,
'One good Tea-urn deserves another!'

In which game is one player always 'dummy'?



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For the uninitiated, the rules of Sudoku are very simple.

Each row, column and large square must contain the numbers 1 to 9 inclusive.

It's as simple as that, but you must apply logic to find which number goes where.

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!

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

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

EVENTS

THURSDAY

Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till Noon

Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon

Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm

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

Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out

Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

Community Yoga Priory Room
7:15 pm till 9:15pm

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ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. North and South Korea, 2. Lima, in Peru, 3. On the shoulder,
4. Off the S-W coast of Ireland, 5. Hera, 6. Scott Joplin, 7. The Highland Games,
8. *Turandot*, 9. Robert Louis Stevenson, 10. Waltz time, 11. By fighting duels,
12. Deuce, 13. The River Danube, 14. Wood, 15. An April Fool, 16. Olive Oyl,
17. Amritsar, 18. The Primrose, 19. Four, 20. A sow, 21. William Tell, 22. Tweed,
23. On their hind legs, 24. Carbon dioxide, 25. The bicycle, 26. Edgar Allan Poe,
27. As a dancer, 28. King John, 29. The dove, 30. Yellow, 31. The Mekong River,
32. The Epsom Derby, 33. To carry knights, 34. Weepers, 35. The little dog,
36. Brooklands, 37. A dragon, 38. Lake Ontario, 39. Jesus Christ, 40. Bridge,
41. Turning water into wine, 42. Pleasure, 43. Constantinople, 44. Ten, 45. Archery,

Sudoku

4	8	3	9	5	7	2	6	1
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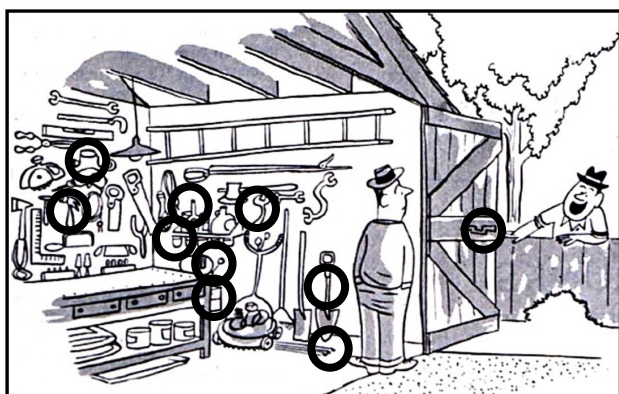
Crossword

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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Aero	Are	Bah	Bar	Bard
Bare	Bared	Barred	Boar	Board
Boarder	Border	Bore	Bored	Bra
Brad	Brae	Dear	Drab	Ear
Era	Err	Harbour	Hard	Harder
Hare	Hared	Hear	Heard	Her
Herb	Herd	Hero	Oar	Oared
Orb	Order	Ore	Our	Rear
Red	Rehab	Roar	Roared	Rob

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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.’**