

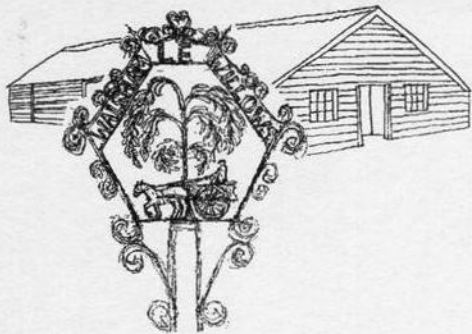
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EDITORIAL

For those of you who read the minutia of the Editorial each month, let me put your minds at rest with regard to the bathroom situation at 1 Wrenshall Cottages. Work finished shortly after the publication of the September edition and we are now able to enjoy a shower when needed and don't have to check if the toilet is connected before using it. In short, life has returned to normal!!

Other good news relates to the success of this year's Open Gardens Weekend, as you will see from the few articles in this edition. Also the news of a pedestrian link from the Sports Club to the village centre is now becoming a distinct probability. The proposal for the project is contained on the Sports Club website walshamsportsclub.co.uk and will soon be on the village website walsham-le-willows.org as well.

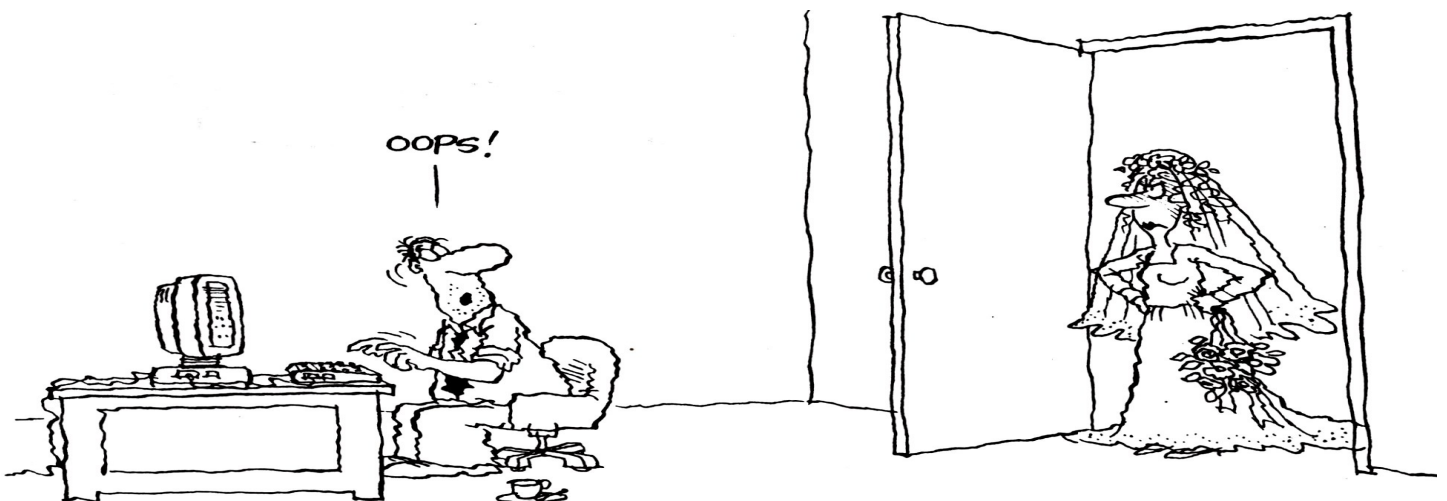
At this month's **History Group** meeting, on **Wednesday 15th at 7.30pm in The Priory Room**, is entitled Songs of the Sea and such songs will be performed by a group called **The Orweller Men**. Doubtless those attending will be invited to join in the choruses. By of those strange coincidences, Walsham Picturehouse is screening **Fisherman's Friends on Friday 3rd**, details of the evening can be found on **Pages 15 and 25**. If these two events take your fancy then you may be delighted to find that an excellent opportunity to exercise your vocal chords is happening on **Thursday 13th November** when there is an evening of entertainment with **Pop Chorus**, when you will undoubtedly be invited to sing along. Details of this event and how to obtain tickets can be found on Page 17.

This month sees the return of **Common Ground Theatre Company** with their production **The Tales Our Mother Told** on **Thursday 16th**. Details of this event were given in last month's Observer, but if you have not, as yet, obtained your tickets details are contained on **Page 24**.

The end of the month sees the annual **Pumpkin Trail** at **The Wild Wood** on **Saturday 25th October at 5.30pm**, so it will soon be time to get carving and making Pumpkin Pie with the scooped out innards.

To all those contributors to this edition of the Observer, I should like to thank you all for getting your contributions to me in very good time so that Sunday was left free for me to get on with other 'commitments'!

If, perchance, you wonder where the fillers - quizzes etc - come from. Some of the puzzles are concocted by myself, and the cartoons are found as a result of scouring second-hand bookshops. The toilet humour and epitaphs came from the bargain shelf of the Oxfam Bookshop!



A 'SUMMER WAY FOOTPATH'

Is The Dream Coming True?

For many years Richard Martineau had envisaged a Summer Road footpath down from the Sports Club to the Six Bells at the village crossroads but, with insufficient support from all parties involved, had never been able to make it happen. The proposed path now has tentative approval subject to agreement on all the details and his son, John, has drafted, for your perusal a plan on the village and sports club websites, this is the proposal that will be put in front of all those who have an interest for their final approval before the project can start.

A long time ago in the early 70s, a young man lost his life in that stretch of the road, and it has been a very present fear of it being repeated that has stimulated both the Parish Council's and Sports Club's desire to make life safer for all pedestrians. Walsham is well served by public and permissive footpath but the one link missing in the circuit is the link down the Summer Road; this was made clear in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The level of activity at the Sports Club has grown massively over the years and with playing fields on either side means children particularly, often cross this busy road. Discussions with Suffolk Highways will lead to an improved crossing point and greater safety aspects after they have completed road traffic surveys along this stretch.

Take a look at the proposed **Summer Way** on the website

Ian Campbell



MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

After a fairly quiet September in the village hall October is certainly a bit busier. All our usual fitness activities are ongoing and whilst bookings are good there is always space for others to join.

On Friday 3rd October our popular Picturehouse program restarts with a fish and chip supper followed by the film Fisherman's Friends. The Parish Council has a 'flood meeting' scheduled for Tuesday 7 October from 10-1230 and also a regular meeting at 7-9pm on Wednesday 8th October. On Thursday 16th October the Common Ground Theatre Company is back with their production of 'Tales our mother told' several adverts are available showing full details. There is a children's party booked for Sunday 26th October and as advance notice there is a craft fair booked in for Saturday 1st November.

As always the Thursday coffee mornings remain very popular and we see steady attendance for the Community Lunch. Please be aware due to holidays the October lunch will be delayed a little and will take place on Monday 20th October. .

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

Over the last year, we have made significant advances in our aim to improve and increase community preparedness and resilience to respond to and recover from future emergency events.

The October 2024 edition of the Walsham Observer included our first published article on the CEP, a further nine monthly articles were then published covering: flooding, preparing for winter, power cuts, emergency kits at home and on the move, fire safety, wildfires and heatwaves. Similar articles will continue to be published over the months ahead.

A WhatsApp group for communicating with our 29 volunteers was set up last autumn. This was well received and its effectiveness successfully tested in June this year when the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issued its first heat-health alert and the Met Office issued an amber thunderstorm warning for East Anglia.

Over the course of several months we have been accumulating a wide range of resources and equipment ready for use in the event of a local emergency, all of which is now stored in the Memorial Hall, our designated Emergency Rest Centre. Following completion of a Community Flood Plan the Environment Agency awarded us a grant of up to £1,800 for some specific flood related items of equipment. We have also identified various external resources and supplies by contacting and creating a list of trained, insured and suitably qualified individuals to help with specific tasks during an emergency.

Mervyn Smith, a local volunteer Community First Responder, has delivered two Basic Life Support training courses in the Memorial Hall. These included a PowerPoint presentation, CPR and AED demonstrations and were well attended by our volunteers.

Our Community Emergency Plan documentation has been reviewed and updated and was adopted by the Parish Council in July. We received positive feedback from the Emergency Planning Officer at Suffolk County Council. An abridged version of the CEP will be published on the village website shortly.

This coming month will see a Section 19 Flood Investigation Report review involving representatives from Suffolk County Council, the Environment Agency together with some of our local landowners on the 7th October. An Emergency Volunteers catch up meeting is also being planned for the 25th October in the Memorial Hall.

There is still more to do but as you can see a lot has been achieved over the last 12 months to help ensure that we are better prepared than we were in October 2023.

Walsham le Willows Parish Council



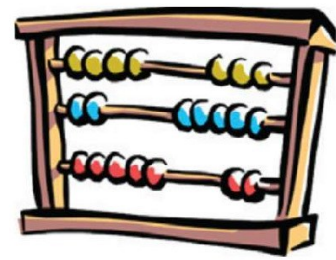
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THE OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND 2025

Another Huge Success

We seem to have the weather firmly on our side (fingers crossed for 2026) and once again enjoyed two perfect days for our visitors and the many Walsham volunteers. Church bells pealed as the visitors poured in, eager to sample this year's delights — and they certainly weren't disappointed, with 44 open gardens and spaces on offer, a new record. The village Market was back at the Church Farm entrance and the Flower Power Project adorned the churchyard wall to welcome our guests.

In St Mary's itself, there was another fantastic art exhibition and sale of local artists' work, a floral display on the theme of *Children's Story Books* which was breathtaking, and fantastic music by visiting performers.

This year we also had music in some of the gardens themselves, enjoyed by performers and visitors alike — despite a small clash in the timings of the bell ringing and the clarinet quartet, for which I apologise! Our Morris Dancing friends were here again and the traditional brass bands with quintessentially English sounds drifted over the village on these idyllic summer days. The now traditional rare tortoises, vintage cars, birds of prey in the churchyard and much, much more delighted our visitors.

Visitors continue to remark on the quality, variety and value of the refreshments — indeed, some say they come just for these! The Memorial Hall and Priory Room once again served their famous lunches and teas, including the much-loved Walsham meringues. Pimms in one of the gardens, and the pizza, BBQ and bar at the Elms, delighted the public, serving fine locally sourced food cooked to perfection — with the garden still packed at the end of each day. Our teams at all of our food venues are to be congratulated once again for their dedication and cheerfulness, which visitors value so much.

None of this would be possible without the support, help and encouragement we receive from literally hundreds of Walsham residents, who throw themselves into the event and give their wholehearted support to the committees' amazing efforts.

Once again, it was exhausting at times, but we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did, and we want to thank you all: the garden owners, the volunteers at the car park, the flower arrangers, the Flower Power team, the art sales folk, the raffle ticket sellers, the helpers at the refreshment venues, the cake makers, the bell ringers, the musicians, the tent erectors (and dismantlers), the traffic cone providers, all our sponsors who advertised in the lovely programme — and many, many more.

Your warm welcome, smiles and generosity shone through, leaving visitors mightily impressed — and we're confident many will return next year.

We are still paying bills and sorting out the accounts, but at this stage we know that we had a record income and we believe that, once again, in excess of £20K has been raised for the village. As always, 50% will go to the fabric fund of the Church, with the rest used to support the many Walsham clubs and organisations who will be invited to submit bids in due course. Look out for the accounts to be published in the *Observer* once all is collected and accounted for.

Once again, a big **THANK YOU** to you all for your support. I do hope that whatever you were involved with, you got completely immersed, enjoyed the whole experience, and came away with a “well-charged community spirit” — plus that warm feeling of being part of the fellowship that is Walsham le Willows, in the beautiful County of Suffolk.

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We have had a very busy term so far with all of the children settling back in well to the school routines. We have chosen our Captains and Vice-Captains for each of the house teams and picked Reading Ambassadors for the year ahead. We are looking forward to seeing the children grow and develop in these roles of responsibility.

Caterpillars are starting the new year off with a topic based on themselves and other people in their community. They are making maps and finding out about the local area. They will also be exploring different kinds of materials in science.

Ladybirds are learning about London and have been looking at famous landmarks and will be writing character descriptions in English. In science they are looking at living things and their habitats.

Dragonfly Class will be looking at Anglo-Saxons finding out how they dyed their clothes. In maths they will be working on place value, addition and subtraction.

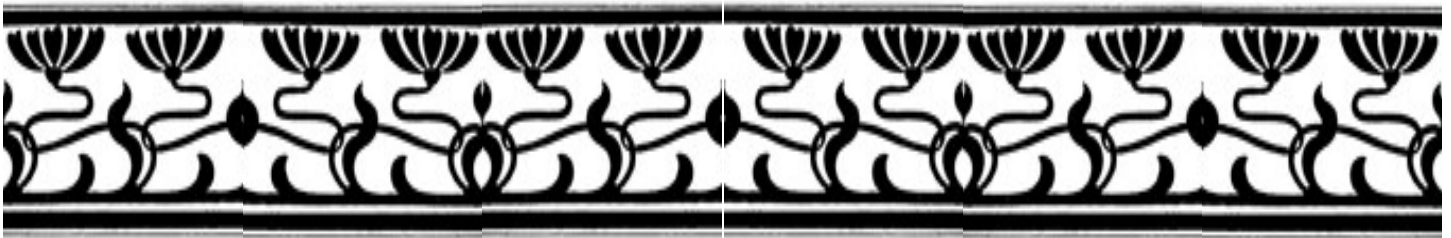
Grasshoppers will be exploring the Anglo-Saxons and will be visiting Norwich Castle with Dragonfly Class to get a better understanding of how they lived. In science, they are looking at sound and how it is produced and heard.

Crickets are discovering what life was like during World War Two and will be writing diaries and newspaper articles to enhance their learning.

Our theme for this half term in collective worship is 'Friendship' – we have been looking at ways we can be a good friend to others. Vicar Cat has been in and blessed all of our school bags as a fantastic start to our new school year. We are now looking forward to having our Harvest celebrations in the church.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs McGarr, 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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September: Talk on Women on the Land in the First World War

As it was an open meeting we were joined by friends and family and two new members this month. We welcomed Dr. Viv Newman as our speaker. She is a very knowledgeable historian and author. She told us about the amazing individual women and organisations that supported the war effort and kept the country going in this difficult time. The first one was the Army Remount Service that trained and supplied 600,000 horses and mules to the army in France. Many upper-class women with horse experience were taken on. The Women's Forage Corps. was set up in early 1915 to provide feed for the army's horses. They travelled the country in gangs of 6 along with 3 soldiers. It was hard physical work to harvest or collect the hay and cereals. They needed practical uniforms including a khaki overall, hat, boots and the item that shocked many including the Daily Mail – breeches! The Women's Forestry Service or 'Lumber Jills' provided wood for the army, for example to make props for the trenches and paper. They often needed some mathematical ability to measure and construct.

By 1917 Britain was running out of food supplies due to the Germans sinking the merchant navy. The Women's Land Army was formed to replace the male farm workers. They worked very hard and developed skills like driving the new tractors to feed the nation. We were interested to find out about all these women that history has largely forgotten.

We finished the evening with refreshments and a raffle.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm – Gin talk and tasting from the Heart of Suffolk Distillery.

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

Ladies are able to attend 2 meetings free of charge before joining.

Fern Wakeham



COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday **20th October 2025**. Lunch will be Roast Pork, crackling, apple sauce, stuffing, Roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, peas, carrots and spiced red cabbage served at 1pm, followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding with cream. Tea and coffee to follow.

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Branch members are most grateful to Fiona Glover and David Sayer, Poppy Appeal Organisers for Walsham and Stanton and all volunteers who will be out collecting from 23rd October.

"C" Group which is made up of 7 local branches will be holding their AGM on Thursday 2nd October in the Six Bells Felsham commencing at 8pm.

Tickets are on sale at £15.00 for our Festival of Remembrance that takes place in the Apex Bury St Edmunds Friday 7th November commencing at 7pm.

The Remembrance parade on Sunday 9th November will take place in Stanton this year, there will still be a service at Walsham War Memorial on the same day.

At the time of going to press branch funds were £1170.15p

The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October at the Cock Inn Stanton at 8pm. This will be our AGM, members please make every effort to attend.

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This will be an evening to meet, listen, have fun and even sing along if you wish. In addition, it is hoped to raise funds to support the work of the Wild Woods in offering accessible monthly Forest School sessions to children from the village, the pre-school and the primary school as well as supporting our own Memorial Hall.

Doors and the bar will open at 7pm on Thursday 13th November with Pop Chorus performing from 7:30 and after a short break a more informal opportunity to listen or sing along.

Tickets will be available priced at £7.50 from the coffee shop, Rolles of Walsham or by emailing: walshammemorialhall@gmail.com

Janette Winch



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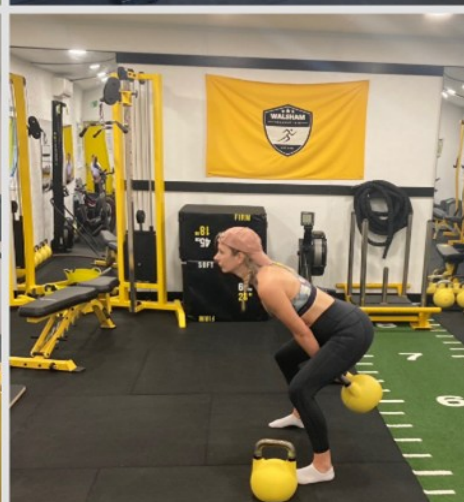
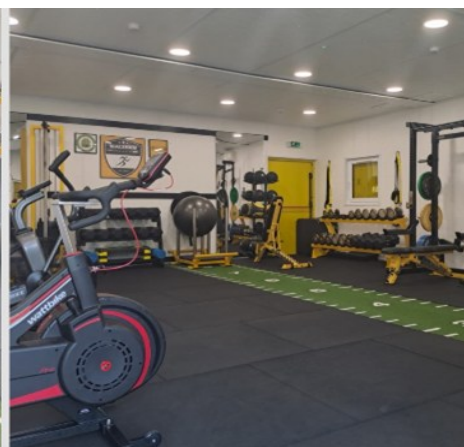
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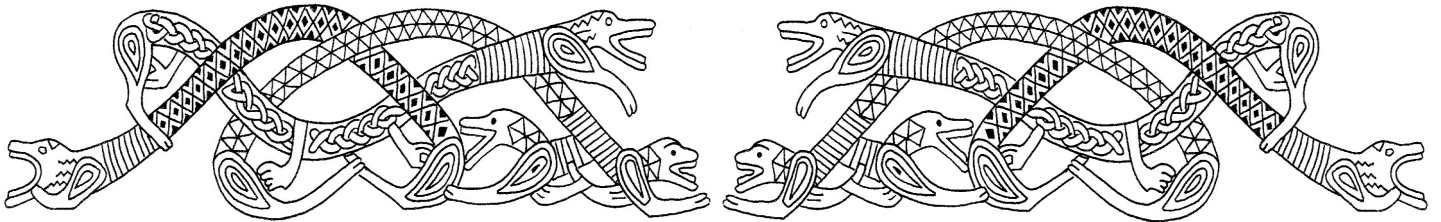
The Monastery alone a city 1000 Years of the Abbey of St Edmund

At our September meeting Adrian Tindall, archaeologist and Bury tour guide, took us back over 1000 years of history.

The story starts with the martyrdom of the peace-loving, Saxon King Edmund at the hands of the invading Danes in 869. His refusal to renounce his faith when threatened by the violent heathens didn't end well for him. Tied to a tree, shot full of arrows and then beheaded, his grisly death was followed by the miraculous reattachment of his head – when retrieved from the wolf – and had the effect of stirring up a cult of followers on a large scale. Pilgrims came from all over Britain and all over Europe, paying homage to the dead but now saintly King and most likely hoping for their own miracles. His body was moved to the Anglo-Saxon settlement of Beodricsworth in the 10th century but it was the wily King Cnut, himself a Dane, who years later in 1020 chose Beodricsworth, now Bury St Edmunds, as the place for a permanent shrine to the King. It gave the pilgrims a defined building to aim for, enabled the King to cash in on the lucrative pilgrim industry and even helped placate any lingering resentment among the Anglo-Saxons.

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Alison Martin



EPITAPHS II

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Below in response to requests I have listed the amounts of food consumed by visitors to the Memorial Hall over the event. This doesn't include the Priory Room or the BBQ at The Elms.

700 teabags	1KG tin of coffee	38 litres of milk
17 bottles of squash	150 ploughman's salads	40 large trays of sandwiches
12 large quiches	16 large pork pies	132 sausage rolls
Mountains of salad	260 rolls and butter	102 bags of crisps
96 cheese scones	96 sweet scones	400 meringues with cream
80-90 homemade cakes		

What a lot of food and it all went! We like to think our visitors go home happy and well fed.

My heartfelt thanks go to each and every one of you who baked, prepared, served, cleared up and ate the food in the MVH.

*Frances Jenner
Walsham Open Gardens Trust*



WALSHAM OBSERVER SUDOKU

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

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Wed 8th W. I. Gin Talk & Tasting
Priory Room 7.30pm

Wed 15th History Group
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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

Thur 13th Pop Chorus
Village Hall 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



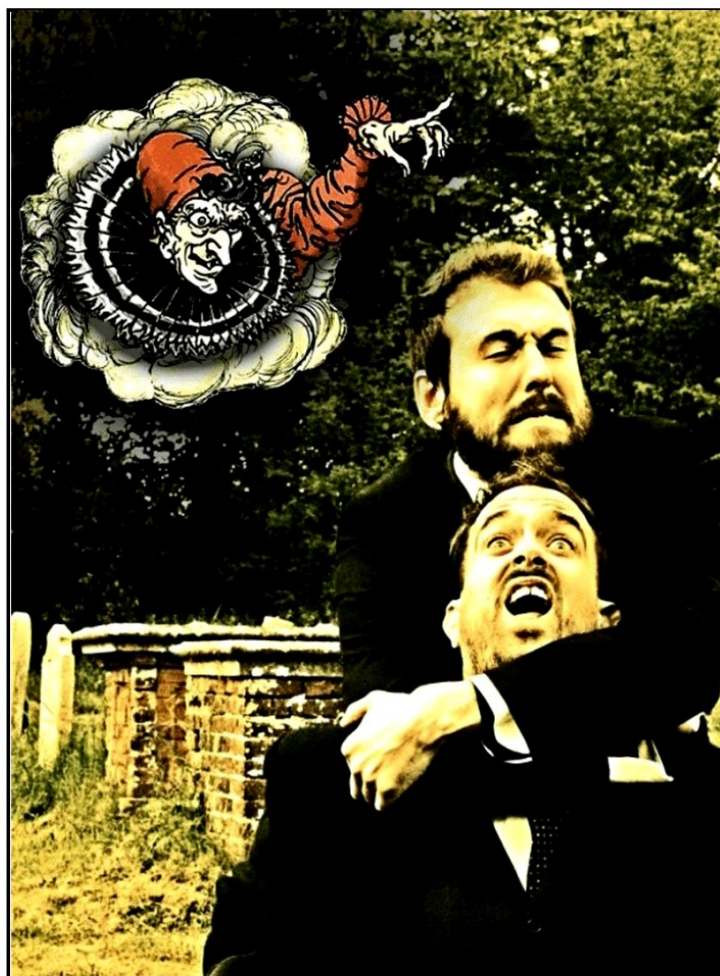
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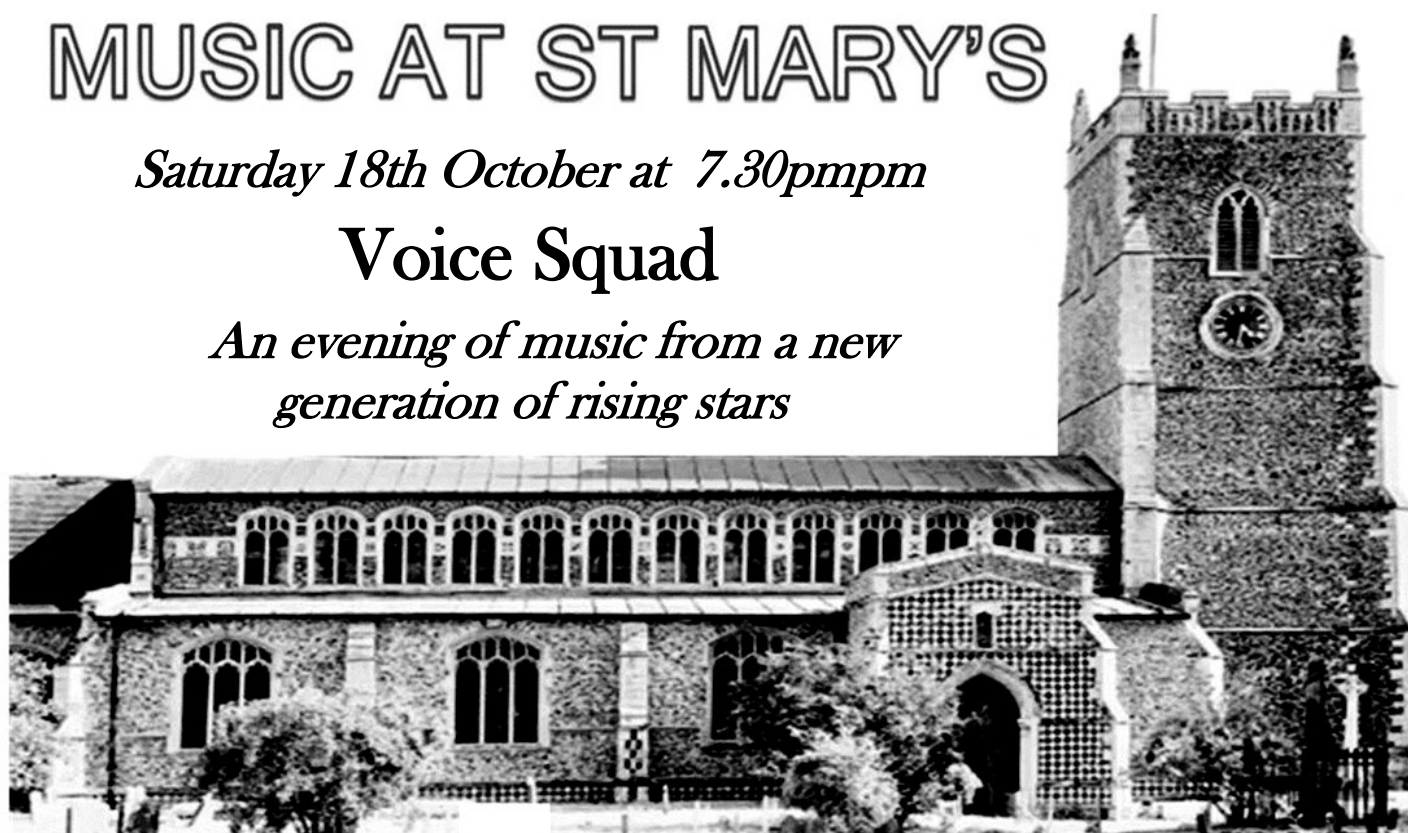
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 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, Roberts, Tuck and Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr. Winch.

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required)
 - i. None
2. MEMBER'S APOLOGIES
 - a. Cllr Nick Mecrow (also from County Cllr Fleming)
 - b. Consents were approved for parish council members.
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 13th August 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
 - a. Report from County Councillor Fleming. No questions were noted.
 - b. Report from District Councillor Winch. (questions were delayed until DC Winch arrived)
 - i. Cllr Bartholomew asked for clarification on the size and number of the new waste collection bins that are to be brought into service very soon. A blue bin will be added to the existing black and green bins, plus a waste food caddy. There will be arrangements by exception for people who do not have the space to store wheelie bins.
7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS
 - a. **Traffic Group**
 - i. To note update from Cllr. Janette Winch
 - ii. To consider proposals:
 - **Proposal 1:** Follow up on advice from Josh White (Highways) to have specification investigated for the narrowing of The Causeway at the church the crossroads as per sketch previously circulated. Ballpark

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estimate at this stage, is £10k – This was discussed at length and the decision was made to investigate other possible options as part of the process. The Clerk was asked to email Highways to enquire if other options for example, a proper stop line, the repairing of the road and repainting white lines with more obvious signage would be more appropriate. It was also noted there would need to be community engagement to discuss any options put forward by SCC Highways.

- **Proposal 2:** To seek funding from multiple sources to implement the agreed modifications – In abeyance following deferment on proposal 1.

iii. It was noted that traffic surveys in Summer Road will be laid to start on 8th October until 16th October. County Councillor Fleming will meet the cost of these.

b. CEP Group

i. The report was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk can now contact local volunteer to see if they can help with various small enhancements to the shed storage.

c. Flood Group

i. No report.

ii. To note that the new date for the meeting with landowners has been set for 7th October commencing at 10:15 in the Memorial Hall. To note the invitations to landowners and an updated agenda have been sent. Also to note that the updated action report has been published on the SCC website. Parish Councillors attending will be Cllr Belson, Cllr Janette Winch and Cllr Mecrow. Cllr Belson will adjust the draft presentation. Clerk to forward having inserted maps from the CEP.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS

a. Standing item to consider changes to the Neighbourhood Plan to be documented for next review. Cllr Belson noted that a meeting was now needed in November to bring together councillors, previous Neighbourhood Plan group members and any other residents with an interest in working with the Parish Council. The main aim will be to consider any potential sites to be put forward for housing. D.Cllr Winch advised that Mid Suffolk plan to go ahead with a new “call for sites” in mid-October. Cllr Belson to draft a letter and Observer ad. Clerk to update housing data from granted planning applications.

b. APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/25/03998
Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Re-render main house, re-roof barn, replace bargeboards and fascias to barn. Location: Green Farmhouse, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, IP31 3BJ **The Parish Council Supported This Application**

c. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/04000
Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - 3 x Conifer on left hand side of the garden, cut the conifers down to ground level
Location: Willows House, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AH **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

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9. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only -
 - a. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) DC/25/00699 Proposal: Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission DC/22/02096 dated 05/10/2022 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Change of use of land for temporary stationing of two mobile homes and erection of link extension - To vary Condition 4 (Removal of Mobile Homes) - The temporary mobile homes were only delivered to site in January 2023, and then after adaptation, occupied in December 2023. Work has not yet commenced on the demolition of the main house, as a Full Planning Application has now been submitted with additional information requested by Planning. Extension of time for the temporary homes to be to July 2026, or three months after completion of the new dwelling on the site. Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, Diss Suffolk IP22 1LY **MSDC Granted Permission Subject To Conditions.**
 - b. 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 IP313AB **MSDC Granted Permissions.**
10. FINANCE, AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN
 - a. The bank reconciliation for period ending 31 August 2025 was approved for signature and duly signed.
 - b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment were approved for online authorisation (Appendix 1).
 - c. The Annual Review of Assets drafted by the Clerk was considered. Cllrs to check on any maintenance requirements for outstanding assets for next meeting. Cllr Roberts raised the idea of having automatic number plate recognition surveys of traffic done. Cllr Winch advised that Wattisfield had done this and is going to ask what it involves. The issue of another speed indicator device was raised by Cllr Tuck. The Clerk explained the placement issues that have to be negotiated for this to happen. Cllr Winch offered for the traffic group to look at the paperwork that has to be submitted for this. Clerk to forward. Proposals to be brought to next meeting.
 - d. Correspondence regarding the annual insurance renewal premium was considered and. Premium quoted £972.75 (including discount for renewal of 3 year long term undertaking). This was revised down slightly for asset disposals. Will probably be revised slightly upwards again for addition of flood preparedness equipment. The renewal was approved in principle subject to any further changes to be advised by Clerk before premium is paid.
 - e. To note that we still do not seem to be receiving invoices for stream and play area grass cutting. Cllr Bartholomew suggested requesting a statement of account to clarify the position. It was noted that the site visit for annual stream clearance quote was booked for 11th Sept.

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11. CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere)
- Clerk's action log was reviewed, nothing that is of any concern.
 - Correspondence from resident about the clearance of debris along The Causeway path which emanates from, and builds up under, the hedge abutting the pavement, was considered. Clerk was asked to respond, advising that this is kept under review.
 - The quote from Nurture Landscapes to include the maintenance of the closed churchyard in contract along with that for Play Area and Stream, was considered. It was decided to accept this in principle, subject to some remaining clarification about the number of visits quoted. If necessary, Clerk to bring back to next meeting.
 - Following proposal last month by Cllr Belson for consideration of offer of software to assist the Parish Council completing its own Play Area inspection and maintenance audits in between the mandatory annual RoSPA inspection, additional information obtained by the Clerk was considered. Annual subscription cost for software is £80. IT was decided not to pursue this.
 - The signage requirements for new info point in bus shelter were considered. Clerk requested a steer on maps in order to be able to draft for printers and obtain firm quote. Cllr Winch to contact resident to discuss possibility of creation of a bespoke map for this purpose.
12. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA
- Parish Council Meeting – 8th October 2025 7pm – Memorial Hall.
 - Cllr Belson reminded the Clerk that the play area hedge needs its annual cut. Clerk to arrange this with usual contractor as long as there is no appreciable increase in cost.
 - Cllr Belson suggested that there should be a working party day set for the Play Area. This was decided amongst those who will take part, for 11th October at 10am. A quick check of play area equipment will be done for any maintenance issues.
 - Cllr Bartholomew has had concerns raised with him about the bus stop on the The Causeway opposite the church, noting the considerable step that has to be negotiated from the grass verge down onto the highway and also the lack of shelters. DC Winch agreed to look into the funding that may be available to make the stops on both sides fit for purpose and maybe provide shelters.
 - Cllr Bartholomew raised the issue of anti-social behaviour at the play area. Given that the area is not a secure locked space and that it appears to have been a one off occurrence it was decided that the Parish Council would take no further action.

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Payments for Authorisation SEPTEMBER 2025 (Details on page 35)





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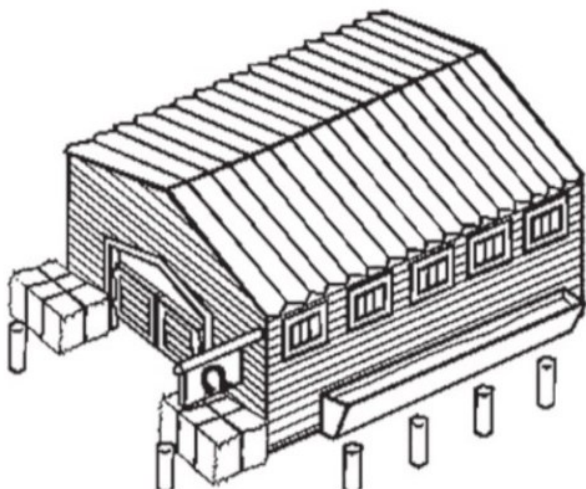


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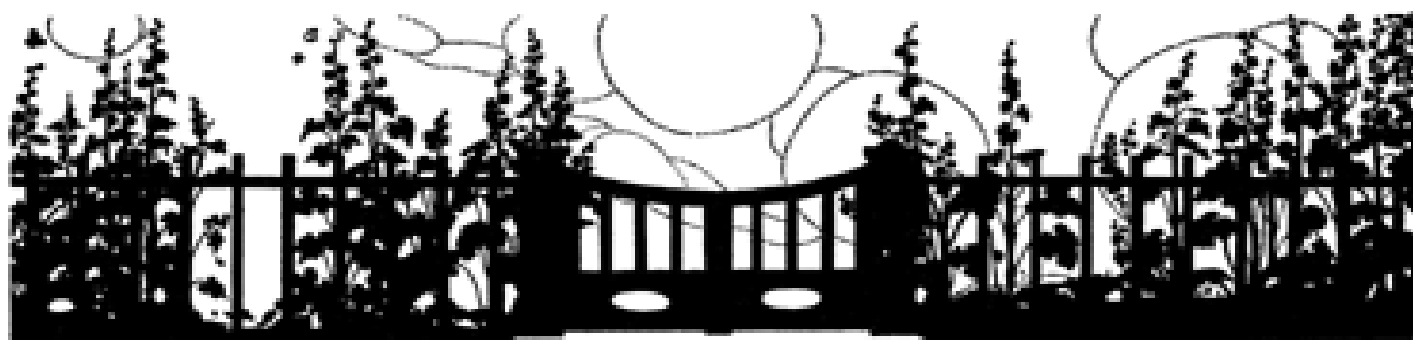


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1	Suffolk County Council (Rec'd)	£556.70	Grant 2 nd footpaths cut

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EPITAPHS III

Tom Smith is dead, and here he lies,
 Nobody laughs and nobody cries;
 Where his soul's gone, or how it fares,
 Nobody knows and nobody cares.

Beneath this stone, a lump of clay,
 Lies stingy Jimmy Wyatt.
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FROM ST MARY'S

One of the quiet gifts of village life is how closely we live alongside the seasons. We see the fields change colour, the trees lose their leaves and then bud again, and we feel the air shift as autumn settles in. As we step into this new season, I've been reminded how much depends on the perspective we bring.

Last month, I had the privilege of taking part in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride. Cycling along quiet lanes gave me a fresh angle on our beautiful countryside. I found myself enjoying moments I might otherwise have missed: the hedgerows full of berries, fields just beginning to change, and glimpses of views that took me by surprise. Sometimes I could even smell what was coming before I saw it which was maybe not such a pleasant surprise!

That day reminded me how valuable it is to notice things differently. The world around us can seem so familiar, yet with a change of perspective we begin to see it afresh. Jesus often encouraged people to look again at what was right in front of them sparrows, seeds, lilies and to discover God's presence in the ordinary. When we take time to enjoy those moments, we find blessings we might otherwise overlook.

I want to thank everyone who played a part in the Bike Ride those who organised (especially Mary who has taken part in the Bike Ride for 44 years I believe), those who cycled, those who kindly sponsored, and those who gave their time to welcome visitors into our churches. Your efforts not only raised vital funds but also celebrated the beauty and community of our local places of worship.

As we continue into autumn, I invite you to join us for our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 5th October at 11am. It is always a joyful occasion to give thanks together for the abundance around us and for those who work tirelessly on our farms and land. Everyone is welcome, and if you are able, donations for the Stowmarket Food Bank would be greatly appreciated.

May this new season help us to notice things from a fresh angle, to cherish the moments we are given, and to celebrate the gifts that surround us each day.

With every blessing,

Revd Catriona



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7th October
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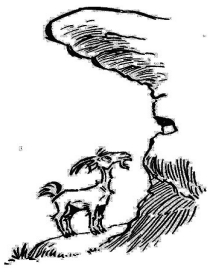
Roots and Shoots

Sunday 20th October
10am till 11am

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OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church	8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
28th Sept	15th after Trinity		9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
9:30am	Harvest Service	Langham	10:00am	Roots and Shoots	Walsham
11:00am	Harvest Service	Wattisfield	26th Oct	Last after Trinity	
6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe	8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
5th Oct	16th after Trinity		11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham	3:00pm	Hymns & Pimm's	Wattisfield
11:00am	Harvest Festival	Walsham	3:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
12th Oct	17th after Trinity		2nd Nov	4th before Advent	
9:30am	Benefice Service	Finningham	8:00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
	Installation of		9:30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
	Catriona as Rector		11:00am	Family Service	Walsham
19th Oct	18th after Trinity		3:00pm	All Souls Service	Wattisfield



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GREEN DILEMMAS

Eating Less Meat and the Impact on Climate Change

There are lots of reasons cited for eating less meat ranging from concerns about animal welfare to health issues. Increasingly it's the impact of meat production on climate change that is being highlighted. Meat production uses more energy, water and land than plant-based-foods and is a major contributor of greenhouse gas emissions. According to UN figures about 14% of all emissions come from meat production.

However, if you look at the data there are lots of complexities.

The impact of meat production varies by the type of meat: chicken and pork have the smallest climate impact; lamb is in the middle and beef is the least sustainable choice.

One of the problems is muddling the UK with the global situation. For example the environmental impact of beef farming varies dramatically depending on the farming practices. In say South America where deforestation is taking place the environmental impact is huge whereas the UK already has good pasture quality and effective management practices.

Cattle and to a lesser extent sheep produce methane mainly via burping. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas but unlike CO₂ which has a cumulative impact methane only lasts in the atmosphere for about 12 years. This means that if the number of animals stabilises the level of greenhouse gases will also stabilise. Conversely a reduction in animals would have an immediate cooling impact.

Another complexity is that ironically intensive farming has a lower carbon footprint. For example, the world's largest 'climate efficient' pig farm in China is a 26-story skyscraper slaughtering over 1 million pigs a year equivalent to 25% of total UK pig production. Similarly, intensively farmed chicken has a lower carbon footprint than free-range chickens.

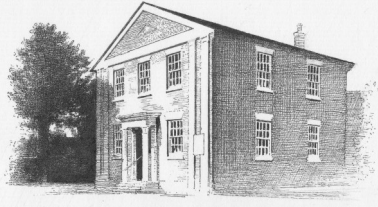
In the UK agriculture uses 70% of all land of which 85% is used for livestock but this only provides 32% of the calories we eat. However, a lot of this land isn't suitable for growing crops. Rewilding the least productive areas of grazing land and paying farmers to manage this would reduce climate change and be relatively easy to implement. Rewilding huge areas of pasture land raises questions about food security and about the risk of switching our meat consumption to imports with lower environmental standards. The volume of meat we eat in the UK is actually on the decline; this is partly due to the rise in veganism and vegetarianism and partly that some people are trying to eat smaller portions of higher quality locally produced meat. Research also suggests that the decline is linked to cost issues which has resulted in smaller portions; meat being mixed with other proteins or meat being eaten less frequently.

Richard Winch
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EPITAPHS IV

Here beneath this stone we lie
Back to back my wife and I
And when the angels trump shall trill
If she gets up then I'll lie still!

This stone was raised by Sara's Lord
Not Sara's virtues to record
For they are known to all the town.
This stone was raised to keep her down.



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And on the Seventh Day

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. ³And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. ⁴These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground. ⁶But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. ¹¹The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold; ¹²And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone. ¹³And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. ¹⁴And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates. ¹⁵And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. ¹⁸And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. ²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. ²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²²And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

(Genesis, chapter 2)

WILDLIFE IN OCTOBER

I cannot believe I am writing about October already! it does not seem five minutes ago we were starting Spring and looking forward to lighter evenings, now once more they are pulling in, with a change of weather being felt.

October marks the start of the British Apple season and on the 21st of October we celebrate Apple Day, with events held all around the UK. We have had a glut of apples this year, and with the strong winds back in September many were Windfall and left to rot on the ground. This fruit however will not go to waste as it will help to nourish an entire ecosystem attracting a whole host of 'scrumpers' from Wasps, Butterflies, Earwigs, Thrushes, Small Mammals and even Foxes and Badgers!

With the shortening in day length in October, which Biologists call the Photoperiod, this triggers off the Red Deer rut. The males are now pumped-up with testosterone and mature Stags will be in search for groups of receptive female 'Hinds'. The best time to hear them will be at dawn or dusk as they bellow and grunt at each other to state their claim. Mature males will often see off smaller and younger males, however if two males who are matched come to blows the ruts can become bloody.

This is the month of the spooky season, and what better spooky eerie sound to hear then that of a Tawny Owl. If you want to hear or even be lucky enough to see one then the best time is to go on a walk on a warm calm Autumn evening. October through into November is when this bird will make its presence felt. They're one of our most abundant Owls and the youngsters that fledged back in the Spring are now on the hunt for territories themselves, the result of this will be a rise in 'hoots' and shrieking 'kee-wicks' and other screeches.

This month is the time to go and harvest Sloes. Sloes are from the Blackthorn, and October is traditionally when they are ripe enough for us to eat. If you pick an unripe one you will soon tell as its intense tartness will make you spit it out! However, when ripe and heavily sweetened they go extremely well with Gin, Port and Whisky, something to warm you through as the dark night close in once more.

Have a Spooktacular Halloween!

Angie Bennington

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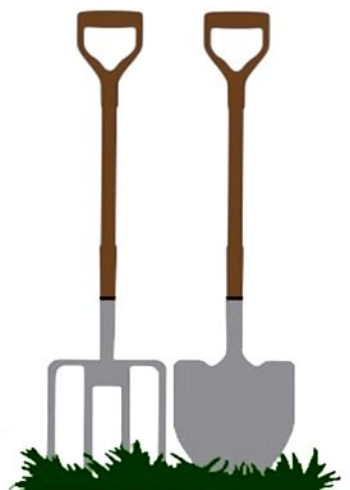
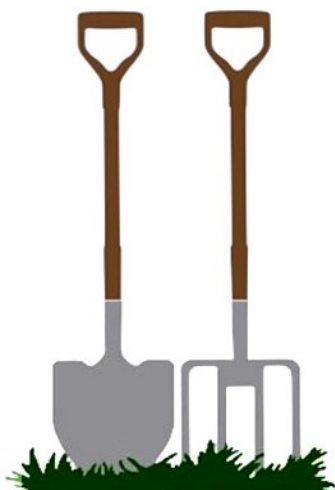
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WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS

Visitor Comments

These are just some of the comments taken from the visitor survey sheets and showing that we seem to make quite a lot of people happy... well done everyone!!

- Always a joy to return to Walsham and the great sense of community.
- The food was amazing especially the pizza and the free bus came in handy after all that pizza and beer.'
- Well done to everyone for their hard work, we have been made to feel very welcome...thankyou.
- Excellent event, very well organised and we would like to come every year if we can.'
- What a lovely surprise, our first visit and it will not be our last...see you next year.'
- There really is nothing to criticize or improve upon...everything is so perfectly thought out and every need catered for.
- Each year the gardens get better and better... well done everyone and I look forward to coming next year.
- Food was excellent and thanks to everyone who worked so hard.
- The village hall tearoom was amazing we don't know how you do it.
- We visit many open gardens events but when it comes to organisation you are in a class of your own.
- Our first visit and what a brilliant day we had.... food at No: 9 delicious such a treat to meet the tortoises. a wonderful well organised event.
- Organised like a military operation and we loved the traffic lights.
- Thank you for a wonderful, quintessentially English day.
- We loved today... we got lots of ideas and inspiration. thank you.
- As first-time visitors we were very impressed and well done to everyone who helped us to have a very enjoyable day.
- **See You Next Year.**

John Stebbing



OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND RAFFLE

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| 1st Prize | £100 cash (Mrs Y Day of Ingham) |
| 2nd Prize | Birds of Prey Experience (Mr A Marshall of Worlington) |
| 3rd Prize | £50 Clarkes of Walsham Vouchers (Mr P Richardson of Thurston) |
| 4th Prize | £25 Rolfes of Walsham £25 Vouchers and locally sourced ingredients hamper - (Mrs J Evans of Badwell Ash) |





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VETR NÆTR

As autumn shortens the light and the first breath of winter drifted across the land, we gathered. Long ago, when the Norsemen landed on northern shores, they marked the turning of the seasons with fire, feast, and fierce song. In their tongue, winter was no burden but a proving ground - the vetr, a time to honour strength, endurance, and kinship.

So it is with us. We played through the summer's heat; we endured defeats and rejoiced in victories. And through it all, it was our kin that kept us buoyed. Now, as the leaves fall and the air sharpens, we gathered once more - to speak their names and honour their feats.

U17's Player of the Year	Mr. Tom Ridding
U17's Supporter's Player of the Year	Mr. Jack Campbell
U17's Most Improved Player of the Year	Mr. Jack Alexander
U15's Player of the Year	Mr. Freddie Alexander
U15's Supporter's Player of the Year	Mr. Jack Campbell
U15's Most Improved Player of the Year	Mr. Oliver Daley
U13's Player of the Year	Mr. Albie Bryant-Howe
U13's Supporter's Player of the Year	Mr. Harry Campbell
U13's Most Improved Player of the Year	Mr. Theo Evans
U13's Blast Player of the Year	Mr. Kasper Howling
U13's Blast Supporter's Player of the Year	Mr. Bertie Bavington-Lowe
U11's Player of the Year	Mr. Harry Loveday
U11's Supporter's Player of the Year	Mr. Henry Jackson
U11's Most Improved Player of the Year	Mr. Jesse Brown
The Ben Stokes Award	Mr. Bertie Bavington-Lowe
1st Team Player of the Year	Mr. Ashley Forbes
2nd Team Player of the Year	Mr. Adam Howe
Sunday XI Player of the Year	Mr. Tom Ridding

This season gave us its own sagas. Waugh, Bryant, J. Campbell, Forbes, Moulton, G. Macrae, and F. Daly all claimed five-fors, each spell an act of defiance against the summer's march. Runs were scarcer - as rare as sunshine in November - yet Howe shone forth with a masterful 137* and the season's most sixes, a blaze of light in a parsimonious year.

And so, as winter gathers at the gate, we look not on hardship but on proof: that through cold, defeat, and fleeting light, our kin endure. Some grow, some surprise, some shine bright against the dark - each a testament to the spirit of vetr. May the fire of kinship carry us through, until the long days return.

James French



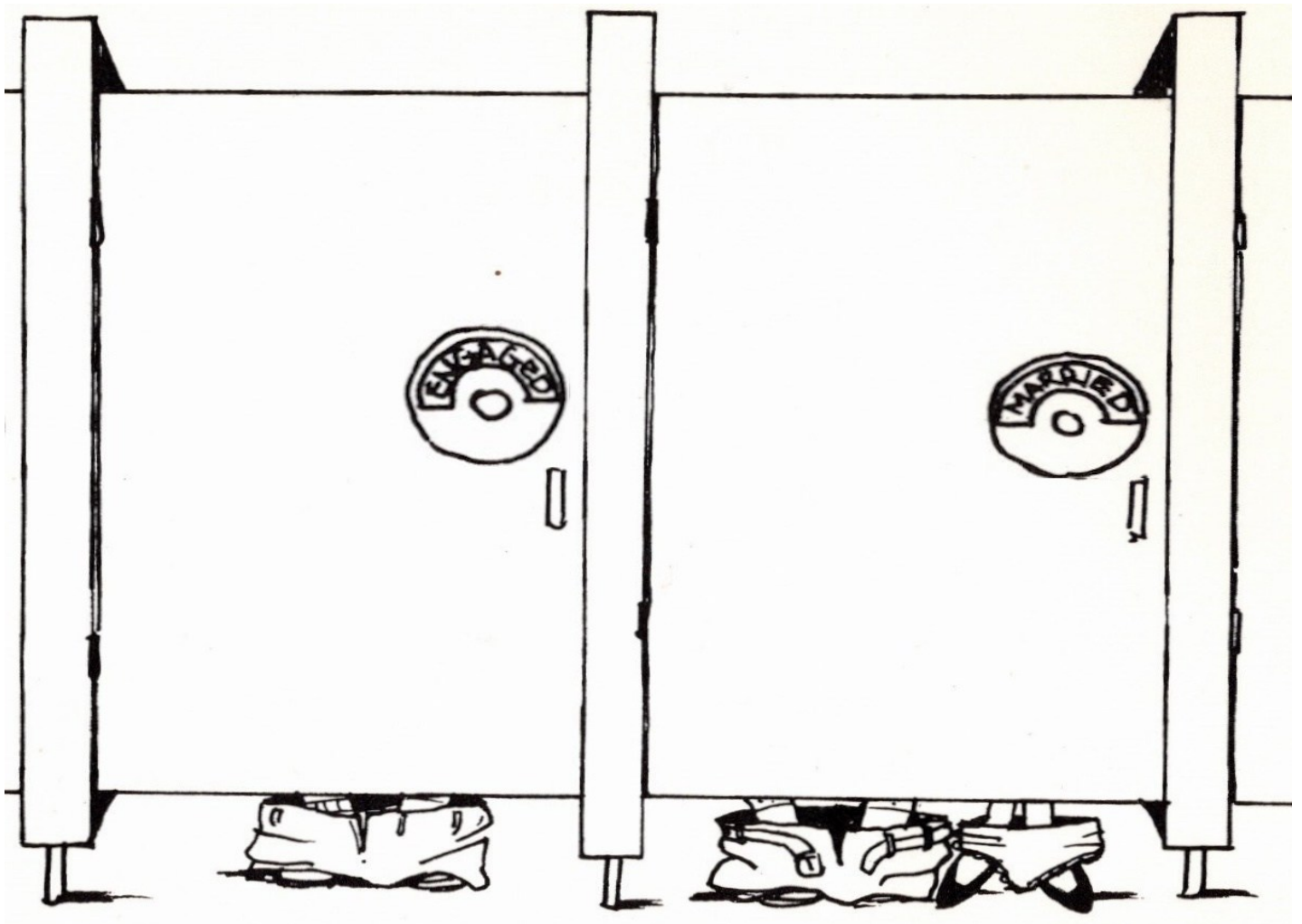
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BOWLS CLUB REPORT

The season is now finished for the Bowls Club.

Monday - 2 Bowl Triples League – finished 3rd

Tuesday afternoon - 3 Bowl Triples League – finished 3rd

Wednesday – 3 Bowl Triples League – finished 10th (bottom)

Thursday – 2 Bowl Triples League – finished 8th (bottom)

It has been a very encouraging season, good number of new members have been playing and we are encouraged by the interest for next season, it is enjoyable and we encourage all ages.

We played two games over the Gardens Weekend – Coney Weston on the Sunday and Wortham on the Monday – both games were enjoyed by all. A ploughman's followed by homemade desserts were provided by our members on both days and was very much appreciated. Congratulations to the Garden Weekend Committee on another very successful weekend; a credit to the village.

We held our challenge match against the Walsham Cricket Section on Friday 29th August – a well-attended evening and a great atmosphere, both on and off the green. Just for Ned, the Bowls Section won 7-0 and Gordon's triple beat Ned!

Our Competitions Finals Day was held on Saturday 6th September, again this was very well attended with between 30 and 35 people all day from 11am to 6pm.

Mace	Neal Bassett 21 v Rob Matthews 13
Pairs Final	Adrian Cole/Iain Simpson 19 v Margaret Hawes/Rob Matthews 18
Ladies 4 Wood	Angela Whiting 21 v Margo Moore 6
Ladies 2 Wood	Angela Whiting 21 v Sheila Mehl 19
Men's 4 Wood	Adrian Cole 21 v Neal Bassett 17
Men's 2 Wood	Neal Bassett 21 v Rob Matthews 9

Congratulations to all the finalists, all these games were excellent and closer than some of the scores might suggest.

We also had some side competitions being played, which enabled everybody (players and non-players) to get involved.

Gordon, with the help of Rob, had worked very hard to get these all played and their efforts are very much appreciated.

The Semi Final and Final of the Triples are being played on Sunday 21st September, starting at 11am.

Carpet Bowls at the Sports Club will be starting on Wednesday 15th October.

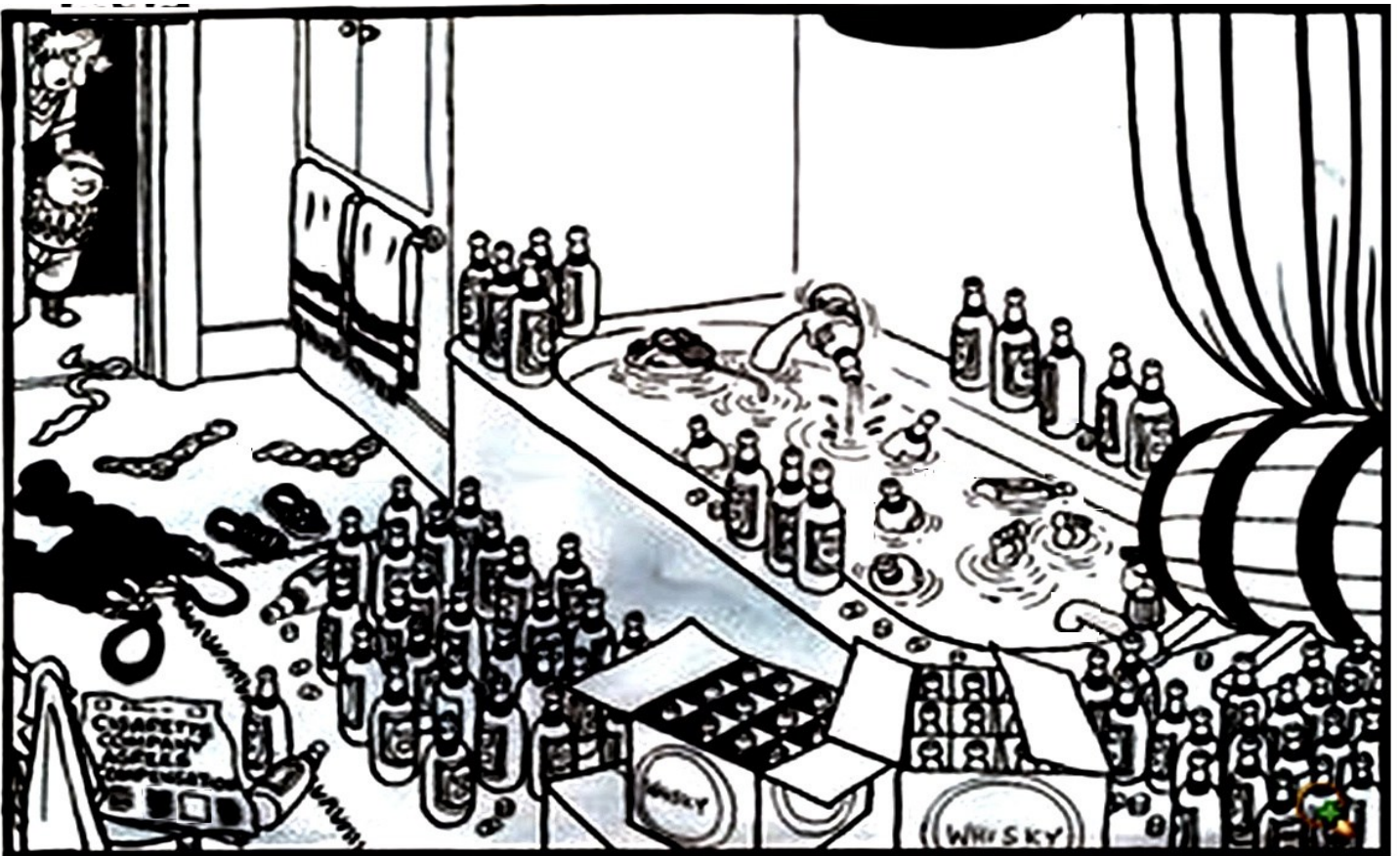
Our Presentation Evening will again be taking place early in the New Year.

Trevor Pollard

STOP PRESS The Triples Semi Finals and Final were played on a lovely sunny Sunday. A team of Adrian Cole, Angela Whiting and Ian Toulson (Player of the Day) beat Brian Randall, Sheila Mehl and Trevor Pollard in the Final 20 - 8.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the submerged bather starts drinking!!

What is a capercaillie?

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team have had mixed results of late. They lost 3-2 at Great Yarmouth and played with 10 men for the majority of the game having had Cameron Nicholls sent off, although I feel the decision was extremely harsh. We then beat Hadleigh 2-0 at home in a match we dominated. Two draws away to Woodbridge and Harleston respectively before losing 2-1 at Fakenham Town.

The Under 23s won their opening League fixture at Parsons Drove 4-3 but then lost 3-0 away to Stowmarket and 6-2 away to Woodbridge Town.

The Under 18s lost their opening fixture 4-3 at home to Woodbridge. They then beat Felixstowe 2-1 away, lost 3-1 to Mulbarton in the FA Youth Cup and 2-1 at home to Framlingham Town.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures for October

First Team

Sat 4th v Lakenheath. 3pm.

Sat 18th v Dereham Town 3pm

Sat 25th v Gt Yarmouth Town 3pm.

Others

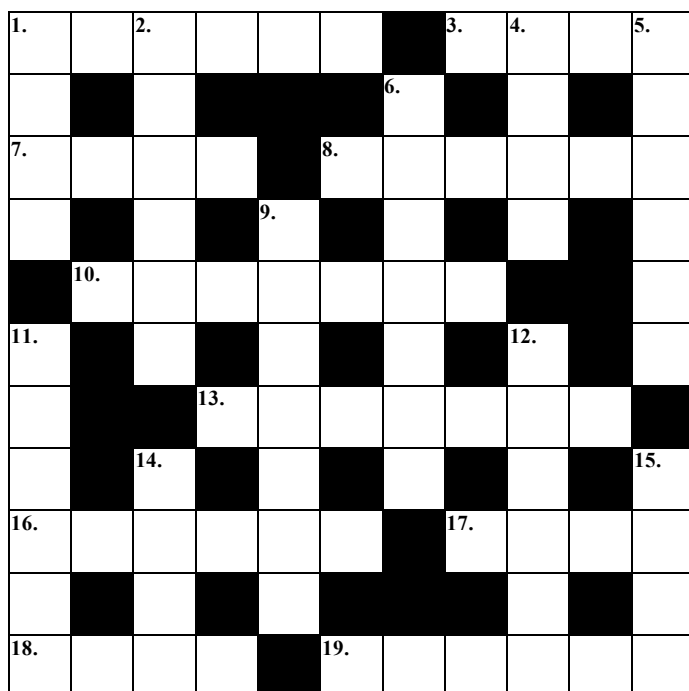
Sat 11th Under 23s v Stowmarket Town 3pm

Thur 30th Under 18s v Stowmarket Town 7.45pm

Sun 12th Vets v Ipswich Wanderers 2pm

Regards Gordon

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10. It's right to put things right. (7)
 13. Does this onslaught mean trouble in the pub? (7)
 16. Such a wife may have been some sort of prize. (6)
 17. Just the measure of slow movement. (4)
 18. Can it be right to have such a celebration? (4)
 19. Leave high and dry by the sea. (5)

DOWN

1. 'So be it' for the name change. (4)
 2. The student leaves the Carlton for a packet. (6)
 4. Keep an eye on a little island. (4)
 5. A wish to reside in other ways. (6)
 6. A worry about a business. (7)
 9. Inhale herb tea for a change. (7)
 11. Such an easy catch for the model. (6)
 12. The old legal handcuffs initially for the business in hand. (6)
 14. Stop arrangements for the mail. (4)
 15. Drop off the hut. (4)

ACROSS

1. Be in agreement about a group of notes possibly. (6)
 3. Turn to such a blow. (4)
 7. Make money in the near neighbourhood. (4)
 8. Some sort of songs for gunners salvos. (6)

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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

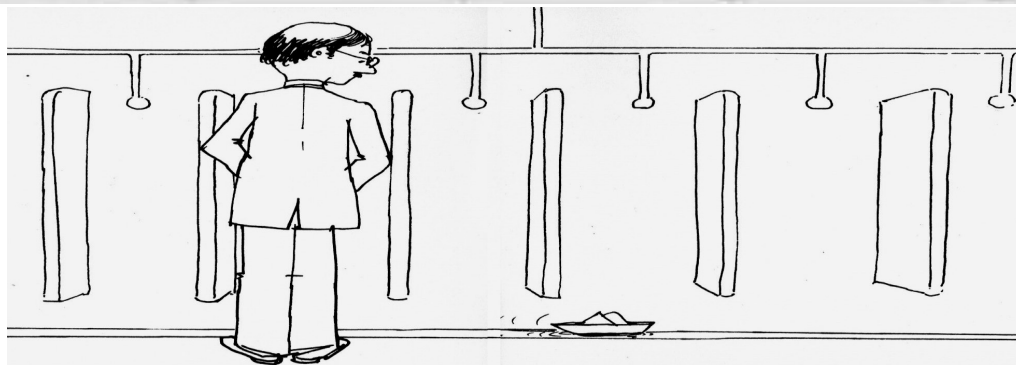
Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till 12.30pm
Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon
Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm
Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm
Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



What was the predominant feature of Cyrano de Bergerac?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. 212 degrees, 2. Norway, 3. Tuberculosis, 4. 100, 5. Statue of Liberty, 6. SNCF, 7. Houdini 8. Augustus, 9. Fishes, 10. Edinburgh Castle, 11. Wine trade, 12. Dr Dolittle, 13. Didn't speak English, 14. 72 beats per min, 15. Russia, 16. Yoghurt, 17. Icarus, 18. The Leather backed turtle, 19. Flying bedstead, 20. Blue Tits, 21. Canvas, 22. Henry VI, 23. The Mad Hatter, 24. Latin, 25. Bastille Day, 26. Jack Warner, 27. 1936, 28. Twenty-one. 29. Pyrenees 30. Someone from Malta, 31. 77 (88 – 11), 32. The swan, 33. The hull of a ship, 34. Bob Champion, 35. Essex, 36. The anvil, 37. Sir Oswald Mosley, 38. Fair of Face, 39. Pygmy shrew, 40. John F Kennedy, 41. Termites, 42. Cousin, 43. Stalin, 44. Rugby, 45. A white horse, 46. Properties, 47. Lions, 48. Grouse, 49. Red, White and Blue, 50. His nose

Sudoku

8	2	3	6	7	4	5	9	1
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Crossword

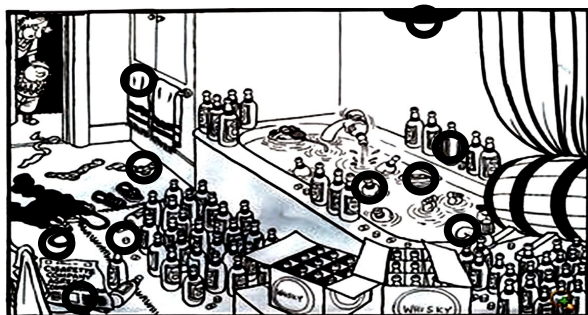
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R	I	T	E			S	T	R	A	N

More or Less

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

ALL DONE!!!

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ace	Afire	Air	Ale	Alp
Ape	Are	Cap	Cape	Car
Care	Clap	Clear	Ear	Era
Face	Fair	Far	Fare	Fie
Fir	Fire	Ice	Ire	Lace
Lacier	Lair	Lap	Lea	Leap
Leaper	Pace	Pacier	Pair	Pal
Pale	Par	Pare	Pea	Peace
Peal	Pear	Pear	Per	Place
Plaice	Plea	Race	Rale	Rap
Rape	Real	Reap	Replace	Rice
Rif	Fireplace (57)			

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In the Garden and the Hall**

Open every Thursday

From a time of 10.30am to 12.30pm

The Post Office van is there

From 11:00am till 12:00pm

**Come and enjoy a chat and
A cuppa and a bite
Just for 'a couple of quid.'**