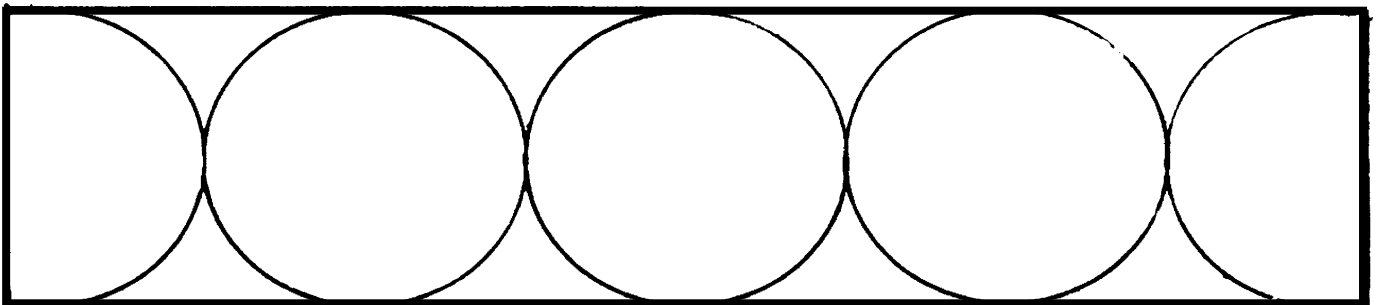


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**Evangelina:** Our Flower Project is coming on by leaps and bounds. We've made over 2,000 flowers so far!

**Petunia:** You know, I've a mind to join you! When's the next meeting?

**Evangelina:** It's on Tuesday 14th May at 10:30am at the wonderful Sports Club.

**Petunia:** Excellent! I'll make a note of it and see you then. Should be fun!

# EDITORIAL

As appeared in last month's Observer, **Music in St Mary's** are starting up again. this month on **Wednesday 15th** there is a piano recital, by Jill Crossland, starting at **12.30pm**.

It is to be hoped that the W.I. will manage to keep going, following their **Annual Meeting on Wednesday 8th**, to lose such an organisation, which has played such a part in village life for so long would be a great shame.

One organisation which appears to be very active, if this month is anything to go by, is the **History Group**. With a regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday 15th**, this time with a talk about The Brighton Bombers. On **Sunday 12th** they are holding a **Spring Walk**, meeting at the Six Bells crossroads at 10.30am, A further publication is now on sale, this time concerning the **Graves of Walsham**. Details of how to obtain a copy appear on **page 35**.

As I find myself with some space to fill, I thought that I might take this opportunity to share an email that I received from the **East Anglian Music Trust**, who hired the village Hall in March.

*A huge thank you to the Observer and the many readers who supported our music afternoon in Walsham le Willows Memorial Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> March. We welcomed around a hundred audience and performers. We sat in a very informal circle and anyone who wished to perform a stepdance, song, tell a story, join in with a tune was warmly appreciated. We handed out jig dolls for many of the audience to have a go, this went down particularly well with the children. Many people commented on the beautiful venue and its excellent facilities. We hope we can return again later in the year for another music afternoon.*

If you would like to find out more about this organisation visit their website [www.eatmt.org.uk](http://www.eatmt.org.uk) or email [info@eatmt.org.uk](mailto:info@eatmt.org.uk)

## FAREWELL TO STANLEY



**Stanley** our beloved Staffie, sadly passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> April. He loved everyone he met – the bin men would stop every week and give him biscuits, holding up the traffic – our lovely Posties all came into the garden to deliver the mail and he welcomed them – many times “White Van Men” would wind down their windows to say hello to him – children on their way to school or in crocodile on the way to church would call out.

We wanted to thank all you lovely people who made his life so happy – when he called to you, sometimes in a rather demanding fashion, so many of you spared him your time and crossed the road to chat with him and give him a cuddle.

We are so grateful for your kindness.

Thank you

David and Fiona Glover

# VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

We should mention again that the coffee morning on Thursday 2nd May is cancelled as the Hall is booked by MSDC for the Police Commissioners election. Also, the Community Lunch for May will be on Monday 13th May.

Our cake makers will also be active in May selling cakes at the Sports Club's Funday on Sunday 26th May come along, enjoy the fun and buy some cakes.

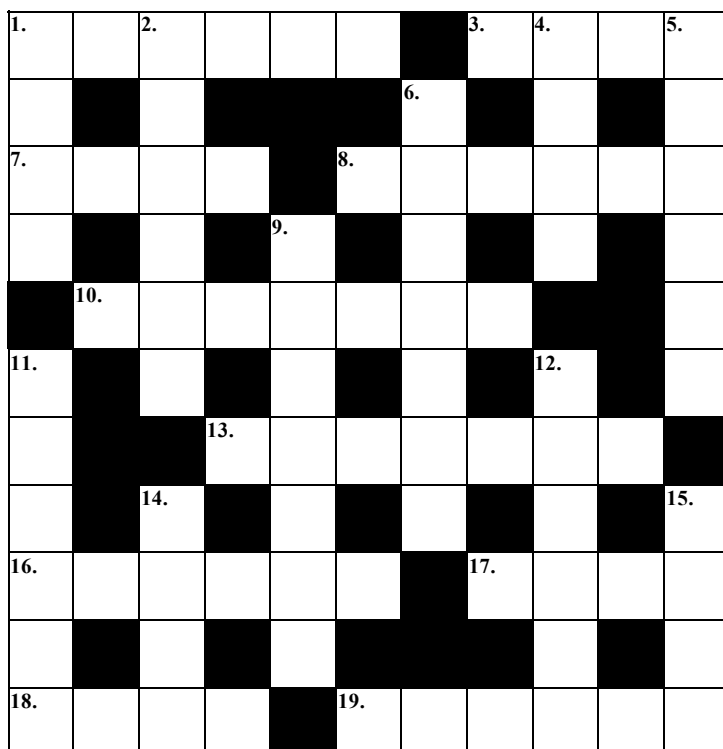
Visitors to the Hall will note that work started mid-April on our solar panel project and by now most of the installation will hopefully have been completed. When fully up and running we anticipate our electricity costs will be greatly reduced.

We had a working party in April clearing out various cupboards in the Hall and we found we have a substantial number of toys and games available for general use. So, if anyone out there is interested in starting a Mothers and Toddlers group please contact us to discuss further.

*Rob Matthews*



## WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



8. It could be male or female. (6)  
 10. Snug make-up kit. (7)  
 13. We can send an arrangement to be looked at. (7)  
 16. Thought about a lament. (6)  
 17. Adore to wait to score at racquet sports. (4)  
 18. What a position; it is found in the Home Counties. (4)  
 19. I say Here! Here! again. (6)

### DOWN

1. Pals rise to be so struck down. (4)  
 2. Posted in error to the dictator. (6)  
 4. The assistant has a new idea. (4)  
 5. Can this area round a house become a danger? (6)  
 6. Tea dances might be arranged for this musical variant. (7)  
 9. Such a policeman might be unique. (7)  
 11. All Sam could make was animals. (6)  
 12. Meteor made from far away. (6)  
 14. Just one in the disunited group. (4)  
 15. Despatch XXXXX the wrong way. (4)

### ACROSS

1. Has become seated in a calm manner. (6)  
 3. Called as part of the arrangement. (4)  
 7. It's as well to be found in royal society. (4)



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We ended last term with five ducklings and it was an amazing experience to see them from hatching to moving on to their new home with one of our pupils. The children were able to monitor how much they grew, how much they ate and see them take their first paddle in a make shift pond. We also visited the church for our end of term Easter Service which was so well attended and it's lovely to see everyone come together at this special time of year. This term will see our very oldest children take their SATs and we are all proud of how hard they are working and the staff supporting them.

The children in Caterpillar class are looking at fairy tales and traditional stories as part of their topic of 'Once Upon a Time' and they will be witnessing seasonal changes as part of their science work. In music they are learning to play glockenspiels and looking at position and direction in maps and using this information to explore maps in geography.

Those in Ladybirds are exploring 'The Enchanted Woodland' and will be focusing on identifying and classifying plants and animals. They are looking at fractions and time and designing fantasy maps in geography.

The children in Dragonflies are looking at 'Heroes and Villains' and will be researching historical heroes and creating comic strips. They will be exploring sound in science and doing athletics in PE.

Grasshoppers will be finding out about 'Chinese Dynasties' and are going to be writing Chinese folk tales. In science they are learning about living things and their habitats and will be trying Chinese foods as part of their DT cookery lesson.

For Cricket Class this half term, the children will be continuing with their revision for the SATs and have been working hard on different styles of questions whilst balancing other activities such as athletics in PE and learning different sporting words in French.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is Truthfulness and we will be finding out how important it is to be sincere and not hide the truth.

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

*Maxine McGarr*

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**I recently started a new job where my boss has told me I'll have to work on bank holidays. This was never the case in my old job. Can my employer really make me work on a public holiday, and should I get paid extra if I do?**

Unfortunately, when it comes to bank holidays, whether staff have to work is up to their employer, and you don't have to be paid more if you do. The situation will vary from job to job and may depend on several factors such as whether your place of work is open on bank holidays, your hours of work and crucially, what your contract says.

Look at your contract, if you have one, to find out what your personal situation is. Your contract might say you will always get bank holidays off, but it might say you may sometimes be required to work them or will always be required to work. But if your contract says you get bank holidays off you shouldn't be asked to work.

Your contract might say something like: "In addition to bank and public holidays, your annual entitlement to holidays is X days". This means you get public holidays off in addition to your annual leave entitlement, but it might not mean you're entitled to take the specific days off. You may be required to work a bank holiday, in which case you should get another day off instead.

Alternatively, it might say something like: "Your annual holiday entitlement (inclusive of bank and public holidays) is X days" - this means you have to take bank holidays off as part of your annual leave entitlement. Bank holidays will either be deducted from your annual leave allowance (so you'll have to book all bank holidays as paid time off) or counted as additional holiday days.

A common misunderstanding around bank holidays is that employers have to pay you extra for working them. This is not the case. Unless your contract says you'll be paid extra you will just be paid your normal amount. If your contract says you are entitled to bank holidays but you're asked to work, you should be able to take a different day off in lieu. Your employer must follow what's set out in your contract. If they don't, you should raise this with them.

If you don't have a contract, the legal default position is that your employer can tell you when you can or can't take time off. If you'd like to request a bank holiday off, use the normal method for requesting time off.

If you find you need to resolve an issue with your employer, first ask for an informal chat, where you can raise your concerns. If this doesn't get you anywhere, you may need to raise a formal grievance. If you need advice on this, contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk.

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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I. REPORT



An Extraordinary Meeting was called to find candidates to take over from the present President, Secretary and Treasurer. If no one was to volunteer, then Walsham and District WI would be suspended. Two WI Advisors had been sent from Federation to handle the meeting and with still no one coming forward it looked as if it would surely be the end.

However, with a call for calm, more discussion, advice from the Advisors as to how other Institutes are managing the workload and more discussion.....a plan started to form.

Some brave ladies came forward, indicated that they would share the roles, work together to get the jobs done, support the Committee and altogether lighten the load.

The WI was saved for the time being.

Our next meeting is our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm. Come and join us.

*Pippa Baxter*



## STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.



A recent coffee morning held in Stanton raised £253.60p for branch funds, we were grateful to those who donated raffle prizes and supported us during the morning.

The RAF Honington Voluntary Band were in concert at St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds in the evening 25<sup>th</sup> April the retiring collection was for the RBL County Funds.

Branch standards will be paraded at the Suffolk Show 30<sup>th</sup> May when the salute will be taken by a senior RBL Official. There will be a service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral on the 6<sup>th</sup> June at 5 30 pm for the D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Lord Lieutenant of the County Lady Claire Euston will attend, and the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich will give the address, we are hoping that many branch standards will be paraded.

We will be holding our Annual Dinner at the Cock Inn Stanton Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7 30 pm for 8pm.

Branch funds at time of going to press were £ 2393.16p

The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

*Hubby Frost*



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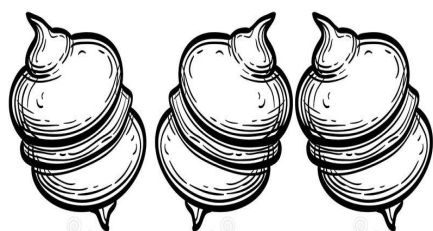
The Old Town Trust is the oldest Walsham charity. It owns the Guildhall and plots of land in and around the village. Most of the fields are let to individuals but they include land let for the Allotments, the Play Area, the Wild Wood and the Jubilee Wood reflecting areas in which the Trust is able to add value to the pleasures of living in this Parish.

The trustees would like to recruit some new members to help manage the Trust. In particular they would like to attract people with links to other village institutions or with knowledge of agriculture or of property management.

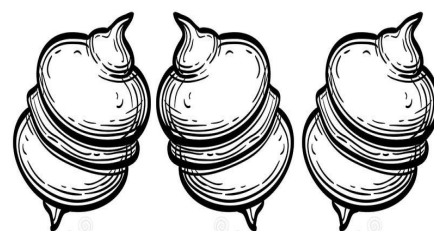
Would anyone who feels they would like to be a trustee of this charity or needs more information before deciding please contact the secretary Karen Rolfe by email at [karendrolfe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karendrolfe@yahoo.co.uk)

It would help in the selection process if applicants informed the Trust what they believe they have to offer in the future direction it takes.

*Richard Martineau*



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Can you make melt in the mouth meringues? If so, then Open Gardens needs your skills for the event on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Up until quite recently the wonderful Janet Kerridge baked mountains of mouth-watering meringues for our visitors to consume in vast quantities (the sort you sandwich together with cream). They were without a doubt the most popular item on the menu over the weekend. Sadly, Janet has now hung up her oven gloves. We are so grateful to her for the thousands of meringues she has baked over the years and her amazing contribution to the Open Gardens event, but for the past two years we have been minus meringues. Our visitors are now making their voices heard and requesting the return of this favourite teatime treat, so can you help us?

We are not looking for the vast quantities that Janet baked but for several bakers to offer to make a few batches each. Meringues can be made well in advance of the event and stored in airtight containers. The Open Gardens Trust would supply the containers and where necessary pay for ingredients. We just need some volunteers to come forward. So, if you can bake a mean meringue then please contact me. You are very much needed.

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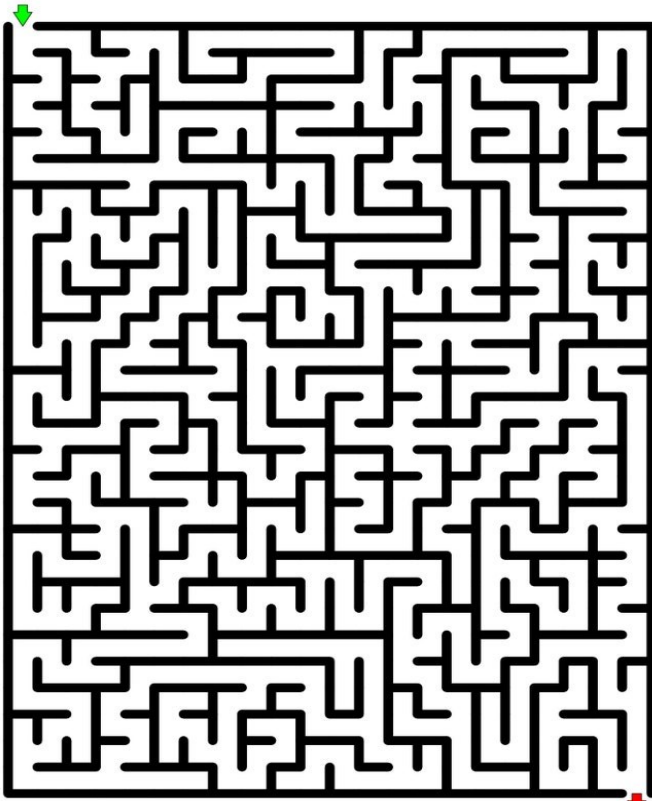


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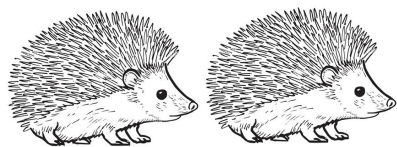
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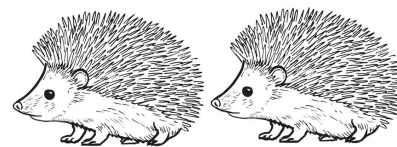
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# PLEASE HELP THE HOGGIES



Anyone who knows me will know that I am passionate about hedgehogs. We have three *hedgehog highways* in our garden fence and get nightly visits from our spikey friends when they come to café hog for their dinner. I also collect hedgehogs from local rescue centres and release them in our garden where they wander off via the *hedgehog highways* to begin their adventures. These *hedgehog highways* (4" holes at the bottom of our fence) are important for 'hoggies' as they allow them to wander from garden-to-garden foraging for much needed food. The biggest cause of their demise is starvation and contrary to belief hedgehogs do not eat slugs and snails but they do eat centipedes and bugs which they will forage from your garden.

Every evening, I feed my spikey visitors tinned dog food (in jelly not gravy) and I mix it with Brambles hedgehog biscuit which I buy from Mole country store. Not all hedgehog biscuit is of good quality so anyone feeding hedgehogs should source a good quality recommend brand such as Brambles. It is important to always put out water in a shallow bowl.

With this in mind I am asking that everyone reading this post will please sign and share this parliament petition (link below) To make hedgehog surveys & mitigation measures compulsory for all new developments. Hedgehogs are in decline and without our help they will cease to exist. Please do not let this happen. We are a long way from the target number of 100.000 signatures needed to get this petition considered for debate in parliament (currently we are over 8000) if every one of us sign and share then we can reach the target and make a difference. Sharing on social media will give a significant boost!

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/658072>

*Rosie Jordan*



## COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Lunch will be Hunters Chicken, chips, peas and corn served at 12.45pm -1pm, followed by Pineapple Upside Down dessert. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £8.00, with Ian & Cheryl Bartholomew on 01359 258349 by 5pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

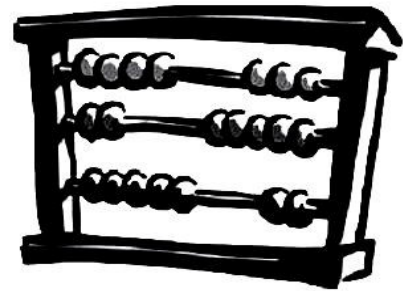
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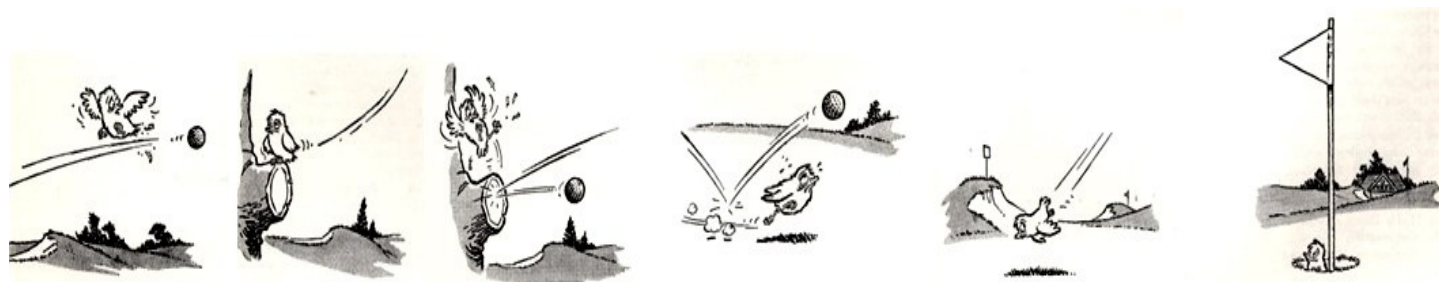


What a lovely morning we had on Easter Saturday with 150 people, young and old, coming into the woods to celebrate the now traditional Egg Hunt. The weather was kind and the children got going enthusiastically with the task of looking for clues and answering the questions that led them to the birch circle and their prize of an egg lying resplendent in its nest especially created for the event. There was live music in the air provided by Hattie from Wattisfield and there was fun to be had making mud wildflower seed eggs which could then be ‘bombed’ in the Jubilee Wood Blossom Circle. Then a chance to enjoy one of Wooster’s wonderful hot cross buns, tea and coffee before folk wandered home to enjoy the rest of the long weekend.

It is such a joy to see the woods being used and enjoyed by the community, especially now that the Wild Wood is starting to look like a wood and with the blossom and the leaves in their glorious springtime greens making it a very special place to be.

Thank you to all who helped and those who came to the event and watch this space for more woodland events.

*John Stebbing Secretary to the Walsham Wild Woods Steering Group  
john@architectatwork.co.uk 07831 325610*



## WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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

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

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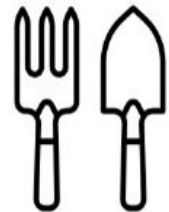


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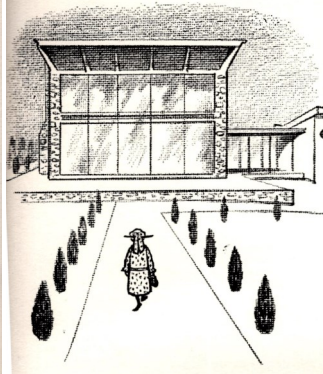
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# DIARY OF EVENTS

<b>MAY</b>		Sun 25th	Open Gardens	All
Wed 8th	W.I. Annual Meeting	Mon 26th	Gardens Weekend	Day
	Priory Room	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
	7.45pm	Wed 11th	History Group	
Sun 12th	History Gp Spring Walk		Village Hall	7.30pm
	Six Bells			
	1030am	Tue 24th	Music	
Tue 14th	Flower Project		St Mary's	12.00pm
	Sports Club	<b>OCTOBER</b>		
	10.30am	Sat 12th	Music	
Wed 15th	Lunchtime Music		St Mary'	7.30pm
	St Mary's			
	12.30pm	Wed 16th	History Group	
	History Group		Priory Room	7.30pm
	Village Hall	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
	7.30pm	Wed 20th	History Group	
<b>JUNE</b>			Priory Room	7.30pm
Wed 12th	W.I. Wild Wood Visit	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	Wild Wood	Tues 10th	History Group	
	7.45pm		Priory Room	7.30pm
Wed 19th	History Group			
	St Mary's			
	7.30pm			
Sun 26th	Music			
	St Mary's			
	2.00pm			
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Thur 1st	Lunchtime Music			
	St Mary's			
	12.00pm			



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### **Sunday Night Bingo**

12th & 19th May  
2nd, 16th & 30th June  
7pm Start in the clubhouse.

### **Music Evenings**

Friday 10th May . Gemma B.  
Friday 24th May Jo Manning .  
Both are 7.30pm starts.

### **Sunday 26th May Funday**

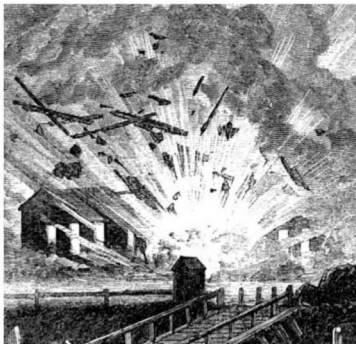
Various attractions including Children's races, Assault course, bouncy castle and much more. Bar open and we have Bertie Bassetts Disco in the evening .

### **Friday 14th June**

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## **CAPTURING & CONVICTING THE BRIGHTON BOMBERS**

*A personal insight, by Paul Jordan, retired  
Forensics Officer with the Met. Police.*

**Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm**

*Priory Room, Walsham-le-Willows.*

*Members Free Visitors £5.00 Refreshments*

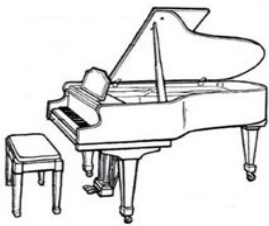
**W**ALSHAM *History Group*  
invites you to join our



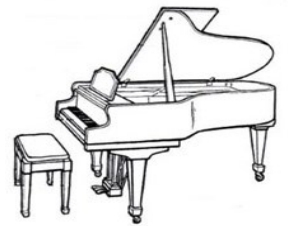
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## **MUSIC IN ST MARY'S CHURCH**



**A Piano Recital  
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**Wednesday 15th May - 12.30pm**

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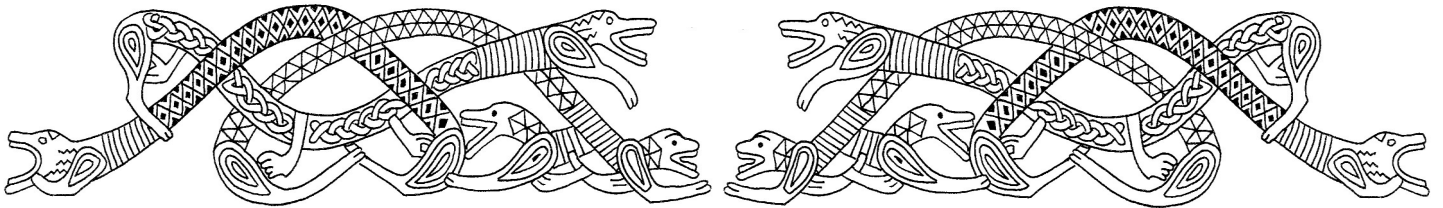
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# ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday 8th at 7.45pm

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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

1. OPENING - including Statement, if any
2. APOLOGIES
  - a. Cllr J Winch and District Cllr R Winch who were on holiday. County Councillor Fleming had also given apologies. .
  - b. Consent was approved as required.
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
  - a. To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – Cllr Bartholomew queried if dispensation was needed for agenda item 11f for himself and Cllrs Roberts and Tuck. The Clerk clarified that Council had previously approved the payment to the Memorial Hall and no changes to signature to approved payments was required.
  - b. To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none received
  - c. To receive requests for dispensation – none required
4. MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
  - a. The minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2024 were approved for and signed as true and accurate record.
  - b. Actions outstanding from last meeting for Cllr Roberts re attention to streetlamp casing; Clerk still to extract SID data.
  - c. Council clarified that appendix 2 of the minute record for 22/11/2023 should have included £,5000 earmarked for ‘Churchyard, Closed, Wall & Trees’ making total earmarked reserves as of 31/03/2024 of £30,500.
5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS - to receive written reports & put questions:
  - a. District Councillor Winch – not present
  - b. County Councillor Fleming – not present
6. PUBLIC FORUM - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters. No members of the public were present.
7. FLOOD RESPONSE & COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN
  - a. Council welcomed the report on progress with Community Emergency Plan and



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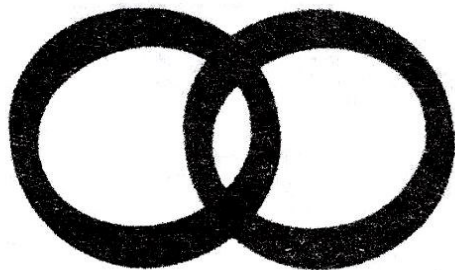
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were very pleased with progress and engagement of village organisations in the process. Potential points of contacts for different areas of the village had largely been provisionally identified. Contact will be made informally and potential volunteers will be invited to a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June. MSDC will provide training for volunteers on rest centre protocols on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

- b. Cllr Mecrow was able to report from an email received just before the meeting that Helen George, Natural Flood Management Coordinator at the Environment Agency, had offered meeting dates. Council decided preferred date would be afternoon of 29<sup>th</sup> May when Memorial Hall will be available. Cllr Mecrow advised that the post flood period needs to be documented in the template provided and sent back to Helen before the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

#### 8. PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2024/25 & ACTION LOGS

- a. Council considered and discussed the clerk's appraisal report as presented by Cllrs Bartholomew and Winch. Recommendation for applying a further increment to SCP 14 which was approved. Clerk to advise payroll.  
*Objectives and proposals were approved with some question and comment as to relevance specifically to clerk's role but these were approved.*
- b. Council considered meeting and agenda management policy proposed by the Clerk following completion of appraisal. With some minor adjustment this was approved and adopted.
- c. Correspondence from Richard Martineau was noted which confirmed his kind offer to allow a footpath or permissive path to be created over his land beside the Summer Road in order to facilitate the Parish Council to promote pedestrian access to Sports Club from the centre of the village.
- d. The clerk's action log was reviewed at request of Cllr Bartholomew. Clerk to update accordingly.

#### 9. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Parish Services Survey deadline is the 28th March 2024. It was established in the meeting that Cllr Belson had already completed this on behalf of the Parish Council. Clerk to request confirmation that this has been received and also request a copy for the record.
- b. West Suffolk Hybrid Planning Application, Shepherd's Grove, Ref. No: DC/22/2190/HYB **WSDC Confirmed Refusal** It is anticipated that this decision will probably now be appealed by the developer. Cllr Belson noted the telephone call he had received from the Chair of Hepworth Parish Council, Gary Bloomfield, asking if WleW would like to be involved, along with any other interested parishes, in a meeting he is trying to set up with West Suffolk District Council to explore the situation following the refusal application. Cllr Belson had indicated that Walsham le Willows is eager to be involved.

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

- a. DC/24/00519 Proposal: Householder Application- Erection of new willow screen fencing and wooden pergola over small garden hot tub (retention of)  
Location: 1 Vine Cottages, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **MSDC Granted Permission**

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*The Parish Council expressed surprise and confusion about the basis for this decision. The Clerk was asked to draft some questions for circulation which when approved will be shared with District Councillor Winch to ask him if he is able to take them forward with MSDC.*

- b. APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL - AGRICULTURAL TO DWELLING - DC/24/00473 Proposal: Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling (Class C3), and for Associated Operational Development under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Convert barn to form 1No Dwelling. Location: Cobbold, West Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AP **MSDC Granted Permission**

## 11. FINANCE & AUDIT

- a. The bank reconciliation and financial year end statement for period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 were approved and signed.
- b. The year end report of Neighbourhood CIL expenditure was approved and signed for submission. Cllr Mecrow proposed that the clerk prepares a notice on CIL receipts and expenditure for publication in the Observer.
- c. The Annual Governance Statements (Section 1) were considered, completed and approved and duly signed by Chair and Clerk prior to submission to internal auditor.
- d. The Annual Accounting Statement (Section 2) was approved for signature by the Clerk and Chair prior to submission to internal auditor.
- e. Council considered the draft update to risk register (last reviewed 27/02/2024) re flooding, for approval. It was decided to remove this whole section the basis that this did not address a risk directly to the Parish Council, its finances assets.
- f. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were approved for payment (Appendix 1).

## 12. CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a. Cllrs Mecrow & Roberts reported back on the resounding success of this year's spring litter pick and expressed thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers both new and old with special thanks to those who covered routes away from their home area ensuring all routes were covered. More routes were picked this year than in the past few years largely because recruitment of volunteers was more successful with more coming forward. More rubbish was collected than in the last few years. Cllr Mecrow to send an image of the rubbish pile. Clerk to publicise.
- b. Cllr Bartholomew referred to his report about issues at Play Area.
  - i. The posts on the rope swing had been successfully replaced by Premier Play Solutions.
  - ii. Cllr Roberts will attach striking plates and refit the catches in the hope that this will resolve the issue.
  - iii. Cllr Bartholomew will report back to next meeting on emptying of new recycling bins by MSDC. If they are not emptied the misuse of these will have to be addressed in some way.
- c. Council noted the advice of upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> statutory phase of consultation,



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pursuant to s42 of the Planning Act 2008, on the Norwich to Tilbury Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. Cllr Belson proposed that as many councillors as possible attend the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting that is being held on this and that Council then decide if a response should be made for the mid/late June deadline. Clerk to add to next agenda.

- d. Council considered other matters of concern or noting for next agenda.
  - i. Cllr Mecrow pointed to clarity of explanation of variance ‘Other Expenses’. Clerk to amend.
  - ii. Cllr Mecrow requested amendment to transparency notices for consistency. Clerk to amend.
- e. Meeting closed at 20:26. Next Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7pm – **Annual Meeting** - Memorial Hall. Cllr Belson gave his apologies on advance.

## APPENDIX 1

### Payments for Authorisation April 2024

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	SALC	£522.36	Annual subs to Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils
2	HMRC Cumbernauld	£429.11	PAYE
3	Parish Council Employee	£629.98	Pay
4	SCC	£1,938.51	Streetlighting Maintenance & Energy
5	Memorial Village Hall	£54.00	Hall hire 11/13 <sup>th</sup> March
6	SALC	£54.00	Payroll service (6 months)
7	Premier Play Solutions	£1,500.00	Replacement two posts on rope swing
8	Memorial Village Hall	£2,267.00	Neighbourhood CIL grant
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	MSDC <b>DUE</b> by 30/04/2024	£12,499.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Payment Precept

## MAY CHURCH SERVICES

<b>28th April</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>		3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	<b>19th May</b>	<b>Penecost Whit Sunday</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe	11.00am	Benefice Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Service	Finningham	<b>26th May</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
<b>5th May</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>		8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham	<b>2nd June</b>	<b>1st Sunday after Trinity</b>	
11.00am	Benefice Communion	Wattisfield	8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>12th May</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>		9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
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# COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

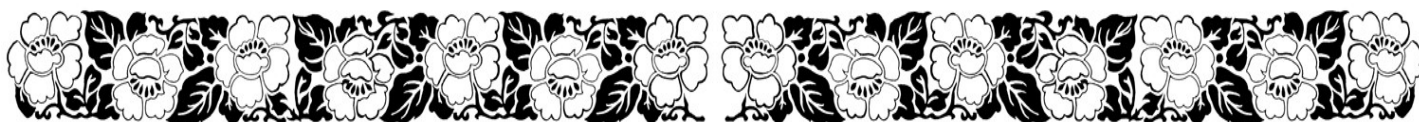
## Income and Expenditure Report 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024

Over the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 the Parish Council has received Neighbourhood CIL grants from MSDC totalling £84,507.41.

CIL is generated by a levy on the developers of new housing to fund improvements to the infrastructure alongside the increased housing. Neighbourhood CIL is paid to parish councils at a rate of 15% of the available total collected from developers where there is no adopted Neighbourhood Plan. As we now have and adopted Neighbourhood Plan any future development will generate grants at a rate of 25% for the Parish Council.

<b>CIL BIDS granted and paid by the Parish Council</b>	<b>Amount (net of VAT recoverable)</b>
Streetlighting phase iii	£5,680.31
Churchyard Wall Major Repairs	£7,478.00
Allotment Shed Repairs	£1,000.00
Village Sign Replace & Repair	£247.50
Memorial Hall Stage	£5,628.25
Wild Wood Platinum, Jubilee Bench (materials)	£179.81
Professional Kitchen equipment Memorial Hall	£2,500.00
Play Area Development	£30,000.00
Surfacing of allotments track	£1,540.25
Streetlighting phase iv	£7,979.53
Container for gym equipment at Sports Club	£8,000.00
Priory Room	£7,500.00
Memorial Hall Solar Project	£2,267.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£80,000.65</b>
<b>CIL BIDS granted but still to be paid</b>	
Bowls Club electrical work (granted, still to be paid)	£2,258.00
PCC Path Lighting (granted, still to be paid)	£2,248.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£84,507.41</b>

Position as at 11/04/2024



What is the name given to a strip of paper only one side and one edge?

# GREEN DILEMMAS

## The Future for Water Companies

Water companies have come under huge amounts of scrutiny recently because of the amount of sewage that is being pumped into our rivers and seas. The latest figures suggest 3.6 million hours of sewage discharges last year even though this is only meant to happen in exceptional circumstances. According to the Rivers Trust, in 2023, the sewer storm overflow at Walsham le Willows spilled 25 times for a total of 118.50 hours and the sewer storm overflow at Badwell Ash spilled 79 times for a total of 1,107.72 hours.

These issues have triggered a debate about the role of water companies. These companies are private monopolies and since privatisation over £70 billion has been paid in dividends to shareholders most of whom are foreign private investment companies or foreign pensions funds. Water companies have also racked up huge debts amounting to over £50 billion - about £2000 per household.

The question is what should be done going forward? Here are some of the main options that you see discussed with some pluses and minuses.

**Carry on with the current model.** This would mean keeping the privatised water industry but with greatly increased charges to customers in order to pay for the required infrastructure upgrades. This is what the industry is currently lobbying for. Opinion polls suggest that most people don't want to pay higher prices for a monopoly service that hasn't delivered.

**Full public ownership by buying out shareholders.** The main logic here is that there isn't any competition anyway and it would be better if all extra profits went into upgrading the infrastructure. This option would probably have a lot of popular support. However, the cost of buying out the shareholders at current market valuation and paying off the water companies' debts is something most governments wouldn't want to contemplate given the pressure on public finances.

**Force water companies to honour their legal commitments or rue the consequences.** The end logic here is that you would in effect prevent the payment of dividends if companies were in breach of their obligations. The problem with this option is that water companies wouldn't be able to attract any additional financial investment. For example, Thames Water has £18m of debt and urgently needs more investment as it can't even meet its own interest payments. The argument is that if the government allows Thames Water to go bust and default on all its loans it would inevitably dent confidence in investing in UK PLC.

**Acquire shares in water companies as part of an agreed process.** This option would require the companies to transfer a significant element of share ownership as part of any deal around investment, pricing and meeting legal commitments. It would combine an element of public ownership with private investment. The reality is that this would be difficult to get agreed.

If this all sounds like we are being held to ransom by the water industry investors this is pretty much the case. Privatising a natural monopoly that sells a product that the customer has to use was a pretty stupid decision and getting out of the mess won't be easy.

*Richard Winch*





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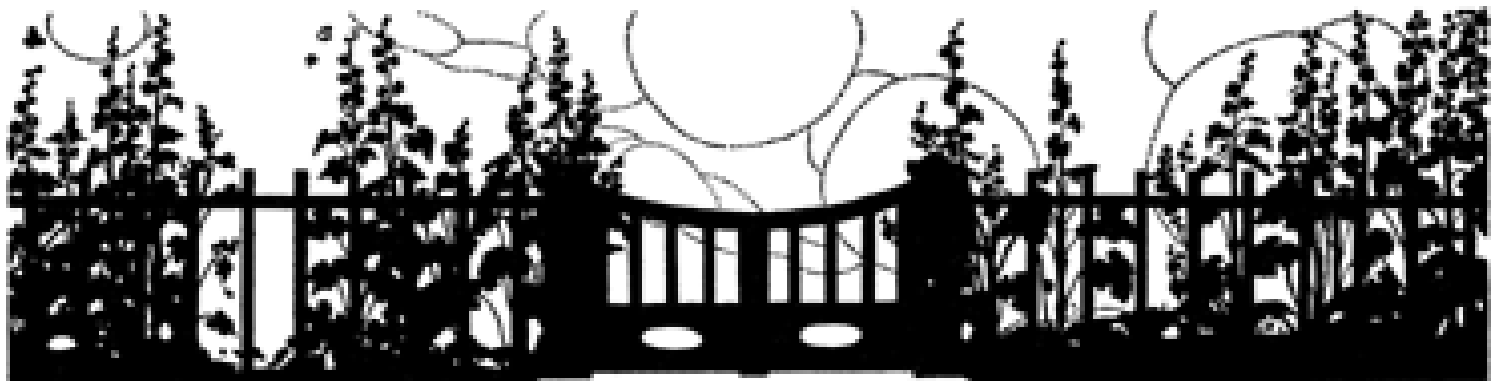
# WILDLIFE IN MAY

Life is now in abundance in our gardens and when walking about, waking up from those colder dark months, warming themselves in the sunshine and busily preparing to breed the next generation. You may remember back in the March edition that I wrote I had a camera bird nestbox, I am pleased to say we have had a guest check in, it is a Blue Tit. It is mostly the female that builds the nest with no or very little help from the male. It took her around just over a week to complete the nest, gathering materials from the garden, using hanging basket inserts, mosses and feathers. Most of the feathers that were gathered came from a Dove that had been hunted by a bird of prey in our garden. She also made little peak marks around the entrance hole, this is not to try to make the entrance bigger but to tell other birds this box is taken! Males will stay close by to defend the territory but mostly to keep an eye on the female to make sure she does not mate with any other males. Although she had marked that this bird box was taken we did have another Blue Tit come and have a look which our bird was not best pleased about and hissed at the intruder until they went away. Blue Tits will on average lay around 8-12 eggs, but it can be as many up to 16, they are a glossy white with brown speckles. We have at the moment 6 eggs in the nest box, and she should lay one a day mostly in the morning until her clutch is complete. She will not start to incubate them until all the clutch is laid, until then the embryos will lay dormant. Once she begins to incubate the eggs they will take around 2 weeks to hatch, so hopefully I will have an update in the next edition. Feathers crossed!

Lots of bugs are becoming more visible to us and an invertebrate that may remind you of your childhood chasing these flying beasts around is the Cockchafer. Also known as a May Bug, Doodlebug, Chovy or a Billy Witch! They are large beetles which have brown wing cases and legs, they also have antennae that are shaped into a fan. You will see them mostly in the evening after the sun has set, and will find them around streetlamps or banging into a lit-up window. As larvae they spend their time underground for around 3-5 years, they can be a pest in large numbers as they will eat grass and vegetable roots. After emerging as adults they will only live for 6 weeks, in this time they eat leaves and flowers, and are in search for a mate before time runs out. When they have found a mate the female will lay the eggs in the soil, once hatched they burrow into the soil and the lifecycle will start once again.

Be sure to look in and around your ponds this month as it will be full of life with Dragonflies, Water Beetles and the children's favourite the Tadpoles.

*Angie Bennington.*





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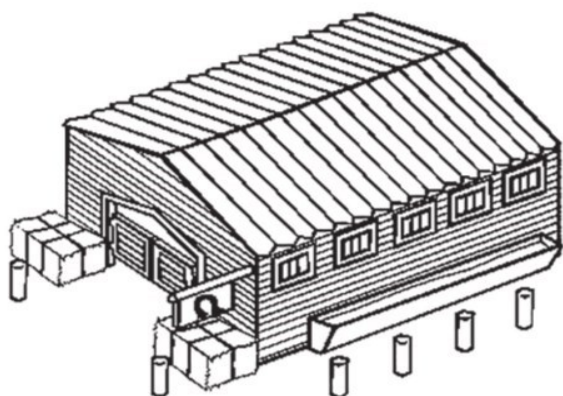
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First of all, book a time slot by typing **Bury St Edmunds Recycling** into your browser and click on the link. You will then be asked for your name, car registration and time that you would like, as well as one or two questions to make sure that you are not going to deposit quantities of trade waste. It's as simple as that!

Once there it's quite simple to find the right container to put your 'rubbish', including a **Re-use container** for items which may have not actually come to the end of their useful life.

In partnership with Suffolk County Council and FCC Environment a Re-use shop is based at Centre All items are checked and tested by the shop staff and only suitable items are sold in there. There's a wide range of items for sale, including: Electrical items, Furniture, Children's Toys, Prams/highchairs and other baby and toddler items, Sports Equipment, CD's, DVD's and books, Bicycles, DIY and garden tools. (No appointment is required to visit the Re-use Shop). They take in donated items and the profits made by selling them help the Benjamin Foundation to fund their work for children, families and adults who need our help.

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It could cause quite a glitch.  
So I put the rubbish in the car,  
And dump it in the ditch.

Once having read the daily press;  
No broadsheet my brains test.  
I chuck it out the window,  
The wind just does the rest.

The chips, the crisps, the bottles,  
I spread them far and wide.  
The fag ends, cans and packets

Are thrown out on my ride.  
But even with the big things,  
Just like my old settee,  
I put them in a roomy van,  
And dump them 'neath a tree.

Tellies, bikes, and freezers,  
All things I once held dear.  
I never take them to a tip  
If a lovely spot is near.

But now I get to wonder,  
If I can dump so free.  
Maybe some other lazy sods,  
Will dump their trash on me.

*Torban Ruben-Ash*



Which British group claimed, in their 1972 album, to be 'Fragile'?

# OPENING NIGHT

Readers, in the dark days of February and March, before the ritual of the clock change, may have looked forlornly out of the kitchen window at the saturated ground and wondered how it would be possible for any decent bounce to be extracted from a decent length ball in April; but here we are, and the first ball will leave the high arm of George Macrae arcing it's journey of 22 yards. The members of Amalgamated Union of Pipe Welders and Wicketkeepers will place their offerings on the altar, and hope that the back holds out for one more season as they gather the ball somewhere around the lateral malleolus. Such is the lot of those card-carrying union members until sometime in June. It is a wonder that they don't strike for better playing conditions.

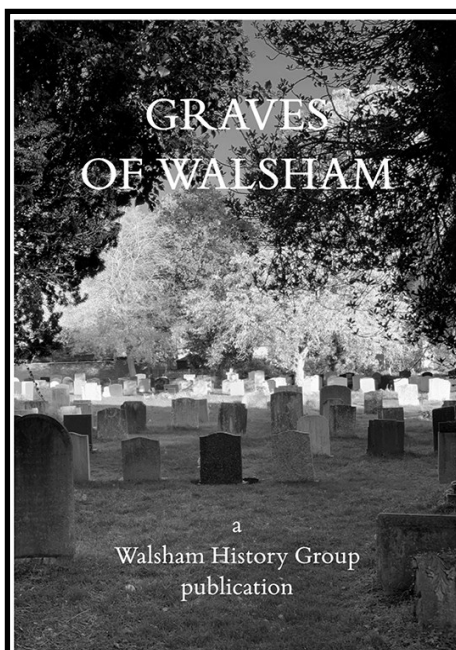
Season 2024 at Walsham Le Willow Cricket Club promises to be another barnstormer. The winter has seen much activity; Chairperson Meyer, through the hard work of Ben Clarke, has a '5-Year Plan'; the spinning jenny of a mobile net is ready for deployment; new carpet has been laid for the static nets and the Annual Club Dinner has been hosted – complete with the end-of-pier joke reserved for such an occasion.

In the Junior Section, new teams have been inaugurated, with the U19 joining forces with Bardwell to field a side; U15s, U13, U11 and U9 girls and boys are ready for a season of fun; Anthony Macrae has cranked up the Mechanical Turk into action to figure out a full set of fixtures; and the All Stars and Dynamos start on the 10<sup>th</sup> May (be sure to sign-up).

At the other end of the demographic, the older, not necessarily wiser, cohorts are heading out under the leadership of Messrs Jackson, Campbell (N) and Ridding (L) - with hope that they all achieve their aims for promotion in their respective leagues. The Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has the potential to be a stand-out for the Club, as it brings the canny mix of old-uns and young-uns together.

But the final word should be reserved for Mr Neil Baker, who will pack away his kit-bag in the attic of retirement this year. He is, without doubt, a huge part of the Club; great teammate and friend; wily left-armer and gallant cover-driver. His presence on the field will be missed, but his place on the bench is reserved for him to cast judgement.

*James French*



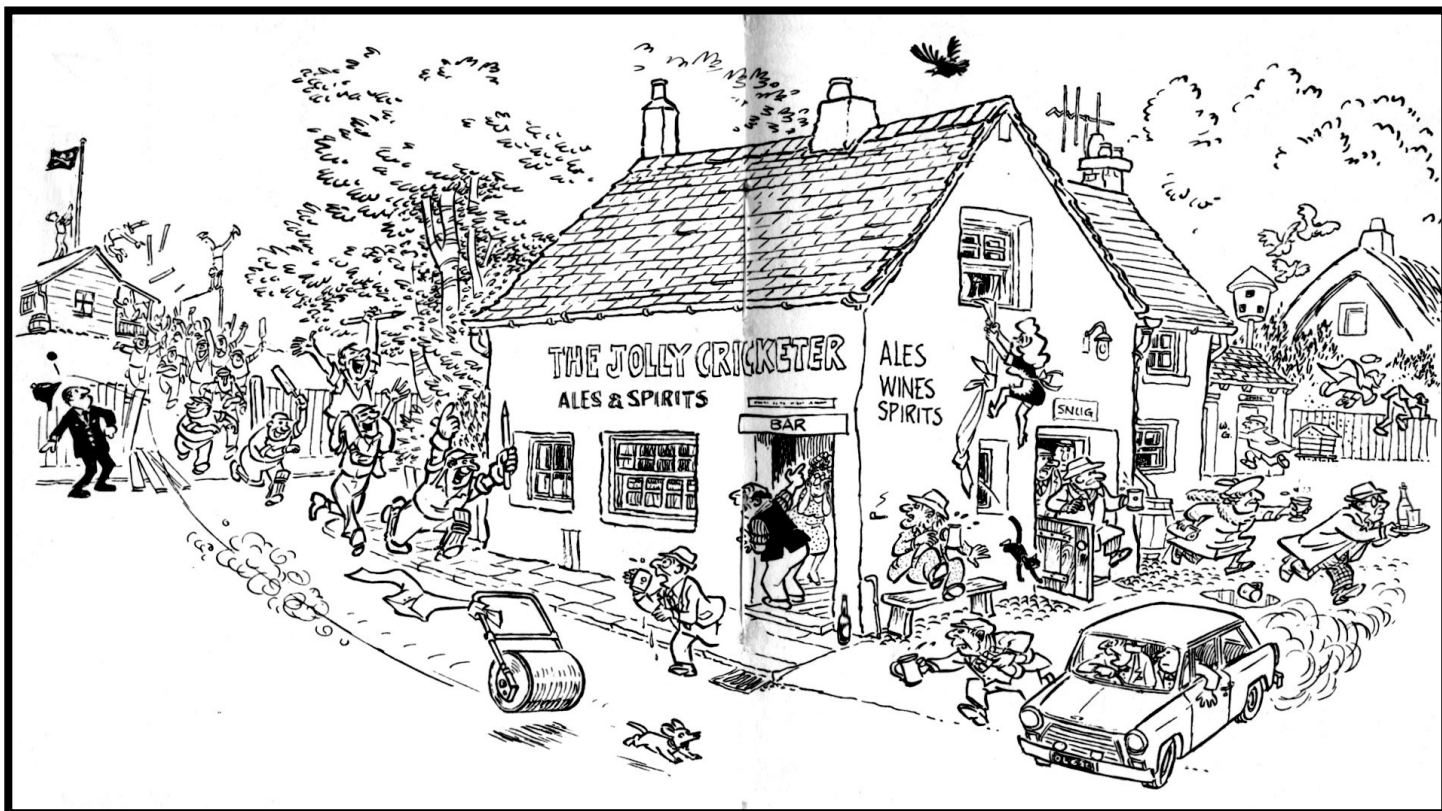
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# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before *The Cricketers* is drunk dry or wrecked!!*



Which French noblewoman assassinated Jean-Paul Marat in his bath?

# MEN'S SHED

This is a phenomenon that has materialised across the country in recent years perhaps as a consequence of housing becoming denser with less room for gardens and the natural inhabitant, a garden shed: it was the refuge for the man of the house to play with his man's toys, the saw, the plane, the various tools for repairing household appliances, etc. The new concept of this Shed is that it has become a communal shed in which the manly pursuits mentioned above can be conducted in the company of other men to the benefit of their social well-being as well as constructing things.

Here at the Sports Club, we already have a sort of Men's Shed in the shape of a small body of retired 'gentlemen' who spend most of their time maintaining the playing areas, repairing and servicing machinery and generally keeping the whole club tidy and shipshape. The question we have asked ourselves is whether this loose arrangement merits a more formal approach with the facilities we have or can create, so that a wider group of people could use the Club to work on personal items for their own homes as well as Club property. It would enable a wider array of tools to be justified to the benefit of both Club and the community.

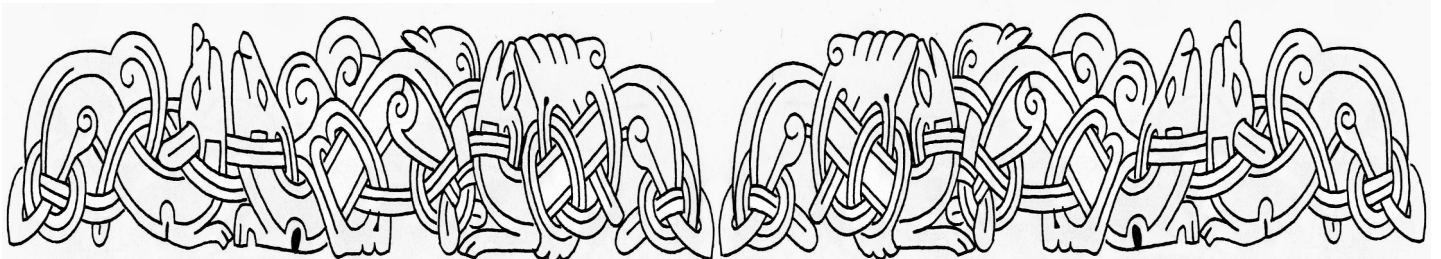
Assuming there is a local appetite for such a venture, it will need managing and the advice we have received is that Men's Sheds work best when they have a leader and coordinator who can work with fellow enthusiasts. With this in mind, we would welcome the chance to find out if there is interest from the Parish and wider community in forming a group.

A suggested date is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at the Sports Club** where interested parties can have a drink and discuss the idea



*Mike Powles/ Ian Campbell*

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# SPORTS CLUB REPORT

## Football

The First Team have had an excellent finish to the season. They drew 1-1 at home to Fakenham Town. They then thrashed Soham 3-0 at home before defeating Sheringham at home 4-2. On Easter Monday they won 3-1 at Soham, despite being one down with just ten minutes to go. They then drew 2-2 at home to third placed Dereham Town, before beating fourth placed Mulbarton Wanderers 1-0 away. They then defeated Ely City 2-0, before finishing the season with a 4-0 thrashing of Heacham. They were unbeaten in their last eleven matches winning eight of those games. They finished eight in the table with 57 points. A tremendous achievement, as they didn't have a single point until the beginning of September. Add the Vase run to this and it was a season to remember.

The Under 23s still have 3 games to go all at home. They are yet to win a game in April, although they drew 1-1 away at table topping Stowmarket Town in their latest fixture.

The Under 18s lost their Suffolk Midweek under 18s Cup Semi-final with Haverhill Rovers 1-0. They then lost at home to Haverhill 3-1 in the league. Their latest fixture saw them draw 1-1 at home to Bury Town.

The Veterans beat Somersham 2-1 away. It was their first win of 2024.

## Bowls.

The Tuesday afternoon team had a good win at home to St Botolphs whilst both the Wednesday and Thursday evening teams lost their opening matches away to Bildeston and Risbygate respectively.

Home fixtures for May.

Tue 7th v Stowupland 2.00pm

Wed 15th v Gipping Swallow 6.45pm

Thur 16th v Gt Barton 6 45pm

Mon 20th v Bacton 6.45pm

Tue 21st v Gt Barton 2.00pm

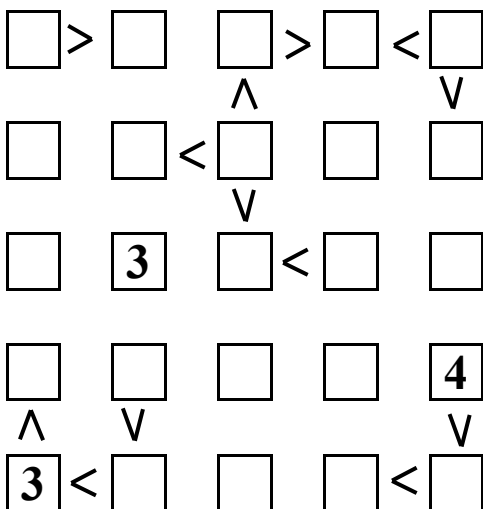
Tue 28th v Gipping EE 2.00pm

Wed 29th v Haughley 6.45pm

Thur 30th v Old Newton Red 6.45pm

*Gordon Ross*

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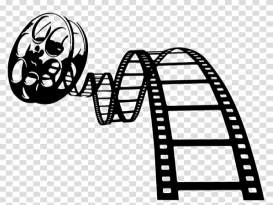
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## TUESDAY

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  
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# EVENTS

7.00pm Second Wed of the Month  
**THURSDAY**

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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  
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Walking Netball Sports Club  
6:00pm till 7:00pm  
Community Yoga Priory Room  
7.15 pm till 9.15 pm

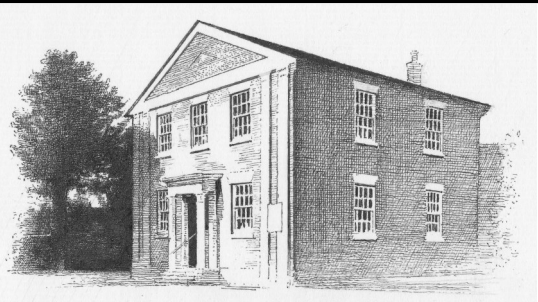
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## Jesus Dies & Jesus Lives.

At the time of writing, Easter week is still a few days away and by the time this new edition of Walsham Observer lands upon the doormat it will all be behind us for another year. Standing upon the threshold of April, the happily spent bank holidays will soon be forgotten, the chocolate will be eaten, the flowers given to loved ones beginning to fade; but what of the timeless, eternal truth of Easter? Will it too be forgotten? Or, more to the point, has it really been considered in the first place?

This is the season of the year that Christians tend to particularly remember the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, as these events are truly central to the Christian Faith, world history, and the eternal future of every human soul.

That the Lord Jesus Christ died upon a Roman cross at Calvary is a well-established historical fact, but his death was not unique in this, as countless thousands have died over the years by crucifixion. Death, in some form, is of course the expected end of all that are ever born, ***“For as in Adam all die”*** (1 Corinthians 15:22). The death of Jesus Christ was however no ordinary death. It was not the death of one who died as a martyr for a worthy cause; it was not of one who died to give us a supreme example of self-sacrifice and self-denial. He did not die to publicise some great injustice or promote a political ideology; he certainly did not die, as some have done, to gain notoriety and a place in the history books or on social media.

Jesus’ death was unique in that he was the only person that has ever lived that did not actually deserve to die. The Bible clearly teaches that, ***“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”*** (Romans 3:23) and, ***“The wages of sin is death”*** (Romans 6:23). As we have recently considered at Christmas, ***“God was manifest in the flesh”*** (1 Timothy 3:16), meaning that Jesus is God and therefore, ***“Is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners”*** (Hebrews 7:26). Jesus therefore being perfect was unworthy of death, so it was not for the punishment of his own sin that he died, but he died in the place of all of his people, who through all ages would love, trust, and follow him as their Lord and Saviour.

Jesus said, ***“I lay down my life, that I might take it again”*** (John 10:17) so he is also unique in that death and the grave could not hold him. ***“He rose again the third day according to the scriptures”*** (Acts 27:14) ***“After that, he was seen of over 500 brethren at once”*** (1 Corinthians 15:6). This then is another historic fact, even testified of by the elite Roman soldiers who were set to guard the tomb, so indisputable was the testimony that the chief priests, ***“When they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money to the soldiers”*** (Matthew 28:12) in order that they should lie and deny the wonders they had seen.

At that first Easter, Pontius Pilate asked a pertinent question, ***“What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?”*** (Matthew 27:22). We must love and trust him with our whole heart as he alone, ***“Hast the words of eternal life”*** (John 6:68) ***“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”*** (John 11:25-26)

# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Page Bottom Quiz

1. Potato, 2. Hamlet, 3. New York City, 4. The Alps, 5. Velodrome, 6. The nose, 7. Four, 8. The Who, 9. Paul Newman, 10. August (31<sup>st</sup>), 11. Lisa Kudrow, 12. Ares, 13. Kuala Lumpur, 14. Stevie Wonder, 15. Coulomb, 16. Peach, 17. New York, 18. Rudolph Diesel, 19. Druidism, 20. Seal, 21. Henry VIII, 22. Vincent van Gogh, 23. Jane, 24. General Augusto Pinochet, 25. John Lennon, 26. Osiris, 27. Bayreuth, 28. Mobius Strip, 29. Skiing, 30. The locust, 31. Victoria, 32. Utopia, 33. Genesis, 34. Yes, 35. Hamelin, 36. Charlotte Corday, 37. Alexandre Dumas, 38. 2,3,5 & 7, 39. American Civil War, 40. Three under, 41. Maurice Ravel, 42. Chromium, 43. The Nile, 44. Central Park, 45. Potatoes,

### Sudoku

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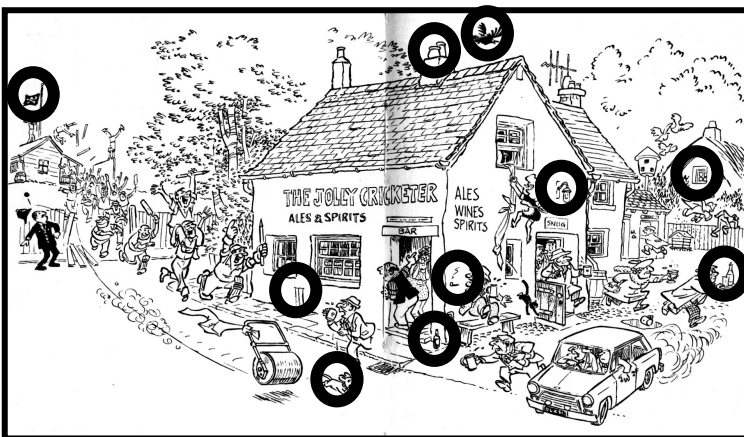
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### More or Less

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### Spot the Difference



### Searching for Words

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Ears	End	Era	Eras
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Mean	Mear	Men	Mend
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# **WALSHAM LE WILLOWS VILLAGE HALL**

The Community Council committee  
welcome you to the

**MVH Coffee Shop  
In the Garden and the Hall**

**Open 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.’**