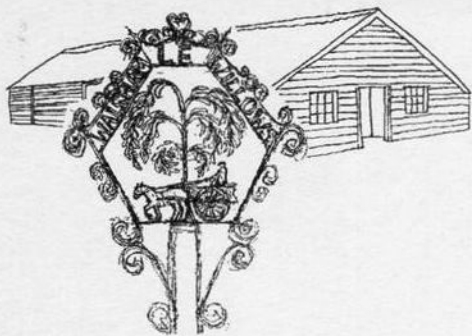


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EDITORIAL

As you will see from the front cover, the voting on the Neighbourhood Plan resulted in a 94% (of those who voted) voting for the plan. Hopefully this will strengthen the hand of the Parish Council in dealing with develops within the village.

I have received a number of items from the Parish Council this month and would recommend - and why wouldn't I? - that you 'search diligently' through this edition for these items and maybe others which come in between.. Advert, which appears on Page 22, concerns the **Free Mid Suffolk Cosy Homes Installation**. Free, as long as you meet the criteria below.

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Should this issue arrive on your doormat before **Saturday 2nd December** you will have the luxury of being able to find out details of the **Tree Lighting and Fete at St Mary's** on that day.

It might seem to be the wrong time of year to be thinking about **Open Gardens Weekend**, but they are keen to support projects within the village. So if you, or your group would like to be considered extra funding do get in contact. Dates and contact details can be found on page 15. But do get your bid in before **31st January** if you want it to be considered.

I leave the last few words of this editorial to the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:-

AN APPRECIATION OF MAGGIE BARBER AND HER WORK ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



In remembrance of the late **Maggie Barber** (former Chair of Parish Council) who sadly retired from the group before the plan was ready for adoption but who worked tirelessly and persistently, and against much initial reluctance, to get people on board with the benefits of a **neighbourhood plan** for the village.

As one of the steering group members said: "Without Maggie's foresight, without her long experience serving the community, without her knowledge, her ability to inspire and recruit others it wouldn't have happened. We owe her so much."

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

First of all, Happy Christmas to all and we hope you have an enjoyable and safe festive season.

December sees our usual events such as Pilates and self-defence continuing and there is a Christmas Fair on Saturday 16th December.

The Christmas Community Lunch on Monday 11th December looks like being a very special lunch with the £12.50 price including Bucks Fizz (or a soft drink) on arrival then a full festive feast finished off with tea or coffee, come along and enjoy the fun and the company. On Thursday 14th December we have a guest visitor, Elizabeth Storer, who is the Community Development Officer for Healthwatch Suffolk and part of her role is to engage with residents to listen to people's views on health and social care services in the County. In the past she has visited the Coffee Shop and we welcome her back to talk to people about their recent experiences of using services. Another newsworthy note is that the Coffee Shop will continue to serve soup and a roll (cost £1.50) during December and although we usually close between Christmas and New Year it will be open on Thursday 28th December this year so come along and enjoy.

Rob Matthews



FLOODING AND STORM BABET

October 20th 2023 - The Parish Council Response

- Walsham le Willows experienced its worst flooding for over 50 years
- The Parish Council has set up two working groups to respond to the flood - the Community Emergency Planning Group and the Flood Response Group
- At least 15 properties suffered internal flooding
- Many local roads were impassable due to flood water
- By reporting the impact of Storm Babet accurately and fully, the Parish Council is seeking to establish our parish as a Priority 1 area to qualify for greater support from Suffolk County Council and other responsible bodies
- The Parish Council's role is to advocate for our community to support access to short term help and to seek longer term investigation
- Advice and support for protecting vulnerable properties will be sought
- Advice will be sort on the management of the stream
- Pinch points along the stream will be mapped
- Blocked drains, culverts and ditches will be mapped
- Areas with excessive water runoff will be mapped
- Advice on any practical mitigations will be investigated

*To see the full initial report of the Flood Response Group please visit the website
If you feel that you might be eligible to benefit from the Government Flood Support Payments you will find details about the scheme, and how to apply for support on page 45, but there is a deadline of the **End of December**, so don't delay!!*



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

We had to postpone our New Intake Meeting due to the poor weather and needing to close the school. We managed to reschedule and it was lovely to see people come in and visit us. If you were unable to make it, please do contact us if you would like to arrange a visit.

We are in full swing with our Christmas activities with children making, cards, calendars, learning songs and our youngest children getting ready for the play.

The children from Caterpillars are learning about the city of London and The Great Fire of London and using their phonological knowledge to write about it. They are recreating Tudor houses and will be contrasting these to the cities and houses of today.

Ladybirds are looking at Magnificent Monarchs and learning about different Monarchs, placing them on a timeline and examining how much power they had. In maths, they are subtracting and in art they are painting royal portraits.

Dragonfly Class are continuing to go swimming each week and have been looking at the changing environments and habitats of animals. They are looking at subtraction and working hard on their times tables in maths whilst finding out about spreadsheets in computing.

Grasshoppers are learning about Everest and the Himalayas and their fascinating facts; they will then be writing information texts about these. In DT they are creating a clay model of Everest and evaluating their work and looking at the water cycle in science.

Crickets are exploring the polar regions and writing reports about things that live in the Arctic and Antarctic and in history they are investigating what or who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic.

Our theme this half term is 'Respect' and we have been looking at members of community who we treat with respect and how we are respected.

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

Maxine McGarr

The picture on the front cover of this edition of the Walsham Observer was by Charlie, Year 5 from Grasshopper Class, who came First in the competition. Second was Lavinia, Year 4 from Grasshopper Class, and third Evie, Year 1 from Ladybird Class

CHRISTMAS TIME LIMERICKS I

The man who was made out of snow
Said something you really should know.
With the sun brightly shining,
And the temperature rising,
I think I shall soon have to go!

After Christmas you might think it right
To get through all those letters to write,
Then to see Shakespeare's play
'Bout the next special day;
'What You Will' or simply 'Twelfth Night'!

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You are not alone - a record number of people came to Citizens Advice with energy debt in the first four months of 2023 (32,400) - a 112% increase on the same period in 2020 (15,200).

There are things you can do to feel in control when it comes to your energy bills. These tips won't cover all the extra costs, but they can make a difference:

- Check your thermostat: A room temperature between 18°C and 21°C is ideal for most people. Try turning your thermostat down by one degree within this range – it could save you around £115 a year. If a medical condition means you need a warmer home, ask your GP what room temperature you should aim for.
- Keep the heat in: Check your home for any gaps in the doors, windows and floors. Blocking any holes where you could get a draught could save you around £30 a year. It is important to allow for some ventilation as without it mould and damp can form.
- Turn off anything you're not using: Turning your appliances, like TVs and washing machines, off instead of leaving them on standby could save around £60 a year. Turning off lights when you're not using them – even if it's just off for a few seconds - could save around £25 a year.
- Consider using LED lightbulbs, which cost less to run.
- Watch your water usage: Cutting your shower time by just one minute can make a difference. If everyone in a four-person household with a water meter did this, they could save around £75 a year.

If you're struggling to afford your energy bills, you don't have to deal with it alone. Get in touch with Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk and you can get free advice on the help available to you.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone 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. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

CHRISTMAS TIME LIMERICKS II

When standing beneath mistletoe
I wonder if it's time to go.
And probably miss
A heartwarming kiss
But guess that it might be a No! No!

As the choir sang by a street light
On an evening so chilly and white;
Passing people drew near
Being filled with good cheer,
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STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.



Three wreaths were purchased and laid on Walsham, Badwell Ash and Stanton Memorials branch members wish to thank Diana Turner, Walsham, Vivienne Cunningham Stanton and Sylvia Baalham, Badwell Ash and their helpers for placing poppies on and around the Memorials.

On the 8th November members were at the East Wretham War Memorial for the Annual Remembrance Ceremony dedicated to the memory of 14 Czech, Slovak and Polish air crew buried in the cemetery there.

Nine standards were paraded and 20 wreaths laid, led by the deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk Melinda Raker, The Right Hon Elizabeth Truss MP. Town Mayors of Thetford and Watton also representatives from the Czech, Slovak and Polish Airforce's and the USAF also the RAF were in attendance. A total of 273 personal lost their lives with 311 Squadron.

The branch standard was paraded at Walsham Memorial for a, well attended, short service on the 11th at 11am.

At the Festival of Remembrance and Drum Head Service 14 standards were paraded, proceeding this the RAF Honington Voluntary Band entertained during the evening by kind permission of Wing Commander Max Hayward the Station CO.

The service was conducted by Rev Richard Stretch County Padre for the RBL and Rev (Sqn Leader) Jo Critchley Padre at RAF Honington,

We are most grateful to L Fulcher Funeral Directors for their continued support, generously printing the programmes and supplying publicity material also Herdhire Van Rentals for providing transport for the band equipment also to those who donated raffle prizes.

This year it was the turn of Branch members to parade at Stanton on Remembrance Sunday 7 wreaths were laid on behalf of the RBL, The Parish Council, Stanton Football Club, The WI, All Saints Church, The CO of RAF Honington and one in memory of the USAF members who lost their lives in WW11

Thank you to the Rev Jill Walker, Rev Jay Price and Rev Cathie Bladen for officiating at services over the Remembrance weekend.

On the 15th members attended the Big Brew Coffee morning at RAF Honington to raise funds for SSAFA.

Our Christmas lunch will be held Tuesday 5th December at The Cock Inn Stanton. Branch funds at the time of going to press was £1854 -51.

The next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 12th December in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

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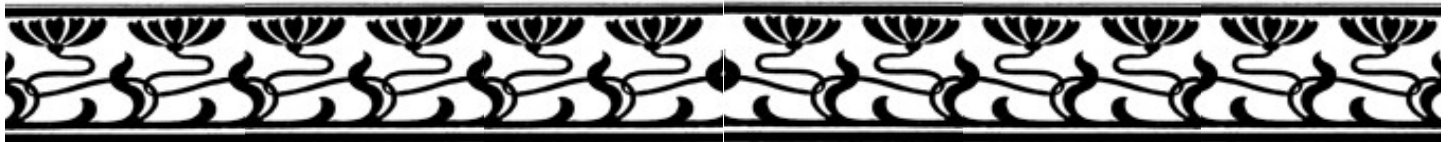


Not just Jerusalem though that was a start. Under Alison Weston's animated instructions we ran through a wide repertoire ranging from a romantic Elvis pop song to schoolyard skipping rhymes and in two part harmony we blended 'Skip to my Lou' with 'Bobby Shaftoe'. Who even knew we could! So, it was a different, but most enjoyable, meeting. Music being good for the soul, it seems we should invite Alison and her key board back again and help her with her declared ambition to get the world to sing.

President Janet Brown announced that four resolutions were to be considered for debate this year with all members choosing a choice. One resolution concerns the availability of NHS dental care another the availability of public housing and a third calls for restrictions on the advertising of gambling. The fourth high lights the need for sentencing outcomes to be tailored around women with low risk of re-offending and family responsibilities.

There were updates from the coffee and chat group and from the walking group who will be meeting before our next monthly meeting on December 13 at which we will enjoy a Christmas craft work shop.

Jill Newell



COMMUNITY LUNCH



December and our Christmas Community Lunch. I hope you're more organised than me with food shopping & presents!!

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 11th December 2023.

The menu will be:-

Bucks fizz or Soft Drink with nibbles to start

Traditional Turkey lunch with all the trimmings or Nut Roast (Vegetarian choice)

Christmas Pudding

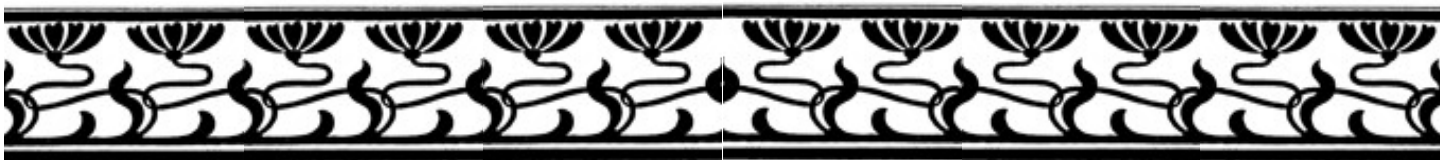
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We look forward to seeing you there.

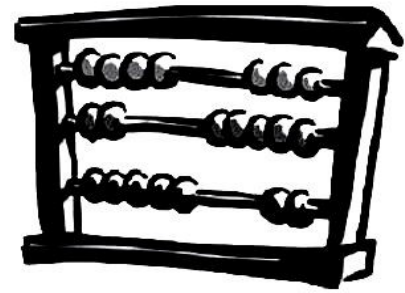
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The event was very well attended- thank you to everyone who came along- with those excited to be out in the dark in fancy dress or warm layers and wellies, carvers of pumpkins large and small and those simply looking for a tasty supper amongst friends! The wood was bedecked with fairy light and lit pumpkins and the campfire proved to be a real draw this year with our first try at storytelling, rhymes and singing. The log seats were full and there was standing room only as adults and children alike enjoyed some spooky stories, joined in with skeleton themed rhymes and sang traditional and less traditional campfire songs. It was impressive to see how well the children's attention was held and especially good to have two of our youngest supporters leading some of the items. Well done and thank you, Amelie and Eva.

Another first was having woodfired pizzas from Wood and Smoke on sale as the evening's food offering. The pizzas were really delicious and I know over 60 orders were taken, cooked, delivered and eaten. Also thank you to Bexx and Emily for their donation to the Wild Wood Project based on the evening's sales.

We also made over £60 profit on our drinks stall to support our projects in the Wild Wood and the Jubilee Wood.

Although fundraising is important to our organisation, our main priority was sharing our outdoor space as a community and coming together to enjoy ourselves.

On another note, we are still looking for fruit tree buddies for the local fruit trees we will be planting in late November/ early December. This is to prepare the ground, and plant and nurture them in their early years. Please do get in touch to select your favourite if you are interested in this scheme.

Finally, a date for your diary: on February 10th we will be holding a Pop Up Curry Night with an after dinner speaker. More details to follow soon.

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CHRISTMAS TIME LIMERICKS III

As Rudolph drew old Santa's sleigh
He heard his kind master say;
 'We've still lots of toys
For those Girls and the boys,
And delivered by break of day!

When baby Jesus was laid in a manger
An event that would bring a game changer;
 A lamb from a fold,
Frankincense, myrrh and gold,
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WALSHAM TRAFFIC CALMING



Questionnaire Summary

The focus of this month's piece is to share the variety of concerns relating to traffic and some suggestions for traffic calming from the "Is 20 Plenty?" survey.

The main concerns were:

- Traffic approaching the village on Summer Road, Finningham Road, Badwell Road, Wattisfield Road and the Ixworth Road at speeds not appropriate for narrow roads with limited visibility and narrow bridges.
- Traffic not slowing sufficiently within the core village for safe, courteous driving
- Visibility and safety at the crossroads at the church, over the narrow bridges and by parked cars on Finningham Road where traffic crosses into the middle of the carriageway and also the Wattisfield Road by the Acorns and beyond where the road narrows
- The 30mph limit does not extend to the West Street bends which is a residential area of the village and there have been several accidents here
- Parking which inhibits visibility on bends and junctions, where pedestrians need to cross the road and around the school are all seen as problematic.
- The need for safe pedestrian paths is commented on in several locations particularly along Palmer Street and towards the Sports Club from the village centre.
- Overgrown hedging and vegetation along pavements is mentioned in several specific locations where landowners or householders could cut back hedges and verges to ensure pavements are fully usable by pedestrians.
- The lack of safe pedestrian crossings in some key locations is a concern. On the Finningham Road near the junction with Wattisfield Road where those that walk and cycle to school have to negotiate traffic.

The second location is between the two parts of the Sports Club on Summer Road.

Road narrowing, speed bumps and an additional speed monitor for Wattisfield Road are all suggested as measures that could be employed. Policing of existing speed limits and restricting HGVs using the village as a cut through are both suggestions to improve safety and make cycling and walking more pleasant.

Any changes to speed restrictions are a matter for Suffolk Highways but slower speeds on the approaches to the village were suggested multiple times as well as extending the speed restriction to the sharp bends on West Street. Indeed, 20mph is considered to be plenty in parts of the village by the vast majority of respondents.

A range of measures will be considered and the Parish Council will work with the bodies who have responsibility for Highways and walking and cycling routes to make further improvements to safety in and around our village where possible.

To see more information on the survey summary, please visit <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org>



GARDENS WEEKEND FUNDING BIDS

The bid period ends on the 31st of January 2024 and you can send them to the Hon Treasurer at garthharlow@outlook.com or drop hard copies through my letter box. We shall be taking decisions in early in February 2024.

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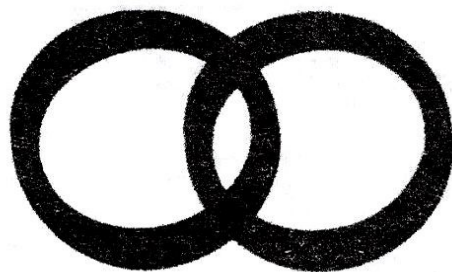
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I am looking for jpegs which depict a memory of the pandemic (especially the lockdowns) and these can be:

- different working spaces (sheds in the garden and working from home)
- what kept you occupied (wine, jigsaw puzzles, walking, a special project which had been on your 'to do' list for many years)
- getting to know your neighbours
- clear skies
- family zooms
- empty high streets and shops
- empty landscapes
- and the most difficult 'ask' of all, and I say this with some trepidation, any family friend or member who may have died during the pandemic.

If you could limit yourself to one or two jpegs containing images or text I would be grateful. Please send it to me in an email anstee-parry@hotmail.com with "PPH" in the subject bar.

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DECEMBER		MARCH	
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Wed 13th	W.I. Christmas Workshop Priory Room 7.45pm	APRIL	
Sun 31st	New Year's 'Party' Sports Club 4.00pm	Wed 10th	W.I. Floral Arrangement Priory Room 7.45pm
JANUARY		MAY	
Sat 5th	Epiphany Singers St Mary's 7.30pm	Wed 8th	W.I. Annual Meeting Priory Room 7.45pm
Wed 10th	WI Birthday Party Priory Room 7.45pm	JUNE	
Wed 14th	W.I. First Aid Course Priory Room 7.45	Wed 12th	W.I. Wild Wood Visit Wild Wood 7.45pm



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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 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, Brookes, Mecrow, Tuck, Roberts, Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor R Winch; County Councillor Fleming

1. OPENING - including Statement, if any
2. APOLOGIES
None received
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a) Declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda including any gifts of hospitality – Cllrs Bartholomew & Roberts 12c; Cllr Tuck 12c and 9b
 - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none received.
 - c) To receive requests for dispensations – approved for both Cllr Bartholomew and Cllr Tuck.
4. MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
 - Minutes of the meeting of 11th October 2023 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
 - Review of actions assigned to councillors from last meeting – most had been completed, Clerk to follow up those outstanding with councillors.
5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS - to receive written reports & put questions:
 - a) District Cllr Winch noted the situation with the development of Solar Farms and the current lack of central government guidance to allow local authorities to develop planning policy. A supplementary planning document is planned for January. He also noted working group that will do a review of sustainable integrated transport in the district, particularly in relation to the possible village schemes. Parish Council were advised that a representative will come to a parish council meeting to facilitate input.
 - b) County Councillor Fleming highlighted the consultation for mobile libraries and urged the Parish Council to encourage feedback to head off any potential withdrawal of the services. She also noted that this is an opportune moment to report damaged or missing road signage.
6. PUBLIC FORUM (taken before agenda item 5) - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and Walsham le Willows in general.



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- Nine members of the public present who raised issues with regard to the flooding on 20th October.
- Chair Cllr Richard Belson set out the plan for the evening asking people to focus their thoughts for both short-term and long-term issues arising from the flood on 20th October.
- Lots of points were made with information exchanged on the impact and possible causes of the flooding, both generally and to specific homes and areas of the village. Also discussed was the community response and ways this might be improved if such an event were to be repeated. All will be considered by the working group that is to be set up to review the response and the Community Emergency Plan.

7. FLOOD RESPONSE

- a) Council discussed the feedback from members of the public (minute 6) some whom were directly impacted by the flood 20th October, although all were impacted in some way. Also discussed were broader issues relating to the Community Emergency plan. The feedback will prove very helpful with lots of points made and information exchanged on the impact and possible causes of the flooding and ways this might be mitigated.
- b) Cllr Mecrow proposed the Council set up two working groups, one to correlate the impact of flood 20th October and immediate lessons to be learnt, the other to feed into revisions of the Community Emergency Plan. Both groups will report back to the PC who will in turn liaise with SCC, other relevant agencies and individuals to take matters forward. This proposal was unanimously approved with the first meeting the Community Emergency Plan group to be deferred until Cllr Brookes has been in touch again with a new point of contact at MSDC who will assist with the development of the community emergency plan. Cllr Brookes will make further contact and report back to Council at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, the Flood Working Group will meet on the 13/11/2023. Memberships agreed as follows:-
Flood Group: Cllrs J Winch, Roberts, Mecrow and the Clerk
Community Emergency Plan Group: Cllrs Brookes, Bartholomew and the Clerk.
- c) It was agreed that changes required to the risk register relating to flooding will be formulated by the Flood Working Group.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Matters relating to DC/22/2190/HYB Proposal Hybrid planning Location Land At Shepherds Grove Bury Road Stanton Suffolk (Jaynic proposal).
 - the Parish Council received an email forwarded from planning advising that Copart have pulled out of this development but that Jaynic will be seeking other occupants for the site under the same outstanding permissions are granted.
- b) Matters relating to DC/23/1154/OUT Proposal to West Suffolk Planning Authority for Outline Planning Application (means of access to be considered) for demolition of existing buildings and structures to provide new employment

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floorspace (Classes E(g)(iii), B2 and B8) including vehicular access with all other matters reserved Location Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate East Sumner Road Hepworth Suffolk Applicant , Shepherds Grove Investment LLP (Equation proposal) – NOTHING TO NOTE

- c) AP/23/00043 The Blue Boar The Street Walsham Le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 Appeal Reference:APP/W3520/W/23/3320890 Appeal by: Ms B Drewitt Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1.8m high rear fencing, including gate. (retention of) Location: The Blue Boar, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP313AA Appeal Start Date: 17/10/2023 THE PARISH COUNCIL DECIDED TO MAKE NO CHANGE TO PREVIOUS COMMENT AND NO OTHER REPRESENTATION TO THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE
9. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only
- a) APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/23/04483 Proposal: Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 No Walnut tree (T1 in Arboricultural Report)) to ground level and treat stump to inhibit re-growth due to clay shrinkage and subsidence damage. Location: The Elms, Badwell Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BT MSDC RAISED NO OBJECTION
 - b) Decision Notice DC/23/03612 Proposal: **Discharge of Conditions** Application for DC/22/01898 - Conditions 3 (Method Statement), 4 (Fenestration), 5 (Staircase), 7 (Materials - Extension), 9 (Materials - Courtyard Wall) and 10 (Closing Up Of Wall) Location: The Priory, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB NOTED BY PARISH COUNCIL
 - c) Application DC/23/04574 Proposal & Location of Development: Full Planning Application - Erection of replacement shed. Walsham Le Willows Memorial Village Hall, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION
10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – to receive any comments from Parish Council representatives (Cllrs. Belson & Mecrow) and consider any matters arising
- a) Referendum date 21st November, polling station The Memorial Hall; polling cards should have been received and flyers will go out to all addresses in parish in the week preceding the referendum.
11. PLAY AREA – consider any matters arising.
- a) 4th November working party did not go ahead as planned due to wet weather, but Cllr Winch did pick up litter and applied some topsoil as was agreed. 13th November was agreed for another try. More topsoil needed and work on hedge to be attended to. Cllr Roberts will attempt to install the new recycling bins. Cllr Bartholomew raised issue of safety in and around the drainage ditch that borders the play area during the heavy rains/floods. It was noted that it is impossible to close off the play area in such circumstances. To be addressed by the CEP/Flood working group.



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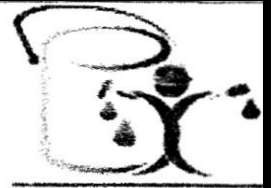
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- b) The annual RoSPA report including the highlighted matter was considered. The Clerk was asked to contact Premier Play Solutions to see if they could give an opinion at the same time as attention to a couple of other minor matters.
12. FINANCE & AUDIT
- a) The bank reconciliation for period ending 31st October 2023 was approved for signature.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment were approved for online authorisation. (Appendix 1).
- c) CIL grant application from Memorial Hall committee (circulated 22/10/2023) was considered with clarifications provided by Cllr Bartholomew (as trustee of memorial hall charity). Cllr J Winch proposed support for the application which was unanimously agreed in sum of £2,267 as bid. Clerk will await submission of final invoices.
13. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS
- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. Nothing of note other than updating of the Community Emergency Plan which is in hand (see minute 7).
- b) To consider anything relating to Parish Council Objectives 2023/24
- 1 Traffic calming & 20's Plenty – Cllr J Winch had circulated notes from last group meeting and will present finding at December meeting of Parish Council.
 - 2 Footpaths & Permissive Paths – Cllr Belson was please to advise that he had been notified that replacement finger posts for footpaths will be actioned soon.
 - 3 Publicity requirements for Shepherd's Grove site – nothing of note
- c) Council considered email from ZeroHour requesting support from Council for the Climate and Ecology Bill, as circulated 18/10/2023. Given other pressing issues no proposal was forthcoming.
- d) Council considered email from SCC re updates to bus strategy and decide on feedback to be submitted, as circulated 03/11/2023. It was felt that with current live issues that there was not time or resource to carry out the consultation necessary to establish time slots that would be proposed and, in the process, reaching parishioners who may not be able to access an online consultation. IT was agreed that no action would be taken at this time.
- e) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note for next agenda.
- Cllr J Winch noted the Risk Register needs updating in relation to run-off flooding situations and the risks posed from isolation by such events. This will be addressed as part of review of Community Emergency Plan (see minute 7).
 - Cllr Mecrow noted review needed of management of stream bed by the flood working group to assess if anything needs to be done in this regard.
 - Cllr Belson had received enquiries re risk assessments completed by contractor for closed churchyard. The Clerk advised that it was assumed that contractors would carry out their own risk assessment. Cllr Belson to respond.
- f) Next Meeting – BUDGET 2024/25 - 22nd November 2023 7pm - Memorial Hall.



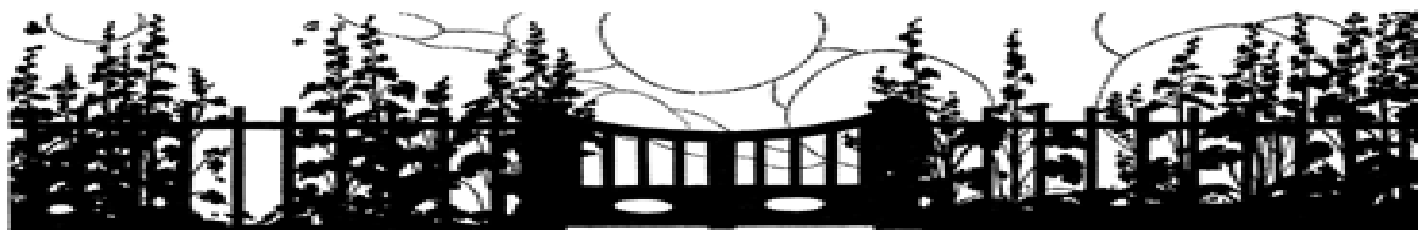
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Payments for Authorisation November 2023

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Parish Council Employee	£498.88	Wages
2	Gipping Press	£129.60	Neighbourhood Plan referendum printing & publicity
3	Memorial Village Hall	£27.00	October PC meeting hall hire
4	Community Council	£35.00	Observer Colour Cover November 2023
5	Playsaftey Ltd	£140.40	Annual Play Area Inspection Report
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	MSDC Rec'd	£250.00	Price in Your Place Grant



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES of the BUDGET

meeting held on Wednesday 22nd November 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, Brookes, Mecrow, Roberts, Tuck, Winch.

1. OPENING - including Statement, if any
2. APOLOGIES
None received
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a) Declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda including any gifts of hospitality – None received
 - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none required.
 - a) To receive requests for dispensations – None required
4. MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
 - Minutes of the meeting of 8th November 2023 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
5. PUBLIC FORUM - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance on the agenda or questions relating to Walsham le Willows in general – No members of public were present.
6. SETTING OF BUDGET & RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) Council unanimously approved the pay award agreed as part of the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023/24 be notified to payroll.
 - b) The Clerk drew attention to the information from SCC streetlighting about the new contract and advised that since circulation information had been received which indicated that the Parish Council is already on the enhanced maintenance plan and so there will be no additional impact on the Parish Council budget. This was noted.
 - c) Council considered the proposed budget prepared by the Clerk based on a projection of year end expenditure. Some changes were made based on discussions about the likely commitments of the Parish Council into 2024/25. Earmarked reserves were amended as per appendix 1.
 - d) A proposal was received from Cllr Bartholomew to set a budget for 2024/25 of: Income £30,608.98, Expenditure £35,942.58, producing a deficit of £5,333.60 which will be funded from reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Tuck and unanimously approved.
 - e) A proposal was received from Cllr Tuck to set the precept for 2024/25 at

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7. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. Nothing of note other than updating of the Community Emergency Plan and progress by flood group on identifying residential properties that flooded internally.

b) Next Meeting – 13th December 2023 7pm - Memorial Hall.

c) Meeting closed at 21:00

APPENDIX 1

Changes to earmarked reserves

Election expenses	Reduced	£0.00
CIL grant disbursement (restricted)	Reduced to balance remaining to disburse	£4,506.76
Maintenance of village assets	Increased	£8,000
Neighbourhood Plan costs	Reduced	£0.00
Play Area	No change	£6,000.00
Professional consultancy fees	Budget line added	£1,000.00
Road safety	Added	£6,000.00
Stream Maintenance	Added	£3,000.00
Street Lighting Repairs and Maintenance	Reduced	£1,500.00



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With this milder weather we have been having you may still hear now and again the croaking of a frog. Normally during colder weather the frogs will slow down into almost hibernation. You will find them tucked under structures in the garden such a log, you can also find them in a mammal burrow or inside compost heaps. Frogs can also be found at the bottom of a pond with a covering of silt from the bottom. Toads will overwinter rather than hibernate and will spend much of their time in the mud and again in compost heaps. Both of these amphibians will still emerge on a winter's night, if the temperature is 5 degrees or above, on the lookout for a tasty meal. Unfortunately, our amphibian friends are in trouble, with their numbers declining. With loss of habitat with new estates being built and also loss of ponds from our gardens. Over a third of ponds have disappeared from our gardens in recent years and our gardens have become too tidy. In these dark winter nights why not think about what could be achieved in the garden next year, have a think about where to put a pond, it does not have to be very big and can even be a large pot pond or a galvanised tub, you will be surprised what wildlife can be attracted to your garden. If you cannot have a pond, think about plants and shrubs that will give good coverage during the year. It may be something small but could massively benefit the wildlife around you.

This is the Christmas season, and a bird that is always associated with Christmas is the Robin. You will find Robins on so many Christmas cards that we receive and decorations in our homes or on the Christmas tree. The Robins became associated with Christmas back in the Victorian times where the tradition of sending Christmas cards started. The Royal mail postmen of the time would wear bright red uniforms on their rounds and this earned them the name of 'Robin' or 'Redbreast'. Eventually the artists started drawing the Robin bird on the cards delivering the post instead of the postmen. This trend caught on and it is still very popular to this day.

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GREEN DILEMMAS

Solar Farms

A large number of planning applications for solar farms in Suffolk are likely to come forward in the next few years. Some of these will be via the local planning system and some will be national infrastructure projects imposed on the region. East Anglia is flat and has a relatively high ratio of sunshine hours versus other parts of the UK. Solar farms can be quite profitable for farmers and for solar companies.

A lot of people are concerned about using agricultural land for solar farms without any clear understanding of the longer term food production implications. In addition, because solar farms are often sited near connection points to the national grid there is a danger that communities might become completely surrounded by solar farms.

Is there an alternative to covering the countryside in solar farms? The main counter argument is that we need to ensure that we maximise the use of solar on rooftops and brownfield sites.

The UK roughly has 15 gigawatts of operational solar capacity. The government's energy security strategy of March 2023 talks about expanding UK solar capacity to 70 gigawatts by 2035.

Analysis by CPRE The Countryside Charity, using highly conservative estimates, shows that if only a quarter of the UK's total 250,000 hectares of south-facing commercial roof space was usable, it could generate at least 25 gigawatts of electricity annually. In a recent report, the government's climate adviser estimated a potential of about 40 gigawatts on rooftops.

The EU is in the process of introducing an obligation to install solar energy in different types of buildings over the next few years, starting with new public and commercial buildings and in the longer term including all buildings.

Brownfield sites include land such as car parks, land besides roads and railways as well as disused land. For example, the French government has passed a law earlier this year which will require all car parks with more than 80 spaces to install solar canopies over at least half the area they cover. The move is expected to generate around 11 gigawatts of energy – enough to power nearly 8 million homes. It's clear that you could get a massive increase in solar capacity from maximising the use of roofs and brownfield sites.

The argument however isn't that you don't need any solar farms rather that the number of solar farms required could be greatly reduced and our ability to site them in locations which are more acceptable to our communities would also be massively improved. This would require government legislation mandating solar on roofs and brownfield sites which is unlikely to happen in the short term.

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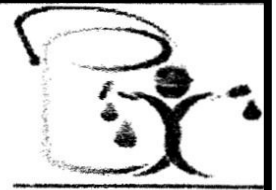


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HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 15th November Bedrooms Banquets and Balls A Talk by John E Vigar

An intriguing title and a very interesting talk. This was an insight to house building through the ages. Houses were built to be functional, to try to keep warm and dry. They were not always successful in a way we would recognise today. We now look at many old houses as chocolate-box cottages, they were not built for good looks at all.

The talk included so many interesting facts. These included the first carpets came to England from Turkey and only the very wealthy could afford them, they were used as table coverings long before they were used on floors! This was captured on a painting of the 1604 Somerset House conference set up to bring about peace with Spain.

Many of the Stately Homes that survive today were initially built to accommodate Royal visitors. They were added to over the years to create state apartments, with further upstairs attic rooms added to house the many servants that travelled with a royal entourage. During the 14th Century chefs would work in the great kitchens naked, this was to show they were clean. Henry VIII was responsible for making all chefs wear white for the first time, a tradition that continues to this day.

Jean Davies

By the 1750's we had developed the quintessential country house. The main house for entertainment, the family housed in the pavilion located to one side and the servants in a pavilion located symmetrically on the opposite side of the house.

Bedrooms have changed a great deal over the years, at one time the master of the house was the only person to have a chamber to himself, all other residents shared a sleeping space. By the early 19th century bedrooms had evolved to become your space. Beds were smaller so that rooms could accommodate a desk and chairs to relax in.

The speaker concluded by hoping that we would all look at houses we may visit in the future with a new viewpoint.

Jean Davies

WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

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SPORTS CUB NEWS

Football

The First Team have reached the Third Round of the FA Vase for the very first time in the clubs history. At the end of October they beat Lakenheath 3-1 away in the first round proper. Sam Nunn, Ethan Garcia and Charlie Norman were the goal-scorers. In the second round they beat Eyansbury Rovers 4-0 away. Captain Jack Brame, Garcia, Nunn and Norman were the goal-scorers. Norman's was the result of a fantastic team move from back to front.

In the League Cup Mulbarton Wanderers beat us 2-0 and in the League we drew 0-0 at Ely.

The Under 23s beat Bungay 4-3 to reach the quarter finals of the Suffolk Senior Reserves Cup. They also drew 1-1 at Long Melford in the league.

The Under 18s drew 2-2 away to Thetford in the League and then beat Ely at home 3-1.

The Veterans sadly lost their latest league match 6-2 away to League leaders Hadleigh United.

Home fixtures for December.

First Team

Sat 2nd v White Ensign. FA Vase 3pm

Sat 16th v Fakenham Town. 3pm

Tue 26th v Thetford Town 3pm

Other Teams

Sat 9th Under 23s v Woodbridge Town 3pm

Sun 10th Veterans v Somersham 2pm

Thur 14th Under 18s v Haverhill Rovers 7.45 pm

I would like to wish all readers of the Walsham Observer a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Gordon Ross

An Update From the Sports Club

October was financially a difficult month with a lack of home football matches and parties. A superb Halloween night organised by Jasmine and Bev had the club rocking with loads of children and families enjoying the Disco, games and various other activities. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves and please do remember you can get involved if you want or consider booking the club for events. We love hosting parties, christenings, wakes and birthday parties. Please get in touch on **mike.powles@walshamsportsclub.co.uk** or **07379 089890** or any club member if you wish to discuss. It is there for all local people.

The Gym continues to go from Strength to Strength and I expect a few more people might be looking to join in January.

We would like to thank The Town Farm Charity for a grant towards a complete upgrade to the Ladies toilets which will make them more modern and welcoming so that is something to look forward to.

Mike Powles





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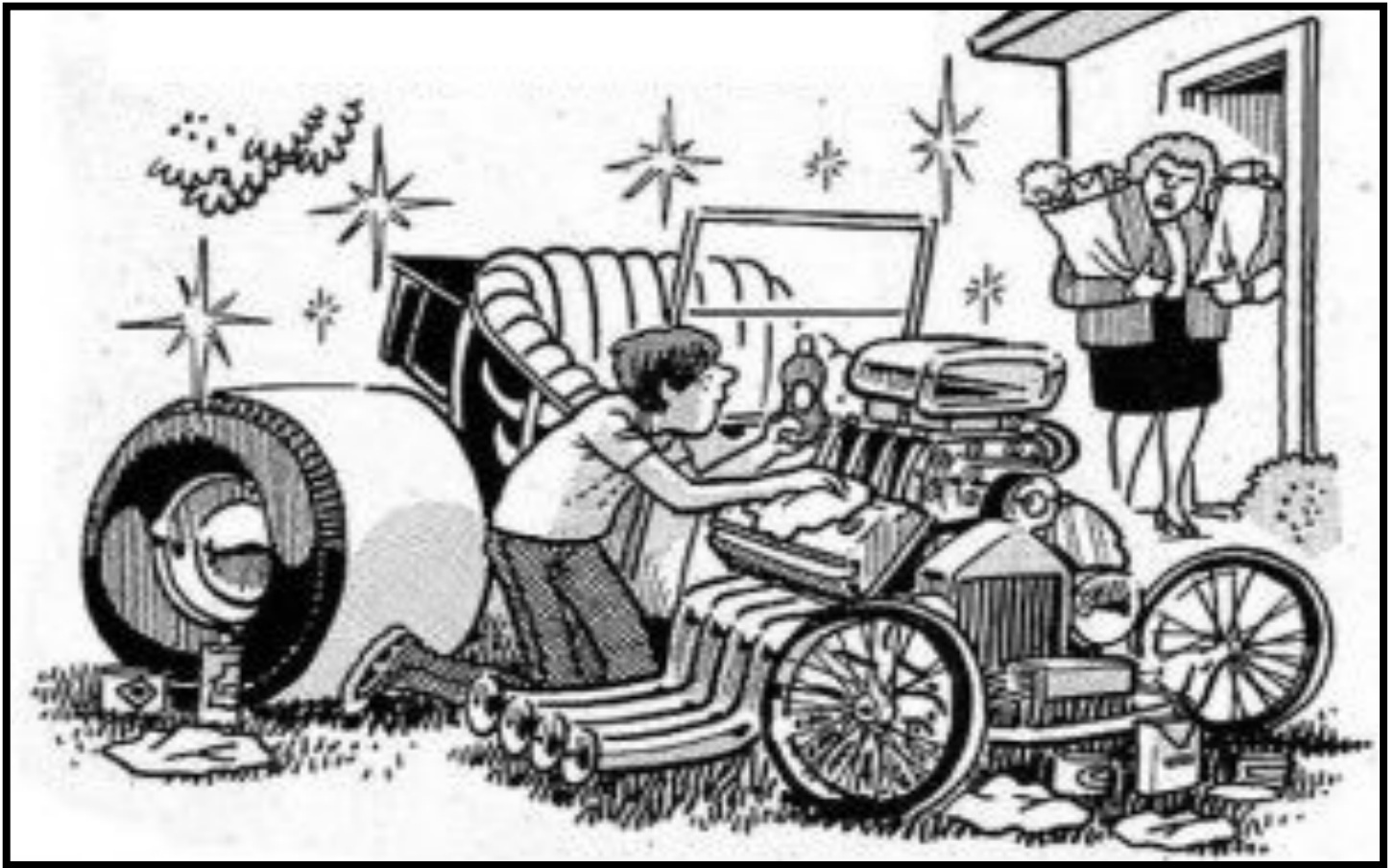
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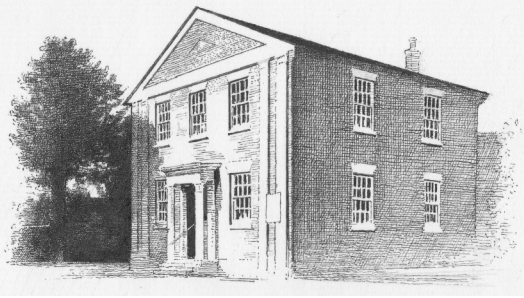
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17th CAROL SERVICE	at 6.30pm	Mr. David Cordle (<i>Chelmondiston</i>)
CHRISTMAS DAY	at 10.45	Dr. David Allen (<i>Walsham-le-Willows</i>)

The Miraculous Virgin Birth

At this time of the year, there is a traditional focus on the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ into this world, through his incarnation and virgin birth. Many will sing about it at carol services, send cards to family and friends depicting images of Jesus' nativity, and hear sermons dealing with this miraculous birth. But what is this all about? Are we just following an old and ancient custom? Or just, as some people even suggest, 'only doing it for the children'? Is it only an ancient myth, like so many stories told in ancient literature? Does it even matter in this scientific age? Can those claiming to be Christians take it or leave it? - after all, haven't even leading churchmen denied its reality and importance? Most importantly though, does it affect our relationship with God and so determine our eternal destiny?

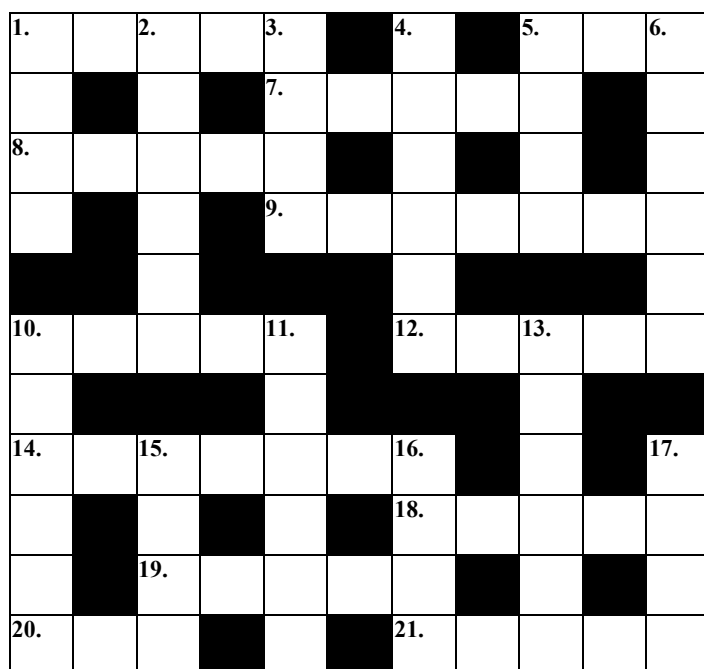
Two historical accounts are given in the Gospels by Matthew and Luke that narrate the virgin birth of Jesus. Also, Old Testament prophesy can be quoted: ***"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"*** (Isaiah 7:14) which is referenced by Matthew: ***"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us"*** (Matthew 1:23). Since the writers of Scripture do not give secondary importance to the virgin birth, neither should we.

Of course, science and common reasoning will show that a virgin birth is not possible, it simply does not happen, which is why this is referred to as a miraculous birth. If one believes in a God who spoke the worlds into being, it is not beyond his power to produce One that would be born of a virgin woman, without the usual participation of a male father. In the Gospel narratives, it is in no way presented in terms of myth or allegory, it is spoken of as an historical event that truly happened. This is why the early church believed, and why all Christians have believed in this birth throughout all the ages. A miracle, by definition, is something that cannot be explained through means of science, otherwise it would not be a miracle! Those who believe in a miraculous God will have no problem with a miraculous birth.

If there is no virgin birth, then there is no Saviour born who is sufficient to pay the price for human sin. A mere man, born in the same way as all men, with a sinful nature inherited from Adam, could in no way provide atonement for human sin. The Old Testament required, in its sacrificial system, an animal without any blemishes, indicating that God requires a perfect sacrifice. But as the animal world has not sinned, their sacrifice was never sufficient. Man is the one who has sinned so only man could pay the demands of the law, which was death. This is why God became a perfect man. He took upon himself human nature, yet without any sin, in order to pay in full, through his sacrificial death upon the cross, the price of our sin.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

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ACROSS

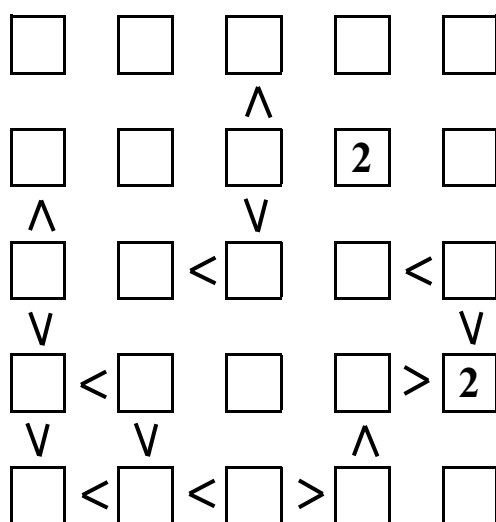
1. The sides are lively mates. (4)
5. Father might have a drink. (3)
7. Go into green terminology. (5)
8. Not so good, but swore to change. (5)
9. No tests were made for this hat. (7)
10. Edits change to feeding plans. (5)
12. Adjusts the instruments for compositions. (5)

14. Such a story about a credit arrangement. (7)
18. It sounds like the school was consumed. (5)
19. Alter itself afterwards. (5)
20. Catch this number returning. (3)
21. When the mail is sorted this country is a goner. (5)

DOWN

1. Pulls on feet we hear. (4)
2. Come to a river in turmoil. (6)
3. Views the seven maybe. (4)
4. A way to confuse the tester. (6)
5. Are they in favour of the written word. (4)
6. These are said to 'mean prizes. (6)
10. Such a beast to persuade to perform on stage. (6)
11. Crashes when searching on board ship. (6)
13. An idiot may find a foraging squirrel. (6)
15. The young horse could be a shooter. (4)
16. Maybe this bird is just an act. (4)
17. It could be before a stake. (4)

MORE OR LESS



The numbers 1 to 5 should appear in each row and column.

The greater and less signs indicate the relative size of adjacent numbers.

TWO POEMS

INKY WORDS

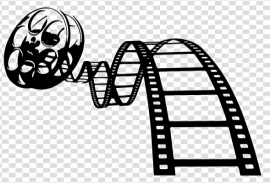
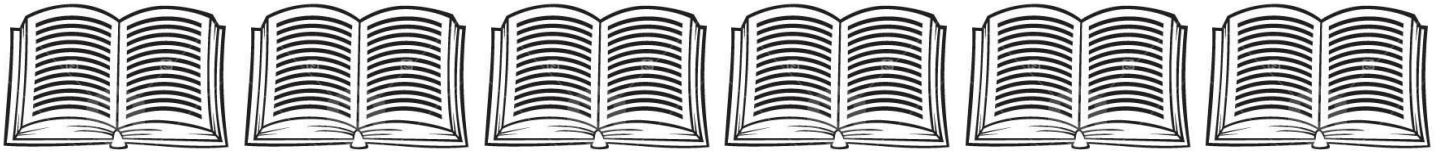
Briefly, the inky words
Had glistened wet upon the page
Expressing sentiments
Those feelings, thoughts
Which time and circumstance
Had left unsaid and mute.
The animation of the scribe
In painting pictures
Using only words,
The joy of running down
The most appropriate phrase
Will, one day, dim and chill
As winters longest night.
And will those inky words,
Long seared on to the page
Endure, bear witness
To that one time scribe?
It matters not;
They glistened in their day.

Rob Barber

THE VIRUS

The Virus is so very small
You cannot tell he's there at all,
Until his playfulness is seen
Displayed on your computer screen.
His puckish face is wreathed in smiles
As he corrupts your precious files;
And few things give him greater glee
Than wiping out your memory
And leaving nothing, at a stroke
(Your backups, too, go up in smoke).
The best protection is, I think,
Not firewalls but pen and ink.

James Murden



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- 1 **Grants to help with initial recovery costs** are £500 for households and £2,500 for businesses. But read on...
- 2 No action is required by those affected – MSDC will contact you **BUT only if you have registered the internal flooding of your property on the Suffolk County Council reporting tool**. Grants will be administered by this route including **Council Tax discounts** (100% relief for three months minimum, and 100% on temporary accommodation if displaced).
- 3 **Homeowners** will be asked to provide a few extra details (such as bank details and a self-declaration), and then **payments will be made within a couple of days**.
- 4 **Businesses** are being contacted although those that were **not** internally flooded but still affected will need to provide some additional information about the level of impact. Eligibility and evidence required is stipulated by DBT.
- 5 **IMPORTANT** If you haven't reported your flood on the SCC reporting tool, you still need to do this – follow the steps below.

The deadline is the end of December.

1. Visit: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>
2. Click on: 'Report It'
3. Then click: 'Drainage and Flooding'
4. Then click: 'Flooding inside residential / non-residential property'
5. Please include as much information as you have, there is also an option to upload photos.
6. Once your report has been submitted, Suffolk County Council officers will contact you to gather further information and prioritise those locations that meet the criteria for an official investigation.
7. Someone from the district or borough council will then contact you to arrange payment, if eligible.

For those who aren't able to submit their report online, please call 0345 606 6171.

Distributing these grants is a priority for councils and MSDC are contacting everyone who has reported their flood, as quickly as they can.

Suffolk County Council is also preparing to administer the DEFRA Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme. This offers up to £5,000 towards a range of resilience works to residents and organisations meeting the scheme criteria. They are working closely with the Environment Agency, and are currently dealing with an unprecedented volume of Section 19 Flood Investigations. This may take some time.

Please register internal flooding of your property NOW if you have not already done so.

For those who aren't able to submit their report online, please call 0345 606 6171.

If you would like help with this please contact the Parish Clerk | 01359 259 794, who will try to help in any way possible.

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

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

SUNDAY

DECEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

3rd December	Advent Sunday		21st December	Thursday	
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	6.00pm	Carol Service	Westhorpe
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Finningham	24th December	Christmas Eve	
10th December	2nd of Advent		3.30pm	Crib Service	Walsham
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	5.00pm	Carol Service	Badwell Ash
9.30am	Family Communion	Westhorpe	25th December	Christmas Day	
2.30pm	Carol Service	Langham	8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
17th December	3rd of Advent		9.30am	Family Communion	Finningham
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	11.00am	Family Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Carol Service	Finningham	31st December	1st After Christmas	
6.00pm	Carol Service	Walsham	8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
19th December	Tuesday		11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
7.00pm	Carol Service	Wattisfield			

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Romeo and Juliet, 2. Dopey, 3. David Ben-Gurion, 4. American, 5. Atlantic,
6. Charlemagne, 7. Robert Redford, 8. Cleopatra, 9. Hardness of materials,
10. F Scott Fitzgerald, 11. The King and I, 12. Hollywood, 13. Luke Skywalker,
14. Violin, 15. Twelve, 16. Sturgeon, 17. Winds, 18. Stalingrad,
19. Let the buyer beware, 20. A park, 21. Thomas Edison, 22. Sicily, 23. Loire,
24. Belle, 25. Alcock and Brown, 26. Libretto, 27. Three, 28. The Duma,
29. Hermes, 30. XIX, 31. Six, 32. Dutch, 33. Italian, 34. High fashion,
35. Baccarat, 36. Italy, 37. Vanity Fair, 38. North Sea, 39. Isis, 40. Silver,
41. Avenue of America, 42. Germaine Greer, 43. Methane, 44. Greece,
45. Jim Henson, 46. Trees, 47. Demography, 48. Muslin,

Sudoku

4	3	7	8	2	1	6	5	9
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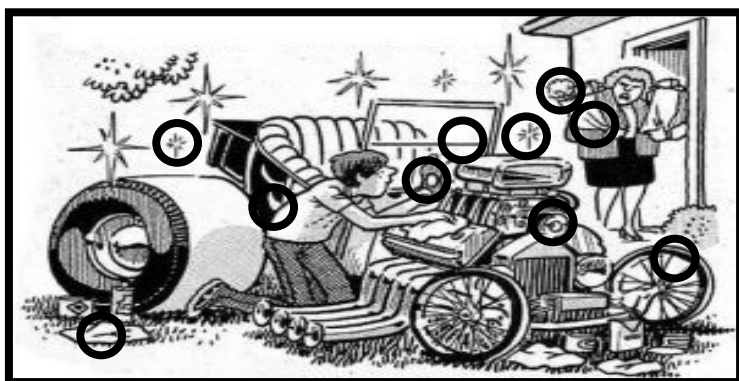
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More or Less

1	4	2	5	3
3	1	4	2	5
5	2	3	1	4
4	5	1	3	2
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Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Acre	Air	Arc	Are
Art	Ate	Attic	Car
Care	Caret	Cart	Cat
Cater	Cigar	Crag	Crate
Create	Ear	Eat	Eater
Era	Eta	Gait	Gaiter
Gate	Git	Irate	Ire
Rag	Rat	Rate	Rea
Ret	Ria	Rig	Rite
Tag	Tar	Tare	Tart
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Teat	Tic	Tire	Tragic
Trait	Treat	Cigarette (51)	

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