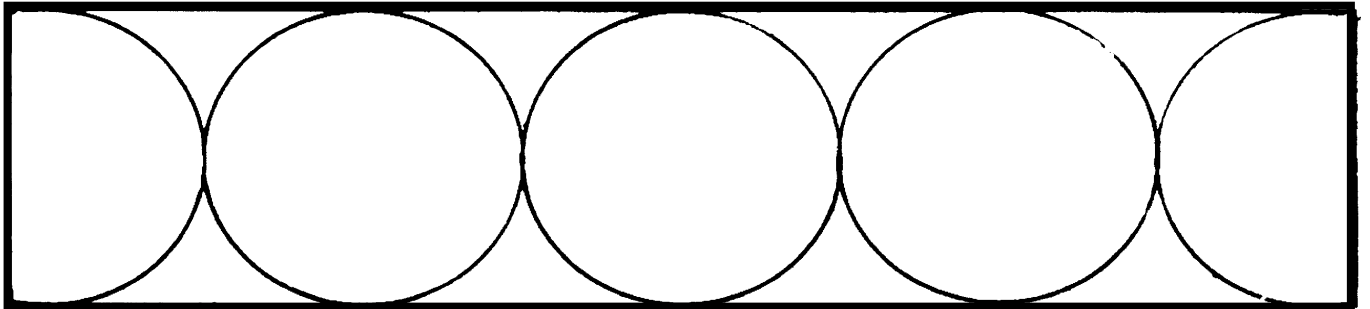
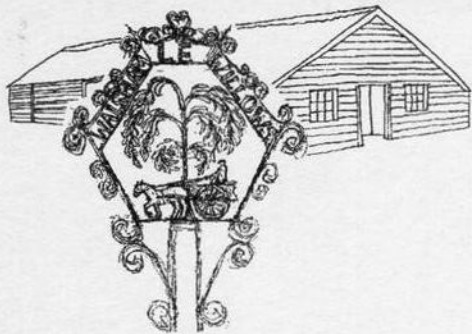


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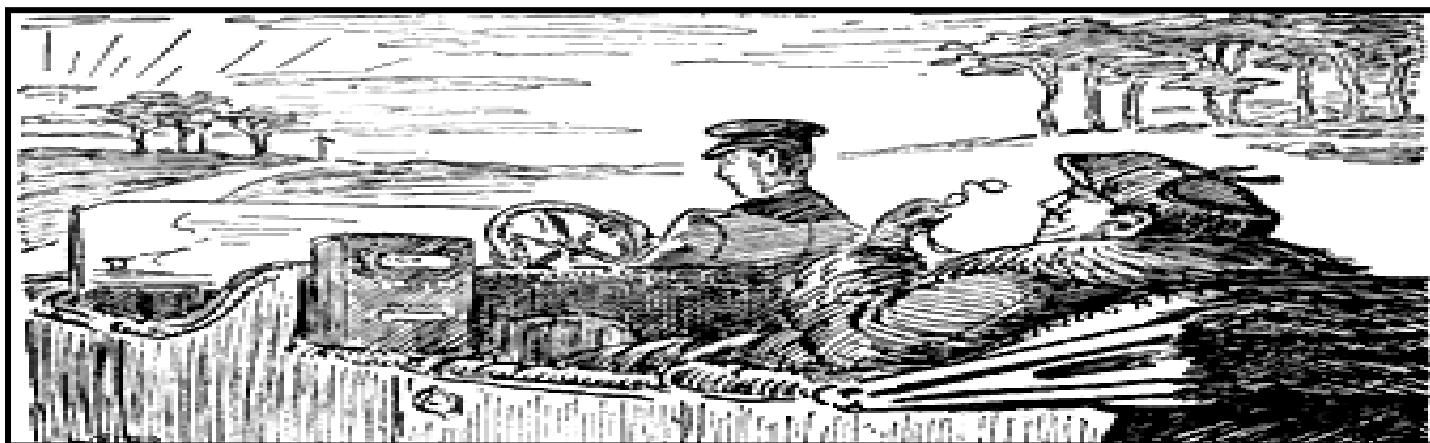
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# EDITORIAL

You might notice that this month's Observer has slightly more 'fripperies' than quite a few months, this is not because I am catching Bank Holiday fever - seeing as how we have just entered the Bank Holiday season. What with Easter's two, the May Bank Holiday (cunningly disguised as V.E. celebration, when V.E. Day is actually on 8th May not 5th May), and then Spring Bank Holiday on May 26th, when you are invited to 'make merry' at the Sports Club,. No! It is just the old rule that 'plus one is plus four!' Writing of Bank Holidays, there appears to be nothing happening on Monday 5th, in Walsham, or maybe any secret organisers have kept it a very closely guarded secret, at least from myself! It always pays to advertise!

Having survived the early rush of Bank Holiday excitement, it maybe a short stop to catch ones breath might be advisable. Such a short rest might be offered by a relaxing concert at midday on **Thursday 15th in St Mary's Church** when Jill Crossland returns to perform a piano recital. Judging by last year's concert, this is one not to be missed.

With all that is going on in the world at the moment, with espionage, cyber attacks and other inter-state skullduggery, the talk by Paul Jordan, at the **History Group's** meeting on **Wednesday 21st**, might be quite enlightening.

For those readers who seldom get past the middle of the magazine (shame on you!), might I suggest that this month you might just venture to an article entitled The Middle Way, attempting to disguise itself as an article on the teachings of Buddha, but soon revealing its true colours as a cricket article, but well worth the read. Previous articles have relied upon Homeric and other mythic laden articles.

With Buddha unwittingly leading us on to the merry sound of 'leather on willow' it is but just a short step to the sound of 'plastic upon plastic', - not as in the past 'lignum on lignum' - as the outdoor bowls season takes off. You will see, if you venture further than Buddha, that there is a drive to encourage members of the village to try their hand, or bending knee, at this quintessential English game. What was good enough for Sir Francis Drake must be just the thing for any self respecting Walshamite!!



Cover picture: A view of the church from Gallant's Meadow. The cupola of the church was taken down c1895

# CITIZENS ADVICE

**I'm worried about my debt and rising bills, and I want to know what support is available. Do you have any advice on managing rising costs and what to do if I fall into debt?**

Rising bills and debt can be overwhelming, but there is support available to help manage the financial strain. Start by checking if you're eligible for benefits. Many people miss out on support they're entitled to, such as help for low-income households, those who are sick or disabled, carers, or individuals of State Pension age with a low income. Understanding the benefits available to you can provide immediate relief.

You may also qualify for reductions in certain bills. For example, if you're on benefits or a low income, you could receive a reduction in your Council Tax. Specific groups, like students or people living with a carer, may also qualify for discounts. If you have children, you might be eligible for free school meals, transport, or support with school uniform costs.

Your local council may offer additional financial support through schemes like the Household Support Fund, which can help with energy, water bills, food, and other essentials. Reach out to your local authority to find out what assistance is available.

To manage expenses, consider switching to a cheaper broadband deal, getting a water meter, or exploring discounted travel options. Using a budget tool, such as MoneyHelper, can help you track your income and expenses more effectively.

If you're struggling with debt, prioritise paying 'priority debts' like rent, mortgage payments, Council Tax, and energy bills. Missing these can have serious consequences. After that, focus on credit cards, payday loans, or other debts. Contact the companies you owe money to; they may offer repayment plans.

Remember, you're not alone – organisations like Citizens Advice or StepChange can offer guidance and support. Seek help early to get back on track.

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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I.

## *April: Floristry demonstration by Jean Minter*

This month's meeting was eagerly anticipated by both expert flower arrangers who had attended Jean's classes and complete beginners. Jean showed us how to create two contrasting arrangements and gave us lots of tips and ideas along the way.

Jean's first creation was a beautiful parallel 'woodland' arrangement. She placed foliage including viburnum, hazel and field maple gleaned from her garden and hedgerows in small groups. Then she added daffodils, red campion and forget-me-nots to represent a spring woodland glade.

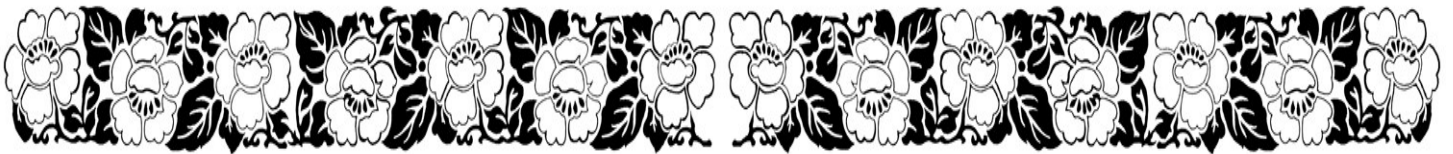
The second arrangement was a bright and bold 'daffodil tower.' Jean showed how to put together the four - tier display using a twig to make holes for the precisely counted blooms. As Jean said this would make a lovely arrangement for an Easter celebration at home or in church.

The demonstration was followed by some brief WI business including an introduction to some of our future programme. We tackled a flower quiz as we enjoyed our usual tea and biscuits.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – AGM and beetle drive.

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

*Fern Wakeham*



## FLOWER POWER PROJECT Open Gardens 2025



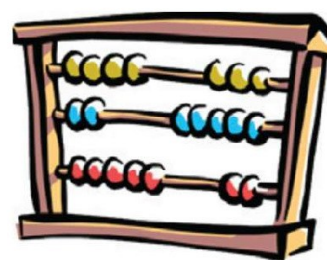
Due to personal commitments, Cate Hadley is unable to organise the Flower Power Project this year, but a small group of volunteers are continuing her good work! Please get in touch with Krysia Truscoe if you would like to knit or crochet more flowers, contribute brightly coloured yarn, or be involved in any other way. Our aim for 2025 is to extend the garland along the church wall. Contact [krysia.truscoe@gmail.com](mailto:krysia.truscoe@gmail.com) for more details.

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# STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



As the result of a Fish and chip supper £70.00 was raised for branch funds.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Car Boot sale on 12<sup>th</sup> April where a further £105.00 was raised.

32 members from local branches attended the 'C' Group meeting organised by the Bury branch held at Risbygate Bowles Club.

Our branch is responsible for the upkeep and care of 10 war graves in this area, 2 in Bardwell, 5 in Wattisfield 1 in Rickingham and 2 in Walsham, these will be checked before VE Day celebrations.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April our members supported the Ixworth branch in a church service when their old standard was laid up and their new one was presented.

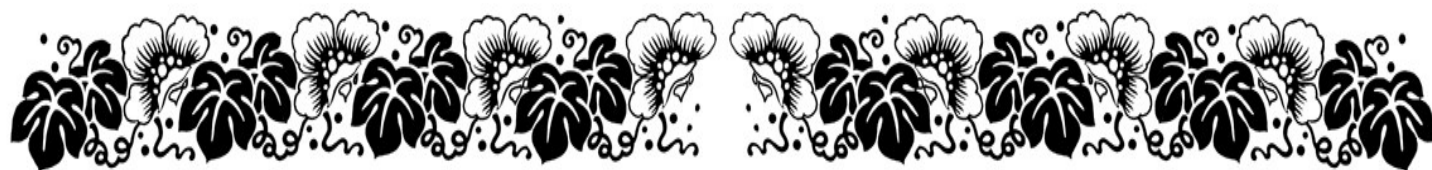
Stanton will commence their VE Day celebrations on Monday 5 May. Between 2-5pm there will be Forties Fun in the Community Centre. Tea will be provided for all ages, free to all, children are welcome. There will be a WW2 Memorabilia display. Entertainment will be provided by various village residents. There will also be a licenced bar and raffle.

On Thursday 8 May at 9am the Stanton branch will be hoisting a flag at the Clock tower (at the corner of Hepworth and Upthorpe road), after a short act of Remembrance, led by the Rev Cathy Bladen. At 9.30pm a village beacon will be lit on the Recreation Ground. Local villagers are encouraged to gather at this event with personal lanterns or torches for a 'Shining a light' from 8.30pm.

At the time of going to press our branch account stood at £1089.04

The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

*Hubby Frost*



## COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Lunch will be Baked Ham (Gammon), triple cooked chips, cauliflower cheese, baked tomato & peas served at 1pm, followed by Orange chocolate mousse and shortbread. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £8.00, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

*Shirley White*



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## Unveiling by Adrian Ramsey MP

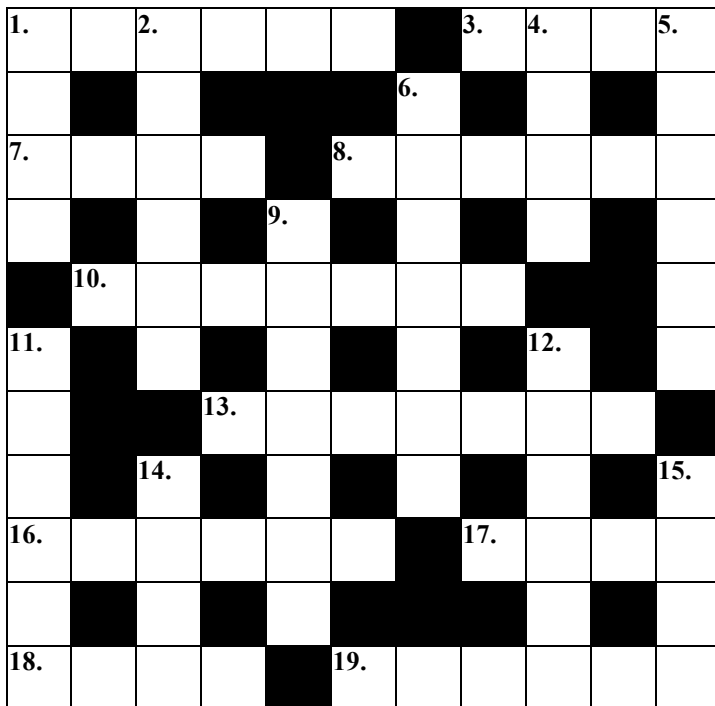


The official unveiling of the Walsham le Willows “Most active village 2025 award” was unveiled on Sunday at the Sports Club. Adrian Ramsay the Green MP for the area unveiled the plaque and also answered questions from the attendees. This award was for the many village organisations that contribute to the health and well-being of the village. So many organisations keep people active in the village

which include the Wild Wood, Memorial Hall, Priory rooms, children's play area, the allotments along with the Sports Club and village gym. Approximately 60 people enjoyed a Buffett and reception drinks supplied by the club. Club Treasurer and Sports club life member Ian Campbell acknowledged the volunteer base that provides the opportunity for hopefully everyone to enjoy the many activities that go on in the village.

*Mike Powles*

## WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Old beer for the carrier. (6)
3. Exchange paws by return. (4)
7. The bare dune gets blown about. (4)
8. Could the barn dance leader be at your door. (6)
10. Make another assessment of the

statements. (7)

13. Experimented in a way with how one sits on a horse. (7)

16. Cadge a loofa. (6)

17. He has to look in the mirror. (4)

18. Spin round and bites. (4)

19. It's so hard to organise the masses. (6)

### DOWN

1. Cut back the fixers. (4)

2. He will fulfil his promise to pay the debt. (6)

4. So healthy in swelling numbers. (4)

5. It's the standard offspring for the cleric. (6)

6. Dealers in money are sound bets. (7)

9. It's the way to go beyond 50 years old. (7)

11. Treasonable actions might have some sense. (6)

12. He rioted when bringing out the paper. (6)

14. Work to make a first course. (4)

15. Bounces about to the junk shop. (4)

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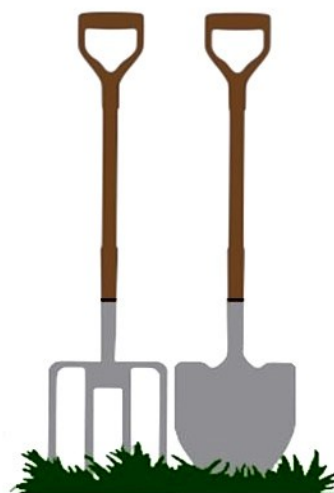
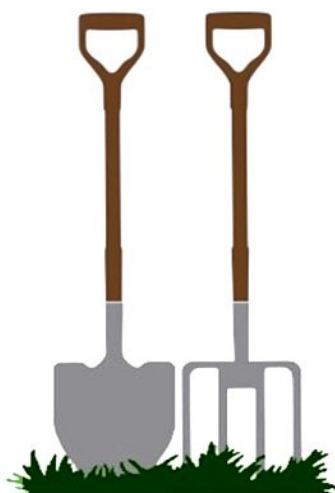
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# EASTER EGG HUNTING IN THE WILD WOODS

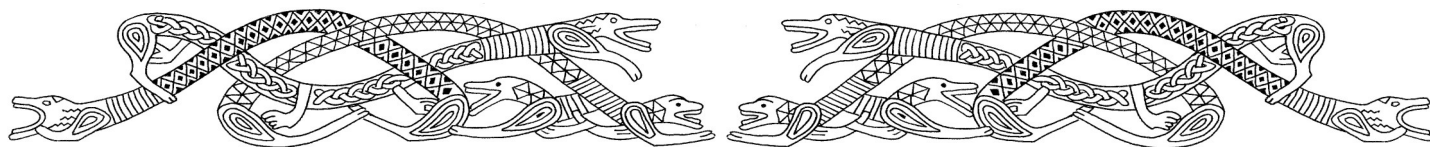


Another lovely morning, we had on Easter Saturday with lots and lots of people, young and old, coming into the woods to celebrate the now traditional Egg Hunt. The weather was kind and the children got going enthusiastically with the task of looking for clues and answering the questions that led them to their prize of an egg lying resplendent in its very special nest, especially created for the event. A chance to enjoy one of Wooster's wonderful hot cross buns, tea and coffee before folk wandered home to enjoy the rest of the long weekend.

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

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

*John Stebbing Secretary to the  
Walsham Wild Woods Steering Group  
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## MUSIC IN ST MARY'S



We are already well into the 2025 programme of the Music at St Mary's lunchtime recitals and evening concerts. The MASM team are so grateful to the talented performers who have already entertained us- the Abbott Consort of Voices, and the Clarinet Quartet - and to the volunteers who make the occasions so successful and special.

All of the musicians who support the Music at St Mary's programme generously give their time and expertise for free, and the concerts remain open to all, with refreshments and the chance to meet the musicians afterwards.

Amazing pianist **Jill Crossland** returns for a lunchtime recital at **12.30 pm on Thursday 15th May**.

Jill is regularly to be found on the international concert stage or recording studio, and is particularly praised for her interpretations of Chopin and Beethoven. She has recorded several critically acclaimed CDs. It is a rare privilege to be able to sit in such an intimate space and see and hear a professional concert pianist perform; those of you who heard her last year will remember her wonderful playing - we were spellbound for an hour - and how charming she was afterwards.

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*Matthew Lockyer*



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# WELCOME HOME TO THE WALSHAM MILL STONES



We are delighted to announce that the Trust has secured two mill stones and some oak framing and other bits and pieces that used to be used in the Maltings on Wattisfield Road when it was a working enterprise in the late 1960's we think. Palmers, the bakers who used to own the buildings, have had them stored in a dilapidated Nissen hut on a site in Haughley that is now going to be developed. They approached us to see if the village would like them and for a small donation they are

secured and now safely stored up at Four Ashes and if anyone would like to take a look then please contact me and we can arrange something.

The largest of the stones weighs over half a ton and they are both in lovely condition with the makers plates intact although the metal bands around the stones have rusted away and need to be replaced.

Now we need to decide how best we use these historic artifacts and so we need help...

- Does anyone have any expertise in this sort of thing, a knowledge of milling perhaps or an interest in industrial heritage....?
- Does anyone know an expert in this field who could guide us....?
- Does anyone have any idea's on where the stones might be displayed and how best they can be displayed to the benefit of the community as a whole...?

We will keep the Observer informed of our progress as we move forward with this interesting project.

*Collen Baker Chair of the  
Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust  
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## WALSHAM OBSERVER SUDOKU

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|   |   |   | 6 |   |   | 2 |   |   |
|   |   | 6 |   |   |   | 3 |   | 1 |

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

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

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## Smoke Alarms

- Fit a smoke alarm on every floor of your home, ideally on ceilings in the hallway or landing.
- Test the batteries once a week. Long life smoke alarms are available.
- Don't put a smoke alarm in the kitchen, consider installing a heat alarm instead.

## Bedtime Checklist

- Close internal doors at night to stop a fire from spreading.
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on - like your freezer.
- Check your cooker is turned off.
- Don't leave the washing machine or dishwasher on.
- Turn heaters off and put up fireguards.
- Put all candles and cigarettes out properly.
- Make sure exits are kept clear and keys to external doors and windows are accessible.
- Agree your escape plan with any overnight guests.

## Matches and Lighters

- Use child resistant lighters and store all matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Teach children that matches and lighters are tools, not toys, and should be used only by adults.

## Candles

- Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire.
- Put candles out when you leave the room using a snuffer or a spoon to avoid sparks flying.
- Children and pets shouldn't be left alone with lit candles.

## Smokers

- Never smoke in bed.
- Take extra care if you smoke when tired, use medication or have been drinking alcohol.
- Stub out properly and dispose of carefully.
- Use ashtrays and empty to an outside bin regularly.

## How to prevent common fires in the kitchen

- Do not leave cooking unattended - take pans off the heat.
- Take care when wearing loose clothing - it can easily catch fire.
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels, and cloths away from oven or hob.
- Spark devices are safer than matches or lighters to light gas cookers.
- Switch off oven or hob when you have finished cooking.
- Never leave children alone in the kitchen.
- If you deep fry food, consider buying a thermostatically controlled electric deep fat fryer.

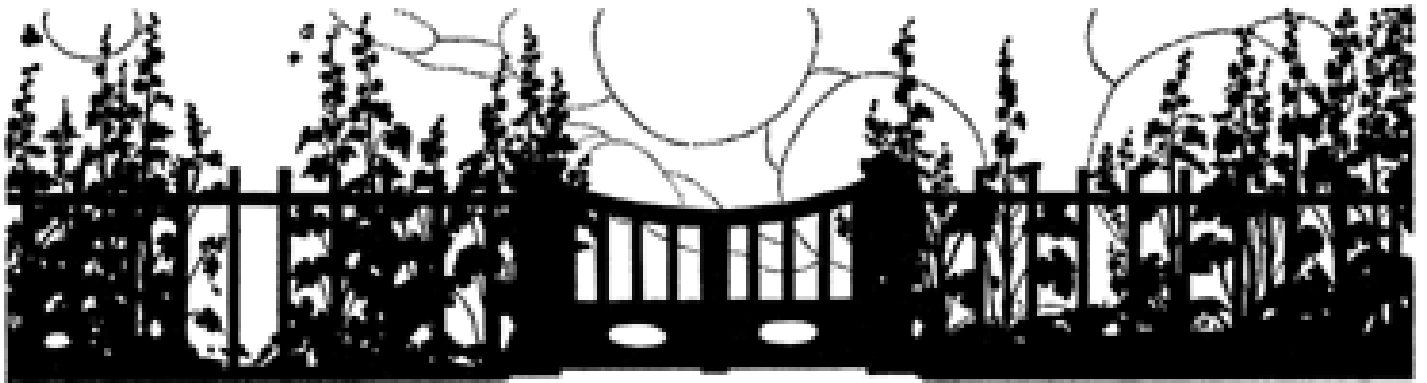
## Portable Heaters

- Try to secure heaters against a wall for stability.
- Keep heaters clear from curtains and furniture.
- Never use heaters for drying clothes.

## Electrical Safety

- Don't overload sockets - keep to one plug per socket.
- Unplug appliances when not in use or when you go to bed.
- Always use the correct fuse.
- Check and replace old cables and leads.
- Do not place cables under carpets and mats.
- Keep curtains and other fabrics away from light bulbs.
- Do not exceed the maximum wattage on lamp shades or light fittings.

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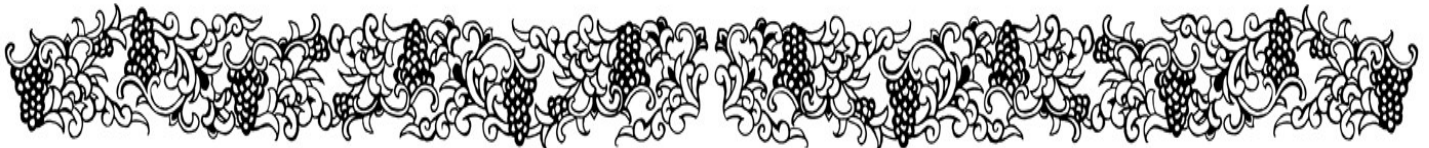


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# DIARY OF EVENTS

|               |                      |         |                           |                       |         |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| <b>MAY</b>    |                      |         | Sun 24th Open Gardens All |                       |         |
| Wed 14th      | W.I. Annual Meeting  |         | Mon 25th                  | Weekend               | Day     |
|               | Priory Room          | 7.30pm  | <b>SEPTEMBER</b>          |                       |         |
| Thur 15th     | Music in St Mary's   |         | Wed 17th                  | History Group         |         |
|               | St Mary's            | 12.30pm |                           | Village Hall          | 7.30pm  |
| Wed 21st      | History Group        |         | Thur 25th                 | Music in St Mary's    |         |
|               | Priory Room          | 7.30pm  |                           | St Mary's             | 12.20pm |
| Sun 25th      | Bank Holiday Fun Day |         | <b>OCTOBER</b>            |                       |         |
|               | Sports Club          | 2.00pm  | Wed 15th                  | History Group         |         |
| <b>JUNE</b>   |                      |         |                           | Priory Room           | 7.30pm  |
| Tues 10th     | W.I. Bowls Taster    |         | Thur 16th                 | Common Ground         |         |
|               | Bowls Green          | 7.00pm  |                           | Village Hall          | 7.30pm  |
| Wed 18th      | History Group        |         | Sat 18th                  | Music in St Mary's    |         |
|               | Priory Room          | 7.30pm  |                           | St Mary's             | 7.30pm  |
| Sun 22nd      | Music in St Mary's   |         | <b>NOVEMBER</b>           |                       |         |
|               | St Mary's Church     | 2.00pm  | Wed 19th                  | History Group         |         |
| <b>JULY</b>   |                      |         |                           | Priory Room           | 7.30pm  |
| Sat 5th       | Music in St Mary's   |         | Fri 28th                  | Walsham Art Group     |         |
|               | St Mary's Church     | 7.30pm  |                           | Priory Room           | 5.00pm  |
| Thur 10th     | Music in St Mary's   |         | Till Mon 1st December     |                       |         |
|               | St Mary's            | 12.20pm | <b>DECEMBER</b>           |                       |         |
| Wed 16th      | History Group        |         | Tue 9th                   | History Group         |         |
|               | Priory Room          | 7.30pm  |                           | Priory Room           | 7.30pm  |
| <b>AUGUST</b> |                      |         | Sun 21st                  | Nine Lessons & Carols |         |
| Sat 9th       | Horticultural Show   |         |                           | St Mary's             | 4.00pm  |
|               | Village Hall         | 2.00pm  |                           |                       |         |



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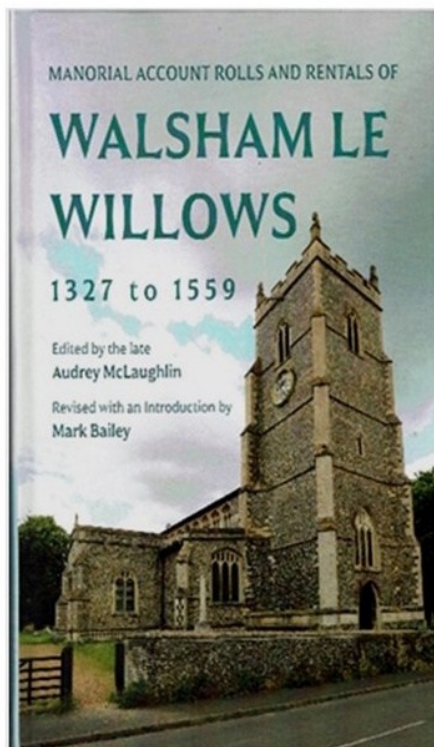
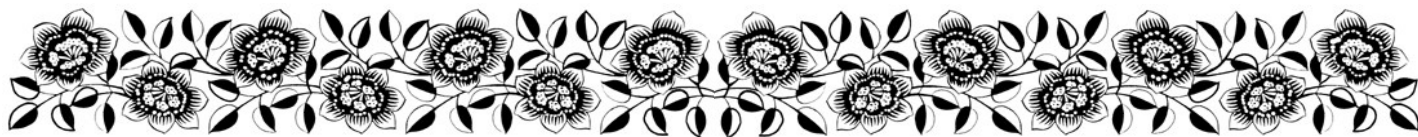
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There will be a brief AGM followed by the talk. Entry is free and all are welcome. Copies of the book will be available on the night at a special launch price. Wine and light refreshments will be served.



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8th and 22nd June 7pm

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# WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**ALSO PRESENT:** District Councillor Richard Winch and County Cllr Jessica Fleming both gave apologies

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required)  
None
2. MEMBER'S APOLOGIES
  - a. Cllr Janette Winch, holiday.
  - b. Consent was given.
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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved as 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.
6. DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS
  - a. Report from County Councillor Fleming was received.
  - b. Report from District Councillor Winch was received.
    - i. Consideration of email from District Cllr Winch suggesting a representation about traffic lights that have been set up in Wattisfield Road was deferred to next meeting when Cllr Winch is present.
    - ii. Email to District Cllr. Winch from MSDC was noted which advised imminent estimate of costs for repair of Miller's Bridge, if not timescales for work to begin.
    - iii. A request for an update on position on response of MSDC Planning to proposals for additional pavement along Palmer Street, was deferred to next meeting.

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## 7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS

### a. Traffic Group

- i. To note report (uploaded 04/04/2025) and consider the questions posed and proposals for approval as follows:

**Proposal 1** To include Palmer Street and Summer Road as an agenda item for proposal at meeting with SCC engineer and County Councillor as consultation feedback indicated was desirable. Approved.

**Proposal 2** Add the playground crossing to the proposal to be put forward. Approved.

**Proposal 3** That the circulated supporting notes, revised Walsham le Willows Parish Council Traffic Plan 2024-25, and First Steps document are adopted, and circulated, as an agenda for 22nd April meeting with SCC having approved Proposals 1 and 2 (in principle subject to Cllr Mecrow's suggestion that these are reworded from a 'prescriptive list' to a 'request for advice on what is feasible' and also subject to the information from the final documents being substituted which have necessary grid references and figures on consultation responses).

It was noted that District Cllr Winch and Cllrs. Janette Winch, Belson and Mecrow are intending to attend the meeting with SCC on 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### b. CEP Group

- i. To note report (uploaded 04/04/2025). Cllr Brookes advised that letters *relating to a second Basic Life Support training course on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June* have been sent out and Cllr Mecrow's name has been put forward for training on 16<sup>th</sup> (Community Self Help, road signage placement). And that SCC have agreed to the order of one each of flood sack and snakes for demonstration to residents.

### c. Flood Group

- i. No report this month.
- ii. It was noted that the Clerk advised that the S19 flood investigation reports have been circulated to identified landowners with the covering letter and that we are awaiting a response from County Cllr Fleming re guidance on next steps and facilitation of the proposed meeting with landowners.

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS

- a. Standing item - watching brief for changes required to the neighbourhood plan: There are increased building requirements coming down the line as result of changes to central government policy. The village is likely to have to accommodate up to 190 additional houses over a 20-year period. It was decided that the PC will arrange to meet towards the end of June to specifically to discuss this situation, likely constraints and possible proposals. And then in October to convene a meeting of parish councillors including former members of the Neighbourhood Plan group and any other interested residents, to draw up a strategy to address the additional housing demands and how these should be incorporated into a review and update of our existing NP.
- b. APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/25/01329  
Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Re-opening 2No fireplace



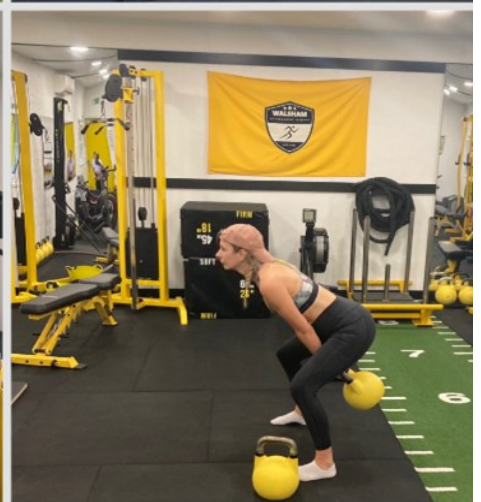
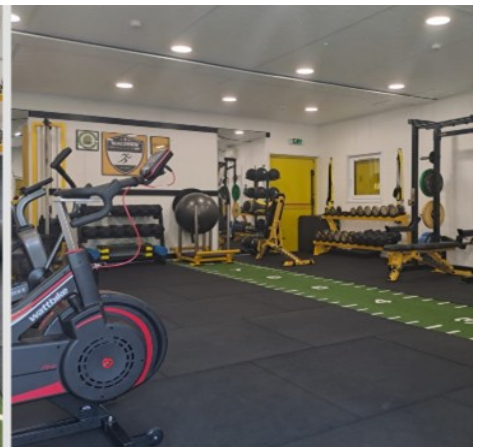
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recesses, restoring 2No dormers and 1No rooflight to attic rooms, removing ceiling joists to attic, restoring fanlight over front door, repairs to garden wall. Location: The Woodlands, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BQ THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT

- c. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/00609 Proposal: Planning Application - Demolition of existing detached dwelling and replacement with 1no self-build two storey dwelling Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, IP22 1LY THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT
- d. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/01362 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 No. Norway Maple (T1) Location: Display Land, Clarkes Of Walsham Ltd, The Street, Walsham Le Willows Suffolk THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT
- e. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/01272 Proposal: Householder application - Extend the footprint of existing conservatory. Rebuild using more sympathetic materials rather than the existing upvc and in-keeping with the historic nature of the cottage. Location: Garden House, Badwell Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BT THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTED THIS APPLICATION but wished to make a comment to emphasise that this building is a non-designated heritage asset, located in a conservation area and trust that the planning officer will give careful consideration to materials and colour palette with reference to the Walsham le Willows Design Statement and with reference to page 152 of the Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan.
- f. The Parish Council decided to make no comment on the Regulation 16 consultation on the Badwell Ash Neighbourhood Plan.
- g. The Parish Council decided to make no comment on the proposed changes to the MSDC 'Planning Statement of Community Involvement' which puts forward changes to how the community is notified of planning applications. MSDC are proposing to cease the practice of sending letters to neighbours informing them of planning applications in their vicinity. It was decided that the Clerk will arrange for a page on the PC website to list all applications as they are circulated to councillors in advance of the meetings at which they are considered, with links through to the MSDC Planning Portal for more information. This information could also be linked from the Facebook community hub to reach the widest possible audience given that
- 9 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only -
  - a. Application Reference: DC/25/00267 Location - 2 The Maltings, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BD Proposal - Construction of raised decking (retention of) MSDC REFUSED PERMISSION
- 10 FINANCE, AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN
  - a. The bank reconciliation for period ending 31 March 2025 was approved for signature.

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- b. The year end reconciliation statement was approved and signed by the Chair.
  - c. Accounts awaiting payment summary of invoices for payment were approved for authorisation. (Appendix 1).
  - d. The VAT rebate claim to 31/03/2025 in sum of £2,430.85 was noted.
  - e. Quarterly reports: variances, payments over £500 and transparency notices published on website, were noted.
  - f. The Annual CIL expenditure report for submission to MSDC was noted and approved. All the CIL funding from The Acorns development has now been allocated and spent towards various Parish Council and Community group projects. The Clerk proposed that the final account of CIL Income and Expenditure is publicised to illustrate to residents how the funds were spent. This was approved.
  - g. A notification by SALC to the Clerk of three further specific changes to the Financial Regulations 2024 was noted and these changes were approved for re-adoption with other policies at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May.
  - h. The Clerk's annual appraisal (completed on 04/04/2025) was presented to Council with recommendation for payment of one increment SCP14 to SCP 15 plus 12.07% holiday pay as previously approved. This was approved. Clerk to advise payroll.
  - i. The Clerk proposed that quotes are sought from alternative contractors for the grass cutting of stream verges and play area following a 69% increase notified by Nurture Landscapes for 2025/26. This was agreed. Clerk to follow up and to aim to find a contractor local to Walsham if possible.
- 11 CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere)
- a. The Clerk confirmed that all outstanding tasks on action log were in hand.
  - b. To consider any other matters of concern or note.
    - i. Council considered the re-nomination of The Six Bells as an asset of community value. The current listing expires on 1st June this year. This was approved. Clerk to complete the application.
    - ii. Council considered the proposal from Cllr J Winch, in response to an email from a resident, that "the Parish Council consult with all residents of Staple Close regarding the management of the central grassed area and possible siting of goal posts in the playground before further discussion of this as an agenda item". This was approved. It was noted that this area is a designated green space in the Neighbourhood Plan but is managed by MSDC, NOT the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllr Belson will liaise with District Cllr Winch to try to obtain the planting plan previously drawn up by MSDC and to enquire as to their view on this now as a potential way forward. A consultation of all residents of Staples Close and environs will be then be organised within the next few months.
- 12 OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA
- a. Other matters
    - i. Cllr Belson noted that the assessment of work required to play area by Cllrs Brookes and J. Winch reported the following for attention:



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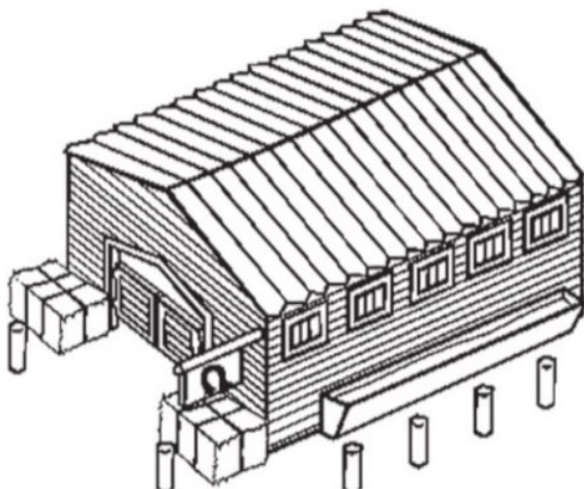


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Cllr Bartholomew proposed that this work should be carried out. This was approved. Clerk to obtain more composite boarding.

- ii. Cllr Roberts wished to note the forthcoming celebration of the Active Village Award on 13<sup>th</sup> April at the Sports Club. Cllrs. Belson, Roberts and Mecrow intend to be present.

- iii. Cllr Tuck enquired as to when the Parish Council would replace the timbers forming the flood defences to the wall of the stream by School Bridge which were carried off in the October 23 flood. Cllr Tuck was informed that these are not Parish Council's responsibility but are a SCC Highways asset. SCC have advised that replacement is in hand but when pressed have declined to give a precise timescale.

b. Next Meeting(s)

- i. **ANNUAL** Parish Council Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - 7pm – Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed 20:54

## APPENDIX 1

### Payments for Authorisation APRIL 2025

| # | Payments OUT                           | Amount  | Description                                                                                             |
|---|----------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Unity Trust Bank                       | 6.00    | Recurring monthly Service Charge                                                                        |
| 2 | HMRC Cumbernauld                       | 479.93  | PAYE to April 5 <sup>th</sup> 2025                                                                      |
| 3 | Kevin Boardley                         | 381.22  | Expenses - Toner cartridges, stationery and postage for recent circulation of notices and flood reports |
| 4 | Suffolk Association of Local Councils  | 529.35  | Annual Subscription                                                                                     |
| 5 | Rolfes of Walsham                      | 30.00   | Catering for Annual Question Time                                                                       |
| 6 | Parish Council Employee                | 1390.15 | Remuneration                                                                                            |
| 7 | Memorial Village Hall                  | 54.00   | Hall hire regular and annual parish meeting                                                             |
| 8 | Suffolk County Council                 | 1606.53 | Streetlighting – regular maintenance and energy costs                                                   |
| 9 | Suffolk Association of Local Councils  | 54.00   | 6 Months Payroll service                                                                                |
|   | Nathanael Landymore                    | 285.00  | Closed Churchyard Maintenance                                                                           |
| # | Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers | Amount  | Description                                                                                             |

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# FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

As we move beyond April and settle into the warmer days of May, we really begin to appreciate the beauty of spring and the warmer days. Just as the natural world blossoms around us and new life gives us hope, in church we start to we reflect on the need for renewed hope and new life each year, especially when the seasons change. With each new leaf and longer days, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and the promise of renewal.

Across the Benefice there is lots to look forward to this month:-

The early May Bank Holiday weekend will see the return of the wonderful **Finningham Flower Festival**. A true feast for the senses, this much-loved event offers the chance to admire stunning floral displays, catch up with neighbours and friends and make new ones. It's a celebration of creation, creativity, and community. The theme for this year is 'The World In Our Hands'.

On the of **8th May**, we mark the **80th anniversary of VE Day**, a significant and solemn occasion to remember and give thanks for the peace and freedoms we enjoy today. As we reflect on the sacrifices made by so many during times of conflict, we are reminded of Jesus' words: "**Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends**" (John 15:13). Across the churches in our diocese our bells will be rung during the evening to mark the special anniversary.

Later in the month, the **late May Bank Holiday on 26th May** brings with it the joy of the **Brave Moves celebration in Wattisfield**. With a full programme of crafts, music, worship, and delicious food, it promises to be a day of fun, fellowship, and faith—something for all ages to enjoy as we come together in celebration.

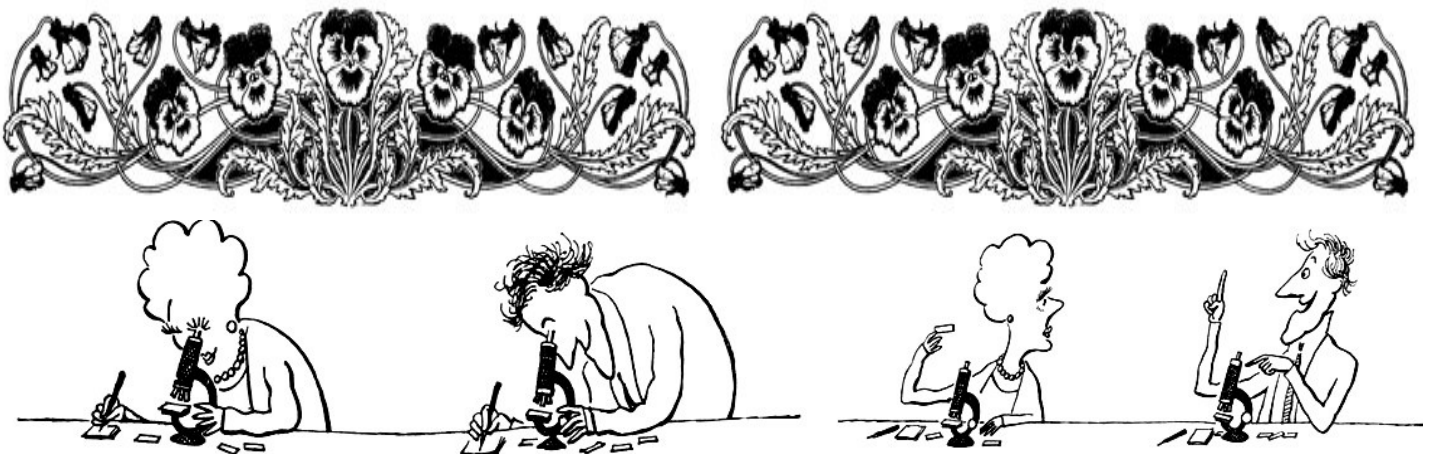
Just a few days later, on **29th May**, we gather in **Westhorpe** for a special **Deanery service for Ascension Day**. This day, celebrated 40 days after Easter, marks the moment Jesus ascended into heaven, completing His earthly ministry and returning to the Father. For Christians, Ascension Day affirms that Jesus reigns with God and continues to intercede for us. It reminds us not only of His glory but also of our calling to carry His message of love, hope, and redemption into the world. It is a day of joyful reflection and renewed purpose.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our services and events across the Benefice.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter season and a wonderful May.

With every blessing,

*Revd Catriona*



# MAY CHURCH SERVICES

| Date            | Service                         | Church      |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>4th May</b>  | <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>     |             |
| 8:00am          | BCP Holy Communion              | Walsham     |
| 11:00am         | Holy Communion                  | Walsham     |
| 5:00pm          | Songs of Praise                 | Finningham  |
| <b>11th May</b> | <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>     |             |
| 8:00am          | BCP Holy Communion              | Walsham     |
| 9:30am          | Holy Communion                  | Westhorpe   |
| 11:00am         | Holy Communion                  | Finningham  |
| 11.00am         | Songs of Praise                 | Walsham     |
| <b>18th May</b> | <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>     |             |
| 8:00am          | BCP Holy Communion              | Walsham     |
| 9:30am          | Holy Communion                  | Badwell Ash |
| 11:00am         | Holy Communion                  | Langham     |
| <b>25th May</b> | <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>     |             |
| 6:00pm          | Evensong                        | Westhorpe   |
| <b>26th May</b> | <b>Brave Moves United</b>       |             |
| 12-8:30pm       | <b>Christian Music Festival</b> | Wattisfield |
| 5:00pm          | Songs of Praise                 |             |
| <b>29th May</b> | <b>Ascension Day</b>            |             |
| 7:30pm          | Holy Communion                  | Westhorpe   |
| <b>1st June</b> | <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>     |             |
| 8:00am          | BCP Holy Communion              | Walsham     |
| 11:00am         | Holy Communion                  | Walsham     |



Which disease takes most lives each year?



# GREEN DILEMMAS

## Can You Recycle Tetra Paks And Soft Plastic?



There is a lot of confusion about the recycling of tetra paks and soft plastic.

Materials like glass and aluminium cans are easily recyclable and can be recycled multiple times. There are plenty of other materials where recycling is much more problematic.

Tetra paks are the cartons that you buy for milks, juices, soups and sauces. The material looks and feels like a waxy type of cardboard.

If you look at a typical Tetra Pak carton it will say it is 100% recyclable. However, if you put tetra paks in your recycle bin they won't get recycled! You can put the plastic lid in the recycling bin but not the carton.

The recycling advice is to squash them before placing the lid back in the carton and then take the tetra packs to a recycling centre.

Tetra packs are made of thin layers of different materials - plastic sheets, aluminium, and cardboard. The reality is that recycling tetra packs is complex and energy intensive. The recycling results in much lower grade materials and there is only one recycling plant in the whole of the UK near Halifax.

Soft plastic such as plastic bags, crisp packets, salad bags, wrapping or plastic film also can't be put in your recycling bin. Moreover they can't be taken to a recycling centre either!

Supermarkets are the main users of these plastics and some supermarkets offer a recycling service. You need to ensure that the soft plastic is cleaned as far as practical. There has been a lot of noise about whether this plastic is in fact recycled or just ends up in landfill overseas. In any event the recycling of these materials is also complex and results in much lower grade material.

The short answer to the question is that tetra paks and soft plastic are both theoretically recyclable. The reality is most people don't follow the required recycling route and when they do the recycling process is useful but limited in scope. There isn't really any getting away from the fact that we need to significantly reduce our use of this type of packaging.

*Richard Winch*



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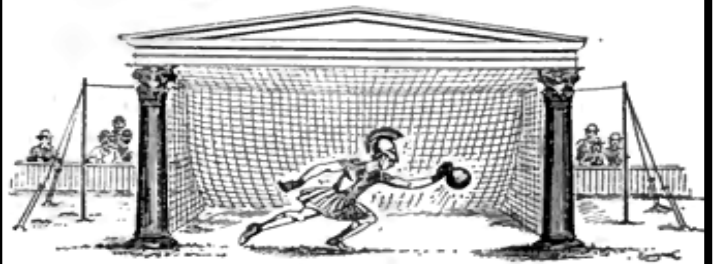
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# WILDLIFE IN MAY

The weather is warming up, plants are growing in our greenhouses and trees are coming into leaf once again. We will see on our walks and also driving along the wonderful sight of the white Hawthorn blossom. This is not only beautiful but the blossom helps support around 300 invertebrates. Many of these will be Moth caterpillars. Hawthorn has been long associated link to the countryside and nature, it is also a Pagon symbol of fertility and has ancient associations with May Day. It was the ancestor of the Maypole with its leaves and flowers being the source of the May Day Garlands.

One insect that will appreciate a good source of nectar is the Solitary Bee. One of the Solitary Bees we will more than likely see in our gardens is the Red Mason Bee. This is a small Bee and they will nest in holes in cliffs, old mortar on buildings and even in the hollow stems of plants. As it is solitary the female after mating will build her own nest, she will do this by using mud and pollen to make a cell. In each cell she will lay a single egg, the larvae will hatch and hibernate over winter eating the pollen and emerge around March.

Lots of activity is underway with our birds, either building their nests or looking after eggs or young. We have been very lucky again this year to have Blue Tits nesting our camera nest box. We watched while they built up their nest, and every day, for the last week the female has laid an egg a day. We now have 7 eggs in the nest and the female is now sitting on them incubating them. She will not incubate them until all eggs have been laid. It will be exciting to see this process once again.

We see animals, insects and flowers increasing in volume but what about life that we cannot or very rarely see? One animal that is quite allusive is the Mole. Moles are around 15cm in length and can weigh between 70-130g. Their lifespan is between 3-4 years. They have a wonderful velvety soft black coat and pink paws with a little tail. Their pink paws are large and spade like which helps them dig in and under the ground with incredible speed. The most that we will normally see are the mounds of dirt they will leave behind, this will help not only aerate the soil allowing different plants to grow, but also helps with soil drainage stopping large puddles forming on the surface. The Mole will burrow through the soil in search of its favourite foods, Earthworms and Grubs. Did you know a Mole can dig a tunnel of around 20 meters in length per day! Incredible for such a small animal. Breeding season is between February and May, and the male Mole will burrow across territories in search of a female also using scent marking and high pitched squeals. A female will give birth to 2-5 young in a chamber underground lined with grasses and leaves. She will look after them until they are weaned, the male will have no involvement. Life can be very hectic so take time maybe sitting in your garden with a cup of tea or coffee and listen to the birds while sitting in the sun, or watch the tiny life growing in ponds.

*Angie Bennington*



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What did Diogenes say he was a citizen of?

# THE MIDDLE WAY

As any cricketer preparing for April knows, early season nets are less about form and more about finding balance — physical and emotional. In this way, the teachings of the Buddha feel surprisingly apt. Cricket, like life, demands a steady path between extremes. Not too much aggression, not too much caution. Just enough conviction to call for a quick single, and enough wisdom to know when to absolutely stay put.

Spring at Walsham le Willows Cricket Club has begun its annual journey from disarray to readiness. The square is being coaxed into civility, the kitbags have re-emerged blinking into the daylight, and indoor nets echoed once again with the sound of leather on wall. There is suffering. There is learning. There is a pulled muscle from a throw that had no business being that enthusiastic.

And yet, amid the chaos and confusion of pre-season, there has been a moment of stillness — a gesture of quiet, collective generosity. Our latest drive for player sponsorship has raised over £2,000, a figure not just impressive in scale but humbling in spirit. Enlightenment may be a long way off, but we now have enough equipment to get us there in style. To those generous souls — local businesses, friends of the club — we say thank you. Your support will fund equipment, help develop youth teams and ensure that when a bat is flung in frustration, it's at least a decent one.

Of course, cricket — like karma — has a way of humbling even the most prepared. The 1st XI, kitted out, spiritually centred, and ready for their season opener, were greeted not by fierce opposition but by an email. Their would-be adversaries had pulled out of the league altogether, leaving our brave boys to confront not fast bowling, but the existential void of an empty Saturday.

Such is the way of things. The match that isn't. The innings that never begins. The pristine whites that remain, bafflingly, white. It was a reminder, perhaps, that even in sport, beginnings are rarely tidy — and that the path to success is paved with false starts and ducks.

So we continue, as ever, to seek the Middle Way: not too flash, not too fearful; a balance between the sacred and the skied. After all, as the Buddha might have said (after misjudging a bouncer): “All things arise and pass away. Except, perhaps, Mark Rotho's inswinger.”

Cricket returns. Balance returns. And if enlightenment remains elusive, we'll settle for a straight bat and a decent turnout on the first Saturday in May. **Cricketing Sutra #1: He who dives in April shall limp in May.**

*James French*



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# SPORTS CLUB REPORT

## Football

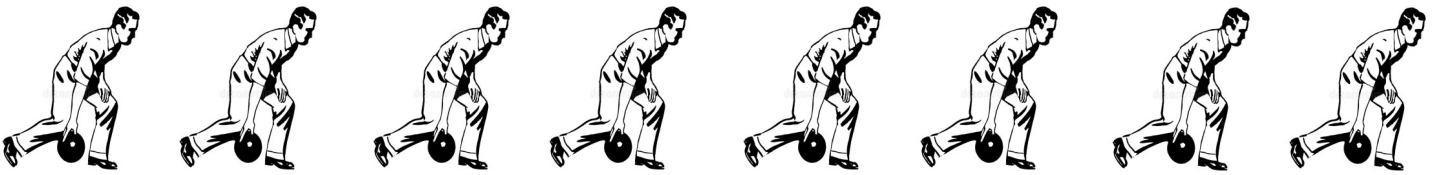
Following a defeat at home to fellow promotion chasers Brantham Athletic, the First Team travelled to Great Yarmouth for a midweek fixture which they won 2-1. Both goals were scored by Reon Huckvale. They then beat Hadleigh United 1-0 at home, Cameron Nicholls scoring the only goal of the game. They then beat Heacham 4-0 at home, with Reon Huckvale bagging a brace and George Bugg and Kieran Twinn also scoring. They drew their latest game 2-2 at home to then table topping Downham Town. A super strike from Reon Huckvale and a Ryan Clark penalty accounted for our goals. We now need to win our last two league games to make the play offs.

The Under 23s lost their latest league fixture 2-0 at Framlingham Town and then went on to beat Whitton United 6-2, a result that guarantees a top three position in the league. Will Hubbard and Freddie Flowers-Butcher both scored a brace while Barnaby Hunt and George Finbow also scored.

The Under 18s won their final league fixture, with Lakenheath, and have secured the runners up position in the Cambridge Division.

The Veterans won their final league fixture, 4-3 at Kirton, and are now guaranteed a top two finish and promotion to Division 1. Karl Tarpley scored a brace with Jason Webber and Cordell Jackson also scoring.

*Regards Gordon*



## WALSHAM BOWLS CLUB

We had 14 members attend working on the green and surrounding area, also a good spring clean of the Pavillion.

Iain Simpson has led a team of workers to clear the ditch, it has been a back breaking job but looks great, many thanks to all involved.

The green opened on Wednesday 16th April and Thursday 17th April, Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm the green will be open for new members to practice along with existing members, if you would like to try your hand at bowling just turn up, all equipment will be provided, just have flat footwear available.

### Home Fixtures listed for May.

Wed 7th St Boltoph's & District 6.30pm

Thur 15th Old Newton Red 6.45pm

Mon 19th Old Newton 6.45pm

Tues 20th Thornham Magna 2pm

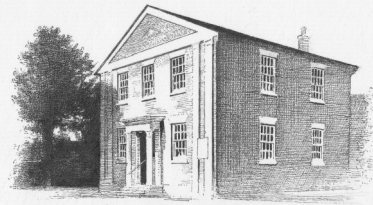
Wed 21st Bildeston 6.45pm

Tues 27th Haughley C 2pm

It would be great to see some new (or old) members come along and join in.

*Trevor Pollard*





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### **Which Church Saves?**

Oswald Jeffery Smith (Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1889 – Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1986) was a well-known Canadian Pastor, author, and enthusiastic advocate for missionary work. As a young man he desired to be a missionary himself but, due to frail health, he was bitterly disappointed to be declined for service overseas but, in 1908 went to serve nearer to home in the lumbermills and scattered Indian villages of British Columbia. During the summer of 1913 he was missioning in the town of Cawood, Kentucky where the Lord was pleased to bless his labours with many coming to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was during this time of service, far from home that he wrote his very challenging and thought provoking, three-fold dedication of himself to the Lord's service.

1. I will think no thought, speak no word, and do no deed unworthy of a follower of Jesus Christ.
2. I will give my life for service in any part of the world and in any capacity God wills that I should labour.
3. I shall endeavour to do God's will from moment to moment as he reveals it to me.

As well being a missionary, Smith was Pastor, preacher, and prolific author. Over the course of eighty years, he preached more than 12,000 sermons in 80 countries, wrote 35 books (with translations into 128 languages), as well as 1,200 poems, of which 100 have been set to music. One of his best-known publications is a greatly used Gospel tract named "Which Church Saves?" Tens of thousands of copies have been printed and distributed around the world and is still widely available and used today. It is an interesting proposition to suggest that any particular church, or denomination, has the power to save an individual from the guilt of sin, and the righteous punishment of sin by a Holy God, but many live their lives, and hold their hopes for eternity, expecting this to be true. Many rely upon being baptised into a particular organisation as a child, or perhaps attending a large or fashionable congregation, or having their names written upon a church roll to merit a place in Heaven, but true Salvation is found in a personal saving faith in a personal Saviour, and that person is the Lord Jesus Christ: only he has power to save!

It is however true that it is good to seek out a particular church to attend and worship, a good church, a church where the truth of the Bible is taught, and the Gospel is faithfully preached, for it is the Bible that speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ and where the way of Salvation is to be found. God said, ***"This is my beloved Son: hear him"*** (Mark 9:7); an angel said, ***"Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins"*** (Matthew 1:21); Jesus said of himself, ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"*** (John 14:6); Paul said, ***"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"*** (Acts 16:31); Peter said, ***"Thou hast the words of eternal life"*** (John 6:68) and ***"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"*** (Acts 4:12)

**There is no God else beside me; a just God and Saviour; there is none beside me,  
and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else.  
(Isiah 45:21-22)**

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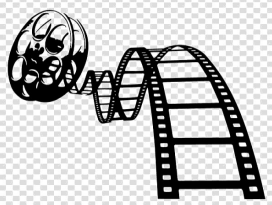
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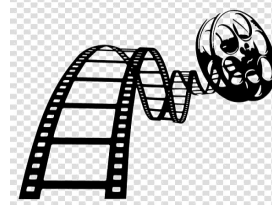
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## NONSENSE I

|                                   |                                      |
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| As I was going out one day        | And when I got into the street       |
| My head fell off and rolled away. | A fellow cried: 'Look at your feet!' |
| But when I saw that it was gone,  | I looked at them and sadly said:     |
| I picked it up and put it on.     | 'I've left them both asleep in bed!' |

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## NONSENSE II

One day a boy went walking  
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And laid them on the floor.

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A merry little tune -  
And all the little sausages  
Danced around the room.



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With such fear and dread?  
We brace ourselves  
For the ordeal  
Each time with hearts of lead.  
Why do we break  
Into a sweat -  
Get knotted up inside  
On hearing words  
That chill the bones:  
'Now, please just open wide.'  
Perhaps it is  
Because we know  
He'll probe each crack, each hole  
(And you're the leader  
Of the Plaque  
Who's blown tartar control).  
And then he'll find  
That tender nerve ...  
'How does that feel?' he'll ask.  
With all his bits  
Between your teeth

Replying's quite a task.  
But who needs speech  
At times like this?  
Your loud screams say it all;  
He nods. 'I think we'll fill that now.'  
'I DON'T AGREE,' you bawl.  
And finally  
His ticking off  
Will really leave you blushing  
'I fear you score  
Nil on the floss  
And must improve your brushing.'  
Gums numb  
And most down in the mouth  
Your Molar energy depleted,  
You thank your stars  
That it's six months  
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## 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

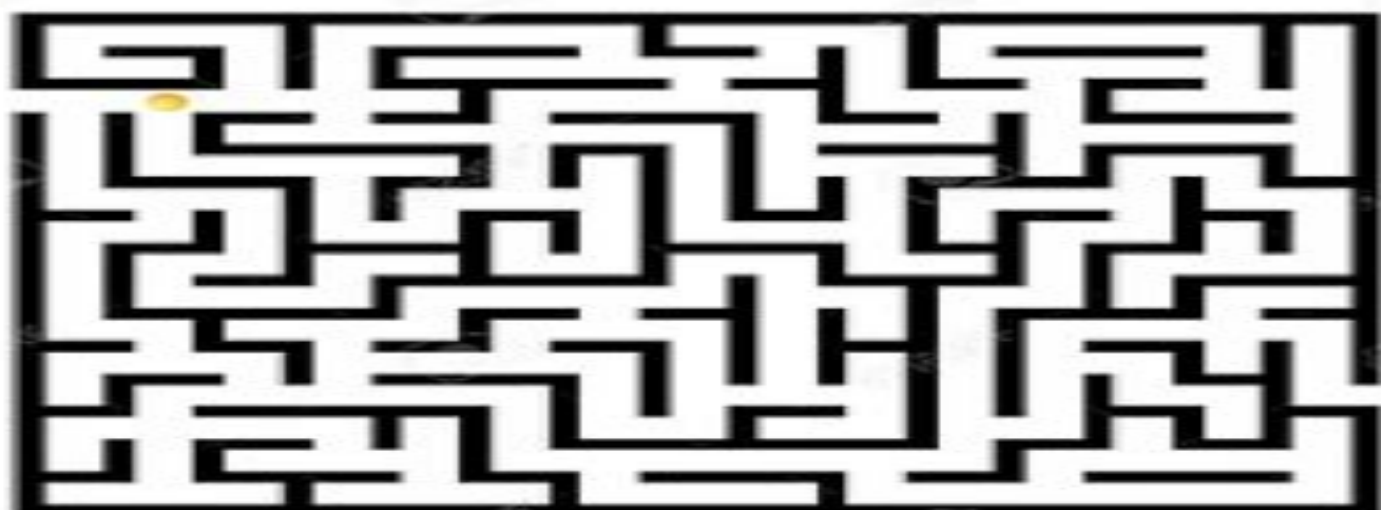
### FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club  
12noon till 1:00pm

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

**JUST AMAZING**



What is the more common name for the Chile pine?

# ALL THE ANSWERS

## Page Bottom Quiz

1. Ninety, 2. Smell, 3. Elizabeth I, 4. Annie Oakley, 5. Ten, 6. Lapland, 7. Bite, 8. A ordinary year, 9. Villages, 10. 600, 11. The potato, 12. Eustachian tube, 13. Madrid, 14. Divine, 15. Bowls, 16. Veld, 17. Judy Garland, 18. £1.05p, 19. An embryo, 20. Tulip, 21. Your Eminence, 22. Johnny Cash, 23. Myna bird, 24. Spain, 25. Rudolph Hess, 26. Weightlessness, 27. Full of, 28. James, 29. On the sea floor, 30. Edward VI, 31. Cambridgeshire, 32. Heart disease, 33. Japan, 34. Catalan, 35. Two, 36. The world, 37. Jesse James, 38. Forget-me-not, 39. Rene Descartes, 40. Laughing Jackass, 41. James Joyce, 42. Mavis, 43. Bourbon, 44. Dustin Hoffman, 45. The Globe, 46. Monkey-puzzle tree, 47. Jordan, 48. Lee Harvey Oswald, 49. Berwick-upon-Tweed, 50. 1967

## Sudoku

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
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## Crossword

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P | I | R | A | T | E |   | O | B | O | E |
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| S |   | M |   | B |   | E |   | A |   | S |
| S | P | O | I | L | S |   | O | N | C | E |
| E |   | O |   | E |   |   |   | C |   | A |
| T | E | R | N |   |   | F | A | T | H | O |

## More or Less

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 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  | <b>Caretaker (48)</b> |        |         |



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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.'**