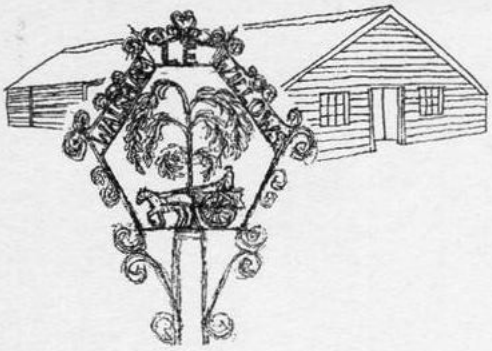
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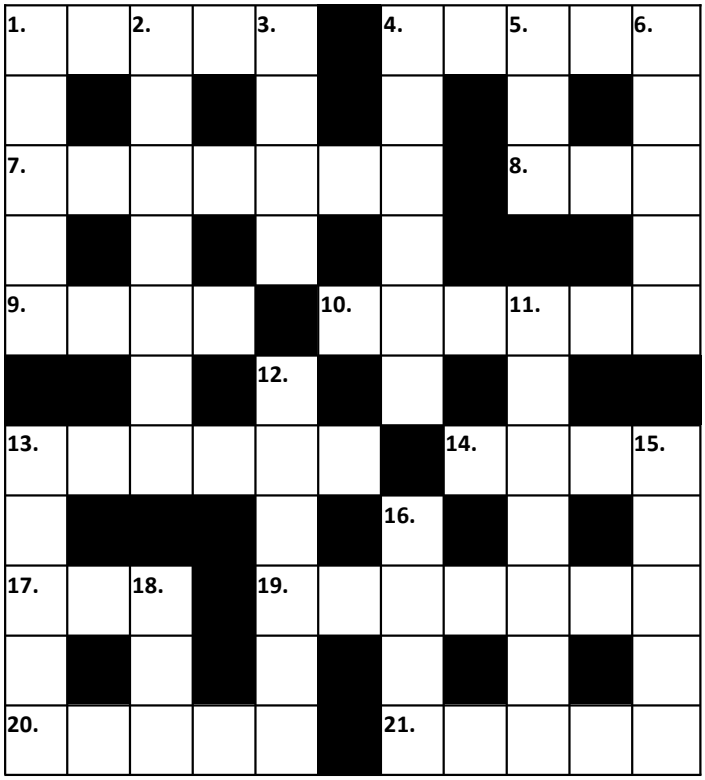
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1 Which well-known horror story was written by Mary Shelley?

EDITORIAL

I must apologise for the presentation of this edition. Some may think that I am getting 'demob happy' but it is actually a mixture of having to change to Afinity from Publisher, which I had mistakenly thought that I could use despite its not being backed by Microsoft any longer; this meant having to almost start from scratch. The other reason being that I have been suffering from some sickness virus, which makes life a little difficult.
This accounts for a few whit spaces and one or two bits of information, but I am sure that they can be gleaned from the village website or last month's edition; but do read this copy carefully as much of the information is contained within.
I hope that my final two editions will be somewhat better, but in the meantime 'enjoy' this one, if you can, starting with the crossword.

WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



Across

1. Separate a piece. (5)
4. The stage play became a joke. (5)
7. Jeremy Fisher when so much younger. **(7)**
8. Not quite a vegetable for the toilet. (3)
9. Can you care about the competition? (4)
10. Get into trouble for organising capers. (6)
13. Seemingly there's none like this relation. (6)
14. Put the part back for the snare. (4)
17. Just a little bit of work in the engineering works. (3)
19. The loan was arranged to get the gas laid on. (7)
20. The smallest slate is broken. (5)
21. It was how heather found the crop. (5)

Down

1. Just change later. (5)
2. Did scat become composed for dependents. **(7)**
3. Either way one sounds the horn. (4)
4. Polish and leave for those across the water. (6)
5. Tear found in the strippers costume. (3)
6. Remove from the beer a second time. (5)
11. Organise a spread maybe. (7)
12. Go back on your word about those forty days. (6)
13. Sort out the letters for a while. (5)
15. Guide the airman. (5)
16. What became of the melting snow. (4)
18. Sounds like a goer in India! (3)

Swan and Edison, separately, invented which everyday item?

OLD TOWN TRUST

Land For Rent

The Old Town Trust Charitable Incorporated organisation (Charity no: 1197102) is inviting tenders from any permanent residents of Walsham le Willows parish for the tenancy of the land identified in the map on the front cover either separately or in any combination of the four lots.

Tenders will only be accepted as sealed bids delivered to Mr Kevin Broadley c/o Parish Clerk, Willow Cottage, The Street, Walsham le Willows IP31 3AA. (Mr Broadley is independent of the trust.) Any tenders to be received by 30th November, 2026.

The proposed tenancy(ies) will run from 1st January 2027 for an initial period of three years, with a subsequent one year rolling agreement. The rent runs from 1st October to 30th September, please put your yearly tenders in but this will be Pro rata for 1st January to 30th September 2027. The yearly invoice will be sent in September 2027 for 30th October 2027 to 30th September 2028.

Notice period after the initial three-year term - one year either way.

The total area is 1.62 acres including the retained area. When the retained area is excluded, the area is estimated to be 1.2 - 1.3 acres. Individual plot sizes can be estimated from the map.

With submitted tenders please give an overview of the intended use of the land. These will be taken into account when granting the tenancy(ies)

If you would like further information before tendering, please email oldtowntrust@outlook.com to arrange an appointment on either the morning of Saturday 14th November 2026 or Sunday 15th November 2026 between 9 and 11am on site. (/// testy.shop.clocked what3words)

Use of the land.

No structures to be placed on the land without PRIOR written agreement of the trust.

No permanent structures will be permitted in any form.

No hedging / trees to be planted without PRIOR written agreement of the trust.

Any fencing to be a standardised design.

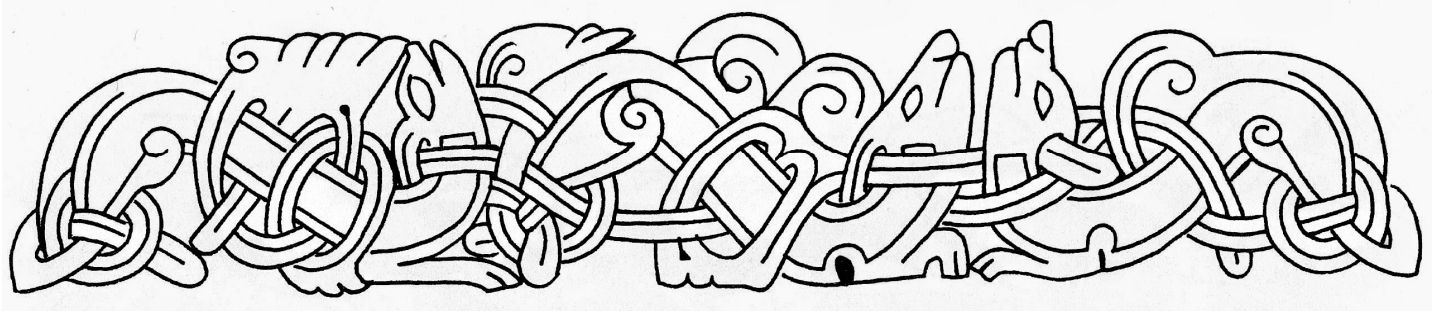
Gates between entrance off lane to be maintained/ established to facilitate access to retained land. To be padlocked with tumbler locks – codes to Tenant and Landlord.

Hedging, trees etc within the plot/plots to be maintained by the tenant.

Reservation

If suitable bids are not received the trust retains the right not to lease the land.

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Which European country was ruled by Janos Kadar from 1956?

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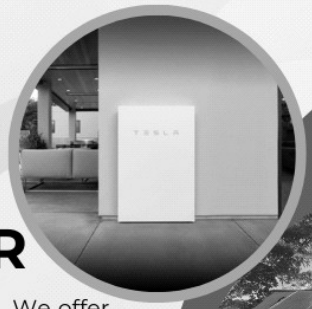
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Which U.S. President was born in a log cabin in 1809?

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It has been a really busy few weeks in school. All classes have visited St Mary's for Experience Harvest where we listened, created clay pots, coloured, planted seeds and reflected on what Harvest means to us and each other. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our visit such a memorable experience.

We also celebrated Harvest where the children did a fantastic job taking part in the service, sharing readings, prayers and songs, and reminding us of the importance of being thankful for the food we have and thinking about those who may not have enough. Thank you also to all the families who donated items for our Harvest collection to support those in our local community through the Stowmarket Foodbank.

Parents from Caterpillar and Ladybird Classes have been invited in for the phonics and maths workshops and had a go at the learning for themselves. Children from both classrooms are now working together for this year's Nativity.

Children in Key stage 2 have taken part in both the under 9s and under 11s tag rugby festivals where they displayed teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Dragonfly Class have been swimming this half term and are exploring different art forms and writing information texts about Bury St Edmunds.

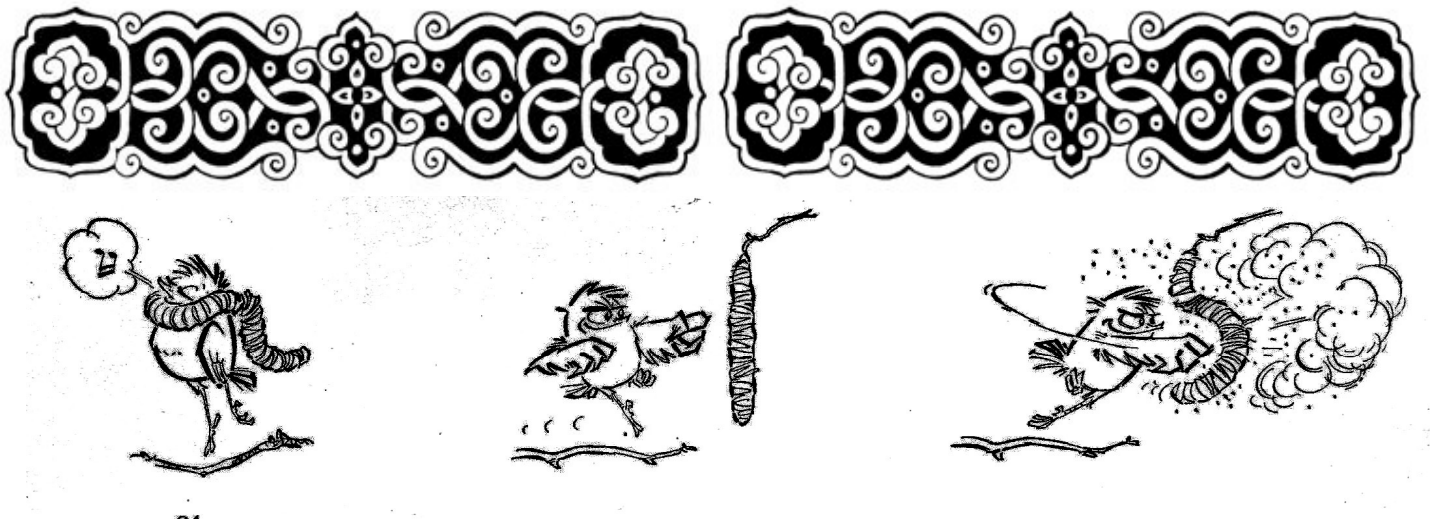
Grasshoppers are continuing to find out about the life of the Egyptians and have taken part in some online learning with The British Museum.

Crickets have written diaries as an evacuee in World War Two and are looking forward to their visit to London next month to see the 'Frameless' exhibition.

Our theme for this half term in collective worship is 'Compassion' – we have been looking at ways we can show compassion and have empathy in action. Vicar Cat visits regularly on a Wednesday for Collective Worship

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

Maxine McGar



Which former Indian prime minister was assassinated in 1991?



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What is the name of the cathedral in Moscow's Red Square?

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November is a time of remembrance and reflection, providing an opportunity to recognise and remember those who have served, and continue to serve, in the Armed Forces.

It is also important to recognise their families, and those who provide care and support to them. This period gives everyone a chance to reflect on their service, commitment and on occasion sacrifice, and to ensure that their contributions are remembered and valued.

At Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice, we are proud of our strong connection with the Armed Forces community and recognise the importance of continuing to support those who have served, and those who remain connected to the Armed Forces.

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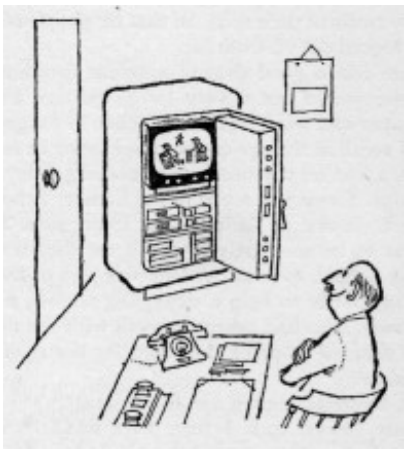
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In which sport was Hashim Khan several-times champion?



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Through what on their bodies do fish breath?

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Thank you to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning and donated raffle prizes. £303.50 was raised for branch funds.

14 teams took part in our quiz evening arranged by Peter Palmer. Including the raffle £479.00 was raised.

Members from 6 local branches attended a "C" group meeting hosted by the Bacton branch on 1st October. We were updated on the Festival of Remembrance in the Apex, Bury St Edmunds that takes place on 6th November when the Royal Airforce Voluntary Band and the Military Wives choir will be leading the programme of events.

On Wednesday 4th November members will be present at St Ethelberts church East Wretham for a memorial service in memory of the Czech and Polish personnel buried in the commonwealth war grave plot in the churchyard.

The Remembrance service at Walsham war memorial on Sunday 8th November will commence at 10.54am followed by the church service. On the morning of Wednesday 11th November, the service at the war memorial will commence at 10.57am.

On Tuesday 13th October we held our branch AGM when it was decided to donate a further £2000.00 to the Suffolk County Royal British Legion to help those in need. Over the past 40 years the branch has donated £100,000.00 to the county. This has been possible through fund raising everts and the support the general public have given us.

The next branch meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November at the Cock Inn Stanton commencing at 8pm.

Hubby Fros

WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I.

October: Cherry Bombe: Burlesque, me and the W.I.

The Priory Room was full for the October meeting; members from six other W.I.'s in the district joined us for an evening with Cherry Bombe.

Lindsey moved to Suffolk and after raising her family, was looking to make new friends. The local Craft Group and Salsa Group didn't quite fit the bill so she tried out Burlesque and found her forte, inventing the persona of Cherry Bombe in the process. At the same time she joined Chelmsford W.I., eventually starting a Burlesque W.I., becoming President, and raising thousands of pounds for charity with shows and talks. She is also the sign language tutor for the W.I. and her adventures led to her making a great many friends. The talk ended with everyone on their feet trying out bumps, grinds and shimmys amid much laughter.

Next month we shall be meeting in the Priory Room on **Wednesday 11th November** for a **Jigsaw Challenge and Magazine swap.**

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

Judith Harlow

Which country had a police force called Tonton Macoutes?



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After a summer of heatwaves and still officially in drought, 2026 has been another stark wake up call on the impact of the climate emergency.

How can we help mitigate the type of flooding seen in 2023?

The official flood report written by Suffolk County Council included longer term objectives working with local landowners to explore slowing water higher in the catchment area and upstream of flooded properties and roads. During very prolonged wet weather or during extremely heavy rainfall a large volume of water surges towards the lowest lying areas of the village, including the village centre.

Holding back and slowing the water

The Parish Council has helped to facilitate support for landowners from a variety of agencies. Their recommendations are on the use of Natural Flood Management to hold back water in a variety of ways on land surrounding the village. These include: leaky dams; bunds; wider field margins; use of contour ploughing; trees and hedge planting; pond restoration and varied land use. The recent creation of permanent pasture to the north of Palmer Street and to the north of Finningham Road will hold substantially more water and several ponds have already been cleared by landowners as examples.

What about the stream?

Each November the Parish Council engages a contractor to clear vegetation along from Miller's Bridge to Rolfe's corner. Whilst it may be useful for water to flow freely in the centre of the village at times of flooding, the stream has a limited capacity to hold the hugely increased water volumes during a flood event such as Storm Babet. The road bridges themselves reduce the capacity of the stream to carry excess water during extreme weather events.

Broader flood mitigation measures are the key to reducing storm surges that the stream cannot ever hope to contain.

Janette Winch for the Parish Council

IN MEMORY OF MARK PALMER

Mark Palmer, who died on Monday 21 September, will be greatly missed by many people in Walsham-le-Willows.

A quiet man of few words, Mark was hardworking, dependable and immensely practical. He could turn his hand to almost anything and helped many of the community in different ways. Those who knew him well admired his skills and his willingness to simply get on with whatever needed doing.

Gardening, was something particularly close to Mark's heart. He cared deeply about the gardens he worked in and took genuine pride and pleasure in looking after them. For many households, he became a familiar and valued presence over the years.

Mark had lived with a serious heart condition and underwent surgery two years ago. Despite this, he continued working with characteristic determination.

He will be remembered with great affection for his quiet nature, practical ability, kindness and hard work.

Cate Hadley

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An exciting new community-led nature recovery project is set to bring fresh life to a historic corner of Walsham le Willows. The proposed Fishponds Lane Pond Rejuvenation Project will restore two long-neglected ponds, creating a thriving haven for wildlife while offering local residents of all ages opportunities to get involved and help shape the future of the area.

Led by the Walsham Wild Woods Steering Group in partnership with the Old Town Trust, the project builds on more than 15 years of successful community conservation work in the village. Since 2010, volunteers have transformed areas of land into the much-loved Wild Wood and Jubilee Wood and Meadow, creating rich habitats for plants, insects, birds and mammals while providing valuable green spaces for people to enjoy.

The ponds at Fishponds Lane are important but currently degraded habitats. Restoration work will include carefully removing excess vegetation and silt, improving water quality, creating new wildflower areas, enhancing hedgerows and building a range of wildlife-friendly features such as log piles, nesting opportunities and hibernation sites. These improvements will help support amphibians, pollinators, bats, birds, hedgehogs and many other species, while strengthening local wildlife corridors across the parish.

A key part of the project is community involvement. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in practical conservation activities, wildlife monitoring, planting events and ongoing stewardship of the site. Local schools, young people and families will also be encouraged to take part, helping to inspire the next generation of nature champions. The Steering Group hopes to recruit 10 to 15 new volunteers, creating hundreds of hours of additional community action and learning opportunities. We have listed the volunteering days at the end of this article alongside sign up instructions. Please also come and visit our stand at the Church Christmas Fayre to find out more about the project and how you can get involved.

This project belongs to the whole community. By working together, local residents can help transform a neglected area into a flourishing wildlife habitat that will benefit nature for years to come. The Fishponds Lane Pond Rejuvenation Project represents another exciting step in Walsham le Willows' long tradition of community action, environmental stewardship and creating greener, healthier places for everyone.

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COMMUNITY LUNCH



The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 9th November 2026. Lunch will be Beef & Ale Stew with dumplings, mashed potatoes, green cabbage, leek and pea medley followed by Plum & Blackberry Crumble with Custard.

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What is the name of Mr Spock's home planet in Star Trek?

HISTORY GROUP MEETING

Shardlake's Norwich and Kett's Rebellion

Paul Dickson explained that CJ Sansom's best-selling Tombland detailed fictional Tudor lawyer Matthew Shardlake's visit to Norwich at the time of Kett's Rebellion which actually occurred in 1549. He described key locations in the city which featured in this historical event.

Robert Kett a wealthy local yeoman farmer and tanner lived in Wymondham. Wealthy landowners fenced off traditional common land to graze sheep for the lucrative wool trade, leaving poor farmers and labourers without space for their own livestock. Rising inflation, high rents, and declining living standards pushed rural communities to the breaking point. Protesters resented local gentry corruption, administrative incompetence, and changes introduced by the English Reformation.

On 8 July1549 in Wymondham, local protesters began tearing down enclosure fences. Robert Kett agreed to lead the movement instead of fighting it, even tearing down fences on his own property. His headquarters were set up at St Michaels Chapel (since known as Kett's Castle). He and his brother William lead around 16,000 rebels and set up a massive camp on Mousehold Heath. The rebels issued a list of 29 grievances to the government of Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset demanding lower rents, an end to enclosures, and the right for parishes to remove unfit clergy. These were denied by the Kings Council but the rebels were offered a royal pardon which they rejected.

During the Battle of Palace Plain in August the rebel forces led by Robert and William Kett successfully defeated the royal forces commanded by the Marquis of Northampton**.** The fighting took place around the area known as Palace Plain and the nearby Bishop's Bridge. A notable casualty of the skirmish was Lord Sheffield, who was mortally wounded on the plain and carried to the nearby Adam and Eve pub, where he later died. Following their victory, the Kett brothers briefly used the nearby Maids Head Hotel as their operational headquarters.

On August 27, 1549, a royal army of roughly 13,000 men (including many foreign mercenaries) led by the Earl of Warwick crushed the rebel forces at Dussindale.

Thousands of rebels were killed in the fighting and aftermath. The Kett brothers were convicted of treason and executed on 7 December1549. Robert was hanged from the walls of Norwich Castle, William from the west tower of Wymondham Abbey.

While originally condemned by authorities as a dangerous and felonious traitor Robert Kett is now celebrated as a courageous pioneer who fought for social justice.

Debbie Licata

MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL

The MVH will be fairly busy in November starting off with a wedding on Sunday 1st followed by a Craft Fair on the 7th. Trying something completely different we are hosting a **Charity Fashion Show on Friday 13th November** in the evening. Our popular '**Picturehouse**' will again be open on the evening of **Friday 27th November** when we will be showing the film **Chocolat**. Add to that some meetings and children's parties plus all our regular fitness classes and a busy time is expected in the run up to the New Year.

Our regular Thursday coffee mornings continue to be very well attended as does the second Monday in the month Community Lunch. On that subject the **Christmas lunch** will be on **Monday 7th December** a little earlier than usual and we are intending to start to take bookings at the November lunch where a deposit of £5 will be taken with the balance of £9 to be paid on the actual day.

Rob Matthews

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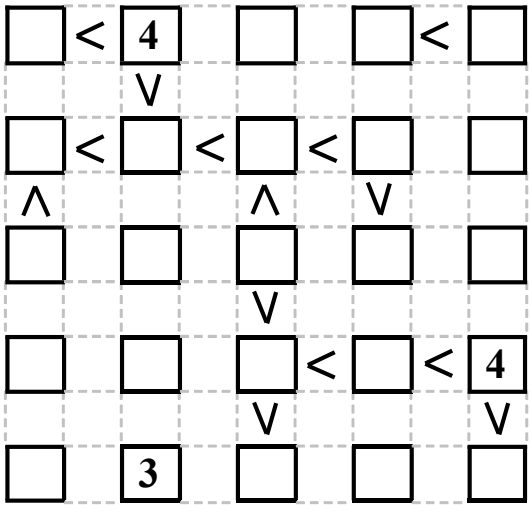
On Friday 27th November

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It's early 1959 in a provincial French village, where residents know their place, and if they see something against the unspoken rules, they are to look the other way. The only exception to this rule is the Mayor, le Comte de Reynaud, who is seen as the town's moral authority, even more so than Pere Henri, the new young Catholic priest whose sermons are vetted by le Comte. Literally blowing into town is free spirit Vianne Rocher and her adolescent daughter Anouk Rocher, who move from place to place wherever the north wind takes them. Renting the long empty space that used to house the patisserie, the property owned by elderly Armande Voizin, Vianne instead opens a chocolaterie which none of the residents are aware of until it opens. While Vianne, through the chocolaterie, is able to help certain residents in exposing some of the village's hidden ills, she nonetheless raises the ire of le Comte in almost everything about her being: that she is promoting the indulgence of chocolate in the season of Lent, a period of abstinence and penitence; that she does not attend church; and that she has never been married meaning that Anouk is illegitimate. Vianne is viewed in an even less flattering light when she takes up with Roux, the lead of a band of self-confessed river rats floating into town, he, who like Vianne, is a nomadic free spirit. The questions become who between Vianne and le Comte will outlast the other or come to an understanding of the errors of their ways to be able to live in harmony with the other.

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Ted Danson played barman, Sam Malone, in which series?



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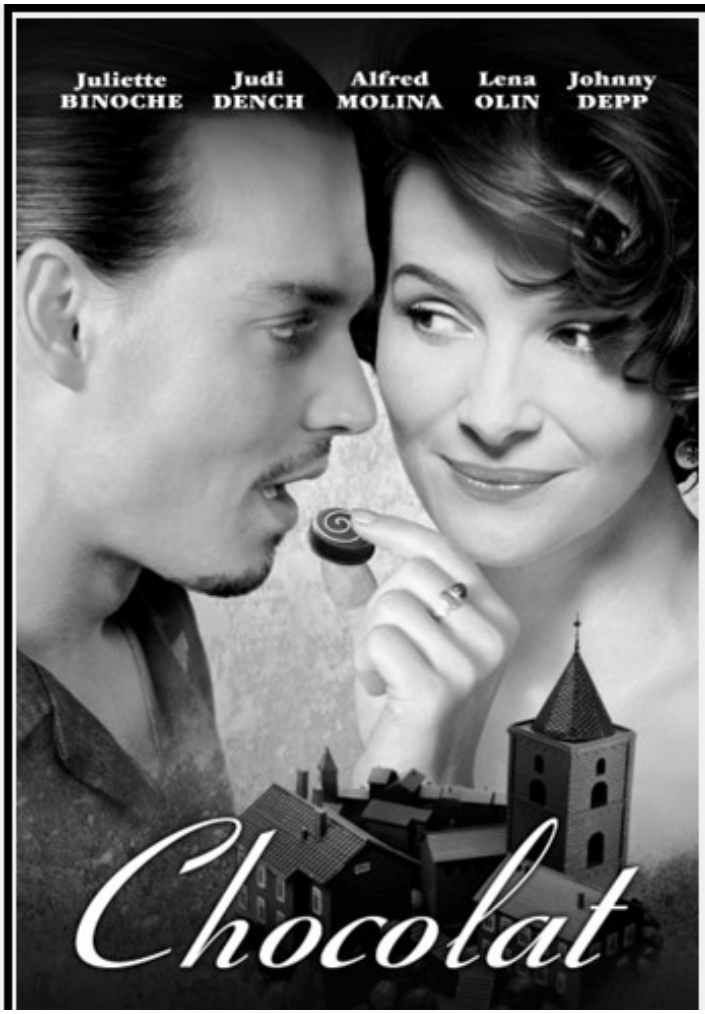
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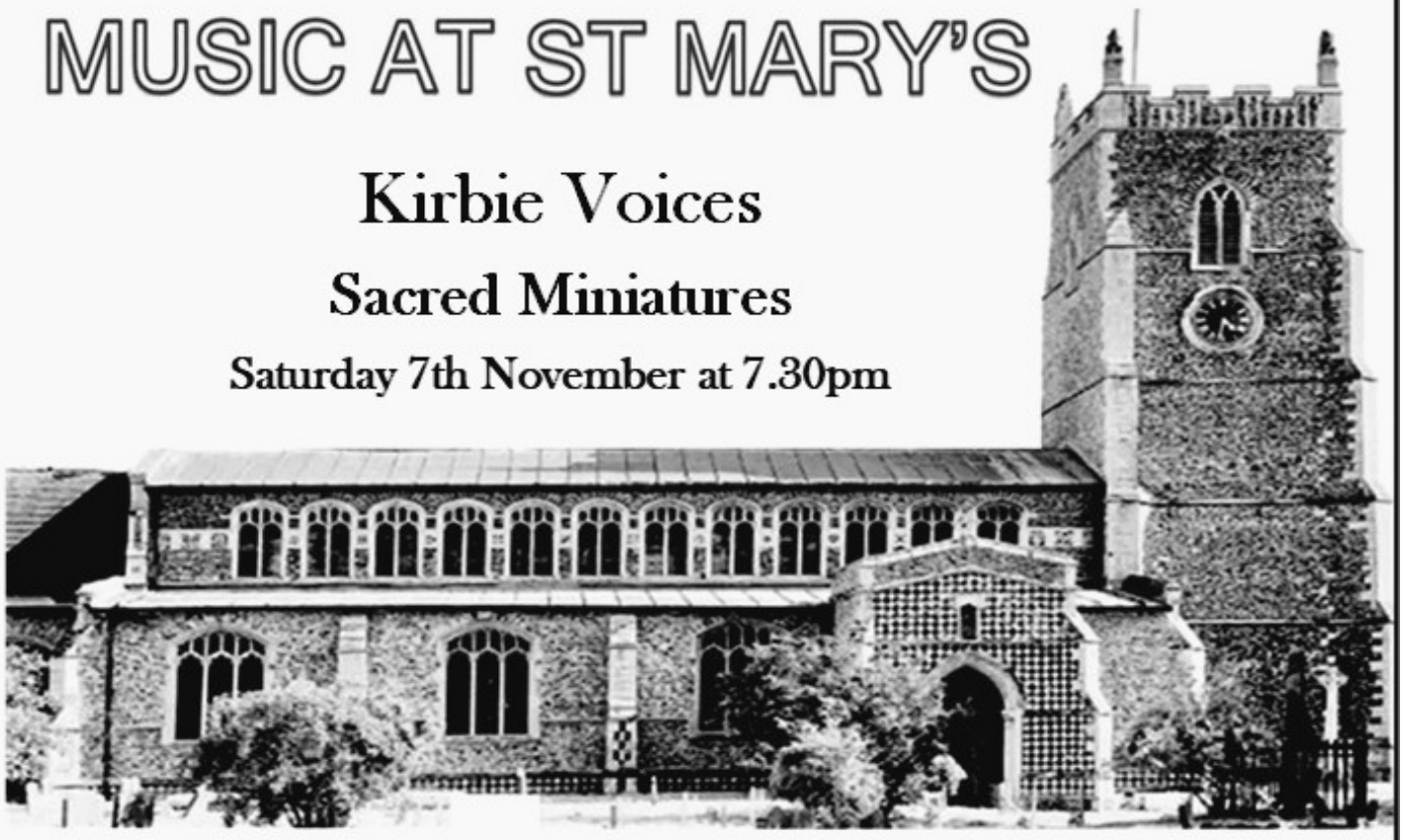
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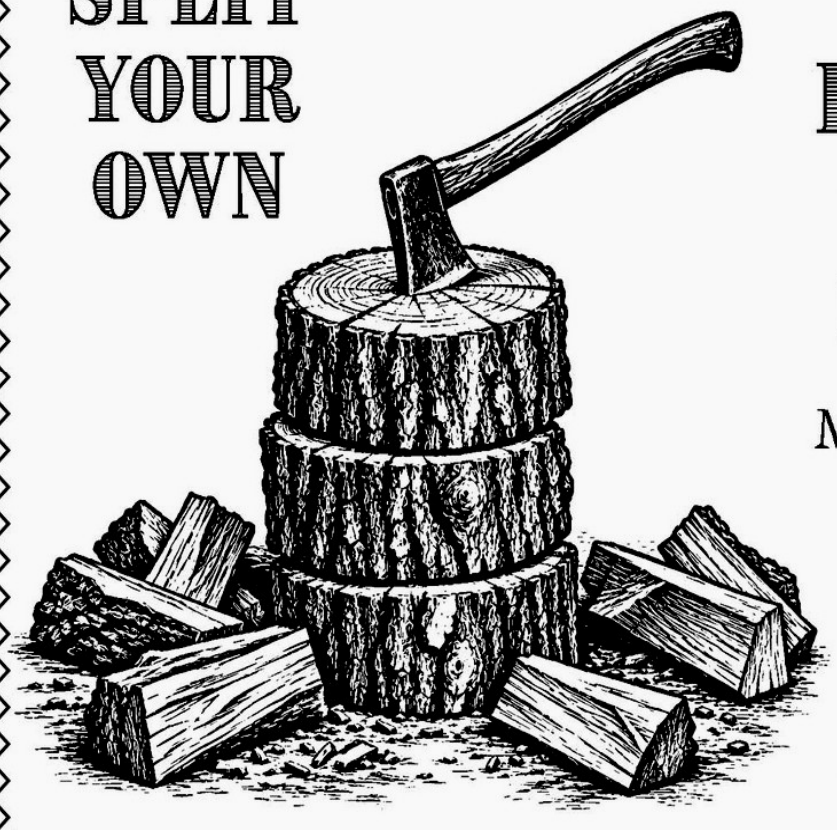
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 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. Belson, Brookes, Mecrow, Roberts, Tuck.

ALSO PRESENT: District Cllr. Winch

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required) & MEMBER'S APOLOGIES
   b. From Cllrs Bartholomew and Winch. County Cllr Bains also sent his apologies.
   c. Consents were granted.
4. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
   e. None received.
   f. No dispensations were required.
7. MINUTES - To Receive and consider the minutes of the following meetings (as previously circulated)
   h. Minutes of the meeting on 9th September 2026 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting.
   i. Outstanding actions from last meeting. Cllr Belson reported back on outcome of multi-parish meeting re the Jaynic development. The formal application is awaited at which point a multi-parish response will be drafted. Cllr Mecrow raised issue of a leaflet for the Evolution development on neighbouring site which may or may not precede any development by Jaynic an is already using the concrete road not Summer Road as access causing tailbacks of lorries along with near misses as traffic negotiates the long lines of lorries parked along Summer Road itself. Clerk to publicise leaflet. General consensus was that any 'traffic management plan' for the developments would be ineffective as has been proved in the past. It doesn't cover '3rd party' contractors so has a built in loophole which is duly exploited. The Parish Council will attempt again to address this at the appropriate stage in the planning process.
10. 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.

11 DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS
   a. County Councillor – not present
   b. District Councillor Winch – Councillors had no questions.

12. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS & ACTION LOG REVIEWS
   a. Traffic Group -. – To note report and consider proposals as follows:
   P1 - That Council place order with Elan city for SID device using budget provided by MSDC and as per quote, for delivery on or around 1st December. Approved.

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P2 – That a dedicated page is created on the village website, signposted in The Observer and on Facebook, to keep residents updated with traffic news as there are likely to be regular updates needed as things progress. Approved.

i. Highways advice that a traffic survey will be required for proposed Finningham Road modifications was considered. The Clerk reported that Cllr J Winch had understood that Highways will accept SID data from a device that has been calibrated within the last year. It was decided to try this approach. Clerk to check the calibration date when ordering the new SID.

ii. To note that Sophie Farringdon (Highways) has begun preparation of the Scheme Commissioning Document which will then be submitted for costings to the Local Highways Budget Team. Sophie will advise when it is passed to LHBT and an estimate will be supplied within 20 days (so hopefully by 6th November in time for the next meeting on 11th.

- Cllr Tuck suggested that in November Council budgets for repairs/maintenance of traffic calming signage, structures etc.
- There was a discussion about comments on social media that give a false impression of the work of the parish council on traffic calming measures. It was decided that if councillors spot these and think they need a rebuttal, to advise the Clerk who will formulate a draft.

a. Community Emergency Plan Group

iii. It was noted that the updated and redacted CEP has been published.

- Cllr Brookes also noted that the Rest Centre training had been scheduled to go ahead on the same evening as parish council budget meeting is held in the Memorial Hall. Cllr Brooks will try to get this changed as the hall has been booked for the PC on that evening since May.
- Cllr Brookes also noted that all government advice suggests that Emergency Plan groups should have a wind-up radio at their disposal. Clerk was instructed to buy.

c. Flood Mitigation Group - To note 'Lessons learned' report for publication.

Proposals considered as follows:

P1 - That Council ask suggested volunteers to monitor the surface flooding points. Counter proposal by Cllr Mecrow that the council should maintain a spreadsheet that identifies the locations of known surface flooding issues to facilitate liaison by the PC with landowners, residents and SCC flood response teams. An outline record has already been set up by Cllr Winch who will oversee it's completion but all Councillors can add to it on the shared drive.

P2 - That Council ask the Observer to publish the 'Lessons Learned' article in full due to its relevance and importance to the whole community. Approved with some suggestions for minor tweaks.

c. P3 – That Council hold an informal catch up over the late autumn to see what is working well and where the obstacles are for landowners wishing to make progress with natural flood mitigation measures. Approved.

Which U.S. writer wrote 'On the Road'?

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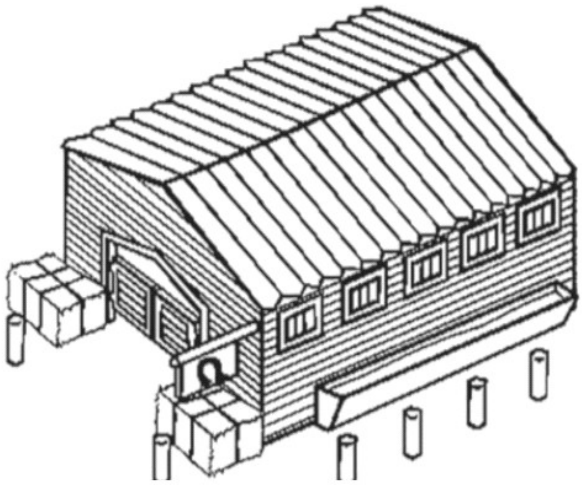


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Of which Asian country was Cory Aquino president?

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS
   e. DC Winch has news based on the important revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework in relation to Neighbourhood Plans. He suggested that in response, it be treated as a matter of urgency now that the Parish Council get the Neighbourhood Plan updated with allocation of sites. It was agreed that this should be actioned and the Clerk was asked to contact CompassPoint Planning consultants to see if they are able to assist.
   f. Cllr Belson referred to recent developments with regard to travellers' sites in the eastern counties over the recent Bank Holiday. District Cllr Winch was able to confirm that two small sites that may have been targets had been sold so it was decided that the initial concerns were no longer relevant.
   g. It was noted that Westhorpe Neighbourhood Plan Area has been designated by MSDC.
   h. The important changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) were noted and these were considered above with regard to review of the neighbourhood plan.
9. PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only (additional notices TBA by email before the meeting)
   j. APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/26/03517 Proposal: Notification of works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Removal of a single yew tree closest to road Location: The Coach House, Four Ashes, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BS **MSDC Raised No Objection**
   k. Jaynic development proposals - Cllr Belson reported back on the joint meeting of impacted Parishes under agenda item 3 b. In addition the Clerk at Stanton, will be contacting Jaynic on behalf of the four parishes concerned, asking for a meeting between Jaynic and the parish councils.
   l. DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 DC/26/03484 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/26/01879 - Condition 4 (Wildlife Enhancement Scheme) Location: Crownland House, Crownland Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BU
   m. DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 DC/26/03726 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/26/01743 - Condition 3 (Biodiversity Enhancement Measures) Location: Botany Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham Le Willows, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4TB
   n. DC/26/03758 LARGER HOUSEHOLDER EXTENSION - DC/26/03758 Notification under Schedule 2 Part 1 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Proposal: Application for Prior Approval for a Proposed Larger Home Extension. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A - Erection of single storey rear extension Location: 8 Willow Close, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3FE **MSDC Decided Prior Approval Not Required**
15. FINANCE & AUDIT & COUNCIL ADMIN

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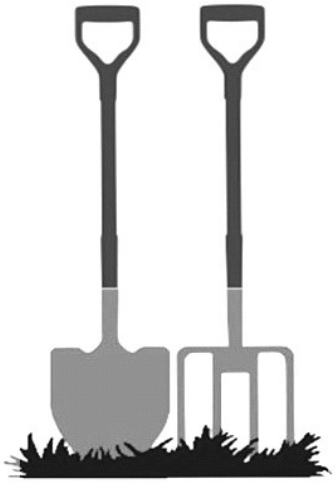
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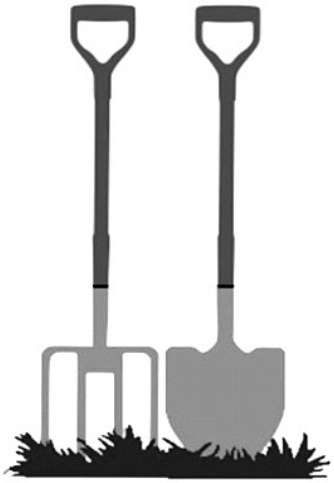
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p. Bank statements & reconciliation for period ending 30th September 2026 were approved for signature.
q. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices were approved for payment. (Appendix 1).
r. The conclusion of external audit was noted with nothing of note to report. A clean audit.
s. The publication of transparency notices to end September (including payments over £500, variances against budget) was noted.
t. Quote from Nurture Landscapes (£1,089.22 incl vat) for annual stream clearance was considered and approved. Clerk to instruct. The Clerk noted that the cost for this work has decreased year on year for the past 3-4 years.

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

v. Council considered financial information and bank statements re Botesdale and Rickinghall Community Bus service and decided that a donation of £100 could be made annually.
w. Quotes were considered from two contractors for the clearance of the accumulation of debris along the pavement on The Causeway. It was decided to award the work to Guildhall Landscape and Property Services who submitted the lowest quote. Clerk to advise.
x. The request for Parish Council Support from Ixworth Primary School Outdoor Play & Wellbeing Project was considered and it was decided to be outside of the Parish Council's remit.
y. Cllr Belson reported back on closed churchyard trees and proposals for maintenance. He thought that a rolling programme of tree pollarding needed a site meeting with some councillors to consider and determine extent of commitment to such a proposal, along with consideration of the three quotes received. A date was set for a site meeting on 28th November at 10am after which Council will consider at the budget meeting in November. Clerk to advise contractors who quoted.
z. Annual RoSPA report was noted. It was decided to have a site meeting on 31st October to go through the items raised before determining what needs action.
aa. It was noted that Cllr Roberts had inspected the ride on mower and it wouldn't start probably due to flat battery. Cllr Roberts will make enquiries on behalf of Community Council and report back to next meeting.

28. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA

cc. Next Parish Council meeting is the meeting on 11th November 2026 7pm – Memorial Hall
dd. Budget meeting 25th November 2026 7pm – Memorial Hall
ee. Council noted email from Sophie Farringdon (SCC Highways) re costs of replacing finger post. Cllrs Mecrow and Roberts will take a look in first instance to see if they can reinstate the post and signage.

Meeting Close @ 20:53

Which Venetian merchant 'famously' travelled in Asia in 1200s?

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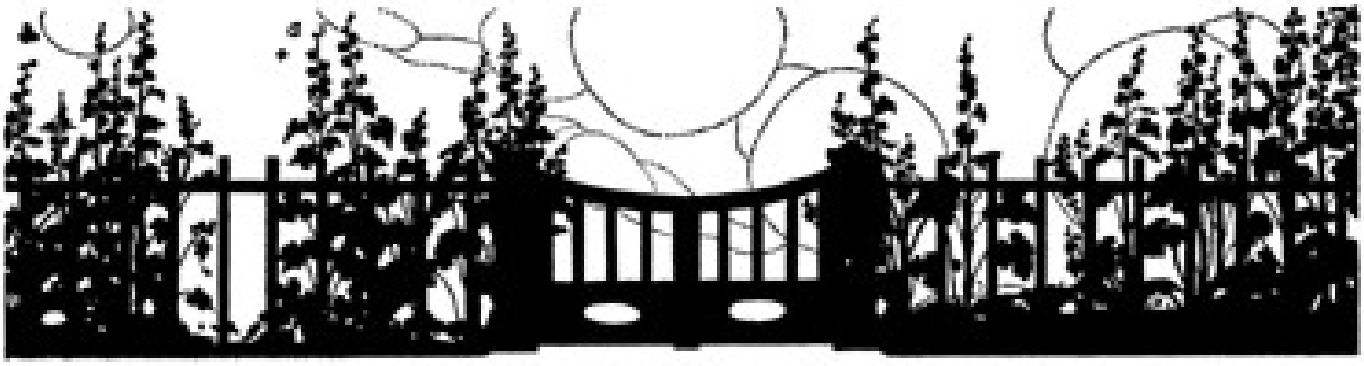
'Pulex irritans' is the scientific name for which common insect?

Proper Officer, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

APPENDIX 1

#	Payments & Transfers OUT	Amount	Description
1	Starboard Systems t/a Scribe Accounts	37.20	Accounting software subscription
2	MultiSigns Ltd	81.00	No cycling signage (paid 05/10/2026)
3	PKF Littlejohn	252.00	External Audit
4	Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils	122.40	12 months payroll service
5	RoSPA PlaySafety	157.20	Annual safety report
6	Memorial Village Hall	27.00	Hall hire for meetings
7	Parish Council Employee	332.14	Salaries
8	HMRC Cumbernauld	696.45	PAYE
9	TeamBlue Internet Services	26.38	Monthly website hosting
10	CAS Insurance Services Limited	996.55	Annual Insurance
11	H Reeve	202.22	Footpaths grant disbursement 2nd cut
12	Martineau Farms LLP	185.04	Footpaths grant disbursement 2nd cut
13	M Hawes	74.88	Footpaths grant disbursement 2nd cut
14	P Dryden	48.06	Footpaths grant disbursement 2nd cut
15	GB Pollard	46.50	Footpaths grant disbursement 2nd cut
11	Unity Trust Bank	7.00	Service charges by DDR
	TOTAL	**3292.02**	

#	Payments & Transfers IN	Amount	Description
1	MSDC (Rec'd)	2,389.89	Locality Award for additional SID
2	SCC	556.70	Footpaths cutting grant (2nd tranche)
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FROM ST MARYS

As we enter November and the season of Remembrance, we are reminded of the terrible cost of war and the preciousness of peace. Across the world, conflicts continue to bring suffering and uncertainty to countless people. We remember with gratitude all those who have served in our armed forces, those who gave their lives, and the families whose lives have been changed forever by conflict. We also hold in our prayers all those living through war today, and pray for a world where peace, justice and reconciliation may flourish. As Christians, we are called not only to remember the sacrifices of the past, but to be people of peace and hope in our own communities.

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us at St Mary's on Sunday 8 November at 10:50am and Wednesday 11 November at 10:50am as we gather to honour and remember those who served and those who died whilst serving our country.

Looking ahead to the festive season, we would love you to join us for our Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday 28 November, from 2pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy an afternoon of festive fun, with refreshments, music, choirs, stalls and much more. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate the start of Christmas and enjoy some festive cheer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, we are looking for a new Church Treasurer as Garth is stepping down after many years of faithfully looking after the church finances. We are extremely grateful to Garth for all the time, care and commitment he has given to this important role. If you feel you might be able to help, or would like to find out a little more about what the role involves, please get in touch with me or any of the other members of the PCC. You would be very welcome to have a conversation with us about how you could support the life of our church.

With every blessing,
Revd Catriona

WALSHAM OBSERVER SUDOKU

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

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

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

So, beginner or expert, happy hunting!

Ultra was the British code name for which German code machine?

NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
1st Nov	**All Saints Day**	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
10:00am	Roots and Shoots	Walsham
11:00am	Family Service	Walsham
8th Nov	**Remembrance Sunday**	
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Walsham
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Westhorpe
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Wattisfield
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Badwell Ash
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Finningham
11th Nov	**Armistice Day**	
10:50am	Armistice Day Service	Walsham
15th Nov	**2nd before Advent**	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
3:00pm	All Souls Service	Walsham
22nd Nov	**Christ the King Sunday**	
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11:00am	Stir Up Sunday Service	Finningham
6:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
29th Nov	**Advent Sunday**	
8:00am	BCP H[illegible]n	Walsham
11:00am	Holy C[illegible]	Wattisfield
6th Dec	**2nd o[illegible]**	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
10:00am	Roots and Shoots	Walsham
11:00am	Family Communion	Walsham
2:00pm	Carol Service	Langham

Sunday 1st November at 10am

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Sunday 1st November at 10am

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What was the nickname of English ski-jumper Michael Edwards?

GREEN DILEMMAS

Rural Housing Development Continued

Last month this column discussed the huge amount of housing development that is currently taking place in rural areas across Suffolk. It explained that local communities have no real power over housing numbers but they can have a say in where the houses are located and they have some influence over the type of housing being built.

How did the government calculate our housing target?

The government's housing targets are calculated using a formula which focuses on average house prices versus average earnings. In Mid Suffolk the median house prices are around 9.8 times local work-based earnings compared to a national average of 8.2. This means Mid Suffolk is allocated a higher proportion of the overall housing target than other areas of the country which have a lower ratio.

The government's logic is that if you build a lot of houses in an area then the average house price must drop. This is the classic theory of supply and demand and on the surface it might sound logical.

Do the housing targets make any sense?

The main problem with the theory is that it assumes a static population, and it also assumes those on lower average earnings will be the ones who will get the housing. Neither of these assumptions are true.

Mid Suffolk is a desirable place to live and house prices are lower than neighbouring regions. This means that there are retirees and working age people moving into the area. Many of the new residents are employed by organisations based elsewhere. At the same time our local salary levels remain about 5% below national averages making even these house prices unaffordable for local residents and young people not yet in the housing market.

What is actually happening is the population in this area is growing faster than many other areas of the country and over a 20-year period it is likely to increase by about 30%. This puts demand on house prices. At the same time the number of local people on lower incomes who are struggling to get housing isn't reducing.

What are the implications of population growth?

In the grand scheme of things the housing growth in somewhere like Mid Suffolk has a marginal impact on the overall housing numbers in the UK. Mid Suffolk has a housing target of c.15,000 over 20 years but this is compared to a UK target of 1.5 million over the next 5 years.

On the other hand the implications of this growth are very significant for the local area. Just taking traffic as an example. Traffic volumes are expected to grow by between 34% and 45% by 2036. There are of course ways to mitigate this via increased public transport or developing cycling and walking routes but at the moment there isn't the scale of funding or the political will to do this.

We are in a very unsatisfactory situation. We have significant housing development but it isn't resolving our local housing needs. We also have growing infrastructure demands but the reality is that in a rural area it is very difficult to cost effectively address this so the infrastructure constantly falls short.

Richard Winch
richard@winchmail.net

Pb is the chemical symbol for what?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the old duffer makes a fool of himself!

Which cartoon couple live at 62 West Wallaby Street, Wigan?

BOWLS CLUB REPORT

Well, the season is well and truly over with the changing of the clocks and time to put the heating on!

We recently held our AGM at the Clubhouse with a large number in attendance and so a very successful season both on and off the Green was brought to a close and we are now looking ahead to 2027 with a view to keeping the club on the upward trajectory that it has enjoyed over the past couple of years.

Election of Officers for 2027 are as follows:

Chair-Person	Trevor Pollard
Vice Chairman	Gordon Ross
Secretary	Angela Whiting
Treasurer	Adie Cole

The end of season green maintenance has seen 2 working parties held so far with several members getting stuck into the various work required that is essential to the well-being and continued improvement of the playing surface.

We have one more session planned before everything is completed so many thanks to those who have helped in what is quite a manual process but no doubt we will see the benefits of the hard work come next season.

Carpet Bowls has now started on Wednesday afternoons at the Sports Club with a 2.30pm start with each session costing £2.

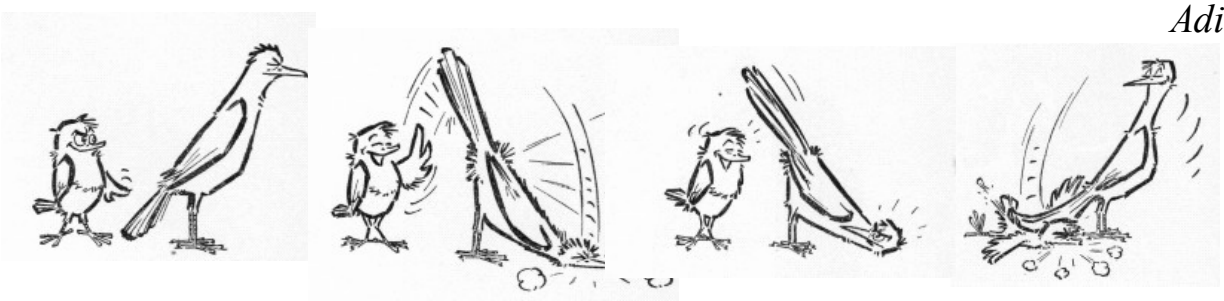
Bowls are provided if needed and all are welcome.

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

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JUST ONE MORE THING…

Last month's offering was written in the firm belief that it was the last of the season. It had the valedictory tone, the swelling strings, the lone figure walking off into the autumn dusk. And yet here we are. Like Lieutenant Columbo, shabby raincoat over one arm and already at the door, we turn back with a single finger raised. Just one more thing.

A confession is in order, and since we are among detectives I will make it without a lawyer present. I was an A-level student and then an undergraduate in the 1990s, and whatever academic achievement I can claim is owed, in large part, to a devotion to daytime television. Quincy and Columbo were my tutors and the battered student sofa was my lecture hall; the only lectures I never missed started after a Pot Noodle lunch. If I can now spot a loose end, it is because a rumpled man in a raincoat once taught me to. The thing that nags at any good detective is the loose end, and the Club has a tidy one: the trophies. Now that the engraver has done his work, the case can finally be closed. Readers with long memories will recall the legal maxim ipse dixit, and a certain grain silo. It is therefore a pleasure to report that this year the evidence is in the scorebook. Ned Campbell's 7 for 33 at Shotley and his hundred against BT Waldringfield are matters of record, as are the most sixes in the Club. He had witnesses this time, and he has the trophies.

The Evidence

Name	Achievement	Name	Achievement
Liam Bryant	1st Team Player of the Year; 6/20 v Bardwell; 5/51 v Nowton	Chris Coates-Dale	6/16 v Stradbroke
Monty Bailey	U17 Players' Player; 2nd Team Player of the Year; 107* v Ipswich & East Suffolk	Oscar Gleeson	5/20 v Kirby
Tom Ridding	Sunday XI Player of the Year; 5/33 v Old Newton	Tom Howling	5/25 v Earl Stonham
Ned Campbell	Most Sixes 2026; 7/33 v Shotley; 100 v BT Waldringfield	Mason Wells	U13 Players' Player; hat-trick v Nowton
Ashley Forbes	157 v Long Melford; 6/15 v Horringer	Mark Rothon	Hat-trick v Nowton
Adam Howe	119* v Woolpit	Eric Grime	The Ben Stokes Award (v Copdock)
Theo Cass	102 v Chappel & Wakes Colne	Issy Little	Girl of the Year

The Junior Awards

	Players' Player	Supporter's Player	Most Improved
Under 17	Monty Bailey	Tobias MacRae	Macey Leeks
Under 15	Jack Campbell	Kasper Howling	Theo Evans
Under 13	Mason Wells	Albie Bryant-Howe	Jesse Evans
Under 11	Noah Finch	Harry Loveday	George Chown

Now, there are one or two things that rather impress. Monty Bailey deserves a particular salute: Players' Player of the Under 17s, 2nd Team Player of the Year and the scorer of an unbeaten 107, all in the same season. A rare treble across junior and senior cricket, and the evidence is beyond dispute. Tom Ridding has now taken the Sunday XI award four years running. Adam Howe, the record-holder for most sixes in 2025, hands the baton to Campbell, while the U13s and U15s were both crowned league winners.

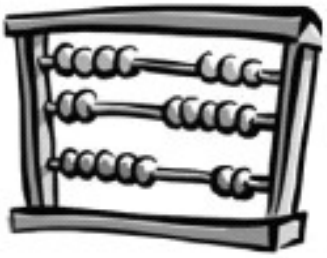
And that, as they say, is everything. Almost. Congratulations to every name above. The raincoat goes back on its hook until April, when somebody will surely knock on the changing room door to say: just one more ove

James Frenchr.

Which Christian festival occurs on 6th January?

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FOOTBALL CLUB REPORT

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The Under 23s are struggling and have only drawn one game so far this season.

The Under 18s are having an up and down season and are now out of all cup competitions.

The New Development team won two games in a row but are yet to get their season going i n terms of consistent results.

Home fixtures for November

Tues 3rd v Cornard United 7.45pm
Sat 7th v Mildenhall Town kick off 3pm
Sat 21st v Ipswich Wanderers 3pm
Sat 14th Under 23s v Brantham Athletic 3pm
Sat 28th Under 23s v Holland 3pm
Saty 7th Develop v Bramford United Reserves 2pm
Sat 14th Develop v Capel plough Reserves. 2pm
Thur 12th Under 18s v Needham Market 7.45pm
Thur 19th Under 18s v Stowmarket Town 7.45pm.
Thur 26th Under 18s v Woodbridge Town. 7.45pm
Sun 8th Veterans v Sporting 87. 2.00pm

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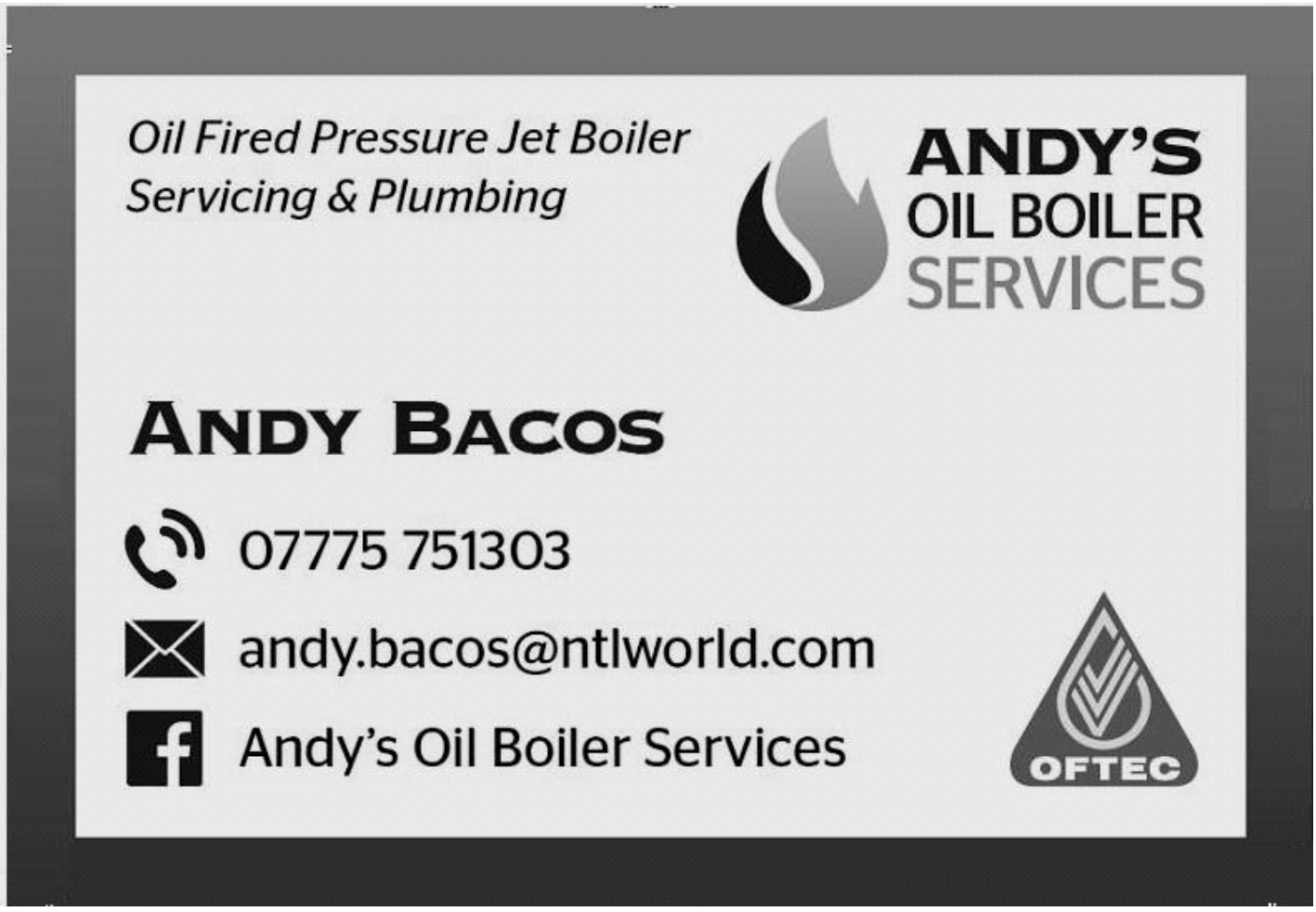
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A Gothic Dream

Throughout the history of our nation there has been no shortage of eccentric and colourful characters and William Thomas Beckford was certainly no exception. Born 1st October 1760 in Soho Square, London, Thomas was the only legitimate son of Alderman William Beckford, who was a major political figure of his day, a wealthy plantation owner, even twice becoming Lord Mayor of London. In the year 1770, Sir William died, so, at the tender age of nine, the young Willian become heir of an immense fortune of plantations in Jamaica, and land in seven English counties.

Through the years of his childhood, Beckford was cared for by a guardian and educated by private tutors; he studied drawing, and architecture under acclaimed men of his day, even receiving musical tuition from the young Mozart! So gifted was this young man that, at the age of twenty, he published *'Memoirs of Extraordinary Painters'*, a book still in print to this day, and a year later in 1771 his overture to the ballet *'Phaeton'* was published in Paris. In September of that year Beckford comes of age and formally inherits his million-pound fortune, giving him comparative wealth of a multi-billionaire of today's world; the occasion was marked with £40,000 of celebrations and Lord Byron described him as "England's wealthiest son".

In the years that followed, Beckford extensively toured the countries of Europe and collected of its treasures, became an MP (but was beset by persistent rumour and scandal), before settling to build himself a grand new home. Drawing upon his love of architecture and extravagant living, the fashionable architect James Wyatt (who also designed Helmingham Hall in Suffolk) was commissioned to build the ostentatious Gothic fantasy, 'Fonthill Abbey'. The 524-acre grounds were enclosed with a new wall, 7 miles long, and 12 feet tall and, in 1796, work was underway; 500 labourers worked in shifts through day and night and the centrepiece of the build, a spectacular, spire-topped tower rose from the ground. However, when it had soared to 300 feet it collapsed because of haste and poor foundations. A new 300ft tower was completed six years later which also collapsed. The third tower of stone was finished in a further seven years. Although Beckford entertained the likes of Horatio Nelson at Fonthill, after all the rush to complete the building, he lived and dined alone. One year he insisted that Christmas dinner be prepared in newly built kitchens, which promptly collapsed. Beset by debts from building and the falling price of Jamaican sugar, Fonthill Abbey, and the renowned collection of books, paintings, art, and furniture were sold. In 1822 it all belonged to another and, in 1825 the tower collapsed a final time – his building was as unstable as his life, well deserving its adopted name of 'Beckford's Folly'!

Despite wealth, talent, and privilege, William Beckford lost much of what he possessed during his life, and at death left everything else behind. Like so many of his day and ours, there is no indication he ever realised that the only sure foundation on which to build for life and the eternal security of the soul, is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian Faith, and God's Word. Indeed, the Bible says, "***Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"*** *(1 Corinthians 3:11)* and, of those that do believe, that they are, ***"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life"*** *(1 Timothy 6:19)*

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:20)

Which Italian novelist wrote 'Two Women'?



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Crossword

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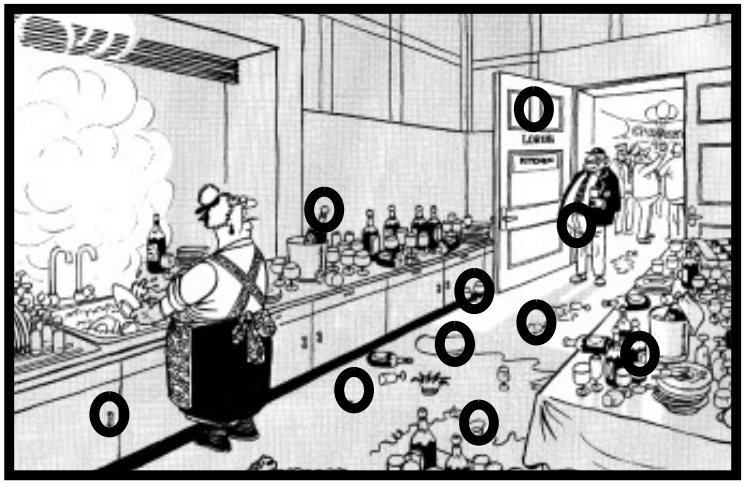
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6	9	8	7	5	4	2	1	3

More or Less

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

Spit the Difference



Searching for Words

And	Are	Bad	Bade
Ban	Band	Bander	Bane
Bar	Bare	Bared	Bead
Bean	Bear	Bed	Ben
Bend	Bran	Brand	Bread
Bred	Brie	Brief	Brine
Dab	Dan	Dare	Deaf
Dean	Dear	Deb	Debar
Den	Ear	End	Era
Fear	Fed	Fen	Fend
Fern	Fie	Fiend	Fin
Fine	Fined	Finer	Fir
Fire	Fired	Fried	Friend
Ire	Nab	Nare	Near
Read	Rear	Red	Ref
Rend	Rife	Rind	

Firebrand (64)

In which U.S. state is the city of Milwaukee?

REGULAR

MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall
2nd Monday 12:45pm

Simply Hatha Yoga Priory Room
7:30pm till 8:45pm

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

TUESDAY

Walking Netball Sports Club
10:00am till 11:00am

Pilates Class Village Hall
1:30pm till 2:30pm

Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Pilates Classes Village Hall
9:00am till 10:00am
10.15am till 11.15am

Yoga Sports Club
10:00am till 11:30am

Positive Steps Sports Club
11:30am till 12:30pm

Wednesday Wanders Sports Club
11:30am till 12:30pm

Carpet Bowls Sports Club
2:30pm till 4:00pm

WI Meeting Priory Room
7:30pm Second Wed of the Month

Parish Council Village Hall
(Public Meeting)
7.00pm Second Wed of the Month

EVENTS

THURSDAY

Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till 12.30pm

Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon

Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm

Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm

Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out

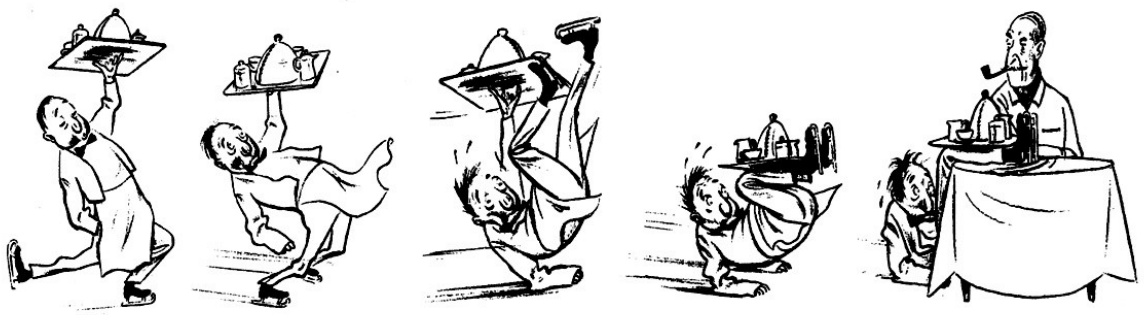
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7::00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



Microsoft's Windows 1.0 was launched in which year?

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The Community Council committee welcome you to the

MVH Coffee Shop
In the Garden and the Hall

Open every Thursday

From a time of 10.30am to 12.30pm
The Post Office van is there
From 11:00am till 12:00pm

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

What was the 'Tin Donkey', which in 1915 was first of its kind?