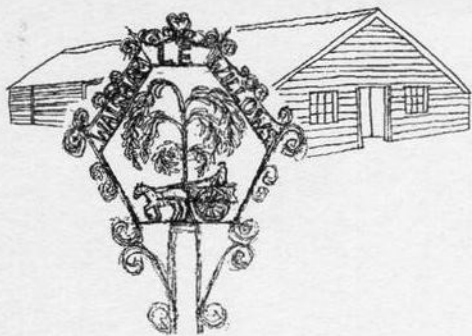


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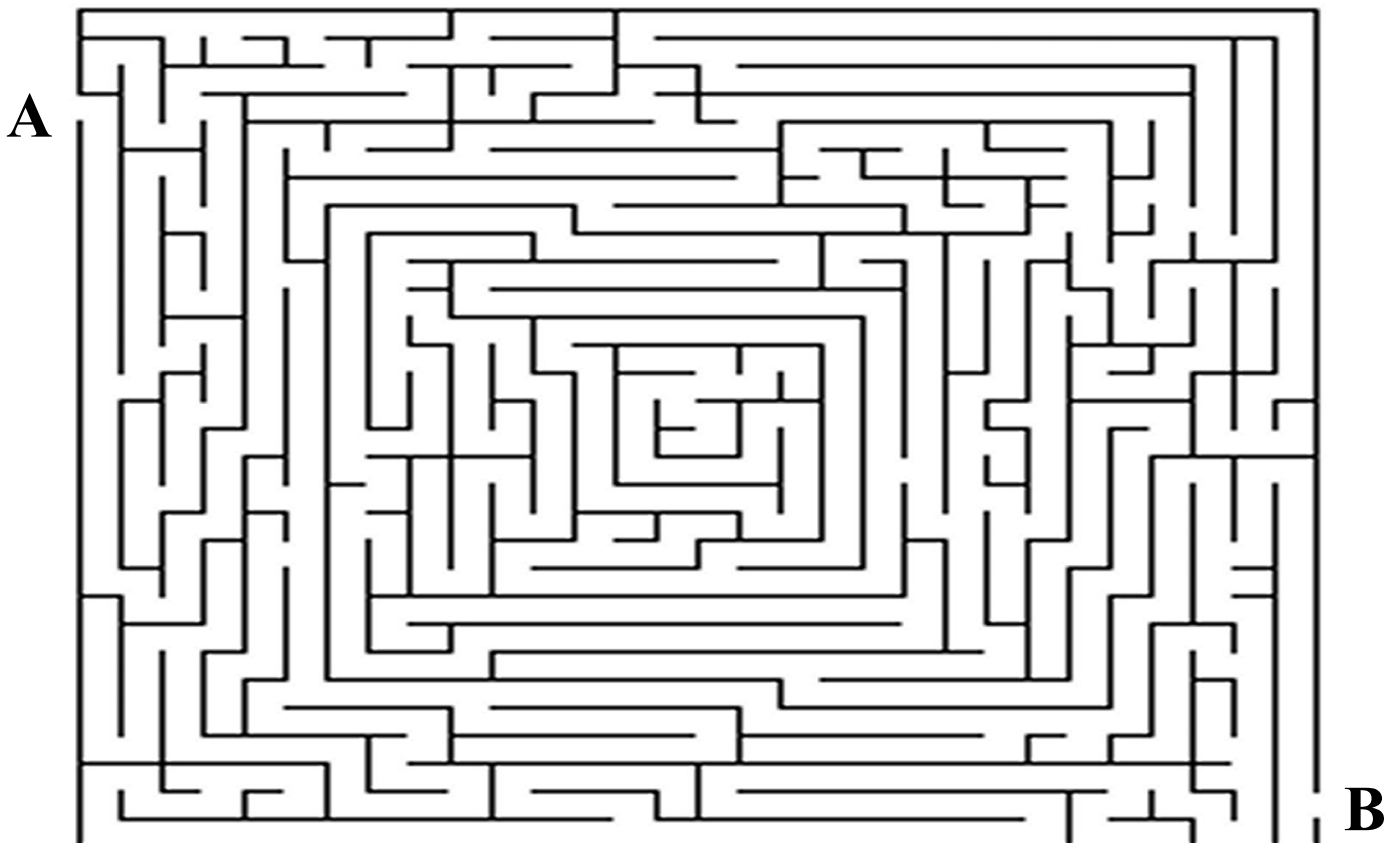
At the start of a New Year, one hopes that the year will be as good as if not better than the previous one. On this occasion our hopes for the better alternative must be uppermost in people's minds. Yet on the brighter side we can be thankful for living in the wonderful community that Walsham has continued to be with its Sports Club, Village Hall, Church, Gardens Weekend and a number of other groups. Such activity reassures us that we can face adversity with a reasonable degree of confidence.

Hopefully Christmas was very enjoyable for you and that any excesses have faded, unless you then had another wild fling over the New Year celebrations. Still, you should be in fine form by now to be able to enjoy the annual **Epiphany Singers** carol concert in St Mary's Church on **Saturday 10th at 7.30pm**, but maybe a little earlier if you want to get a good view, and a cushion, if you do not bring one of your own. If you wish to hear them again, they will be participating in the **Epiphany Eucharist** service on the following **Sunday in St Mary's at 11.00am**.

Apart from that, there would appear to be nothing of particular note happening in the village, so that will give organisations plenty of time to hone their bids for **Grants from the Gardens Weekend Trust**. Do look at page 11 for details of how you can obtain much needed finance.

Looking at the Diary of Events page, it appears that not much is happening in 2026 - I'm sure that that is not the case, but do let me know so that any events can be put in the Diary and help your organisation and others to avoid any double booking when making plans.

So, all that is left for me to do is to wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year and that you are able to continue making it so for others.



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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have all been working really hard this half term and getting into the swing of things with various different Christmas activities. The children from Caterpillar and Ladybird classes performed a fantastic Nativity play and it was lovely to have so many adults come in to see the children perform.

The PTA organised a visit from Father Christmas and we had a brilliant time at the disco with plenty of glo lights and dancing!

Caterpillar Class are helping at Santa's Workshop and completing some DT work with shapes and parcels. They will be looking at how other people celebrate Christmas around the World and have been enjoying their Forest School experience.

Ladybirds have been looking at natural landscapes and comparing different artists and are looking at properties of shapes. In science, they are exploring living things and their habitats.

Children in Dragonfly Class are continuing to look at different myths and legends as part of their Ancient Greece topic and will be making a Trojan Horse. They are exploring light in science and looking at how lights travels and objects that have different properties. They will be doing stop frames in computer animation.

Grasshoppers are learning about mountains in the UL and around the world and their fascinating facts; they will then be writing information texts about these. In DT they are creating a clay model of Everest and evaluating their work and looking at states of matter in science.

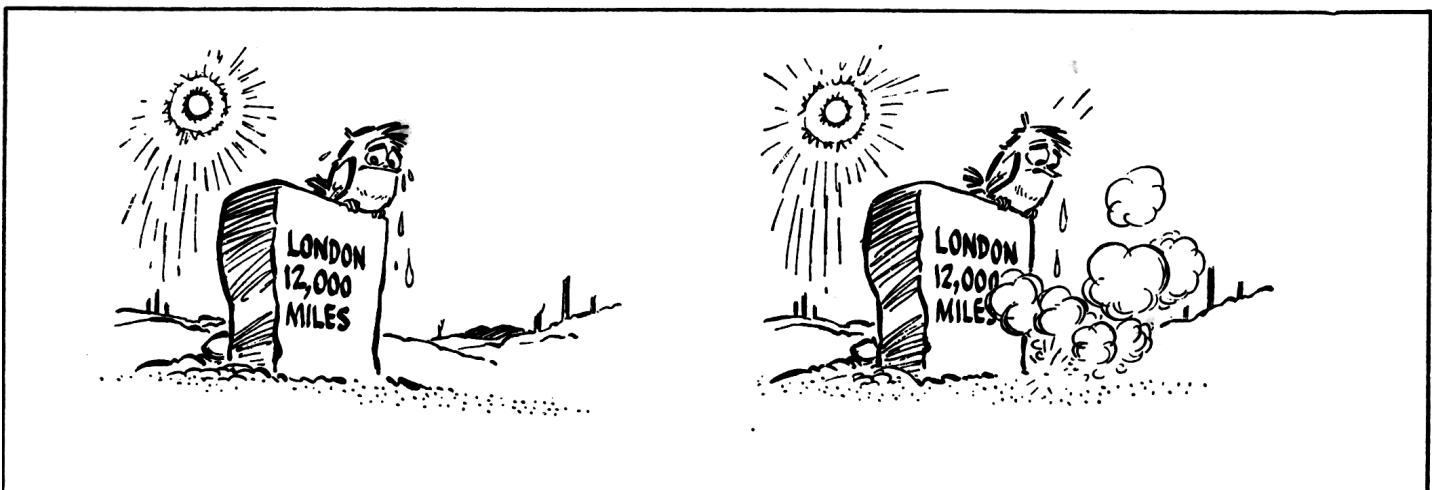
The children in Cricket class have been continuing their focus on 'Frozen Kingdoms' and exploring the polar regions. In science, they have been classifying living things and their habitats and in PE they have been increasing their skills in dodgeball.

We have taken part in raising money for Children in Need by wearing non-uniform and the children all looked amazing and raised £130.20

Our theme for this half term in collective worship has been 'Respect' and our theme next half term is 'Generosity.'

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!

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Conditions that can prevent someone from making decisions include dementia, brain injuries, mental health problems, substance misuse, or side-effects from medical treatment. Setting up an LPA doesn't mean you expect these things to happen, just that you want to be prepared.

There are two types of LPA:

- **Property and financial affairs LPA** – This allows someone to manage your finances, such as buying or selling property, handling bank accounts, dealing with benefits, or paying debts. You can grant broad authority or limit it to specific tasks. If you choose a limited arrangement, the document must be drafted very carefully.
- **Health and welfare LPA** – This covers decisions about where you live, your daily care, and medical treatment. Unlike the financial LPA, it can only be used once you have lost mental capacity.

You don't need to set up both types at once, but you must make each LPA while you still have mental capacity. Whatever you choose, it's crucial to select your attorney or attorneys with care, as they may one day have significant control over your wellbeing or finances.

To create an LPA, you can either complete the forms online at gov.uk or download them. Each type, property and financial affairs, and health and welfare, requires its own separate form.

Once the forms are filled in, they must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG), and you may need to pay a registration fee. If everything has been completed correctly and no one raises objections after being notified, the OPG will register the LPA. This process can take around 20 weeks.

When registration is complete, the OPG will notify both you and your chosen attorneys, and the LPA can then be used if needed.

For more guidance on LPAs and other types of power of attorney, the Citizens Advice website offers clear and helpful information. <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/looking-after-people/managing-affairs-for-someone-else/>

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Take a charged mobile phone and charger or battery pack

3. Driving in strong winds

If you must drive, you can do this more safely by:

Driving slowly to minimise the impact of wind gusts

Be aware of high-sided vehicles/caravans

Keep both hands on the steering wheel

Give cyclists, motorcyclists, lorries and buses more room than usual

4. Staying safe at the coast

Check the weather forecast and tides in the local area

Beware of large waves, as they can sweep you off your feet

Take care on cliffs and keep dogs on a lead

5. Avoiding injury if you're out and about

Being outside in strong winds makes you more vulnerable to injury.

Stay indoors if possible

Try not to walk or shelter close to buildings or trees

Be aware of your surroundings

Be prepared for weather warnings to change quickly

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

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December: A Talk on Bell Ringing, by Neal Dodge

What are a Waist, a Fillet, a Stay and a Sally? Members found out when Neal Dodge gave an enthusiastic talk on the history and technique of bell-ringing. We heard about both the religious and the secular importance of bell-ringing and how change-ringing became a popular hobby after the Reformation. Dumbbells for exercise were invented literally as dumb-bells for practice.

There are 200 churches with bells in Suffolk and at a time before the internal combustion engine, church bells were probably the loudest peace-time sound; in 1640 England was referred to as The Ringing Island.

Members were very interested and question-time went on for some time. This was followed by a game of mystery pillowcases which was great fun.

January's meeting is the Birthday Party on Wednesday 14th at 7.00pm in the Priory Room, (book with Rachel).

Our next speaker is Wednesday 11th February: A Journey with Glass by Michelle Russell, in the Priory Room at 7.30pm

Judith Harlow

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



COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 11th January 2026.

Lunch will be Hunters Chicken with potato wedges and vegetables served at 1pm, followed by Lemon Cheesecake. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 8th January 2026.

Shirley White



POPPY COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year.

As always, my grateful thanks to all the wonderful collectors, who brave the weather to knock on doors.

The total collected (including the donations at the church service) was £2,833.76.

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EPIPHANY SINGERS

The Epiphany Singers Concert on Saturday 10th January and Choral Eucharist on Sunday 11th January.

This much anticipated event is nearly here and we are really looking forward to welcoming the singers over the Epiphany weekend and thanking them once again for travelling from far and wide to sing for us in our beautiful church. They'll be singing a number of our old favourites, both ancient and modern, especially 'The Three Kings' by Peter Cornelius, plus a selection of Epiphany Carols new to their concert repertoire.

David Hill will also put our organ through its paces with a couple of solos. Last year his Widor's Toccata was spectacular.

This year the event will be raising funds for repairs to the stonework around the St Catherine's chapel window which has been damaged by long term water ingress (now fixed). Your support is much appreciated.

Gabrielle Hunt



OPEN GARDENS TRUST FUNDING BIDS



This is a reminder that we are now open to bids for funding. We are inviting any properly constituted group, club or organisation to contact us with their costed ideas and projects.

We will carefully consider each application and the more detail you can provide the better. Please call us if you want to discuss your ideas beforehand.

Bids should be submitted by **28th February 2026**. You can email them to our Treasurer at garthharlow@outlook.com or drop hard copies through my letter box. The Trustees will be taking decisions in early March 2026.

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Dancing is good for us offering mental, physical and emotional health benefits. It provides an enjoyable way of exercising in a social environment, helps our balance and improves our memory.

All through the cold Winter months we meet for an hour and a half every Sunday evening to practice. Meeting on such a regular basis gives us the opportunity to form close friendships.

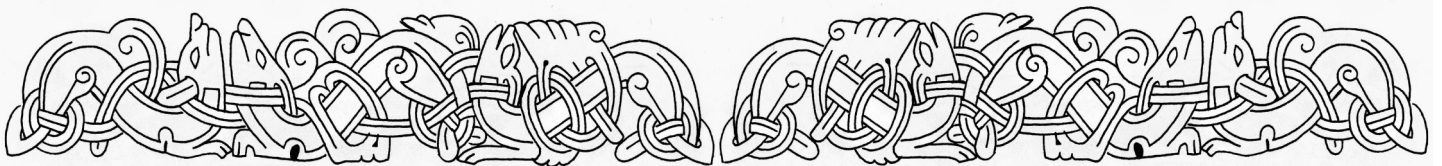
If you eventually feel confident enough you may like to join us giving displays during the year at dance festivals, W I's and various village events.

You can find us on Facebook, or contact us by email at janetbauer3545@gmail.com.

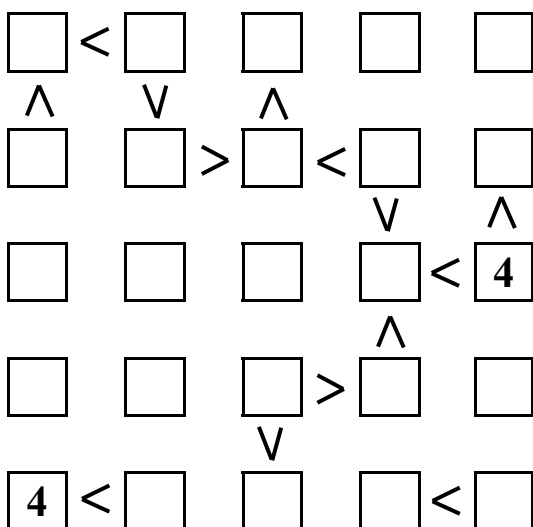
We look forward to meeting you on 25th January, with a promise it will be plenty of fun.

If you are a musician and would like to come along, we will be thrilled to have your company.

*Jan Robinson
Haughley Hoofers*



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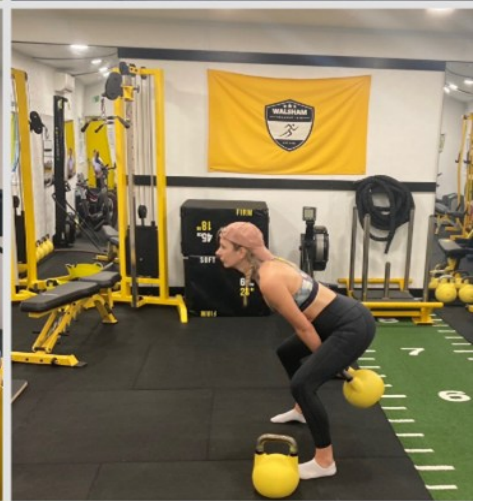
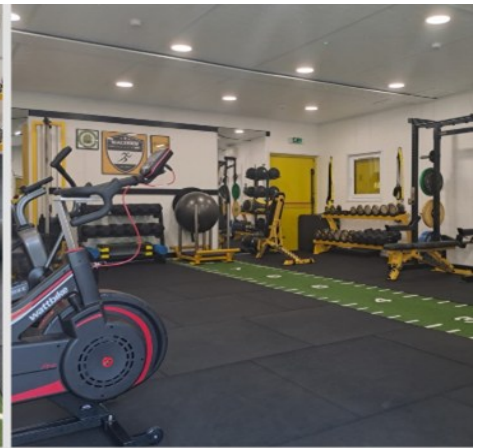


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Tickets will be available in **in the New Year from MVH coffee shop, Rolfes and watch out for online ticket sales.**

Price includes a selection of curries followed by dessert. Drinks available at a bar.

Kate Elliot will be our speaker with a talk entitled “**A Garden Love Affair**”

Kate began working at Columbine Hall near Stowupland, when she was 17 years old, in 1997 and the garden was in its infancy. Columbine hall is a 600 year old moated manor house, it has been the home of Hew Steveneson and his late wife Leslie Gedes-Brown, since 1993, who both were journalists.

Kate will share her journey of developing the garden over the last 29 years, planting a woodland, creating wildflower meadows, bog gardens, as well as yew parterres and a walled garden.

Alison Findlay



WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

Cakes, Ale and Partying: Feasting and Fundraising In Medieval Suffolk

What a knowledgeable and fluent speaker Kate Jewell was. ‘Cakes, Ales and Partying: Feasting and Fundraising in the Middle Ages’ was brought vividly to life with pictures and sounds from the era. Lords and Ladies of the Manor would entertain large numbers of people, comprising all their family, their personal staff and all those who worked their fields, along with their families, such huge quantities of food were required. She illustrated this by reference to local Lady Dame Alice de Bryene of Acton Hall; with a review of her 1412 New Year household accounts - 314 white loaves, 40 black loaves, 2 swans, 2 joints of meat, 24 capons, 17 coneys (rabbits), prodigious quantities of wine and ale. Apart from wine and ale (never water, which was dangerous to drink), we were told about Lambswool, a hot cider-based drink variety of wassail (a hot warm punch), made from ale, baked apples, sugar and spices, with a frothy top.

Entertainment was in the form of harp music through to a rowdy medieval English Drinking song ‘Bring us in Good Ale’. Mummers who were costumed performers would present masked and disguised plays and dances. A good times was had by all.

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December was very busy at the Memorial Village Hall. We started off the month by holding on the 3rd a pre-Christmas reception to thank the many volunteers who contribute to the ongoing success of the Walsham Observer each month, a successful evening enjoyed by all.

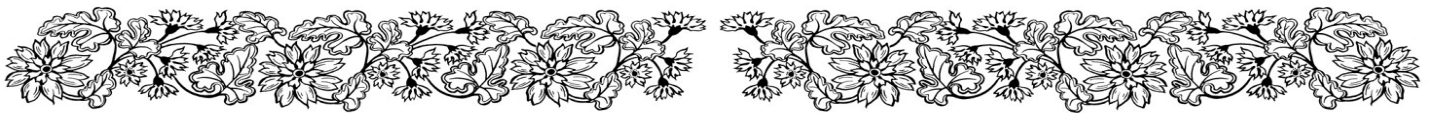
This was swiftly followed on the 8th December with the Community Christmas Lunch which saw nearly 60 attend. Everyone had a great day and we must again thank our wonderful chefs Sarah and Karen for the great job they do for this and all other events throughout the year.

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After the very busy last two months January looks fairly quiet but with the MVH's next Trustees meeting on Wednesday 7th January you can be sure we will be looking for new projects for 2026.

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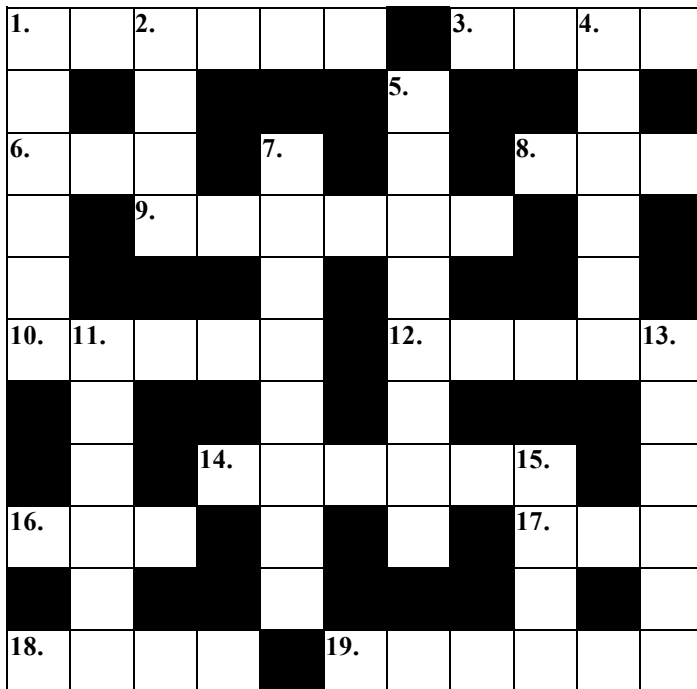
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JANUARY		APRIL	
Sat 10th	Epiphany Sigers St Mary's 7.30pm	Wed 8th	W.I. Sign Language Priory Room 7.30pm
Sun 11th	Epiphany Eucharist St Mary's 11.00am	Wed 13th	W.I. Annual Meeting Priory Room 7.30pm
FEBRUARY		Get your dates in the Diary early to avoid clashes!!	
Sat 7th	Wildwood Fundraiser Village Hall 7.00pm		
Wed 11th	W.I. A Journey with glass Priory Room 7.30pm		
Sat 14th	Drag Night Sports Club TBA		
MARCH			
Wed 11th	W.I. History of Food Priory Room 7,30pm		

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9. Confused trades looked hard for solutions. (6)
 10. The tarts make a good beginning. (5)
 12. A sooty companion. (5)
 14. Look to the heavens for a large star cluster. (6)
 16. Catch the returning number. (3)
 17. The fool strikes twice for the killer. (3)
 18. Sounds like plugs for the tool. (4)
 19. Made the silent to hear. (6)

DOWN

1. Follows the paths. (6)
 2. Serious fear sends the listeners into hiding. (4)
 4. Sounds like you should be on the lookout for second class clothing. (6)
 5. Is the plea sure to entertain. (8)
 7. Named as the best paid arrangement. (8)
 11. At last! (3,3)
 13. Each child is an individual. (6)
 15. Shoemakers work it till the end. (4)

ACROSS

1. Steps between the risers. (6)
 3. Can the graduate be such a small child? (4)
 6. I desired to have a title. (3)
 8. Was this tool found in lawless times? (3)

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th December 2025 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr. Winch

1. OPENING STATEMENT

Cllr Belson started the last meeting of the year by noting the workload over the past year by councillors (who are all unpaid) and the work generated also for the Clerk. Cllr Belson remarked that in his experience this workload has probably never been higher.

2. MEMBERS APOLOGIES

- a. No apologies received
- b. Acceptance of apologies – none needed

3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

- a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – Cllr Tuck – agenda item 10 c iii.
- b. Dispensation granted.

4. MINUTES - To receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)

- a. Minutes of budget meeting, 26th November 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and for signature.
- b. Actions outstanding from last meeting – none that are not being followed up.

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. One member of the public was present along with PC Colin Gedney from Stowmarket Community Policing Team.

- A resident asked what the Parish Council is doing about the recent traffic incidents/accidents at the main crossroads by the Six Bells. Cllr Winch explained all the painstaking work that has been done by Cllr Winch and the traffic working group and the ongoing nature of this project, referring to the information on the homepage of the village website. The concern about the crossroads not being included in the proposed changes to speed limits was addressed and it was acknowledged that this was something the Parish Council were very disappointed by. However, a proposal that would be likely to be approved had to be submitted based on advice from Highways engineers to try to ensure at least some measures were put in place. Also, it was noted that other engineered measures are being explored for the crossroads, but that the focus at the moment was getting the main speed reduction proposal approved.
- The resident also asked about the possibility of CCTV cameras in the village given the recent spate of burglaries. At this point PC Gedney joined the meeting and was able to advise that CCTV may be an option and any footage recorded

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was always potentially helpful with enquiries. PC Gedney advised that any individuals or businesses that installed their own CCTV would be helping to deter crime and could provide evidence that might help the police. As to how general CCTV should or could be implemented and by whom needs to be explored carefully. PC Gedney indicated that CCTV can cover the highway and the police do not get involved in data protection issues re the data collected. He noted that CCTV can be problematic where there are neighbour disputes. DC Winch confirmed that this has been an issue in some parishes. The idea of CCTV coverage to be put onto the next agenda to decide how best to explore this issue.

- PC Gedney was also able to confirm that there has been a spate of burglaries across Norfolk and Suffolk just recently but that this is a nationwide problem that often increases at this time of year with the benefit of cover of darkness. There have been 20-25 reported across Norfolk and Suffolk since November and there is a lot going on behind the scenes across policing boundaries to address this. PC Gedney pointed to the Crime Map on the Suffolk police website. The idea of CCTV coverage to be put onto the next agenda to decide how best to explore this issue. And that CCTV can cover the highway, the police do not get involved in data protection issues re the data collected and he noted that CCTV can actually provoke neighbour disputes. PC Gedney also explained the relatively recent changes to policing and the return of a focus on Community Policing. The Community Policing team deals with ‘out of court’ matters and emergency calls are routed via 999 to the response investigation teams. He said the aim was to visit every one of the Parish Council meetings on his patch at least twice per year. He will be visiting local businesses disseminating crime prevention advice. His patch covers a large area of Stowmarket, Mid, North and East Suffolk. The Parish Council thanked PC Gedney for his attendance and the Clerk obtained his contact details.

6. DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS

- a. County Councillor Fleming was not present, and no report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- b. District Councillor Winch raised two issues:
 - Cllr Mecrow asked for clarification regarding the MSDC budget to support nature recovery. Cllr. R Winch gave some clarification but was waiting for final details before giving a definitive answer.
 - Cllr Belson wanted to make the point that historically one member of the planning department would deal with all the applications from one area which increased their local knowledge. For the planning applications outstanding, seven different members of the planning department are involved. He felt this was a recipe for chaos. DC Winch said he would take this back for consideration.

7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS

a. Traffic Group

- i. The report from the Traffic group was noted and the two questions were considered:

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- Qn1: The Parish Council noted that it was happy to wait for the conservation area EV chargers and hope this comes to fruition, rather than seeking another location at this point.
 - Qn2: It was decided that the Parish Council should invite the two cabinet members who will decide on the submitted traffic proposal to 1 meeting with representatives of the Parish Council and Cllr Fleming to further inform the decision-making process. Also to ask Cllr Fleming if she had spoken with them. Clerk to write.
- ii. The High Sheriff's funding stream for traffic project funding was noted for future reference.
 - iii. It was noted that the application for a licence to install village gates on Badwell Road and Summer Road has been put forward for approval.
 - iv. Cllr Tuck proposed that the Parish Council purchase one more speed indicator device from Elan City for £2,250 (as per documents that Cllr Tuck brought to the last meeting) which includes a negotiated £250 discount for the purchase of just one unit. This was approved. Cllr Tuck to provide the details to the Clerk who will place the order. Before placing the order, the Clerk will check with the relevant authority if they would agree to us moving the Speed Indicator Device pole on Summer Road (outbound) by three meters to make a solar powered device feasible.

b. Community Emergency Plan (CEP) Group

- i. Cllrs Brookes and Bartholomew, spoke to the circulated updated.
 - Ben Wilding happy to run an exercise to test CEP procedures, although he can only do normal working hours after 23rd February. Tuesday and Friday mornings would be the days we need as the Memorial Hall, as emergency rest centre is available. Cllr Brookes to follow up.
 - The group is still recruiting additional new volunteers. A springtime recruiting campaign is planned.
 - A visit to Little Willows pre-school was successful and the school is planning to formulate their own emergency plan using the Parish Council plan as the spur.
 - It was noted that the group would now focus on other matters but would probably not now do another plan update at this stage.

c. Flood Mitigation Group

- i. The natural flood management report sent by Helen George to local landowners was noted.
- ii. Some local landowners are clearly very committed to doing all they can to mitigate future flood events. Other measures are planned under the guidance of the SCC floods team and Environment Agency. The Parish Council are very pleased with the ideas put forward so far and are keen to see this continue.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS

- a. Standing item to consider changes to neighbourhood plan to be documented for next review: Responses to call for sites consultation were passed to Cllr Belson

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for collation and reporting back.

Cllr. Mecrow wanted to make the point that he felt the Parish Council unnecessarily rushed to publication of the consultation which should have gone back to Council for approval before publication. This was noted by all including the Clerk.

- b. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/05284 Proposal: notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - Acer tree in middle of garden. In need of crowning and pruning to reduce height of Yew tree close to house. In need of branches removed from side so they are not rubbing the roof Tortured willow in drive is damaging drive and boundary wall so in need of sufficient pollarding to control growth. Location: Sideways The Street Walsham le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ. **The Parish Council Made No Comment**

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

- a. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/04523 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 5 No. Lawson Cypress (T29, T30, T32, T33, T37), Remove low branches of 4 No. Yew (T39,T40,T44,T45) and lift crown to provide 3m clearance for public footpath , Remove laurel hedging (T41 / T72), Reduce Crown of 1no Yew (T24) by 1m, Prune 1 No. Yew (T25), Fell 1 No. Crab Apple (T7), Remove steams of 1 No. Norwegian Maple (T9), Reduce crown of 1 No. Laurel (T 19/T23) remove overhanging branches, Re -coppice 3 No. Hazel (T20/T21/T22) back to previous points Location: Maltings House, The Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **MSDC Raised No Objection**

- b. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/25/04690 Proposal: Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area - Please see application form. Location: Willows House, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AH. **MSDC Raised No Objection**

- c. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/04531 Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of single storey extension to an existing office building. Location: The Stables, Summer Road, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP313AH. **MSDC Raised No Objection**

10. FINANCE, AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN

- a. Bank reconciliation for period ending 30th November 2025 was approved and signed.
- b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment. (Appendix 1) were approved and signed.
- c. Following Budget meeting:
- The response from the insurance company re the cover for the closed churchyard is as yet inconclusive. This was noted.
 - The Clerk has not yet contacted Nurture Landscapes re the Parish Council's proposals on alteration of the contract. Clerk to action for next meeting.
 - The approaches to be made in relation to closed churchyard maintenance costs were considered. Clerk to follow up.



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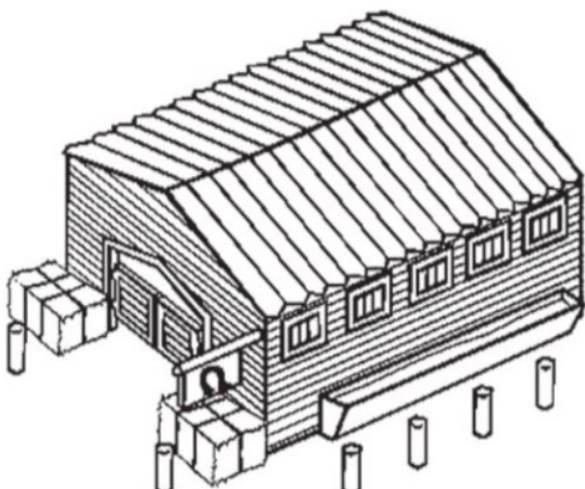
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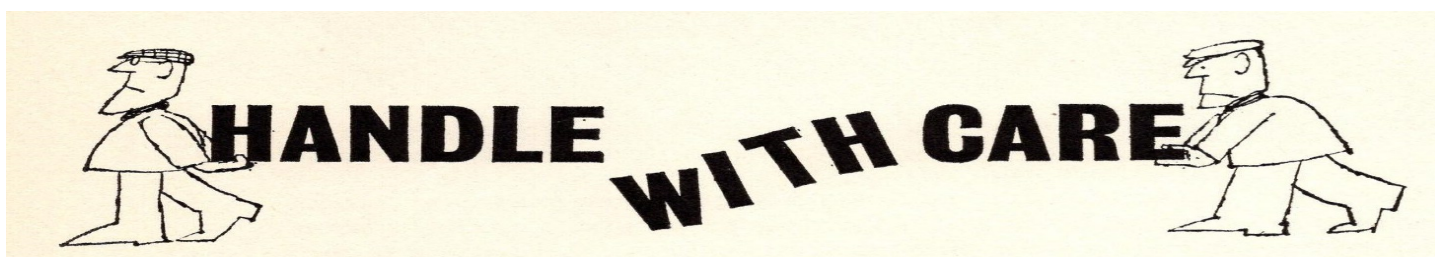


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- iv. The response from SALC re benchmarking of the pay of clerks against precept requirement was noted. Cllr. Bartholomew will look at the accounts for some other parishes and report back to next meeting.
 - v. Cllr. Belson had not yet been able to review for any tree works required to closed churchyard. A report will be brought to the next meeting.
 - d. Annual Asset Maintenance Review – Two councillors have returned the signed paperwork for annual asset maintenance reviews that have been carried out based on the decision of parish councillors to make this an annual task to be shared amongst all councillors. The Clerk has received emails from other councillors regarding their reviews and will consider this as completed as best it will be this year. These emails will be submitted to the auditor if requested.
11. CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere)
- a. Clerk's action log – nothing that is not in hand
 - b. The draft map for visitor Walsham Walks signage was reviewed and the Clerk asked that this be reviewed once more for any errors before it is submitted for printing. Cllr Belson to review and advise the Clerk who will then submit this and other signage templates to the printers. The successful application for Pride in Your Place Funding for this was noted. Clerk to add WleW logo and note of sponsorship by the Parish Council.
 - c. The request for financial assistance for the repair of rotten footbridge on the permissive path at Four Ashes was discussed. The Parish Council very much wants to support this and before coming to a decision asked the Clerk to write to the landowner for more information and to express the appreciation of the Parish Council for the intention to maintain and repair these much used bridges.
 - d. The successful application for listing of Six Bells as an Asset of Community Value which applies until 30 November 2030, was noted.
 - e. The delay to the mayoral elections was noted with some amusement.
12. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA
- a. Next Parish Council Meeting - Monthly - 14th January 2026 7pm – Memorial Hall
 - b. Cllr Mecrow noted the return of the parking of a car transporter overnight on The Street outside St Mary's church. Clerk was asked to approach PC Gedney for advice.
 - c. Cllr Mecrow raised an issue regarding the removal a wooden bar which prevents cattle getting out of the field at the cattle stile on the footbridge from Ixworth Road over the stream leading to Noah's Ark. Cllr Mecrow to let landowner know and report back.

Meeting Close 20:50



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#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
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2	Parish Council Employee	£1109.71	Remuneration
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5	Parish Online	£60.00	Mapping Software
6	2Borders Pest Control	£75.00	Mole catching in closed churchyard
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the **Budget Setting** meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2025 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required)
None
2. APOLOGIES
a. None received.
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda – none received
a. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate – none required.
3. MINUTES
a. The minutes of 12th November 2025 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting for signing.
4. PUBLIC FORUM - 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 the public were present.
5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS
 - a. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/04531 Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of single storey extension to an existing office building Location: The Stables, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AH WAS CONSIDERED AT LAST MEETING AND NO COMMENT WAS RECORDED
 - b. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/25/05082 Proposal: Householder Application - Install an EV charger point Location: The Rosary, Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BS THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT
 - c. APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/25/05059 Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Works to the right hand side and rear of the cottage in order to improve drainage in the ground around the cottage. This will involve digging a new 'French' drain, removal of some hard render, damp proofing measures and re-rendering internally and externally. There will be no change to visible appearance of the Cottage, internally or externally. The works on the exterior are below ground level. This will reduce some recurring internal damp issues in one corner of one room in the cottage. That room is around 3 feet below ground level at the rear reducing to 1 foot below ground level at the side towards the front. Location: Willow Cottage, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTED THIS

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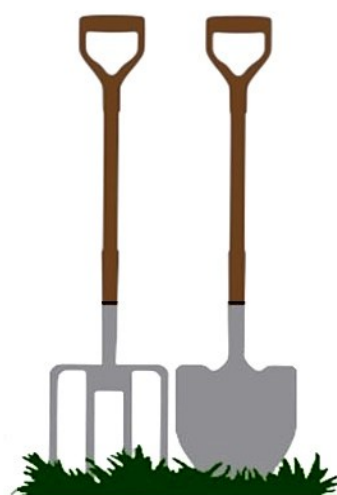
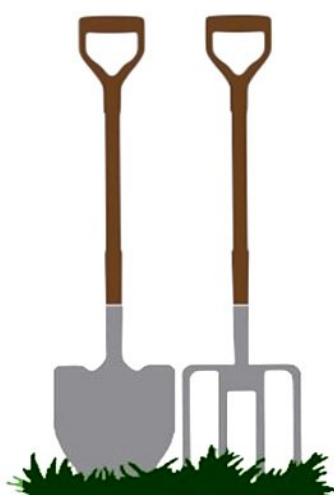
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APPLICATION

7. SETTING OF BUDGET & RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Clerk referred to correspondence relevant to the setting of the budget for 2026/27 and which had been used to complete the draft budget. This was noted.
- b. The draft 2026/27 budget prepared by the Clerk against projected spend to year end 2025/26, was considered and some amendments made.
- c. The Budget for 2026/27 was set as: Income: 36,835.40; Expenditure £42,788.40 leaving a deficit of £5,953.00 to be funded from reserves. Reserves were reviewed and re-designated leaving a £10,000 earmarked reserve for Road Safety.
- d. The Precept for 2026/27 was set at £26,722, which is an increase of 4% equating to 4% for a Band D Dwelling (£1.91)
 - The Clerk was asked to request benchmarking figures for Clerk salaries against precept.
 - The Clerk was asked to enquire of the PC's insurers, to what extent the Closed Churchyard wall was covered.
 - Requested that Clerk add to next agenda the question of closed churchyard wall maintenance.

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

- a. The completed Speed Reduction Proposal compiled by SCC was considered. An amendment stressing the need for enhanced road safety to reduce accidents and the Parish Council's desire to proactively prevent accidents in the parish was suggested by Cllr Mecrow and approved by the PC. Cllr Winch to add this before final submission of the application for decision by SCC.
- b. Any other matters of concern/note or for next agenda.
 - Cllr J. Winch noted that EV chargers scheme that is available is considered to not be suitable for conservation areas. New designs are being worked on specifically for conservation areas.
 - Christmas street- lighting requests – no changes required to lighting arrangements.
- c. Next Monthly Parish Council Meeting – 10th December 2025 7pm – Memorial Hall.
- d. Meeting close at 21:04





WALSHAM SPORTS CLUB EVENTS FOR

January & February

Sunday Night Bingo

4th and 18th January

1st & 15th February

7pm start

Drag Night

Galantines Drag Night

Saturday 14th February

Further Details to follow

**For further information phone
Tara on 07972 607843 or look
at the Sports Club Website**



Horace: I see that those Epiphany Singers are returning for a concert in St Mary's. on Saturday 10th at 7.30 pm.

Algernon: Yes, but get here early and with a cushion, if you have a tender posterior!!



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WHAT'S ON AT THE BLUE BOAR

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13th Fickle pickle band from 8:30pm

18th £5 curry night

24th Christmas dinner takeaway available (**Prebook**)

24th Xmas Eve disco from 7:30

25th Christmas Day dinners (**Prebook**) also open for drinks from 12pm

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FROM ST MARY'S

As I sit down to write this month's letter, I find myself wondering where the last year went?

It seems only moments ago that we were opening the first doors on our Advent calendars, preparing our hearts and homes for Christmas. Yet here we are again, standing at the threshold of another New Year. Time has a habit of slipping by quietly, doesn't it? But perhaps that is part of its gift: each year ends, and with God's grace, each year begins anew.

The turning of the calendar offers us something precious, a fresh start. The chance to pause, reflect, and gently consider what kind of people we want to be in the months ahead. Some of us set New Year's resolutions; others simply aim to take life a little more thoughtfully. Whether your goals are bold or humble, I pray that this season brings you hope, encouragement, and the reassurance that God walks with us into every new beginning.

At St Mary's, we have journeyed together through Advent's quiet expectation, into Christmas's joyful celebration, and now on toward Epiphany the season of revelation, light, and recognising Christ's presence in the world. Epiphany reminds us that God's guidance often comes like the star the Magi followed: steady, gentle, and just bright enough to show the next step.

I'm delighted that we will once again mark this beautiful season with our Epiphany traditions. On 10th January, we will enjoy the much-loved Epiphany Singers' Concert, a highlight for many in the village (and beyond) and a wonderful way to continue the spirit of Christmas. Then, on 11th January, we gather for our Epiphany Service, as we reflect on the gifts we can bring into the new year: kindness, faithfulness, patience, generosity, and love. I hope that you can join us for what is always a special weekend.

As we look ahead, may we do so with open hearts. May the year to come bring moments of joy, opportunities to serve, and deeper connections with one another. And may we always remember that even in the quickest of years, God's presence remains constant.

A very happy and blessed New Year to you all

With every blessing,

Revd Catriona



ST MARY'S CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tue 13th January
9am till 10.30am

TEA AND TOAST TUESDAYS

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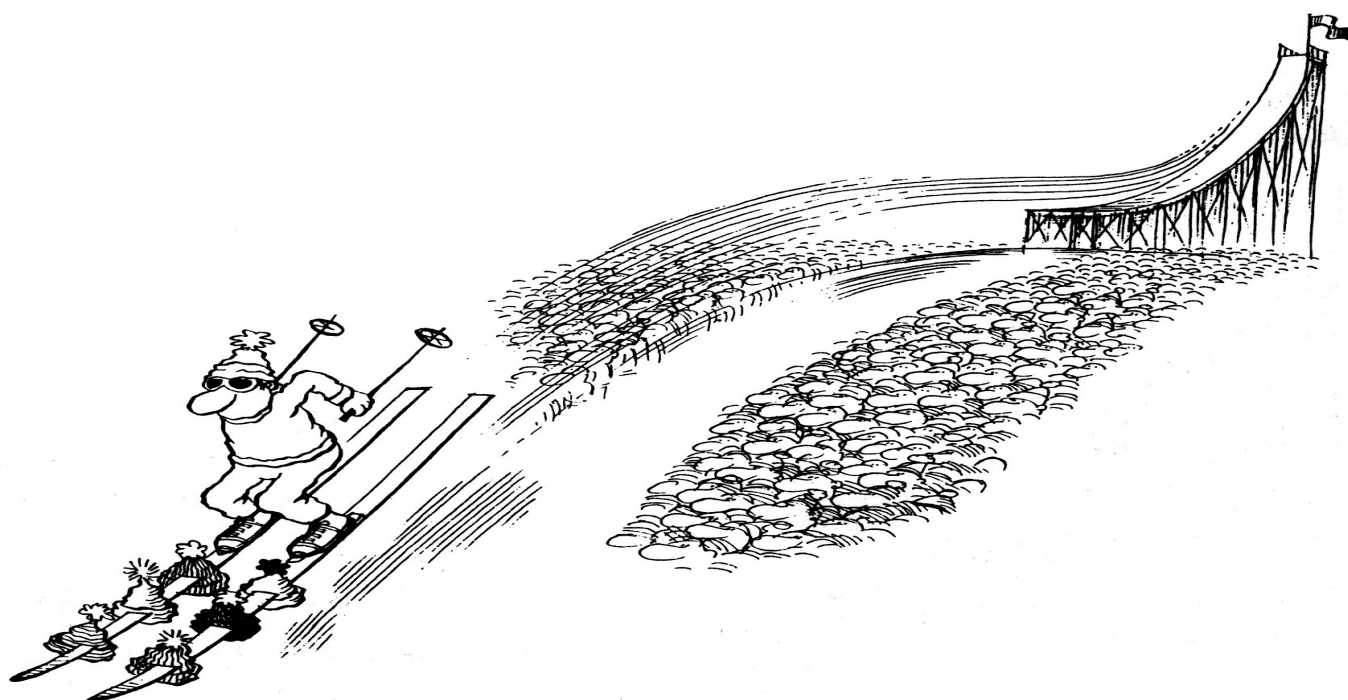
Roots and Shoots

**Sun 4th January &
Sunday 1st February**
10am till 11am

**For more information please contact Revd Catriona on 07525920307
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JANUARY CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
28th Dec	1st Sunday of Christmas	Walsham
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
4th Jan	2nd Sunday of Christmas	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
10:00am	Roots and Shoots	Walsham
10th Jan	Epiphany Singers Concert	Walsham
11th Jan	1st Sunday of Epiphany	
11:00am	Epiphany Eucharist	Walsham
18th Jan	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11:00am	Joint Holy Communion to reaffirm our covenant together	Wattisfield URC
25th Jan	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
3:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
1st Feb	4th Sunday of Epiphany	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
10:00am	Roots and Shoots	Walsham
11:00am	Candlemas Communion	Walsham



GREEN DILEMMAS

Is Our Food System Broken?

This might seem an odd question to ask given that you can go to any supermarket and get a vast choice of foods at very competitive prices. However, when you look at some of the facts about our food system the reality is quite alarming.

Obesity and diet-related diseases like diabetes are a major problem in the UK. We have very high rates of obesity, with two-thirds of adults either overweight or obese. One in five children start primary school overweight or obese, and the figure rises to nearly a third of children by the time they leave. Poor diets are estimated to cost the economy about £270 billion annually from increased health and welfare costs and the significant impact on productivity.

The affordability of food is a major factor in addressing this problem. Lower income families currently spend around 20% of their income on food and that could rise to well over 50% if healthy diet recommendations were followed.

Recent shocks like the pandemic and the war in Ukraine have brought into focus the issue of food security. About 60% of UK food supply in terms of value is from domestic production (a lot of it in food manufacturing) but for foods like fruits and vegetables the figure is only 16%. Even though roughly 70% of land in the UK is used for farming, UK agriculture represents about only about 0.6% of GDP. This fact alone indicates how little of what we spend is actually going to the part of the food chain actually growing our food.

UK farming currently faces significant financial instability, with falling incomes, policy uncertainty, and environmental challenges. A recent "Farm Profitability Review" presented to the government in late 2025 calls for urgent action to boost farmer income, noting that half of farms earn below the median household income.

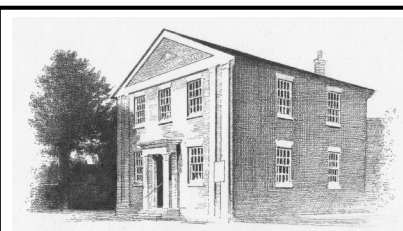
On top of this we have the impact of climate change. Three of the five worst harvests on record have now occurred since 2020.

The industrialisation of farming since the Second World War has had catastrophic impacts on biodiversity. The abundance of monitored species has declined by nearly 20% since 1970. There are new grant schemes to try and address this but it's not clear how the balance between environmental protection and food production is being assessed nationally.

The food industry is dominated by the large food retailers (over 90% of food retailing is controlled by 6 companies) and the large food and drinks manufacturers. They would argue that they are just responding to consumer demand. It's hard however not to be concerned about the general deteriorating health of the population and the long-term viability of farming which is core to healthier diets and our food security.

Richard Winch





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We are open for worship each Sunday at 11.00 & 6.30 so why not come along? Please be assured of a warm welcome; it would be lovely to see you.

Without Excuse

In his day, Francis Egerton the 6th Earl & 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, was the wealthiest nobleman in England, and he used his wealth to build 'Bridgewater Canal', which remains thriving to this day. When opened in 1761 this was the first true canal of the English Industrial Revolution and was used to transport coal from his mines in Worsley to Manchester and Liverpool.

While the canal was being built the Duke came to view the progress of the work and, to his dismay, found a gang of workmen still resting well after one o'clock (lunch was normally between twelve noon and one o'clock). When asked to explain their conduct, their excuse was that they hadn't heard the clock strike one. They had missed the single chime from the church tower in the nearby town of Worsley. The Duke, who was an industrious man, could not tolerate idleness and was not impressed by what had taken place so, to prevent the same thing happening again, he ordered that the clock should be modified to strike thirteen instead of one. In other words, the men were left without excuse – no-one could ever say again that they had missed the chime for the end of lunch break at one o'clock.

The same is sadly true for any who are unsaved – God's clock has struck thirteen as a warning. As the church clock has chimed for midnight and another year begins, it has to be said that we too are without excuse because, although we have been given sufficient time to be saved, we still may not be ready for eternity. Why does God give us this time on earth? That is a good question, and we must consider it carefully. It is not so that we can strive to become rich or famous, nor is it to live a life for sin, pleasure, and self: to think that all there is the 'here and now' is a tragic mistake. The precious gift of time is given for a more noble purpose: time is given to worship Almighty God and to prepare for eternity – can we honestly say we have done this? Maybe we have lived forty, fifty, sixty or more years of time but it has all slipped through the fingers without being saved and having a right relationship with God. Perhaps life can be summed up by the words of this hymn?

Many summers you have wasted; ripened harvests have you seen;

Winter snows by spring have melted, yet you linger in your sin.

We often may ask: "What time is it?" As another year of our life passes and a new one begins, the answer is plain and clear – **"For it is time to seek the LORD"** (Hosea 10:12). God himself says, **"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me"** (Proverbs 8:17) and we are told, **"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"** 2 Corinthians 6:2). We do not know if we will be graciously given another full year, in fact we are even warned, **"Boast not thyself of tomorrow"** (Proverbs 27:1) so, come in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ and in repentance of sin, ensuring that all is well with your soul.

What better way could there be to start a new year than to seek God, through his word, in the pages of the Holy Bible? If you do not have a Bible of your own, and would appreciate one, let us remind you that free copies are available from our **'Bible Box'** in the front porch of the chapel building.

So that they are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)

WILDLIFE IN JANUARY

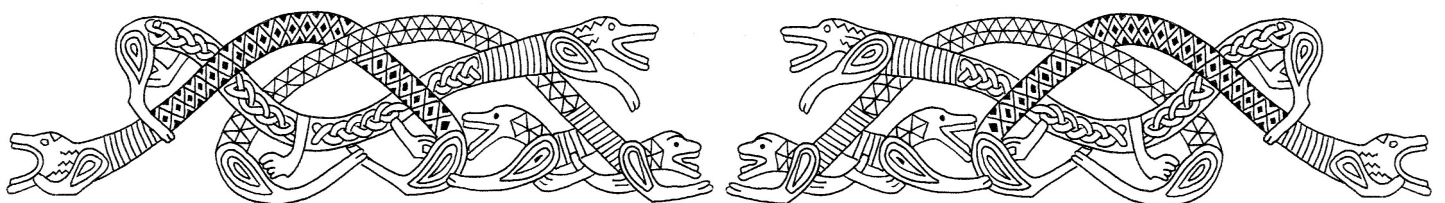
Happy new year everyone! Where did last year go! January may seem gloomy and not much happening but go for a woodland walk and see if you can spot Pixie Cup Lichen. It is an interesting one found in woodland areas, this Lichen belongs in the group of Fruticose which means bushy. The Pixie cups are greenish-grey in colour, with a stalk at the bottom going into a funnel or a miniature looking goblet at the top. The surface has an interesting texture, grainy as though it has been pebble dashed. You will see several of these in small groups, quite low to the ground. Lichen are hardy and they do not die off in the Winter months but simply shut down and lay dormant until the weather improves. They grow extremely slowly and can live a very long time. Lichen have been found to survive in Antarctica, and the oldest known specimens were found in the Arctic which were 8,600 years old. Lichen come in different forms, Crustose (crusty), Foliose (leafy), or Fruticose (bushy, hairy, stringy).

If you look into the water, it may look like nothing much is going on below the surface, but this is spawning season to our largest predatory fish, the Pike. The largest ever caught in Britain weighed 46lb, but a huge head of one was found in Loch Ettrick in Scotland and was estimated to weigh over 80lb! No wonder these fish have given life to tales of biting swimmers and eating pet dogs. This time of the year they are too busy gathering in the shallows of lakes to lay and fertilise their eggs. Several males will pursue a much bigger female, with each trying to get close enough to shed milt (sperm) over the newly laid eggs. Look out for sudden splashing and thrashing around, and if you keep still and the water is clear you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of them.

Thanks to its beautifully patterned, bark like plumage, the Treecreeper is one of the easiest woodland birds to overlook. Things are not helped by its mousy demeanour. It quietly inches up trunks and along and under branches, gripping the bark tightly with its extra long, strong claws, it could almost be part of the tree. The species feeds on Insects and Spiders it finds from the crevices. In the Winter, the Treecreeper's behaviour changes. It joins mixed flocks of Great, Blue, Coal and Long tailed Tits, moving through woods with them in search of food. The treecreeper is more of a flock follower, since it stays on the edges of the group, and usually there will be only one or two Treecreepers per flock making them even harder to spot. Listen out for a high-pitched 'srree' sound to distinguish them from the other birds. Being in a flock is worth it though, because there are more eyes to spot danger.

Put a shallow bowl of water out for wildlife, one mammal will be incredibly grateful for this, which is the Hedgehog. Not all Hedgehogs hibernate and now with our temperatures up and down some will wake up periodically for a drink and some food. With not a lot of natural food around during these Winter months and last years Autumn Juveniles struggling to survive, put out cat/dog wet/dry meaty food to help.

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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team thrashed Stowmarket Town 4-0 in a very one sided local Derby. However they then lost 3-1 at home to league leaders Mulbarton Wanderers in the fourth round of the League Challenge Cup.

In the League we travelled to Kirkley and Pakefield and won 2-0. Both goals coming in the second half. Walsham lost their latest game at home to second placed Soham Town Rangers 3-0.

The Under 23s lost 5-3 to Lakenheath in the league.

The Under 18s lost their latest league game 3-0 away to league leaders Hadleigh United.

The Vets played Bury Town away and lost 6-3 having been 3-3 with ten minutes to go.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures for January

First Team

Sat 10th v Heacham 3pm

Sat 24th v Woodbridge Town 3pm

Under 18s

Thurs 8th v Needham Market 7.45pm

Thurs 22nd v Felixstowe 7.45pm

Thurs 29th v Stowmarket Town. 7.45pm

Under 23s

Sat 3rd v Woodbridge Town 3pm

Sat 17th v Framlingham Town 3pm

Sat 31st v Brantham Athletic 3pm

Gordon Ross



BOWLS CLUB REPORT

Although it is only January the new Bowls season will be upon us before we know it so, to that end, we have entered teams in the Stowmarket Leagues played on Monday evenings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and also in the Thursday Evening Bury League, not to mention the various County and Club competitions that will also be competed for, so plenty of action on the horizon.

We intend to open up the Clubhouse on Saturday February 21st from 10am to 12 noon for any existing or new members who wish to come down and register in person for the 2026 season - Tea and Coffee will be available with a chance to also have a first look at the Kitchen area improvements.

Membership forms will also be sent to those who can't make the date above so please contact either of the following if you require one:

Adie Cole - Treasurer email adiecole35@gmail.com Mobile: 07908 170238

Angela Whiting - Secretary email angelawhiting5@gmail.com Mobile: 07498 283503

A reminder that the Bowls Section will be sponsoring the Walsham v Fakenham football match on Saturday 7th February 2026, several members have already shown an interest to attend so if you wish to be included please contact either of the above or Chairman Trevor Pollard.

Carpet Bowls restarts on the 7th January. 2pm start at the Sports Club.

Adie Cole

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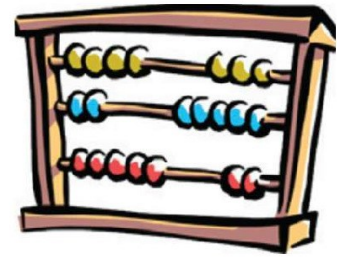
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Walking Football Sports Club
8:00pm till 9:00pm

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

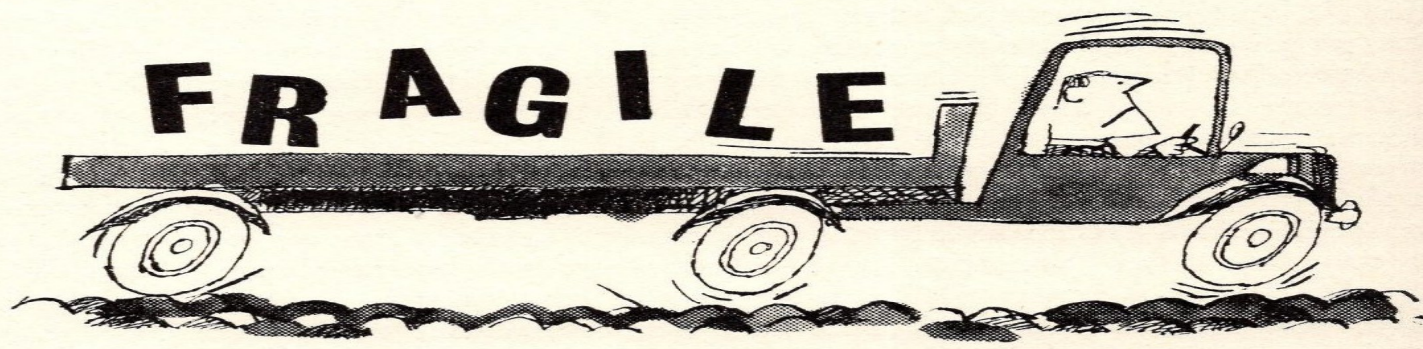
Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till 12.30pm
Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon
Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm
Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm
Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



From 1200 to 1900 what was the most popular boy's name?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. 6 – 8 weeks, 2. Isle of Wight, 3. You dirty rat, 4. Nazi Germany, 5. By the tail,
6. Husbands or wives, 7. They have antlers, 8. Sir Thomas More, 9. Three,
10. Lenin, 11. Bumps on the head, 12. A scarecrow, 13. Haemophilia, 14. White,
15. At different poles, 16. Michigan, 17. About, 18. Sir Frances Drake, 19. Fish,
20. Vulcanology, 21. General Issue, 22. Emperor, 23. Waterfalls, 24. Six,
25. Mississippi, 26. In V formation, 27. France, 28. George Bernard Shaw,
29. Twenty-three, 30. Gustav Mahler, 31. Jezebel, 32. Hound,
33. Golden Gate Bridge, 34. Aeroflot, 35. Apache, 36. Circus performer,
37. The BBC, 38. Cynthia Payne, 39. Hobbits, 40. The Windy City, 41. Eton,
42. Jill, 43. A kilt, 44. Mad Max, 45. New York & London, 46. William,
47. Michael Bond, 48. Goose, 49. Bishop,

Sudoku

3	5	9	6	8	1	2	7	4
7	8	4	3	9	2	5	1	6
2	6	1	4	7	5	3	9	8
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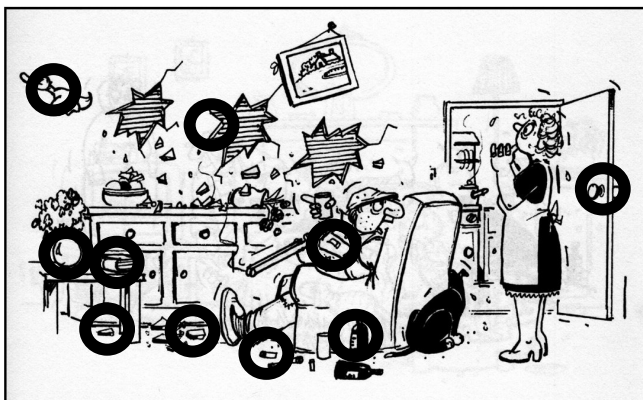
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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ahead	And	Are	Area	Arena
Ark	Bead	Beak	Bean	Beard
Bed	Ben	Bend	Berk	Bra
Brae	Brake	Braked	Bread	Break
Dan	Dean	Dear	Deb	Den
Drake	Ear	End	Era	Had
Hake	Hand	Hander	Hard	Harden
Hare	Hared	Hark	Harked	Harken
Head	Hear	Heard	Hen	Herb
Kean	Ken	Kerb	Near	Rake
Raked	Read	Red	Rend	

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The Community Council committee
welcome you to the

MVH Coffee Shop In the Garden and the Hall

Open every Thursday

From a time of 10.30am to 12.30pm

The Post Office van is there

From 11:00am till 12:00pm

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