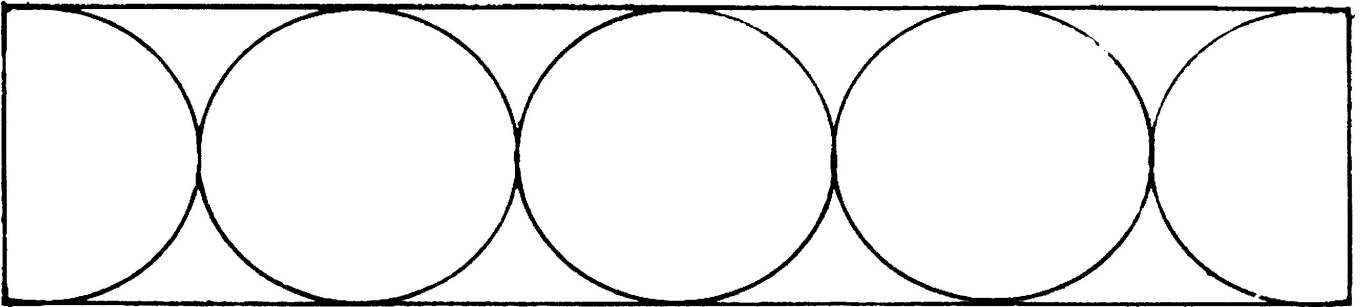
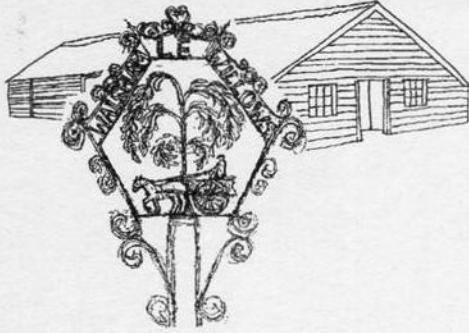


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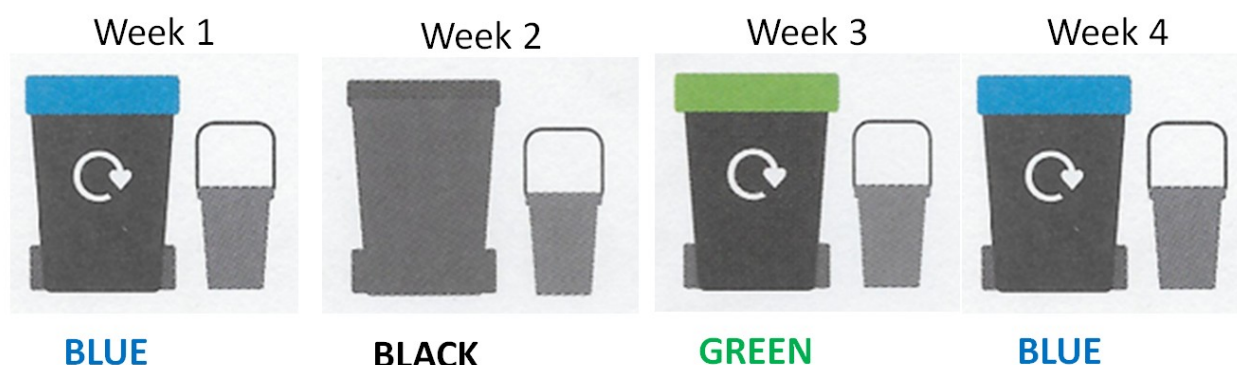
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EDITORIAL

As some of you will be aware our esteemed Editor has not been too well of late so I have stepped into the hot seat for this month's edition of the Observer.

I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing Ian T a speedy recovery and that normal editorial service will resume upon his return. In the meantime please bear with us if this month's edition doesn't quite meet previous standards or expectations. Many thanks to all our regular contributors who got their articles to me well in advance of the normal deadline as this was a great help.

As you read through this month's magazine you will see several requests for new volunteers to help support various village organisations. Our many volunteers are the life blood of our community and without them our numerous village organisations just wouldn't exist. So, if you have any time to spare please seriously consider volunteering to help sustain their future.

Turning to this month's events, the cinema returns to the Memorial Hall on Friday 5th June when the Wild Woods team will be presenting the film "Six Inches of Soil". Admission is free and the doors open at 7:00pm.

The Sports Club will be holding their Beer, Gin & Cider Festival from 4:00pm on Friday 5th June, please see page 22 for more details.

Later in the month on Wednesday 17th the History Group have arranged a live demonstration of "Piping in the Great War" in St. Mary's Church, full details are also on page 22.

The AGM for both the Community Council and the Memorial Hall will be held on Wednesday 24th at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall and all village residents are invited to attend.

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

This half term we have had our Science Day which was absolutely fantastic! The children all took part in science investigations to try to answer big questions that really promoted awe and wonder and helped children to think scientifically. Miss Brophy was a bit apprehensive about getting water poured over her head though...

The company who ran it said our children were very well behaved and were astounded at the answers they gave, demonstrating they were very knowledgeable for their age. The children in Caterpillars have looked at the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and writing leaflets and instructions. In maths, they are adding and subtracting numbers to 20. In geography they are looking at maps and atlases and finding out about the explorer Charles Darwin in history.

Ladybird Class are looking at different poems in English. In maths they are looking at money, fractions and time and are exploring animals and camouflage in science. They are learning athletic skills in PE and learning about Judaism in RE.

Dragonfly Class have been learning about Life Through the Ages and what life was like during the Stone Age. They have rewritten their own version of Stone Age Boy and have looked at fractions, money and time in maths. In PE they are practising their tennis and athletics skills.

Grasshopper Class are looking at the lives of the Greeks and making a timeline along with some Grecian temples. In maths, they are working with fractions and have brown spider plant in science.

Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs and we are so proud of their resilience and determination. We are having a sleepover in school with an organised event of activities the following day for all year 5 and 6 pupils.

Our theme for Collective Worship for after half term is Responsibility and Vicar Cat continues to visit us weekly which the children look forward to.

If you wish to make an appointment to visit or would like more information about our school, please contact Mrs. McGarr or Mrs. Pascoe, on 01359 259319 or by e-mail admin@walsham-le-willows.suffolk.sch.uk We would love to hear from you!

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 8th June 2026. Lunch will be Cold meats, Coronation chicken, Poached salmon, Potato salad, Coleslaw and mixed salad served at 1pm, followed by Eton Mess with strawberries and raspberries.

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All our regular fitness activities continue throughout the month of June and all are clearly enjoyed by participants. However it's especially noticed by those playing bowls on a Monday evening that there seems to be great fun at the Zumba class with music and dance echoing around the Hall.

Our regular Thursday coffee mornings remain a great success with the new 'summer menu' and our 'takeaway' option is also popular. We hope the weather improves so many can take the benefit of taking the sun outside in our lovely garden. As a point of note we are still looking for a volunteer gardener to take over from Gordon at the end of summer when he retires so if you are interested please get in touch.

The Community Lunch on Monday 11th May was, yet again, very well attended with close to 40 having a wonderful 'fish pie' lunch. Again we are already taking bookings for the next one on Monday 8th June.

Apart from our regular first Wednesday in the month MVH meeting it's AGM time again so please note details below. This apart the Parish Council hold their meeting on 10th June and again a couple of birthday parties are also booked.

All village residents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Walsham le Willows Community Council (charity number 278321) and Memorial Hall Walsham le Willows (charity number 304950) on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 7:30 pm in the Memorial Hall Walsham le Willows.

Rob Matthews – Honorary Secretary

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A major warning sign is exactly what you experienced: being told that returns must be sent to China or another overseas location at your own expense. International return shipping can be extremely costly, sometimes costing almost as much as the item itself. Many customers decide it simply is not worth paying the fee, which is exactly what these companies rely on. By making refunds difficult and expensive, they can keep customers' money while avoiding accountability.

Another issue is that when sellers operate from outside the UK, enforcing UK consumer protection laws becomes far more complicated. Although companies may market directly to British consumers, recovering money or taking legal action can be difficult if the business is based overseas.

To avoid falling victim to similar scams in future, it is important to do some research before buying from unfamiliar retailers. Check independent review websites and search engines rather than relying solely on testimonials displayed on the company's own website. Be cautious of heavily discounted prices, "closing down sales" or deals that seem far cheaper than those offered by established retailers. If something looks too good to be true, it often is.

You should also be wary of social media adverts, as many scam retailers rely heavily on targeted advertising to attract customers quickly. Take a close look at product images as well. AI-generated images can sometimes appear overly polished or contain unusual distortions, inconsistent textures or unrealistic details. Delivery information can also reveal a lot. A company claiming to be UK-based should not usually have unusually long delivery times that suggest products are being shipped internationally.

If you paid by debit or with a credit card, you may still be able to recover your money. Debit card users can ask their bank to initiate a chargeback claim. Credit card customers may also be able to use chargeback for purchases under £100. If the item cost between £100 and £30,000 and was purchased using a credit card, you can request a Section 75 claim, which offers stronger legal protection.

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STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The car boot sale held on the Stanton recreation ground on Saturday 18th April raised £105.00.

Those at the RBL Headquarters made the decision to take over the complete responsibility of the National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire. The Arboretum will now be known as the Royal British Legion National Memorial Garden.

We have not been told of the cost of this. 2 years ago, Headquarters made the decision to re design the RBL logo at a cost of £150,000.00. Funds that could have been spent elsewhere.

At a recent monthly meeting we were treated to an interesting talk and illustrated presentation by Russell Kent, our Presidents son. Russell had visited some notorious wartime locations including Bergen Belsen and Ravensbrück concentration camps and laid poppy crosses that the branch had provided.

On Friday 8 May a VE Day Remembrance Service was held in the Abbey Gardens Bury St Edmunds at the site of the memorial in the Rose Garden. Ivor Bowden paraded our branch standard, while David Sexton laid a poppy wreath.

Members and guests enjoyed a fish and chip supper held at the Cock inn on Tuesday 26th May at 7pm. A raffle was held during the evening for branch funds.

At the time of going to press branch funds totalled £2190.63p.

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

Hubby Frost



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I.

May: Annual Meeting



The meeting began with a general discussion about the W.I.'s implementation of the Government's Equality Act and the way it had been handled by Head Office. As a direct result of this change some members decided not to renew their membership. Reports for



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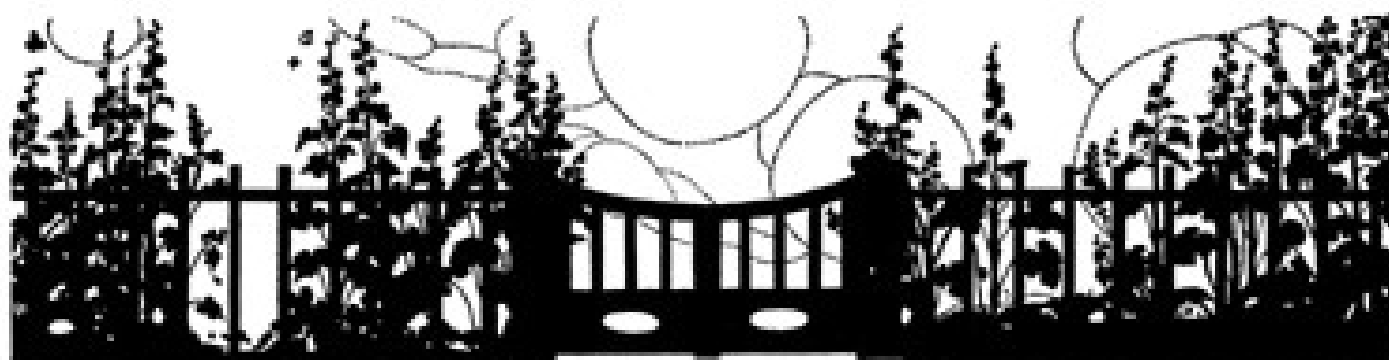
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In military history, what was a Bombard?

the year were presented; the committee were elected and Beverly Smith was elected as President.

The members also voted to support this year's National WI initiatives to support more widespread availability of accessible toilets, and action on women's homelessness.

Once the business was over, members enjoyed wine and cheese.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 10th June at 6.30pm. A tour of Pakenham Watermill.

Meet there in the car park at 6.25pm.

Judith Harlow



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A summary of what to do with your recycling from June 2026.

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Plastic bottles, tubs, food containers, tin foil	Put in your blue lid recycling bin . Clean. Where possible squash and put tops back on.
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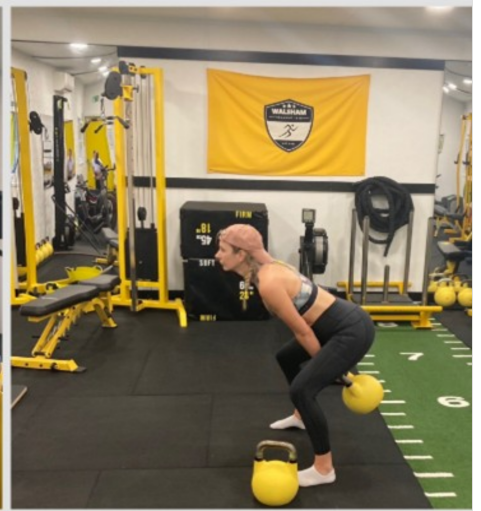
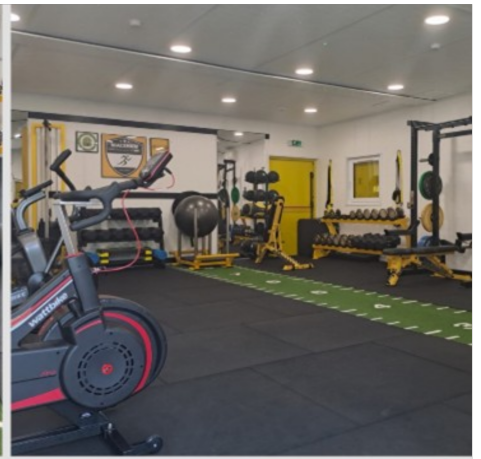
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On a beautiful spring morning 18 of us set off from the 6 Bells to explore some of the outer regions of the parish.

Past the pound and up on Mill Track we walked as far as the location of an old windmill. Already demolished by the late 16th century, the mill survived in name but also in field boundaries until 1991. The outline of the old mill field can still be seen as crop marks on aerial photography. From there we headed to Crownland Road, passed the Ordnance Survey trig point at 67m and the moated Crownland Hall and sauntered down the road to Miller's House and Crownland House. This was the location of a post mill in the 18th and 19th centuries. It appears on a map from 1817 but had disappeared by the time the Tithe map was produced in 1842. The rest of the walk was full of the scent of hawthorn and cow parsley as we headed back to 6 Bells for a light lunch.

Alison Martin

HISTORY GROUP MEETING

THE EARLIEST ENGLISH SHIP: RECONSTRUCTING THE SUTTON HOO BURIAL SHIP.

Our May talk was a fascinating insight into how a group of enthusiasts have recreated the ship that was found by outlines in the earth, and, how using traditional tools and techniques, they have mastered the art of Anglo-Saxon shipbuilding.

We are all familiar with the iconic photo of the ship outline in the soil, discovered by Rickinghall's Basil Brown. The photos taken on the dig before WWII and a drawing made at the time are the main evidence for how to build the ship. Not much to go on really. Those and 3 and a half thousand bits of iron, mainly old rivets. All organic material has dissolved away due to the highly acidic soil. They garnered the support of experts, employed a couple of shipwrights and came up with loads of ideas. Their clue about which wood to use came from the rusty old rivets which were marked with the distinctive oak grain. Their length indicated a plank width of 1", all very useful when building a large clinker boat. They visited a couple of other ships in Denmark (AD320) and Norway (AD800) and started looking for long, straight oak trees. Many came from the local area like Ixworth or Blickling. The oaks were cleaved using traditional tools. All sorts of early style tools have been used: roughing axes, long axes and wooden clamps and bit by bit, from the keel up they have built a ship. "Waterproofing" where needed, is made up of woollen fabric coated in animal fat, beeswax and pine tar, and then riveted. When the boat finally hits the water it will most probably sink, and stay there for a few weeks until the wooden planks have swollen which *should* render the plank joins watertight. At least that's the theory. At 5-11 tons it will then be raised and emptied and rowed out into the River Deben. They are looking for volunteers to be rowers. Short and stocky is preferred as there isn't much room onboard, Oh! and probably good swimmers too.

Over 180 volunteers are giving their time and expertise to this monumental project. Richard Brice, one of the Ship's Company volunteers gave us a fascinating insight into the reconstruction of a 7th century burial ship.

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TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

PROGRESS TO DATE

A Speed Reduction Report which should be agreed by SCC soon which allows for changes to legal speed limits in and around the village. Implementation will significantly improve road safety and quality of life for village residents.

Village Gates and New Signage on Summer Road and Badwell Road

Two pairs of village gates kindly being fabricated by Clarkes of Walsham (free of charge). Recently granted street furniture licence has been granted. Preparatory hedge cutting has kindly been completed by Ashwell Construction who have also generously agreed to install them (free of charge) to SCC specifications.

Enhanced Road Markings and Enhanced Pedestrian Safety at the Sports Club

Hopefully these will appear on Summer Road by end of June, including refreshed 30 mph roundels, and painted dragons teeth and solid line markings to give the appearance of road narrowing. Enhancements by the Sports Club to the safety of their pedestrian and vehicular accesses is being completed in tandem.

Additional Speed Indicator Devices

Purchase and installation of additional SID on the Summer Road to remind motorists leaving the village that 30mph remains the legal limit out of the village towards the Sports Club and beyond. Permissions required to add new SIDs on Badwell Road and Finningham Road where traffic enters the village are also being finalised.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE

The Parish Council is seeking volunteers to set up a group to establish a Community Speed Watch programme to support enforcement. This empowers communities to play an active role alongside the Safety Camera Partnership in tackling the problems of speeding in their neighbourhood.

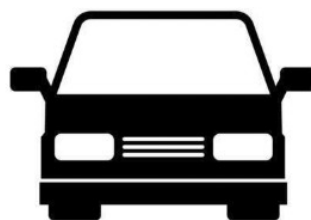
Find out more here: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/help-needed-community-speed-watch-group/>

Please contact the Clerk in the first instance if you may be interested:

clerk@walshamlewillowsparish.gov.uk

Working to reduce speed and calming traffic in and around the village has been an extensive, time consuming, and often frustrating project. Behind the scenes a huge amount of work has gone into consulting with members of the community, local organisations and businesses as well as officers and councillors at Suffolk County Council Highways. The measures outlined above are the first steps the Parish Council is taking but with continued community support it is hoped to make further much needed changes beneficial to traffic issues raised by the community.

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WALSHAM HISTORY GROUP

Piping in the Great War - Wednesday 17th June 7.30pm St Mary's Church

I have always found the pipes to be emotionally stirring, but then that maybe my Scottish ancestry coming to the fore, so I'm looking forward to welcoming Doug Grant to our June meeting. Doug will be talking to us about the pipes, how they work, their origins and how they have been used to such effect in times of war. This will of course be accompanied by a demonstration of piping.

Pipes have been played on battlefields for centuries, their distinctive sound carrying above the sounds of combat and encouraging soldiers onward. A striking example comes from the Second World War and concerns Bill Millin, personal piper to Brigadier Simon Fraser, the 15th Lord Lovat and Chief of the Fraser Clan, one of the legendary figures of WWII. On D-Day, 6th June 1944, Lord Lovat led the 1st Special Service Brigade of commandos from their landing craft onto Sword Beach under heavy German fire. Close behind him, Bill Millin waded through freezing, waist-deep water, playing *Highland Laddie* on his pipes. He then marched up and down the beach playing his pipes as troops came ashore, earning him the nickname 'The Mad Piper'. This was done in direct defiance of a British War Office order, to which Lord Lovat reportedly replied, "But we're Scottish!"

One D-Day veteran later recalled, "I shall never forget hearing the skirl (sound) of Bill Millin's pipes. It's hard to describe the impact it had. It gave us a great lift and increased our determination. As well as the pride we felt, it reminded us of home and why we were there fighting for our lives and those of our loved ones. "

If you would like to hear the pipes and more about them, then do come along on the 17th June.

Please note the change of venue; St Mary's Church (better acoustics)

Annual membership subscriptions are due (£15.00). Members: free Visitors: £5.00

For further information please contact: Frances Jenner 01359 259242

frances.jenner@hotmail.com

OLD TOWN TRUST CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

Summer Meeting - 15th July 2026 - Memorial Village Hall

The meeting will be split into two sections; a Drop-In Session starting at 5.30pm followed by a Presentation at 7pm.

If you have specific questions regarding the Trust please come along to the Drop-in session for a longer conversation.

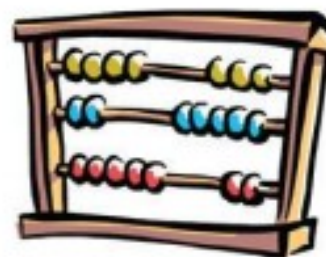
The Slide Presentation is an opportunity for the trustees to update the community on the current status of the trust, the assets it holds and the potential future opportunities, including the Trust's response to the Mid Suffolk District Council's call for sites.

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Jan Dyer - Clerk to the Trustees

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JUNE			
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Sat 6th	Sports Club		Village Hall
Wed 10th	WI Pakenham Water		2.30pm
	Mill Visit	Sun 30th	Open Gardens
	Time TBC	Mon 31st	Weekend
Thur 11th	Baroque Duo		All Day
	St Mary's		SEPTEMBER
	12.30pm	Wed 16th	History Group
Wed 17th	History Group		Priory Room
	St Mary's		7.30pm
	7.30pm	Sun 20th	Alistair Bleay Pupils
	JULY		St Mary's
Wed 15th	History Group		2.00pm
	Priory Room	Wed 23rd	The Shantu Folk
	7.30pm		St Mary's
Sun 28th	Carol Kellman Students		12.30pm
	St Mary's		OCTOBER
	2.00pm	Wed 14th	Peter Creswell
	AUGUST		St Mary's
		Wed 21st	History Group
			12.30pm

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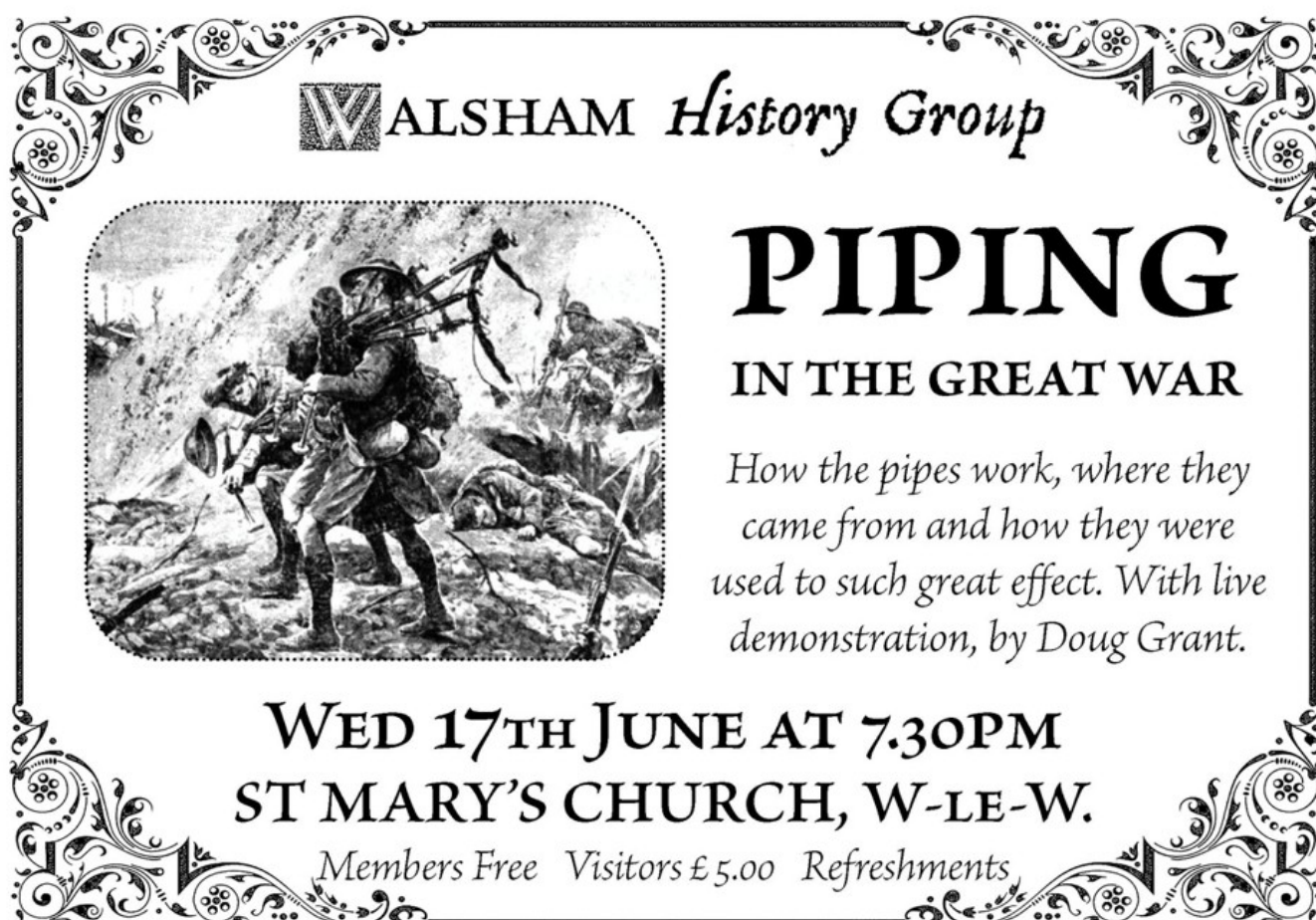
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HELP NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH GROUP

The next step in our campaign to slow traffic in and around the village is to set up a Community Speed Watch group. Suffolk Constabulary highly recommends this approach and provides guidance for groups..

The purpose would be to:

- provide data to the police on speed in specific sites in the village
- act as a deterrent to drivers who do not observe legal limits and to trigger the issuing of warning letters and action from the police for repeated offences
- trigger the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition devices supervised by the police to help enforce speed limits if the police deem this necessary

We need a rota of volunteers to carry out speed checks on a regular basis. We envisage Speed Watch events taking place fortnightly at different locations and times but this is completely dependent on having a sufficient number of community volunteers. The police recommend a group of at least 6 to make this viable.

As part of a Community Speed Watch programme, trained volunteers verify and record the registration number of vehicles seen breaking the speed limit. Details are forwarded to the Safety Camera Partnership within 48 hours. A 'warning letter' is then sent to the registered owner of the vehicle, requesting them to keep their speed down. If the vehicle is seen and recorded again a second and final letter will be sent. Persistent offenders may be targeted further.

All training and equipment is supplied free of charge by the police. <https://tinyurl.com/suffolk-police-speedwatch>

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EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR YOUR PETS

Your pets are an important part of the family and need to be considered during an emergency. We recommend creating a plan in advance to ensure your pets remain safe and cared for should you need to evacuate your home.

One way to ensure your pets stay safe is to set up a buddy system with friends or family. Agree to take in each other's pets should an emergency occur.

However, ensure your 'pet buddy' does not live in your immediate area, as they may also be affected by the same emergency. It is also a good idea to have two buddies for your pets, ensuring you have backup if one is unavailable.

If this is not possible or there is advanced warning of an emergency, consider moving your pets to a safe location, such as a local cattery or boarding kennel.

It is also a good idea to prepare a pet emergency kit. Here are some items you may want to include:

- Carrier for each pet
- Litter tray, litter, dog waste bags
- Tinned or dried food, including bowls
- Bottled water
- Lead, collar, identity tag
- Medication your pet
- A photograph of your pet, in case you get separated.
- Familiar items - toy or bedding
- Have your pet microchipped.

Please remember outside pets, such as rabbits and guinea pigs, ensure their hutches are in good condition and watertight. Consider moving them into a shed or garage and off the floor. Ensure that you leave them an adequate supply of food and water.

Be prepared, make a plan and prepare an emergency kit for your pet.

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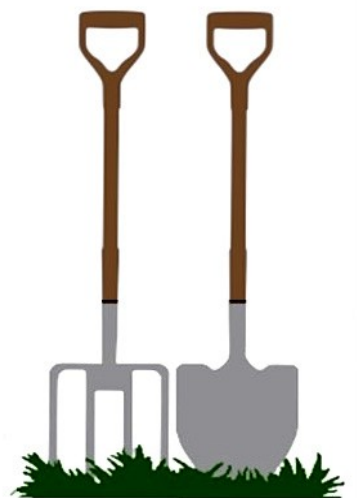
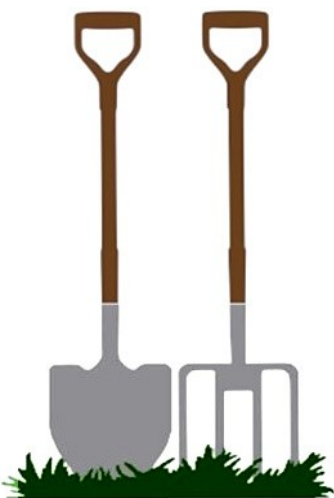
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Of the ANNUAL meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr. Winch & County Cllr. Bains

ELECTION OF CHAIR & APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Cllrs J Winch and Mecrow proposed Cllr Belson for election as Chair. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Belson signed the Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk.

Cllrs Roberts and Brooks proposed the appointment of Cllr Bartholomew as Vice-Chair. This was unanimously agreed.

OPENING STATEMENT (if any required) & MEMBER'S APOLOGIES

No apologies received.

No consents were required.

DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Brooks – agenda item 8b; and Cllr Mecrow – agenda item 6b question to District Cllr Winch and Council.

Dispensations were granted to both Cllr Brooks and Cllr Mecrow.

MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)

Minutes of meeting 8th April 2026 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting for signature.

There were no outstanding actions from last meeting that were not in hand., other than the issue of the fallen tree at the Pound. Cllrs Roberts and Mecrow had not been able to assess. Cllr Roberts will do tomorrow and report back for next meeting.

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.

The issue of harassment was raised again as well as the distress caused by the lack of communication between community policing and residents. The PC asked the Clerk to seek clarification on what level of contact and service we can expect from the community Police team. District Cllr Winch has been involved and also agreed to make contact again with our community police officer for a response.

DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS

County Councillor Bains – sent apologies but did attend to see how the meeting runs. County Cllr Bains introduced himself and told Council a little of his background prior to entering local politics and said that he looked forward to working together with the parish councils in the area he represents.

District Councillor Winch



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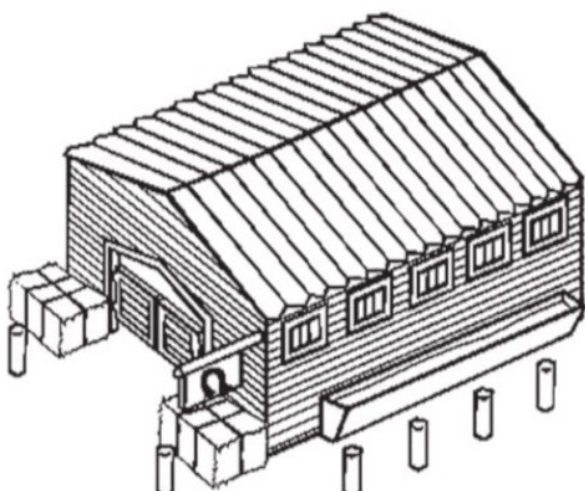


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Cllr Mecrow raised the proposals of MSDC re the remaining upgrades to footpaths. Council decided to ask that all three areas identified are upgraded and settled on a priority amongst them whilst stating that the goal is to do as much as possible with the available CIL funding, the goal being to address them all. It was also agreed to follow up SCC recommendations for signposting for the new paths and a map derived from the local walks map to accompany any signage agreed. District Cllr Winch will advocate for this work being completed before the autumn.

District Cllr Winch raised the issue of the long-standing request from residents for 'no-cycling' signage at Elmside Lee. District Cllr Winch will follow up and asks that the Parish Council submit a Locality Funding application for these. Cllr Winch to advise Clerk.

Bus passenger forum email in light of future of 73 bus service and/or bids for timetable extensions was raised. This was confirmed as a joint application by the current bus group representing all villages on the current route to continue the current timetable with the addition of a Saturday service. DCW is Walsham's representative on the group and proposed no action at this time.

REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS

Traffic Group

The report was noted.

Council considered and approved the following proposals:

- P1 - That Council support the publication of an article to gauge interest in Community Speed Watch volunteering. Cllr J Winch to draft article.
- P2 - That Council contact SCC and our new County Councillor for an update on Speed Reduction report. Cllr J Winch will follow up with County Cllr Bains.
- P3 - That Council ask Sports Club for update on their changes to entrances as this impacts white lining. Cllr Roberts agreed to enquire and report back to Cllr J Winch.

Council considered Cllr Bartholomew's email and response obtained by District Cllr Winch from planning with regard to planning for creation of access directly onto Finningham Road. Council decided that this should be reported to enforcement again. Clerk to follow up.

Cllr Bartholomew asked if the membership of the traffic group could be advised so that councillors are aware. Cllr J Winch said she would add these to the action logs for traffic and flood groups.

CEP Group – No written report this month. But Cllr Brookes did report a successful start to the new WhatsApp group for residents of properties liable to flooding. 14 have joined so far.

Flood Mitigation Group - Update/report was noted.

Cllr Belson noted very positive and encouraging developments with regard to landowner engagement with the S19 flood investigation report, one landowner saying they would implement all the environment agency suggestions for flood mitigation

Cllr Mecrow was also able to report that another landowner who is taking up flood mitigation recommendations is intending to try to engage other

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landowners in a meeting on 20th May. The Parish council is grateful for the support it is receiving regarding Natural Flood Management from local land owners. Cllr Mecrow advised that he will be unable to attend on this occasion.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS

Standing item to consider changes to neighbourhood plan to be documented for next review in light of recently published 'Call for sites' consultation. Cllr Belson has previously noted that the Parish Council could not proceed until more information was received from MSDC on sites that would be preferred and information relating to intended build density appropriate to each.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/01879 Proposal: Householder Application - Extension and alteration of dwellinghouse and demolition of outbuildings replaced with new double garage, and associated works. Location: Crownland House, Crownland Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BU THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS THIS APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/01743 Proposal: Householder Application - Retention of a log cabin annexe, A replacement pump house and a gazebo Location: Botany Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham Le

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Thursday 11th June

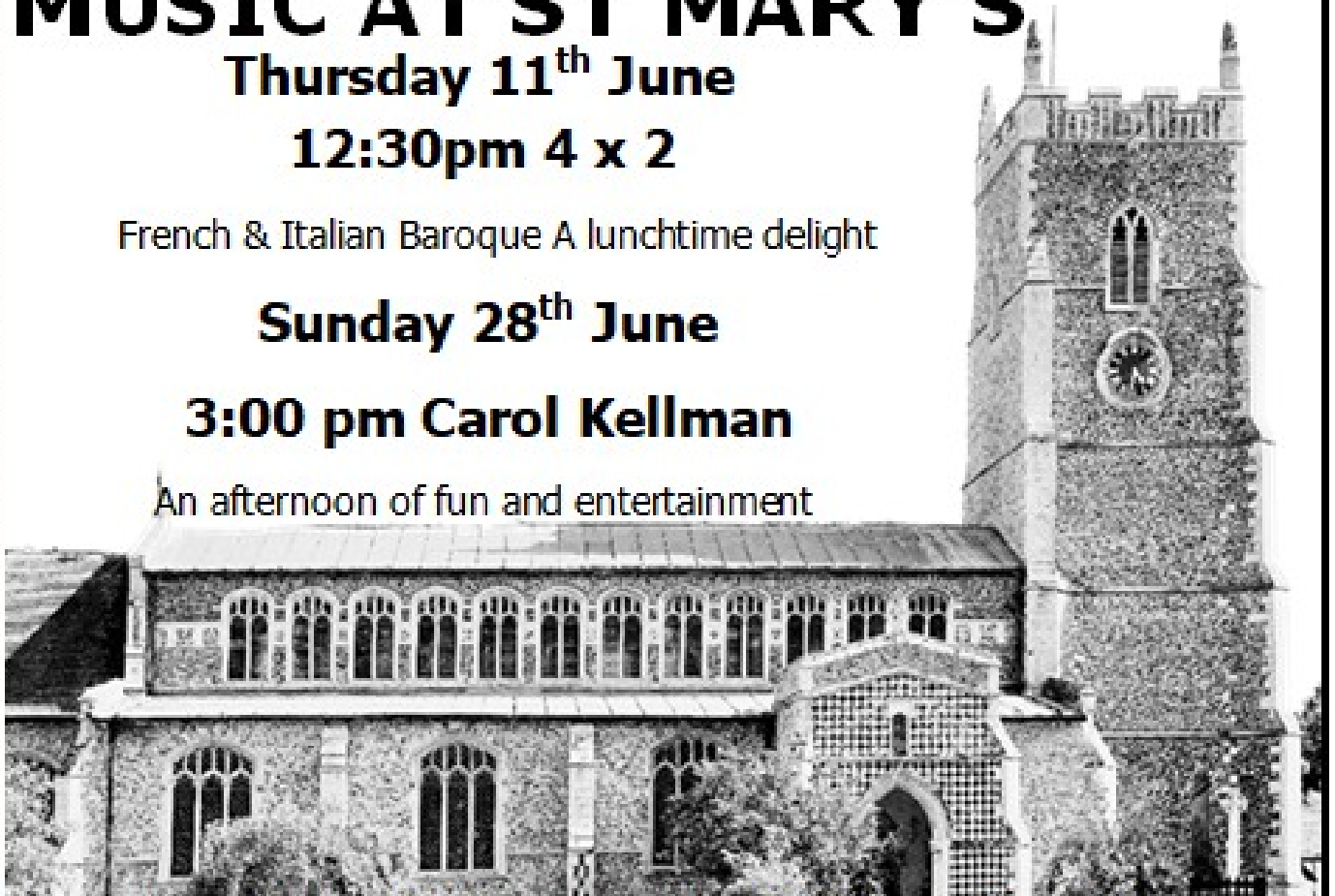
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Date	Time	Service	Church
7th June		1st Sunday after Trinity	
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	9:30am	Holy Communion	Langham
	10:00am	Roots & Shoots	Walsham
	11:00am	Family Service	Walsham
14th June		2nd Sunday after Trinity	
	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
	11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
21st June		3rd Sunday after Trinity	
	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
28th June		4th Sunday after Trinity	
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
	6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
5th July		5th Sunday after Trinity	
	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Langham
	10:00am	Roots & Shoots	Walsham
	11:00am	Family Service	Walsham

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Between 9am and 10.3am



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Saturday 14th June
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Willows, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4TB THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS THIS APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA -

DC/26/01750 Proposal: Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 2 No. Thuja (T1 and T2), Reduce 1 No. Cedar (T3) by approximately 1/3, Fell 1 No. Cedar (T4) and Fell 1 No. Silver Birch (T5) Location: Hall Farm House, Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AH THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS THIS APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/26/01978 Proposal:

Application for Listed Building Consent. Removal of existing failed render. Survey for any signs of decay to the timber frame and repair where necessary with similar timber type. Install breathable insulation if possible such as cork or sheep's wool. Install sawn larch laths and apply a three-coat lime putty render. Decorate in lime wash. Location: Deyes Cooperage, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, IP31 3AA THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS THIS APPLICATION

PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority – to be noted)

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT (SECTION 19) -

DC/26/01029 Proposal: Application under Section 19 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for Listed Building Consent DC/22/01898 - Erection of a single storey side extension to store and conversion of hayloft to form annex, installation of stairs leading to hayloft, replacement of garage door with french windows, closing up of wall between garage and proposed sitting room, extension of garden wall to form courtyard, and erection of a new garden store. To Vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) changes from a glazed roof on kitchen extension to a fully insulated slate tiled roof with Conservation rooflight due to concerns raised by Building Control. Location: The Priory, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

1990 DC/26/00663 Proposal: Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/22/01897 - Amendment to roof of extension to slate and installation of conservation roof light. Location: The Priory, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AB MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT

1990 DC/26/01113 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/25/00609 - Condition 3 (Recording of Existing Dwelling) Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, Diss Suffolk IP22 1LY Mid Suffolk District Council hereby gives notice that the details submitted in pursuance to the conditions referred to above have been determined as summarised below in relation to each relevant condition together with any appropriate comments, limitations or advice. MSDC PART APPROVED CONDITIONS

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/00809 Proposal:



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Householder Application - Installation of an Oil Storage Tank and external boiler to rear. Erection of trellis fence to side Location: White House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/26/00779 Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - internal alterations to bathroom and bedroom at first floor Location: Maltings House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/00536 Proposal: Householder Application - Two storey side and rear extensions to dwelling Location: 16 Palmer Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3BZ MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

ANNUAL BUSINESS

Council considered the Clerk's annual appraisal and recommendations, both of which were approved/agreed.

R1 – Award of annual increment

R2 – Cllr Brookes takes role of appraiser next year in place of Cllr J Winch.

R3 – That the Clerk's contracted core hours be increased from 18 to 24 per month.

b. Council approved the readoption of standing orders and financial regulations as reviewed 18/02/2026 was approved.

c. Council approved the readoption of policies, procedures and practices as reviewed 18/02/2026.

d. Council reviewed annual subscriptions & donations to other bodies for 2026/27 (including review of expenditure incurred under s.137 of Local Government Act 1972). These were approved without amendment.

e. The times and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council in 2027 (as published on the website), were approved.

f. Council confirmed the re-appointment of SALC as internal auditors for 2026/27 subject to approval of the terms of engagement letter which will be received shortly before the next audit.

g. Representation with external bodies and areas of responsibility assigned to members (see website) was reviewed and these were approved with some correction/amendment. Clerk to follow up.

Council reviewed new draft IT policy, which was approved for adoption. Clerk to publish.

Council agreed to defer the setting of objectives for 2026/27 until the next meeting.

FINANCE & AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN

Bank statements & reconciliation for period ending 30th April 2026 were approved for signature.

Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment were approved for authorisation. (Appendix 1).

Proposal from Cllr. Bartholomew to approve drafted changes to risk register with regard to Play Area was considered and agreed. Clerk to publish.

Cllrs Mecrow/Roberts advised that they had not yet checked out the fallen tree near

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The Pound. Cllr Roberts advised he would do this tomorrow and report back to Clerk or at next meeting.

Council noted the disappointing response from Sophie Farrington at SCC Highways about the proposal for requesting removal of hedge on Summer Road. No further action is possible.

The clerk updated on position with Nurture Landscape invoicing. Clerk's proposals for next steps were approved. It was decided that the Clerk should now draft a proposal to the PCC as agreed and seek to arrange another meeting with representatives of the PCC to discuss. Cllr J Winch agreed to meet with PCC and the Clerk.

Council considered and approved the full internal audit report for 2025/26 and Clerk's proposals to address comments & recommendations before next audit.

Council completed and signed off the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 (Section 1). This was signed by Chair and Clerk.

Council approved the Annual Accounting Statements 2025/26 (Section 2) which was signed by Clerk & Chair.

Council approved updated bank mandate (clerk contact details), which was signed by Cllrs Bartholomew & Roberts. Clerk to submit.

Council noted that confirmation had been received on question of insurance cover for closed churchyard wall and activities that may be undertaken as part of activation of the Community Emergency Plan.

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

Clerk's action log was reviewed. Nothing outstanding that is not in hand.

Clerk updated Council on planning complaint raised by resident regarding litter and wastewater alleged to be from shop activity. Clerk was asked to arrange for a new litter bin to be emptied from the info point on The Street.

Correspondence from resident re tree maintenance on The Avenue was considered. After much discussion it was decided that this is not a Parish Council responsibility but the Clerk was asked to check the Land Registry to see if The Avenue is registered land.

Next steps with Play Area maintenance/repairs were considered. A group of councillors agreed to meet on Monday 18th at 09:00 to address these. District Cllr Winch agreed to contact the REACT team to see if they could remove graffiti.

Council considered the request from resident to purchase Parish Council strimmer which will no longer be used as new contractors use own equipment. It was decided that this equipment needs to be retained for the time being. Clerk to advise resident.

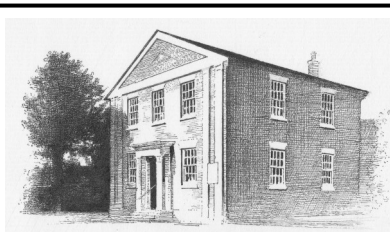
OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA

Next Parish Council meeting - 10th June 2026 7pm – Memorial Hall

Clerk requested Council to consider which report it required from the new accounting system for the monthly reconciliation. Cllr Bartholomew proposed the monthly flexed budget report. Clerk to action.

District Cllr Winch was asked about the progress on the bus shelter. He reported that he had chased again but had not yet had a reply. He will continue to follow up.

Meeting Closed at 20:50



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Hallelujah What a Saviour! - Article published in the 'British Church Newspaper'

Once more, the recent week of 'Easter Convention' meetings proved to be a blessing to those that gathered at the Congregational Chapel in the rural Suffolk village of Walsham-le-Willows where, as has been the case for the last seventy years or more, the fellowship held a series of special meetings in the week running up to Easter. The overriding purpose of this event is to provide faithful preaching and teaching, focussing particularly on the sufferings of Christ, and His atoning work upon the cross. It is the church's continued desire to see believers edified and encouraged in their faith, as well as recognising the evangelistic opportunity to reach out to the village and surrounding area.

The Rev David McMillan, pastor of the Armagh Free Presbyterian Church, was the appointed preacher for Monday and Tuesday. In his opening remarks he shared that he felt constrained not to bring the messages that he had prepared for the occasion but, rather, preached first concerning **'Living in the Day of Small Things'**, and followed on the second evening with, **'Is Anything too Hard for The Lord?'**. Although not Easter subjects it was remarked that the ministry spoke in very personal way to many gathered, as well as being a timely consideration of the day and age in which the Christian church seeks to serve her Lord.

Those present on Wednesday listened intently to the searching ministry of Pastor Pooyan Mehrshahi, of Providence Chapel, Cheltenham. The account of Jesus last meal with his disciples was read from John 13 and preached upon, with attention falling upon the tragic case of Judas who was, **'In the Room with Christ, but Lost'**. The challenge to self-examination was powerfully issued to the congregation that none should be gathered in the building, and under the Word, that would go out into the night and be lost.

On the next evening, it was a joy to see Rev Malcolm Watts from Emmanuel Church, Salisbury, preaching again in Suffolk, having not ventured to that part of the world so much over the past few years. For his text, he took verse 12 from Revelation 5 and, in his own measured and engaging style, led through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation proclaiming, **'Worthy is The Lamb That was Slain'**. Indeed, a truly Christ exalting study.

Last year, Pastor Jonathan Davey from Evington Chapel in Leicester preached on the Friday of Convention week and made a welcome return this Good Friday. Setting forth the solemn nature of the day remembered, the first verse of his Scripture text was John 12:31, **'Now is the Judgement of This World'**, but was countered by the glorious hope and promise contained in the following verse where our Lord and Saviour declares, that if He is lifted up, He will draw all men unto Himself.

Looking back upon five consecutive evenings of the faithful ministry of God's word, enthusiastic hymn singing, and Christian fellowship, it had been a most uplifting week. It was encouraging to see attendance consistently high across the week with people travelling significant distances from the four counties of East Anglia, and such a number of different local churches represented.

Perhaps the final words of the final verse of the final hymn of Easter Convention 2026, that were sung with such feeling and, carrying far beyond the four walls of the chapel into the village outside, were a most fitting motto for the week: **"Hallelujah! What a Saviour!"**

APPENDIX 1 - Payments for Approval MAY 2026

#	Payments & Transfers OUT	Amount	Description
1	Parish Council Employee	717.82	Salary
2	Nathanael Landymore	399.24	Grass cutting closed churchyard (to 30/11/2025 – previous contractor)
3	Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils	549.27	Annual subscription
4	Memorial Village Hall	40.50	Monthly & appraisal meetings
5	Nurture Landscapes	2,394.11	Annual stream clearance 2024
6	Nurture Landscapes	1,249.40	Annual stream clearance 2025
7	Nurture Landscapes	776.26	Grass cutting play area, stream & churchyard – Feb 2026
8	Nurture Landscapes	776.26	Grass cutting play area, stream & churchyard – March 2026
9	Nurture Landscapes	776.26	Grass cutting play area, stream & churchyard – April 2026
10	Office expenses claim	8.26	Stationery, postage etc
11	Unity Trust Bank - DDR	7.00	Monthly Service Charge
12	Scribe Accounts - DDR	37.20	Monthly Subscription (April)
	TOTAL	7,731.58	
#	Payments & Transfers IN	Amount	Description
1	Transfer to cover payments out	5000.00	Tfr deposit > current 09/04/2026
2	Pride in Your Place Grant BMSDC	418.00	Footpath signage for 'bus shelter'
3	Precept 2026/27	13,779.00	1 st tranche
	TOTAL	19,197.00	



SEARCHING FOR WORDS

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There should be a nine letter word which reminds one of a hot ticker.

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WILDLIFE IN JUNE



The state of butterflies in the UK is a story in two parts. On the one hand, surveys by the Butterfly Conservation show that 80 percent of butterfly species have become scarcer or decreased in range since the 1970s. But on the other, a handful of species have increased, including some helped by a warming climate and others by intensely targeted conservation work. Among them is the Large Blue, which was declared extinct in Britain in 1979 but has prospered at a few carefully managed sites in south-west England since its reintroduction four years later. It is on the wing in mid-June and has a strange lifecycle involving ants. The caterpillar releases a pheromone that certain red ants cannot resist, enticing them to take it underground into their nest, where the parasite feasts on ant grubs and completes its development.

Sparrowhawks nest relatively late compared to most birds of prey. Their breeding season is timed so that their chicks hatch in June, when woods and hedgerows are full of recently fledged songbirds such as tits and finches, which being young and inexperienced, make easy pickings for the parent hawks. So the Sparrowhawk breeding success is closely tied to the fortunes of these species. As Benedict Macdonald observes in his book *Cornerstones*: “June is the month that decides whether sparrowhawk chicks live or die.” In 2021, for example, according to British Trust of Ornithology survey data, Sparrowhawks appear to have had a poor year in the UK. The cold, wet spring is likely to have adversely affected the numbers of young garden and other woodland birds, hitting the Sparrowhawks hard. Though often seen as a menace to songbirds, these raptors only do well when their prey does, too.

The stag beetle ‘rutting’ season kicks off in May and is in full swing until early July. Males do battle with fierce-looking serrated mandibles as they try to shove their rival aside, or even better, flip him upside-down. You’re more likely, however, to spot these magnificent 6–7cm beetles (Europe’s largest) as they clumsily buzz around in search of females. Both sexes are lured to light and have a tendency to clang into lit windows or outside lights after dusk. Like many adult insects, they don’t live long. Most of their living, and most of their eating, took place underground as wood-munching grubs. Maybe we should learn to love Slugs? Even the RHS, traditionally no friend of garden molluscs, has vowed to stop calling them pests. After all, one can hardly blame slugs for sliming towards the abundance of juicy new seedlings at this time of year, sweet peas and beans being particular favourites. Only a quarter of Britain’s 40 or so slug species eat garden plants anyway. Some of those, including black slugs, prefer rotting material, so are happier in compost heaps. By recycling nutrients, they play a key part in healthy ecosystems. Black slugs (some can be orange or brown), with a beautifully grooved body often offset by a frilly orange ‘skirt’. We may as well admire these 150-million-year-old, one-footed hermaphrodites, and leave it to frogs, beetles and hedgehogs to control their numbers.

Angie Bennington

BOWLS CLUB REPORT

With the new season now in full swing the matches and competitions are coming thick and fast

with the various league teams winning more matches than those lost so far which is a credit to all involved and it is great to see new members settling in well and enjoying their bowls.

We currently have teams competing in the Stowmarket leagues on Monday and Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday afternoons with Thursday evenings in the Bury League.

Results to date are as follows:

Date	Opponent	Shots for-against	Points for-against
Mon 27/4/26	Great Barton (H)	93-56	6-1
Tue 28/4/26	Wortham (H)	33-28	5-2
Wed 29/4/26	Old Newton (H)	69-36	6-1
Thu 30/4/26	Great Barton (A)	59-91	1-6
Tue 5/5/26	St Botolphs (A)	44-28	7-0
Wed 6/5/26	Wortham (A)	48-68	1-6
Thu 7/5/26	Hopton (H)	97-59	7-0
Mon 11/5/26	Needham Market (H)	98-41	7-0
Tue 12/5/26	Haughley (A)	27-36	0-7
Wed 13/5/26	Gipping (H)	56-64	1-6
Tue 19/5/26	Thorndon (H)	34-27	6-1

We have also had members taking part in Suffolk Area D competitions with results as follows:

Competition	Member	Opponent/Club	Result
Champion of Champions 2 wood	Neal Bassett	M. Stannard - Thorndon	L 12-21
Men's Veteran Singles 2 wood	Gordon Ross	M. Barrand – Bildeston	L 15-21
Ladies 4 Wood	Angela Whiting	C. Whitton – Great Barton	L 18-21
Champion of Champions 2 Wood	Angela Whiting	B. Stubbs – St Botolphs	W 21-19
Men's Veteran Singles 2 wood	Adie Cole	I. Englebright - Risbygate	W 21-4
Men's Veteran Pairs 2 Wood	Adie Cole & Gordon Ross	K. Ashdown & K. Archer- Stowmarket Rookery	W 14-13

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A reminder that the social roll ups continue (weather permitting) on Friday nights 6pm and Saturday mornings 11am to 1pm with members new and old or those wishing to have a go for the first time all welcome.

Forthcoming fixtures are as follows:

Tuesday 02/6 vs Stanton 2pm	Friday 05/6 vs Hengrave (Junior cup) 6.30pm
Monday 08/6 vs Woodfield 6.45pm	Wednesday 10/6 vs Haughley 6.45pm
Thursday 11/6 vs St Eds 6.45pm	Monday 15/6 vs Gt Barton 6.45pm
Tuesday 16/6 Vs Great Barton 2pm	Thursday 18/6 vs Old Newton 6.45pm
Wednesday 24/6 vs S Bots 6.45pm	

You can look out for further announcements via our Facebook page or contact either of the below with any queries you may have:

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Adie Cole



FOOTBALL REPORT

The season has now finished for all the senior sides and the presentation dinner is on Saturday 6th June. It was a difficult season for all our teams but we now look forward to a fresh challenge in 26/27.

Joint first team managers Chay Budd and Ian Hubbard have stepped down from their roles and we thank them for the terrific job they did in turning fortunes around. Their replacement is Andy Reynolds who will be duly assisted by Dave Coyle. Good luck to both Andy and Dave in their new roles.

During the summer we are looking for ladies to join a new team we have formed. If any lady is interested please let me know. We are also looking for new players for a side in the SIL and for our under 23s team

Gordon Ross



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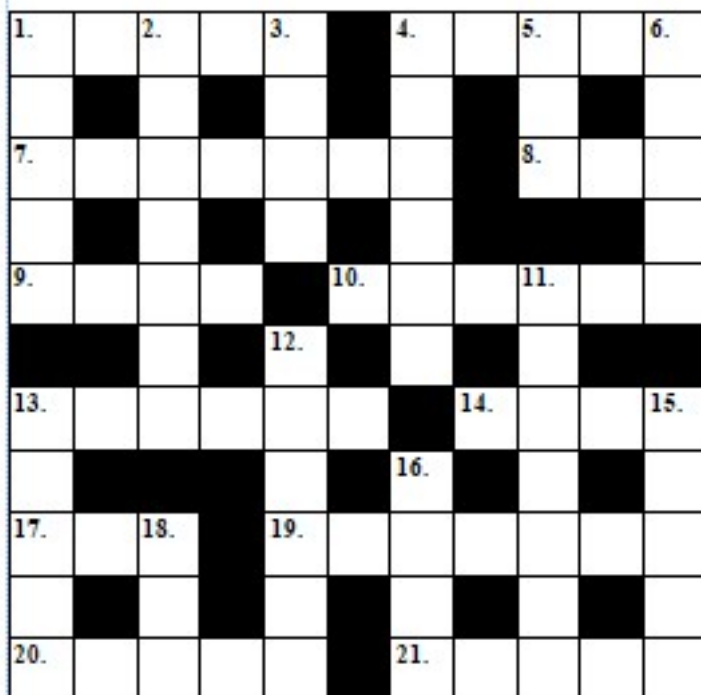
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- place? (6)
 14. Otherwise feels excitement inside. (4)
 17. Charged atom in a nuclear reaction. (3)
 19. See caps flung about as one runs away. (7)
 20. There's a lot we ordered for the dryer. (5)
 21. Not odds for the bookies. (5)

Down

1. Drops out from a hand of cards. (5)
 2. Did its time stop for Wells? (7)
 3. Does the writer have a ritual for the day. (4)
 4. Oliver's friend in the Beano. (6)
 5. Pledge to remove the Spanish vowel ending. (3)
 6. Such fear of the writhing adder! (5)
 11. Put in the shade by a solar event (7)
 12. Disclose that it's about the meat. (6)
 13. Show his Trump to steal the game. (5)
 15. Relaxes and sees a change. (5)
 16. It's a pain we each can cure. (4)
 18. Present knowledge has it. (3)

Across

1. One being angry with the smoker possibly. (5)
 4. Find that his father has a six pack. (5)
 7. Located Is cold tea made to hit the spot? (7)
 8. The two of us might be quite small. (3)
 9. Spoke about the foreign port. (4)
 10. Arranged for the reader to go over the document again.
 13. Got rid of those ' flowers in the wrong

WALSHAM OBSERVER SUDOKU

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

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

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

It's as simple as that, but you must apply logic to find which number goes where.

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!

REGULAR

MONDAY

Fit Steps Village Hall
9:30am till 10:30am
Community Lunch Village Hall
2nd Monday 12:45pm
Simply Hatha Yoga Priory Room
7:30pm till 8:45pm
Walking Football Sports Club
8:00pm till 9:00pm

TUESDAY

Walking Netball Sports Club
10:00am till 11:00am
Pilates Class Sports Club
1:30pm till 2:30pm
Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Pilates Classes Village Hall
9:00am till 10:00am
10.15am till 11.15am
Yoga Sports Club
10:00am till 11:30am
Positive Steps Sports Club
11:30am till 12:30pm
Wednesday Wanders Sports Club
11:30am till 12:30pm
Carpet Bowls Sports Club
2:30pm till 4:00pm
WI Meeting Priory Room
7:30pm Second Wed of the Month

EVENTS

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(Public Meeting)
7.00pm Second Wed of the Month

THURSDAY

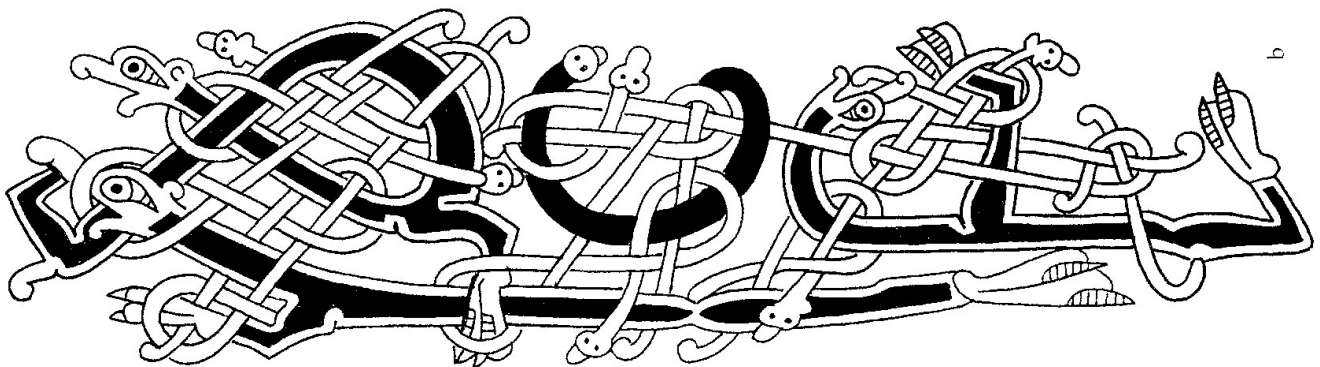
Coffee Shop Village Hall
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Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon
Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm
Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm
Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



What is another name for the Hunting leopard?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Danny Kaye, 2. The Scarecrow, 3. Michigan, 4. Missile, 5. Waterloo, 6. Pandora, 7. Switzerland, 8. Perseus, 9. Granite, 10. A cannon, 11. Foxglove, 12. Divine wind, 13. Eat it, 14. Scotland, 15. On a staircase, 16. The Mongols, 17. The eye, 18. Last one to be built, 19. A Lexicographer, 20. Chatsworth, 21. Crete, 22. Diarrhoea, 23. Dusk and dawn, 24. 1952, 25. David Herbert, 26. Yorkshire, 27. Mazurka, 28. Twelve years, 29. Titanic, 30. Little Venice, 31. Sleepwalks, 32. Bat Man, 33. 2001, 34. Jericho, 35. Balsa, 36. Krill, 37. St Kitts, 38. An owl, 39. Normans, 40. River horse, 41. A thing of beauty, 42. Burnt down, 43. Belgium, 44. Gunga Din, 45. Vets, 46. The cheetah, 47. Hamlet, 48. India, 49. Elizabeth I, 50. The pen

Sudoku

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

Crossword

F	U	M	E	R		D	A	V	I	D
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More or Less

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



Searching for Words

Are	Art	Ate	Bear	Beat
Ben	Bet	Beta	Bun	Bur
Burn	Burner	But	Bute	Ear
Eat	Era	Eta	Hare	Hart
Hat	Hate	Hater	Hear	Heart
Heat	Hen	Her	Near	Neat
Nub	Nut	Rare	Rat	Rate
Rater	Rear	Rebut	Ret	Return
Rub	Rue	Run	Rune	Rut
Tar	Tare	Tarn	Tear	Ten
Tern	Tub	Tube	Tuber	Tun
Tune	Tuner	Heartburn (58)		

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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.'