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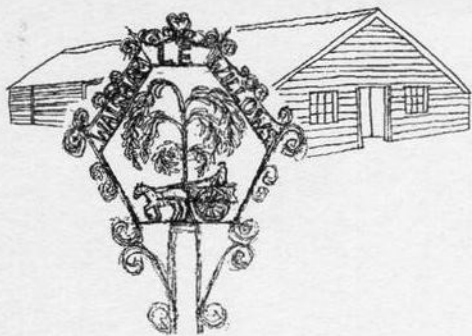
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EDITORIAL

Every month, having near enough cobbled together the next edition of the Observer, I sit down and hope that '*A Muse of fire, that would ascend the brightest heaven of invention*' would land upon me and make the process a 'piece of cake'. Well this month I almost had my prayer answered with another the news that Gardens Weekend has been another success, despite the lack of meaningful rain during the past few months, as was noticeable when looking at the grass and water 'courses', in and around the village. But once again, the 'punters' arrived in their droves. I, together, with other members of the village look forward to hearing 'The Result!'

Lack of water, has been a problem at home, as our bathroom has been ripped out, and a new one is still being fitted, meaning that the age old stand by of 'the strip wash' has been the order of the day, as the possibility of 'showering with a friend' is out. We have also had to suffer the vagaries of when the toilet itself is connected - an off and on process. Sorry if that's too much information, but I thought that I would just let you know of the stresses and strains which have existed whilst putting this edition together.

But of far more interest to the average reader is what is happening this month.

As the front cover suggests, this is cycle September! Hopefully you will be able to witness the Lycra clad athletes as they speed though the village on **Wednesday 3rd**, during the **Men's Cycle Tour of Britain**. Further details can be found on **page 21**.

Should you feel the need to try and 'emulate' these speedsters, there is the Historic **Churches Ride on Saturday 12th**. You don't actually need to ride at 50km per hour, a steady 12 would be quite sufficient. Details for this can be found on **page 23**.

If you have attended a production by the **Common Ground Theatre Group** in the past you will be delighted to hear that they are returning to Walsham on **Tuesday 16th** October, but tickets need to be obtained from them and not from the Village Hall, so do look for further details on **pages 15 and 26**.

Music in St Mary's continues their season of Lunchtime Concerts with the return of **The Rococos on Thursday 25th at 12.30pm**.

As well as organising the catering in the Village Hall for Gardens Weekend, Frances had the unexpected task of trying to fill the gap in the History Group's programme of events, when the talk about the Romanies ha to be cancelled. Fortunately she has managed to find, what is hoped will be, a rather interesting talk about the **Abbey at Bury St Edmunds**. The talk is on **Wednesday 17th in The Priory Room at 7.30pm**.

No issue of the Observer would e complete without an article from the **Wild Woods**. This month there are several, but the one which will hopefully provide the possibility of taking part in, not one but two events on **Saturday 20th; Hay Raking and a Bat Safari**. Now to get back to the strictures of a transitional bathroom. Hopefully by next month we shall be '*Flushed With Pride*' with our new ablution facility.



THE MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post Office will still be coming to the Village Hall Car Park on Thursday mornings from 11:00am till Noon till further notice.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Reform in Suffolk

What's changing?

It has been decided by central government that from May 2026 there will be a mayoral authority for Norfolk and Suffolk. The new mayor will have strategic responsibility for economic growth, infrastructure, transport, housing delivery and policing. There will be an election for a mayor in 2026.

In addition, the two tiers of local government which are Suffolk County Council and the five District Councils will be replaced by a unitary authority structure. There will be elections for the new authority in May 2027.

The County Council wants a single unitary Council for the whole of Suffolk. The District Councils prefer a more local option of three unitary councils with Suffolk being split into East, West and South East including Ipswich. The final decision on the structure will be made by the government early next year.

What are the arguments in favour of having a mayoral authority and unitary councils?

A mayor gives each region more control over the key decisions in their region and enables the region's issues to be more clearly explained to government.

Rationalising local government should result in economies of scale and rationalisation of services meaning we could get the same services for less money.

Replacing the two tier system of County Councils and District Councils will remove a lot of confusion about who is responsible for what as a unitary council for your area will carry out all local authority services.

What are the arguments against doing this?

Local government is in a drastic financial state. Most people think their Council Tax is mainly used for road maintenance or refuse collection or other neighbourhood services. In fact Suffolk County Council now spends 77% of its income on adult social care and children's services and this percentage is growing every year. We are seeing an increasing move away from providing neighbourhood services and these reforms will accelerate this as District Councils currently are focused on local services and thereby protect them.

There is a real danger we will replace existing councils with new councils that are more remote and bureaucratic than the ones we already have.

A lot of the savings envisaged by the proponents of local government reorganisation are very unlikely to be delivered.

Do I get a say?

There is some consultation about whether to have one or three unitary councils but the people of Suffolk don't get to vote on whether they agree with the reforms or not.

Norfolk and Suffolk have a combined population of over 1.7m in an area of over 3500 square miles. In order for local government to be accountable we need to ensure we get the right structure for the next 50 years, not just for the next couple of years.

If you want to have a look at whether you feel one large council for the whole of Suffolk would be the best option or whether we should have 3 smaller more locally based councils see below:

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A guide for those returning to work

If you've recently returned to work after some time away, you might find your payslip a bit confusing. You're not alone – it can take a little time to get used to the different sections and terms.

By law, employers must give you a payslip (on paper or online) showing what you've been paid and what's been deducted. It's a good idea to keep your payslips for up to six years, just in case you need them later.

Your payslip should include your employer's details, your name, and possibly an employee number. You'll also see a **payment date** (when your pay reaches your bank) and a **tax period**. The UK tax year starts in April, so tax period 01 is April, 02 is May, and so on.

You'll also see your **National Insurance (NI) number** – this is your personal number used to record your NI contributions, which help you qualify for state benefits like the pension.

Next is your **tax code**, set by HMRC. This usually includes numbers and a letter. The numbers show how much of your income is tax-free; the letter reflects your situation. You can check what your tax code means at <https://www.gov.uk/tax-codes/what-your-tax-code-means>. If you're on an 'emergency' code (ending in W1, M1 or X), you might be paying too much tax, so it's worth checking.

Your **gross pay** is what you earn before anything is taken off. This might include your basic pay plus extras like travel allowance. If you're paid by the hour, the rate and hours worked should be shown. If holiday pay is included with your wages, it should be listed separately.

Deductions may include tax, National Insurance, pension, or student loan payments. These are added up, and what's left is your **net pay** – the amount that goes into your bank.

You might also see **taxable pay**, showing how much of your income has been taxed so far this year.

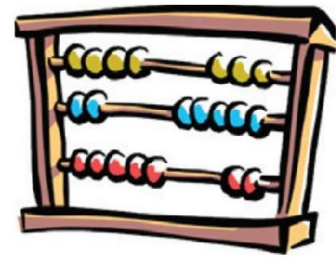
If anything doesn't seem right, it's best to speak to your employer.

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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We have had to cancel our Coffee morning that was due to be held on Saturday 20th September 2025 owing to the hall being double booked.

However, our next fundraiser will be a Quiz on Saturday 4th October in Stanton Community Hall. Commencing at 7pm. The cost is £20.00 per team of 4. A raffle will also be held on the evening. If interested please contact 01359 252 333 to register your team.

Friday 15th August the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester along with the Suffolk Lord Lieutenant, Lady Clare Fitzroy Countess of Euston attended the V.J. service in St Mary's church, Bury St Edmunds.

The colours of the Royal Anglian Regiment along with the Royal Air Force Regiment were paraded during the service as were many RBL Branch standards.

Branch members have been working in the Wattisfield cemetery cleaning the five WW1 graves and surrounding areas. The graves in Bardwell, Rickinghall and Walsham will also be checked.

Tickets are now available for our Festival of Remembrance in the Apex on Friday 7th November at a cost of £15.00 per ticket.

32 members and guests attended our Annual Dinner on 19th August at the Cock Inn Stanton. The raffle on the evening raised £138.00.

At the time of going to press branch funds were £1109.54p

The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 September at the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm.

Hubby Frost



COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 8th September 2025. Lunch will be Cottage Pie, cabbage, carrots and green beans. served at 1pm, followed by Blackberry and apple crumble with custard. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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HORTICULTURAL SHOW

After a very difficult growing year, first too wet and then too dry we were very pleased to have 290 class entries in this year's Horticultural Show. Some of our long term exhibitors have now retired but we were lucky to have quite a few new entrants. The hall looked resplendent in the afternoon sun and people were able to enjoy the delicious selection of refreshments in the Freeborn garden. Of note was Hubby Frost who after being a prolific winner in the vegetable classes for many years had decided to enter just one category –

Class 70 Cheese scones and was awarded 1st Prize.

A special thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success; from setting up the hall, acting as stewards for the judges, baking cakes and serving the teas and selling raffle tickets.

Thank you all for supporting our annual event. We are always in need of helpers, so if you would like to get involved next year do get in touch – contact Debbie Licata (Horticultural Show Secretary 259686). Next year's show will be on Saturday 8 August 2026.

The winners were;

Walsham Flower Trophy,	1 Pauline Batchelor, 2 Judith Harlow, 3 John Dyer & Gabrielle Hunt
The Challenge Cup,	John Duer (Hydrangea)
The Folkard Cup.	1 Sami Wyatt, 2 John Dyer, 3 Pauline Batchelor
Fothergill's Shield,	Sam Wyatt (Peppers)
Domestic Class Cup,	1 Pauline Batchelor, 2 Karen Quinn, 3 Sarah Cummock
The W. I. Cup	Karen Quinn
Decorative Class,	Alice Batchelor
Budding Rose Cup,	Carol Thompson
The Williamson	
Photographic Cup,	Alice Batchelor
Ray Freeborn	
Sunflower Cup,	Judith Harlow (4m)
Hanging Basket	
Competition,	Steph Dyer
The Novice Shield,	Sami Wyatt
Overall Show Winner,	1 Pauline Batchelor, 2 Sammi Wyatt , John Dyer

The profits from the Horticultural Show are used to provide plants for the War Memorial at St Mary's Church.

Debbie Licata

LIMERICKS I

A canner, exceedingly canny,
One morning remarked to his granny:
 'A canner can can
 Anything that he can,
But a canner can't can a can, can he?'

I'd rather have fingers than toes;
I'd rather have ears than a nose;
 And as for my hair,
 I'm glad that it's there,
I'll be awfully sad when it goes.



*John Dyer, Judith Harlow, Carol Thompson, Pauline Batchelor,
Alice Batchelor, Sami Wyatt, Karen Quinn*



Which straight line diverges to avoid land?



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I.



August: Jonathan Houseago, How to Help Hedgehogs.

Hedgehogs are Britain's favourite natural species, yet we have lost half the population in the last 25 years. Jonathan Houseago gave a very interesting talk on how we can help the hedgehogs (and other wildlife) in our gardens. From what food to give them, to taking extreme care before using a strimmer, leaving 'untidy' patches in the garden, always providing water and how best to create 'Hedgehog Highways.'

Afterwards there was a quiz and a sales table of home produce.

On Saturday 16th August a group of members greatly enjoyed a trip to the Theatre Royal in Norwich to see 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Next meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm at the Priory Room.

'Women on the land in WWI'

This is an open meeting, tickets £5 for non-members.

Judith Harlow



NORTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Open to anyone in the local area. You would be welcome to find out more to see if the association is for you. We hold events through the year such as bingo, quizzes and socials to get together. There is no obligation to host a French family from our twin village Muids, Normandy, France or to visit but the option is there for those who might like to try it. Forthcoming events:

Saturday 13th September Bingo
7:30pm at Norton Village Hall £10 pp

Wednesday 8th October AGM
7:00pm at Norton Village Hall

To find out more, email us at: nortontwinning@gmail.com



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

After a fairly active August culminating in the Gardens Weekend, September looks to be a quieter month for new activities at Memorial Village Hall. We would have anticipated our Picturehouse program would start again in September but due to holidays our first session of the new season drops into October and will happen on Friday 3rd October with a fish and chip supper followed by the film Fishermans Friends.

As always the Thursday coffee mornings remain popular and although attendance at the August Community Lunch was a little down this was expected as many regulars were on holiday during the mid summer months. Book now for the next one scheduled for Monday 8th September.

Rob Matthews



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WALSHAM WILD WOODS

September events



BAT SAFARI Saturday 20th at 7.30pm



Once again we are fortunate to have the well known bat expert Nick Sibbett, who will lead the safari and we will see what we can find in Walsham's green spaces after dark. We have a limit of 20 places so please get in touch to book as soon as you can.

Please keep an eye out on social media and book your place using the Eequ website Or by email whichever suits you best'

We will gather at the entrance to the Wild Wood, dress appropriately and bring a torch

We will have a collection bucket so that we can donate to Nicks Suffolk Bat Group.

John Stebbing secretary to the Walsham Wild Woods steering group

ANNUAL RAKING EVENT

Saturday 20th at 10.00am

Once again the meadows and the rides in the woods have been a joy to behold and despite the uncertain weather they have provided a rich tapestry of colour and biodiversity that we need to develop. In order to do that we will be cutting it all in the week before hand and then we need a band of willing volunteers to help us rake it into stacks. The seeds will have dropped but we need to get the remains of the vegetation off the ground to stop it adding nutrients into the soil and that way the wild flowers will thrive.

So please do come and join in the fun for a few hours and enjoy a lovely 'plough persons lunch' with us by way of a thankyou....

ALL WELCOME TO BOTH EVENTS

John Stebbing

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Poppy Appeal

Poppy Appeal is almost on us again. The collection dates this year will be between Thursday 23rd October to Sunday 9th November.

The Poppy Collectors are all volunteers, and give up their time to go out in all weathers to collect your donations. As a village we are always very generous, but it has become more difficult in recent years, as so few people seem to have cash any more.

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Inside venues are the Library, Fox Yard, 11 Market Place, British Legion, John Peel Centre, and the Scouts Hall where you'll find storytellers, jigdoll and step dance workshops, and concerts. Community groups of singers and choirs will be performing in the United Reform Church. Most of the events are free entry.

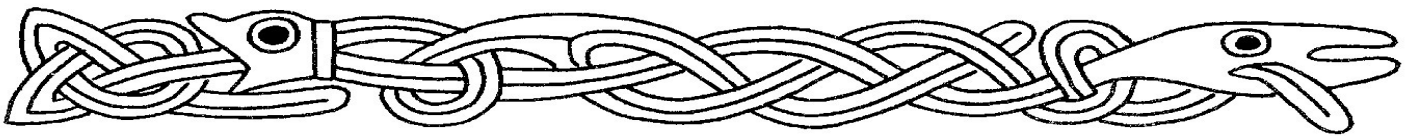
On Friday evening and throughout the Saturday The Royal William hosts music sessions.

Evening concerts in the John Peel Centre and British Legion will be charged as will some of their daytime events.

A full programme will be available on our website nearer the time.

We are looking for volunteer stewards please get in touch if you would like to assist on the day. Email info@eatmt.org.uk or our website has an application form www.eatmt.org.uk.

Jan Robinson



COMMON GROUND

The Tales Our Mother Told!

by Pat Whymark



"What a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive"

At their mother's memorial service, estranged brothers Brian and Dennis Cox remember the tales she told them as children - and as adults.

Some were fables of homespun wisdom, some were her own versions of the grimmest fairy tales. Did they help the brothers in their life path, or did they make the forest darker and the way less clear? Were her stories just for fun, or a kind of smokescreen, an enchanted mist that enticed them to strange parts, then left them without Google maps?

As the brothers try to work out their differences they bring to life the dark and twisted tales of their childhood with music and story telling, aided by the mysterious Puppet Master!

Common Ground are committed to keeping small-scale theatre alive and well in East Anglia, presenting shows that are, first and foremost, entertaining. Featuring live music, performed by our company of skilled actor-musicians, our productions are theatrically inventive, character-based and always emotionally engaging.

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WILD WOODS AGM

Chair's Report

The Wild Woods continues to be a strong community asset and is used by both the Primary and Preschool as part of their core curriculum of visits. Throughout the week the woods are frequently visited by villagers, dog walkers and, sometimes to our mild annoyance, local wildlife and deer...! The Woodlands have been registered with the Butterfly Conservation Trust and we will continue to partner with outside agencies to promote and improve the woodlands. As ever, our calendar has been dominated by community events including;

- Our hay raking this year was supplemented by a delicious 'ploughman's' lunch by way of a thank you to our many Volunteers who attend our events. With cakes and treats provided by the Steering Committee, the event was a great success and certainly provided some much needed fuel to continue with the afternoons raking (albeit a bit slower!)
- Our second round of tree planting saw us finishing off the last of the planting of the Jubilee Orchard. The area is now supplemented with a large water butt for watering trees; much improved by the weaved willow fencing around it.
- The annual pumpkin event again saw families from across the village come down to the woods to enjoy pizzas, mulled wine and soft drinks. Stories and songs by the camp fire provided entertainment for the children. Numbers were a little less than usual, something which will form part of revised planning for 2025.
- The now traditional Curry Night in February was another great success and started off the year with a bang! The event was well supported by people from the village who bought curry night tickets, raffle tickets and the butchers even donated a curry! Our guest speaker was..., a well-regarded entomologist and lecturer. Altogether the event raised in the region of £2k much of which went towards covering a shortfall in our Forest School training.
- In March, Tracey attended her Forest School training, funded by our National Lottery grant, which has enabled us to start rolling out our much anticipated 'Wild Things' Forest School. At its current capacity, this initiative will see us deliver 144 individual, free of charge sessions to children across Walsham and neighbouring villages. Sessions focus on exploring nature, being outside and fostering a sense of responsibility for our outdoor environment. Feedback from attendees and parents has been positive and parents have offered donations of time, snacks and resources to support our project. A big thankyou to all of the Wild Things leaders.
- Across the year we have been fortunate to be invited to a number of neighbouring woodlands projects including Lukes Wood and Cotton Meadows to share ideas, and challenges for building community woodlands. This is a wonderful initiative in building a strong network and was underpinned by our recent social event in the woods where representatives from across the Woodland attended for drinks and nibbles as the sun set!

The event cycle is set to continue with the much anticipated Bat Walk, for which I am sure our Wild Things will be attendance!

Promotion and social media continue, and the website remain a WIP. The Eequ booking site has proven a hit with Wild Things parents and we will explore this in the future for other events such as the Curry Night.

The Wild Woods remain an immense source of pride throughout the Village and it is a pleasure to work amongst such a committed group of people.

Rachel Robinson Co-Chair



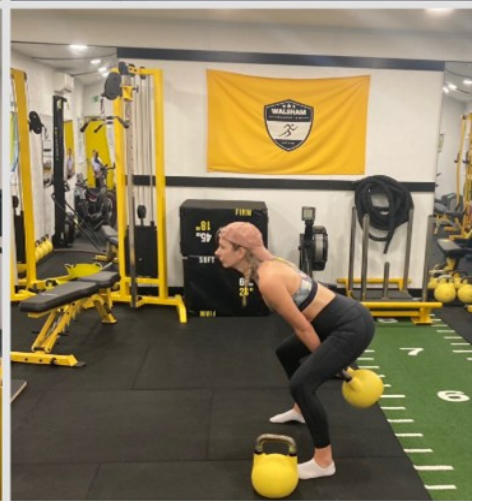
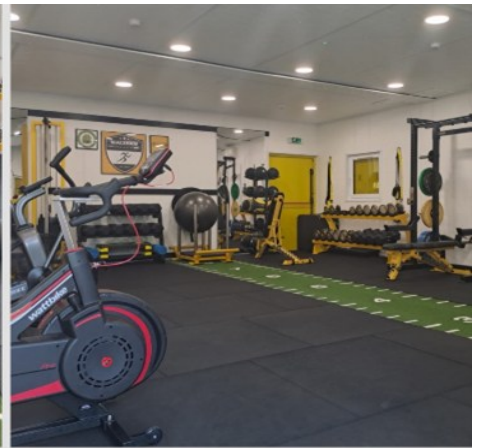
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To The New Guard...

The Walsham Wild Wood and Jubilee Wood have been created by a dedicated team of volunteers working as a Steering Group. Our vision for community green space for plants, wildlife and people began 15 years ago. Richard Belson has managed our finances and the ordering process for the many tree saplings and shrubs now planted for the whole of this time; he has helped source sponsorship and accessed donated plant material. For all of this we thank him. Lorna MacKinnon has chaired the group with wisdom, care and efficiency for 11 years and has shared the chair with a newer member of the team for the last year of office. We are extremely grateful to Richard and Lorna who have played such a huge part in helping deliver the vision for the Wild Woods and who thankfully will remain part of the team. Following our AGM the Steering Group are now delighted to welcome Rachel Robinson as our new chair and Mel Bignell as our new treasurer. Thanks go to Rachel and Mel for stepping up and bringing new ideas and energy to the team to help us continue our mission. The Wild Woods project is all about protecting nature and in our small way trying to ensure a viable future on the planet. So, handing on to the new guard is an optimistic and positive step.

The Walsham Wild Woods Steering Group

WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

A change to our September Talk

Sadly, due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker for September, John Henry Phillips, will not be able to present his talk on 'The archaeology of the Romany Gypsies', however, we do hope John Henry will return in the future with another talk for us.

Luckily, we have managed to find a replacement speaker, so on Wednesday 17th September at 7.30pm in the Priory Room Adrian Tindall will be unfolding 1000 years of history of the Abbey of St Edmund in his talk 'The Monastery Alone a City'. This talk explores the story of the great abbey from its foundation by King Cnut to its dissolution by Henry VIII. For five centuries the Benedictine Abbey of St Edmund was one of the richest monasteries in England, and a European centre of pilgrimage. This illustrated talk will describe how and why the abbey was founded, how it grew to be so powerful, and why it now stands in ruins.

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When asked, 'Do they tear?'
He replied, 'Here and there;
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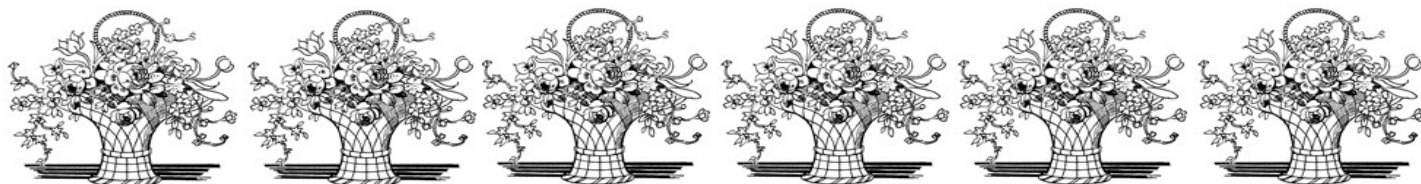


As many of you now will know, the Men's Cycle Tour of Britain is due to pass through Walsham on Wednesday 3rd September. The route comes through Thorndon, Stoke Ash, Thornham Magna, Gislegham, Badwell Ash, Hunston and Stowlangtoft. It is timetabled to come through Walsham at 12:58 but one should reckon on its arrival being possibly fifteen minutes earlier in the event of helpful weather conditions or rider determination. In all likelihood there will be a breakaway, so look, possibly, for an even earlier time.

Judging by previous 'visits' of the Men's and Women's Tours it is all over 'in a flash' but well worth being there to see the cyclists fly through.

If you live on the street how about decorating the front of your house. Who knows, if we might just get a few seconds more of TV coverage!!

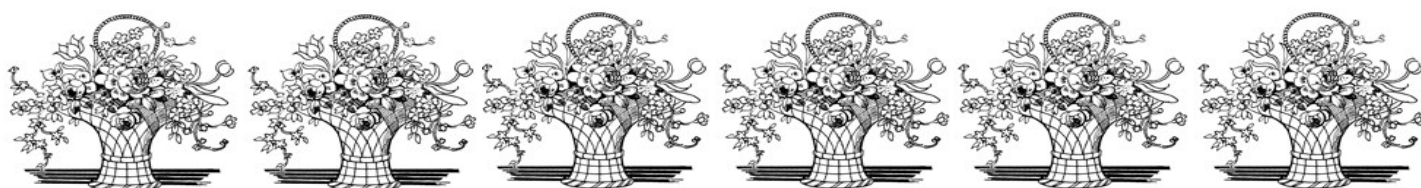
Ian Toulson



SEEMS LIKE WE MAY HAVE DONE IT AGAIN!

Last year we thought we had done as well as we could have but this year's Bank Holiday event surpassed everyone's expectations and we had a big bumper year so a big big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of the 43rd Open Gardens Weekend in whatever way. More in next month's Observer

John Stebbing



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WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS

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I hope that Observer readers won't mind me sharing the contents of a response I received after I had sent out my annual email to our previous visitors (those that had given us their emails) inviting them to come again to our event. It went like this:

Good morning John, and thank you so much for your email.

I'd like to let you know that we have moved to Wales and will unfortunately not be able to visit the gardens any more. The last time I visited the gardens was with my mother some years ago now, at a time when she was suffering from dementia and I remember just how much joy the gardens brought to her. So please pass on my thanks to all those involved since I'm not sure just how much volunteers and organisers realise the amount of happiness their efforts bring to others.

Kind regards

I just thought that I should share this with all of you who help in anyway to make the event a success and thank you.

John Stebbing

Secretary to the Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE



Hardly have the mass cyclists of The Men's Tour of Britain been racing through the Suffolk countryside than, hopefully, a large number cyclists, travelling a little slower, even on some of the same roads, as Saturday 13th September is the day of the annual Historic Churches Ride, or Ride and Stride as it is now called.

At some time in our lives we will expect the church to be there for us, and not just so that we can admire the architecture, but for some purpose - christening, marriage or funeral - or even attending a service.

The upkeep of all churches is very expensive, and if it happens to be Grade 1 listed even more so. The ride gives you a chance to help raise money for the Historic Churches Trust by either taking part in the ride itself or 'sponsoring' someone who is taking part.

If the weather is fine, taking part in the ride can be a very enjoyable experience, enjoying both the countryside and looking round some of the fine churches in the area.

It's not a race so plan a leisurely ride, pack yourself a small picnic - remembering some drink - as well as a waterproof - just in case and enjoy the day.

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Percy: So let's hope for a little more rain before next year's Open Gardens!

Mrs Miggs: Yes! And maybe before the Horticultural Show as well!

DIARY OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6th Drag Night
Sports Club TBA
- Wed 10th W.I. Land Women WWI
Priory Room 7.40pm
- Sat 13th Churches Bike Ride
Various 9am till 5pm
- Wed 17th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Sat 20th Hay Raking & Lunch
Wild Woods 10.00am
Bat Safari
Wild Woods 7.00pm
- Thur 25th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 12.20pm
- Sat 29th Hay Raking
Wild Woods 10.00am

OCTOBER

- Wed 8th W. I. Gin Talk & Tasting
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Wed 15th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Thur 16th Common Ground
Village Hall 7.30pm
- Sat 18th Music in St Mary's
St Mary's 7.30pm
- Sat 25th Pumpkin Trail
Wild Woods 5.00pm

NOVEMBER

- Wed 12th W. I. Leonard Cheshire
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Wed 19th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Fri 28th Walsham Art Group
Priory Room 5.00pm
Till Mon 1st December

DECEMBER

- Tue 9th History Group
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Wed 10th W.I. Bell Ringing talk
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Sun 21st Nine Lessons & Carols
St Mary's 4.00pm

JANUARY

- Sat 10th Epiphany Sigers
St Mary's 7.30pm

FEBRUARY

- Wed 11th W.I. A Journey with glass
Priory Room 7.30pm

MARCH

- Wed 11th W.I. History of Food
Priory Room 7.30pm

APRIL

- Wed 8th W.I. Sign Language
Priory Room 7.30pm
- Wed 13th W.I. Annual Meeting
Priory Room 7.30pm

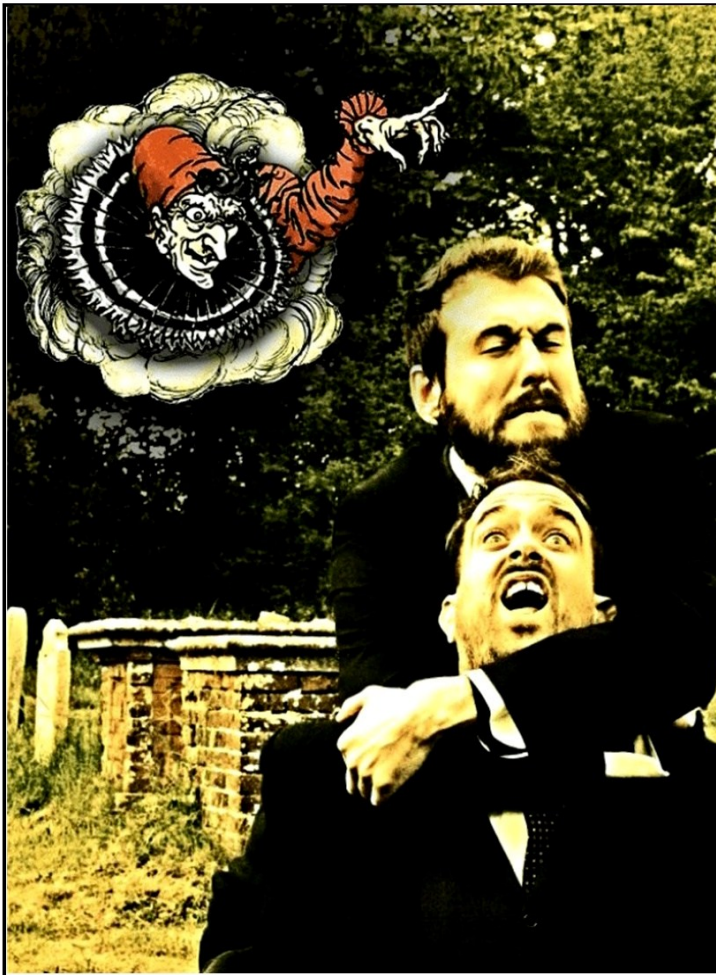
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th August 2025 commencing at 7.00p.m. in the Memorial Hall. [*Informally approved. Formal approval, at the next meeting with any corrections*]

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

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required)
None.
2. MEMBER'S APOLOGIES
 - a. Cllr Ann Brookes, Cllr Janette Winch
 - b. Consents were given.
 - c. DC Winch and CC Fleming had also given apologies.
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – none received.
 - b. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate – none needed.
4. MINUTES - To receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
 - a. Minutes of 9th July 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and for signature.
 - b. The Clerk confirmed that there were no actions outstanding from the last meeting that were not in hand.
5. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM (POF) - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters. No members of public were present.
6. DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS
Report from District Councillor Winch was received in his absence.
Cllr Tuck noted that the temporary accommodation were two years old. Cllr Belson noted that there were no actual figures just percentages.
Cllr Tuck noted that a housing developer was fined only £20k for not complying with condition so planning permission.
Cllr Mecrow noted the MidSuffolk briefing for August announced a £50k boost to Community pride in Your Place grants which have re-opened and suggested the Clerk apply for the costs of the proposed new footpath signage/map for the now disused bus shelter in the centre of the village. Clerk advised that the large play area sign cost £225 with delivery which gives a rough indication allowing for inflation, of the expected costs for the required map signage and external signage to draw attention to it.
7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS
 - a. **Traffic Group**
Report was noted. Cllr Winch and Clerk to put together required information for village gates application.

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- b. **CEP Group**
Report noted. Cllr Bartholomew highlighted the 3 changes to CEP suggested by MSDC Emergency Planning Officer. These will be incorporated and next step is to extract a redacted/smaller version for publication.
 - c. **Flood Group**
 - i. Report was noted.
 - ii. Cllr Belson will liaise with Cllr Brookes on the completion of the ACRE/ SALC flooding survey.
8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS**
- a. Standing item to consider changes to neighbourhood plan to be documented for next review. No action required at this time.
 - b. **APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/25/03144 Proposal:**
Application for Listed Building Consent - Restore 3 dormer windows to attic rooms. 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/25/03175 Proposal:**
Householder Application - To remove existing 1970's/ 1980's Softwood timber windows & doors (dark stain) and install Rosewood woodgrain PVC-u WER A-Rated windows & doors Location: The Rectory, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB **The Parish Council Made No Comment**
 - d. Shepherd's Grove Developments – it was noted that the final approved response was sent to the new masterplan consultation. Also noted the response sent by Badwell Ash Parish Council.
9. **PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only -**
- a. **APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/25/02358 (Proposal:**
Application for Listed Building Consent - Remedial works and alterations as detailed in the Schedule of Works Location: Old Hall, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BN **MSDC Granted Permission**
 - b. **APPLICATION FOR Sports Pavillion - DC/25/01343 – Proposal:** 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 **MSDC**
 - c. **Application Reference: DC/25/03074 Location:** 2 Avenue Cottages, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **Proposal:** Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - Trim foliage of the Lime tree that is on the plan back to the trunk where it was previously trimmed back to 3 years ago so it does not block the light to our neighbours garden. **MSDC Raised No Objection**
- 10 **FINANCE, AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN**
- a. The bank reconciliation for period ending 31 July 2025 was not approved for

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signature. It contained an error. The Clerk will correct this and present updated reconciliation at next meeting.

- b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment were approved for online authorisation – the duplication for the payment to the Wildwood was deleted and authorisers asked to check that there was not also a duplicate payment set up on the bank account. (Appendix 1).
- c. The Local Government Pay Award 2025-26 was approved for application to Clerk's pay which increases rate for SCP 15 from £15.08 to £15.56ph (with holiday pay at 12.07% this would make new rate £17.43ph to be advised to payroll).

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

- a. Clerk's action log: Council agreed that despite the sale of the Six Bells the Clerk should continue with plans to resubmit another application for 'Asset of Community Value' status.
- b. It was noted that The Old Town Trust wrote to the Parish Council to advise of the twice-yearly tour of the Trusts boundaries by trustees, starting in September then at 6 monthly intervals.
- c. Cllr Belson proposed that Council consider the offer of software that would assist the Parish Council in completing its own annual Play Area inspection and maintenance audits on the basis that this may be a less expensive than annual RoSPA inspection, although raising issues of competency and responsibility for the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate and bring back finding to next meeting.
- d. The Clerk asked if all members had attempted to follow the information sent out on accessing Zoho shared documents or if any further assistance is needed. Clerk to contact councillors individually to assist.
- e. It was reported to Cllr Bartholomew that 3 CCTV cameras have recently been installed all facing from a property into The Street. Council discussed and taking into consideration information received from MSDC planning and the .gov.uk website, decided that this was not a matter for the Parish Council.
- f. Council considered the quote received for the installation of a new streetlamp as has been requested by a resident. The costs quoted were in region of £2,650 excl. vat. It could cost more if a new electricity line has to be run to the location. It has been confirmed to the Clerk that the existing lamp is running at 100% brightness. It was decided to wait for clarity on an expected planning application for 15 houses on the site adjacent, as this could involve the creation of new walkways for which lighting would probably be provided. Clerk to write to resident.
- g. Council was informed of the response drafted by Cllr Belson and sent by the Clerk to a resident new to the village who was asking for advice on the management of ditches on private property. It was felt that some of these questions were more properly directed at the solicitor handling the conveyance. Council decided that no further advice could usefully be given other than asking the Clerk send a link to the resident with regard to Riparian



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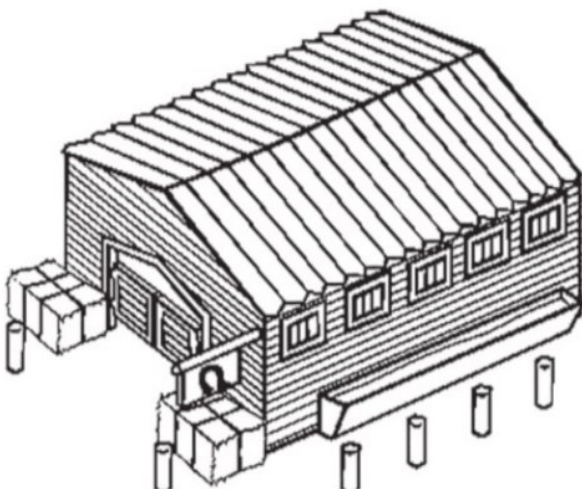


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12 OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Clerk noted the Tour of Britain 2025 was once again coming through Walsham on Wednesday 3rd September. Clerk had already sent information to School, pre-school, Memorial Hall and Sports club in case any of these organisations wished to mark this in any way.
- b. Other matters
 - Cllr Bartholomew noted that there is a hanging branch from a tree in the Play Park onto Townhouse Road. Clerk to ask local contractor to deal with this.
 - Cllr Tuck raised the issue of the tree canopy overhanging the hedge at the back to the closed churchyard. This had been raised by the contractor a few weeks ago. Cllr Tuck was given permission to raise the canopy some more.
 - Cllr Tuck also raised the issue of fallen debris along the path that runs from The Street down to the rear of the closed churchyard. The Clerk advised that this is something that the contractor should be including in his work. Clerk to ask that this be cleared on next visit.
 - Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts wished to note thanks to all the people taking part in the summer litter pick. A good amount litter was collected and a sofa was removed! Clerk to ask if arisings have been collected and if not advise contact at MSDC.
- c. Next Meetings: Parish Council Meeting – 10th September 2025 7pm – Memorial Hall.
Meeting Closed 20:30

APPENDIX 1 - Payments for Authorisation August 2025

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Unity Trust Bank	£6.00	Recurring monthly Service Charge
2	Wildwood	£750.00	Annual Donation
3	MSDC	£1,058.54	Dog and Litter Bin Emptying
4	Parish Council Employee	£371.33	Remuneration
5	Memorial Hall	£27.00	Hall Hire
6	Martineau Farms LLP	£185.04	1st and 2nd footpaths cuts
7	M Hawes	£74.88	1st and 2nd footpaths cuts
8	P Dryden	£48.06	1st and 2nd footpaths cuts
9	GB Pollard	£46.50	1st and 2nd footpaths cuts
10	H Reeve	£202.22	1st and 2nd footpaths cuts
	TOTAL	£2,769.57	

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FROM ST MARY'S

As summer gives way to autumn, the beauty of God's creation still surrounds us. Fields glow with golden stubble, trees are heavy with leaves, and the mornings carry both birdsong and a hint of crispness in the air. This is a season that calls us to pause, notice, and give thanks.

In Genesis we read: "*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good*" (Genesis 1:31). Creation is not only beautiful or useful it is *very good*, made with intention and care. The world around us is not just the backdrop to our lives, but a sacred gift that reveals something of God's nature.

Our recent Open Gardens weekend was a wonderful reminder of that gift. Each garden reflected the creativity, hard work, and love of those who tend it. From creative use of spaces to bursts of summer colour, every garden told its own story. Together, they formed a living tapestry of beauty and welcome. It was heartening to see so many people come together to share, admire, and celebrate the fruits of one another's labour. A heartfelt thank you to everyone whose time and effort made it such a joyful occasion.

Yet even in this season of abundance, we are aware of the challenges facing the natural world. Longer dry spells, intense heat, and unpredictable weather remind us of its fragility and of our calling to care for it. As stewards of creation, we are entrusted not only with enjoying its abundance, but also with protecting and preserving it for future generations.

As September unfolds, our attention turns to Harvest, a time rich with meaning in the life of the Church. At our Harvest Services, we gather to give thanks for all that we have been given. We remember especially the farmers and agricultural workers who labour throughout the year, often in difficult conditions, to provide food for our tables. Their dedication is a living example of persistence, care, and community spirit.

Harvest is more than a celebration of crops it is also a moment to reflect on the "harvests" in our own lives: acts of generosity, kindness, and grace. It is an opportunity to consider how we can share what we have with others, especially those in need, and how we can live more simply and thankfully in response to God's goodness.

Everyone is warmly invited to join our Harvest celebrations across our churches, our service at St Mary's will be on the 5th of October at 11am. May this season open our hearts in gratitude for creation's beauty, the gift of community, and the God who sustains us through every season.

With every blessing,

Revd Catriona

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SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church	21st Sept	14th after Trinity	
31st Aug	11th after Trinity		8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash	9:30am	Harvest Service	Badwell Ash
7th Sept	12th after Trinity		10:00am	Roots and Shoots	Walsham
8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	28th Sept	15th after Trinity	
11:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	9:30am	Harvest Service	Langham
14th Sept	13th after Trinity		11:00am	Harvest Service	Wattisfield
8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
9:30am	Harvest Service	Westhorpe	5th Oct	16th after Trinity	
11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham	8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11:00am	Harvest Service	Finningham	11:00am	Harvest Service	Walsham



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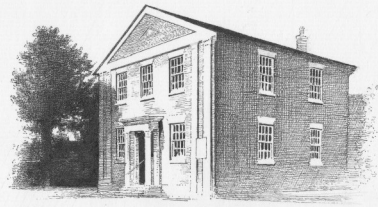
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In The Beginning

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.⁵ And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.⁶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.⁷ And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.⁹ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.¹⁰ And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.¹¹ And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.¹² And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.¹³ And the evening and the morning were the third day.¹⁴ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:¹⁵ And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.¹⁶ And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.¹⁷ And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,¹⁸ And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.²⁰ And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.²² And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.²³ And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.²⁴ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them...³¹ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
(Genesis, chapter 1)

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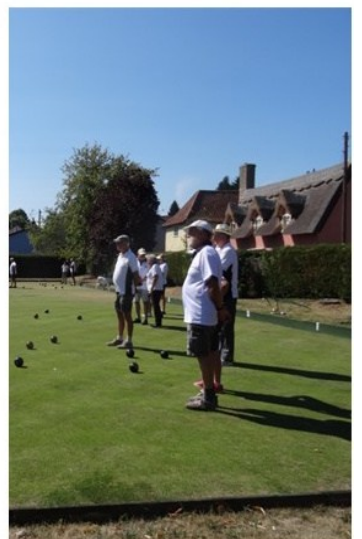
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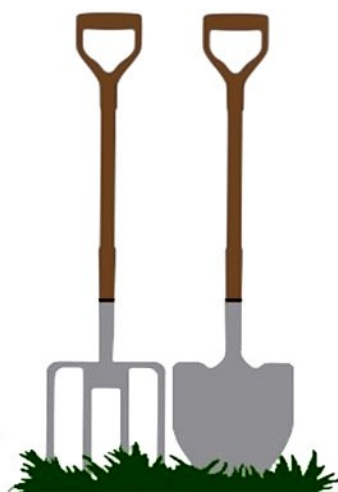
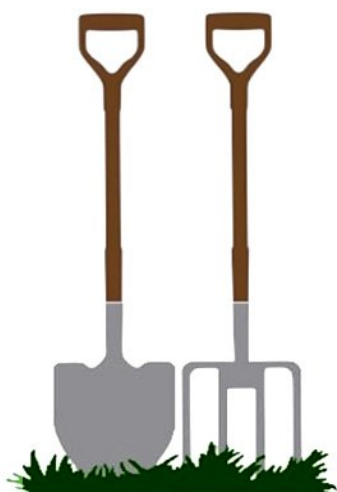
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WILDLIFE IN SEPTEMBER

Last month and this September were and will be a great time for finding Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillars in our gardens. It gets its name from looking like an Elephants trunk, but when threatened it can puff itself up and the spots in particular look like large Snake eyes. These Caterpillars are often found in the garden on Fushia's. The Caterpillars are usually brown in colour, although green has also been seen. They are not hard to spot as they can reach a huge 8cm in length, with a horn at the rear end. The Caterpillars feed usually on Fushia leaves, but despite their large size do much less damage than what you would think. Apart from Fushia, you can also see them on Rosebay Willowherb and Himalayan Balsam. They will eat enough until they are ready to pupate and will bury themselves into the soil to do so. There they will overwinter and will emerge in May as a beautiful pink and olive-green Elephant Hawk Moth. You will see them mostly at night as they are nocturnal, usually seen around lights, but can be seen in the daytime if you accidentally disturb them.

After a long summer's day take a while to relax in the garden, while the weather is still warm enough, and listen to the sounds of the Bush Cricket. More heard than seen, the Crickets produce the sound by rubbing their wings together. To try to find them follow the sound and look along hedges, field margins and bushes. Once you find one it will look like a small green Grasshopper with huge antennae. The song they produce is called Stridulation and is unique to each species, and each song will speed up in warmer weather.

A little mammal we may be lucky to see scurrying about will be the Hazel Dormouse. They are very busy this time of year searching for food to build up the necessary fat reserves to see them through the Winter. These little Hazel Dormice will be going through weeks of intensive feeding, particularly favouring fruits and seeds. This extra bodyweight will see them through as they spend the Winter in torpor, similar to hibernation. This will usually happen during the months of October through to April, during which they will lose a third of their bodyweight.

Again, we had another dry month during August, wildlife has been suffering greatly with trying to find water. Please put out shallow bowls of water, it can be a real lifesaver and will be interesting to see what animals turn up.

This is the month of the Autumn Equinox, which will be on 22nd September .

Angie Bennington



LIMERICKS IV

A crossword compiler named Moss,
Who found himself quite at a loss.
When asked, Why so blue?
Said, I haven't a clue,
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ADDING IT ALL UP

Cricket, they say, is a game of bat and ball. But the more experienced among us know it is, in truth, a game entrusted to the arithmeticians huddled, quite often with a broken biro, over a set of hieroglyphs depicting the ledger. It is a task that demands precision. One slip of the pen and an entire innings tilts sideways. Which is why the Macrae family's recent stint in the box will be remembered as a noble, if not entirely accurate, contribution. Poor Ned Campbell found himself the victim.

The difficulty, of course, is that Ned is not a trusting fellow. He keeps his own mental score as he bats, clicking off every single with the diligence of an accountant at year-end. While others play in blissful ignorance, Ned emerges from the middle armed with a precise tally and the unwavering certainty that he has, in fact, scored more than the official record suggests. When scorer and batsman disagree, one side wields the book, the other wields conviction — and cricket's great mystery endures.

And yet, when done well, scoring produces its own kind of beauty. A neatly filled-in scorebook is a work of art: crisp numbers marching in formation, tidy overs lined in order, and, most pleasing of all, the rainbow of coloured pens denoting each bowler's toil. To the uninitiated, it looks like a jumble of digits and dots; to the scorer, it is a stained-glass window of the match itself. As I handed my masterpiece over to the care of Moose at the side of the Horringer pitch, I could sense the fear of a misstep beckoning. You see, it all added up — and expectation sets a high bar.

Perhaps this is why one can't help but picture St Peter himself at the gates of heaven, hunched over a giant scorebook, totting up humanity's efforts. Did you mow the neighbour's lawn? That's a single. Forget your wedding anniversary? A firm dot ball. Claim credit for a catch you didn't quite hold? That goes down as a moral bye, at best. And like the Macraes with Ned, perhaps he too is swayed by circumstance. At the end of it all, we may find ourselves peering hopefully over his shoulder, insisting we must have made a few more runs than he has marked down.

So here's to the scorers — brave custodians of order, guardians of accuracy, and occasional makers of mischief. They remind us that cricket, like life, is not just about what is played, but what is written down. And when the final total is called, may the sums be kind, the margins generous, and the scorer's pencil just a little in our favour.

Meanwhile, back on earth, the Sunday 2nd XI are edging towards survival thanks to the cunning deployment of rain clouds and an abandonment at just the right moment, while the Saturday XIs are both inching steadily towards safety in their divisions. It may not all add up perfectly in the scorebook, but in the league tables, it looks promising.

James French



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the vet sobers up!



Which band leader was awarded the first gold record in 1942?

BOWLS CLUB REPORT

The season is nearly finished, it has been a good season, the Monday League will probably finish 3rd and the Tuesday afternoon the same, all final positions will be in the October edition.

It is very pleasing to see how the new members have improved and are very competitive, but most of all enjoying it.

The club competitions are now in the semi final stages and Finals Day is on Saturday 6th September, please pop in during the day to see how the Finals are going.

Our AGM will be on Thursday 11th September at 7pm.

July Results:

22nd	Thorndon	H	L 6-1
23rd	Bildeston	A	L 7-0
24th	West Row	H	L 6-1
28th	Great Barton	A	L 5.5 – 1.5
29th	Stanton	A	W 7-0
30th	Haughley	H	Lt 7-0
31st	Tuddenham	A	L 6-1

August Results

4th	Stowupland	H	W 5.5-1.5
5th	St Boltophs & Dist	A	W 5-2
6th	Wortham	A	L 7-0
7th	St Edmundsbury	H	L 6-1
11th	Needham Market	A	W 6.5-0.5
12th	Borough of Eye Gold	A	W 7-0
3th	Stowupland	H	L 6-1
14th	Great Barton	A	L 6-1
20th	Needham Market	A	D 3.5-3.5

Carpet bowls will again be taking place at the Sports Club on Wednesday afternoons, starting in October, first date to be confirmed in the October edition.

We would like to thank everybody that helped cutting the hedges in preparation for the Gardens Weekend.

Personally, I would like to thank all Committee Members for all their hard work and commitment, everyone has been positive and carried out their duties to ensure the Bowls Club is run efficiently for our members.

Trevor Pollard

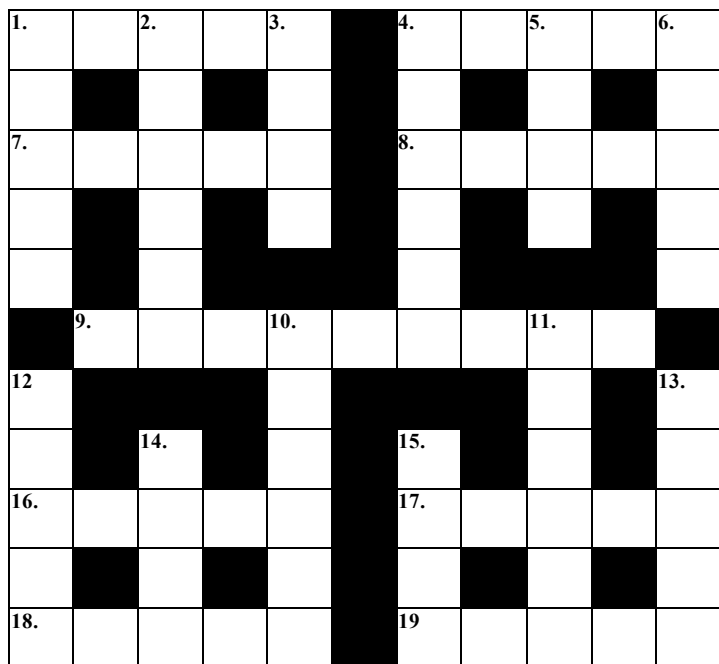
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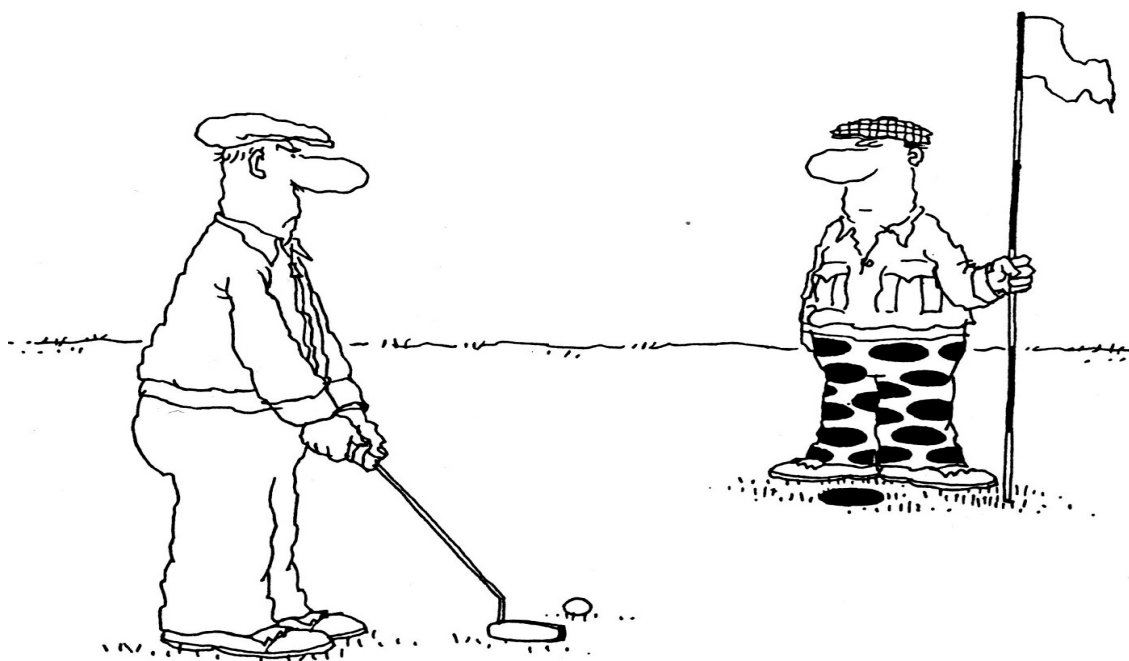
1. These tubes are Pan's instrument. (5)
4. Is the car a wanderer. (5)
7. I am involved in a plot for the guide. (5)
8. Taste for such a feeling. (5)
9. The plan was to make it ten ton (9)
16. Just an extra for the small pair possibly. (5)
17. Recognise that there's a war in A&E. (5)

18. Initially no tourists follow the first lady to the occasion. (5)

19. Choose from the section given. (5)

DOWN

1. Stop a person having writing material. (5)
2. Arrange a plot in Glasto's home. (6)
3. Groups arranged by Miss d'Urberville. (4)
4. Not happy to have posted the letter again. (6)
5. David and Tim appear in the divinest company. (4)
6. Churns out the dances. (5)
10. There is quite a range in the next entertainment. (6)
11. Is it fussy or neat design? (6)
12. We sat around the rubbish. (5)
13. Worn out by having parted with money. (5)
14. Open ones eyes to the vigil. (4)
15. The ticket price could be reasonable. (4)



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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The season is now in full swing for the First Team. In the FA Cup they found themselves 2-0 down to Harleston away. A goal from the returning Jamie Smith before half time gave us hope and second half goals from Reon Huckvale, Sam Nunn and Kyran Cooper gave us a well-deserved win.

Our first league game away to Ely City ended in a draw. We took the lead through a brilliant free kick from Scott Chaplin, but the hosts scored a last gasp equaliser from the penalty spot. Our first home league game ended in a comfortable 3-1 victory over Kirkley and Pakefield courtesy of a brace from Kieran Twinn and a goal from Scott Chaplin.

We then travelled to Great Yarmouth for play step 4 side Gorleston in the FA Cup. The hosts took a two-goal lead into half time. But we were a different team in the second half, and goals from Kieran Twinn and substitute Zac Gayfer gave us a well-deserved replay. In the replay the visitors took the lead in the first half before Gayfer equalised with a header in the second half. The game went into extra time and then penalties. We eventually lost, 6-5, on penalties which was extremely harsh on a team who had given everything against a good step 4 side.

The Under 18s and Under 23s are about to begin their league seasons having completed their pre-season friendlies.

Home fixtures for September

27th First team v Ipswich Wanderers 3pm

20th Under 23s v Lakenheath 3pm

11th Under 18s v Framlingham Town 7.45pm

Trailer Gig

Many thanks to everyone involved in this year's Trailer Gig. We have so far raised £2,100 for three-year old Delilah Baker who has high risk Neuroblastoma. I have been promised another donation of £100. I would like to thank everyone who came to the event, helped out and donated to a very worthy cause. The family are truly touched by people's kindness at an extremely difficult time for them.

Gordon Ross

WALSHAM OBSERVER SUDOKU

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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!

REGULAR

MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall
2nd Monday 12:45pm
Simply Hatha Yoga Priory Room
7:30pm till 8:45pm
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
Parish Council Village Hall
(Public Meeting)
7.00pm Second Wed of the Month

EVENTS

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

LIMERICKS V

There was a Young Lady whose eyes,
Were unique as to colour and size;
When she opened them wide,
People all turned aside,
And started away in surprise.

A limerick's not hard to define
But it needs to do more than just rhyme
It's the meter that matters
The pitters and patters
If not, you're just wasting your time.

Who in literature travelled to Brobdingnag?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. 30 times, 2. Sark, 3. The Jazz Singer, 4. Guglielmo Marconi, 5. A football team, 6. Wigan, 7. Capability Brown, 8. John and Stephen, 9. Mulberry leaves, 10. Loch Lomond, 11. Bridge, 12. A deer, 13. Tesco, 14. The human being, 15. The study of drugs, 16. Calais, 17. Gracelands, 18. Tuna, 19. Lockjaw, 20. Cats-eyes, 21. Fifteen, 22. Finland, 23. Entomology, 24. Gustave Flaubert, 25. Its wheels, 26. A panther, 27. Two, 28. The Peerage, 29. The Thompson Twins, 30. The carp, 31. A cockney, 32. Logarithms, 33. The Salvation Army, 34. Cow (They are all female), 35. Son of, 36. P. L. Travers, 37. Maplins, 38. Cow, 39. Rain, 40. 70%, 41. On a skewer, 42. Calamity Jane, 43. The Army, 44. A toad, 45. The Benelux countries, 46. The seventeenth (1685), 47. James I, 48. The whale,

Sudoku

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

Crossword

P	I	P	E	S		R	O	V	E	R
A		I	E			E		I		E
P	I	L	O	T		S	E	N	S	E
E		T		S		E		E		L
R		O				N				S
	I	N	T	E	N	T	I	O	N	
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A		W		T		F	N		P	
S	P	A	R	E		A	W	A	R	E
T		K		N		R		T		N
E	V	E	N	T		E	L	E	C	T

More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Coin	Coir	Con	Confer	Confide
Confider	Confirm	Conifer	Core	Cored
Corm	Crime	Cried	Deform	Die
Dim	Dime	Din	Dire	Fed
Fie	Fin	Fir	Fire	Fired
Firm	Firmed	Foci	For	Fore
Form	Formed	Icon	Ion	Ire
Iron	Med	Medic	Medico	Micro
Micron	Mid	Min	Minor	Mire
Mired	Nor	Norm	Ore	Red
Rid	Ride	Rife	Rim	Rime
Rimed	Roc	Confirmed (58)		

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