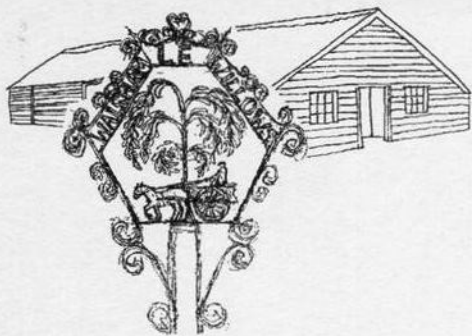


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EDITORIAL

By the time you read this edition of the Observer Open Gardens may well have come and gone. Hopefully the change in weather that we have all been hoping for has not turned our desert landscape into *waterworld*, and that once again many people have flocked to the village, enjoyed themselves and left the village with more much needed money for, not only the St Mary's but, the various organisations.

With money for St Mary's in mind, maybe a number of people will decide to enjoy the back roads on a bike, or even on foot, to take part in the Historic Churches Ride, on Saturday 12th September. It's not a race. Travel as fast or as slowly as you want. It's basically for enjoyment. I will be taking the Stride option this year clocking up the religious establishments in Bury.

If puzzles are your thing, and you want to ride your bike, then start early (9.00am) or late 12.30pm, so that you can go to the **Puzzle Sale**, in the Village Hall, in aid of **The Brain Tumour Charity UK**. It is running from 10:00am till 12:30pm.

Once again the **History Group** is concentrating on women with a talk on **Wednesday 16th entitled Victorian Rural Women**.

As you will see, from the advert below, there is a concert with a difference in ST Mary's on Wednesday 23rd.

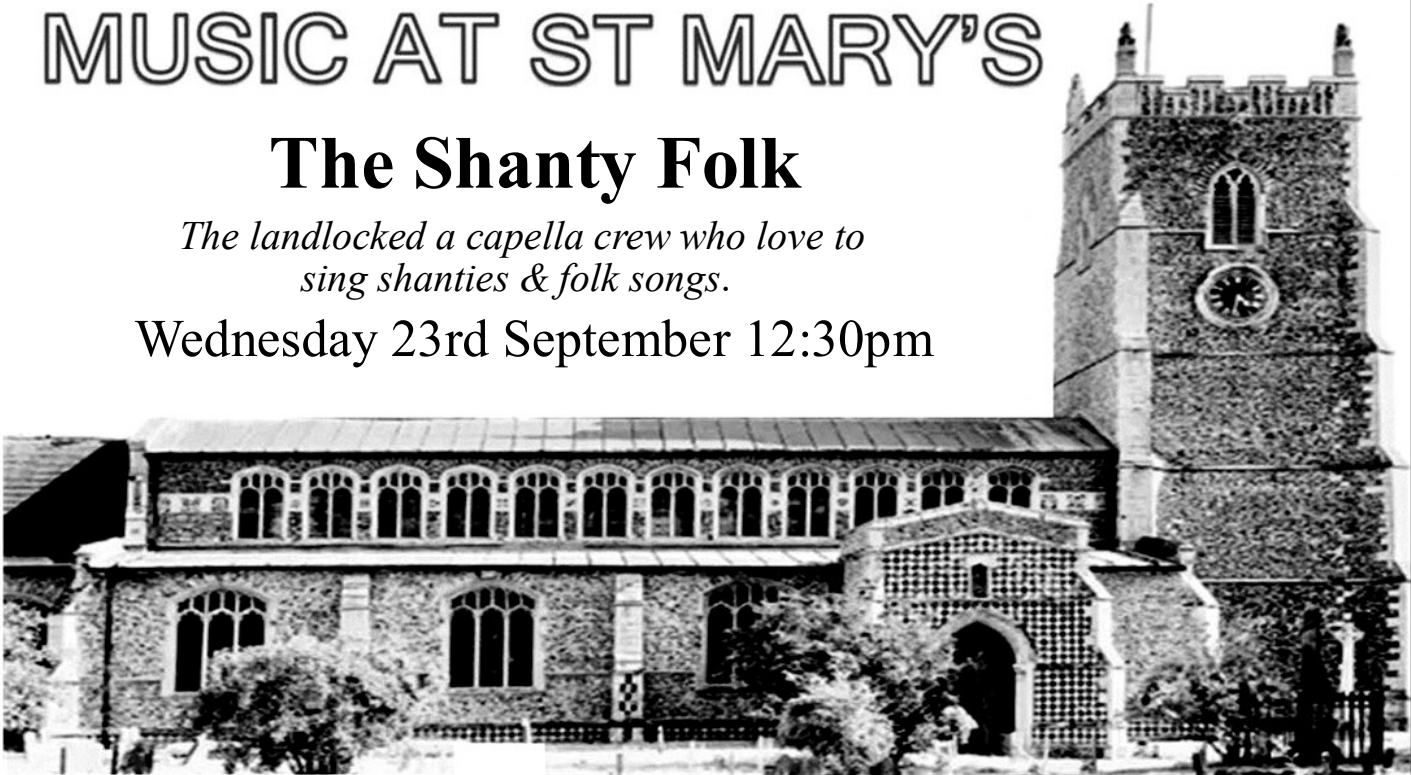
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As announced in his July editorial Ian Toulson will be standing down as our Editor at the end of this year.

In the absence of any expressions of interest to take over from him in the New Year, the Community Council now needs to consider the future of the Observer so that a final decision can be made early in December.

As things currently stand all options are on the table. These range from appointing a new suitable volunteer to take over from Ian in January with the magazine continuing as it is, to ceasing publication all together, although clearly there are many other potential options in between.

Whilst the trustees will be considering the best way forward over the next few months we would very much like to hear from you our readers so that all factors can be taken into account when arriving at our final decision in December.

If you can help shape the future of the Observer or have any practical ideas as to how it should develop please email us at walshamobserveradverts@gmail.com



MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

The MVH was one of the centre points for the Gardens Weekend over the August Bank Holiday so as usual the Hall was very busy with everyone enjoying themselves. In the aftermath of all the activity in August, September looks to be a little quieter. There is a Jigsaw Sale on Saturday 12th and REACH is coming to show how we can make our homes warmer and more efficient on Thursday 24th during our regular coffee mornings which continue to be enjoyed by all who attend. Our monthly Community lunch continues to attract over 30 diners with the next one scheduled for Monday 14th September. All our regular activities continue and the Hall remains busy but there is still space for new activities.

Rob Matthews



COMMUNITY LUNCH



How are you all coping with this summer's hot weather, I remember the first time round in 1976!

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 14th September 2026. Lunch will be Coq-au-Vin, dauphinoise potatoes, green beans and broccoli served at 1pm, followed by Lemon & Pistachio Meringue Roulade.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please book a place, at £9.00p, with Shirley on 01359 258532 by 5pm on Thursday 10th September 2026.

Shirley White

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An informal chat and information session are being held to take this community initiative forward. We would love to see you there!

Why are we launching a Community Speed Watch Group?

- to provide data to the police on speed in specific sites in the village
- to 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
- to trigger the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition devices supervised by the police to help enforce speed limits if the police deem this necessary

Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in being part of this group. We would also encourage others to volunteer if you have a couple of hours a month to spare. We need a rota of volunteers to carry out speed checks on a regular basis to make this project sustainable.

I hired a company to install concrete fencing and a gate in my back garden. The quality of the work is poor, some wooden panels are loose, and the gate doesn't shut properly. I paid before I inspected the work. What can I do?

When you put your trust in a trader and they don't meet your expectations it can be frustrating.

When there's a problem caused by a trader, you should be able to get it fixed or get some money back. Evidence is important - take photos and make notes about what happened and when, including times and dates, and keep hold of receipts or other proof of payment.

People can experience different types of problems with traders, and there's specific advice available on our website depending on what the issue is. In your situation, it's important to note if a trader hasn't done a good job with 'reasonable care and skill', the Consumer Rights Act 2015 entitles you to ask for the problem to be fixed or for a refund.

This is something you can mention when you take the problem up with the trader and cite your evidence. They should fix the problem within a reasonable amount of time, without causing you too much inconvenience. The law doesn't say what counts as reasonable, so you'll have to agree on it with them.

If they can't or won't fix the problem, you can ask for a partial or full refund, depending on how bad the problem is. You'll have to come to an agreement about how much you should get. It's a good idea to start by suggesting a figure and explaining why you think it's reasonable, then take it from there. Once you've agreed on the amount with the trader the law says you should get your refund within 14 days.

If you can't come to an agreement, or they refuse to fix the problem or give you a refund, there are other steps you could take - including complaining to your card provider if you paid by card.

You can check if the trader is a member of a trade association or quality scheme. If they are, they might have to follow certain rules, and if they've broken them, you could get help to take your complaint further. They might be part of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - a way of solving disagreements with a trader without going to court - or they might agree to use one.

If the trader isn't part of an ADR scheme, and you've already complained to your card provider and the complaint isn't resolved, you may be able to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

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





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On Saturday 8th August some members attended a V J Remembrance service for all those who did not return home in the Rose Garden within the Abbey Gardens, Bury St Edmunds. Ivor Bowden paraded the branch standard.

Tuesday, 18th August 31 members and guests attended our annual dinner, held at the Cock Inn Stanton. All enjoyed the meal provided by Nigel and his team. A raffle was held during the evening and this raised £151.00 for branch funds.

We will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 26th September in the church room Stanton. 10 to 12 noon. This will include a raffle, please attend and support us.

The Royal Airforce Association Thetford Branch has been in contact with us regarding the Annual Remembrance Ceremony at St Ethelbert's Church, East Wretham on Wednesday 4th November at 10.45am to remember the Czechoslovakian and Polish airman buried in the Commonwealth War Grave plot. The airmen flew from both RAF Wretham and RAF Honington during WW11.

Tickets for the Festival of Remembrance to be held at the Apex Bury St Edmunds on Friday 6th November are now on sale at £15.00 each.

At the time of going to press branch funds totalled £2443.33p.

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

Hubby Frost



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I.



August: Pétanque

Members returned unexpectedly to the garden of The Rookery in August to learn the French game of Pétanque (or boules). Many thanks to Sally and John Boulter for stepping in at very short notice to guide us in the rules. Everyone had great fun and much talent was discovered.

Next month we shall be back in our usual meeting place of the Priory Room on **Wednesday 9th September**. A talk on **Dad's Army – the nation's favourite comedy** by Charles Garland who was assistant to David Croft.

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Eligibility for a Flu Vaccination

- Aged 65 years and over;
- 18 – 64 years at clinical risk;
- Those in long stay residential care homes;
- Carers of elderly or disabled persons;
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals;
- Frontline workers in a health and social care setting.

Eligibility for a COVID Booster

- Residents in a care home for older adults;
- All adults aged 75 years and over;
- Patients aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

At Woolpit Health Centre we will kick off the campaign with two large clinics as follows:

Saturday 3rd October – COVID and Flu for patients over the age of 75 years ONLY

Wednesday 7th October – Flu ONLY for eligible patients under the age of 75 years

We will then plan smaller clinics for patients unable to make these dates.

Eligible patients will receive an invitation via a mobile phone text or by letter, depending on how they have consented for us to make contact. There may be occasions where patients of the same household have different appointment times. In this event patients can attend together at either time, without the need to inform us.

Housebound patients will be notified of their vaccination date by telephone.

During this busy time, we try hard to minimise disruption to our core primary care services, protecting our Care Navigators so they can remain focused on supporting patients who need triaging into urgent and routine appointments. During the season our small, dedicated vaccination team handle large numbers of telephone and email enquiries.

Request to Patients

1. Please **wait** for your invitation.
2. Upon receipt please only contact the team if you need to change your appointment or cannot use the mobile phone booking link.
3. Our preference is for email contact as this keeps the phone line free and is an efficient way to communicate. Please email: **woolpit.covid19queries@nhs.net**
4. If you need to phone our dedicated vaccine line, the number is **01359 243933**.
5. **Finally, we ask you please to be patient, whichever way you contact us we will get back to you. There is no need to leave multiple messages, this only slows down our responses. Be reassured, we have plenty of vaccine and plenty of appointments.**

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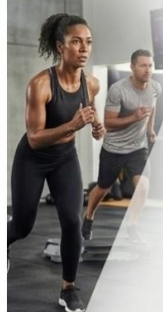
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In September and Beyond



The summer of heat and drought has left us gasping for rain... the trees are struggling and we will have had losses from the Jubilee Wood without a shadow of doubt... hopefully the Wild Wood itself, about to go into its fifteenth year, will have survived and the winter rains will soften the parched earth. We will have to hope that the pattern of warm wet winters and horrible hot dry summers isn't set in stone, although I fear the worst I am afraid; BUT life goes on and we have a programme of events and activities to tell you about and for you to put in the diary.

- We have arranged another **Bat Safari on Saturday the 12th September starting at 7.30pm** by the picnic tables with our old friend **Nick Sibbet** sharing his knowledge and experience with us. It's a great event for young and old alike.
- It's that time of year again and we will be cutting the meadows and the rides and once again we are organising a **raking in the wood and picnic lunch event** and this year it's on **Sunday the 13th of September starting at 10.00am** with lunch and a chat to follow AND the more the merrier please.
- Depending on how well we do at the first event we might also have another **raking day on Saturday the 19th of September starting at 10.00am** although this is to be confirmed.
- Following the success of 'Six Inches of Soil' we are arranging another **film night on Friday the 16th of October** with more details in the next Observer.
- The annual **Pumpkin Trail will start at 5.30pm on the 30th of October** and that's always a lovely event for the kids.
- This is one for next year's diary but an early warning that **the Curry Night fundraiser** has been arranged For **Saturday the 6th February 2027**

As ever if you want any more details or information then please do make contact...

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

Thank you all for supporting our annual event. We are always in need of helpers, so if you would like to get involved next year do get in touch – contact Debbie Licata (Horticultural Show Secretary 259686). Next year's show will be on Saturday 14 August 2027.

The prize winners are listed below.

PRIZE WINNERS 2026

THE WALSHAM FLOWER TROPHY:

1. Pauline Batchelor 2. Sami Wyatt 3. Judith Harlow

THE CHALLENGE CUP: Garth Harlow - Hosta

THE FOLKARD CUP:

1. Sami Wyatt 2. Pauline Batchelor 3. Garth Harlow

FOTHERGILL'S SHIELD: Sami Wyatt - Sweetcorn

DOMESTIC CLASS CUP:

1. Pauline Batchelor 2. Frank Watson 3. Sharon Rees

THE W.I. CUP: Pauline Batchelor – Quiche

DECORATIVE CLASS: Alice Batchelor

BUDDING ROSE CUP: Sarah Cummock

THE WILLIAMSON PHOTOGRAPHIC CUP: Steph

Debbie Licata



IN MEMORY OF STUART NIELSEN.

On behalf of Stuart's family Jean and Alastair a huge thank you to friends and colleagues who either donated online or gave to collections on the day of his funeral.

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WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND



A Big Thank You

The bank holiday weekend being at the end of the month and the Observer deadlines mean that you will probably be reading this as the actual event is taking place or shortly afterwards so any kind of report on the weekend would be impossible to produce even with my 'soft focus crystal ball'....BUT it would be wrong for me not to pass on the Committee's grateful and eternal thanks to everyone involved in what ever way. It would be a massive understatement to say that this, the 44th year, has been a difficult one for everybody involved particularly our wonderful garden owners who have continued with their support despite the horrible weather conditions, the drought the hose pipe ban and everything else.

It is of course, more than just gardens, and there has been a valiant effort from lots and lots of other people who come together each year to make Walsham such a lovely place to visit over the long weekend.

I am hopeful that our visitors will have continued with their support as well and that the weekend has been a success because it didn't just happen and we just want to say a big

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

There will be more in next month's Observer by way of detail but if you want more information then please make contact

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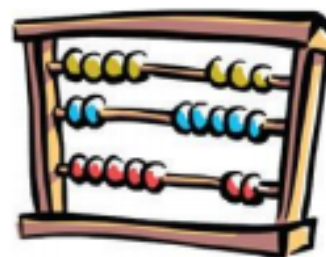
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On Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Priory Room the History Group will resume its monthly talks after a brief hiatus for Walsham Open Gardens.

We welcome as our speaker, Charlotte Paton, historian and author, who will be talking about Victorian Rural Women.

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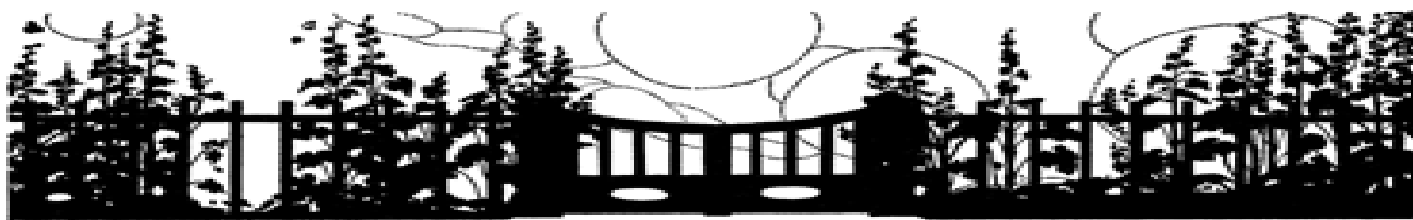
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If this is of interest to you or you would like more information do contact me via ***gabriellehunt@btinternet.com*** or **07568 580882**. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gabrielle Hunt



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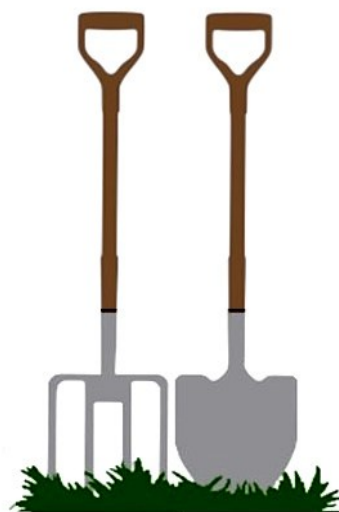
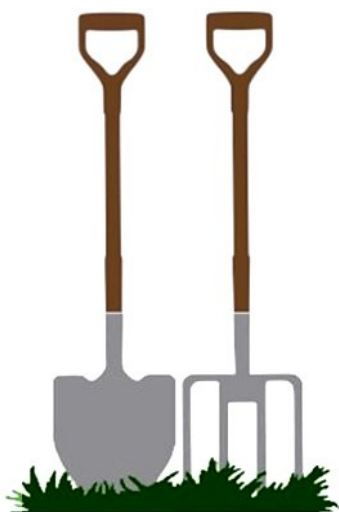
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Tue 11th	W.I. Petanque Taster		St Mary's 12.30pm
	Sports Club 7.30pm	Wed 14th	W.I. Burlesque Talk
Sun 30th	Open Gardens All		Priory Room 7.30pm
Mon 31st	Weekend Day	Fri 16th	Wildwoods Film Night
SEPTEMBER			Village Hall TBA
Wed 9th	W.I. Dad's Army Talk	Wed 21st	History Group
	Priory Room 7.30pm		Priory Group 7.30pm
Sat 12th	Historic Churches Ride	Fri 30th	Pumpkin Trail
	All over 9am to 5pm		Wildwoods 5.30pm
	Jigsaw Sale	NOVEMBER	
	Village Hall 10.00am	Sat 7th	Kirbye Voices
	Bat Safari		St Mary's 7.30pm
	Wildwoods 7.30pm	Wed 1th	W.I. Jigsaw Challenge
Sun 13th	Raking & Picnic		Priory Room 7.30pm
	Wildwoods 10.00am	Wed 18th	History Group
Wed 16th	History Group		Priory Room 7.30pm
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Sat 19th	More Raking & Picnic	Tue 8th	History Group
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 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. Batholomew, Belson, Brookes, Mecrow, Roberts, Tuck (from 19:42) and Winch.

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

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required) & MEMBER'S APOLOGIES
 - a. None received
 - b. No consents required
2. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a. None received.
 - b. No dispensations were needed.
3. MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
 - a. Minutes of the meeting on 8th July 2026 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting.
 - b. Outstanding actions from last meeting:
 - Cllr Mecrow has established that availability of sports club on-site toilets depends on managers opening them, which they normally do, when activities are taking place.
 - Cllr Mecrow had responded to the West Suffolk Local Plan consultation.
 - Cllr Mecrow had followed up on the footpaths (Wattisfield Road to The Street), and he will kindly take a strimmer down there to tidy them up.
4. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM (POF) – To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters. No members of the public were present.
5. DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS
 - a. County Councillor Bains
 - Cllr Bartholomew asked for a definition of 'minimal cost impacts' in report about the recent shutting down of solar panels on school roofs due to possible fire risk. Cllr Bartholomew felt very strongly that the assessment of £35 loss per week was totally inaccurate and that based on the costing he had done on figures for a local school, the loss on electricity generation back to the grid would be much more material and in the region of £1,000 to £2,000 in June and July, plus the loss of use of electricity from the grid, so more like £3,000. Cllr Bartholomew asked that this be fed back to Suffolk County Council who will ask if there is an emergency budget for schools in such circumstances. He was also able to confirm that there is still no proof that the fire that triggered this response was caused by the batteries of solar panels but that this is being



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actively investigated in the school estate across Suffolk.

- Cllr Janette Winch asked if there were any figures that could be provided to reassure the public that fire services across the region are adequately funded and staffed in the light of increasing probability of both flood and wild fires. Cllr Bain said he would ask the question.
- Cllr Mecrow asked again about the advisability of the scrapping of the SCC climate emergency plan (2019) in the light of recent wild-fire events. He was concerned that the removal of the top tier of the plan would impact collaborate working that did sit under that high level strategy. Cllr Bain said that there had been no actual cuts but ‘repurposing’ for resources to facilitate a more flexibility with the available funding.
- Cllr Bartholomew raised the issue of the number of road closures (some unplanned and at one stage on three roads in/out of the village at the same time) and the lack of clear signing to guide drivers to maintain driver trust in the signing as all in the room had experienced ‘road closure’ signage in place when the relevant road (or a number of turnings off it) were actually accessible. The question was asked by a correspondent as to whether signage could indicate the distance to the road closure to guide drivers more accurately and prevent frustration and lack of trust in the signage.
- West Street was raised as an example, with barriers left in the road, some around still to be completed work. But this appears to have been caused in part by road users having removed signage/barriers. Cllr Brooks raised the issue of how emergency services would be expected to navigate such a chaotic set of road closures. DC Winch intends to email County Cllr Bains about this. Cllr Bains asked that this be reported in the Highways Reporting tool and he will ask questions of Highways in meeting this week and feedback at next meeting.

b. District Councillor Winch

- DC Winch offered that he had been chasing the bus shelter proposal and had still not heard back. He will keep chasing.
- DC Winch asked for suggestions for use of Pride in Your Place grants and also suggestions for eligible businesses under a new scheme to support local food producers and he can check if they would be eligible.

7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS

a. Traffic Group

- i. Speed limit report detailing the decision (last page) was noted.
- ii. Traffic group report with following proposals for consideration:

Proposal 1

That council agrees the implementation of agreed 20mph changes and request formal costings.

Council asked the Clerk to request formal costings before agreeing the implementation of agreed 20mph changes.

Proposal 2

Cllr Bain to follow up the decision specifically on Wattisfield Road where it is thought the criteria for 30mph is met and request an explanation of the



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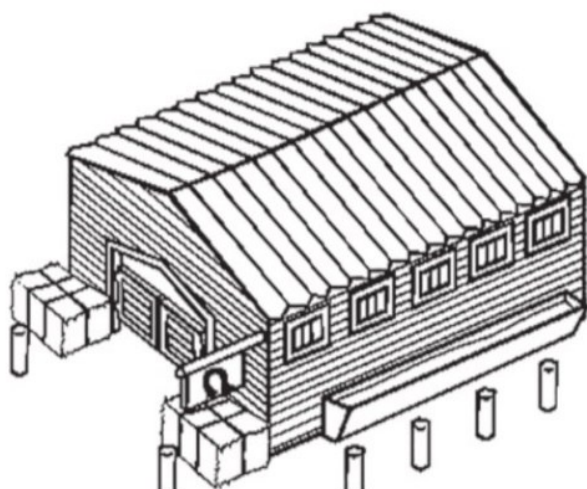
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rejection of 40 mph on West Street given the positive response in the officers' comments in the report.

County Cllr Bain was able to report that he had been promised a review of all the decisions. He will follow this up in meetings with Highways.

Proposal 3

That council asks the Traffic Group should begin developing a response to the decision based on evidence and policies with regard to rejection of 30 and 40 mph decision.

It was decided to wait until County Cllr Bain has reported back (proposal 2)

Proposal 4

That council requests locality funding from District Cllr Winch to fund a speed detector for Finningham Road/Summer Road on a temporary rotation until we are in a position to fund additional SIDs as per objectives.

It was agreed that the Clerk to make the application.

Proposal 5

That council request a funding commitment from County Cllr Bain to support implementation of 20mph.

County Cllr Bain was able to confirm that he will be able to contribute but at this stage cannot commit until the final costing have been advised.

Proposal 6

That council meet SCC engineer to look at West Street signage options and reconsider Finningham Road options

It was decided to wait until County Cllr Bain has reported back (proposal 2)

Proposal 7

That the traffic group now focus on exploring other options for Finningham Road (gates and road markings) as the next step in the project.

This was agreed.

Council also noted the Lorry Watch summary in the report after the proposals.

Cllr Belson asked about the Community Speedwatch group. Cllr J Winch was able to confirm that a number of volunteers had been recruited and there would be more publicity to try to recruit some more from among those who have expressed concerns. Information sessions are planned for potential volunteers on 24th September.

- iii. To response from Sophie Farrington re the completion of lining works etc was noted and this was reinforced by County Cllr Bain. The works will be completed as ordered.

b. Community Emergency Plan Group – It was noted that the updated plan had been submitted to MSDC and Cllr Brookes hope to have a redacted copy for publication for approval at next meeting. In addition dates are being planned for more Rest Centre training in October or November.

- i. The email from resident about fire risks and reply by Cllr Brookes was noted and the Clerk was asked to send the reply as drafted.

c. Flood Mitigation Group – Nothing to note, other than Clerk had advised local landowner that bridge repairs could commence as grant had been received.

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8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS
 - a. Standing item to consider changes to neighbourhood plan to be documented for next review. Cllr Belson asked District Cllr Winch to confirm that the Parish Council is to expect a report from MSDC in December, following on from the call for sites. This was confirmed.
 - b. Council considered the email invitation to participate in consultation on Jaynic development proposals for Shepherds Grove site. This is to take place on Wednesday 19th August at 19:30 in the Stanton Village Hall. Cllrs Belson and Roberts to attend. Cllr Brookes hopes to attend.
 - c. It was noted that the Clerk has completed the short survey from NALC on position with our Neighbourhood Plan.
9. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only (additional notices TBA by email before the meeting)
 - a. 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 **MSDC Granted Listed Building Consent**
 - b. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITION(S) -DC/26/02047 Proposal: Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/23/01951 (2no dwellings) for the variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) - revised plans submitted for approval. Location: Maltings, Palmer Street, Walsham le Willows, IP31 3BZ **MSDC Granted Conditions Variation**
 - c. APPLICATION DC/26/02523 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions for DC/25/00609 - Condition 3 (Building Recording) Location: Walsham Town Farm, West Hall Road, Walsham Le Willows, Diss Suffolk IP22 1LY **MSDC Granted Discharge**
 - d. DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 DC/26/03451 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/26/01978 - Conditions 3 (Underlying fabric repairs), 4 (Wall insulation and render backing) and 5 (Render mix and finish) Location: Deyes Cooperage, The Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA **MSDC Approved Conditions 3, 4 and 5**
 - e. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/01944 Proposal: Householder Application - Installation of solar panels Location: Clive Cottage, The Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ **MSDC Granted Permission**
10. FINANCE & AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN
 - a. Bank statements & reconciliation for period ending 31st July 2026 for approved for signature.
 - b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were approved for payment. (Appendix 1).



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- c. Advice from SALC re uprated mileage allowances was noted and approved. Cllr Mecrow made the point that the last mileage claim by the Clerk was some 4-5 years ago.
 - d. It was noted that the required repair to streetlamp on Palmer Street is not considered to be impact damage but age-related deterioration. It is unlikely that an insurance claim could be made in any case. Cost to Parish Council (£1,758) will be invoiced when the work has been completed.
 - e. Cllr Winch has suggested a review of budget specifically to identify any items that could be grant funded under schemes such as Prine in Your Place. It was agreed that councillors bring suggestions to next meeting. Clerk to add to agenda.
11. CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere)
- a. Consultation for EcoPower Suffolk Solar –the PC decided that a response from Walsham le Willows would not add anything useful to the consultation.
 - b. Covered under agenda item 5. County Cllr Bains was asked to take forward a suggestion from resident for roadworks signage.
 - c. Correspondence from resident about traffic on Finningham Road and Cllr Winchs' response were noted.
 - d. The question of funding for the Rickinghall Community Bus Funding had been raised by a resident. It was decided that before coming to any decision that the Clerk should write to ask for more information on the structure and ownership of the bus service.
 - e. To note the agenda item in error
 - f. Work to rear of closed churchyard that should have been completed in winter 2025/26 and was confirmed last month as completed. Further correspondence about more cutting being needed has been received. Cllr Belson noted a recent accident in the vicinity. The Clerk referred to emails that had been circulated about the cutting contract in heatwave conditions when there is nothing to cut. The Clerk asked if Council wished to engage the contractor for an end of August visit for clearing and tidying just before gardens weekend, and also to include another cut to tree canopy and hedge.
 - g. It was noted that the Clerk has booked RoSPA report for Play Area at reduced rate for early booking, as usual.
 - h. Correspondence from Rvd. Catriona Brinkley re the siting of new bench in the closed churchyard was noted. Clerk to clarify that insurance for such furniture would be responsibility of the PCC.
12. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA
- a. Next Parish Council meeting is on September 2026 @ 7pm – Memorial Hall

Meeting Close @ 20:19



APPENDIX 1
Payments for Approval AUGUST 2026

#	Payments & Transfers OUT	Amount	Description
1	Starboard Systems t/a Scribe Accounts	£37.20	Accounting software subscription
2	Parish Council Employee	£714.41	Salaries
3	Memorial Village Hall	£27.00	Hall hire for meetings
4	Nurture Landscapes	£499.25	Grounds Maintenance
5	Mid-Suffolk District Council (MSDC)	£1,112.40	Dog & Litter Bin Emptying
6	Suffolk County Council (SCC HO Coll A/C)	£555.00	Signage installation – Wattisfield Rd – The Street footpaths
7	Unity Trust Bank	£7.00	DDR – Service Charge
	TOTAL	£2,952.26	

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1	SCC	£2620.00	Streetworks traffic calming
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September often feels like a month of new beginnings. After the slightly different rhythm of the summer holidays, life begins to start up again. Children and young people return to school, some beginning at a new school or moving into a new class. Clubs and groups restart, diaries begin to fill, and our villages settle back into their familiar routines.

There is something hopeful about a fresh start. The Bible reminds us:

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

Isaiah 43:19

Sometimes the “new thing” is something exciting and obvious, but often it is found in the ordinary pattern of life: a new friendship, a new opportunity, a new challenge, or simply the chance to begin again.

There are lots of things to look forward to this month, starting with our Roots and Shoots Children’s group on the 6th Tea and Toast Toddlers on the 8th. If you would like to know more about and of our services or groups do not hesitate to get in touch. September also brings the annual Ride and Stride, which this year takes place on Saturday 12th September. Across Suffolk, people will be walking, cycling and riding between churches, raising money to help care for these special buildings and keep them at the heart of their communities. So, if you are out and about and spot a walker, cyclist or rider making their way between churches, do give them a wave and some encouragement!

As September moves on, we also begin to notice the changing season around us. The evenings draw in a little earlier, the colours begin to change, we will hopefully be able to put the long hot summer behind us. Creation reminds us that change is a natural part of life: there are times for growth and activity, but also times to slow down, reflect and prepare for what comes next.

Whatever this new season holds for you, I hope there will be moments of joy, friendship and peace along the way. And remember, our churches are here for everyone. You are always very welcome to join us for a service, or simply to come in, sit for a while, enjoy the stillness and find a little peace in the midst of everyday life.

*With every blessing,
Revd Catriona*



SEPTEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church	Date	Service	Church
30th Aug	13th after Trinity		20th Sept	16th after Trinity	
9:30am	Benefice Service	Wattisfield	8:00am	BCP Communion	Walsham
6th Sept	14th after Trinity		9:30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
8:00am	BCP Communion	Walsham	27th Sept	17th after Trinity	
9:30am	Holy Communion	Langham	9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
10:00am	Roots & Shoots	Walsham	11:00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
11:00am	Family Service	Walsham	6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
13th Sept	15th after Trinity		4th Oct	18th after Trinity	
8:00am	BCP Communion	Walsham	8:00am	BCP Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe	9:30am	Harvest Service	Langham
11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham	10:00am	Roots & Shoots	Walsham



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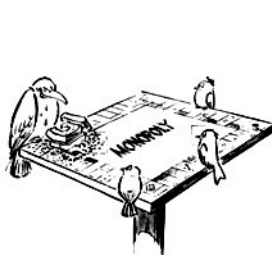
Tue 8th Sept
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Roots and Shoots

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GREEN DILEMMAS

Is there a climate emergency?

There used to be a consensus that there is a 'climate emergency'. This consensus has now broken down as witnessed by the recent Suffolk County Council decision to rescind the Council's climate emergency declaration.

Here is a quick summary of the arguments on both sides.

The view that climate change is an emergency is founded on scientific evidence that the predicted changes in climate will have catastrophic impacts on how we live. Greenhouse gas emissions are also cumulative and this means we will reach tipping points that can't be reversed. An example would be the melting of the Greenland ice sheet which could cause sea levels to rise by a few metres. If we don't take action now we won't be able to stop the worst impacts occurring.

It is also argued that we are already seeing changes that are serious threats to wildlife and biodiversity, farming, food supplies and national security. Even the strongest opponents of the idea of a 'climate emergency' have to concede that we are seeing very unusual events throughout the world and in Suffolk climate change is, for example, a significant problem for our farmers.

There are a number of different arguments being used to claim that climate change is not an emergency but interestingly they don't attempt to challenge the argument about the potential consequences.

The process of climate change has been taking place over decades so the argument is that it can't be an emergency as it is effectively a day to day 'business as usual problem'.

It is argued that net zero dogma is also enabling some poor decision making. There is clearly legitimate debate about the merits of any particular policy area and a lot of the current solutions can appear remote from the concerns of communities. The scientific argument is that we must radically reduce the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere in total - how we do it is an open debate.

Another argument is that constant treatment of climate change as an emergency is not good for people's mental health and is creating a constant state of anxiety especially for younger people. This is something we need to avoid though it's difficult to know how the worry over uncertainty can ever be eliminated.

It's often stated that the UK only accounts for 1% of global emissions so it doesn't make much difference what we do compared to somewhere like China. There is no doubt that each person and each country only has a minor role to play but little can happen unless there is collective action on a global scale. In fact China with its vast population ranks in the middle of the top 20 industrial nations per person only a bit above the UK. Moreover, we have effectively outsourced a lot of our emissions to China.

Wherever you stand on this argument it is sobering to think we will never live through a period where the climate will be as stable as it has been over the last decade.

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It is a tradition, in spirit, that Walsham's Sunday XI upheld one afternoon in August, when the side found itself short and turned, with the same elastic logic once applied to my own Devon kindred, to Jason Finch. Pressed into the action, fielding at long-on, with little time to acclimatise, Finch's moment arrived when a strong-armed Easton batter, sensing the boundary, launched one high into a swirling wind. Finch, momentarily rooted by the delay every fielder feels judging a skyer against the gusts, finally set off twenty yards to his left and threw himself full length to clutch the catch inches off the ground. It was the highlight of an otherwise chastening afternoon - Easton batted first and posted 233 for 9, and Walsham, for all Finch's heroics, could only reply with 172 all out - but two centuries ago, a catch like that, taken by a press-ganged into service that very morning, would have had the whole ship's company thumping the deck regardless of the scoreline.

Cricket, unlike the Navy, does not press a man into eleven years of unbroken service and the occasional flogging; it asks only for a Sunday afternoon, and every so often repays the imposition handsomely.

If Finch's summons was a matter of chance, five young Walsham cricketers have spent the summer earning theirs the harder way. Macey, Elodie, Albie, Mason and Harry — all but one graduates of the Club's own All Stars programme — represented the MCC Framlingham Hub in this year's national junior competition. Macey and Elodie opened the girls' campaign with wins over the Norfolk and Derbyshire Hubs, Macey scoring 29 and Elodie an unbeaten 18. Albie, captaining the boys, made an excellent 55 in the opening win over Cambridgeshire; Mason added 24 runs and two wickets. Joined by Harry against Leicestershire, the pair bowled Suffolk to victory, restricting the opposition to 117, before Albie's unbeaten 81 sealed a place in the National Quarter-Finals. Both sides went on to acquit themselves superbly in the National Quarter-Finals, with the boys' and girls' Hub sides finishing fifth in the country. As coach Moose put it, all five "should be incredibly proud of themselves" — state-school cricketers from a club that still believes the game belongs to whoever turns up, willingly or otherwise.

Elsewhere, August has been a mixed bag. The Sunday XI sit mid-table in Division 3 after that Easton reverse, though they bounced back a week later at Horringer, chasing down 186 for the loss of four wickets. The Saturday 1st XI have had the harder time of it — four defeats on the spin, including a gut-punch at home to Kesgrave, where 257 for 9 looked more than enough until the visitors got there with 258 for 4. The Saturday 2nd XI, by contrast, have thrived on the tightest of margins, winning at Worlingworth and against Kirby by a single run apiece before closing the month out against Woolpit's fourths. Turn up, it turns out, and you never quite know what you will be asked to do — or what you might pull off when you are. And as my old man is want to say — one volunteer is worth ten pressed-men; so make yourselves available before Clarkey comes around with a shilling in your pint pot...

James French



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BOWLS CLUB REPORT

At the time of writing these notes we will sadly be entering the final stages of the season which seems to have flown by but has been a massive success both on and off the green and one that has been enjoyed by all members both new and old.

Highlight of the month was undoubtedly the Club Sponsors evening organised by Chairman Trevor where we hosted representatives from Morrish Structural Engineers, Rolfes Butchers, AJ Driver Joinery, FLP Motors, B&E Randall Engine Reconditioning Specialists and Pollard & Co. Builders for what turned out to be a very successful evening with a great atmosphere both on the Green and in the Clubhouse with more than a few potential additions to next seasons squad being unearthed.

We have a couple of busy days planned alongside the Open Gardens weekend with Sunday 30th August seeing our Club Finals Day with matches being played throughout the day and then on Monday 31st we take on Wortham BC in our annual Bank holiday challenge match, so for those of you out and about over the weekend please feel free to come and watch the action or pop into the club house for a drink and a chat.

The AGM will be held on Monday 21st September 7pm in the clubhouse with all welcome to attend.

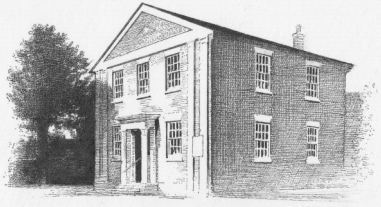
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Day	Date	Opponent	H/A		F	A
Monday	27-Jul	Woodfield	A	W	70	60
Wednesday	29-Jul	Haughley	A	L	45	84
Thursday	30-Jul	West Row	A	L	57	105
Monday	03-Aug	Great Barton	A	L	77	82
Wednesday	05-Aug	Combs	H	L	56	81
Thursday	06-Aug	Hengrave	H	L	59	111
Monday	10-Aug	Needham	A	W	77	67
Tuesday	11-Aug	Needham Limes	H	L	34	31
Wednesday	12-Aug	Needham	A	L	59	81
Thursday	13-Aug	Old Newton	A	W	95	48
Monday	17-Aug	Thornham	A	L	57	86
Tuesday	18-Aug	Great Barton	A	W	36	20
Wednesday	19-Aug	St Bots	A	L	62	72
Thursday	20-Aug	Brandon B	H	L	61	81

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Harvest Thanksgiving **Services**

Sunday 20th September

at 11.00am and 6.30pm

Preacher: Rev Stephen Holland
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You are warmly invited to join with us to give thanks
to Almighty God for his faithfulness,
and for the blessing of another harvest.

(Refreshments to follow the evening service)

**While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat,
and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.**
(Genesis 8:22)

FOOTBALL REPORT

Following a very good pre-season the First Team started their new league programme with a game at Lakenheath at the end of July which they won 4-2. Ash Blow with a brace and Charlie Norman and a George Bugg penalty were our goal scorers

We then travelled to Mildenhall on 1st August and won 1-0 with a goal from captain George Bugg. We then had a very easy 3-0 victory over Kirkley and Pakefield. George Bugg, Matt Glover and Reon Huckvale our goal Scorers.

We then drew 1-1 at Dereham in the FA Cup with Charlie Norman the scorer. In the re-play we lost 2-1 With George Bugg our goalscorer.

We then travelled to Mildenhall Town in the FA Vase and won 3-1 in a scintillating display. Ash Blow, Reon Huckvale and Charlie Norman were our goal scorers. We returned to league action at home to Great Yarmouth Town winning 6-2. Charlie Norman scored a hat trick with Huckvale, Bugg and Blow the other goal scorers. It's been an excellent start and after four games we currently sit proudly on top of the league.

Home fixtures for September

Tues 8th v Haverhill Rovers 7.45pm

Sat 19th v Wisbech Town 3pm

Fri 11th v Dussindale Rovers 7.45pm. FA Vase

Sat 26th v Thetford Town 3pm

Sat 5th Development team v Cockfield United 2.30pm

Thur 17th v Leiston under 18s 7.45pm

Sun 6th Walsham Vets v Mendlesham vets 2pm

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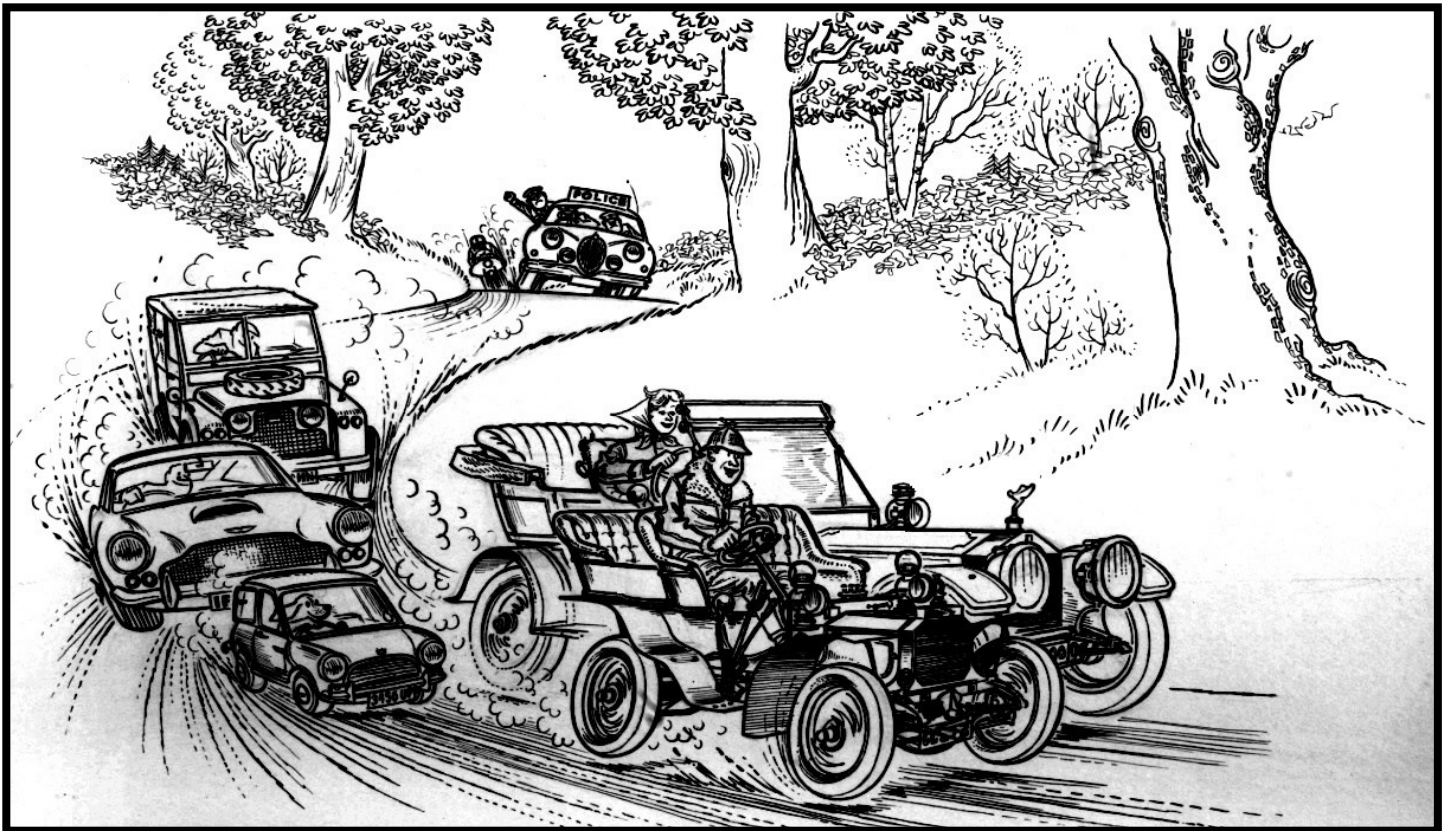
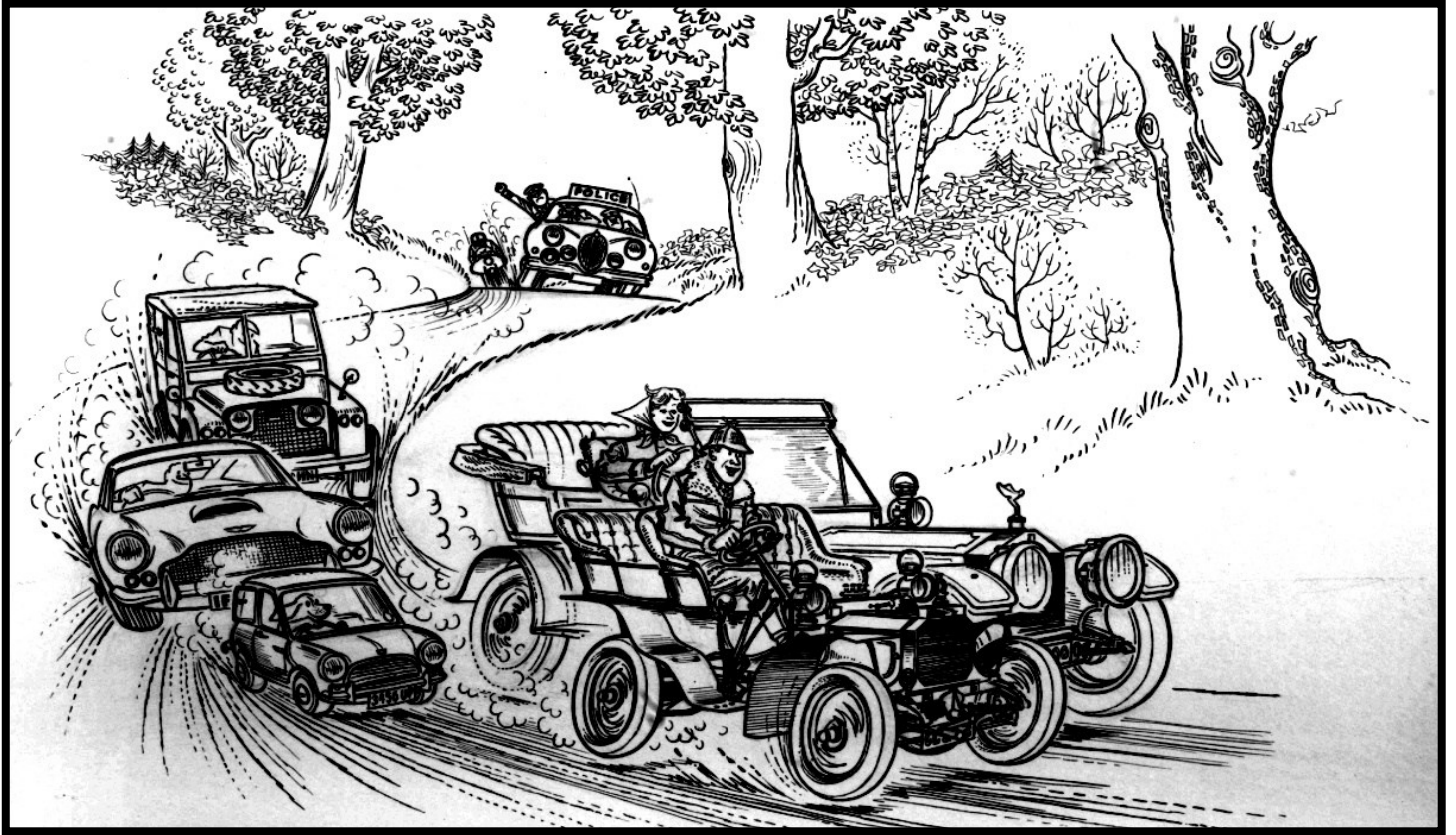
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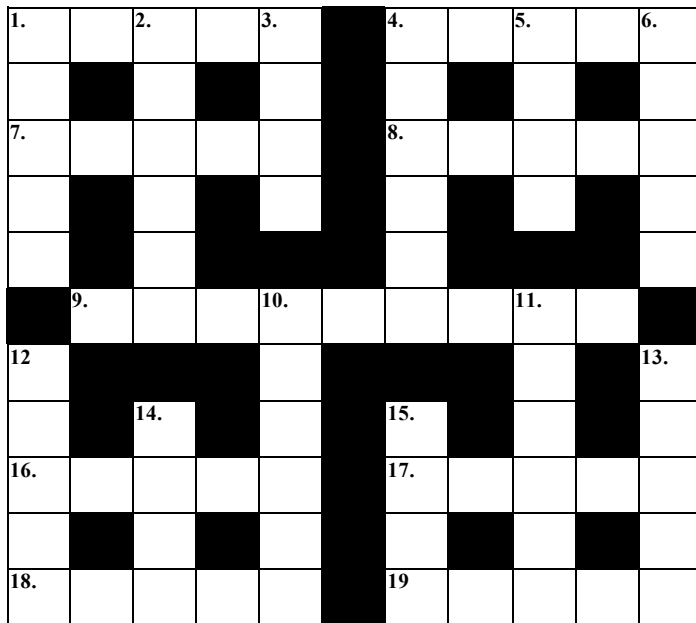


There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the police manage to get moving and restore road peace.



In which part of the human body is the Fibula?

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16. Is it always a quiet instrument? (5)
 17. Rushed to repair the cedar. (5)
 18. Does Astor produce food this way, (5)
 19. A step change is required for the spread. (5)

Down

1. The clown has a drink. (5)
 2. Sounds like the stone for Alf. (6)
 3. It was stupid to be in the crash display. (4)
 4. Bob will move fast on this run. (6)
 5. Just the book for a dick. (4)
 6. Make the broth pulsate. (5)
 10. Does this keep the stallholder buoyant? (6)
 11. Choose to choose the way one makes a choice. (6)
 12. **Piper** Could the Ripper have been made to be a good player after the beginning. (5)
 13. Push the nude to hold the force. (5)
 14. Maybe laugh at the peculiar wall. (4)
 15. Support the stage addition. (4)

Across

1. No smoke for the one who just failed. (5)
 4. Find the space traveller will come to tea. (5)
 7. One worries about the developed acres. (5)
 8. Just a glow comes in after August. (5)
 9. The plan works when one gets a tram organised? (9)

FRIENDS REUNITED

'Hallo? You got my email? *Fine!*
 No - ladies first! The floor is mine?
 All right then! Where shall I begin?
 My prowess with the violin?
 The *Orchestra!* The row we made!
 What was the instrument you played?
 The *Glockenspiel?* I forgot!
 Well yes, I still play quite a lot.
 Oh, the odd Prom... What about you?
 Are you still keen on music too?
 You've given up the *Glockenspiel?*
 It's lost its earlier appeal?
 That is a shame! Now let me hear
 What you've done! Followed a career?
 A Law Lord? Really? Well I never!

I'd no idea you were so clever!
 I really fancied you, back then!
 And how old were you? Pushing ten?
 I thought of you the other day -
 You took me down that alleyway
 And let me pull your knickers down.
 You charged the others half a crown -
 At least I think that's what they said.
 Hallo? Oh blast! The line's gone dead!

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What was the nickname of basketball player Earvin Johnson?

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What is the longest word you can make with these letters?

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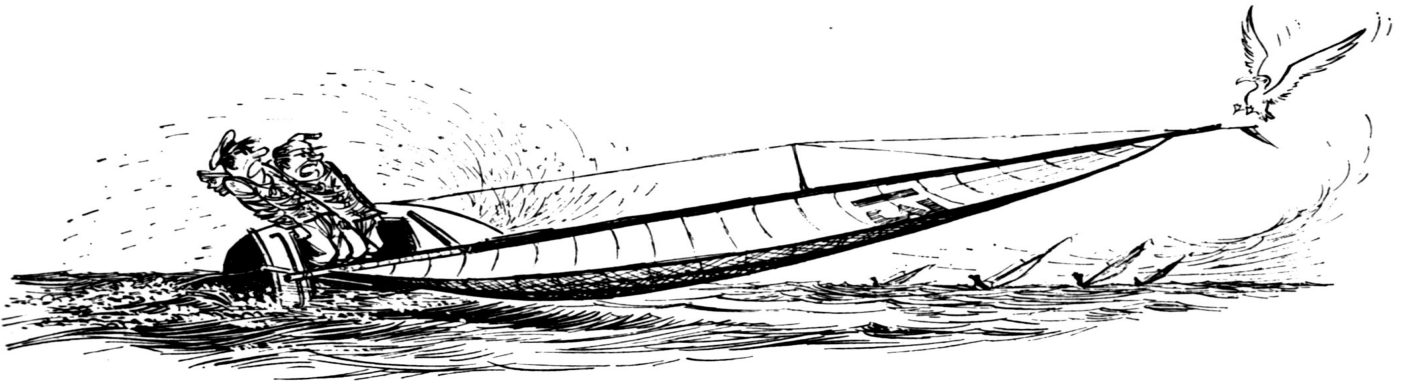
C	O	T	U	R	E	N	I	G
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What is the nine letter word formed from these letters?

S	U	E	S	L	O	V	E	R
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Using +, -, x and $\div$, form the large number on the right.

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MORE OR LESS

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The numbers 1 to 5 should appear in each row and column.

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The greater and less signs indicate the relative size of adjacent numbers.

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$$2 < \square \quad \square \quad \square \quad \square$$

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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 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

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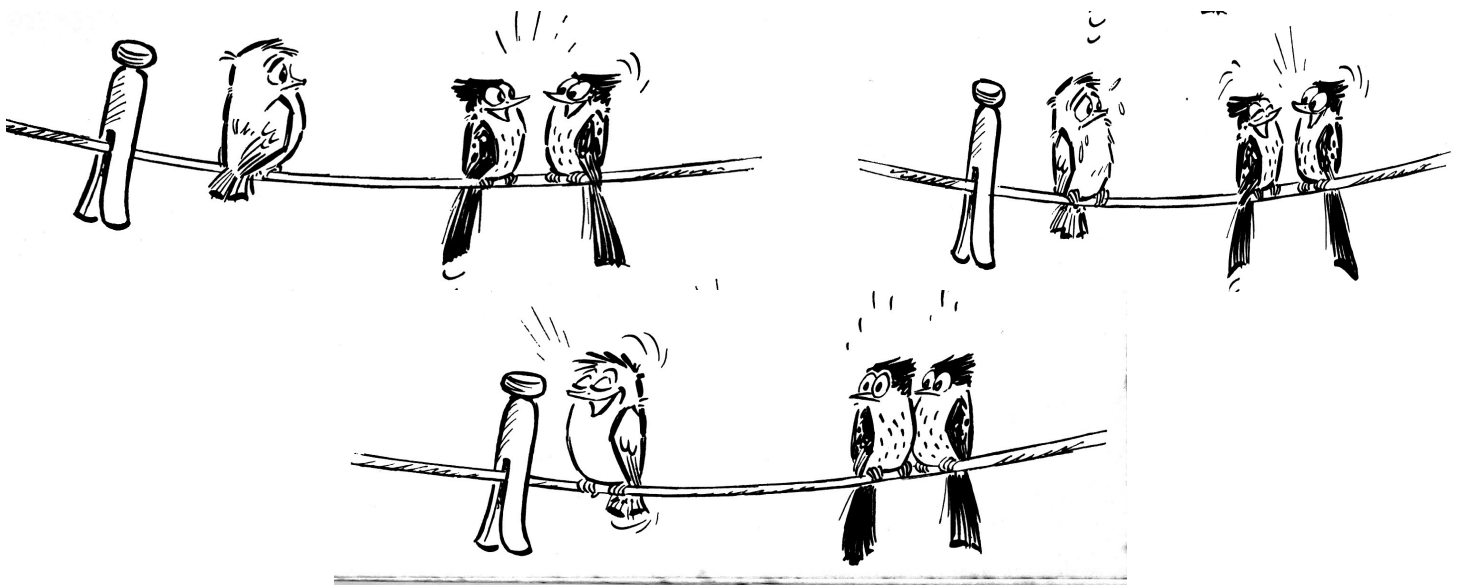
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2:00pm till 3:00pm
Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY



'Summertime' is a song from which George Gershwin opera?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. White, 2. Abacus, 3. J M Synge, 4. Joseph Goebbels, 5. Charlie Chaplin, 6. Niki Lauda, 7. Hydrogen, 8. Canada, 9. Danish, 10. Chess, 11. Edgar Allan Poe, 12. St Nicholas, 13. Paul McCartney, 14. Invertebrate, 15. Morgan le Fay, 16. Tutankhamen, 17. Shergar, 18. Philip Roth, 19. Crux, 20. The Arno, 21. New York, 22. Arizona, 23. The French, 24. Crocodile, 25. Canada, 26. In the fiery furnace, 27. Ulrike Meinhof, 28. Venice, 29. Goya, 30. Firefly, 31. Italy, 32. George Washington, 33. Latvia, 34. Narcissus, 35. Mary Celeste, 36. Cairo, 37. Egypt, 38. Israel, 39. Cyprus, 40. Macbeth, 41. Terry Gilliam, 42. The leg, 43. South Africa, 44. Magic, 45. Elizabeth I, 46. Porgy & Bess, 47. Shannon, 48. Permafrost, 49. The meek,

Sudoku

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Crossword

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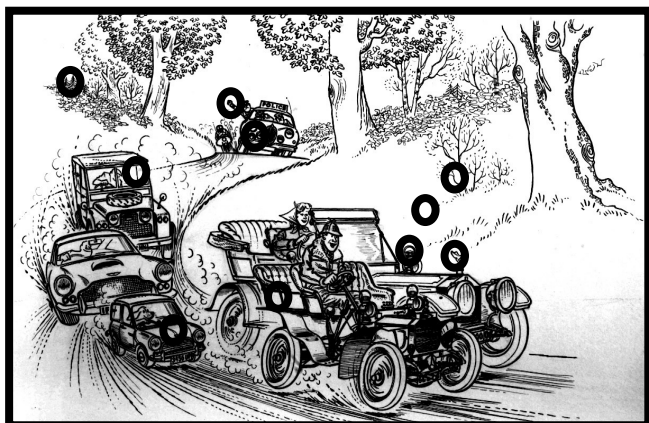
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2	3	5	1	4

Countdown

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Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

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Bed	Bee	Beer	Beet	
Belated	Belt	Belted	Belter	Bet
Beta	Bleat	Bled	Deal	Dealer
Dealt	Death	Deb	Dee	Deer
Delta	Eat	Healed	Healer	Heat
Heel	Herd	Late	Later	Lath
Lathe	Lather	Lathered	Lea	Led
Lee	Let	Real	Rebel	Red
Reed	Reel	Relate	Related	Ret
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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.'**