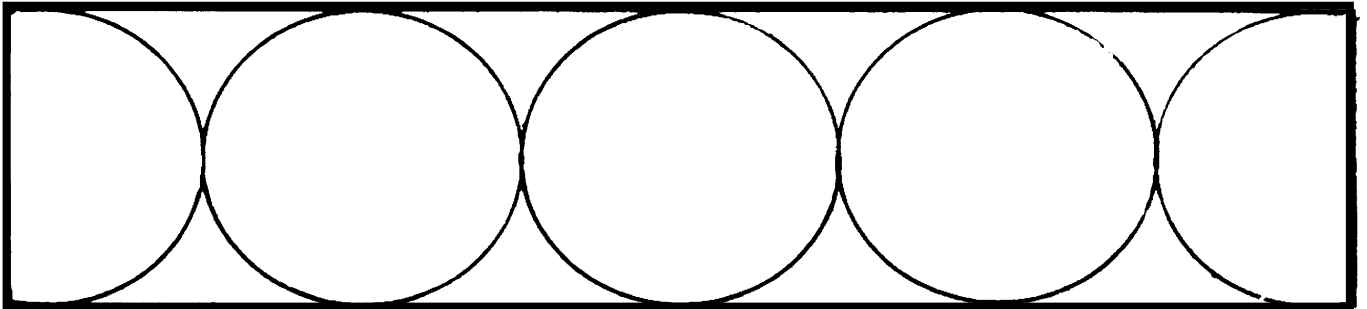
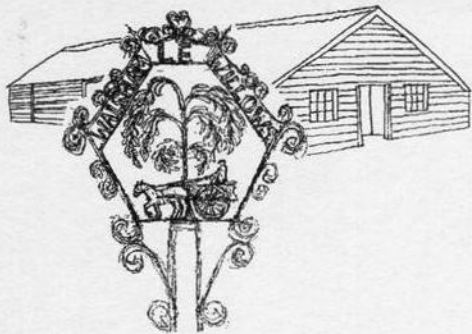


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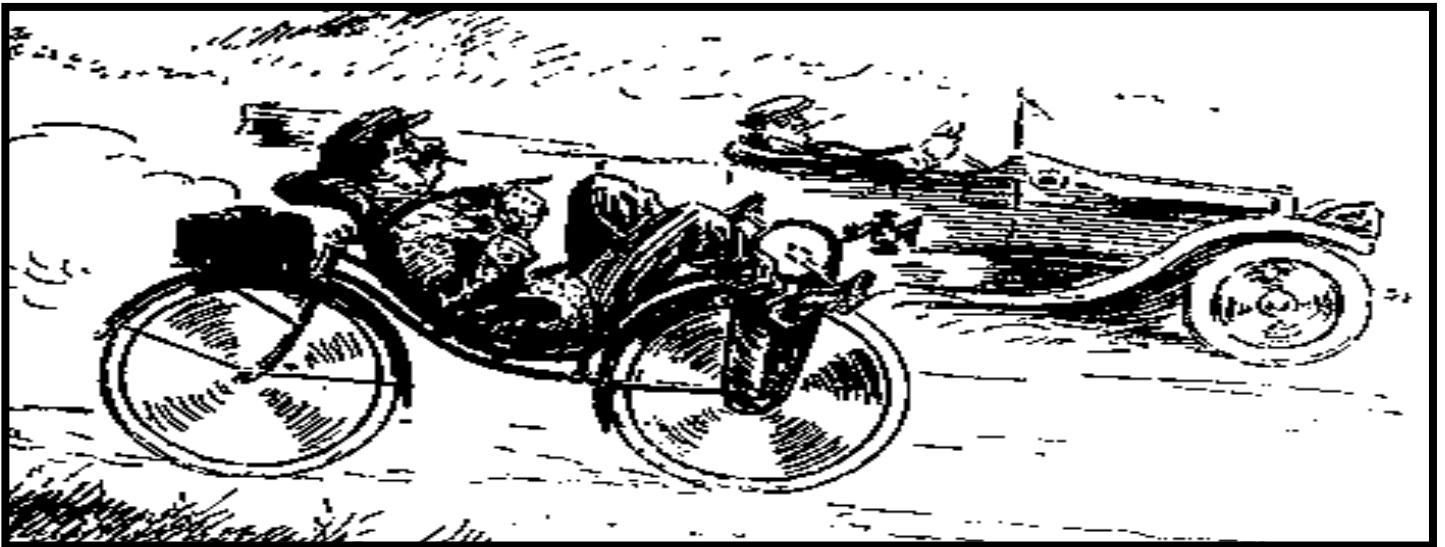
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EDITORIAL

Sometimes things just don't go as well as one might hope, so I must apologise to those of you who usually enjoy the various puzzles in the magazine. You will have quickly realised that the answers to all but the Spot the Difference and Page Bottom Quiz were missing, having failed to replace those from the April edition.

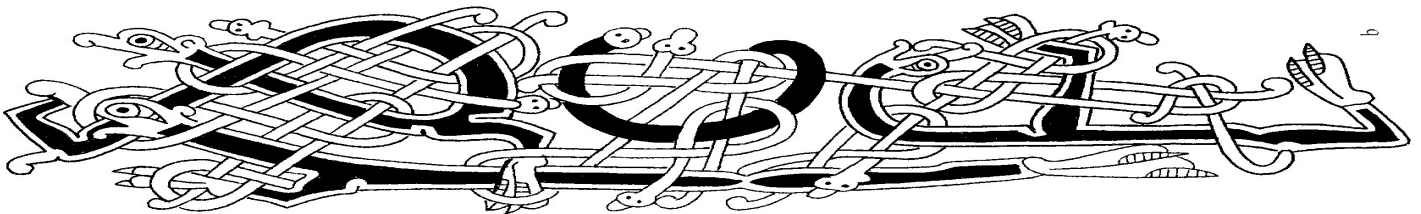
Roll on to last Thursday (22nd) and life, after a very enjoyable day's play at Trent Bridge, turned into a trail of woe. My friend, who very kindly gave me a lift to the station, got CCTV snapped when he drove in a bus lane. The train, that I caught, was stopped at Peterborough, because of trespassers on the line between there and March. As to who, or what, was considered to be a trespasser was never conveyed to us, but time dragged on and I was unlikely to have got back home that night.

Very kindly, an old school friend, who lives in Peterborough, put me up for the night. Unfortunately something disagreed with me and was violently sick through the night.

Having successfully arrived home, I thought that the trail of misfortune had come to a welcome end; but no! Sinking my teeth into a very soft piece of cake, I discovered a solid lump in my mouth. This turned out to be a crown! So now, as I write this, I am hoping that I can have a repair carried out after the Bank Holiday!

So I trust that this edition is not filled with mistakes - I have tried really hard this time, with an edition that is somewhat fuller than many, so do take a careful look throughout. Hopefully there is something for all readers.

If nothing else, there is a piece which indicates that the name Ian and the month of May do not happily coexist!



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Local government is about to be reorganised. Instead of a County Council and District Councils there will be Unitary Councils who are responsible for all services. This is a government decision supported by the County Council. There will be no local referendum to ratify the decision.

There is a debate about whether we will end up with one, two or three Unitary Councils in Suffolk. The decision is expected later this year or early next year.

The District Councils are trying to get some insight into to what your overall priorities are for this process. This will be fed into the decision-making process.

Please scan the QR code to carry out the survey, which will only take a couple of minutes.



MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

It was of great sadness to hear of Keith Rothon's passing at the end of April. Keith was a longtime, loyal supporter of the Memorial Hall and served as our Caretaker for over 20 years prior to his retirement at the end of 2018. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

After such good weather over recent months we hope the same will continue throughout the Summer. All the usual activities continue in the Memorial Hall in June together with a second Basic Life Support Training session arranged by the Parish Council on Saturday 7th, a Craft Fair on Saturday 21st and our own Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25th at 7.30pm when all are welcome.

We continue to see that Thursday coffee mornings are popular and many are taking advantage of having their refreshments outside in our garden which is being kept looking beautiful by Gordon our volunteer gardener. We should also thank both Andy and Trevor for their efforts in keeping the grass around the hall under control.

The May Community Lunch was again enjoyable though numbers were down a little due to some of our regulars being away on holiday. The next one will be on Monday 9th June.

Rob Matthews



All village residents are invited to attend the

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This half term we have reflected on VE Day commemorating the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945. Each class has participated in an activity to learn about the significance of this historic event and to reflect on the values of peace, unity, and remembrance. We had a special assembly together where we reflected on those who served and sacrificed during the war.

The Eco Team have been focussing hard at work around the school grounds and doing lots of gardening which is lovely to see. The Eco team have also visited Westfield Church to see the wonderful eco system in action within the church grounds.

The children in Caterpillars have looked at the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and writing leaflets and instructions. In maths, they are adding and subtracting numbers to 20. In geography they are looking at maps and atlases and finding out about the explorer Charles Darwin in history.

Ladybird Class are looking at different poems in English. In maths they are looking at money, fractions and time and are exploring minibeasts and their habitats in science. They are learning athletic skills in PE and learning about Christians in RE.

Dragonfly Class have been learning about Rocks, Rumbles and Relics and have explored what life was like during eruption of Mount Vesuvius at Pompeii. They have written a diary account and explored what they could have seen, heard and smelt. In PE they are practising their tennis skills.

Grasshopper Class are looking at the lives of Native Americans and are researching this using their computer skills and creating different web pages. They are looking at statistics, money and time in maths.

Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs and we are so proud of their resilience and determination. They are off on a residential with the Year 5 children to Easton Vale to enjoy a range of exciting activities.

Our theme for Collective Worship for after half term is Responsibility 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!

Maxine McGarr



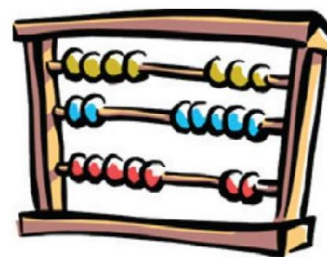
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This project, initially funded for one year, will deliver **accessible, impartial, and non-judgmental support**, with a particular focus on veterans living in rural communities. Many of these individuals face significant challenges in accessing vital services such as healthcare, housing, and employment.

Veteran Connect will help bridge these gaps by offering **personalised, localised support** and improved access to existing services.

At the heart of this project is a **dedicated Veteran Connect Adviser**, who will work closely with individuals and partner organisations to ensure that no veteran or family member is left behind.

We will be working **collaboratively** with local organisations to:

- Improve access to services for veterans and their families
- Reduce duplication across the support landscape
- Enhance the quality of advice and guidance provided in our community

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Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.



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LITTLE WILLOWS UPDATE



It has been a while since we have updated the community on what we have been up to at Little Willows Preschool, so we are giving you some information on our recent activities.

Since the start of the Summer Term we have had a lot of fun participating in a sponsored bounce raising funds to enhance our setting and being involved in many activities associated with our current topic of 'Changes in the Environment'.

Relating to this we have participated in the RHS scheme 'Grow with it' which has asked everyone 'to get growing to make a difference for people and the planet'. We have planted carrot, tomato and lettuce seeds to produce food and sunflowers to help insects and bees in the environment along with making our own seed bombs! As the sunflowers have been growing the children are seeing a change and learning how to measure as well.

The children have also enjoyed a visit to the Wild Wood to observe the changes over the seasons to the trees and plants. They are always pleased to be there especially exploring the bugs and insects hiding under the logs.

The children also enjoyed a visit from a Bearded Dragon called Randell and asked lots of questions about where it lived and what it ate.

This is just a snapshot of what happens at Little Willows alongside our continuous provision that supports communication and language skills, physical development and personal, social and emotional development.

As you can see, we are a very active setting. If you wish to see more of what we have to offer we are having an open morning on Saturday 14th June between 10am and 1pm or you are most welcome to make an appointment at your own convenience.

*Staff and Trustees
Little Willows Preschool
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JIM KENNY

Jim Kenny died 5th March 2025 Buried in St Mary's church 11th April 2025.

The family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral for the kind donations received totalling £970 which was donated to St Mary's church which Jim loved.

Jim lived all his 98 years in Walsham le Willows and was very proud of being a Walsham man.

Huge thankyou to Catriona for her lovely service and kind words.

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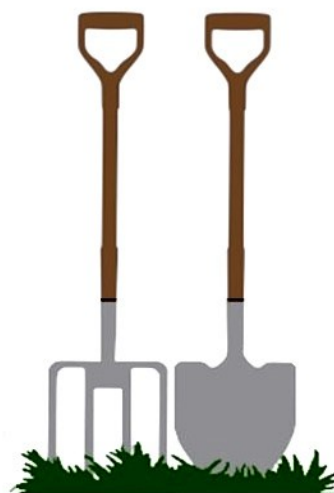
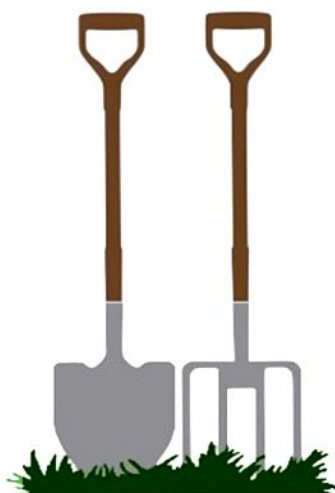
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At a recent Stanton Parish Council AGM David Sexton, our Branch chairman was presented with a Community Service award for his leadership and work within the RBL. On Monday 5th May the people of Stanton came together to celebrate V E Day 80 which was organised jointly between the parish council, WI and the RBL. We are grateful to both the WI and the Cock Inn Stanton for the refreshments provided and the Stanton Folk band for entertaining us throughout the afternoon with the singing of the songs of yesteryear.

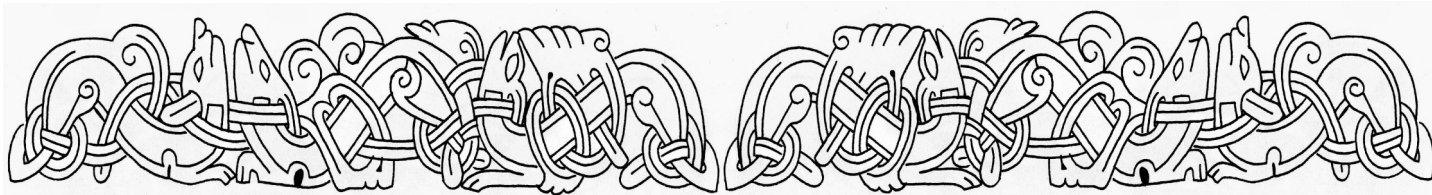
On Thursday 8th May at 9am an outside service was held, led by Rev Cathy Bladen. We were joined by local school children, some of whom recited wartime poetry.

After the Exhortation and 2 minutes silence the union jack was raised. In the evening at 9.30pm the lighting of the village beacon took place on the Stanton Recreation Ground.

At the time of going to press the branch funds totalled £1201.54.

The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June in the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

Hubby Frost



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I.

May: Annual Meeting and Beetle Drive

The meeting started with voting to adopt the Secretary and Treasurer's reports for the year, followed by the President's report.

The members then voted to support this year's National WI initiative to support more widespread availability of, and training for, defibrillators.

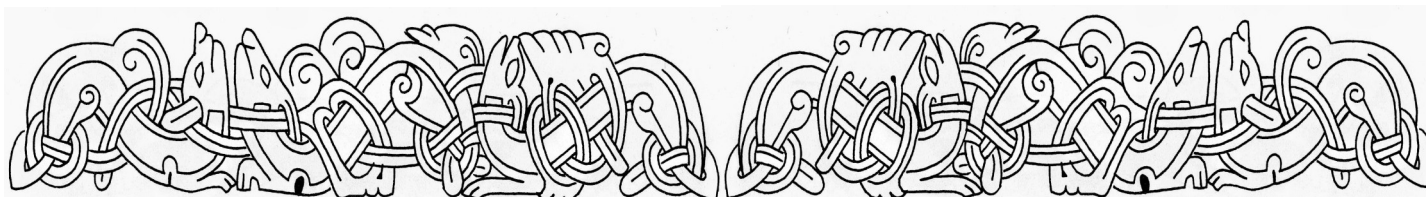
The committee were re-elected *en bloc* and Karen Quinn was unanimously re-elected as President.

Once the business was over, members enjoyed a beetle drive.

Next meeting is on **Tuesday** 10th June at 7.00pm. At the Bowls Club for a taster session.

Judith Harlow

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TRAFFIC SPEED REDUCTION AND ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

So Where are We?

Thank you to all residents who discussed their traffic and road safety concerns with members of the Traffic Group during our door knocking visits. It was really informative to talk face to face with so many residents, over 330 in all, and to hear in detail concerns about different areas of the village. We are also grateful to all those who took the trouble to send in letters and emails, a further 70 residents.

Suffolk County Council's Response

A very productive meeting was held on 22nd April between the Parish Council and the Traffic Group with SCC Highways engineers along with County Cllr Jessica Fleming and District Cllr Richard Winch.

We discussed in depth the speed reduction proposals and other measures that could supplement this to improve road safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Following our meeting, SCC engineers and the SCC assets team drafted a proposal to address the community's views as well as aligning with SCC and National speed limit policies. We are reviewing their initial response.

The Process

Once agreement has been reached a survey will need to be undertaken to finalise the suitability of the agreed proposal. Subsequently a Traffic Regulation Order can be applied for to change the legal status of the relevant sections of road. The timescale required for this process is estimated to be between 12-18 months.

What Else Can Be Done?

In the meantime, we continue to make plans for engineered solutions that would enhance speed reductions. Features such as village gates, enhanced signage, crossings and road narrowing are all being actively investigated. Each of these projects could be relatively expensive but we are looking for creative solutions and hope that some of these projects could advance sooner rather than later.

We know there is much to be done and that it will take time, persistence and some compromise to achieve outcomes that will benefit us all. Your support and interest keeps us motivated to pursue our campaign. To get involved in any way, please contact the Clerk: clerk@walshamlewillowparish.gov.uk

*Cllr Janette Winch
on behalf of the Parish Council*



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WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS 43rd year

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Just a little update on this years event which is gradually coming together as it always does although the all-important gardens and the garden owners badly need some rain. The committee meet monthly to fret and to argue and the boxes are gradually beginning to be ticked in the lead up to this year's weekend... the toilets are booked which is a major relief... we are hoping to have more music this year with performances in some of the lovely gardens... Morris Dancing again we hope and maybe some buskers.... Delicious food is a Walsham speciality both in the Memorial Village Hall and the Priory Room... a great BBQ and Pizza offering as well and lots more besides.

We will do our very best to make this year's event another great success but we will need your help and volunteers are essential AND for newcomers this really is a great way to meet people and get involved and it really is a lot of FUN....!!!

"How do I get involved" you are asking so here are some suggestions:

- First and foremost you can open your garden because, without the gardens, we wouldn't have the event. If you want your garden to be included you can contact Cath and Graham Knowles at opengardens@walsham-le-willows.org or on 07548 961793
- Frances Jenner will need lots of people to bake and help with the considerable amount of catering that is needed at the MVH over the weekend and she is at frances.jenner@hotmail.com or on 01359 259242
- Similarly Judith Harlow needs help at the Priory Room judithharlow@outlook.com or on 01359 258251
- The Art in the Church needs people to spend a couple of hours helping in wonderful surroundings and Graham and Jenny are eager to hear from you at graham.portlock@pm.me or on 07512 021879
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John Stebbing

Secretary to the Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust

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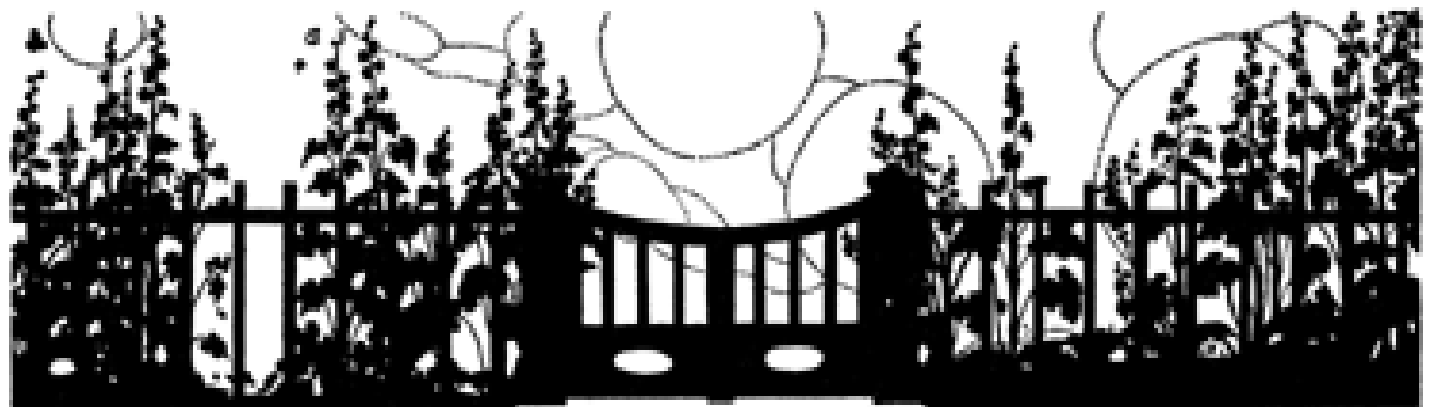
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The most common cause of wildfires is human activity - either deliberately or accidentally. Raising public awareness about the causes and impacts of wildfires is essential in promoting safe responsible behaviours in the countryside.

Common causes of wildfires

Unattended flames: Never leave barbecues, campfires or bonfires unattended. Make sure they are well away from fences, trees or anything at risk of catching fire. Keep a bucket of water/sand nearby.

Barbecue risks: Follow safety instruction manuals for your barbecues. Many parks and open spaces have banned the use of disposable barbecues due to the fire risk.

Weather: Rising temperatures and drier conditions driven by climate change are increasing the risk of extreme fire weather in the UK.

Controlled burning: Is the planned use of fire under carefully managed conditions to reduce fuel loads, such as vegetation or shrubs.

Arson: Caused by reckless or irresponsible behaviour.

Discarded cigarettes: Even a seemingly extinguished cigarette can reignite and spark a fire in dry conditions. Never throw cigarettes out of car windows.

Litter: Take your litter home, including glass bottles, as they can ignite dry vegetation.

Sky lanterns: Pose a significant fire risk.

Reporting a wildfire

Safety first: Move to a safe location, away from the fire, smoke and vegetation. If you are in a vehicle, close all windows and vents.

Call 999 immediately: Ask for Fire and Rescue Service. Clearly state your location, size and direction of fire. If possible provide a What3Words location or a landmark such as a farm or pub.

Stay calm

Do not tackle the fire yourself: Wildfires are unpredictable and dangerous.

Stay well away from the wildfire: Fires can smoulder or spread underground.

Follow the advice of the emergency services and local authorities.

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WATTISFIELD ROAD

Traffic Lights/Millfield Hedge

In 2017 a Planning Application was applied for 60 houses on Wattisfield Road, this was refused by Highways as the road was not wide enough to have a new footpath installed. A new application was presented with the boundary of Millfield being moved back, however it was proved that the boundary was in the correct position, but in the meantime Outline Planning Permission was granted. Because of the new footpath all the traffic was pushed over towards the Mill Close junction, but to date there has never been an accident. November 2023 a team of 5 men and 3 vehicles were sent to cut the Millfield hedge but on arrival could see the hedge is well maintained and refused to cut it. This happened twice more during 2024, 5 men and 3 vehicles.

March 7th 2025 a contractor arrived to install 3-way traffic lights, this initially was for the hedge to be cut, then it was supposed to be for a site meeting, but finally it was confirmed it was for safety reasons. When a site meeting finally took place, we were told that the traffic lights were a safety precaution as the visibility splay from Mill Close was not 43 metres (which is a 2025 regulation), however the paperwork and plans that were approved by Highways in 1980, and adopted was for a 30 metre splay. We can confirm that the visibility splay in 2025 was 28 metres, however Highways insisted/compromised on 33 metres which is why the hedge has been cut as it is, and we appreciate it does not look good. We will be cutting the hedge more in October/November and making it look more attractable, the reason we could not do it now was because of the bird nesting season, and the Ecologist who was in attendance while the hedge was cut did not want any more cut at this stage.

We hope this now clarifies with everybody regarding the saga during March/April and do hope this will now be the end of what should have been avoidable and that no more public money will be wasted.

Trevor Pollard



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towards 20mph limit on Summer Rd

On 29th April, *en route* to a Walking Football session at 1pm, I left the car in the car park and walked back to the gentleman with the speed gun on Summer Road and thanked him for the background work going on to reduce speed on this difficult stretch of road up from the village and said I hoped it would help secure a crossing at the Sports Club to increase safety as well as a 20mph limit.

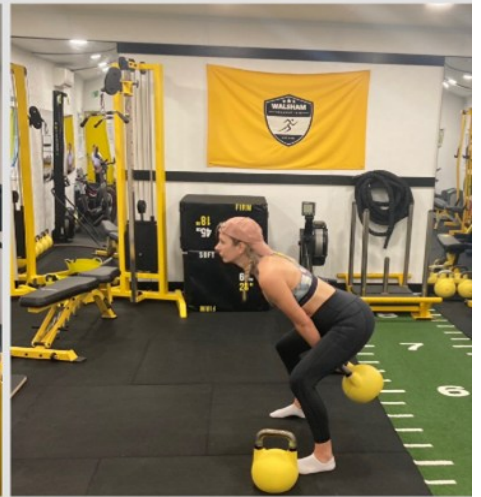
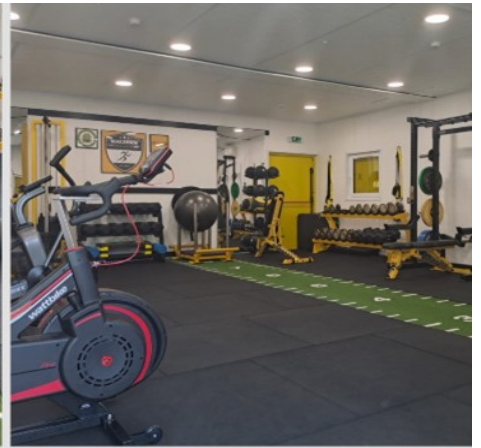
Little did I realise I was making my own personal contribution to that, having been clocked at 35 mph, but the really sad bit was when I told Mrs C I had got a speeding ticket - she rejected the concept that perhaps I could name her as the driver, laughed and told me I could go and see a taxidermist!

My public spirit has just been dampened; my full and erstwhile support for a 20mph limit past the Sports Club now constrained by how much it might cost me in the future!

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JILL CROSSLAND

St Mary's Concert Tuesday 15th May

It was hard to know what to say when I rose to thank the concert pianist Jill Crossland after her recital in St Mary's on May 15th. How can you follow fifty minutes of virtuoso playing, note perfect and flawless? Jill played pieces from the Baroque masters, Scarlatti, Rameau and JS Bach, before finishing with a Chopin etude. The judgement of how to use the acoustic of St Mary's was unerring. "Would you like something else?" She asked, and played a Liszt etude as an encore. This was her second visit to Walsham, and the audience was again totally spellbound. Our piano was kindly donated to St Mary's by Mrs Cass, and it was wonderful to see her in the audience as it was thoroughly put through its paces. All in all, truly memorable experience - and one we hope may be repeated a third time.

Following the recital, Jill and Ying both stayed and enjoyed a relaxed chat, before returning home to Yorkshire.

My records show that Music at St Mary's began in 2014. The principle is simply that musicians come to play just for pleasure in the wonderful space, and the audience may turn up to listen for free. It has proved a great success, and retiring collections have allowed the programme to continue year on year, with maintenance to the organ and piano. Instead of me running it as a one-man band, there is now a dedicated team of volunteers who ensure the recitals are pleasurable for performers and audience, to whom I am immensely grateful.

Our next recitals are in July - the Raedwald Brass return for a Saturday evening concert - 7.30pm on July 5th - a whole new programme and even some special guests. Then on 10th July Neil Carlson and James Thomas return for another 12.30pm lunchtime recital featuring keyboards and oboe. Last year one audience member described their concert as "the best I have ever been to".

We hope to see you there!

Matthew Lockyer



V.E. DAY BELL RINGING

Throughout the length and breadth of the country church bells have been rung to commemorate VE Day. Walsham's bellringers were certainly kept busy and, on the 8th May and subsequent days, rang at Wattisfield, Walsham, Horham Theltham, Hinderclay, Westhorpe, Hunston and Badwell Ash.

On the 11 May our band of ringers rang at Horham at a service for those visiting Americans connected with the 95th Bomb Group. At the end of the war in 1945 Americans who had served at Horham were responsible for financing the restoration of the church bells. There is also a fine museum at the airfield site where buildings have been restored so that they look now as they would have done in World War II and contain records and equipment and machinery that show how the base operated.

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WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

The Homes of William Morris

A talk by Fiona Rose

On Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm in the Rriory Room we will welcome Fiona Rose, a lecturer for The Arts Society, who will be talking to us about 'The Homes of William Morris'.

I'm sure most of us have something in our homes which we can attribute to the designs of Morris & Co, William Morris' own design company founded in 1861. From oven gloves, curtains to umbrellas and pens, his designs are still as popular today, if not more so, than they were then.

He is often referred to as the founder of the 'Arts and Crafts Movement' inspired by his ideas on the relationship between art and society. The Priory Room, where we hold our meeting is a fine example of 'Arts and Crafts' architecture.

However, William Morris was more than a revolutionary designer, he was also a craftsman, a writer, a social activist and a conservationist who pioneered a new and instantly recognisable visual aesthetic into British design, which had at its heart quality, beauty and accessibility. He championed craftsmanship during a time when industrial mass production was at its peak in this country. His designs have been in continuous production ever since. No single individual in Britain has had such a lasting impact on the history of British design.

His own homes, as expected, are places of beauty and a true reflection of his talents and those of his many like-minded friends, who contributed their skills to create 'The Red House' and 'Kelmscott Manor'. Edward Burne-Jones (his best friend) described The Red House as "The beautifullest place on earth".

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HISTORY GROUP SPRING WALK

On a lovely spring morning this year's history group walk took in some Old Town Trust lands, two charming green lanes that wend their way around the village, Finches Bottoms (yes, really), Burnt House and the location of the former Strondes Cross, a medieval cross on the parish boundary. Then back to the 6 Bells for the customary refreshments.

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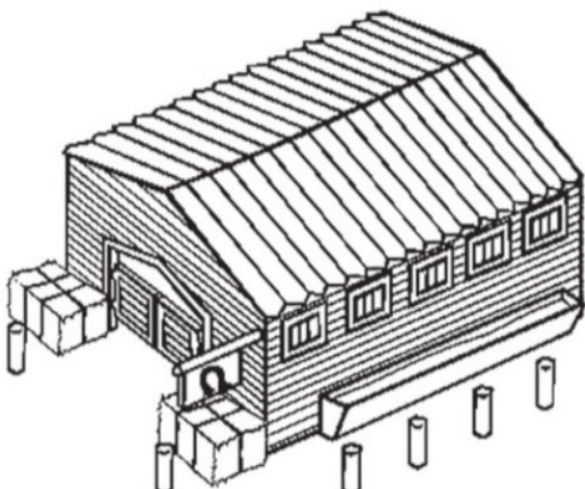
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DIARY OF EVENTS

JUNE		Thur 25th Music in St Mary's St Mary's 12.20pm	
Tues 10th W.I. Bowls Taster		OCTOBER	
Bowls Green 7.00pm		Wed 15th History Group	
Wed 18th History Group		Priory Room 7.30pm	
Priory Room 7.30pm		Thur 16th Common Ground	
Sun 22nd Music in St Mary's		Village Hall 7.30pm	
St Mary's Church 3.00pm		Sat 18th Music in St Mary's	
JULY		St Mary's 7.30pm	
Sat 5th Music in St Mary's		NOVEMBER	
St Mary's Church 7.30pm		Wed 19th History Group	
Thur 10th Music in St Mary's		Priory Room 7.30pm	
St Mary's 12.20pm		Fri 28th Walsham Art Group	
Wed 16th History Group		Priory Room 5.00pm	
Priory Room 7.30pm		Till Mon 1st December	
AUGUST		DECEMBER	
Sat 9th Horticultural Show		Tue 9th History Group	
Village Hall 2.00pm		Priory Room 7.30pm	
Sun 24th Open Gardens All		Sun 21st Nine Lessons & Carols	
Mon 25th Weekend Day		St Mary's 4.00pm	
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 17th History Group			
Village Hall 7.30pm			

WALSHAM & DISTRICT W.I.

BOWLS TESTER SESSION

The Bowls Club

Tuesday 10th June at 7.00pm

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LITERARY LIMERICKS I

Grapes of Wrath found the family Joad
All packed up and hitting the road.
For the Dust Bowl out of hand
Forced them off the land
To California and a shanty abode.

A few days on the river afloat
Is a tale that JKJ once wrote.
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And the can that did craze,
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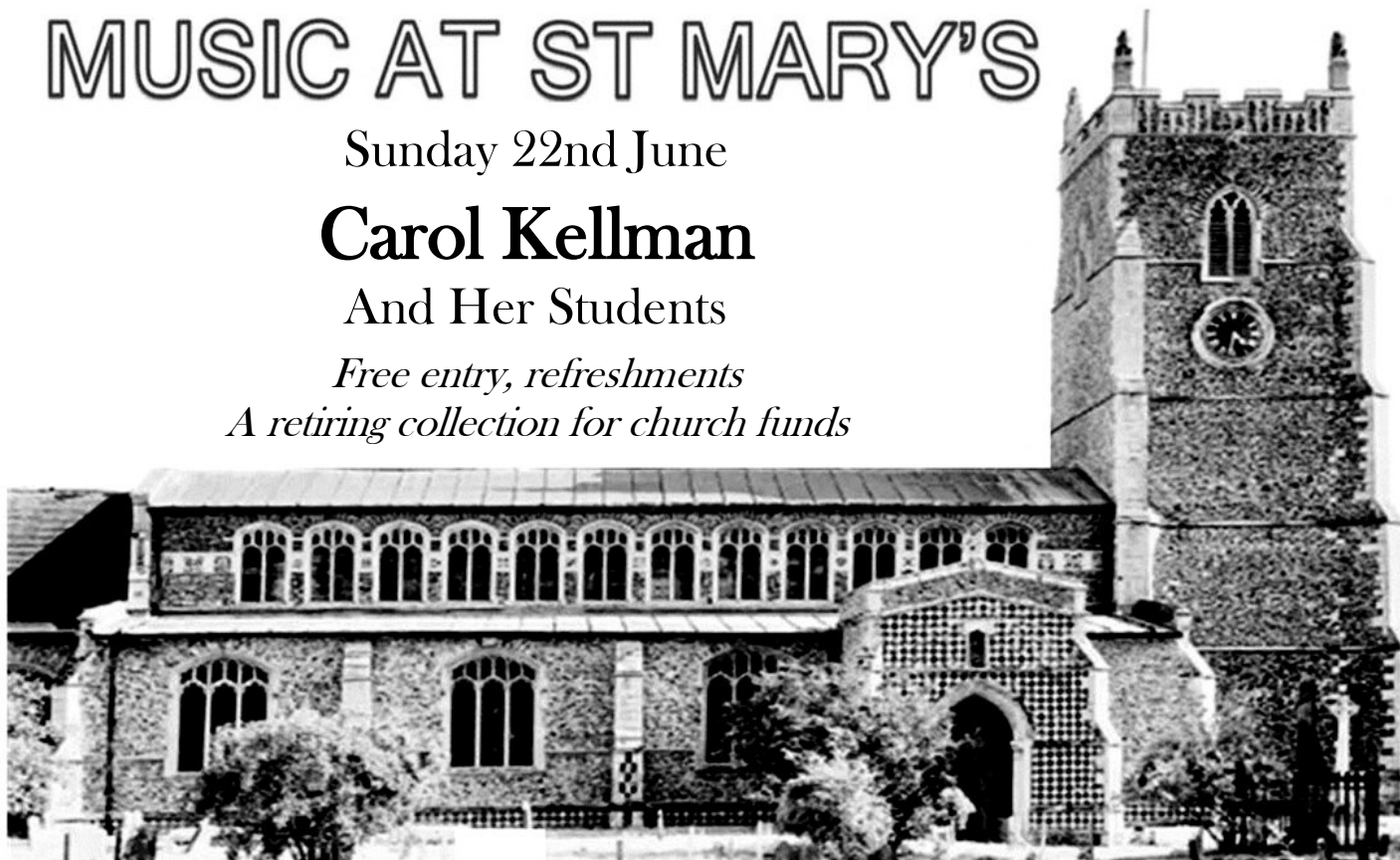
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the **ANNUAL** meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 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. ELECTION OF CHAIR & APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair invited proposals for re-election of Chair.

- a. Cllr Roberts proposed Cllr. Richard Belson. This was seconded by Cllr. Winch. No other proposals or dissent were made known to the Clerk. Cllr Belson was therefore duly re-elected as Chair. Acceptance of Office to be completed at next meeting. The Chair asked for proposals to appointment of vice-Chair. Cllr. Belson proposed Cllr. Ian Bartholomew and this was seconded by Cllr. Brookes. Cllr Bartholomew duly re-appointed as vice Chair.

2. OPENING STATEMENT & CHAIR'S ITEMS - none

3. APOLOGIES

- a. Cllr. Nick Mecrow.
- b. Consent to apology for absence was given.

4. 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 9th April 2025 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting and for signature and duly signed.
- 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 note questions and matters of concern with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters, for future consideration.

12 members of public were present.

- Frances Jenner addressed Council to raise awareness of the upcoming issue of safe storage for history documentation which is an important and unique archive of considerable significance for the village and also a wider audience. This issue has become particularly acute since the closure of the Bury County Archive and its relocation to Ipswich. It is felt that this archive should be kept closer to 'home' and the history group are currently looking for a suitable

storage facility. This was noted and the Chair indicated that this could be added to a future agenda for consideration with regard to assistance with raising funding or finding other resources in support of the safe storage of the archive.

- A number of residents put forward very strong views on the application DC/25/01874 which addresses proposed access arrangements for the Land North of Well Cottages. There is as yet no appointed developer or outline application for the actual housing. The Parish Council were able to clarify matters and illustrate what was proposed by referring to the map included with the application and based on discussions with a representative for the landowner at a previous meeting. Most of the concerns raised had already been identified by the Parish Council. It was emphasised that considerable weight is given to the numbers of objections and attendees were strongly encouraged to add their own objections to the planning portal alongside any comment the Parish Council may decide to make.
- A number of residents shared their concerns about the use of the green space at Staples Close, expressing strong views that there should be no change to its use or current layout. The Parish Council advised that as decided at a previous meeting in response to correspondence received, that the intention is to facilitate a resolution by formally seeking the views of all Staple Close residents. However, the Parish Council does not own the land and therefore can only add its weight to any representations made by residents. The issue of ownership of this space was raised by residents. Clerk to investigate and report back to council.

6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS

a. County Councillor Fleming. Not in attendance and report to be uploaded when received.

b. District Councillor Winch

- i. Cllr Belson asked about housing targets in respect of the changes to housing legislation that are in the pipeline. District Cllr. Winch advised that it is almost certain these changes will make it harder for objections to be lodged.
- ii. Cllr Belson asked about the planning enforcement with regard to an objection lodged by a resident concerning structures erected by a neighbour and was advised that a court date is awaited.
- iii. Cllr Bartholomew asked about enforcement with regard to the disruption caused by deliveries to the mini market since it opened. The pavement is often blocked by pallets before, during and after deliveries are made. Cllr Winch advised that there is little that can be done about this as the application was granted on the basis of the designation of the property as a commercial site many decades ago.

7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

a. Traffic Group

i. Report was noted.

Proposal 1: That Council agrees how to take the discussion forward and how to respond to Josh White with the aim of agreeing a workable way forward

to deliver speed reduction measures whilst he is still driving the process:
After

consideration of the draft proposals from Josh White it was agreed to follow up the rationale for the extent of the proposed changes to the speed limit on the Finningham Road by Townhouse Road, and the rationale for not including the crossroads by The Six Bells. Including these extra areas does not change the overall cost of the Traffic Regulation Order but there is a balance to be struck in negotiations on this to ensure that the proposal finally put forward has the greatest possible chance of being accepted by SCC Highways. The whole process is likely to take 12-18 months.

Proposal 2: That Council continues to follow up engineered solutions to specific problems: It was agreed that the traffic group should continue to investigate solutions on which they have a number of ideas to pursue.

b. Flood Group - No report this month.

c. CEP Group

i. Monthly report was noted. Cllr Brookes noted that the CEP would now be update in the light of responses received from MSDC. Cllrs Brookes and Bartholomew displayed hydro-sack and hydro-snake flood defence systems with a view to suggesting these to residents at risk of flooding as self-help measures that can be put in place. These are relatively inexpensive and much easier to store than sand/sandbags. It was agreed that these should be promoted to residents as part of the Community Emergency Plan flood preparation.

ii. It was noted that Cllr Mecrow has completed and passed the Highways NRSWA Unit 2 - Signing, Lighting and Guarding training course. Clerk to add to next agenda for formal report back from Cllr Mecrow.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & 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 WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/02077 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce height of 1 No. Oak (T1) by approximately 3 metres and the lateral spread of the tree over the road by 4-5 metres. Raise low canopy of 1 No. Prunus (T2) to 5m. Location: Land At Summer Road , Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 3AH **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

c. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/01343 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of extension to the existing gymnasium building, erection of container and installation of LED Video Screen Location: Sports Pavilion, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AH **The Parish Council Supported This Application** in order to support and encourage physical activity but wanted to highlight concerns about the aesthetics and would like to note that efforts should be made to ensure that this structure, and similar on same site, should be of more subtle colouring that blends better with the environs and that is in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan Design Codes.

d. APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/01874
Proposal: Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved except access) -
Development of up to 15no. dwellings, garaging, vehicular and pedestrian access,
and associated works and infrastructure Location: Land North Of Well Cottages ,
Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds IP31 3DA **The Parish
Council Objected To This Application On The Following Grounds:**

This parcel of land lies within the Settlement Boundary of Walsham le Willows and has been regarded by many as a suitable location for residential development for some years. An application which proposes a sensitive development of appropriate dwellings is therefore to be welcomed. As this site will provide more than 5 dwellings we feel that a “Masterplan” style approach informed by public engagement and collaboration is appropriate (see Neighbourhood Plan WLW2 page 55). This application relates only to access and in its current form is regarded as being far from satisfactory; for this reason the Parish Council wishes to object to the application.

As stated in the Heritage Assessment, para. 2.2, the “site can be accessed from Elm Drive . . . and from the junction of Grove Road and Palmer Street”; this is repeated in part 1 of the Desk Study and Risk Assessment. These two access points have probably existed for several hundred years and in recent years it is the access from Grove Road that has been used for agricultural purposes. We are extremely concerned that the application proposes to use only the access from Elm Drive; this presents several serious problems:

(a) when the existing Elmside development is added to the proposed development of 15 units there will be over 90 dwellings served by only one vehicular access. This access point from the Finningham road is limited in size and because of the pattern of parking is often difficult to negotiate; there are often situations where large vehicles such as the MSDC refuse collection lorries are unable to serve the estate because they cannot get round to all houses. This situation would be exacerbated by the current proposal but could be alleviated if access also went through to Grove Road. The Design and Access Statement, para. 117(d), states that the layout should “allow for the efficient . . . access by services and emergency vehicles”; we feel that this proposal fails to provide safe access and would inevitably create possibly serious problems in the future.

(b) the problems of access to the new site would be especially serious during the construction phase. Elm Drive is more problematic in reality than it appears on the map, and if you walk through Elmside from the Finningham Road to the new site on a normal day it is obvious that the winding nature of the road and the pattern of pavements and parking would make it virtually impossible for large lorries to bring roof trusses or ready-mixed concrete or other materials into the site. It is also totally unreasonable to expect existing residents to accept this level of disruption and the potential danger to life and property.

(c) it has been a fundamental principle of development in Walsham over recent years for new sites to be closely integrated into the rest of the village and the creation of isolated enclaves is avoided; this can be illustrated by the Elmside

and Acorns developments. This principle is embodied in the Neighbourhood Plan, policy WLW2, where it says that any “proposals should deliver a seamless relationship between the existing development and the new development, in terms of connections”. The current access proposal would create a very isolated, and for most an undiscovered, residential area.

(d) the proposal falls well short of the expectations for pedestrian and cycling connectivity as stated in policy WLW6 of the Neighbourhood Plan. The approved plans for the Elmside development included four different pedestrian access points which create a wide variety of safe potential routes that are now widely used by many different people in the village. Access through the proposed development onto Grove Road would make a very significant contribution to improved connectivity, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. This would provide a safe and attractive route for children and parents going to the Primary School from Palmer Street, Staple Close and Jolly's Way; it would similarly create a desirable link from Elmside and The Street to the network of Public Footpaths and Permissive Footpaths to the east and south of the village. As indicated in the Design and Access Statement, para. 2(g) we should “prioritise movement by foot (and) bicycle including linkages to create/ contribute to a walkable neighbourhood”.

(e) connectivity in this area of the village can also be much improved by the creation of a pedestrian route from this site through to Grove Park. There is considerable space between No. 40 Grove Park and the line of bungalows where a safe and very pleasant pedestrian link can be created at relatively low cost and at no detriment to the development of this site. It must be noted that some maps, including the site map which forms part of this application, show incorrect property boundaries. The garden of No. 40 is the same width as the adjoining houses and the remaining section of land between this house and the bungalows is part of the public open space currently managed by MSDC.

(f) we are also very concerned about the proposals for shared surfaces from Elm Drive into the new development. We are all trying to “create places which minimise the scope for conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles” - Design & Access Statement para. 117(c), but this suggestion is likely to create confusion and cause conflict. There appears to be no need for this; the access area from Elm Drive is roughly 10m wide and easily accommodates the road and a full width pavement on each side of the road. This indicates that on the new site there should be adequate space for a separate road and a pavement along one side.

We feel that this new development could make very significant contributions to both the built environment and the social environment of Walsham le Willows. The current proposal only partly fulfils what could be achieved and that is why we are lodging this objection. We urge that efforts are made to realise the full potential of this important site and avoid serious potential problems.

9. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority)

- a. Application Reference: DC/25/00979 Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement windows and doors, and cladding details. High Hedges, Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION
 - b. Application Reference: DC/25/01362 Proposal & Location of Development: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 No. Norway Maple (T1) Display Land, Clarkes Of Walsham Ltd, The Street, Walsham Le Willows Suffolk MSDC RAISED NO OBJECTION
10. ANNUAL BUSINESS
- a. The report arising from the Clerk's annual appraisal was considered along with recommendations in the form of three proposals:

Proposal 1: That Council develop a planning pro forma aligned with National Policy Framework and the Neighbourhood Plan to give clear criteria when assessing planning applications. This would help in deciding if a site visit and thus an extension are required (Badwell Ash PC have one we could ask to see): It was decided that the Clerk seek out the proforma used by Badwell Ash before considering again.

Proposal 2: Core of our agenda should be reports for noting, discussion and questions along with proposals received 10 days before the meeting: This was agreed as ongoing practice. That has helped to curtail the length of meetings. It was noted by Cllr Bartholomew that future investigations into Community Led Housing may be another candidate for the working group model.

Proposal 3: Embedding Zoho email and document sharing with support from clerk: This was noted. The Clerk enquired as to any further difficulties with the use of the Zoho shared drive system. None were mentioned.
 - b. Council confirmed the re-adoption of standing orders and financial regulations as reviewed 02/02/2025 and approved for re-adoption on 12th February and 9th April 2025.
 - c. Council approved the annual subscriptions & donations to other bodies for 2025/26 (including review of expenditure incurred under s.137 of Local Government Act 1972).
 - d. Council confirmed the re-adoption of the policies, procedures and practices as reviewed and approved at meeting held on 12th February 2025.
 - e. Council approved the times and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council in 2026 (see website).
 - f. Council approved the re-appointment of SALC as internal auditors for 2025/26 following the approval of the terms letter in meeting held on 12/03/2025.
 - g. Council reviewed representation with external bodies and areas of responsibility assigned to members (see website) and approved the current representatives.
11. FINANCE, AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN
- a. Bank reconciliation for period ending 30th April 2024 was approved and signed.
 - b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment (Appendix 1) were approved for online authorisation.
12. CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE & ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA (if not dealt with elsewhere)

- a. The clerk confirmed no outstanding items action log that are not in hand.
- b. Council considered correspondences from residents about use of green at Staples Close and in light of representations made in Public Open Forum. The clerk was asked to obtain further information before a decision is made on the resident consultation exercise.
- c. The order, delivery and erection of new shed within next four weeks was noted.
- d. It was noted that a volunteer had agreed to attach some wide guttering to the existing (community council) shed in readiness for the new PC shed. And the replacement of the edging boards to the play area walkway.
- e. To consider any other matters of concern or note/next agenda.
 - i. Cllr Winch brought up the review of Parish Council Objectives and the Clerk was asked to tweak these on the website.
 - ii. Cllr Winch asked if a draft Traffic update should be prepared for the Observer.
 - iii. Cllr Brokes noted the email that had been circulated to residents of Elm Drive re the Elmside Planning application (re access).
 - iv. Cllr Barthlomew asked Cllr Winch about the bus service. It was reported that volume of users has dropped but that reliability had improved. Also that an independent survey/assessment of the service is to be commissioned by SCC.

Meeting Closed 21:34

Next Parish Council Meeting – 12th June 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall.

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation MAY 2024

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Monthly Bank Service Charges	6.00	DIRECT DEBIT
2	Nurture Landscapes	214.49	Play Area and Stream Grass cutting
3	Parish Council Employee	739.47	Remuneration
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description
1	Precept	12,997.50	2nd payment 2025/26
2	Transfer to deposit	5,000.00	



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It is our 50th year since we founded Restore.

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A SUMMER OF NEW BEGINNINGS

As we step into the long, light-filled days of summer, I hope you're finding time to enjoy the outdoors—whether it's pottering in the garden, walking in the countryside, or simply soaking up some sunshine with friends and family. There's something about this time of year that lifts the spirit: nature in full bloom, warmer days, and a slower, more gentle rhythm to life.

While Spring is often seen as the season of new beginnings—with blossom on the trees, lambs in the fields, and gardens coming to life—the Church celebrates its true moment of renewal at Pentecost, this year on June 8th. It's the day we remember the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples, filling them with courage, purpose, and joy. It marks the beginning of the Church, and it's a reminder of how new life and fresh starts can arrive in unexpected and powerful ways.

In that same spirit, our local churches are stepping into the summer season with a few new projects. These are open to everyone—whether you've been part of church life for years or are just looking for somewhere friendly to connect with others.

Roots and Shoots – A New Children's Group

We're planting something new for our younger villagers! Roots and Shoots is a fun, friendly group designed to help children grow in faith through stories, crafts, and shared time together. Just like young plants, our children thrive when they're nurtured—and we hope this group helps them put down strong roots and grow with joy.

Tea and Toast Drop-In – in The Priory Room

Sometimes the simplest things bring the most comfort. That's why we're opening up the Priory Room for a relaxed drop-in session—with toast, tea (or coffee), and a few toys for the little ones. If you're passing by after the school run, fancy a warm drink and a chat, or just want a welcoming space to pause for a while, you're very welcome.

Bible Study Group – Open to All

After the success of our Lent Bible Group, we're starting a new series for anyone curious to explore the Bible. Whether it's your first time opening the pages or you've read them many times before, you're welcome to come along as we explore how these ancient stories of hope and wisdom still speak to life today. No pressure, just friendly conversation and space to ask questions.

These new beginnings remind us that renewal isn't just for one season—it's always possible. As it says in the book of Isaiah:

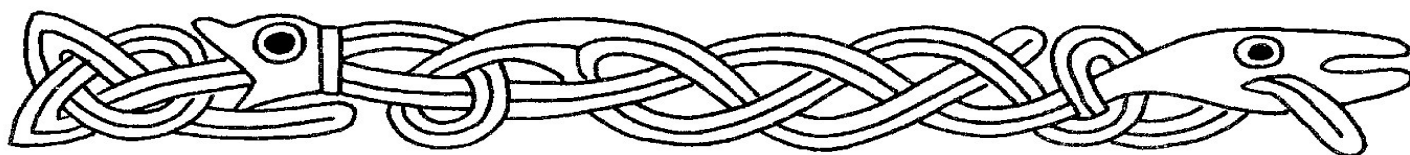
“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” – Isaiah 43:19

Wherever this summer takes you—whether you're exploring new paths, enjoying time with loved ones, or simply savouring the long, golden evenings—I hope it brings moments of joy, peace, and connection. And if you ever find yourself looking for a quiet place to reflect, a friendly face, or something new to try, our doors are always open.

With every blessing for the season ahead,

Revd Catriona



JUNE CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
1st June	7th Sunday of Easter	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
8th June	Whit Sunday	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11:00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
14th June	Roots and Shoots	
10:00am	Children's Group	Walsham
15th June	Trinity Sunday	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
22nd June	1st Sunday after Trinity	
11:00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
29th June	2nd Sunday after Trinity	
10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Langham
6th July	3rd Sunday after Trinity	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
11:00am	Family Communion	Walsham

WALSHAM OBSERVER SUDOKU

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

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

Why Are Electricity Costs So High?



The problem

The UK has much higher electricity costs both for consumers and businesses than many other industrial countries.

This might seem strange as we keep hearing that renewable energy such as wind and solar is much cheaper than electricity produced by fossil fuels or nuclear power. We also know that the percentage of electricity produced by renewable sources has been growing so logically the price should be dropping.

The fundamental answer to this paradox is that we have added renewables to an energy system that was designed for a different age with a different set of problems.

The wholesale price of electricity

By far the largest element of your bill is the “wholesale” price which is the cost that suppliers buy electricity from the companies that generate electricity. On top of this there are network costs and various policy costs. The price your electricity supplier charges you incorporates these cost elements plus their profit with the maximum price being restricted by the price cap.

This wholesale price is calculated every half hour via a bidding process. In least cost order you would have renewables, then nuclear and then gas. However, the wholesale cost is set by the last unit of electricity needed to meet demand at that point in time. This means that even if gas only generates a small percentage of the power required, the wholesale price is set by the price of gas.

Taking power from the generators to the socket in your house

Once the price has been set then the ‘balancing mechanism’ takes place which determines whether it’s practical to take the power from everyone who has bid. So, you might find the wind power is all from Scotland but we haven’t got the infrastructure to use this power in the south of England. In this scenario we currently pay the wind farms to turn off their turbines and pay the gas companies an even higher price for the additional gas. In 2024 Seagreen Offshore wind farm was paid to turn off over 70% of the time!

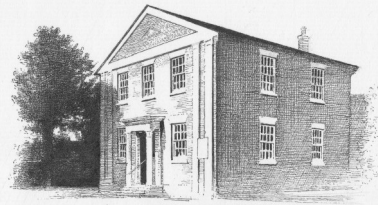
The system is clearly insane. In the previous era there were relatively few very large coal and gas generators who all quoted roughly the same price and the balancing activity was just whether there were any unexpected minor faults in the system. Nowadays there are very wide price differences, a large number of generators, a variable supply of renewable energy hour by hour and the need to ensure the technical stability of the grid. All of this is being managed in a semi manual fashion.

Where are we heading?

Our electricity system is reducing the level of carbon emissions as each year we are using more renewable power. However, we are not passing any cost benefits on to citizens. The solution lies in sorting out our privatised energy infrastructure and short-term looking at zonal or local pricing which would bring prices down.

The analogy that is sometimes used for our electricity system is that it is like a pedestrian trying to cross a busy motorway and we have got halfway. Turning back is not a good option as it would take just as long as going forward. If we can get to the other side our electricity costs will be very low but being stuck in the central reservation is not a great place to be.

Richard Winch



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The Strange Case of Dudley Tyng

The Rev. Dudley Atkins Tyng has an interesting story. In 1854, as a twenty-nine-year-old, he took over as pastor of the Church of the Epiphany in Philadelphia when his father retired; not everyone in his congregation valued his straightforward preaching and position against slavery so he resigned and, with a few loyal followers moved to the Church of the Covenant in the same city. At this time, a powerful revival was sweeping through Philadelphia and, the number of converts being so great, reports were published in newspapers across the country. This spiritual harvest was clearly the Lord's doing, not the result of one man's ability, but Tyng was very much at the centre of this work, and laboured hard in a ministry amongst local working men who gathered day after day to hear the Word of God. In 1858 he held a rally for fathers and sons, and 5,000 men gathered in the downtown 'Jayne's Hall', at noon that day, to hear the faithful preaching of Tyng on the text, ***"Go now ye that are men and serve the Lord"*** (Exodus 10:11). During his sermon, he made the bold declaration, "I must tell (fulfil) my Master's errand, and I would rather this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short in my duty to you in delivering God's message." When the service reached its close, over a thousand men responded to the Gospel and committed their lives to Christ.

Barely two weeks later, on Tuesday 13th April 1858, Dudley Tyng was visiting the farm of one of his congregation and stood watching a threshing machine at work; he reached forward to pat the mule that was powering the operation when, suddenly, the loose sleeve of his garment was caught and his right arm dragged into the wheels of the machine. He was severely injured, so much so that on the following Saturday the arm was amputated at the shoulder, infection set in, and the two days later he died (or, as a report from the time so beautifully put it, "He gave up his spirit into the hands of his Saviour...his work was done; and the Master whom he had delighted to serve on earth, called him to his rest in Heaven").

Upon his deathbed, surrounded by family, friends, and fellow ministers, Tyng's last recorded words exhorted those present, and those back at the Jayne's Hall Y.M.C.A to, "Stand up for Jesus". Amongst those present was Tyng's good friend Rev. George Duffield who, inspired by those last words, wrote a six-stanza poem that would later become well known as the hymn 'Stand up, Stand up for Jesus', the third verse of which alludes to that strangely ironic accident, *"Stand up, Stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone: the arm of flesh will fail you; ye dare not trust your own"*.

So, who is there more worthy to stand up for than the Lord Jesus Christ who stood in our place (if we truly believe and trust in him as the only Saviour for sinners) as he, ***"Bare our sins in his own body on the tree"*** (Romans 4:24) and it is only because he has suffered the eternal penalty upon the cross for our sin, that we will be able to stand in that final day, ***"In the which he will judge the world in righteousness"*** (Acts 17:31). Let us therefore be sure that when Jesus Christ returns, we shall appear before him as our Saviour and not as our judge!

For by faith ye stand (2 Corinthians 1:24)

WILDLIFE IN JUNE

This month we will see Owl chicks becoming restless, and go from peering out of their nests to standing on the branches. They have not yet learnt how to fly but will quite readily clamber around vegetation and the branches, using their sharp talons to hold on while flapping their wings. The adults will be seen usually perched on a post, patiently waiting and watching for a glimpse of prey, either invertebrates, small mammals and even other birds. When the return to their young they will be pestered for the tasty food.

Something else that could catch not only an Owls eye but ours slithering on the ground is the Adder. Male Adders will now be more focused on feeding now the breeding season is over, making them more difficult to find. Female Adders however will be easier to spot as they will be spending more time basking in the sun's rays, this will speed up the development of the embryo's. Another snake that you may see, particularly around streams and even sometimes our own ponds is the Grass snake. They will often be seen this month hunting fish and amphibians.

Look closer into the water and you will now see that your frog tadpoles have developed leg buds, or even legs. Once the legs appear they will switch from a vegetarian diet, eating algae and aquatic plants to a more omnivore one, eating decaying matter and small creatures such as water fleas. Newts are behind frogs and toads and will still be laying eggs which will hatch two weeks later.

In June while we are in the garden and potting up many plants, you will come across many spiders who are by now caring for their egg sacs and offspring. You will see Crab Spiders sitting on egg sacs, Cellar Spiders which carry their egg sacs behind them, which are creamy white in colour but can sometimes be blue. There are also Wolf Spiders who are devoted mothers. She will rotate the egg sac periodically so each side gets enough warmth from the sun and she will also break open the sac to give water in the form of saliva to prevent the spiderlings from becoming dehydrated. When they hatch she will let the cling on to her abdomen and carry them around from a week or so. Our baby Blue Tits in our camera nest box did very well this year. We had eight eggs altogether and seven of them hatched. It was again incredible to see them go from tiny pink featherless nestlings, to then develop before your eyes into feathered eating machines. I am pleased to say all seven fledged the nest, but again for a second time we were not there to witness it, maybe next year, feathers crossed!

Angie Bennington



LITERARY LIMERICKS II

Winston Smith had a quite simple plan;
Said 'I'll outwit thought police if I can!' But in Room One-O-One
His life was undone,
And Big Brother became his main man!

In William Golding's Lord of The Flies
Poor Piggy had very poor eyes.
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Then Jack cast his evil spell.
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SUFFOLK RECORDS SOCIETY

The Manorial Court Rolls and Rentals of Walsham le Willows, 1327 – 1559.

On May 8th Mark Bailey, Professor of Later Medieval History at the University of East Anglia gave a talk in the memorial hall on behalf of the Suffolk Records Society, which has just published a new book of research originally undertaken by the late Audrey McLaughlin.

Audrey McLaughlin, who lived in Mill Close, was at the forefront of local historical research of Walsham from the 1970's to 2000's. She was well known in the village for her involvement in the field walking initiated by Ray Lock, the hedge survey that they both undertook, the historical research that culminated in the archaeological report *Towards a Landscape History of Walsham Le Willows* and the establishment of the village museum and History group. It is less well known locally how important her contributions were to the overall understanding of the medieval history of England.

Audrey taught herself medieval Latin, not an easy feat. She then used this to translate the hand written manorial court rolls and rentals of Walsham, as well as wills and indentures that exist from Walsham. She became well known in academic circles for the quality and detail of her research and her field work. She has rightfully found a place amongst the great and the good of medieval researchers along with Ray Lock, John Hatcher, Kenneth Dodd and Lucy Worsley.

Walsham's archive of surviving documents from the later medieval period (14th – 15th centuries), the court rolls, rentals, wills and indentures are superb by national standards. Virtually nowhere else in England has such a range of surviving paperwork documenting the legal and transactional day-to-day business of a village which was composed of mid to low status manors. Hence Walsham is used academically as a major resource to study how lives and society changed during the late medieval period. This is why Audrey's brilliant translations of these documents is so important to our knowledge and understanding of the evolution of England.

Audrey's drive and enthusiasm for Walsham's history was infectious and her attention to detail was exceptional. She leaves a huge legacy that anyone interested in history can now access and enjoy.

Alison Martin

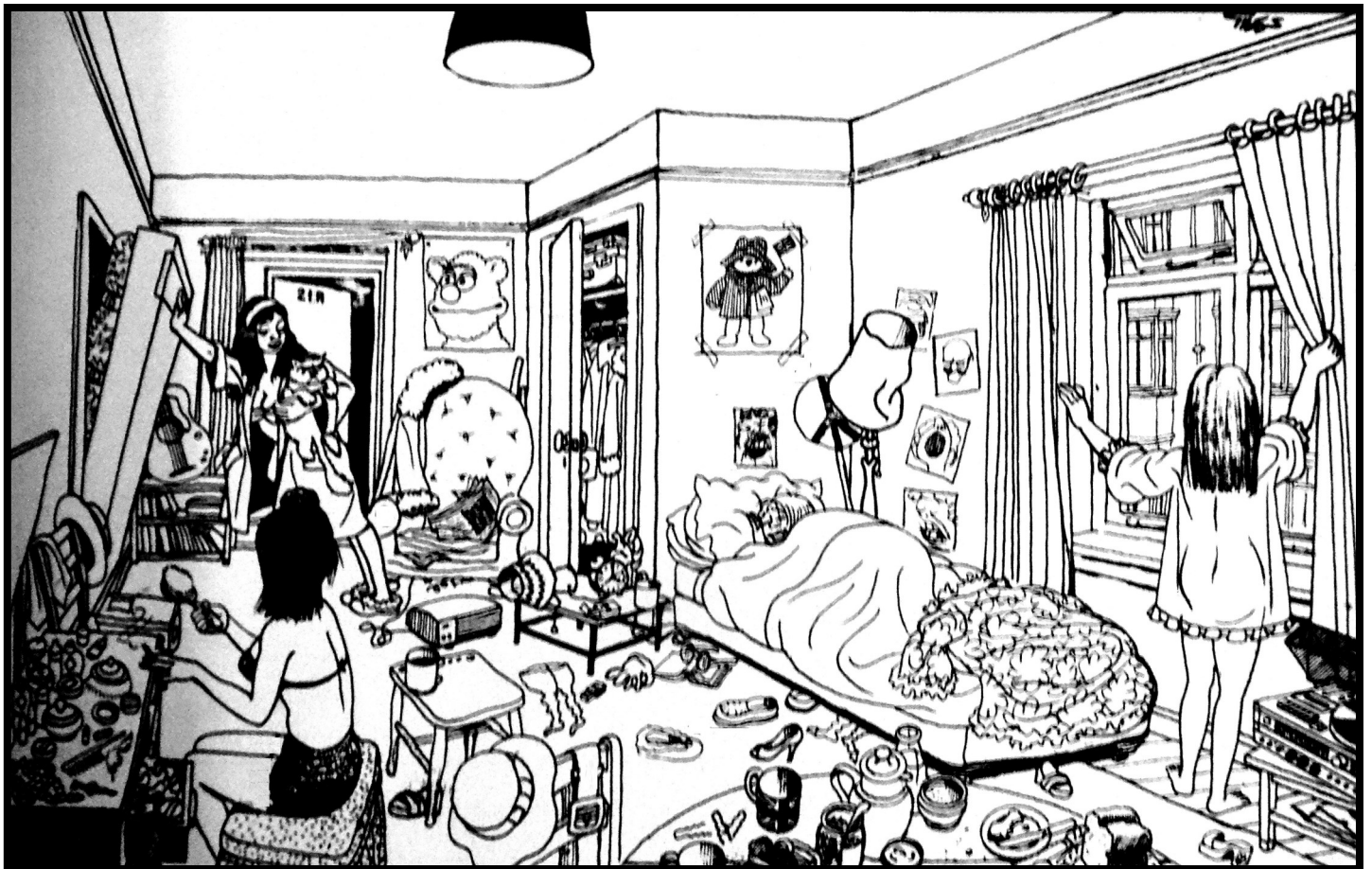
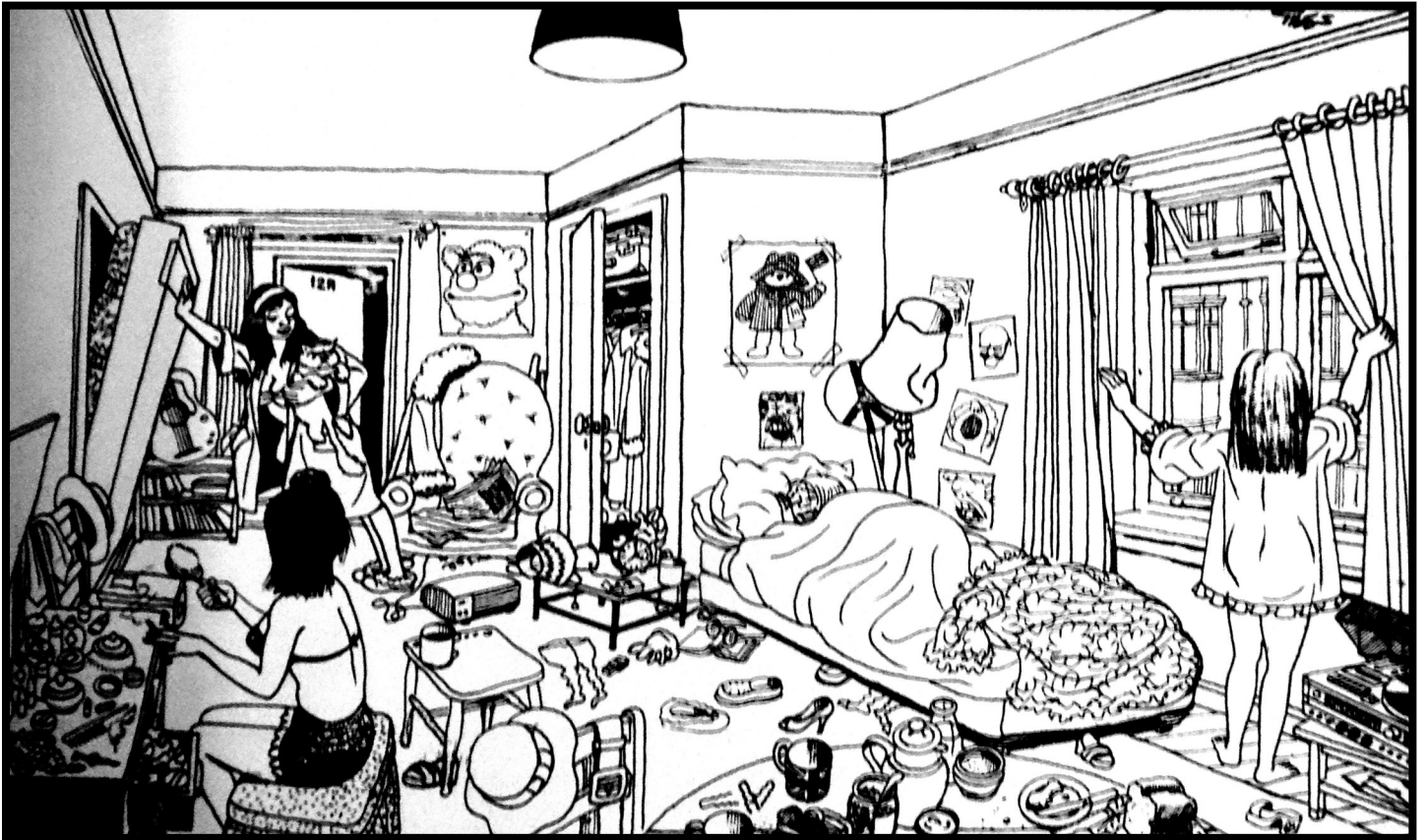


LITERARY LIMERICKS III

Miss Gregory's love of the Tudors
Might discourage many literary intruders.
Red and White queens in a whirl,
And the other Boleyn Girl;
Then the Virgin Queen and her suitors.

Gandalf, dwarves and Hobbit Bilbo
To the far off Lonely Mountain did go.
Bilbo called his sword Sting,
Came by Gollum's 'precious' ring,
Which he kept, leaving G feeling low.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before Samantha wakes up!

Whom did Sir Henry Morton Stanley famously meet?

GALLANTRY AND DEFEAT

There are summers where the gods of cricket smile benevolently, handing out victories like raffle tickets. Then there are summers like May 2025, when those same gods pop their heads round the pavilion door, cackle loudly, and lob a damp Dukes onto a mine-field. It was, for Walsham, a month less about the accumulation of league points and more about the cultivation of stoic endurance. A time when the defeats piled up higher than Oscar Gleeson's sock drawer, and yet the spirit remained—defiant, unbroken, and occasionally confused about who was keeping this week.

At the helm of the Sunday XI through this month of noble ruin was Ben Clark—a man more accustomed to case files than captain's notes, to interrogation rooms than field settings, and to catching criminals rather than catches. His weekday life is one of solving mysteries, filing reports, and keeping chaos at bay with a biro and a weary stare. So, when he turns up on a Sunday, the idea of trying to make sense of fielding arrangements must seem refreshingly uncomplicated.

And make sense of it he did, even as his side strode headlong into the cricketing equivalent of an open and shut case of "GBH with a heavy bat". Against Risby, the numbers were criminal. 335 for 8. Walsham's reply—125 and a slight nosebleed. Most captains would fold. Not Ben. He took notes. Literally. Whether it was updating the bowling analysis, jotting down a batting order, or scribbling "Do not bowl there again" in the margins, his paperwork was flawless. The result may have been brutal, but the admin was immaculate.

Seven days later, the mood changed. Walsham strolled to 205 for 6 and under Ben's quietly forensic guidance, Melton St Audry's were restrained for 156. A victory not just for the scorebook, but for the system.

And while the senior teams were locked in these exercises in glorious failure, it was the Under 13s—those titans of timing and team spirit—who upheld the name of the club. Unbeaten, unbowed, and often unaware of the deep historical pain of a batting collapse, they breezed through the month. Their victories weren't just welcome—they were essential. The juniors didn't just give us points. They gave us hope.

So yes, Walsham may not have many points this May. But they held the line. They fielded hard, they batted bravely, and they bowled like poets in search of a metaphor. And in the middle of it all stood Clark—juggling evidence bags and batting orders, dispensing quiet authority, and making sure that, even in defeat, the paperwork was watertight. For in cricket, as in crime, the truth will out.

James French



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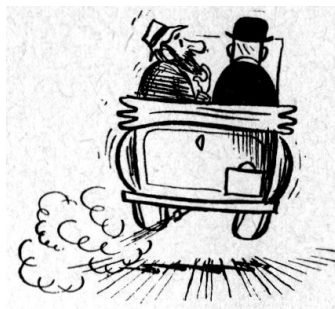
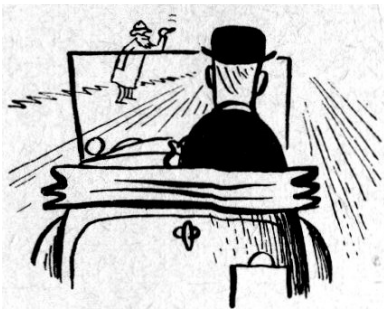
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SPORTS CLUB

REPORT FOOTBALL

The season has now been completed. The First Team finished fifth and competed in the play-offs for the first time in their history. They beat Fakenham Town 1-0 away, thanks to a goal from Reon Huckvale. Unfortunately, they lost 2-1 away to Downham Town in the play-off final having gone 1-0 up, courtesy of a wonder goal from Matt Glover. However, it was still a fantastic season having reached the last thirty-two in the FA Vase for the second season running. The Under 23s finished third in their league, while the Under 18s took the runners up spot. The Veterans also finished second and have secured promotion. At the recent Presentation Dinner, the following awards were given out. Hubby Frost was recognised, as he had recently celebrated his 90th birthday and was rewarded for his fantastic service to the Sports Club since joining in 1949. Steve Caley, our football section treasurer, was the Clubman of The Year. Reon Huckvale was the First Team Supporters Player of The Year. Scott Chaplin was the First Team Players' Player and Reece Lanchester was the Managers Player of The Season. Brae Smith was the Under 23s Manager's Player while Will Hubbard and Barnaby Hunt shared the Under 23s Players Award. For the Under 14s Taylor Bunnage won the Manager's Award, Players Award and the Golden Boot, while Logan Frear won the Best Young Player Award and Rafa Martinez was the Most Improved Player. The Vets are yet to give out their awards.

Gordon Ross



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WALSHAM BOWLS CLUB



The Bowls Green was opened on Saturday April 12th and we started the League season on Monday 28th April.

It is very pleasing to see the number of new players, male & female, who have been attending on a Tuesday evening, including the Editor who is making good progress and we look forward to him playing in a league game, Ian you still have a good eye as you did cricket bowling, albeit much slower now!

It is very good to see the new players starting to play in the various leagues and doing really well, in fact some have had a very nice mention by the opposition.

We are still looking for new players, so please feel free to come along on a Tuesday evening, we start at approx. 6.30pm, it is a very relaxed atmosphere, and help/advice is always available, in fact it has been great to see Albert and Peter giving some of their vast experience to the new players.

Results to date.

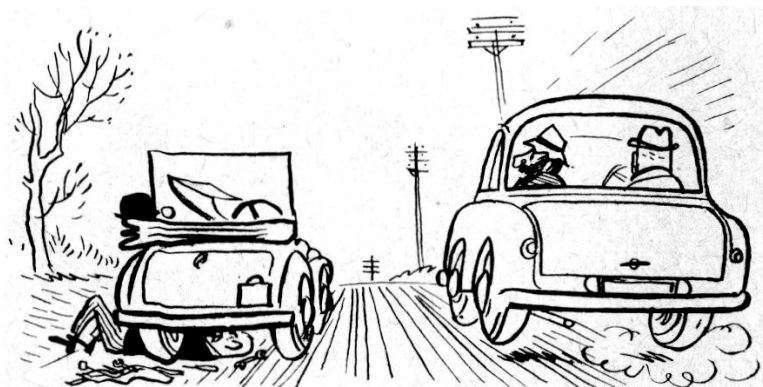
April 28th	St Botolph's	H	Won 6-1	May 12th	Woodfield B	A	Lost 6-1
April 30th	Old Newton	A	Lost 6-0	May 13th	Stowupland	A	Won 0-7
May 7th	St Botolph's	H	Lost 2-5	May 15th	Old Newton	H	Won 5-2
May 8th	Brandon B	A	Lost 6.5 – 0.5	May 19 th	Old Newton	H	Lost 2-5

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Wed 18th	Needham Market		

It has been a promising start to the season, with some good complimentary comments from various opposition teams about our club. The committee has been working very hard behind the scenes, and a big thank you to all the volunteers who do various jobs.

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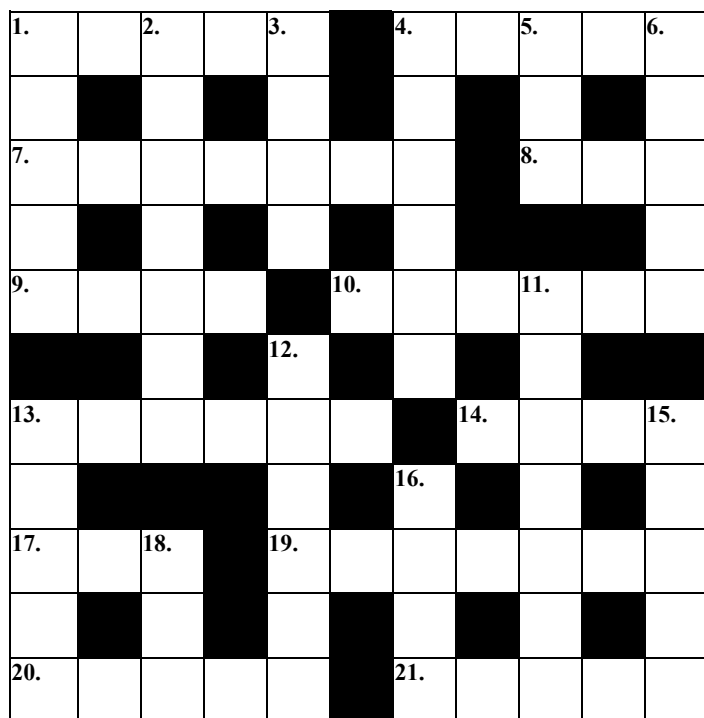
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ACROSS

1. Does the little candle get thinner. (5)
4. It's near to being found in the cathedral. (5)
7. Somehow I ran too to get to the speech. (7)
8. Sounds like thanks for the old sailor. (3)
9. Attendance to the way of walking. (4)
10. Do B roads make it on to the stage? (6)

13. Is an armoured car required for this animal. (6)
14. There's no end to this spare mock fight. (4)
17. The fine trawler has such a catch. (3)
19. Order of silence. (7)
20. Some women try to have a way in. (5)
21. No odds can make seven. (5)

DOWN

1. Just a strip of leather for minimum underwear. (5)
2. Cover the ruined book of psalms. (7)
3. Maybe reign in strained circumstances. (4)
4. It was just that moment for a bird. (6)
5. Not in the sprouting bean. (3)
6. Merits a boiler possibly. (5)
11. It's the same piece of music for the record label. (7)
12. Must the nurse initially attempt to be a guard.? (6)
13. There's a barrier to the illegal receiver. (5)
15. Roughly stare at the charges. (5)
16. Able to make a bundle. (4)
18. The actors have a small hill to climb. (3)



COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 9th June 2025. Lunch will be Cold meats, hot new potatoes, coleslaw and salads (Buffet style), served at 1pm, followed by salted caramel cheesecake. 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 5th June 2025.

Shirley White

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JIM

*Who proved that heredity,
not environment, has the last word*

There was a Boy whose name was Jim:
His Single Parent worshipped him,
Because he came to represent
Her ultimate experiment.
A student of the earnest kind
With higher matters on her mind
Than boisterous frivolity,
She stayed on for a Ph.D.,
And then, pursuing Fancy's flight
(And penniless), began to write.
Her gifts were spotted very soon
By somebody at Mills & Boon,
But she'd do better, so they said,
With less of Love and more of Bed.
And so, still in her research mood,
She sought verisimilitude
By sampling what she had missed
(For being amorously kissed
Was not a fate she had endured);
And soon her reticence was cured
By working for a drunken wreck

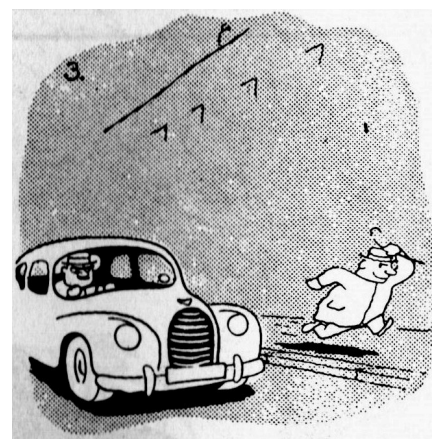
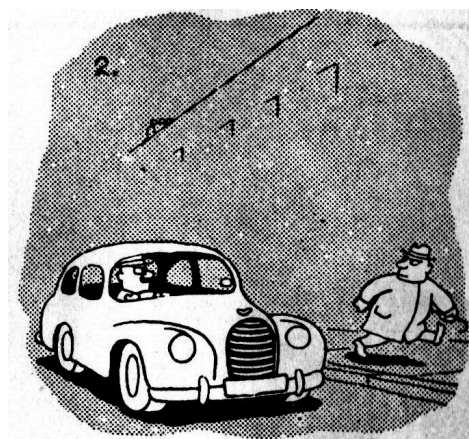
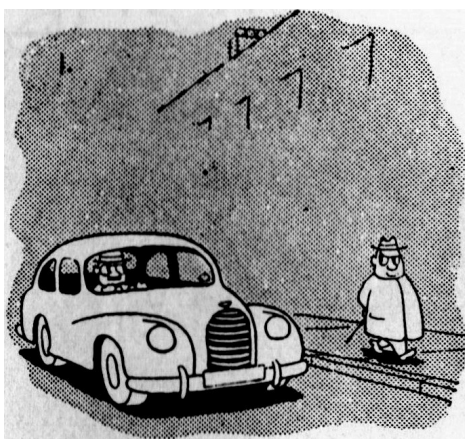
Who ran a pub in Tooting Bee.
This satisfied her research aims;
Its by-product was little James,
(Not her original intention)
Who gave her art a new dimension;
And since it did her sales no harm
To have him pictured on her arm,
She joined the Literary Set.
Jim quickly learned the alphabet,
And having reached the age of three
He memorised the *Ocfsysry*,
Which presaged, it seemed fairly clear,
An intellectual career.
But Nature cannot be suppressed:
His father's genes refused to rest,
And soon the painful choice was made –
Jim opted for the Licensed Trade.
For Mum, this was a fearful knock;
But she has overcome the shock,
And writes her thousand words a day
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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
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THURSDAY

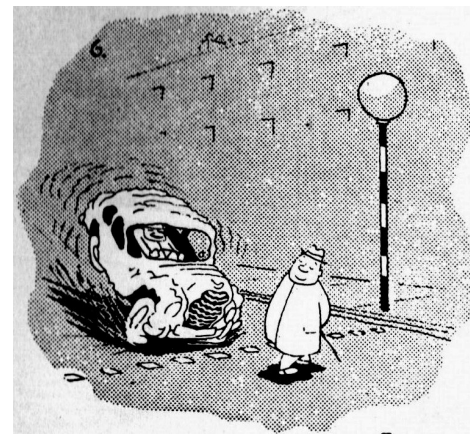
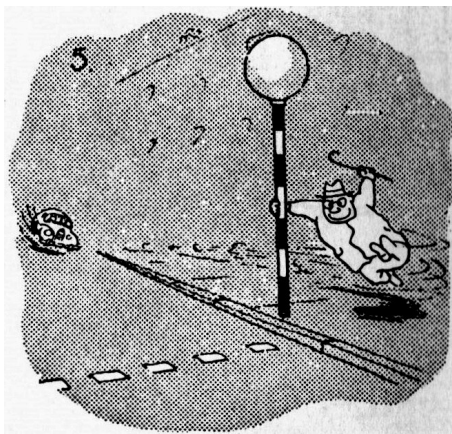
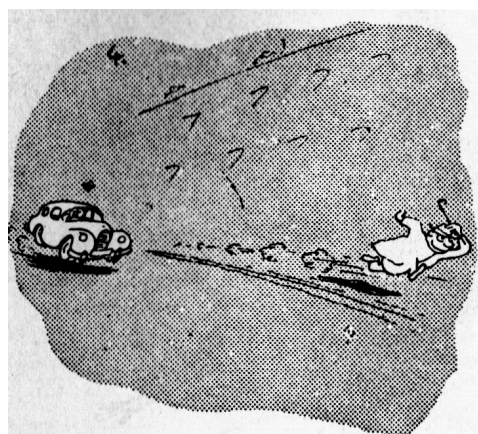
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Yoga Sports Club
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Walking Football Sports Club
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Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Bolivia has no coastline, 2. Herstmonceux (Sussex), 3. Four, 4. Denmark,
5. Julius Caesar, 6. Six, 7. Its trunk, 8. The Severn. 9. Los Alamos (Nevada),
10. Winchester, 11. Camel and pig, 12. Stamp collecting, 13. St George's Day,
14. Captain Scott, 15. Four, 16. Yom Kippur, 17. Anaconda, 18. Danzig,
19. Harlequin, 20. Irish, 21. Dorothy L Sayers, 22. Louis Bleriot, 23. Scurvy,
24. Ones that herd together, 25. Our Man in Havana, 26. General Wolfe,
27. Aberdeen, 28. Oliver Twist, 29. William the Bastard, 30. Red, 31. Smelling,
32. Catherine Parr, 33. Blubber, 34. The Wash, 35. Five years, 36. Devon,
37. Libel (written) Slander (spoken), 38. Walnut, 39. North and South Korea,
40. The female of the species, 41. Switzerland, 42. The ram, 43. Joseph Conrad,
44. Dr Livingstone, 45. It's a bell, 46. Fish, 47. Beijing, 48. Thomas Edison,
49. The Ganges, 50. Hats (at Ascot)

Sudoku

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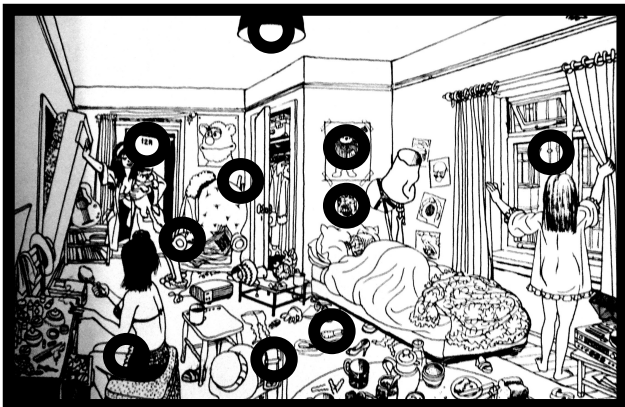
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Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

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Bale	Baler	Bat	Bate	Bater
Bear	Beat	Bee	Beet	Beetle
Belt	Bet	Beta	Blear	Bleat
Ear	Earl	Eat	Eater	Era
Eta	Lab	Lat	Late	Later
Lea	Leat	Lee	Rat	Rate
Rea	Real	Ret	Tab	Table
Tablet	Tale	Taler	Tar	Tare
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