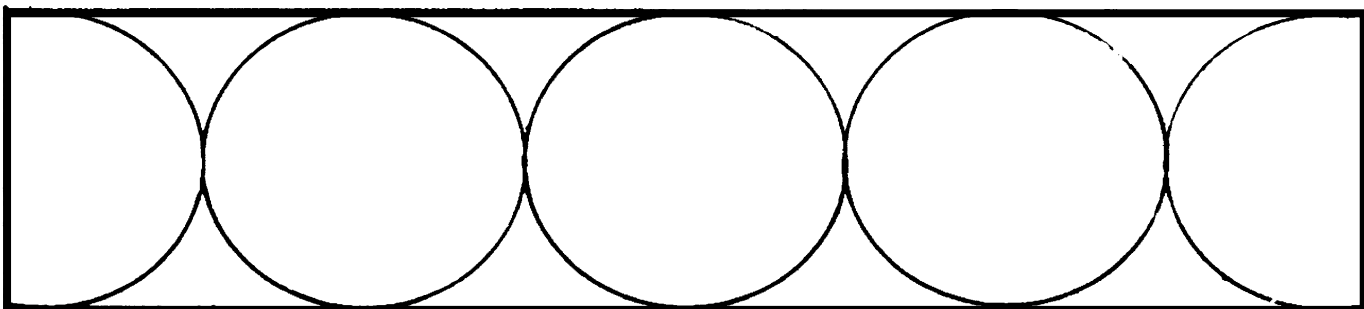
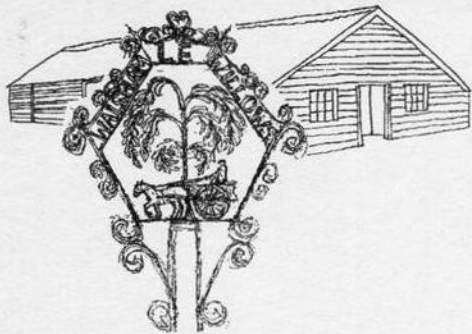


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EDITORIAL

Following the announcement that bus route 73 was to be axed, there has been a slight rethink. If you, or your friends or family, have an interest in trying to persuade the powers that be to retain the service do take a look at **page 17**. The service is a necessity for a number of residents.

Hopefully your Observer has arrived in time for you to be reminded of the **Village Quiz** which is being held in the **Village Hall on Friday 1st at 8.00pm**. Details were included in last month's magazine on page 49. Entries need to be in by Friday 25th, but hopefully any late entries will be accepted - if not too late!!

At almost the other end of the month **Walsham Picturehouse** presents another **Cinema Evening with Supper on Friday 22nd**. The film this time **The Hundred-Foot Journey**. For details go to pages 21 & 26.

The Sports Club are having a rash of entertainments this month, starting with a **Race Night on Saturday 16th**. A **Comedy Night on Friday 22nd**, for which various ticket prices are available, and **Chamonix Aspen**, which is described as '*an evening of drag, comedy, dancing and outrageous fun*' - clearly a night not to be missed - on **Friday 29th**.

The History Group continue their monthly meetings with a talk entitled **Supernatural Suffolk on Wednesday 22nd**. By all accounts the talk about Tithe Maps was excellent, so let's hope that this one follows the trend.

The Walsham Art Group are holding their annual show from **Friday 22nd to Monday 25th** in the **Priory Room**. Do look for further details on the Diary of Events pages.

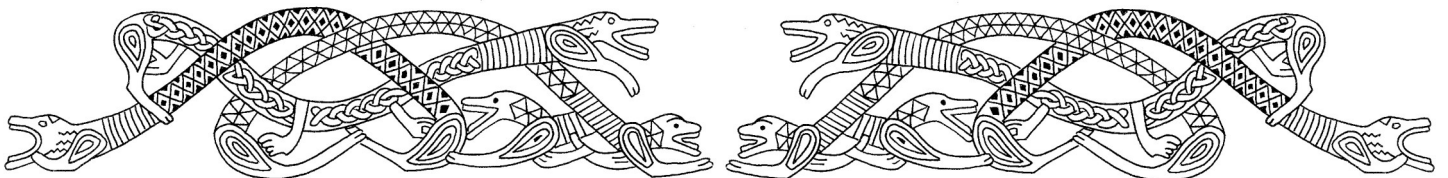
A late arrival in the entertainment stakes is an evening with **Charlie Haylock**, in the **Memorial Village Hall on Saturday 30th November**, further details can be found on page 23, and as they say '*book early to avoid disappointment*'.

At the end of the month there is the beginning of the run up to Christmas with the annual **Tree Lighting and Christmas Fayre at St Mary's**. This year it's on **Saturday 30th November, start at 2.00pm**. For those who do not frequent St Mary's, otherwise, here is a good time, not only to have an enjoyable afternoon, but also to meet Catriona Brinkley, our ne 'vicar'.

With Christmas in mind and the annual visit of **The Epiphany Singers on Saturday 4th January**, do take a look at page 50 to see if you can help in any way with this very enjoyable annual event. Any offers of help would be much appreciated.

The Community Council would like to express their thanks for the **donations** that have been made towards the cost of producing monthly copies of the Observer. It is very reassuring to feel that a number of people feel that the magazine is worth supporting.

On another money raising issue, I was delighted by the response of those being prepared to sponsor my cycling for the **Suffolk Historic Churches** last month. I have managed to get most of the donations in (for the 21 churches and 40 miles) but one or two have 'slipped through the net'. If I have not managed to locate you, you can drop your donation into Rolfes, who will see that I receive it.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

Planning for flooding

Working together and planning ahead are the most effective and safe ways to ensure that as a resilient community we are prepared for, provide a coordinated response to, and recover from, a flooding event.

There is lots of information readily available to discover if your property is at risk of flooding, for example, the check for flooding website predicts your properties flooding risk from rivers and groundwater by postcode (**check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk**).

If your home or business is at risk of flooding, you can register to get flood warnings by calling **Floodline on 0345 988 1188** or online **www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings**. The service is free and you will receive advice, flood alerts and warnings by phone, text or email.

Flooding can happen quickly giving you little time to act, if your property is at risk of flooding. You should have a personal flood plan ready for your household (**www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan/personal-flood-plan**). Keep your flood plan in a safe place alongside a grab bag with essential items, for example medication, important documents and contact details.

As well as your own individual or household flood plan, the Flood Group and the Community Emergency Planning Group are working together on a Community Flood Plan, with the aim of increasing community resilience and protecting the community from the impact of future flooding. Being prepared in advance will make it easier to respond to and recover from a flood. We have considered what a flood looks like in Walsham le Willows and reflected on the experiences of Storm Babet, in October 2023, gaining a greater understanding of the impact, damage and disruption flooding causes to the individual and the community.

As part of the ongoing development and updating of the Community Emergency Plan we have recruited eighteen monitoring volunteers whose role is to observe key locations in the village at risk of flooding, especially along the path of the stream. For example, if the Met Office issues flood warnings and alerts for our region we will contact the volunteers and ask them about the ground conditions, water levels and any flood risks in their neighbourhood. Information will be gathered and actions initiated as a picture of potential flooding in the village is captured.

(**<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings>**)

If the Community Emergency Plan is activated we will then work with and alongside Suffolk Joint Emergency Unit, emergency services and local agencies. We will communicate advice and information to local residents via social media or mobile phones/telephones.

To report flooding in the village please contact the Parish Clerk.

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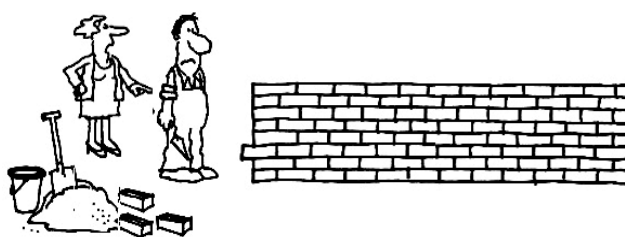
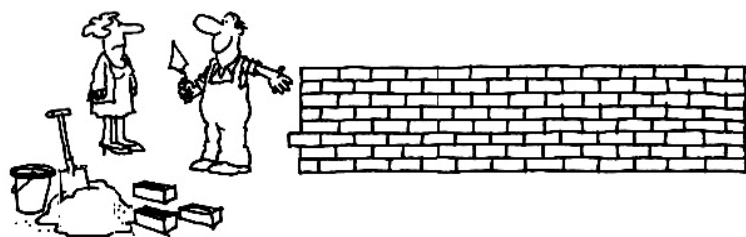
WALSHAM WINS COUNTY AWARD

Each year Suffolk County Council in collaboration with the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and Community Action Suffolk make a series of presentations to acknowledge the enormous importance of the work of volunteers in local communities. This year there were fifteen different awards and Mike Powles, Trevor Roberts and I attended the presentation ceremony at the Stowmarket Museum in order to receive **The Most Active Village** award on behalf of Walsham le Willows.

Volunteers are all those many people who give time and effort to make life better for others. We are extremely lucky to have lots of volunteers in this village, (although there is always space for more), and in all sorts of areas, but this award just focuses on those people who contribute to the things that keep us **active**. Some are obvious – the people who coach the under 11s, mow the bowls green, prepare the cricket square and put up the football nets – but also those who raise money, help maintain the footpaths, organise the running of the allotments, or arrange the guided walks.

And opportunities have expanded a lot in recent years. What about those who worked towards the establishment of a community gym, the people whose efforts have produced a much improved play area, and all those who have aided the creation of our community woods. There are lots of things that can be done in the village if you want to be active: you may want to “pump iron” or grow carrots; you might be the pre-school child going to your Forest School activities in the Wild Wood, or a lady of a certain age going off to the walking netball – or you might just be walking the dog. The opportunities are there on your doorstep and this award is to recognise and to thank all those volunteers who make this possible. Congratulations to you all – you are making life better for others.

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This half term our Harvest Service had to take place in the school hall due to the very heavy rain that we experienced. Despite this last-minute change, we had a really good turn out and the children all adapted really well to the change and the need to have the service in 'sections'. We look forward to visiting the church for our Christmas service. We collected food items for the Walsham-le-Willows Foodbank and had a fantastic response with the whole school community showing compassion with their donations. We have welcomed parents into the school to look at children's learning and share their books as part of parents' evening.

Children from Caterpillar and Ladybird Classes visited the church for a baptism with Vicar Cat and a real baby – thank you to baby George and his Mum for allowing us that have that experience.

Our youngest children in Caterpillars have been finding out what an explorer does and completing some self-portraits. After half term they will be looking at different stories and their settings and writing letters in time for Christmas. They will then be looking forward to putting on the Nativity with Ladybird Class.

Ladybirds are learning about the Victorians and what their life was like when Queen Victoria was on the throne. In maths they will be exploring place value to 100 and taking part in invasion games in PE.

Dragonfly Class have been looking at a local history study and using Bury St Edmunds as the focus. Next half term they will be doing multiplication and division in maths and looking at the changes in Britain, their settlements and land use in history and geography.

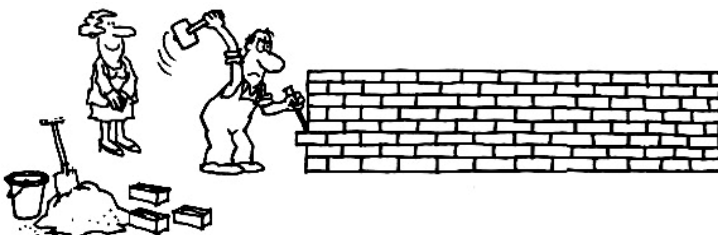
Grasshopper class have taken their learning outside to Colchester Castle where they enjoyed a talk about the Romans and how they lived. In the new half term, Grasshoppers will be exploring life in Medieval England and writing poetry with rhyming couplets. They will be looking at multiplication and division in maths and forces in science.

Crickets have enjoyed finding out about life during World War Two and many of the children have attended PE events at Stowmarket and Ixworth schools. After half term they will be exploring Frozen Kingdoms and looking at the different reasons why The Titanic sunk.

Our theme for the coming half term in collective worship is 'Courage' and we will be looking at different ways we can be courageous. Vicar Cat continues to visit us weekly and the children all look forward to seeing her.

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

Maxine McGarr



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You’re not the only one eager to bag a bargain. The busiest shopping time of the year is also a busy time for cyber criminals who use the spike in spending to disguise their scams as legitimate shopping sites.

Fraudsters are also taking advantage of AI advances to help them produce accurate and professional-looking content to trick victims into giving away their financial details.

It sounds like you’re aware there are risks when buying online and that scammers will try to tempt consumers with special offers, fake reviews and sought-after items at rock bottom prices. The good news is there are ways you can protect yourself and shop safely.

Here are five tips to make sure you don’t end up with more, or less, than you bargained for during this busy shopping season.

- Make sure you don’t feel rushed. Scammers will often create a sense of urgency by claiming it’s a limited offer or price which encourages you to act without taking as much time to consider the purchase.
- Know who you are buying from – if buying from a company you have not used before, check reviews and previous customers’ feedback. If in doubt, don’t buy.
- Be wary of suspicious web links. These may direct you to fake (but realistic looking) websites. It is better to type in the website address yourself.
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One Year On

As I write this, we approach the anniversary of Storm Babet and the flooding which impacted large parts of Suffolk and caused serious flooding in our own community.

So where are we now?

Over the intervening months a great deal of work has gone on in the parish to ensure that all those eligible for grant assistance both in the short term and to fund mitigation measures have received the support they needed. Most of the homes that were flooded have remediated damage and have installed one-way valves, storm gates, constructed clay bunds or made other adaptations in line with the advice they were given by specialist flood surveys or from their own insurance companies.

Who is the Lead Flood Authority?

Suffolk County Council are our Lead Flood Authority and as fifteen properties were flooded internally this made us a Priority 1 for investigation.

Over the autumn, photographic evidence to support a timeline of events and to show specific problems in the catchment area were collated with grid references and notes. These reports related to the topography of the village, surface water and fluvial flood flow and their impact on the stream, ditches, culverts and drains. These reports were submitted to Suffolk County Council in January 2023. We were subsequently informed that Walsham le Willows had been placed 13th on Suffolk County Council's list of communities to be investigated through a formal S19 investigation and this September we were informed that our flood investigation had begun. We expect the findings in the next couple of months and will share the link on the village website and summarise the main points in the Observer as soon as we receive the report.

What about the Environment Agency?

Following a meeting councillors attended in Debenham early in the year we also submitted our reports to the EA. Since then we have had a very useful walk around the village and an initial meeting with the Environment Agency with the offer of follow up support.

What needs to happen next?

After our S19 report is completed, we should be able to identify any areas for further investigation and understand some of the measures that could be taken in and around the village to attempt to reduce the impact of flooding and to mitigate its impacts on residents in the most vulnerable properties.

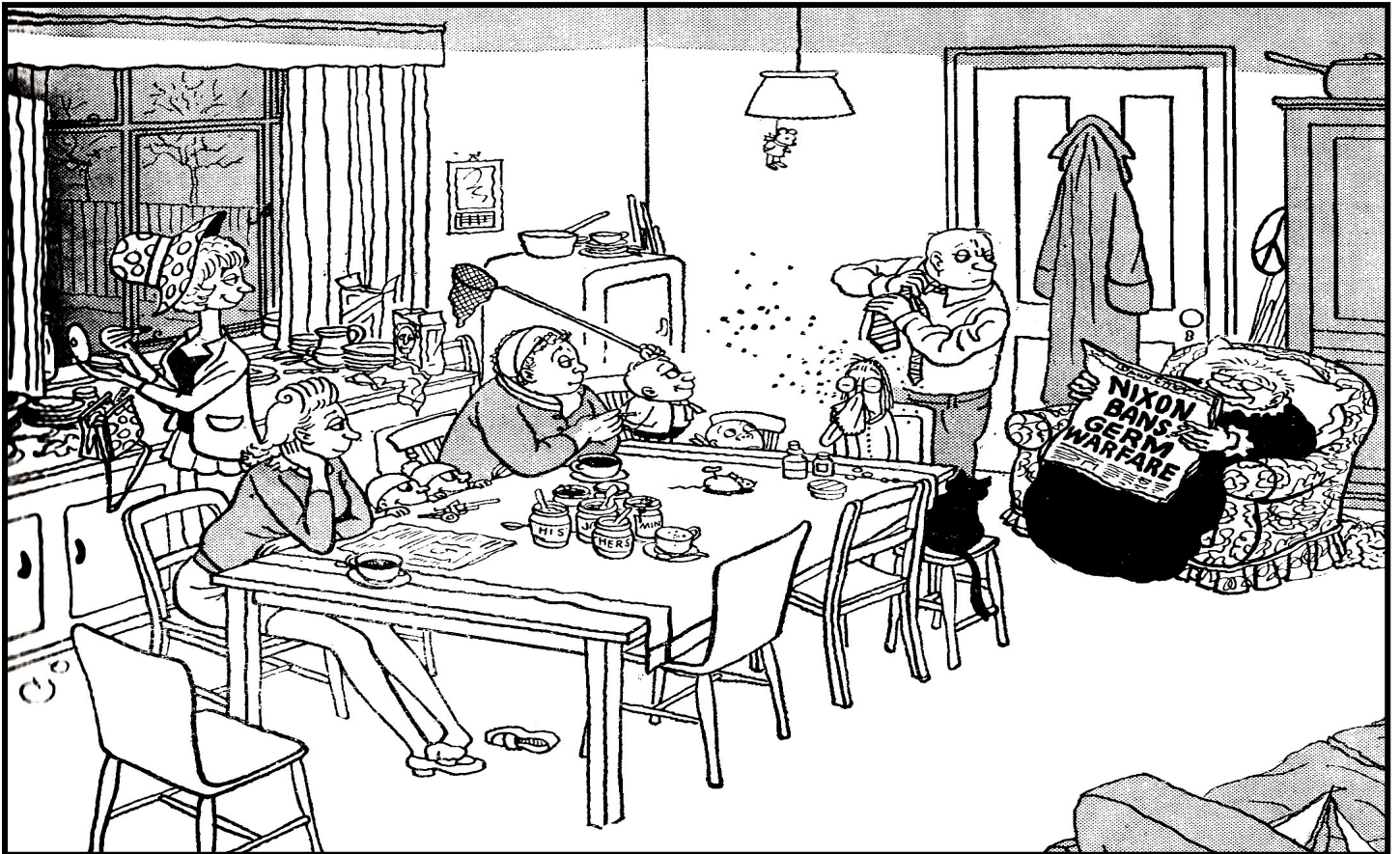
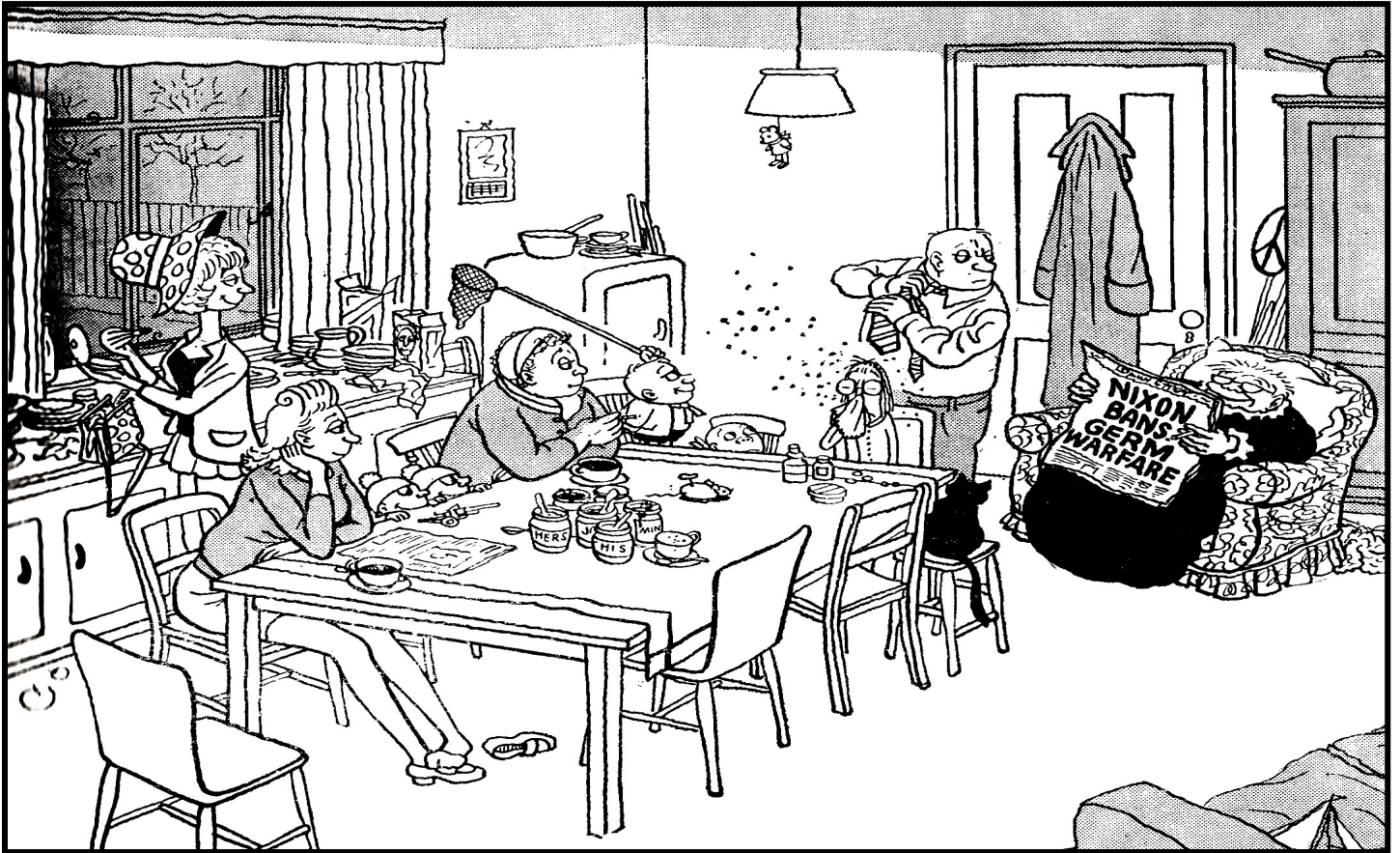
Emergency Planning

Walsham le Willows Parish Council has been very proactive in drawing up a Community Emergency Plan in order to ensure we as a community are prepared and resilient in the face of any emergency. The parish councillors who have led this aspect of our work and enlisted willing volunteers have ensured that our village is well ahead of the game in this task.

One aspect of the CEP is a Flood Emergency Plan that details the steps that would be followed in any serious flooding situation to manage the event as effectively as we can. Lessons have been learned and issues identified as to how the community could better manage such a situation in future. Most importantly, channels of communication are now in place to facilitate a co-ordinated response both within the village and from the Suffolk County Council, the Lead Flood Authority, who support the community.

Walsham le Willows Parish Council

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before father throttles himself with his tie!!

Which Gorgon turned all those who saw her face to stone?



STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Members will be attending various events during the next 2 weeks. On Wednesday 6 November we will be at a ceremony dedicated to the memory of the Czechoslovakian and Polish personnel buried in the Commonwealth War Graves at East Wretham.

Friday evening 8th we will be in the Apex for the Festival of Remembrance. Sunday the 10th at St Marys church Walsham for the Remembrance Day service which will commence at 10.54am at the war memorial.

On Monday 11th the branch Standard will be paraded at the Stanton war memorial. There will also be a short service at our war memorial that will commence at 10.58am where we will welcome the children from the school who will place a wreath and poppy crosses at the memorial.

At the time of going to press following our branch donation of £2000.00 to the Suffolk County Benevolent Fund our branch account balance now stands at £650.04.

We will be holding our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 3rd December at 1pm at the Cock Inn Stanton.

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

Hubby Frost



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I. REPORT



October: 30 Years in the Police. The meeting started with members singing Jerusalem in memory of Jill Newell.



We were then treated to an interesting talk by Sue Wheatley about her 30 years in the police. She joined up at 18 in 1978 and worked in many police departments; Sue regaled us with anecdotes that varied from mending the air brakes on a car transporter with a plaster, to stopping an escaping armed robber simply by shouting at him, to undercover work for the CID, to being awarded the MBE for her Switch programme for drug addicts leaving prison. A full and varied career.

A sales table of home produce raised over £50.

Next meeting is on 13th November at 7.45pm a talk by Barbara McElroy about the Sue Ryder charity.

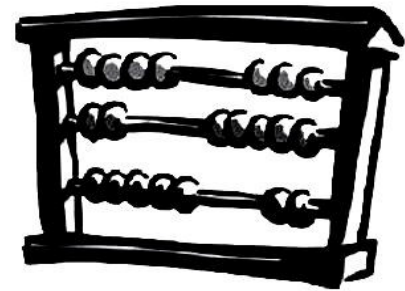
New members are always very welcome to come along and visit.

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On the evening of 23rd September, family, friends and members of the Benefice Churches the Blackbourne Team of Ixworth, of Badwell and Walsham and further away met at St Mary's Church, Walsham le Willows to welcome the new Curate in Charge, Reverend Catriona Brinkley. The service was led by the Bishop Mike Harrison, formerly Bishop of Dunwich, one of his last in Suffolk before leaving to become Bishop of Exeter and by the Archdeacon of Sudbury.

Catriona had chosen the reading and the hymns. The congregation heartily sang Brother, Sister let me serve you, Amazing Grace and Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us. Following Psalm 121, Bishop Mike helped Catriona and all to consider where we might look for a source of help and to know He who is our keeper, as well as challenging her for the days ahead. The symbols of Ministry were placed around the church and declarations and oaths were taken. As well as being presented for licensing by our patron, Richard Martineau, Catriona was welcomed to her new ministry by representatives of the parishes of Badwell Ash, Finningham, Langham, Wattisfield, Westhorpe and Walsham.

With the installation complete, Catriona was able to offer her own thanks as well as issuing her first set of notices. A time of fellowship and congratulations followed, complete with a wonderful array of refreshments. We all wish Catriona and her family much happiness as she settles into our Benefice and life here in Walsham le Willows.

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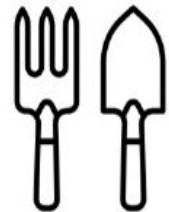


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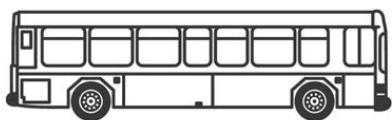
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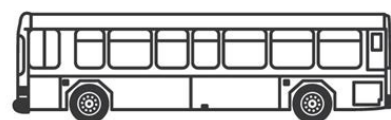
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BUSES UPDATE



Simonds have confirmed that they won't continue to run the bus service via Walsham le Willows and Badwell Ash to Bury St Edmunds without subsidy from Suffolk County Council.

Suffolk County Council have stated that there is subsidy money available from the government and it is a question of us bidding for the money versus other priorities.

A combined group representing all the various villages (i.e. Garboldisham, Hopton, Barningham, Bardwell, Walsham le Willows, Badwell Ash) and Simonds is being set up to prepare a bid. This is believed to be the most likely way of securing the funds.

We have the information from our survey which clearly indicates a significant demand for the bus service and the preferred timings.

It is important that everyone uses the bus service as much as possible as the data in the next couple of weeks will be used as the basis for evaluating our bid.

The closing date for any bids is mid-November.

All residents who completed the bus survey will get an update on the progress of the bid.

*Richard Winch
District Councillor*

richard.winch@midsuffolk.gov.uk



OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND FUNDING BIDS



Following on from my report on yet another brilliantly successful Open Gardens event in last month's OBSERVER I am writing to confirm that we are **now open to bids for funding** from the surplus that has been accrued from the weekend. We are inviting any properly constituted group, club or organisation to contact us with their costed idea's and project's.

We will fully consider each and every application and the more information and detail you can give us the better and, of course, if you want to discuss your idea's, then please feel free to give me a call.

The bid period ends on the 31st of January 2025 and you should send them to our Hon Treasurer at **garthharlow@outlook.com** or feel free to drop hard copies through my letter box if that is easier. We will be taking decisions with regards to the bids in early February 2025.

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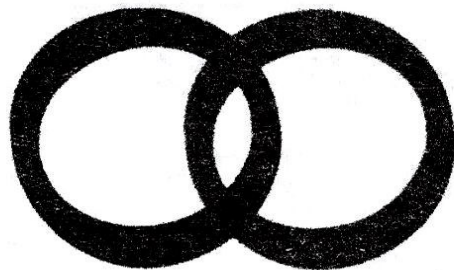
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If you need any clarification then give me a call or an email and we look forward to a big community turn out...

John Stebbing

*Secretary to the Walsham Wild Woods Group
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JIGSAW SALE

In Aid of The MS Society

We raised an amazing £720 at the Jigsaw sale on 12 October 24 which will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Thank you to everyone who donated jigsaws (there were over 200). The Memorial Hall Committee who contributed the money raised from the toy sale and assisted with the setting /clearing up.

To those who made such delicious food for the refreshments and my gallant band of helpers on the day. very grateful thanks.

Debbie Licata

THANKS, AND DONATIONS

In Memory of Ruth Frost

We Thank you for all the cards and messages of support that were received following the loss of Ruth, they were very much appreciated. Thank you too to all those who attended either the service at St Edmunds Chapel or the Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church in memory of Ruth.

Thank you also to Rev'd Philip Merry, Rev'd Catriona Brinkley and Andrew Bingham Independent Funeral Service of Stowmarket.

Donations to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Ruth totalled £1,855.00.

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Friday 22th November at 6.30 pm



The Hundred-Foot Journey is a 2014 comedy-dram film directed by Lasse Hallströ from a screenplay written by Steven Knigh, adapted from Richard C. Morai' 2010 novel of the same name. It stars Helen Mirren, Om Pur, Manish Daya, and Charlotte Le Bo, and was produced by Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey for DreamWorks Picture.

The family of talented cook, Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal), has a life filled with both culinary delights and profound loss. Drifting through Europe after fleeing political violence in India that killed the family restaurant business and their mother, the Kadams arrive in France. Once there, a chance auto accident and the kindness of a young woman, Marguerite (Charlotte Le Bon), in the village of Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val inspires Papa Kadam (Om Puri) to set up an Indian restaurant there. Unfortunately, this puts the Kadams in direct competition with the snobbish Madame Mallory's acclaimed haute cuisine establishment across the street where Marguerite also works as a sous-chef. The resulting rivalry eventually escalates in personal intensity until it goes too far. In response, there is a bridging of sides initiated by Hassan, Marguerite, and Madame Mallory (Dame Helen Mirren), both professional and personal, that encourages an understanding that will change both sides forever.

For full details of the event see page *****

Mike Cousins



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

All the usual fitness classes continue during October and continue to be well attended. Our usual coffee mornings on a Thursday continue to be enjoyed by all who attend and most seem happy with the new 'winter menu' with jacket potatoes and soup available in addition to our usual selection of cakes.

The November Community Lunch will take place on Monday 11th November and bookings for the Christmas lunch will continue to be taken, and this year a £5 deposit is requested with any booking. Please note the cut-off date for Christmas booking is the 29th November.

Events taking place in the Hall in November include the Village Quiz on Friday 1st November. A Christmas craft and gift fair on Saturday 9th November from 11am-3pm. The next Picturehouse presentation takes place on Friday 22nd November and will be an Indian theme. Also, on Saturday 30th November there will be a talk by Charlie Haylock more details later.

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At our last meeting we welcomed two new trustees, Lee Bailey who was born and bred in the village and has a construction business, and Nick Mecrow who has recently retired from working in the agricultural industry and sits on the Parish Council. Both will benefit the Trust in terms of practical business expertise and understanding financial aspects.

Most of the rental income from the Guildhall and let land is needed for the maintenance of the Guildhall. These costs are likely to increase with environmental improvements required on rented properties.

At our meeting on 6th November the trustees will be seeking advice from Gerald Smith of Lacey Scott on property/ land values and possible ways of increasing the amount of money the Trust might make available to meet the needs of the wider village community.

We will keep the wider village informed of any plans that may emerge through the pages of the Observer.

Ian Campbell Trustee

CHARLIE HAYLOCK

Memorial Village Hall On Saturday, 30th November,

We are delighted that Charlie Haylock is coming to spend the evening with us. Charlie is a comic storyteller, dialect coach and local historian. Charlie's talk will include an intriguing and hilarious look behind-the-scenes in the making of the Netflix film "The Dig", a film based on a novel with the same title about the famous Sutton Hoo burial ship and the people involved. How a potential "scam" email from "The Dig" producer, turned out to be real, and was followed by a phone call from Ralph Fiennes. Charlie will show how Ralph Fiennes, who played Basil Brown, and the other "Suffolk" actors learnt their Suffolk accent and to not sound like West Country pirates!

Charlie also includes a dialect tour of the British Isles showing how a deaf person can lip read and tell what dialect it is. This event is a fundraiser for Thetford Community Food Kitchen and Walsham's community lunches. It is held in conjunction with The Walsham le Willows History Group and with thanks to the support of the Walsham le Willows Community Council.

Doors and bar open 6.30pm with the talk starting 7pm. There will be an interval and a raffle at the end of the second half with an end time of 9pm. Tickets are available from Rolfes, the Dun Cow in Bardwell and via Ticket Source.

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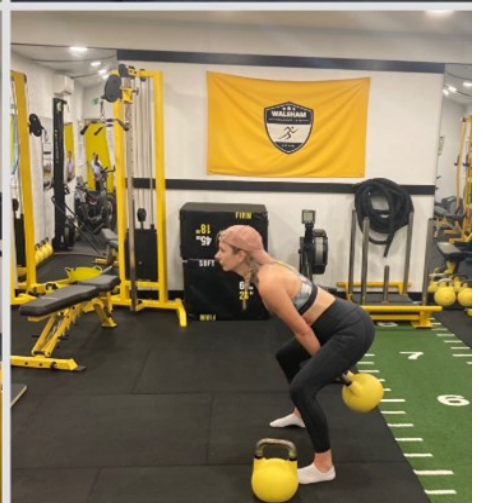
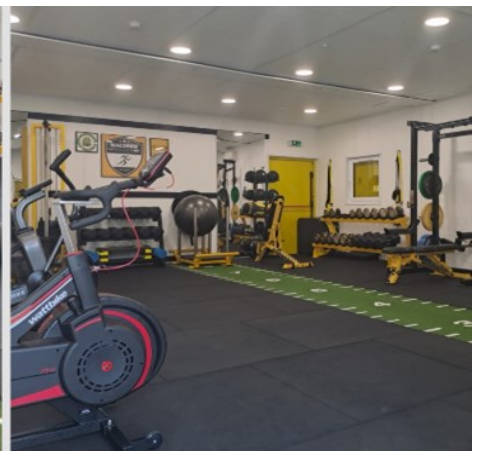
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Fri 1st	Village Quiz Village Hall 7.30pm	Sat 4th	Epiphany Singers St Mary's 7.30pm
Wed 13th	W.I. Monthly Meeting Priory Room 7.45pm	FEBRUARY	
Sat 16th	Race Night Sports Club 7.30pm	MARCH	
Wed 20th	History Group Priory Room 7.30pm	APRIL	
Fri 22nd	Picturehouse Film Village Hall 6.30pm	MAY	
Sat 30th	Christmas Fayre St Mary's 2.00pm	JUNE	
DECEMBER		JULY	
Tues 10th	History Group Priory Room 7.30pm	AUGUST	
Sun 22nd	Nine Lessons & Carols St Mary's 4.00pm	Sun 24th	Open Gardens
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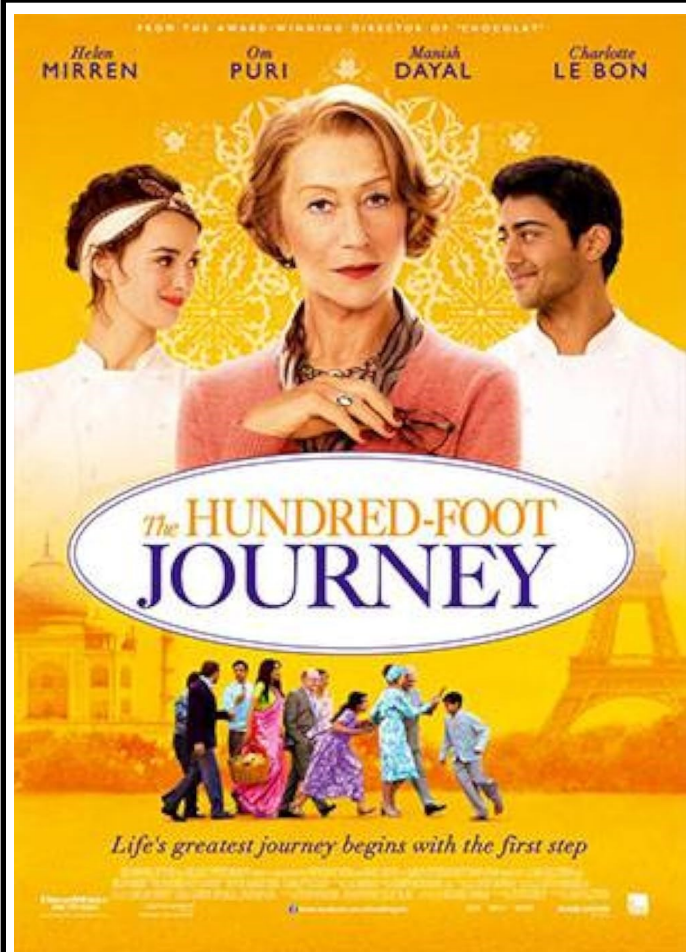
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WALSHAM le WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 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, Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Richard Winch, County Councillor Fleming

1. **OPENING STATEMENT** (if any required)
Cllr Belson referred to the death of Jenny Blackburn, part of a long-established Walsham family and who participated very fully in village life including becoming Parish Councillor and later a very effective Chair of the Parish Council. The Parish Council extended their condolences to Jenny's family and noted the date of the funeral (18th October @ 11am) at which the Parish Council will be represented.
2. **APOLOGIES**
It was noted that no apologies received from Cllr Tuck for absence.
3. **DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests**
 - a. To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) including personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – None received
 - 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. Minutes of 12th September 2024 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting for signing with correction as follows: omitted agenda item 9 d., **APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/24/03871** Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Crown reduce T1 Ash Tree by 6m Location: Willow Tree Farm, Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ to which the **Parish Council Made No Comment**
 - b. The Clerk confirmed review of actions outstanding from last meeting; all were covered in tonight's agenda, complete or otherwise in hand.
5. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS** - to receive written reports & put questions:
 - a. County Councillor Fleming
 - i. Cllr Winch thanked Cllr Fleming for meeting with the traffic group and Josh White, Highways engineer for SCC, to discuss and move forward with refining the Parish Council proposal re changes to speed limits/traffic calming options. (see minute 7a)



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- ii. Cllr Bartholomew asked about the latest position on the bus service. Cllr Fleming reported that she and other SCC representatives will meet along with Simmonds executives and senior officers at SCC to come up with a plan for January onwards and seek assurances on continuity until a bid response to SCC comes back. Cllr Fleming noted that there is not much time but that the bid will be put forward by professional bid managers with Simmonds an integral part as “they have the numbers”. District Cllr Winch will also be included in this process. Cllr Fleming also noted that Walsham should be a part of the Bus Service Improvement Bid. District Cllr Winch made point that all villages on the route should be included and Cllr Fleming confirmed that this will be the case as it will be a ‘route based bid’. District Councillor Winch will send through data to Cllr Fleming from the local survey carried out by the Parish Council.
 - iii. The Clerk asked if there had been any response to the enquiries about the SCC response re brambles overgrowing the public path outside Elmside which could not be matched with the criteria for a response supplied by SCC. This had been overlooked and Cllr Fleming will follow up.
 - iv. Clerk asked about the Locality application form for speed surveys and indicator device. Cllr Fleming advised that she would complete the application but asked Clerk to send contact details for the Parish Council.
- b. District Councillor Winch
- i. Highlighted the REACT team that is just about to go live to respond to call outs re public realm issues which is similar to the Town Rangers scheme in Stowmarket. Launch communications to be sent to Parish Clerks very soon.
 - ii. On subject of village maintenance and presentation, the Clerk was asked to write to the MSDC public realm team to thank them for clearing the banks at Millar’s Bridge and to highlight that this is noticed.
 - iii. Cllr Mecrow asked District Cllr Winch about recent correspondence circulated by the Clerk from John Stabbing who, over the past year and more, has been tireless in his efforts to hold Lovells (developers of The Acorns) to account for the undertakings re landscaping as part of the planning permission. Cllr Mecrow asked if District Cllr Winch could involve enforcement. The Clerk suggested contacting the John before doing so. District Cllr Winch to action.
 - iv. Following a circulation of information from the clerk Cllr Mecrow asked about feasibility of a community led housing project with a potential focus on the future development of the second Wattisfield road site. District Cllr Winch replied that the main issue with them was the onerous nature of what is required that tends to prevent them getting off the ground. MSDC are looking at how a district wide group might work together with local communities to facilitate more of these projects, with the district group taking on the legal and technical aspects whilst local communities engage with the design and other aspects that require more local knowledge. Cllr Mecrow will attend the Local Rural Housing Event on 6th November and report back.
 - v. Cllr Bartholomew asked about response to questions about recent planning enforcement decisions. District Cllr Winch expects to get a firm reply at some point.



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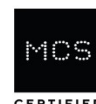
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6. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM (POF) - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters.
No members of public were present.
7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS (Flood, CEP, Traffic) & ACTION LOG REVIEWS
 - a. **Traffic Group** – The circulated reports were noted. Main takeaways: SCC Highways engineer has assessed; no progress on Palmer Street paths as yet; he advised to apply for one Road Traffic Order as it will be cheaper and he will assist with drawing it up; he will come back with proposals that comply with national and local policies and thinks the criteria will be met; he will recommend 3 areas for speed surveys; West Street will not meet criteria for a 30 limit throughout the stretch identified according to existing SCC policies but there might be other options – councillors and traffic group to explore these; Cllr Fleming has suggested limit extension on the Finningham Road. The traffic group will now refine the proposals and bring them back to Council; re parking at shop white lines can be requested across private drives. Cllr Winch proposed a summary of current position is written for publication. Cllr Mecrow noted that a previous decision of the Council removed Summer Road from the initial brief. Add agenda item for next meeting to consider whether Summer Road could be incorporated without holding up the whole project.
 - b. **Flood Group**
 - i. Circulated report was noted with updates.
 - ii. It was noted that the clerk has confirmed with the floods team at SCC that they have received all four documents produced by the flood group and have confirmed that these will all be referred to as part of the S19 investigation.
 - iii. It was noted that S19 flood investigation commenced in September. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to progress.
 - iv. **CEP Group** –the updates in the circulated report were noted and Cllr Brookes advised that the CEP and Flood group due to meet again on 15/10 to work together on a Flood Plan for insertion into the Community Emergency Plan. It was also noted that the possibility of some free training in First Aid awareness was being sought for Emergency Rest Centre volunteers. Cllr Bartholomew advised that the next Observer article was being drafted for publication. Cllrs Belson, Roberts and Mecrow to provide mobile numbers for the dedicated WhatsApp group, for use only in emergencies and for questions to the group.

Cllr Mecrow noted from the discussions that the amount of work done so far, and progress made, is a credit to the village and the people involved both councillors and volunteers. Walsham appears to be well advanced compared to many villages and stakeholder groups. CEP group members to draft article.
8. PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2024/25 (not covered under working groups - Footpaths, Shepherd's Grove, Bus Routes, Local Plan)
No agenda items were submitted although issues about bus services and routes were discussed under 5 a ii.



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9. **PLANNING, LICENCING & RELATED MATTERS**
APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT - DC/24/04267
Proposal: Application for Advertisement Consent - Construction of 2No externally illuminated Fascia signs and a 1No welcome sign. **Location:** Linton House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ
 The Parish Council are supportive of the existence of the shop in the village which is a valuable amenity, and recognise the need for branded signage but, **Objected To This Application** on the following grounds:
- The number and size of proposed signage is excessive and should be reduced to a maximum of two signs taking up no more area than existing signage.
 - Illumination should be from back and letters only not the whole area of the sign.
 - Lighting of the signage should be allowed during opening hours only.
10. **PLANNING OUTCOMES** (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only
APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/24/03871 **Proposal:** Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Crown reduce T1 Ash Tree by 6m **Location:** Willow Tree Farm, Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ to which the **MSDC Raised No Objection**
11. **FINANCE & AUDIT**
- a. The bank reconciliation for period ending 30th September 2024 for was approved for signature.
 - b. Accounts awaiting payment were approved for processing. (Appendix 1).
 - c. It was noted that quarterly transparency declarations, payments over £500 and variances reports have all been uploaded to website (these form part of agreed internal control checks). Cllr Mecrow pointed out an error in the variances report which the Clerk will correct.
 - d. Quotes for tree works to Memorial Hall boundary with The Beeches and the eastern boundary of the Play Area and were not received in time for consideration.
12. **CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE** (if not dealt with elsewhere)
- a. To consider clerk's action log and any other matters of concern/note.
 - i. Walsham le Willows was chosen as the winner of the 'Most Active Village' category in the 2024 Suffolk Community Awards. The award was accepted for the village by representatives of the Sports Club and the Parish Council. Council decided that the appropriate location for the display of the commemorative plaque was the Sports Club with a framed copy to be displayed at the Memorial Hall (both to be accompanied by the citation that was used to introduce the award at the ceremony).
 - ii. The draft advertisement and associated information obtained by Cllr Winch, for potential village 'ranger' role was considered and discussed with some suggestions for a further draft.
 - iii. The proposal by Cllr Tuck re Closed Churchyard maintenance going forward was considered in his absence. It was decided that a revised proposal would



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be worked up based on the current task list. For next agenda. Clerk to circulate for comment.

- iv. The Parish Council were obliged to consider if any formal response was required following the representation made by Cllr Tuck re the Closed Churchyard at the last meeting. It was decided that the Clerk should draft a response based on the discussion for approval before sending.

b. To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note for next agenda.

- i. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to village resident Gareth Rees to thank him for the repair and improvement work he has done as a volunteer on the bus shelters. His work is exemplary and very much appreciated, and has left the shelters looking better than they have for a long time.

- ii. Next Parish Council Meetings – 13th November 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall and 27th November 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall (Budget Setting)

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation OCTOBER 2024

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Cllr Bartholomew	£111.60	St John Ambulance supplies for Emergency Rest Centre
2	HPME&TJ Reeve	£176.58	Footpaths 2nd cut grant disbursements
3	MartineauFarmsLLP	£184.74	Footpaths 2nd cut grant disbursements
4	M Hawes	£74.70	Footpaths 2nd cut grant disbursements
5	HPME&TJ Reeve	£25.09	Footpaths 2nd cut grant disbursements
6	GB Pollard	£46.38	Footpaths 2nd cut grant disbursements
7	P Dryden	£48.00	Footpaths 2nd cut grant disbursements
8	HMRC Cumbernauld	£211.31	PAYE
9	K Boardley	£2.21	Reimbursement foreign exchange fee for tablepress plugin upgrade amount for which was claimed last month
10	Rolfes of Walsham	£67.50	Catering for potential CEP rest centre volunteers
11	Ashin Pro Ltd	£19.99	Reimbursed to Cllr Bartholomew for wind up torches for CEP reset centre
12	Memorial Village Hall	£67.50	Hall hire CEP ERC training & September PC meeting
13	Old Town Trust	£250.00	Annual rent for lease of Play Area
14	Parish Council Employee	£666.14	Salary
15	Unity Trust Current Account Bank Charges	£18.00	Direct Debit Payment
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	MID SUFFOLK PAYMENTS	£12,499.00	2 nd Precept Payment for 2024/25





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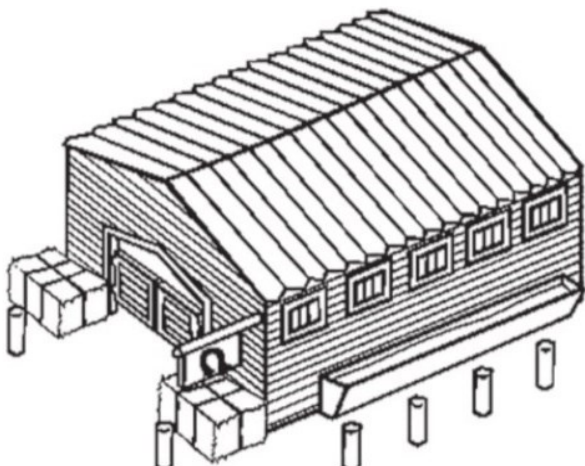


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FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

Remembering and Honouring the Past

As we approach Remembrance Day, it is a time to reflect on the lives and stories of those who have come before us—those who have shaped our history and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. But as time passes, it can become more challenging to keep their memories alive. The distance of years, the fading of first-hand experiences, and the natural flow of life can cause memories to slip from our collective consciousness. Yet, even as some memories fade, others remain vivid, etched in our minds like scenes painted with clarity and emotion.

There is something profoundly important in the act of remembering—whether it's through stories, shared moments, or quiet reflection. In our busy, fast-paced world, we might forget how powerful it can be simply to stop and listen to the stories of others. Every person carries memories, and in sharing them, we bring the past to life again. Some may recall the bravery of loved ones who served in wars, the quiet heroism of ordinary people in extraordinary times, or the simple but precious moments that remind us of our shared humanity.

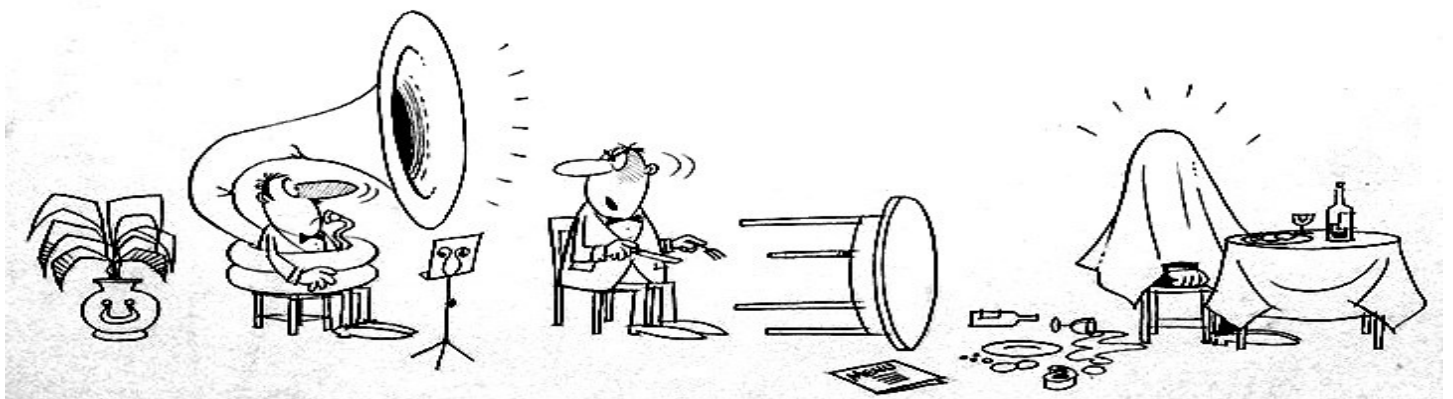
We are reminded in the Bible of the incredible power of memory. The Gospels, written decades after the events of Jesus' life, capture His words and deeds with astonishing clarity. This wasn't just because the writers were skilled storytellers, but because Jesus was unforgettable. Those who walked with Him, listened to Him, and witnessed His miracles were so deeply affected that when the Gospels were written, even years later, their memories were vivid and precise. His presence left a mark on their hearts and minds that time could not erode.

As we reflect this Remembrance Day, let's honour those who have gone before by listening to each other's stories. We can become stewards of memory, keeping alive the things that matter: courage, sacrifice, love, and faith. Whether it's the memory of a soldier, a friend, or even Jesus Himself, each story we hear and pass on strengthens the bond between past and present.

Take time to listen, to remember, and to share. In doing so, we keep memories alive, not only for ourselves but for future generations. Just as Jesus' life was unforgettable, so too are the lives and stories of those who have shaped us. Let's never forget.

On Sunday the 10th of November we will be joining together in each of our churches across the benefice to spend time together in reflection, honouring those who fought and died for our freedom and speeding time together sharing their stories – everyone is welcome to join with us on this poignant day that joins the past to our futures.

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*Discussing Charlie Haylock's visit to
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Where Have All the Insects Gone?

There is a general view that insects are in serious decline - what's the evidence for this?

Anecdotal data

There is plenty of anecdotal evidence about the decline of insects such as the much quoted lack of insects found on car number plates or windscreens. Kent Wildlife Trust has run a citizen science survey of bug splats over a number of years that supports this intuitive feeling.

There is also the feedback from anglers and ornithologists who informally monitor the same spots over many years.

You probably noticed that there didn't seem to be many wasps around this year. It is thought it was a particularly bad year due to the cold wet spring and that populations may well recover next year but it's a dramatic warning of what could happen.

Insect Armageddon?

Scientists are wary of headlines that suggest that insects may be heading for extinction. The consequences would indeed be devastating with the likely collapse of our terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems. The fact is however that there is very little data on insect numbers in large parts of the world and where there have been longer term studies they tend to be focused on a very small number of species.

The UK is a leader in insect monitoring

The UK however has some of the most detailed scientific evidence in the world regarding the decline in insect numbers. Here are some of the key studies

- The UK butterfly monitoring scheme which started in 1976 involves a network of over 3000 sites that are systematically counted across the country during the summer. (see <https://ukbms.org/>). This suggests a decline in some species like the Small Tortoise Shell or the Wall Brown of over 50%.
- The moth trap network managed by Rothamsted Research which has been running since the 1960s suggests an average decline of moths of about 30%.
- The UK beetle recording surveys which cover species from carrion beetles to the ladybird survey (<https://www.coleoptera.org.uk/home>) and the UK pollinator monitoring scheme (UKPoMS) started in 2017 also indicate population declines.

It is true that within this data there are also examples where there are species increasing in abundance and examples of colonists (species moving into the UK) so the picture is not straight forward but the overall narrative is significant decline.

A reminder of the situation is this year's annual Big Butterfly Count which has recorded the lowest ever counts with the majority of species (81%) showing declines compared to 2023.

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WILDLIFE IN NOVEMBER

Well, the nights have very much pulled in now after the clocks went back last month. We are drawing the curtains once again keeping the dark evenings from sight and making warming stews before settling down for the night. There is a mammal however that is still very much active, it is the biggest mammal in the UK, this is the Red Deer. The males are called 'Stags' and the females are called 'Hinds'. Their breeding season started at the end of September but will carry on in November. This is called 'the rut'. Males will compete with one another, one for dominance and two for mating rights to the females. You may hear the Stag roaring and if you are lucky enough to see them you will observe them walking parallel to each other before shoving one another with their impressive antlers. These are powerful blows which can result in injury or even death. The winner will have access to the harem of females, which can be as many as 20. Younger Subordinate males will have to wait to compete, but they can be sneaky and mate with a few of the females while the dominate males are busy competing against one another. Most of this activity will be early morning, but can continue during the day and into the night.

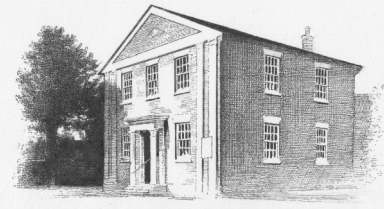
Another mammal that is active during the nighttime which is quite a lot smaller is the beloved Hedgehog. These months used to be a time when Hedgehogs would be preparing for hibernation, eating as much as possible to gain weight to see them through the Winter. The last few years have been quite mild in comparison to others of the past which means the Hedgehogs will struggle to find food as the months go on. I volunteer for the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital and in the last couple of years we have seen an increase in young and baby Hedgehogs in need of rescuing. Normally at this time of the year the rescues would be calming down with the number of hogs being admitted but they are still full to bursting with many being closed due to full capacity, meaning volunteers are taking on more to be able to cope. We have seen this year lots of emaciated Hedgehogs which seems to coincide with the lack of insects this year, unfortunately there are plenty of Slugs and Snails around but these are not a favourite of our spiky friend and the also carry the nasty parasites of Roundworm and Lungworm. You can help these hedgehogs by building a Hedgehog house or you can purchase one, and leaving out dry/wet meaty dog/cat food will massively help. Leaving a shallow bowl of water out can be a lifesaver too. If you see one during the day they are very likely to be sick and will need help. Contact a rescue for advice or call me on 07794709616.

A lot of us will have celebrated Halloween and carved out scary Pumpkins! After use they are left for animals to feed on, which is ok for some but can be toxic for others, especially Hedgehogs. So why not make an interesting bird feeder from one? Take the top off, push some sticks through to make perches and fill with seed, then hang from a branch and see who comes to visit.

Have a great bonfire night, and do not forget to check for sleeping animals before lighting.

Angie Bennington





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Poppies and a Cross

During the spring of 1915 the brutal Second Battle of Ypres was raging upon the bleak and devastated landscape of Flanders, west Belgium and, although there were less than half the casualties of the first battle in the autumn of 1914, still some 100,000 lost their lives in fierce and brutal warfare. On May 2nd, 1915, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer was killed during an artillery bombardment and, though one man among thousands, his remains were gathered together and buried in a makeshift grave, and marked with a simple wooden cross, upon land adjacent to the Essex Farm Field Dressing Station where his close friend John McCrae was stationed. Major John McCrae was second in command of the 1st Canadian Field Artillery Brigade and, being a doctor by profession, was also the brigade surgeon. Deputising for the chaplain on the following day, McCrae officiated at the burial of his dear friend, and later when off-duty, he sat in the back of a field ambulance viewing the fresh graves interspersed with wild poppies coming into bloom and, in his pocket notebook, composed the poem 'In Flanders Fields'. On December 8th of that year, the poem was published in 'Punch' magazine and became an immediate sensation in the trenches and around the English-speaking world: so, the poppy that abundantly grew in the spoiled earth of the battlefields and cemeteries of Flanders, became the symbol representing those who died between 1914-1918 transformed into a million blood-red flowers.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 the Armistice came into force and the guns finally fell silent after four long years of continuous conflict, marking the end of the First World War. Armistice Day became known as Remembrance Day and is marked by remembrance of those who have lost their lives in the two World Wars and so many conflicts since 1945.

To be silent and remember for two short minutes in the course of a whole year is but a small thing and, on Remembrance Sunday, to stop and consider the great sacrifice made by so many millions who died that we may live with the benefits of relative peace and freedom is surely a right and proper response. In a sense however, every Sunday is a Remembrance Sunday as we must certainly never forget the ultimate and perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ who died upon a cross and rose again that all who would love and trust in him may know freedom from the guilt and punishment of sin, and peace with God for all eternity.

General Lord Richard Dannatt, the retired Chief of the General Staff of the British Army said, "In my business, asking people to risk their lives is part of the job, but doing so without giving them the chance to understand that there is life after death is something of a betrayal". Dannatt made headlines whilst still in active service for saying that death is not the end, and that soldiers need to be spiritually better prepared for war. Surely though this applies to every one of us, that we should consider the welfare of our never-dying soul and be prepared, whether we shall spend all of eternity bearing the just reward of our sin, or rejoicing in the company of Christ who, *"Hath appeared to put away sin by th*

I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

Using Tithe and Enclosure Maps

In October the History Group talk concerned the use of tithe and enclosure maps, a fascinating talk by Vivienne Aldous of Suffolk University, that tied in with displaying the Walsham le Willows Tithe Map from 1839.

Tithes had been paid to the church since early medieval times. These taxes were often paid in produce and sustained the religious communities. After the dissolution of the monasteries what had been church land often ended up in the hands of non-religious people, and the tithes became even more unpopular. Wealthy people could buy the advowsons of tithes and get richer at the expense of the poorest. In addition, many people were becoming non-conformists, attending chapel rather than the Church of England, and were still having to pay their taxes to whoever held the rights to collect the tithes, church or lay people. The final straw came when farmers started to mechanise. Threshing machines were introduced and farm workers rioted. The labourers saw their livelihoods being destroyed and their hard-earned incomes being taken and given to the wealthy, while they went hungry and possibly homeless.

Something had to be done. Many rioters were sent to Australia as convicts, some came back. Some were hanged. And the government of the day decided to try to make tithe payments transparently fair. They introduced the Tithe Commutation Act of Parliament (1836). This provided for professionals to go to every community and draw up maps that showed every building, boundary, field, hedgerow, pond, road, and stream. Linked to this was a list of everyone in the community who owned or farmed or otherwise used land, what they did, how the land was used and therefore.... Who should pay what in tithes. Transparent but fair?

Like the earlier enclosure maps, the tithe maps hold a wealth of information for anyone interested in the life of the country in the 19th century. The Walsham le Willows tithe map has been photographed and a copy is now framed and hung in the Priory Room for all to see. The History Group will be able to provide copies, the size and cost has yet to be determined (the original is nearly 2m long) but if you are interested in a copy please email John Martineau at jmartno@gmail.com.

Alison Martin



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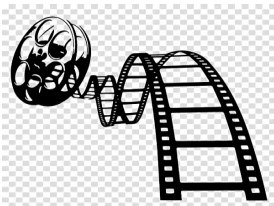
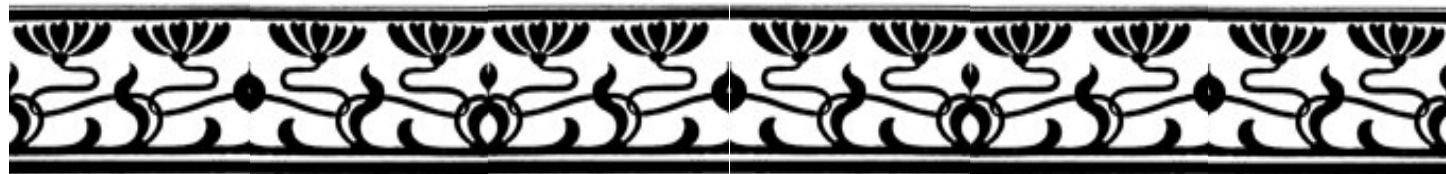
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The first thing that one noticed, apart from the slightly chilly air, as one entered St Mary's, and consulted the programme, was that the performers were all from the same family, apart from the euphonium player, one John Reynard. So, we were in for an evening of family entertainment, and entertained we were.

Brahms' Piano Intermezzo No 1, played by Alistair, was followed by a selection of Neapolitan Pieces, played on the euphonium with piano accompaniment, including O Sole Mio - hijacked by some American wordsmiths to reappear as 'It's Now or Never' - and also Come Back to Sorrento - which was morphed into 'Surrender', both huge hits for Elvis. This confection was followed by three Scottish folk tunes played on the accordion by Richard. A somewhat quieter pair of guitar pieces, by Robert de Vissee, were played by Alistair, followed by his wife, Angela, playing two Mozart songs on the oboe. Not to be outdone by her parents, Phoebe played an improvised version of Birdy's 'Skinny Love' with great passion. Following the information that she had, initially, not had any lessons, one wondered if this she is a real life Sparky!. She was followed by father Alistair, closing the first half, playing Ennio Morricone's 'You're Still You' on the trombone, just to further ring the changes.

For the second half we were treated to a similar confection, with same selection of instruments as we were entertained with Ravel's Pavane for a Dead Infanta; a wonderful pairing of Greensleeves and You Raise Me Up, played on the euphonium. Another selection on the accordion, and then Autumn Leaves, on guitar, Bring Him Home, from Les Misérables hauntingly played, on the cor anglaise, by Angela, as well as Supermarket Flowers (Ed Sheeran). Don't Cry for Me Argentina; again played in bravura fashion by Phoebe, preceded the finale, a nod to this year's Paris Olympic Games and Edith Piaf's 'Hymne à l'amour', sung at that time by Celine Dion 'stranded' half-way up a soggy Eifel Tower.

As we stayed behind to enjoy refreshments, it was good to see a member of 'endangered wildlife' taking its exercise in the roof space.

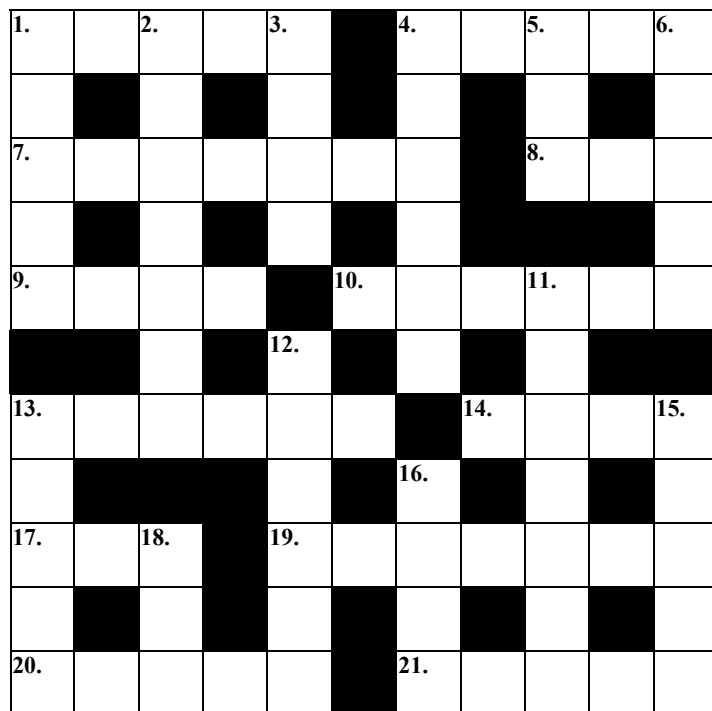
So ended this year's Music from St Mary's, which has been enjoyed by many during the summer months, and we look forward to its return next year.

But that's not quite it!! We still have **Nine Lessons and Carols event in St Mary's on Saturday 22nd December at 4.00pm**

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1. Hang with it; There's nothing in the breather! (5)
4. The rap I'd put together quickly. (5)
7. Electric variety in common medal down under. (7)
8. Goes both ways with a snap and crackle. (3)
9. Not quite beaten but engrossed. (4)
10. Second rate illumination for such a pest.

- (6)
 13. A call for help on a holiday. (6)
 14. Return to boast about ones clothing. (4)
 17. Sounds like time to stake one's claim. (3)
 19. Such a cad bounces along. (7)
 20. Sounds certain it's by the sea. (5)
 21. Beg for quiet guidance. (5)
- ## DOWN

1. Sounds like rain will bring forth the flower. (5)
2. Be too generous about wages. (7)
3. God it makes him sore. (4)
4. Entertain with a tale about the wind. (6)
5. Does this seed have great expectations? (3)
6. Drank back at the store. (5)
11. This aristocrat may become angered. (7)
12. Risk that it might almost have been a dance. (6)
13. Wide open spaces in rearranged rooms. (5)
15. Uncovered to make a loaf. (5)
16. It's the backside of this steak. (4)
18. You could almost feel sorry for A A Milne's character. (3)

NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church	Date	Service	Church
27th Oct	Last after Trinity		10:50am	Remembrance Service	Wattisfield
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash	<i>(Joint Service with URC)</i>		
11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	17th Nov	2nd before Advent	
3rd Nov	4th before Advent		8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	11:00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe	3:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
3:30pm	All Souls Service	Finningham	24th Nov	Christ the King	
10th Nov	3rd before Advent		9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Walsham	1st Dec	1st of Advent	
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Badwell Ash	8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Finningham	11:00am	Benefice Stir Up	Finningham
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Westhorpe			

Which Mongol ruler of Samarkand sacked Delhi in 1398?

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team have been a little inconsistent of late losing at home to Fakenham Town and drawing with Sheringham Town away and with Lakenheath at home. However, our latest result saw us win 4-0 at Stowmarket Town to avenge the defeat they inflicted upon us in August. Kieran Twinn scored a brace with Ethan Garcia and sub Reon Huckvale also scoring. It was a brilliant performance.

The Under 23s lost their first two league games but have won two and drawn one of their latest three league fixtures. They beat Stowmarket 5-0 with Jesse Wyatt scoring a hat trick. They then drew away to Ipswich Wanderers before beating Needham Market, in a thriller, 5-4. Jesse Wyatt scored a brace.

The Under18s won their first four league fixtures before drawing 0- 0, at home, to second placed Bury Town. We remain top of the League. The Vets are through to the next round of the Suffolk Veterans Shield following a 2-1 home victory over Woolverstone. Sadly, Keith Swales snapped his Achilles and is unlikely to play again. Get well soon Keith.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures for November

First Team

Sat 16th v Woodbridge Town 3pm
Tues 19th v Thetford Town 7.45pm
Sat 30th v Soham Town 3pm.

Under 18s

Thurs 7th v Thetford Town 7.45pm
Thurs 21st v Lakenheath 7.45pm

November Entertainments

Saturday 16th Race Night Starts at 7.30pm

Free Entry. Come along and join in a fun evening. Compere is Gordon Ross

Friday 22nd Comedy Club Night Starts at 7.30pm

Featuring a Compere and three comedians. Tickets are £10 for the first 50 early birthday tickets, £12.50 early bird tickets or £15 on the door

Friday 29th Chamonix Aspen Doors open at 6.00pm, for cocktails

An evening of drag, comedy, Dancing and outrageous fun. Showtime is 8pm until 11pm. Tickets are £5 online, behind the bar or from 07969 660453.

Under 23s.

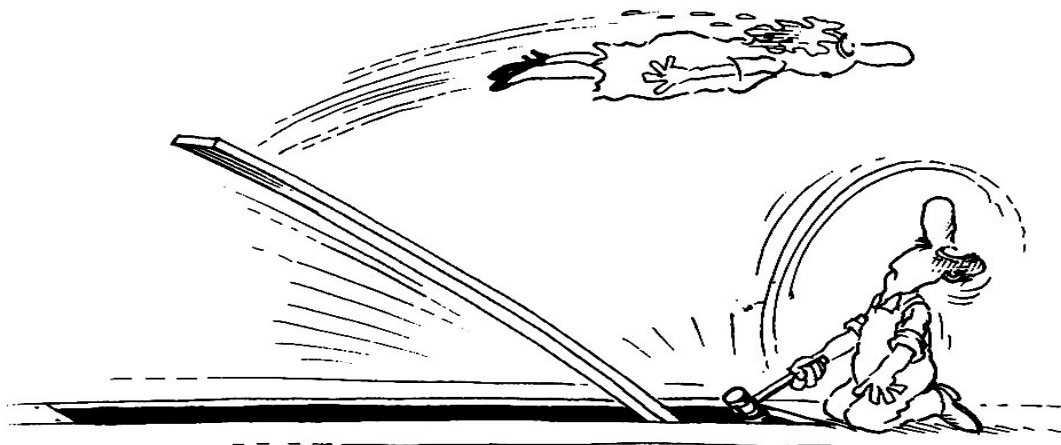
Sat 2nd v Stowmarket Town S S Res Cup. 2pm
Sat 9th v Framlingham Town 3pm
Sat 23rd v Woodbridge Town 3pm

Vets

Sun 17th v Lowestoft Casuals L Cup 2pm



Gordon Ross



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

Parish Council Village Hall

EVENTS

(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

EPIPHANY CONCERT

Saturday 4th January 2025

Walsham le Willows is once again very honoured to host the Epiphany Singers from Friday 3rd January to Sunday 5th January. They will, as usual, give a concert on the Saturday evening, followed by sung mass on Sunday morning.

I would be very grateful to hear from anyone in the village who would be able to host a singer with bed & breakfast. It's a lovely opportunity to get to know the singers and join in the social events that we provide for them over the weekend.

For further information please call, message or email me:

Gabrielle Hunt
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ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. The Desert Fox, 2. Sicily, 3. Saul, 4. Indonesia, 5. St Louis, 6. Lake Titicaca,
7. Terpsichorean, 8. Humidity, 9. George Orwell, 10. U.S.A., 11. 1812.
12. Medusa, 13. Giotto, 14. Iran, 15. United States, 16. The Nutcracker, 17. Swan,
18. The Sahara, 19. Ice-skating, 20. The jaw bone of an ass, 21. John Boyd Dunlop,
22. Jesse James, 23. The liver, 24. Gone With the Wind, 25. Caffeine,
26. Montague and Capulet, 27. Portuguese, 28. 1964, 29. Nuremburg, 30. Speleology,
31. Abel Tasman, 32. Cuba, 33. Orion, 34. The Ganges, 35. The Appian Way,
36. Lord Byron, 37. Beethoven, 38. Cedar of Lebanon, 39. Aurora,
40. Calamity Jane, 41. Ulaanbaatar, 42. Fourteen, 43. Los Angeles, 44. Karachi,
45. South Africa, 46. Harry S. Truman, 47. Washing soda, 48. Tamerlane,
49. Principal Skinner, 50. Russian

Sudoku

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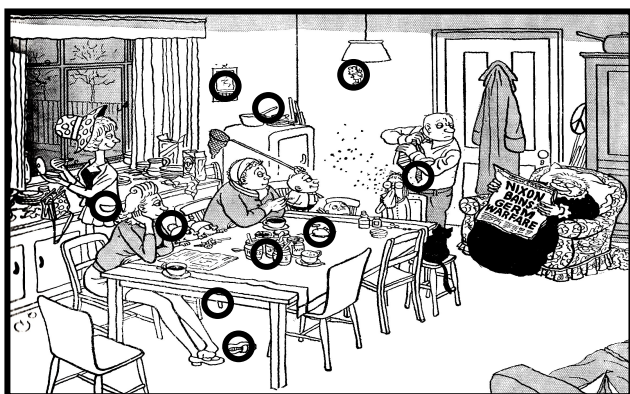
Crossword

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T	U	N	E			M	E	N	T	A

More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Abet	Abets	Abreast	Afar	Are
Area	Areas	Arse	Art	Arts
Bake	Baker	Bakers	Bakes	Bar
Bare	Bares	Barest	Bars	Beak
Bear	Bears	Beast	Best	Bet
Bets	Brae	Braes	Brake	Brakes
Break	Breast	Ear	Ears	East
Era	Fab	Fake	Faker	Fakers
Fakes	Far	Fare	Fares	Fart
Farts	Fast	Faster	Fear	Fears
Feast	Fest	Kart	Rake	Rakes
Rest	Ret	Rets	Safe	Safer
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Teas	Trek	Breakfast (73)		

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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.'**