

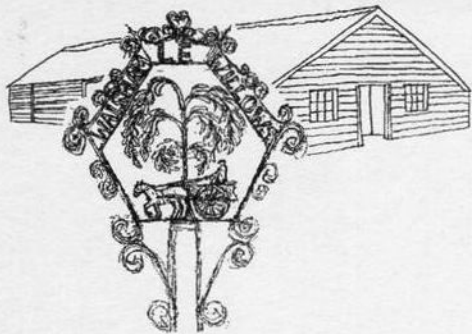
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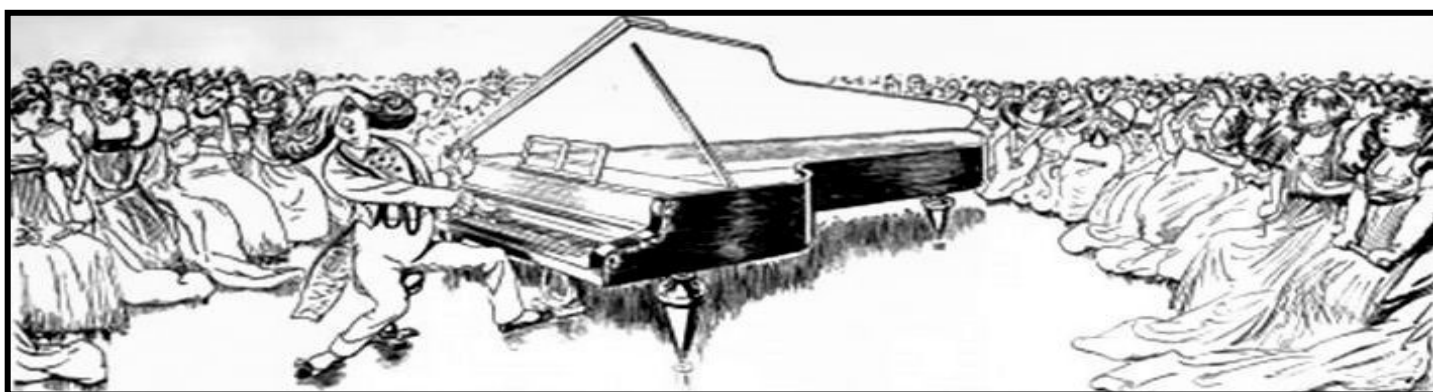
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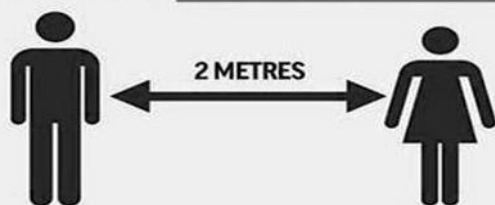
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EDITORIAL

As I put this edition of the Observer together, Storm Isha is about to blow in. Hopefully it will not create too much havoc. With all that is going on in the world at the moment - Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, Global Warming and various impending elections, and all the rest - it was really good to get away from it all for a few hours, on Friday (19th Jan), and enjoy an excellent meal and 'feel good' movie, courtesy of the Walsham Picturehouse. As well as raising money for the Village Hall, the sale of ice creams raised £60 for Crisis. The next Film Show is to be held on **Friday 22nd March**, when **'Keeping Mum'** will be shown. Doors will be opening at 6.30pm.

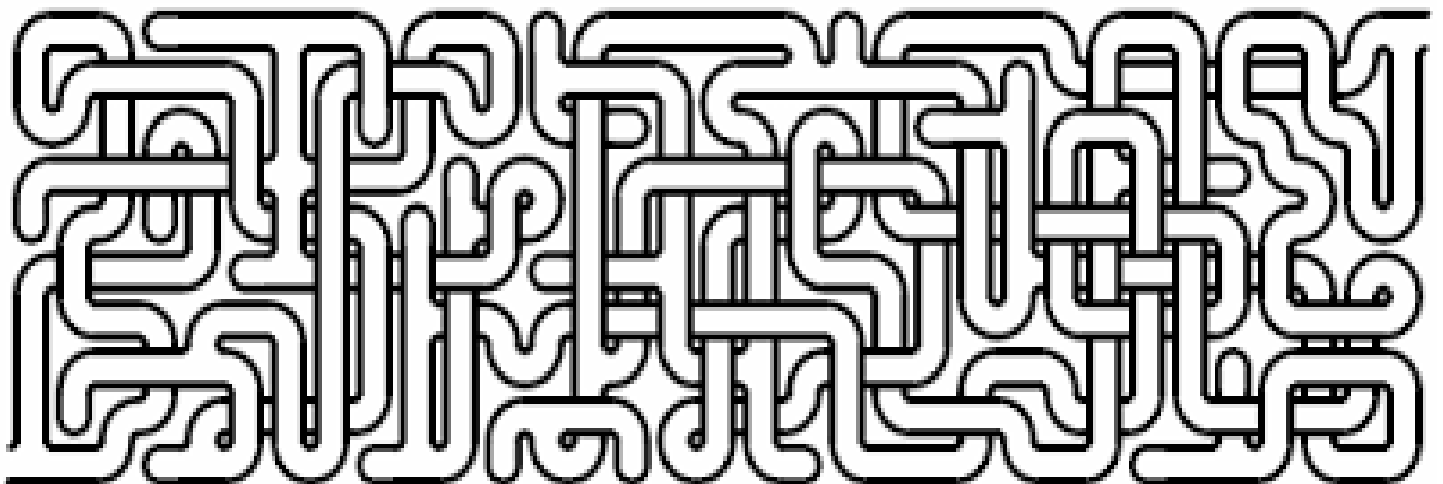
If you are looking for an excellent meal as well as food for thought you might well book up for the **Wild Wood's Curry Night on Saturday 10th**. Not only Curry but an informative talk, as well, by local farmer and ecologist Patrick Barker. Details can be found on page 26.

I trust that there is something for everyone in this edition. I have to apologise in case you find the articles are in slightly 'scatter-shot' form, but trying to fit all the articles in so as not to leave unproductive space is sometimes taxing. Maybe I should train myself by being prepared test myself on hard jigsaw puzzles.

Three items which might attract your attention are, firstly the pull out section of the Schedule for the Annual Horticultural Show, so there is plenty to get one thinking about with Summer being the 'end point'. Secondly the Flower Power (oh those 'halcyon days' of the 1960s!) Project. Take a look at page 41 to find out how you can exercise your knitting and crochet skills at the Blue Boar. Tearoom on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am till 12.30pm. Thirdly, with mind straying towards Summer is the **Cricket Dinner on Friday 9th February at the Sports Club**, where the older members of the cricketing fraternity can remember those 'glorious games' of old - which become even greater with the retelling, and the younger members can look forward to performing further 'heroic' acts with leather and willow.

The Sports Club have a full programme of entertainments coming up, including a number of monthly quiz evenings, bingo sessions and an Irish Evening which will be a Good Craic, hopefully that will be more than the group's name. Full details can be found on page 20.

If life is seeming to be a bit of a challenge then you might not want to try this one!! Whether you try it or not, I hope that you will have a good month, and who wouldn't with Valentine's Day in the middle!!



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The two new dance classes for Mondays commenced on 8th January and were well attended and new members are always welcome. All other activities continue in February as usual while Friday afternoon 2pm Pilates sessions restarted on 26th January.

The Community Lunch held on 8th January was again successful and enjoyed by all who attended the next one will be held on Monday 12th February. The Thursday coffee morning continues as usual and remains a focal point for everyone to come and enjoy pleasant company.

Our Picturehouse presentation on Friday 19th January was changed slightly from our original idea as licences were difficult to get so our film was 'Saving Grace' and Chicken Casserole was the theme. Our next film presentation will be in March details to follow.

On Saturday 10th February it's the Wild Wood Curry Night in the Village Hall at 7.30pm look out for further details.

Rob Matthews

CAN YOU HELP TIDY THE STREAM?

Community Working Party February 24th

The Parish Council have planned a working party morning to clear brambles and low branches at the Miller's Bridge end of the stream to enable CGM to cut the verges more easily during the spring and summer months.

Volunteers are warmly invited to meet us armed with pruning secateurs, loppers, saws and thick gloves at 10 am on Saturday 24th February to work together to make improvements to the area adjoining Swan Path. Hopefully, with several volunteers this will only take an hour or two. Coffee and flapjack will be provided.

CGM have cut and cleared the stream banks in the centre of the village as part of the annual tidy up of the stream banks. After communication from the District Councillor, the Public Realm team have now cleared the banks outside Miller's Close. This had been requested by the Parish Council Clerk on several occasions but has now been prioritised and actioned by Mid Suffolk District Council.

We look forward to a useful morning's activity!

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL QUESTION TIME

**Monday 11th March 2024 from 6.30pm until 8.30pm
in the Memorial Hall**

Everyone is welcome to come along to ask questions, voice opinions or share ideas with the Parish Council, other members of the community, and hopefully your District and County Councillors who are always invited.

Come along to find out more about what the Parish Council is doing on current issues and contribute your ideas and priorities to feed into the Parish Council's plan for 2024/25, or just to listen at an informal meeting.



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In the blink of an eye, we are into a new year with new plans and resolutions. We enjoyed the whole school panto trip to see Snow White and our Year 6 children will also be going back to do some more work on play scripts at the theatre over the next couple of weeks.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is ‘Generosity’ and we have been looking at ways people can be generous without giving money or material things.

The children in Caterpillar class are getting ready to celebrate the Rio carnival and making masks, music and learning about the rainforests.

The children in Ladybirds are looking at Superheroes and are thinking about heroes and villains. In English, they are looking at onomatopoeia and will be writing about emergency services as real life heroes. In maths, they are looking at money and different ways to pay for things and are doing gymnastics in PE.

The children in Dragonflies are exploring misty mountains and winding rivers and are learning about skeletons of animals in science. They will be creating diary entries for a trip on a river and in maths are working on multiplication and division.

Those in Grasshopper class are looking at the way the digestive system works and will be writing explanation texts. In maths, they are working on multiplication and division and in PE are learning yoga and how it can be used in everyday life to help the body to become strong and flexible.

The children in Cricket class are taking a journey into Mexico and have been tasting different foods from the country and learning a Mexican dance. They will also be learning about myths and legends and non-chronological reports.

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



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FLOOD RESPONSE GROUP UPDATE

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The Flood Response Group continues to meet regularly and has co-ordinated reporting for those who experienced internal flooding. The group, with the support of Councillor Winch, has ensured that those eligible have received their initial relief payment and are therefore registered to apply for further funding to take measures to safeguard their property in any future flooding events.

The group has also continued to report and follow up areas of flooding such as the Palmer Street area which has now been cleared by the council. We have reported flooding outside Clarkes multiple times and continue to press for remedial work to be undertaken. This particular location has also been raised with our County Councillor, Jessica Fleming.

The Flood Response Group is still working to gather as much information as possible on flooding and excessive water runoff to share with the relevant authorities. We are working to compile an extensive evidence base as requested by Suffolk County Council. We have been informed that it will take time for Suffolk County Council and others to work through all the issues across the county but are working hard to make sure Walsham receives the support it needs to create longer term resilience.

Three Walsham Parish Councillors are attending a briefing from the Environment Agency in Debenham on the 26th of January to try to learn more about flooding in the county more generally and any lessons that can be learned for our locality.



SPRING LITTER PICK



The Parish Council are looking for volunteers old and new, to take part in the Spring Litter Pick between 16th – 21st March.

This now takes place across a full week to allow volunteers more flexibility to fit it this in with their own schedules and still be covered by the Parish Council's insurers.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, parishclerk@walsham-le-willows.org | 01359 259 794, to register if you can take part again or would like to take part for the first time. Insurance cover only applies to those who have registered and read any guidelines and risk assessment..

Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts will hand out equipment as needed on Saturday 16th at the Memorial Hall.



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First of all it's important to know you're not alone in finding things difficult and, crucially, there's support available.

You say you've built up a bit of debt. The first step is to collect all the information you have about your debts. This might include contracts, bills and statements.

Next, make a list of your debts and write down the details of each. This could include whom you owe the money to (this person/company is your 'creditor'); when you first missed a payment; and how much you now owe. You'll also need to make a note of your account or reference number and what steps the creditor has taken to get the money back, e.g. sending you letters.

It might feel overwhelming when you see all of your debts written down - but try not to worry, the important thing is that you're sorting them out.

If you're behind on household bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if there are any manageable steps you can take to start reducing your debt.

Once you've got these debts under control, you should look at any other debts like credit card or store card debts, payday loans or missed Buy Now Pay Later payments. While you're looking at the money going out, do remember to consider money that could be coming in. It's always worth checking if there are any benefits that you're eligible for, including support with your energy costs and living costs.

There's a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income on the National Citizens Advice website at citizensadvice.org.uk

There's also emergency support that you may be able to access locally, such as a food bank, local welfare support or fuel vouchers. We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don't have to face this alone.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth 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.



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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT WI REPORT



A bag full of coloured ping pong balls, a packet of straws, a jar of small change and a box of Maltesers! All essential equipment for Walsham and District WI in party mode it seems! In celebration of the 53rd anniversary of their reforming in 1970 members tucked into a fulsome buffet meal after which surprisingly there was still some pavlova left standing, though not much! The ping pong balls and the straws required the light-hearted development of a new set of skills.

Business was kept to a minimum but there was news of the launch of the WI Learning Hub, an on-line educational facility replacing 'Denman at Home'. The Hub will deliver the first courses on 29th January. This service will be largely free to members using monies from the sale of Denman College.

Next month's meeting will showcase First Aid with the St. John's Ambulance. All part of the rich variety planned for the new W.I.2024 programme. New members always welcome.

Jill Newell



COMMUNITY LUNCH



Hello to you all, hope you are all managing to avoid this cough and cold bug that seems to be going around!

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 12th February 2024. Lunch will be a Turkey, Ham and Leek pie, bubble and squeak and peas served at 1pm, followed by Sherry raspberry trifle. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £8.00, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 8th February 2024.

Shirley White



HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2024

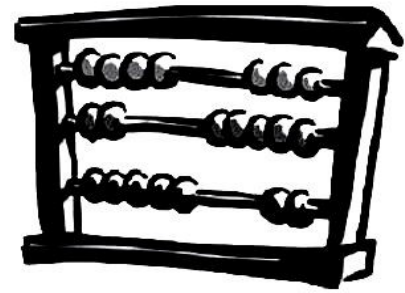
This year's Show will be held on the 10 August 2024. Hopefully after the recent rain we will start to have some drier weather so the ground is suitable for growing vegetables and flowers once more. Please look at the classes printed in this copy of the Observer they can also to be found on the village website.

There is something for everyone; if you do not grow vegetables, fruit or flowers why not try the Flower arranging, Baking, Photography or the Handicrafts section.

*Debbie Licata
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It was with great sadness and totally unexpected members learnt of the death of Brian Bartrum our branch secretary, Brian had just returned from spending Christmas in Scotland with his wife Doreen and became unwell following a seventeen-hour coach journey through some atrocious weather in the north of the country.

Brian joined the branch in 1980 and within one month was elected on to the committee in 1982 he became the branch standard bearer and October 1990 was elected branch secretary, awarded his gold badge in 2000, made a life member of the RBL in 2008 and awarded a national certificate in March 2014. County chairman Ken Rowbottom said he was one of the stalwarts of the RBL in Suffolk who epitomised all that is best in a volunteer, the classic Service before Self, he possessed a reservoir of experience and was a loyal member of every committee he was appointed to, his wise counsel was accepted and listened to at all times. Brian's passing leaves a huge gap within the RBL family in Suffolk he will be greatly missed.

At a recent "C" group meeting hosted by the Bacton and District branch on 4th January a report was given on the recent Festival of Remembrance, total income was £6439-70p total expenditure £3125-85 which meant £3113-85 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

Our branch meeting on 9th January was a very sad evening the first without Brian it was important that we filled the vacancy as he would have wanted, Ivor Bowden the vice chairman has taken over as secretary and his wife Carol was elected Vice chair.

The first sub-committee meeting of 2024 to commence planning this year's Festival of Remembrance is scheduled for 17th April at Stanton Cock Inn at 7.30pm any members wishing to join this committee are welcome to attend where their contributions however big or small will be appreciated.

The Annual Suffolk conference was held on the 27th January at Needham Market, and a service was held in St Mary's church Bury St Edmunds 28th January where the County Standard which was damaged during the Coronation parade last year was laid up and a new standard was dedicated.

Branch funds at time of going to press was £1819-51.

The next branch meeting will be held Tuesday 13th February in the Cock Inn at 7.30pm.

Hubby Frost.



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Pop-Up Curry Night



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This is to be an informative and enjoyable fundraising event with all profits going to the Wild Wood Steering Group to continue our work in creating green space for the community and wildlife. There will be an update on current planting projects. In addition, Patrick Barker who has featured on David Attenborough's TV series, Saving Our Wild Isles, will be talking about farming with nature in mind.

A selection of vegetarian curries will be served as a tasting plate and you can choose on the night from an exotic dessert selection. There will be a pay bar.

There are a limited number of tickets available and they are selling fast so be sure to book yours in advance. Tickets are priced at £15 a head and are still available from Rolfes, the school and Lorna and John.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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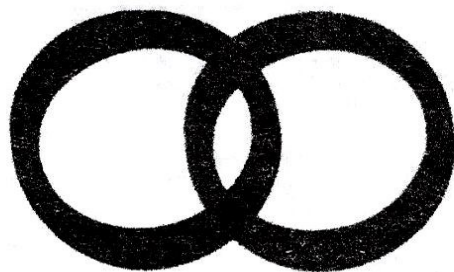
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I could feel the chill of evening air upon my face but a cheering glow of orange light from leaded windows flooded the outside of St Mary's Church. Once inside the welcoming warmth, one saw the outside night black air filling the windows, a thought-provoking visual contrast of light and dark.

The church was packed in anticipation of an annual musical treat given by The Epiphany Singers and this year's concert was remarkable in many ways. There was new music, female composers figured predominantly, familiar carols, sung unaccompanied with some fine solo singing using interesting rhythms and harmonies, sometimes with the organ, piano or drum accompaniment.

The singing was vibrant, energetic with assured crispness; Jessica French's 'Oxen' a deeply sonorous harmonious piece and John Ritter's 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' an excitingly varied blend of voices and organ.

David Hill's interludes for organ were, as always, thoroughly musically entertaining with complex but light playful pieces and a medley of familiar tunes entitled 'Hornpipe Humoresque' by Noel Rawsthorne the organist at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral. David's concluding piece by Bach, had people on the point of leaving the building turn back, quite captivated by Widor's Toccata, so grand and exuberant the playing.

The whole evening, conducted with quiet but firm assurance by Edward Caswell was a fresh take on previous Carol Concerts by the Epiphany Singers and a quite magnificent triumph. So, of course we applauded them madly in huge appreciation of their performance. But don't forget that these twenty-four performers spent their weekend here making music, including a Choral Eucharist on Sunday morning, thanks to the kind and generous hospitality of village hosts led by Fiona Glover and the busy team at St Mary's Church.

Rob Barber



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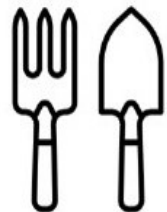


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FEBRUARY			
Sat 10th	Wild Wood Curry Night	Priory Room	7.45pm
	Village Hall		7.30pm
Wed 14th	W.I. First Aid Course	Priory Room	7.45pm
MARCH		MAY	
Sat 9th	An Irish Night	Wed 8th	W.I. Annual Meeting
	Sports Club		Priory Room
			7.45pm
Mon 11th	Parish Council Questions	Sun 12th	History Walk
	Village Hall		1030am
			Meet at The Six Bells
Wed 13th	W.I. Female Fashion	Wed 15th	History Group
	Priory Room		Village Hall
			7.30pm
Wed 20th	History Group	JUNE	
	Priory Room	Wed 12th	W.I. Wild Wood Visit
			Wild Wood
			7.45pm
Fri 22nd	Film & Supper Night	Wed 19th	History Group
	Village Hall		St Mary's
			7.30pm
APRIL		JULY	
Wed 10th	W.I. Floral Arrangement	Wed 24th	History Group
			Priory Room
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

[Informally approved. Formal approval, at the next meeting with any corrections]

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bartholomew, Belson, Brookes, Mecrow, Roberts, Tuck, Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor R Winch; County Councillor Jessica Fleming

1. OPENING - including Statement, if any
2. APOLOGIES
None received and no consents required.
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 received.
4. MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
 - Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2023 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.
5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS - to receive written reports & put questions:
 - a) District Councillor Winch
 - Cllr Belson proposed that the call for sites by Mid Suffolk District Council and the fact that no response was needed be minuted with congratulations on the published objective of building up the stock of council homes.
 - Cllr Belson also asked for it to be minuted that MSDC is one of the district councils that will be increasing council tax on empty properties in Mid Suffolk.
 - District Cllr R Winch confirmed that there are currently 680 empty properties in Mid Suffolk.
 - Cllr J. Winch noted that the call of local **land owners interested in assisting with increasing tree cover** in Mid Suffolk (which is low compared to the national average) was commendable. Landowners should contact the Biodiversity Project Manager, richard.parmee@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk, 01449 724 762 | 07927 589 614.
 - b) County Councillor Fleming
 - Cllr Winch asked if applications to the locality budget could be made for pathway lighting to the closed churchyard and a speed indicator device for

2024 HORTICULTURAL SHOW SCHEDULE

The Horticultural Show will take place on Saturday 10th August 2024. The fruit and vegetable and floral classes are listed below. We have several new recipes for you to try in the domestic classes, they will all appear in the July Observer, but if you want to start practising, they will be on the Walsham website soon. NB Class 82 the chutney, has a set recipe and needs to be made at least 1 month in advance, the recipe for that is in this month's Observer, and will also be on the website.

Have a look at the Photographic Classes and start looking out early for great photos; download the knitting pattern or ring Debbie Licata 259686 for a copy and start knitting right away.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW CLASSES 2024

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 One plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot)
18. FLOWERING TREE One plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot) of flowering tree or shrub. Same variety, other than the same variety, other than the same variety.
19. GERANIUM or PELARGONIUM One plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot)
20. FUCHSIA Upright – a plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot)
21. FUCHSIA Trailing – a plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot)
22. HOSTA One plant in a pot. (Max 10² pot)
23. FRAGRANCE - A Fragrant plant in a pot. (any variety)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CLASS

30. BEANS Dwarf French – five pods on a plate.
31. BEANS Runner – five pods on a plate.
32. PEAS - Five pods on a plate.
33. BEETROOT Red - three on a plate (tops tied)
34. CABBAGE Any variety – three on a plate.
35. CARROTS Three, (tops tied) individually
36. COURGETTES Long – three on a plate. 8" – three on a plate.
37. CUCUMBER Outdoor – one only
38. CUCUMBER Grown in a pot. Any variety, one only.
39. LETTUCE Any variety – three on a plate.
40. MARROW Any variety – three on a plate.
41. SQUASH Any variety – three on a plate.
42. ONIONS: LARGE (over 100g) – three on a plate. Only – tops tied.
43. ONIONS: SMALL (under 100g) – three on a plate. Only – tops tied.
44. SHALLOTS Any variety – three on a plate.
45. GARLIC Any variety – three on a plate. Remove roots
46. POTATOES White – three on a plate.
47. POTATOES Coloured – three on a plate.
48. TOMATOES Red - three on a plate.
49. TOMATOES Other than red – three on a plate.
50. TOMATOES Cherry - three on a small plate.
51. PEPPERS Any variety – three on a plate.

NTS (Max 8² pot)
OR SHRUB Three sprays
rub in a vase – assorted or
n Hydrangeas.

RGONIUM One plant in a
any variety. (max 10² pot)
any variety. (max 10²pot)
a pot (max 12” pot)
ragrant flower, single stem

LE CLASS

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one variety – five only.

– one variety – five only.

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red or coloured, seven on

– three on a plate

52. ANY OTHER VEGETABLE Matching pair of
any vegetable 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 – other than
raspberries. One or more varieties.

56. PLUMS or GAGES Any one variety – five on a
small plate.

57. RASPBERRIES Nine on a small plate.

58. ANY OTHER FRUIT Any fruit not otherwise on
schedule, three on a plate **or** grapes one bunch.

59. TRAY OF VEGETABLES Four varieties of
vegetables arranged decoratively within an
18”x12” box or tea tray selected from classes 30
– 51 (**Double points for class 59**)

DECORATIVE CLASS *Flowers do not have to be
grown by arranger. No height limits. Table depth
65cm.*

60. EXHIBIT: BASKET ARRANGMENT FOR A
NEW BABY (*up to 30cm width*).

61. EXHIBIT: HARVEST *up to 45cm width*.

DOMESTIC CLASS

70. FRUIT SCONES - Six on plate - own recipe.

71. BANANA LOAF – own recipe.

72. WHITE ROLLS - six on a plate - own recipe.

73. SUFFOLK RUSKS - six on a plate - **Recipe
given.**

74. GLUTEN FREE BROWNIES – six on a plate –
Recipe given.

75. LEMON MERINGUE PIE 8”/20cm – own
recipe.

76. DORSET APPLE CAKE – **Recipe given**

77. MEN’S CLASS – APPLE PIE (double crust with
decorated top) – own recipe.

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 – Sweet Cucumber Pickle - One Jar
(minimum 1 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. WATER

93. A PATHWAY

94. VEGETABLES

HANDICRAFTS CLASSES

96. KNITTING – 6 Knitted flowers in a bowl/basket. Pattern available from Debbie Licata

(259686) also on village website.

97. WOODWORK – Letter opener (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 Class 82 – Sweet Cucumber Pickle

INGREDIENTS

3 large cucumbers	1 tablespoon mustard seeds
2 onions	1 teaspoon celery seeds
50g salt	5 cloves
600ml white wine vinegar	½ teaspoon ground turmeric
450g granulated sugar	

METHOD

Peel cucumbers and cut lengthwise into thinnish sticks about 6-7cm long, 0.5cm deep and 1.5cm wide. Thinly slice the onions into half-moons. Put the cucumber and onions into a large mixing bowl and sprinkle with salt. Cover this with a weighted plate and leave for 2-3 hours.

Rinse the cucumber and onion in cold water and then leave to drain. Meanwhile put all the remaining ingredients in a saucepan and stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Add the cucumber and onion, bring to the boil and simmer for 1 minute.

Remove from the heat and lift the cucumber and onion out of the liquid, place in warm sterilised jars. Return the liquid to the heat and boil rapidly for at least 10 minutes to reduce it. Pour the liquid over the cucumber in the jars, cover and seal. Store in the fridge once open.

Makes 5 small jars.



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Wattisfield Road. Cllr Fleming advised there will be a new budget from May and applications to this year's budget needed to be made before end March. Cllr Bartholomew asked Cllr Fleming was able to confirm that the funding church premises (fabric) from her budget is not precluded, which she was able to confirm. Cllr Belson took the opportunity to remind that any road signage noticed to be defective or missing should be reported as soon as possible. Cllr Mecrow mentioned the 'give way' signage at end of Summer Road on way out of village is missing. Clerk to report. Cllr Mecrow to send image.

- County Cllr Fleming advised that there was a working group at Stowlangtoft working on the upgrades that have been promised for the spring and suggested that Walsham be a part of it. Cllr Belson put himself forward and Cllr Fleming will make the request.
- The Clerk was asked to report concerns with the bridge at the bottom of The Causeway and to request testing/examination in the light of the flood event which may have caused weakening. As well to request a weight restriction and signage be applied.
- Cllr Mecrow asked about the budget difficulties at SCC that have been reported and where cuts were likely to fall. Cllr Fleming responded that adult social care, social services generally and the residential care of some high needs children in the county is by far the biggest budget item. Cllr Fleming has advised that she is pushing for high needs children's services to be brought back 'in-County' by building facilities. The increase in the costs of the living wage has put further pressure on the budget. Cllr Fleming also said that she was arguing against cuts to funding for many smaller services that are not a large part of the budget, but which have positive impact for the communities they serve.

6. PUBLIC FORUM - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance about items on the agenda and Walsham le Willows in general.

No members of public were present.

7. FLOOD RESPONSE

- a) Cllr Mecrow proposed the PC undertakes the actions stipulated in the Flood Group report presented by Cllr J. Winch, in preparation for potential "Priority 1" visit by qualified person. This was unanimously agreed.
 - Cllr J. Winch noted repeat flooding of a property on Wattisfield Road with the most recent heavy rain. Clerk to contact adjacent landowners to let them know.
 - Clerk to send the property flood list to District Cllr Winch who will follow up on payments.
- b) Cllr Winch proposed that a first cut of stream banks is done at end August just before gardens weekend in addition to the November cut when there would then hopefully be less vegetation to cut and clear away. There was a long discussion about the pros and cons and of the competing views of residents. It was resolved to see how the much growth arises this year, before coming to a



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decision. Cllr Winch proposed a working party to clear some of the lower branches of trees and brambles to allow better access for the contractors to maintain the verges. Date agreed was Saturday 24th February time to be agreed. Clerk to work with Cllr Winch to publicise for volunteers.

Clerk to contact local landowners re disposal of the arisings as previously agreed with them. Also, to contact Clarkes to thank them for the hedge maintenance and ask if they could provide some volunteers for the working party.

- c) Cllr Belson proposed that three people are nominated to go to the Public Flood Forum Debenham on 26th January 1-3pm or 5-7pm sessions. It was agreed that Cllrs Belson and Mecrow would attend the 1-3pm and Cllr Winch the 5-7pm.

Cllr Belson also asked the Clerk to contact the landowner re the bridge on their land at the bottom of Badwell Road the flow of which is blocked with branches and debris.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) ,b) & d) Matters relating to the development of the Shepherd's Grove site. It was noted that the Copart proposal had been withdrawn but Cllr Fleming advised keeping an eye on the West Suffolk planning portal for developments. Cllr Fleming also noted that Highways are concerned about the pollution levels at Great Barton and the negative impacts of potential further development that brings more traffic including HGVs where nitrous dioxide levels are already exceeding safe limits.

The Clerk was asked to contact Great Barton Parish Council as a Parish in the West Suffolk area which will be consulted, to make sure that this is on their radar and to convey the concerns of the Parish Council and in particular that the current proposal mentions ONLY cars and that they note this in any representation/objection and to make them aware that Walsham le Willows is not a statutory consultee for the development of this site.

- c) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/23/05478 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion of existing agricultural building into 4no. dwellinghouses. Location: Home Farm, West Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AP THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

- Safe Access – Particularly safe pedestrian access is impossible on these two sharp and dangerous bends where the carriageway is regularly flooded even with periods of heavy rain, and black ice formation is also a regular occurrence which the wet road makes worse. The access would not be within the 30mph speed limit. The Parish Council flood report (circulated to the Communities Team following the flood on 20/10/2023, highlights the area as experiencing major flooding with the road being blocked for a considerable time.
- WleW NP subsection WLW6 refers to issues such as lack of pavement safe walking/ cycling route to school village amenities. An area which does not favour connectivity especially for pedestrians, cyclists and those with disabilities and is not well integrated into the village. The amenity space for



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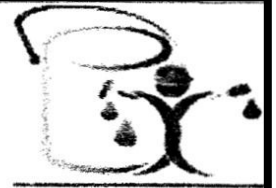
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the properties is very limited and not appropriate to retaining rural feel of countryside at West Street hamlet. The large number of roof lights proposed, is not in accordance with WIW Design Statement relating to limiting light pollution.

9. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only
 - a) Application DC/23/05794 NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Proposal: Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/21/00694 - Add Bifold doors to rear (North) wall, Add Skylight to Bedroom 4, Change Exterior finish to Brick instead of Weatherboarding Location: 4 Grove Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3AF **Approved By MSDC**
 - b) APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/23/05502 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 6 No. Leylandii (G01), Fell 30 No. Leylandii (G02) and Fell 20 No. Leylandii (G03) Location: The Woodlands, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BQ **MSDC Raised No Objection.**
10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – to receive any comments from Parish Council representatives (Cllrs. Belson & Mecrow) and consider any matters arising
 - a) Cllr Mecrow proposed that following the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan, the number of houses built since The Acorns development be determined to provide a baseline for regular review against housing requirement in local plan. Clerk to use the tabulated data in the adopted Neighbourhood plan as a baseline for additional units since and to keep this as a record that is updated as planning applications are granted.
 - b) Clerk proposed that Neighbourhood Plan is removed as a regular agenda item and regular review is managed via action log. This was agreed.
11. PLAY AREA – consider any matters arising.

Cllr Belson reported back on his investigations of options with regard to the Swing Rope repair/replacement. Found only three suppliers of this type of equipment costs between £6,350 and £9,400. Only one supplied this as currently installed in wood. The others were steel legs with wood frames. The working group would assess again on 13th January and that the Clerk would circulate again the quote from Premier Play Solutions for repair.
12. FINANCE & AUDIT
 - a) The bank reconciliation for period ending 31st December 2023 was approved and signed.
 - b) The accounts awaiting payment were approved for signature and payment. (Appendix 1).
 - c) Cllr Mecrow proposed an assessment of the village assets on the Asset Register to assess condition and map locations as this has previously been a desktop exercise by the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the asset register, allocating grouped assets to each councillor who will carry out physical inspections and report back.
 - d) Clerk reminded Parish Councillors again of the deadline for internal control



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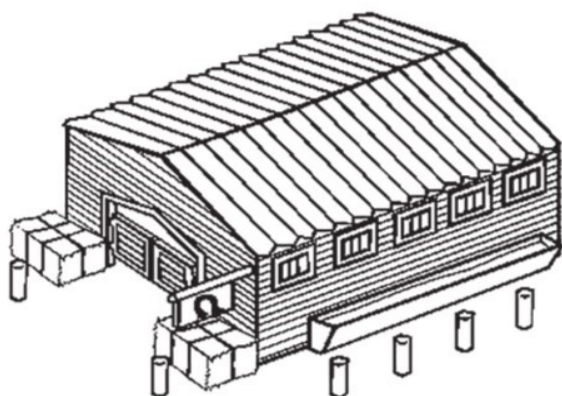
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checks which should be completed before end March for reporting in the meeting held the following month. This was noted.

13. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. None other than the review of contracts. Councillors considered the current three contracts including that of the Clerk and resolved that these were satisfactory and needed no amendment.
 - b) Council considered Parish Council Objectives 2023/24
 - Cllr Winch noted the 20's Plenty group are due to meet again to discuss the suggestions arising from consultation and subsequent research. Cllr Winch asked if there were any other issues that Cllrs felt needed to be considered by the group. No additional suggestions were forthcoming.
 - c) Cllr Mecrow proposed period for the spring litter pick as 16th – 21st March with Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts to hand out equipment as needed on Saturday 16th at the Memorial Hall. Clerk to advertise for volunteers in February Observer and by the usual channels, including direct mail to previous volunteers. Cllr Roberts will pass road/streets/areas to Clerk so these can be advised as well.
 - d) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note for next agenda.
 - i. Cllr Tuck noted the post on Facebook re a new village shop has been taken down. The Parish Council will watch for any reappearance or any relevant planning applications that are submitted.
 - ii. Cllrs Brookes and Bartholomew updated on progress with the CEP. They have drafted sections whilst still waiting for the new template from MSDC which is probably delayed due to workload from impacts of the flood.
 - e) Next Meeting – 14th February 2024 7pm - Memorial Hall.
- Meeting closed at 21:28

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation January 2024

	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Memorial Village Hall	27.00	Hall hire two PC meetings in December
2	HMRC Cumbernauld	868.11	PAYE
3	Parish Council Employee	725.78	Wages
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/ Transfers	Amount	Description
1	ICO	35.00	DDR should have been reported at December meeting; certificate has been downloaded
2	Bank Service Charge	18.00	Quarter ending 31 st December
3	Deposit Interest	324.41	Quarter ending 31 st December

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NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S

As we all begin our respective journeys into 2024, those involved with the day-to-day affairs at our church wish to record our sincere thanks to all who have visited & supported activities at St. Mary's this Christmastide. We were delighted that so many of you chose to join us at an event or Seasonal Service during the past few weeks as your attendance makes our collective efforts really worthwhile.

Those thanks also extend to our church cleaners, superbly creative flower arrangers & bell ringers, all of whom freely give their time & skills to enhance our beautiful building whilst particularly noting the spiritual input & leadership that Rev.'s Jill Walker & Jay Price provide during the interregnum period.

Our efforts to secure a new Rector, having followed a rigorous & defined Church of England protocol, are now advertised across the ecclesiastical world & we look forward to receiving applications for interview in early spring with the possibility of a new incumbent arriving by mid-summer. In the meanwhile, you are most welcome to join us for worship at any service, or contact one of us with questions that you may have regarding church events such as a Christening, Wedding, or Funeral.

*Howard Gilbert
Churchwarden.*

FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES

Jan-28			Feb-18		
11.00am	Communion	Walsham	8.00am	Communion	Jill Walker
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe	11.00am	Communion	Finningham
Feb-04			11.00am	Morning Prayer	Wattisfield
8.00am	Communion	Jill Walker	3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
9.30am	Communion	Westhorpe	Feb-25		
11.00am	Morning Service	Finningham	9.30am	Communion	Badwell Ash
Feb-11			11.00am	Communion	Walsham
8.00am	Communion	Jill Walker	Mar-03		
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham	8.00am	Communion	Jill Walker
			9.30am	Communion	Westhorpe
			11.am	Morning Service	Finningham





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GREEN DILEMMAS

‘15 Minute Cities’

‘15 Minute Cities’ is an urban planning concept originating in Paris and introduced at the COP in 2015 aimed at rethinking urban planning by trying to make sure all essential services are within a 15-minute walk or bike ride.

Key elements of ‘15 Minute Cities’ are:

- greater emphasis on services, facilities, education, and leisure being nearby.
- higher investment in infrastructure for public transport, cycling and walking.
- prioritising green spaces / greenery on streets.

The idea is that cities could be more convenient and efficient places to live by reducing the time it takes to access essential services, such as healthcare, childcare, food, educational facilities. This in turn would reduce traffic congestion, and lower air pollution. It would create a healthier, more attractive place to live and help promote a sense of community. The core idea is that we need to move away from planning being just a series of isolated decisions and start to look at the impact on the whole community.

This sounds uncontroversial, but it’s got mixed up with conspiracy theories forged during the Covid lockdowns. These theories claim that ‘15 Minute Cities’ are aimed to forcibly prevent people from coming and going when they want or from leaving their area at all. These conspiracy theories have then been repeated by some mainstream politicians,

‘15 Minute Cities’ are often lumped together with low-traffic neighbourhoods which allow streets to be blocked off for pedestrian use. There is certainly an assumption with 15-minute cities that reducing traffic volume is key to creating the right kind of environment, but this can of course create local opposition as this may be very inconvenient for some residents.

‘15 Minute Cities’ also require a higher level of density to ensure there are enough residents within an area to support the services that are nearby. This impacts the type of housing envisaged and almost certainly means being more flexible with the existing facilities. For example, playgrounds could be open to the public after hours, rooftops could be used for greenery, churches could be multi-functional etc. Again, these issues are likely to cause controversy.

Another potential issue is whether this concept can adequately recognise the existing huge inequalities within the urban landscape and instead creates islands of convenient living but with traffic routed elsewhere and surrounding property prices driven even further up.

Whilst it is an urban concept it has applicability to smaller towns and villages. For smaller towns this involves creating vibrant town centres or High Streets to create a central hub that is easily accessible from the entire town and nearby villages by foot or bike. For smaller villages the 15-minute connectivity is unlikely to be achievable but there are still opportunities to connect villages in smaller clusters and have services such as leisure facilities shared by villages but easily accessible from each village.

Richard Winch



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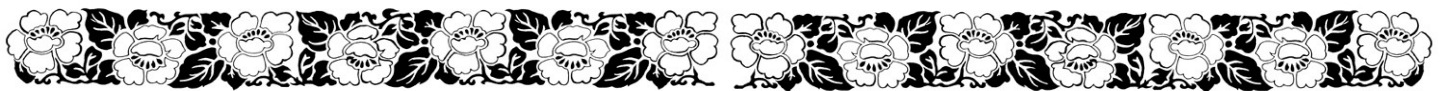
WILDLIFE IN FEBRUARY

Primroses and Crocuses are already in or popping up in our gardens to give a bit of cheer during these gloomy cold months. As well as helping us they help many early emerging insects. One of these is the Queen Bumblebee. You may see her hovering low to the ground over meadows, woodlands and in our gardens, and it is at this time of year that they are looking for a new nest site. Unlike the Honeybee, Bumblebees do not keep their colony alive during the winter months, it is only the queen that survives, usually overwintering in a hole in the ground before emerging from torpor. Helping the Bees is an important task we could all do. With climate change the earlier months are becoming milder, and the Bees are emerging before the first flowers have bloomed, which can be fatal for them. With plants like the Primrose, Crocus and any early blooming plants providing a food source, the Bees will stand a better chance of survival until the arrival of Spring.

On the subject of plants, on your walks you may come across the Lesser Celandine. These are found in woodlands, streams and even along ditches. This bright yellow flower has green heart shaped leaves and yellow petals that shine in the winter sun. If your walk happens to take you through damp woodland, look out for Liverwort. Liverwort is part of 9,000 species of non-vascular plants, which means they lack roots, stems and leaves, and reproduce with spores. The word 'wort' is an old English word for plant, and the 'Liver' part refers to the shape of the leaf like lobes. These, alien looking like, organisms provide a huge important link to our ancient past. The earliest fossils provide us with the first evidence of plants colonising the land. A Mammal you are likely to spot during February is the Wood Mouse. This is one of our more common rodents, and is likely to be found in the garden. It is nocturnal and it is similar to the House Mouse, but it has larger eyes and ears relative to its size. This month is the most likely to spot one as this is the beginning of when they start to breed again. Females can have up to six litters per year and each litter will have between six to eight young. To help them make it through the winter months Wood Mice have food stores of berries and seeds. These stores are found usually underground in a burrow or even in old bird nests!

If you feed the birds keep a look out for a blackbird around the village that looks a little different. I spotted it in the garden in a tree before it went to feed at the bird table, it has a brown body and a white head, with little flecks of white on both wings!

Angie Bennington



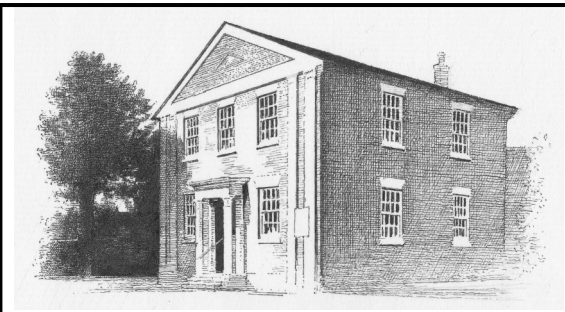
FEBRUARY HAIKUS II

Spring's Prelude

Blooms start to take form
February whispers of spring
Nature's orchestra

The Changing Seasons

Winter fades away
A new season on the rise
February's in bloom



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Stop Trying to Save Yourself.

On one occasion, the American evangelist D L Moody was preaching in the north of England and a lady in one of the services became very angry with him because of something he had said in a sermon. The part of the sermon that really upset her was Moody's statement that, "No-one in this congregation will ever be saved until they stop trying to save themselves". After the meeting was over the lady came down from the gallery and very abruptly challenged the Evangelist about what he had said, and declared to him, "I always thought that if I kept on trying, God would save me sometime, and now you tell me to stop trying to save myself: what am I to do then?" Moody simply responded, "Let the Lord save you!"

One might legitimately ask, what does it mean to be 'saved' and why is it so important? In this context, it is to be delivered from sin, freed from the guilt of our sin, and from God's eternal and righteous punishment of it: to be forgiven and reconciled to God with the promise of a glorious eternity in his very presence.

Although they may not realise it, there are very many people just like that lady today, going through their whole lives trying to save themselves, thinking that they can get into Heaven by their own works and upon their own merits. That idea is a serious mistake because it is not the message of the Gospel and is not to be found in the Bible. The Lord Jesus told a parable to warn those people who "***trusted in themselves***" (Luke 18:9). The apostle Paul, when writing to the church at Ephesus, taught that Salvation is, "***Not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast***" (Ephesians 2:9) – what could be clearer than that? Even if they are in and of themselves good and beneficial, there are no works that any person can do that can ever save a soul: whether it be good works, giving to charity, voluntary service, religious observance, or leading a moral life. The Bible says, "***All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags***" (Isaiah 64:6) in the sight of a Holy God, so it is no use trying to earn our own way to Heaven; it matters not who we are, how hard or long we may try, it is never sufficient to save a soul.

The good news of the Gospel is that the Lord Jesus is sufficient, and has done, all that is necessary to save. From the cross at Calvary, where he was nailed, bearing our sin, he cried out, "***It is finished***" (John 19:30). The work is done and the sacrifice complete. We do not need to, and indeed cannot, add anything to the perfect work of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, to try to add to that sacrifice would be an attack upon God and the sufficiency of His provision and actually take us further from Him.

The clear message of the Bible is that 'you are not saved by doing; you are saved by believing'. Think carefully about what Moody said, and let the Lord save you.

**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.
(Acts 16:12)**

THE FLOWER POWER PROJECT

Work on knitted and crocheted flowers for the church wall for The Open Gardens Weekend, continues apace. We have a large and enthusiastic team of volunteers from WLW and surrounding villages.

For those who are not familiar with the techniques involved, crochet is a series of loops worked with a single hook in one hand and yarn tensioned over the middle finger.. Knitting is done on two needles with transference of stitches from one to the other through a series of rows.

My grandmother was an expert crocheter and made lace using the finest of hooks and cotton thread. This is how I learnt, and us older folks can probably all recall those doilies and runners that graced tables back in the day. Modern crochet techniques have evolved with the use of thicker yarn and larger hooks.

Our younger learners have taught themselves to knit and crochet using You Tube and social media. The FPP have an age range of seventeen to ninety-four years.

Recent media articles have flagged up knitting and crochet as valuable techniques in reducing stress and anxiety. They are meditative pursuits, and currently being trialled by the medical profession along with other stress busters such as gardening, as being useful therapies in addressing mental health issues for all genders.

Each flower that we create represents an hour or so of work. We have 400 flowers tied to our sample 2xm piece which many of you will have viewed at the last lovely Christmas Fair.

We currently have 700 flowers waiting to be tied on and 130m of perimeter wall to complete. We are planning some summer “Pimm’s and tying on” garden parties for the summer months for which anyone can volunteer. (Even if you’re not skilled in knit or crochet.)

Our second coffee, flower making morning at the Blue Boar was very successful and well attended. Beginners were given a crochet tutorial. It was very relaxed, friendly and a good time was had by all.

Our happy group decided that the event should be repeated on the first Tuesday of the month for the morning sessions 10.30 – 12.30 at the Blue Boar Tearooms.

Dates for your Diary

01.02.24 7.00 – 9.00pm Blue Boar Tea Room Flower Power Project meet up with hooks and needles.

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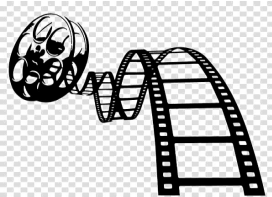
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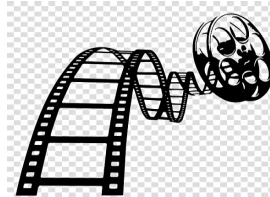
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Tickets on the door, adults £5.00—under 17's: £3.00

Tea/coffee and refreshments

Future films will be shown on the second Friday of each month.

March Presentation is Quartet on Friday 9th

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football.

On 13th January the First Team hosted what is probably the most important football match in the clubs history. The Fourth round proper of the FA Vase. Tilbury were the opposition and we knew it was going to be hard . They are top of the Essex Senior League having been unbeaten all season.

However we have great belief that on our day we can beat anyone and our form leading up to the fixture was very good having beaten Dereham Town 4-2 away and drawing at home to both Thetford Town and third placed Harleston Town.

On the day it was not to be and we narrowly lost 1-0 although there was nothing to choose between the two sides. Many felt that the free kick from which they scored the winner should not have been given. None the less we should be very proud of the Walsham team who took us to heights we had never been before.

The Under 23s beat their Holland FC counterparts 6-0 with Reon Huckvale scoring a hat trick.

The under 18s have played their first match since Christmas losing Four nil to their Haverhill Rovers Counterparts.

Home Fixtures For February.

First team

Sat 3rd v Downham Town. 3pm

Tue 20th v Woodbridge Town 7.45pm

Under 18s

Thur 1st v Histon 7.45 pm

Thur 8th v Bury Town. 7.45pm

Thur 22nd v Thetford Town 7.45pm

Under 23s

Sat 10th v Long Melford 2pm (SSRC)

Sat 17th v Wivenhoe Town 3pm

Veterans

Sun 25th v Bury Town 2pm kick off.

Social Events

There are a variety of social events taking place at the Sports Club. For details take a look at Page 20.

Gordon Ross



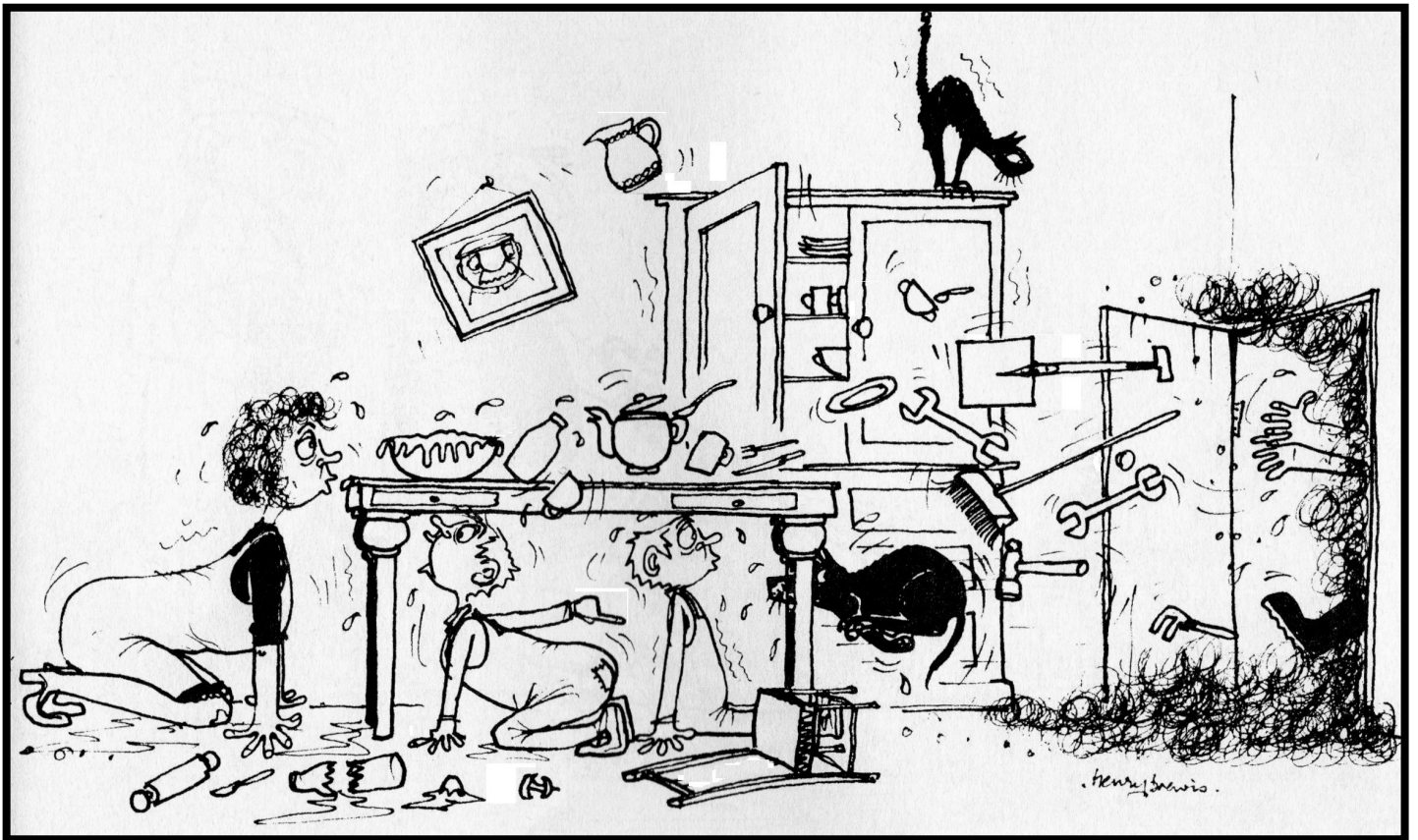
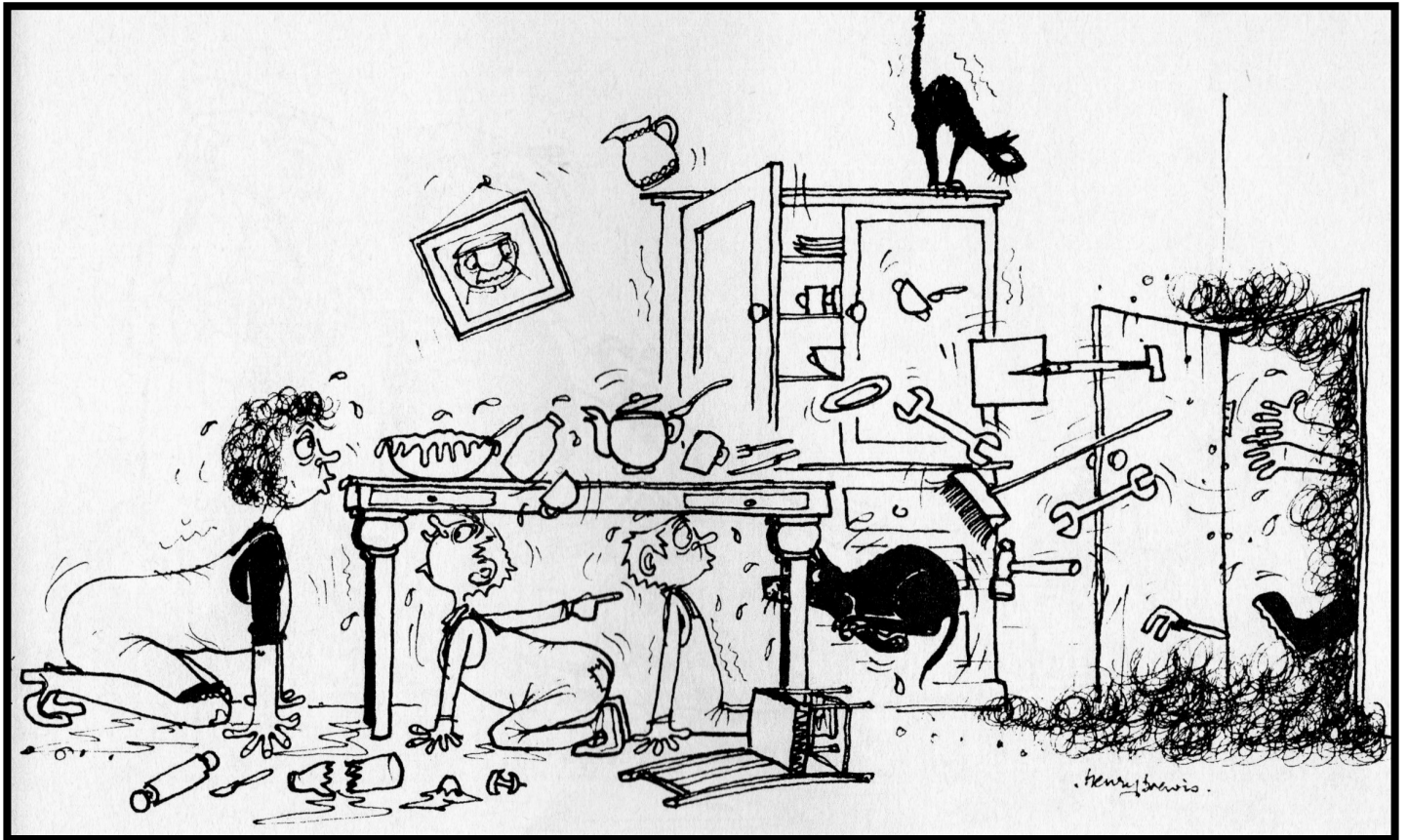
ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!

Sad to report that a stalwart of the Van den Plas cricket team, Colin Timms, has decided that Valhalla is preferable to his hospice bed and left us. Apparently, he left word that a funeral was not required but did expect those wishing to celebrate his life, could join him for a few drinks at the golf club in Rickmansworth

Fortunately, the opportunity to share memories of Colin and other Vandie notables, arises with the **Cricket Dinner** at the club on **Friday 9th February** when the current players have to put up with some of their ancestors regaling them with past exploits. The dinner is a buffet but I intend to lay claim to a table for us old folk; **tickets are £20** but the opportunity is there to just join for a drink before the food is served (if the pension limits staying for the meal) and talk with and about old friends so join us if you can.

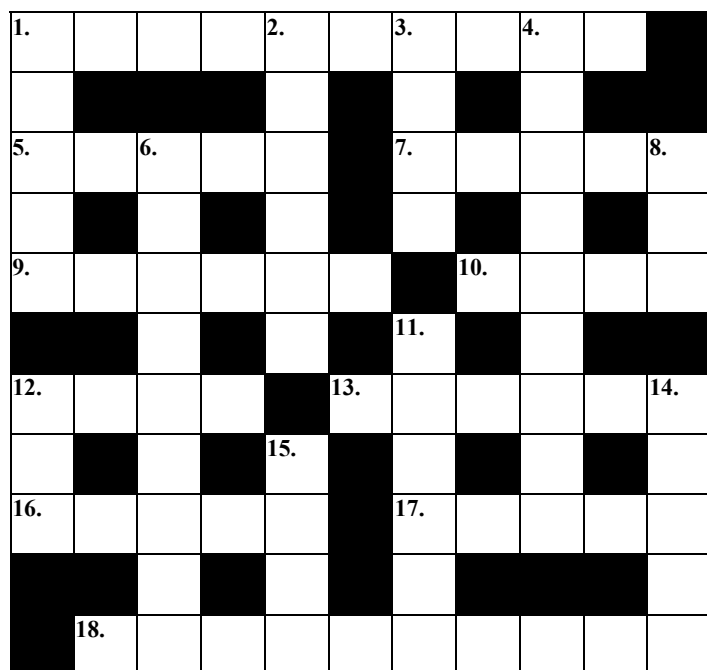
Ian Campbell

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the husband comes out of the coal hole and really throws all the toys out!!

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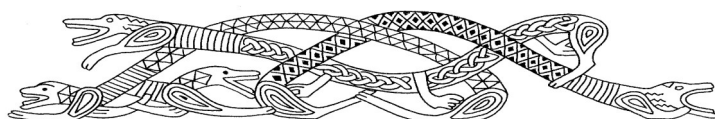
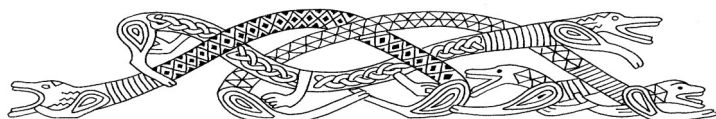
ACROSS

1. How to leave Roger with a last ball wicket. (4,3,3)
5. Such a pick-me-up provided by Moët on ice. (5)
7. Expand an expedition to find this animal. (5)
9. Strong hero bustles from within. (6)
10. State for a hut construction. (4)
12. It's the only way to find what's underfoot. (4)

13. Oxford and Cambridge both have this kind of entertainment. (6)
16. Something of value kept in a cassette. (5)
17. Beneath a French one of German association. (5)
18. The bracelet I'd made was satisfactory. (10)

DOWN

1. Alter ones route to keep away from the bull. (5)
2. Sounds like an opening for the choppers. (6)
3. Give a drug to the idiot. (4)
4. Did the Sun notice drama, or was the content ignored. (9)
6. Breathless assistant somehow given a blue rinse. (9)
8. Remains in fashionable surroundings. (3)
11. Such a composition is almost minute. (6)
12. Maybe observe what comes beyond the coast. (3)
14. The peers go out for a jolly. (5)
15. A fixer in student life. (4)



HISTORY GROUP'S FIRST MEETINGS

Wed 20th March
at 7.30pm
Priory Room

Whistlecraft The true story of the poachers of Rickingham, also **AGM**

Pip Wright
Speaker and
author

Wed 17th April
at 7.30pm
Priory Room

Regency Lowlife in Bury St Edmunds
True stories of misdemeanours, crimes and punishment taken from the Bury Court records.

Kevin Pulford

Sun 12th May
at 10.30am

Spring Walk – meet at the Six Bells

Walsham History
Group

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

9:00am till 10:00am

10.15am till 11.15am

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

Parish Council Village Hall

(Public Meeting)

7.00pm Second Wed of the Month

THURSDAY

Coffee Shop Village Hall

10:30am till 12.30pm

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

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club

12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Wed 15th May
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Wed 19th June
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Walsham History
Group

Which legendary magician was counsellor to King Arthur?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. The Spanish Civil War, 2. Matt Groening, 3. Althea Gibson, 4. Red and Blue,
5. Handel, 6. Photographic film, 7. Paraguay, 8. Venice, 9. Ugli, 10. Citadel,
11. Hiawatha, 12. Egypt, 13. Terracotta, 14. Caterpillar, 15. Flora, 16. Norway,
17. Cross-country ski race, 18. Oliver Twist, 19. 1980s, 20. The Rockies, 21. Kenya,
22. Cork, 23. Fermat, 24. Turtle, 25. Flash Gordon, 26. Chopin,
27. Computer Aided Design, 28. St Christopher, 29. Baseball,
30. Gabriel and Michael, 31. Physics, 32. July 14th, 33. Dave Brubeck,
- 34 Lazzlo Biro, 35. Woody Allen, 36. Alaska, 37. H. G. Wells, 38. Rodin,
39. Neville Chamberlain, 40. Lizard, 41. Green, 42. Hiroshima, 43. Carreras,
44. Greece 1896, 45. Switzerland, 46. Merlin, 47. H.M.S. Victory, 48. Sunlight,
49. March,

Sudoku

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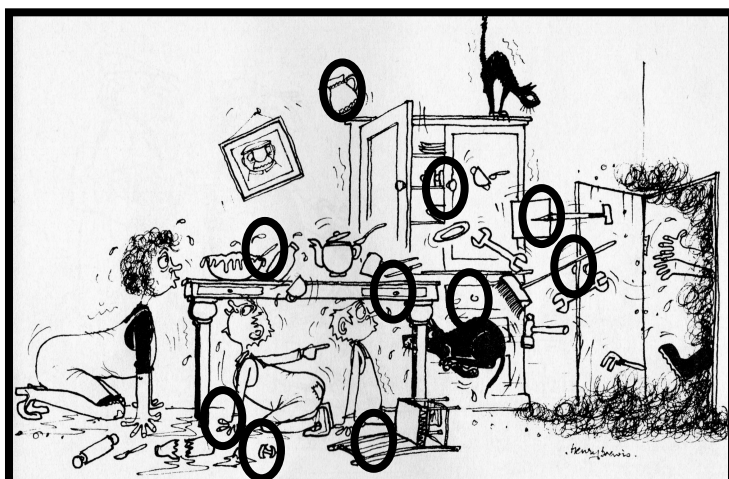
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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Act	Acted	Are	Art
Cad	Cadet	Car	Card
Carded	Care	Cared	Caret
Cart	Carted	Cat	Cater
Catered	Crate	Crated	Create
Created	Dare	Dared	Dart
Darted	Dead	Dear	Detract
Drat	Dread	Ear	Eared
Era	Eta	Rat	Rate
Rated	React	Reacted	Read
Red	Redact	Ret	Tad
Tar	Tare	Tart	Tarted
Tea	Tear	Ted	Tract
Trad	Trade	Traded	Tread
Treat	Treated	Detracted (59)	

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MVH Coffee Shop In the Garden and the Hall

Open every Thursday

From a time of 10.30am to 12.30pm

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.’**