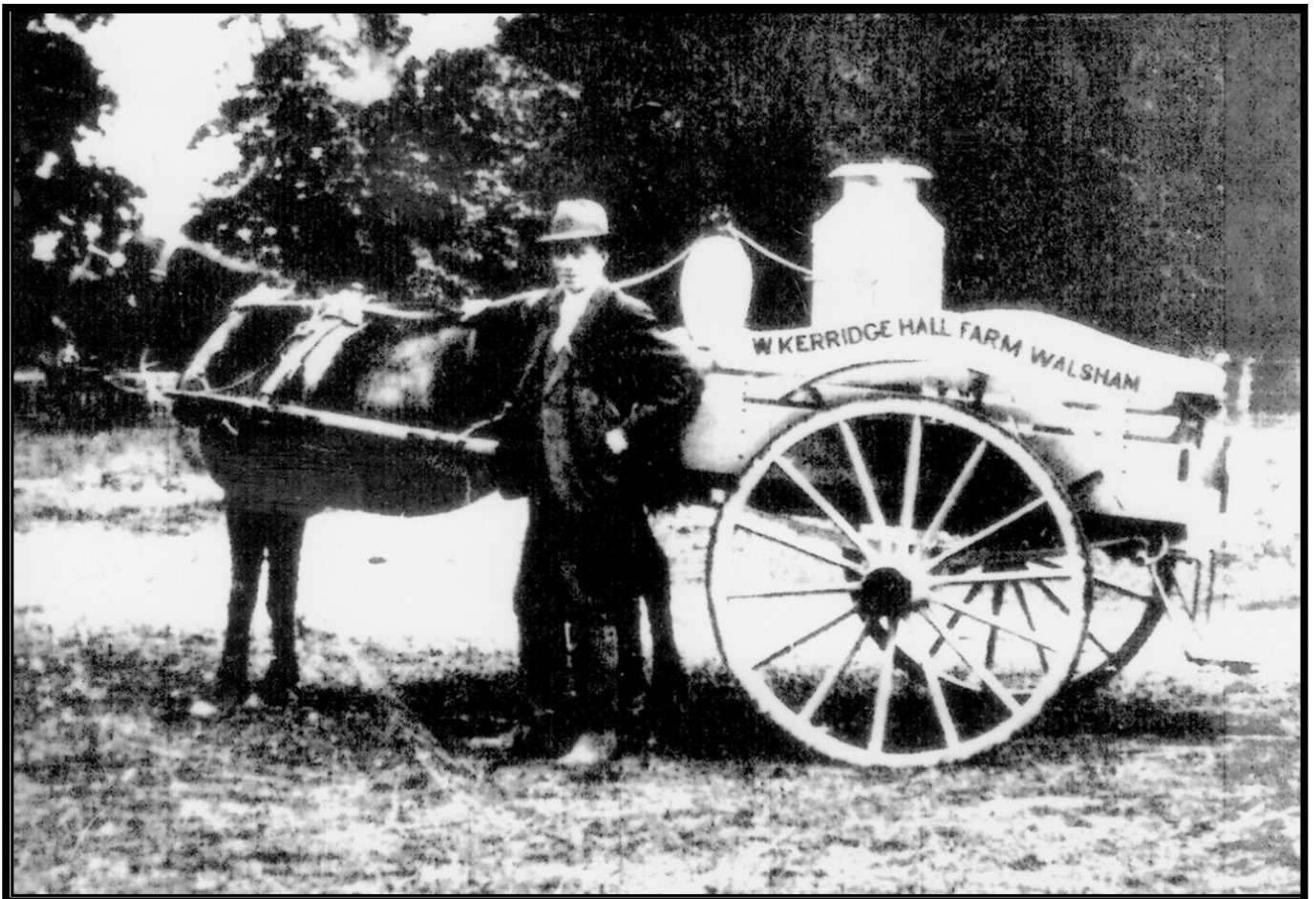
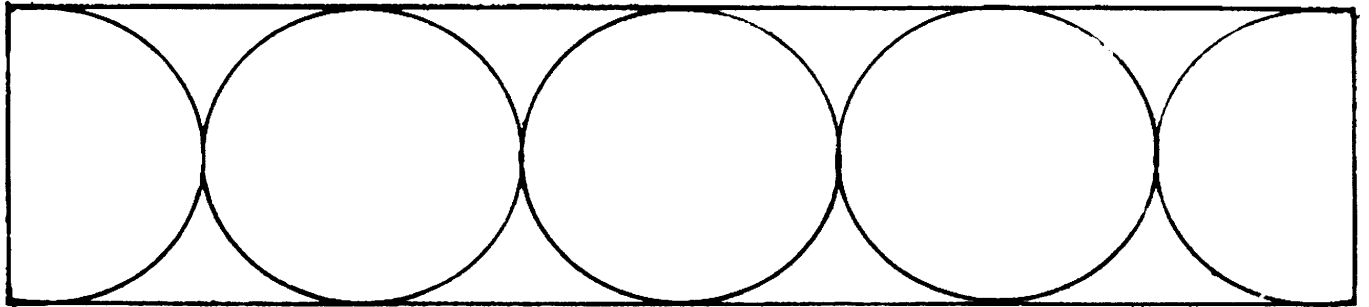
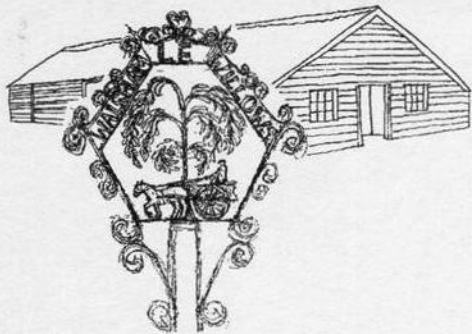


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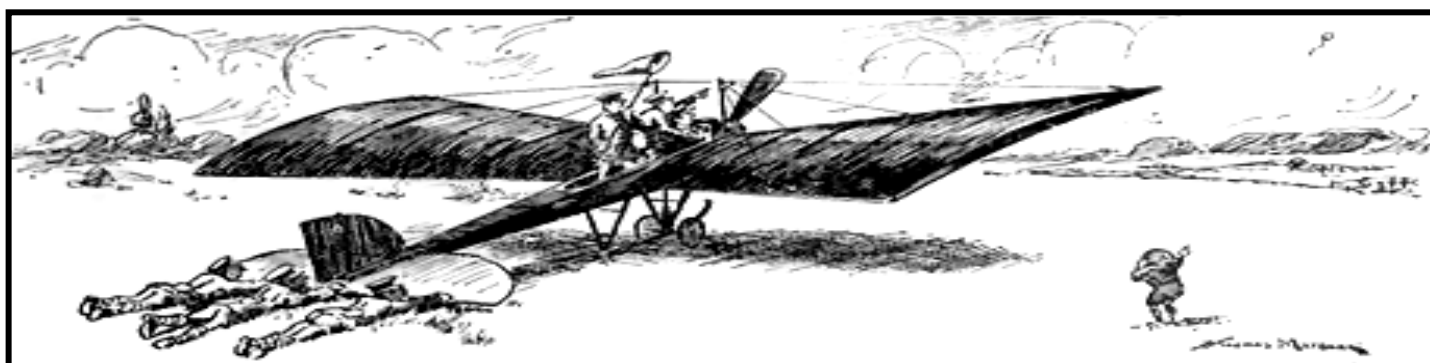
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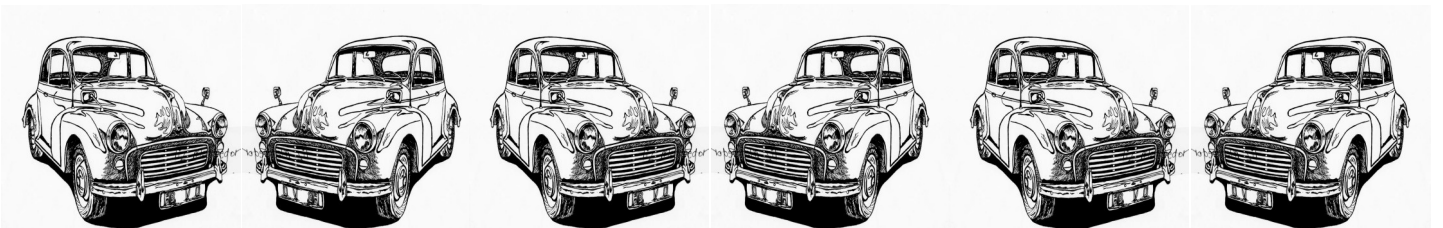
After his awful accident last year and a very welcome steady return to his old self it was a great shock to find, on my return from a break in Yorkshire, that Rob Barber had departed this life. I had known him for some fifty years, from time we had shared at Thurston Upper School, where he had been a well respected member of staff, being an excellent teacher and popular Head of Sixth, to the time spent with him in the production and distribution of the Observer. He was the one who suggested that it should be in the A5 format and also be distributed free to all households in the parish. We spent many happy hours 'putting the world to rights' as the pages spewed out from the printer. He appreciated the problems of producing monthly copies, having been the editor for three years in the Seventies.

But that was only a small part of his contribution to village life. A stalwart member of the History Group, not only as the treasurer for many years, but also in the establishment of a short-lived village museum. For many years he was the secretary of the Community Council, being tirelessly involved in attempting to gain Lottery funding for improvements to the Memorial Village Hall. Much time was spent endeavouring to put together a plan for substantial staging facilities, only to be thwarted by the financial crisis of 2008. Later he was to become the Chair, where he continued to work tirelessly for the village. Much involved in the footpaths in and around the village, leading a number of footpath walks which, on occasions, could run up against 'other' interests. Our wonderful network of paths is in part due to his hard work. Add to this the time he spent on the Parish Council, and you see what a great contribution he made to the village.

To talk with him was a great pleasure. He was very interested in words, as was exhibited by the care with which he constructed letters and his output of poetry. He admitted that if he had his life again he would more than likely have chosen English rather than Geology for his field of study.

I, together with many in the village, will miss him, but feel glad that we had known him. As yet there is no information as to how and when we will be able to celebrate his life, but hopefully the news will make its way round the village so that all who may wish to will be able to take part.

I fear, in terms of booklet production, that fifty-two plus one, contrary to arithmetical rules, gives fifty-six. Being unprepared to generate three extra pages of scintillating copy I have had to take the 'unpopular' decision to axe Spot the Difference for this edition. There are still many articles to 'interest' you, together with adverts for activities which will be taking place in the village this month; so please peruse the edition with care so that you don't find yourself exclaiming 'Missed It!!'



Cover Picture: The Kerridges at High Hall had dairy cattle. The picture c1935 shows Jack Seeley, a milkman, delivering their produce.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This half term we have all dressed up as a 'Wonderful Word' for World Book Day and the reading ambassadors from Year 6 ran a book swap at breaktimes to continue to engage children in reading for pleasure. Vicar Cat has been in to talk to us all about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent and the opportunity to have an ash cross was given to the children.

A variety of children's work across the school has been submitted to the Young Artists' Summer Show and we look forward to seeing them on the virtual exhibition run by the Royal Academy of Arts.

The Eco Team have been focussing on the Keep Britain Tidy campaign which runs each March. Alongside the Village Spring Litter Pick, they organised a poster competition to remind us all why it is so important to pick up our litter and care for the environment. Look out for these around the village. The overall winners were Charlie in Key Stage 2, Jan in Key Stage 1 and Aryon in Early Years.

The children in Caterpillars have written recounts about the weather and have been reading seasonal stories. They have also discussed changes in animals as part of the science learning and have discussed Francis Beaufort as part of the history topic.

Ladybird Class have looked at the painting the 'Mona Lisa' and used different painting methods to create an updated version of her wearing more modern clothes! In DT they have created a model of using junk modelling. In maths, the children are starting to look multiplication and division.

Dragonfly Class have been learning about the Blue Abyss and all things connected to the oceans. They have written persuasive texts and have been looking at the classification of animals and food chains in science. They have been looking at Judaism in RE, learning how to tell the time in French and playing the glockenspiel with a specialist from the music service.

Grasshopper Class have written diary entries and have been looking at percentages in maths. They have created still life drawings in art and are exploring the climate and agricultural regions in the UK, and North and South America.

The children in Cricket Class have all got their leavers' hoodies – they are in a variety of bright colours and all look really smart. They are writing newspaper reports and have been reading texts based on Darwin's theory of Evolution. In computing they are looking at creating spreadsheets and are thinking about the Triple Refuge and how it helps Buddhists in their journey through life.

Our theme for Collective Worship for after Easter is Thankfulness and Vicar Cat continues to visit us weekly which the children look forward to.

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!

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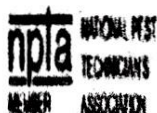
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Here are some steps you can take to ease your financial worries:

- 1. Single Person Discount:** Since you're now living alone, you can receive a 25% discount on your council tax. Make sure to notify your local council that you're the only adult in the household. Even if the person who left has been gone for some time, you're entitled to the discount from their departure date.
- 2. Disregarded People:** If there are people living with you who are disregarded for council tax purposes (such as full-time students, under-18s, long-term hospital patients, etc.), it can reduce the number of people considered for council tax purposes, possibly leading to a discount. You can check online for a list of who counts as disregarded.
- 3. Second Adult Rebate:** If there's another adult living with you who is on a low income or receiving certain benefits, you could be eligible for a 'second adult rebate,' which reduces your council tax.
- 4. Disability Reduction:** If you or anyone you live with is disabled and your home has been adapted for that disability, you might be eligible to have your council tax band reduced. For example, a band C property that's been adapted for a disabled resident could be re-banded to a band B property, which would lower your bill.
- 5. Council Tax Reduction (CTR):** If you have a low income, you can apply for a Council Tax Reduction, which may lower your bill. The council will ask about your income and circumstances to determine if you qualify. If you've reached State Pension age, different rules may apply.
- 6. Discretionary Reduction:** In cases of severe financial hardship, your council can offer a discretionary reduction, which can reduce or even cancel your council tax. You will need to provide evidence of your situation. If you're denied this reduction, you can appeal to a valuation tribunal, which could order the council to reduce or cancel your bill.
- 7. Seek Help:** It's essential to communicate with your local council. If you're struggling, let them know as soon as possible. You can also reach out to Citizens Advice for assistance in navigating your options.

You can check out our website for more information on disregarded people, getting a second adult rebate and how to appeal a valuation on our website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

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What to do if there's a fire in your home

Every second counts when escaping from a fire. Acting quickly and staying calm can save lives. It's essential to plan ahead and every household should have a fire escape plan in place just in case the worst was to happen. Hopefully, you will never have to use it, but it's important to be prepared, just in case.

You should have two escape options, in case one of your escape routes is blocked and have an agreed safe meeting place outside your home.

If a fire starts: **Get Out, Stay Out, and Call 999.**

Do not tackle the fire yourself – leave it to the professionals.

Alert everyone

- If you hear a smoke alarm or discover a fire, raise the alarm immediately
- Alert everyone inside the property as quickly as you can– shout 'FIRE' and if its safe to do so, gather everyone together
- Try to keep everyone calm and evacuate the building as quickly as possible.

As you escape, remember:

- Smokes rises, so stay low and crawl on the floor, in the cleaner air where its easier to breathe
- Do not stop to save valuables or possessions
- Do not stop to look for pets
- Don't investigate the fire or try to put the fire out yourself - focus on escaping safely
- As you leave, only open the doors you need to use and close all doors behind you to prevent the fire from spreading
- Before opening doors, feel them with the back of your hand. If the door is warm, don't open it - the fire is likely to be on the other side.

Once you are out and safe, stay out, and immediately call 999 and ask for the fire service. If you don't have a phone, shout for help.

When calling 999, provide the following:

- The address of the property on fire
- Describe the location and details of the building on fire, for example, a two-storey house or thatched cottage
- Information about anyone still trapped or injured inside the property
- Your name and telephone number
- If possible, use What3Words app to describe your location.

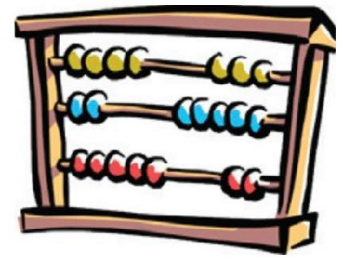
Find somewhere a safe distance from the building and wait for the fire services to arrive. Do not Re-enter the building, if someone is still inside, wait for the Fire and Rescue Service and give them the details. Firefighters have the right safety equipment and trained to carry out rescues. If you go back inside the building, you'll prevent the fire service from doing what they need to do and put your own life at risk too.

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I think virtually everybody enjoys Spring. That wonderful progression from the aconites to the snowdrops, from the crocuses to the daffodils. It's what gives us all an uplift and makes us feel positive about life; we start making plans and looking forward to the year ahead. And then the Council Tax Bill arrives. Is it specially timed to hurl us back into reality?

For most households that Council Tax Bill is well over £ 2,000 and some of that comes to Walsham le Willows Parish Council. On the accompanying leaflet it says that on average 4p in every pound goes to the Parish or Town Council, but in Walsham that figure is roughly 2.2p - this amounts to something in the region of £1 per household per week. But what do you get for that £1?

By far the biggest outlay is towards keeping the appearance of village to the highest standards possible. This includes -

- the mowing and maintenance of the closed churchyard,
- the rental and upkeep of the Townhouse Road play area,
- the annual clearance work and the regular mowing of the area along the stream as it runs through the centre of the village,
- and a grant to the Wild Woods group to cover their rent, insurance and the costs of the annual mowing.

About 10p from your £1 goes towards the street lighting. The Parish Council owns most, but not all village lights. Fortunately, because of considerable investment over several years to modernise and upgrade our street lights, the costs in terms of both electricity and maintenance charges are now much lower than they would have been. We also pay for the emptying of both litter bins and dog-poo bins – the twelve dog bins being particularly expensive, so if you are a dog owner, please make full use of them. Looking forward, we are also reserving some of the Council Tax to cover possible costs related to our ambition to create a 20mph zone in the central parts of the village.

Strangely, some of the things that the Parish Council are working on add nothing to the tax bill. Following the recent floods councillors have spent a lot of time working with outside agencies trying to establish what might be done to alleviate the likelihood and the effects of flooding in the future. In parallel to this, much effort has gone into creating a Community Emergency Plan which in times of flooding, or any similar emergency, could provide help and temporary accommodation to those in need both from Walsham and surrounding villages. Buying the necessary resources to equip an emergency centre, (the Village Hall), has been covered by accessing outside funding.

So the Council Tax Bill is one of those markers of springtime, which is very unlikely to go away, and unlikely to become any more popular. It is however only part of the picture, and much of the work of your Parish Council is achieved through the unpaid efforts of volunteers. This is of course true of many aspects of village life – these are the building blocks of a strong community.

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It is not as it appears on the TV, and far from Glamorous, the job required her to be Imaginative, Meticulous and Tenacious. She started work in 1979 wearing a simple white lab coat, recording blood spatters on a wall by drawing them on a notepad; and ended her career over 30 years later wearing a full PPE onesie and analysing swabs for DNA.

We learnt there are more female forensic scientists than male, how identical twins have the same DNA but have different fingerprints, and how useful Sellotape is in gathering evidence.

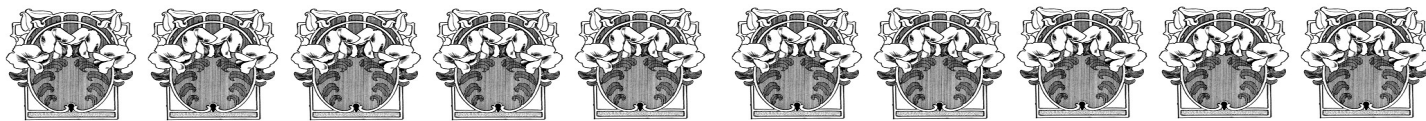
Mary then went into detail on two high profile murders she had worked on, and how the forensic science had tracked down the killers.

The talk was followed by the usual tea and home-made biscuits with lots to talk about!

Next meeting is on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm – A Floristry Demonstration by Jean Minter.

Judith Harlow

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



STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The Bury Branch will be holding the 'C' Group meeting of local branches on Thursday, 10th April at Risbygate Bowls and Social Club commencing at 8pm.

On Saturday, 12th April we will be holding a car boot sale on the playing field by the Stanton Community Centre at 8am until 12 noon, cost is £5 per pitch or car. No booking required.

The Ixworth Branch will be holding a church service on Sunday, 13th April at Ixworth church commencing at 3pm, they will be laying up their old standard. All are welcome to attend.

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The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 April at the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

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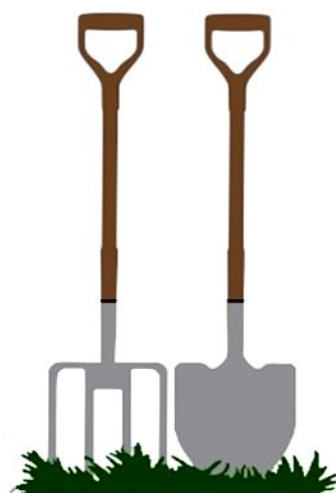
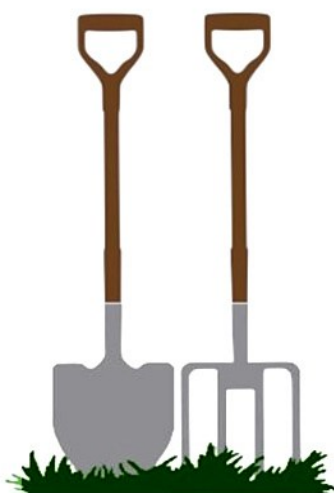
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MOST ACTIVE VILLAGE 2024

Some six months ago the village received the accolade of Most Active Village 2024 by Suffolk County Council; the award being collected at Suffolk Community Awards by the Parish Council and our chairman Mike Powles. At the time, Mike acknowledged that although the Sports Club had played an integral part in getting the award, there were in fact many other organisations within the village that had contributed. We would like to publicly make that clear by hosting a drinks and nibbles event at the Sports Club on Sunday 13th April 12.30 where we would hope you and your colleagues might join us.

Adrian Ramsey our MP has kindly agreed to join the gathering in which, we anticipate, he will share with us his vision of how he can support the value of small rural communities in this part of the country (and no doubt how we can support his Green Party in future elections!).

I hope Adrian's contribution to the event will prove of interest to your charity's many volunteers and provide an opportunity to increase the awareness of all our activities. I have a particular interest in keeping pressure up on SCC for the construction of a footpath from the Club to the Six Bells so awards like this can help.

Ian Campbell



COMMUNITY LUNCH



Hello everyone. Looking out of my window it's a beautiful frosty morning and a lovely day for a walk.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 14th April 2025.

Lunch will be Chicken Chasseur, Boulangere Potatoes, Broccoli & Peas served at 1pm, followed by Raspberry Sherry Trifle. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Shirley White



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OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 2025



Sunday, 24th and Monday, 25th August

We are the "Garden Liaison people" and now that Spring has sprung, we are asking all our garden owners to think about opening their garden this year.

We opened our garden for the first time in 2022. It's enormous fun and a wonderful community event that raises funds for village groups and St. Mary's Church.

For all garden owners who opened last year, we hope that you will join us again this year. For any garden owners thinking about reopening after a break or people considering opening for the first time, please get in touch with us.

We are here to help, explain exactly what's involved or just visit you for a friendly chat.

Cath and Graham

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

All the usual Hall activities continue to be well attended though there are still vacancies for new members if of interest. Gillian, standing in for Lara at the moment (who is on maternity leave), continues to make the Wednesday Pilates classes very enjoyable and here again spaces are still available especially for the second session at 1015.

Our Thursday coffee mornings seem to get busier every week making it a very social event while our Community Lunches continue to be an enjoyable well attended event, the next one will be on Monday 14th April.

Our last, till September, Picturehouse film in the Village Hall was on Friday 21st March and again we had a full house and it was a great night.

The MVH Committee continues to look for new events so if anyone has any suggestions we will always consider them.

Rob Matthews

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HISTORY GROUP

April Meeting

For our next talk we will be welcoming Edward Martin as our guest speaker for the evening. Edward is an archaeologist and landscape historian and will be speaking on 'Farming the Suffolk Landscape: Patterns and Changes' revealing how a variety of soils and ways of farming has led to different types of landscape across the county.

Currently East Anglia is mostly arable farming, but the 14th century Manorial Court Rolls of Walsham clearly evidence the grazing of considerable amounts of livestock by tenants (mainly cattle and sheep). The next time you walk past St Mary's Church look up. Under the clerestory (the row of upper clear windows) there are decorative panels of flint flushwork. Several of these show a spiked Catherine Wheel. St Catherine being a Christian martyr who was put to death on a spiked wheel. She later became the patron saint of spinners, indicating wool wealth in the village and the presence of the medieval Guild of St Catherine.

In earlier hard times the women and children would have earned money by spinning yarn and doing other work related to the wool industry. An inventory taken in the late 18th century showed there to be 29 spinning wheels in the village workhouse, So, what happened? Come along to our talk and maybe Edward will provide the answer.

Also, on Sunday 27th April we have our Spring Walk. We meet at the Six Bells at 10.30am to enjoy a leisurely walk through our delightful countryside. Nothing too arduous and feel free to do as much of the walk as you can manage. Dogs on leads welcome. There is the option of a refreshing drink and soup at the end of the walk, but please do bring a drink with you for the walk.

Lastly, annual membership fees of £15.00 are payable at the April Meeting.

We hope to see you there.

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SUFFOLK'S LOST HERITAGE

History Group Meeting 19th March

Stephen Poulter returned to give us another very engaging talk, this time on some once large and imposing buildings that have decayed and fallen away. There are a mass of castles and old halls that have all but disappeared from our landscape. The final remnants leave a tantalising glimpse of days of yore and often lie nestled in a quiet and beautiful corner of the countryside.

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With Springtime just around the corner, the woods are slowly waking up and we are starting to see the first blossoms starting to appear. We will be holding our annual Easter Trail in the woods on Saturday 19th April 10am-12.30pm, with refreshed trail for the young and young at heart, as well as Woosters Hot Cross Buns, teas and coffees and a chocolatey treat for the children. There is no need to book the Easter Trail, simply show up and enjoy.

Rachel Robinson

WALSHAM BOWLS CLUB

We held our Presentation Evening on Thursday March 6th to acknowledge the Club Competition Winners.

Mens 2 Wood Nick Foulger, **Pairs** Iain Simpson & Brian Randall, **Mens 4 Wood** Adi Cole, and **4 Wood & Ladies 2 Wood** Angela Whiting.

With Ian Campbell presenting the trophies a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

With the season fast approaching, and weather dependent, we will soon be announcing when the green will be open, Tuesday evenings all welcome.

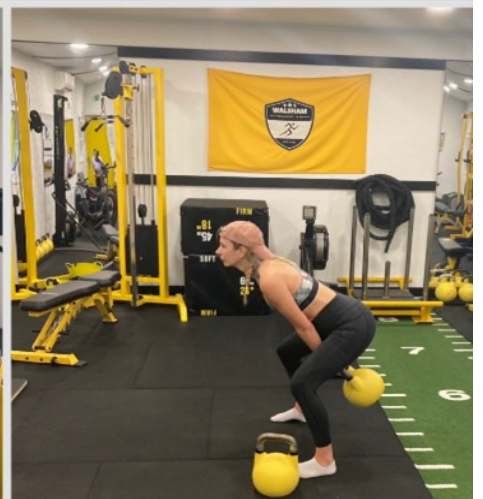
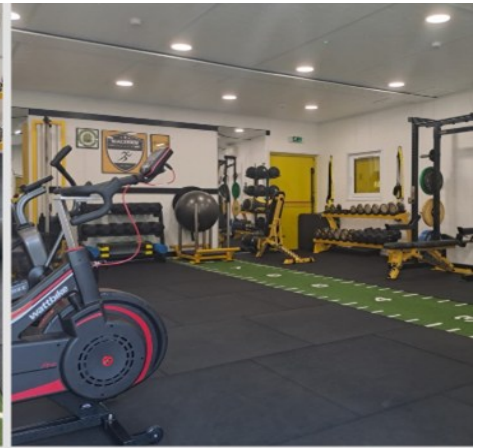
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DIARY OF EVENTS

APRIL

- Wed 9th W.I. Floristry Demo'n
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Thur 10th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 12.30pm
- Sun 13th 'Most Active Village Do'
Sports Club 12.30pm
- Wed 16th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Sat 19th Easter Event
Wild Wood 10.00am
- Sun 27th History Group
Village Walk 10.30am

MAY

- Wed 14th W.I. Annual Meeting
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Thur 15th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 12.30pm
- Wed 21st History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Sun 25th Bank Holiday Fun Day
Sports Club 2.00pm

JUNE

- Tues 10th W.I. Bowls Taster
Bowls Green 7.00pm
- Wed 18th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Sun 22nd Music in St Mary's

St Mary's Church 2.00pm

JULY

- Sat 5th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's Church 7.30pm
- Thur 10th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 12.20pm
- Wed 16th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm

AUGUST

- Sat 9th Horticultural Show
Village Hall 2.00pm
- Sun 24th Open Gardens All Day
- Mon 25th Weekend Day

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 17th History Group
Village Hall 7.30pm
- Thur 25th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 12.20pm

OCTOBER

- Wed 15th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Sat 18th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- Wed 19th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Fri 28th Walsham Art Group
Priory Room 5.00pm

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2025 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Richard Winch

1. **OPENING STATEMENT** (if any required)

Cllr Belson expressed condolences on behalf of the Parish Council to the family of Rob Barber and noted Rob's many contributions to village life over the years, which included much work to improve the condition of the footpath network, publicising it as a resource to increase use and sorting out some contentious legal issues with their use by the public. He arranged much of the signposting and the installation of sleeper bridges, and instigated arrangements with the District Council for payments to landowners for the regular cutting of most of the paths. Without all Rob's diligent and tenacious work, the footpath network we enjoy today would be considerably less extensive. Amongst other contributions, Rob was also for a time the treasurer for the history group, a member of the Community Council for 43 years (including time as Chair), and a member of the Parish Council. Cllr Belson noted a shared resistance to the frontiers of digital technology which Rob reinforced with beautifully hand-written letters (see website for an example). A minute of silence was observed in Rob's memory.

2. **APOLOGIES**

- a. County Councillor Jessica Fleming.
- b. No consents required.

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 February 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and for signature.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that there were no actions outstanding from the last meeting that were not in hand.

5. **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.

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6. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS** - to receive written reports & put questions:
 - a. The Chair referred to report from County Councillor. There were no queries.
 - b. District Councillor Winch
 - i. Cllr J Winch noted the budget announcement re Cycling and Walking Initiatives and asked if this had any implication for funding footpaths in Walsham. District Cllr. Winch confirmed the position on Palmer Street a low priority for MSDC but that he would refer it back to try to secure an assessment within 12-18 months with the question as to how the costs could be limited by changes to scope and will also mention the possible impact of new housing targets on this issue. Council will await the application and review.
 - ii. Cllr Mecrow asked District Cllr Winch about the timescales with regard to the Local Plan which will probably be in the next 2-3 years because advice received is to start again and the current allocations will be good for the next two years.
7. **REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS (Flood, CEP, Traffic) & ACTION LOG REVIEWS**
 - a. **Traffic Group**
 - i. Report (uploaded 04/03/2025) was noted.
Proposal 1 – It was agreed that the traffic Group should engage informally with the school and representatives of the Sports Club to advise of progress.
Proposal 2 It was agreed that the PC should prepare for the discussion with Josh White at April meeting.
 Cllr. Bartholomew asked about availability of data from the recent door knocking exercise. Cllr Winch advised that high level data is available indicating support or objection and those who wanted to see a more extensive reduction in limits. Cllrs Winch & Brookes will follow up and present for April meeting.
 - ii. Cllr. Mecrow proposed that the Parish Council contact Suffolk Highways to request a site visit to assess what traffic calming measures / crossing point format could be feasible at the sports centre on Summer Road. This was approved and it was decided that the initiatives for 20's Plenty, the footpath and crossing need to be brought together for consideration in this discussion.
 - b. **Flood Group**
 - i. No report this month.
 It was decided that the Clerk write via County Cllr. Fleming to seek advice on best way to proceed with regard to engagement and the information needed to make this a success.
 In meantime Clerk to print and prep copies of S19 Flood reports and Flood Smart Living guide for sending out to selected recipients amongst local land owners, as advised.
 - c. **CEP Group**
 - i. Report (uploaded 04/03/2025) was noted.
 - ii. Community Flood Kit to be funded by grant from Environment Agency was



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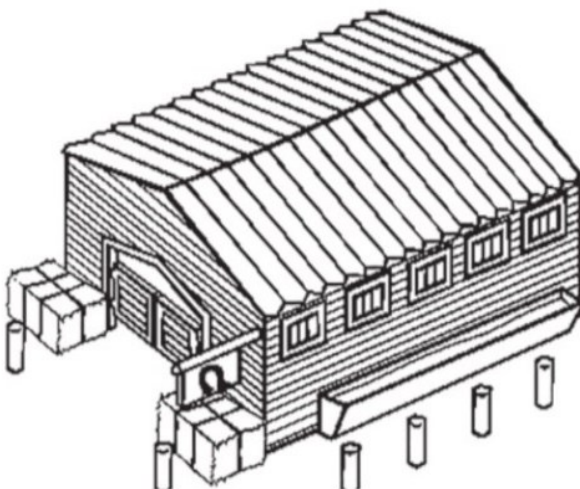


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considered and discussed at length to determine what would actually be useful in an emergency situation. Cllrs Brookes and Bartholomew will refine the proposal for final decision at next meeting.

- iii. Cllr. Brookes proposed that due to the practicalities involved, sandbags cannot be purchased and stored by the Parish Council on behalf of residents. The likelihood of this being an effective remedy in an emergency situation are low due to the logistics. It was decided that residents likely to be affected by flooding are encouraged to equip themselves in this regard and in any other way thought to be efficacious based on individual circumstance.

8. PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2024/25 (not covered under working groups - Footpaths, Shepherd's Grove, Bus Routes, Local Plan)

Nothing to note that has not been dealt with elsewhere – this item to be removed from future agendas.

9. PLANNING, LICENCING & RELATED MATTERS

- a. Standing item to consider, and Clerk to document, any parts of Neighbourhood Plan that need to be revisited at time of next review. Nothing to note.

- b. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) DC/25/00699 Proposal: Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/22/02096 dated 05/10/2022 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Change of use of land for temporary stationing of two mobile homes and erection of link extension - To vary Condition 4 (Removal of Mobile Homes) - The temporary mobile homes were only delivered to site in January 2023, and then after adaptation, occupied in December 2023. Work has not yet commenced on the demolition of the main house, as a Full Planning Application has now been submitted with additional information requested by Planning. Extension of time for the temporary homes to be to July 2026, or three months after completion of the new dwelling on the site. Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, Diss Suffolk IP22 1LY **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

- c. Council considered the notified modifications to the West Suffolk Local Plan in light of the Shepherd's Grove development proposals and discussed if any action/response to the consultation was required. It was decided that no comment was needed at this stage. Clerk to acknowledge and advise.

- d. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/00996 Proposal: Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Felling & Removal of single dead Ash tree at front of property. Location: Chapel House, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP313BZ **No Application Is Required For Removal Of Dead Tree**

- e. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/00979 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a rear extension, replacement windows & doors, and Cladding details. Location: High Hedges, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

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

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APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/00383 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell x1 Willow, Fell x2 Leylandii, Fell x1 Sycamore, Fell x1 Cypress, Reduce to 4m x2 Leylandii, Reduce crown by 4m x1 Cherry, Reduce crown by 7m x1 Beech, Reduce to below phone lines x3 Cherry. Location: Cherry Tree House, Finningham Road, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BQ **MSDC Did Not Wish To Object**

11 FINANCE & AUDIT

- a. The bank reconciliation for period ending 28 February 2025 was approved and signed.
- b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment we approved for authorisation. (Appendix 1).
- c. Internal control checks reports from Cllrs Bartholomew, Belson/Mecrow, Tuck and Winch were approved and signed. Clerk to update contract in time for annual appraisal to include all job specification clauses (missing sheet) and also to remove clause 10.1.1 relating to assessment of home working environment. Issue of core hours specified in contract were raised as not reflecting actual hours worked. The Clerk suggested that this probably worked to the Council's advantage when less hours could be worked and also clarified for Cllr Tuck that there is no self-interest/conflict involved on the part of the Clerk in suggesting this arrangement continues as the overtime rate is specified in the contract is the same as core hours rate (payslips are signed off each month by bank signatories). The Clerk also clarified that full time sheets are kept which calculate the hours worked from times entered. This record has been available to councillors since 2017 when the current Clerk started in the role. Narrative against the hours worked was also kept for at least two years until it became clear that this was not required by Council so was discontinued as a pragmatic time saving in itself.
- d. The Clerk proposed an additional subscription through Parish Online (from £42pa incl. vat to) for their 'WorkSpace Professional' subscription to enable all PC documentation to be stored online for access by members and, to comply with standing orders on this matter and to improve resilience of administrative handover as and when that happens. This was approved.
- e. Ringfenced, earmarked and restricted reserves (refer to reconciliation) were reviewed for any changes prior to year end. None were required.
- f. Council had already approved appointment of SALC as internal auditor for 2024/25. New requirement to consider for approval the terms in the letter of engagement and reapprove SALC as internal auditor for 2024/25. This was approved.

12 CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere)

- a. No changes to Clerk's action log were required.
- b. To consider any other matters of concern or note.
 - i. Council considered the offer of attendance at a Parish Council meeting from Community Led Homes, deferred from last meeting. It was decided to wait until new housing allocations are known and the proposed sites. Clerk to

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respond in that manner.

- ii. Update on spring litter pick (9-15th March) was noted no remaining actions required.
- iii. Council considered an email from Cllr Tuck to Cllr Belson, about the previous discussion of the matter of replanting of the hedge to the southeast corner of the closed churchyard. Cllr. Tuck had originally said that he would be prepared to plant the hedge and the PC had agreed to his proposal. It was agreed that the topic could be reconsidered at the August meeting for possible planting in the autumn.
- iv. There were no objectives/actions arising from Annual Question Time meeting other than those relating to projects already known.
- v. Clerk's annual appraisal was considered and Cllrs Bartholomew and Winch volunteered again this year. This was approved and a date will be arranged.
- vi. Cllr Bartholomew raised issue of Play Area ditch and fencing. This was considered in the light of recent RoSPA reports, the last of which made no mention of this. It was difficult to see how any reasonably priced fencing would keep children from playing in the ditch if they chose to do so. A date of 5th April (at 10am) was decided on for the spring maintenance working party.

13 OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA

a. Other matters

- i. The issue of reports of renewed mole activity in the closed churchyard was raised. It was not thought that this needed to go on the agenda for next meeting.
- ii. Cllr. B. reported that the sleeper bridge on FP2 near Crownland Farm was badly rotted; Cllr. M. reported that the footbridge over the river at the start of FP8 (Feldgate Lane) had a rotting plank and the wire netting at both ends was deteriorating. Cllr. Belson said that he would follow these up with SCC Highways. Next Meetings:
- iii. Parish Council Meeting – 9th April 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall.
- iv. Meeting closed at 21:45

STANTON CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 12th April

on the Community Centre Playing Field



Sellers are welcome from 7am.
Sale starts at 8am ending at midday.
£5 per pitch/car.
No booking needed.

All profits from entry fees to the Royal British Legion. Charity No 219279

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation FEBRUARY 2024

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Kevin Boardley	£95.90	Reimbursement – Toner Cartridge
2	Kevin Boardley	£16.06	Reimbursement – Binding Spine Bars
3	Memorial Village Hall	£67.50	Hall hire for CEP 1 st Aid training and monthly meeting.
4	Brown's Tree Services	£2580.00	Tree work at Memorial Hall & Play Area, plus ivy removal closed churchyard
5	H/O Collection Suffolk County Council	£1026.00	Traffic surveys x 4
6	Went Community First Responders	£100.00	Donation for Basic Life Support training
7	Parish Council Employee	£451.84	Wages
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description



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WHAT'S ON AT THE BLUE BOAR

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Family Fortunes

Thursday 3rd April from 7pm

Karaoke on Friday 11th and 25th April

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£15 every Thursday

Take away service Monday - Saturday
from 4pm

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FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

A Season of Hope and Renewal

As the days grow longer and the first signs of Spring begin to transform our beautiful village, we are reminded of the promise of new life. The fields that surround us, once bare and quieter through winter (though not the farms or the farmers), are now bursting into life with fresh green shoots and the joyful songs of returning birds. It is a time of renewal, a season of hope – and there is no greater message of hope than the one we celebrate at Easter.

Easter is a time when we reflect on the love and sacrifice of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may know the fullness of God's grace. But it is also a celebration of victory over darkness, a declaration that hope always has the final word. Just as nature awakens around us in Spring, Easter reminds us that no matter how difficult or challenging life may be, there is always the promise of a fresh start, of light breaking through the darkness.

This year, we warmly invite you to join us in celebrating this joyful season at St Mary's and at services across our benefice. Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or have never stepped foot inside our churches before, please know that you are welcome. Easter is for everyone a time to come together as a community, to share in the message of love and hope that binds us all.

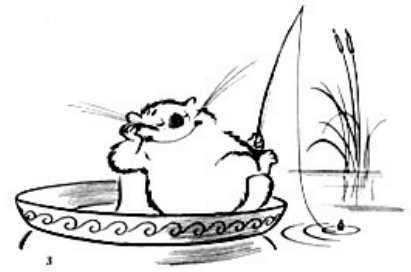
There will be a range of services and events in the lead-up to Easter Sunday, offering opportunities for reflection, prayer, and celebration. From the solemnity of Good Friday to the triumphant joy of Easter morning, each moment of Holy Week tells a part of the greatest story ever told.

Our Easter Sunday service at St Mary's will be a truly special occasion, filled with uplifting music, joyful worship, and a warm atmosphere of togetherness. As we proclaim the resurrection of Christ, we will also celebrate the beauty of our village and the blessings we share as a community. We hope you will join us and feel a sense of belonging, of peace, and of renewed hope.

So as you see the lambs in the fields, the buds on the trees, and the bright daffodils nodding in the breeze, may you be reminded of the deep and abiding hope and light that Easter brings.

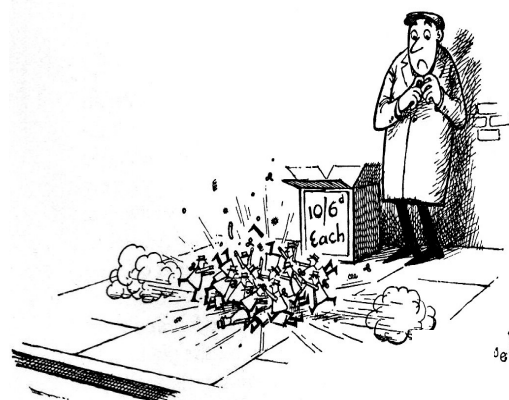
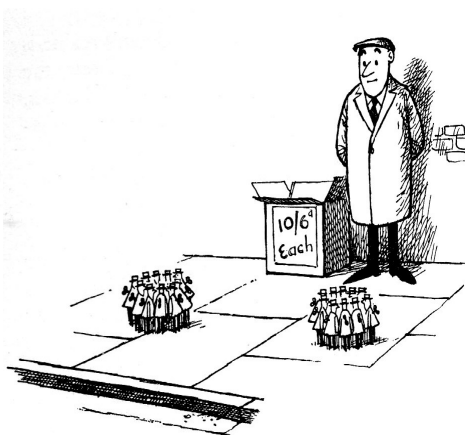
We look forward to welcoming you this Easter!

*With every blessing
Revd Catriona*



APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church	Date	Service	Church
4th April			11:00am	Easter Egg Hunt	Bad & Lang
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Walsham	18th April Good Friday		
6th April	5th Sunday of Lent		6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Walsham
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham	20th April Easter Sunday		
11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	9:30am	Holy Communion	Langham
11th April			9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Walsham	11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
13th April Palm Sunday			27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter		
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash	11:00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
11:00am	Holy Communion	Finningham	6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham	4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter		
17th April Maundy Thursday			8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
6:00pm	Holy Communion	Finningham	11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
18th April			5:00pm	Songs of Praise	Finningham



WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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	7			1				
	6	4	2			1		
		1			7	2	9	6

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

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

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

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!



GREEN DILEMMAS



the environmental impact of different types of transport

The table shows the carbon footprint per kilometre of various types of transport

Domestic flight	246g	Electric car	47g
Diesel / petrol car	170g	National rail	35g
Long-haul flight	148g	Tram	29g
Bus	97g	Walking /cycling	<15g

Note: Figures show grams of carbon dioxide-equivalents per passenger kilometre - source UK Government

Here are some thoughts on this table.

Planes versus petrol cars

You might be surprised that long-haul flights have a lower footprint per kilometre than a petrol car. It's the long distances that change the picture. A single return flight to Singapore for example has a bigger impact than a whole year's driving by a typical UK driver.

Electric cars

As more electricity is produced by renewables then the footprint of electric cars reduces. Electric cars are however a small percentage of vehicles on the road and even last year only about 14% of new cars were fully electric. Electric cars are still relatively expensive and there is a limited second-hand market but at least in rural areas most residents have access to off road parking where chargers could be located.

Trains and trams

Trains and trams are very environmentally friendly, and they have the potential to carry huge numbers of passenger journeys. Currently only 10% of passenger journeys are by rail compared with 33% in Japan. Many parts of our railway system need significant investment to increase capacity, but the UK seems incapable of addressing this.

Buses

Buses are also environmentally sustainable but there has been a massive decline in bus services since 2010 especially in rural areas. New legislation promises to give local transport authorities more powers to run their own bus services and this might see new initiatives being launched.

Walking and cycling

Increasing the number of journeys by walking or cycling is key to improving the environmental footprint of transport. This means we need more footpaths and cycleways to improve safety and accessibility. Holland has built their cycling infrastructure over decades and up to 35% of journeys under 5k are taken by bike. This indicates that given the will a massive increase in cycling would be possible.

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WILDLIFE IN APRIL

This month with Easter approaching we often think of the Easter Bunny, but what we will be lucky enough to see is the Brown Hare. They will be seen running across the fields looking quite a size and by this time of the year the first of the babies called Leverets will have been born. If you are lucky enough to see a Leveret hunkered down in long grass do not be alarmed that it is on its own with no mother in sight. These cute little babies are far from helpless, they already weight 100g at birth and by day two are able to run and at a pretty decent speed. The mother will visit, but only once a day, to allow them to suckle the rich milk, she will only stay with them a few minutes which is to avoid any unwanted attention from predators.

On your walks one thing you will defiantly see on road verges, grassy fields and even in your own gardens, if they have escaped the mowing and herbicides, is the Dandelion flower. Bright yellow in colour giving an early source of nectar to hungry insects. Each Dandelion flowerhead is made from 100 florets and the nectar production will peak late morning. Many people are too eager to get rid of these so called weeds but did you know that just eight Dandelion flowers can provide enough nectar for 15,000 Bee visits per day!

To the water we now go, and in Spring you may see Toads moving towards or already in the water to spawn. The female Toads are bigger in size particularly at this time of year as they will be full of unfertilized eggs. On some of the females you will see a male Toad clinging on for dear life to the females back, it is a powerful urge driving him to pass on his genes to the next generation. This urge can be so powerful that male Toads have been seen clinging onto suitable looking objects with no female in sight, they can also cling on to other males or even on to fish! This powerful grip is helped by the nuptial pads at only males have, the grip is called Amplexus which comes from the Latin word 'Embrace'. To determine what Spawn you have in your pond, Toads will Spawn their eggs in a string like fashion while frogs will Spawn theirs in a clump.

Newts are becoming more active again and we have three species. Our largest one is the Great Crested Newt, one that property developers hate to come across as this is a protected species. The Great Crested Newt is up to 17cm in length and has a lifespan between six and fifteen years. They are almost black in colour with spotted flanks and an orange belly. It has a warty skin and the males of this species will have long wavy crest along their back and tail during the breeding season. Interestingly Wessex Water employs a Newt detection dog and Ecologists take water samples looking for environmental DNA (eDNA). Who knew!

We are all looking forward to planting flowers, shrubs, painting fences and decking making the garden wonderful once again, but please before tidying up those rough patches of garden with lawn mowers and in particular strimmer's, please spare two minutes to look for Hedgehogs. They will not run away and will just ball up, and unfortunately the Hedgehog Hospital has had four hoggies in already which have had terrible injuries which could have been avoided.

Angie Bennington.





WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND GRANTS



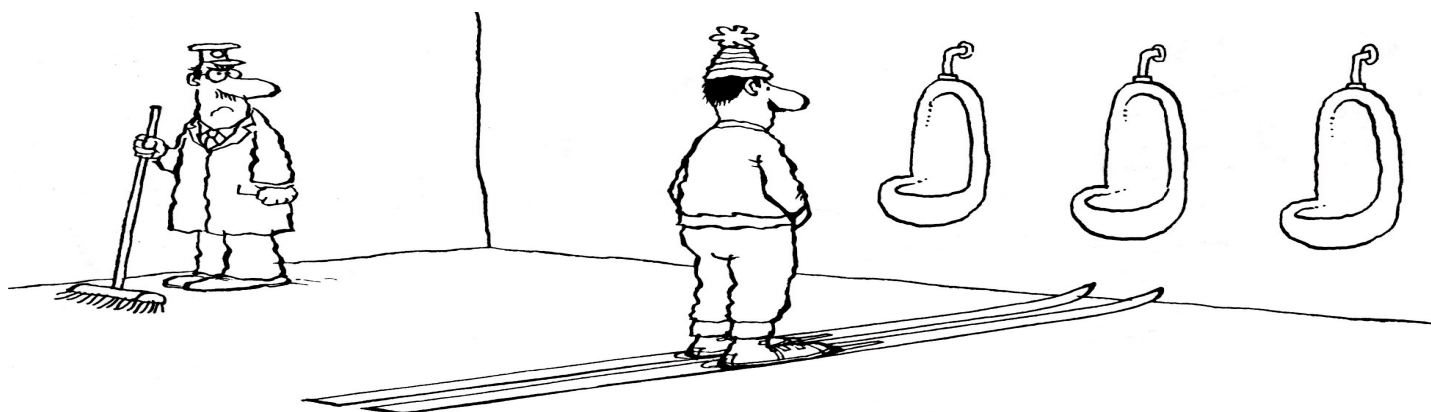
Work on the planning and preparation for the 2025 event is well underway and we would hope to update readers of the Observer as we move forward. The surplus on the 2024 weekend was a little over £24000, which we all thought was a remarkable result and certainly goes some way to illustrate the extraordinary effort that the community puts in to making the event a success for residents and visitors alike. The long-time policy of the Trust is that we always retain a fund of 50% of the costs that went into the organising of the event in the previous year before the visitors came through the gate. In that way we think we go some way to safeguard the future of the weekend and provide a buffer against disaster, two days of torrential rain for instance....!!

So, when we met recently, we were in the very fortunate position of having just over £21000 to award, half of which goes to St Mary's Church and the rest is available as grants to properly constituted clubs, societies and organisations within the village and its environs. This year we have been able to provide support to the following groups:

- The History Group needed help to buy archive boxes for the safe storage of their wealth of documents recording the fascinating history of the village and its occupants.
- Similarly, we were able to help the WI with their archive storage.
- We provided the Wild Wood Steering Group with the final part of funding for the costs associated with the Forest Schools Training program that a teacher from the Primary School has embarked upon.
- We will support the Sports Club's ambition to replace the dying hedge around the bowling green with a new native hedge in the autumn.
- The Allotments will now be able to replace their mower and strimmer.
- The Cricket Club can purchase a bowling machine to help improve their batting skills ahead of the new season.
- The hedge around the south east corner of the closed Church yard has been reinstated with mixed native plants complete with stakes, spiral guards and some watering equipment to ensure it survives.

So, this has brought an end to the very successful 42nd year of the Open Gardens event that brings so much pleasure to so many people and we look forward to this coming August Bank Holiday weekend with renewed enthusiasm.

John Stebbing Secretary to Open Gardens Trust
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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team beat Great Yarmouth Town at home 4-1 with Ethan Garcia scoring a hat trick. Scott Chaplin scored the other goal. They then beat Soham Town Rangers 3-2 away after being 2-0 down at half time. Ethan Garcia grabbed a brace with sub Reon Huckvale also scoring. Their latest home game however ended in defeat with Ely City winning 3-1. Scott Chaplin was our goalscorer. We currently lie in seventh place in the league

The Under 23s have won their last two home fixtures 2-0 against Woodbridge Town and Ipswich Wanderers respectively.

The Under 18s beat Sporting 87 3-2 away and then Thetford Town 10-1 away but sadly lost 3-2 away to Bury Town and despite this being their only league defeat of the season they are now destined to finish Runners Up.

The Vets lost 8-3 away to Ransomes Sports but beat Woolverstone 4-1 at home in their latest fixture.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures For April

First Team

Sat 5th v Hadleigh United 3pm

Tues 8th v Heacham 7.45 pm

Sat 12th v Downham Town. 3pm

Mon 21st v Cornard United 3pm

Under 23s

Sat 19th v Soham Town Rangers 3pm

Regards Gordon Ross



WALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

A Thankyou

The rather wonderful season of films, food and fun has come to an end with a lovely film 'Finding Your Feet' starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley... a fantastic evening and many many thanks to the Community Council and the team for putting in the effort on our behalf and making the winter evenings a little more bearable. This sort of event just doesn't happen and you are all to be congratulated on such a fantastic success and more please at the end of the year

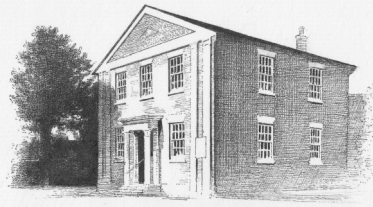
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It is our pleasure to invite you to our series of special meetings this Easter. We have been holding the 'Easter Bible Convention' for almost 70 years and, if you have never been, it would be lovely to see you - why not join with us this year?

Services are at 7.30 each evening of Easter week (14th – 18th April)

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Easter Sunday at 11.00am & 6.30pm

(Refreshments to follow each evening.)

Forsaken of God

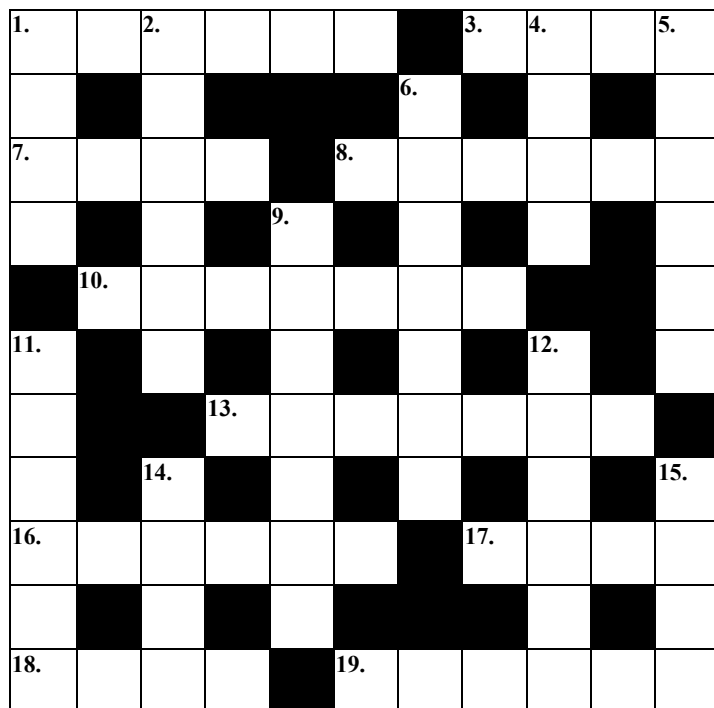
It was a dark day when the Lord Jesus Christ was taken by wicked hands and crucified and slain (*Acts 2:23*). For three years or so, Jesus of Nazareth had moved publicly among the people, and many had felt his touch during those years. He had preached to multitudes, healed the sick, made the blind to see and the lame to walk; he had raised the dead to life, but now he himself was dead.

After a long, lonely night of mockery and abuse, he was led outside Jerusalem, to be crucified at Calvary. They had nailed him to a cross at nine o'clock in the morning and for three hours, under the eastern sun, he hung there in agony. Suddenly, at noon, a supernatural, darkness covered the whole land until three in the afternoon (*Mark 15:33*). He cried out, "**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**" (*Matthew 27:46*). Then he cried again, "**It is finished**" (*John 19:30*) and he bowed his head in death. However, we must ask, why did God forsake him? He was after all, God's Son, his beloved Son. For thirty-three years he had lived a sinless life, as no other has ever lived, or indeed ever could; he had enjoyed constant fellowship with his Father, so why should God forsake him now? Peter gives us the answer: "**He bore our own sins in his own body on the tree**" (*1 Peter 2:24*) and Habakkuk says of God, "**Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity**" (*Habakkuk 1:13*). Christ was the holy sin-bearer on behalf of his people, but with no sin of his own. He voluntarily became accountable for the sins of his people and the prophet's words were fulfilled, "**He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities**" (*Isaiah 53:5*). Those whose faith and trust is in him declare that he, "**Loved me, and gave himself for me**" (*Galatians 2:20*).

In the late afternoon, two friends buried him, and for three days his body lay in the cold silence of the tomb. Then, on the morning of the third day, the stone which had sealed the tomb had miraculously rolled away, showing that it was empty, except for the grave clothes, laying undisturbed, still in their folds, vacated by the now risen Lord and Saviour. "**Why seek ye the living among the dead?**" (*Luke 24:5*) asked the angels of the visitors to the tomb, "**He is not here, He is risen, as he said**" (*Matthew 28:6*). The empty tomb is an attested fact; neither Roman nor Jewish authorities disputed this. Sceptics ever since have struggled with feeble explanations, but the truth is simple, the Crucified Saviour is alive from the dead. God has thus declared that the sacrifice offered at Calvary was perfect and sufficient to fully satisfy his righteous claims, providing the only means of forgiveness for all who will truly believe that Christ's life, death, and resurrection was for them.

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures 1 Corinthians 15:3

WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



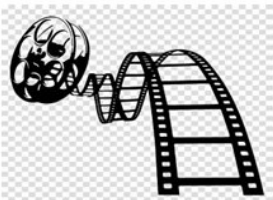
ACROSS

1. Illegally copy a corsair. (6)
3. There's nothing in the award for this instrument. (4)
7. Two times a little father for the real one. (4)
8. Such an instrument for the ice cream. (6)

10. Can we attribute it to a writer (7)
13. Are these infantrymen a football team? (7)
16. Ruins the war trophies. (6)
17. It's the only time the cone was broken. (4)
18. Sounds that this bird will do an act. (4)
19. Work out the depth. (6)

DOWN

1. His holiness is in a soap opera. (4)
2. Does the model find rest when she changes position. (6)
4. Put savings on one side of the river. (4)
5. The limit of former camping gear. (6)
6. Put together for the harvester. (7)
9. Commonly such an upset at the mill. (7)
11. The beasts are just another form of dog. (6)
12. Does such a line come from a tree? (6)
14. Is there room to go back to the open space? (4)
15. It might seem to join. (4)



STANTON VILLAGE CINEMA

Friday 11h April at 7:30pm

THE CRITIC (15)



Hugh Bonneville, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent & Olivia Colman

Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown Family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru.

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

Tea/coffee and refreshments

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

Next film is SWEDE CAROLINE (15) Friday 9th May

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
7:30pm Second Wed of the Month

EVENTS

Parish Council Village Hall
(Public Meeting)
7.00pm Second Wed of the Month

THURSDAY

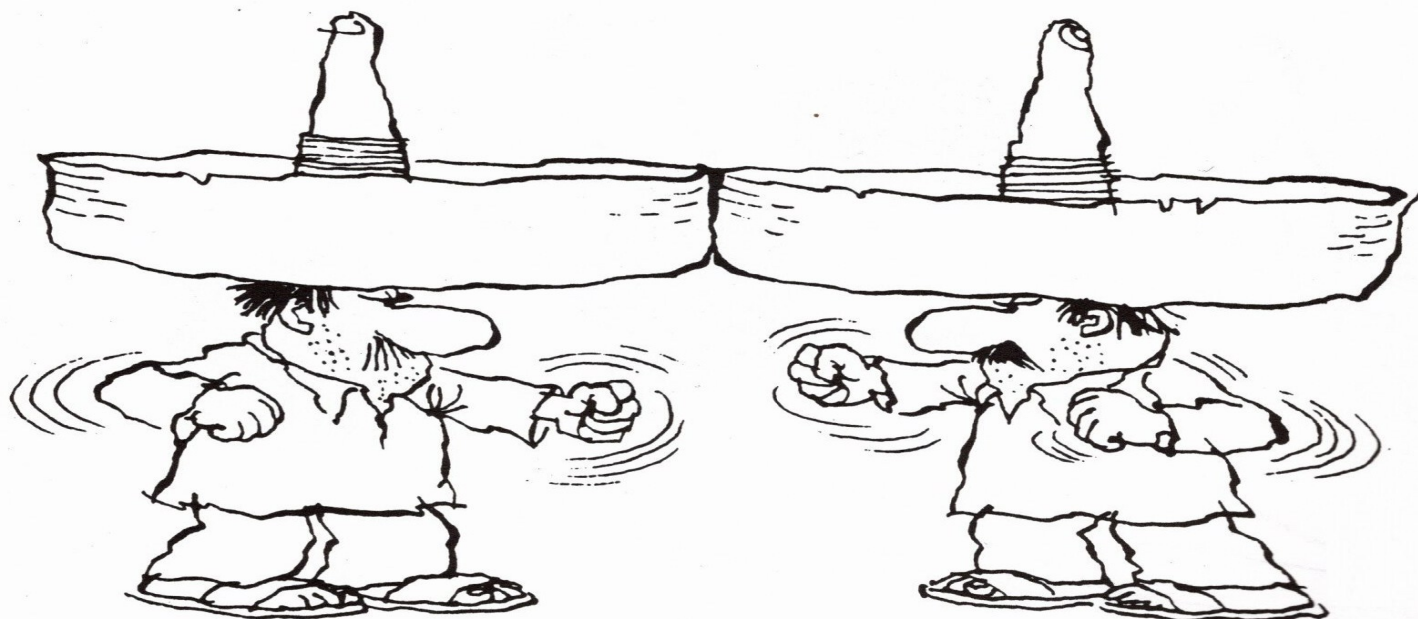
Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till 12.30pm
Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon
Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm
Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm
Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



In which book of the Bible are the Ten Commandments found?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Demerara, 2. 24, 3. Holly and Ivy, 4. San Francisco, 5. Lord Byron,
6. Twenty-third, 7. Moose, 8. The lotus, 9. Antonym, 10. Work hard for a living,
11. Suez (Zeus), 12. Doctor Foster, 13. Datum, 14. North Sea and Baltic,
15. Christian Barnard, 16. Mistress, 17. Sir Christopher Cockerell, 18. Badger,
19. United Nations, 20. The flushing toilet, 21. Chipping, 22. England,
23. Singapore, 24. Whistler's, 25. Water, 26. The Antarctic, 27. Fitzgerald,
28. Dreadnought, 29. Every 76 years, 30. Argentina, 31. Wyatt Earp, 32. A lodge,
33. Opossum, 34. Shetland Islands, 35. Street, Saint and Strait,
36. Marquess of Queensbury, 37. Ampersand, 38. House of Hanover,
39. Twenty, 40. A chain, 41. Fool's Gold, 42. Italy, 43. Mr President,
44. De Havilland, 45. Dick Francis, 46. Veronica, 47. Canada and USA,
48. Exodus, 49. Six, 50. Deep

Sudoku

7	2	9	3	4	8	6	5	1
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Crossword

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More or Less

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3	5	2	1	4
5	4	3	2	1

Searching for Words

Ace	Acer	Arc	Are	Area
Ark	Art	Ate	Car	Care
Carer	Caret	Caretake	Cart	Carter
Cat	Cater	Crate	Crater	Creak
Creek	Ear	Eek	Era	Eta
Race	Racer	Rat	Rate	Rater
Rear	Reek	Ret	Retake	Retaker
Take	Taker	Tar	Tare	Tea
Teak	Tear	Tec	Trek	Trace
Tracer	Tree	Caretaker (48)		

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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.’**