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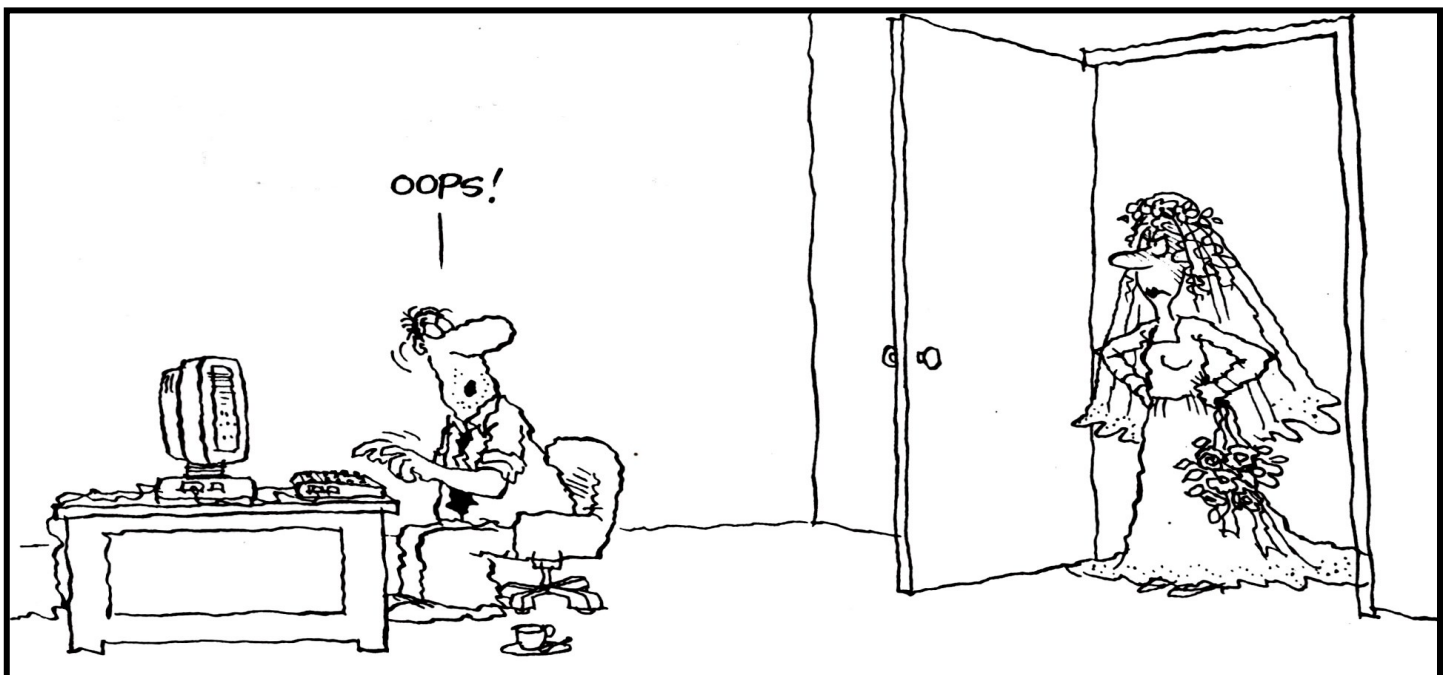
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EDITORIAL

It is with great sadness that I start this editorial with the news of Richard Martineau's passing. The village will be much the poorer for his loss, being deprived of a landowner whose actions were always taken with the good of the community in mind. Carrying on from where his forebears left off, he was instrumental in helping to make the environment of the village, both natural and social, the envy of many other villages in and around Suffolk.

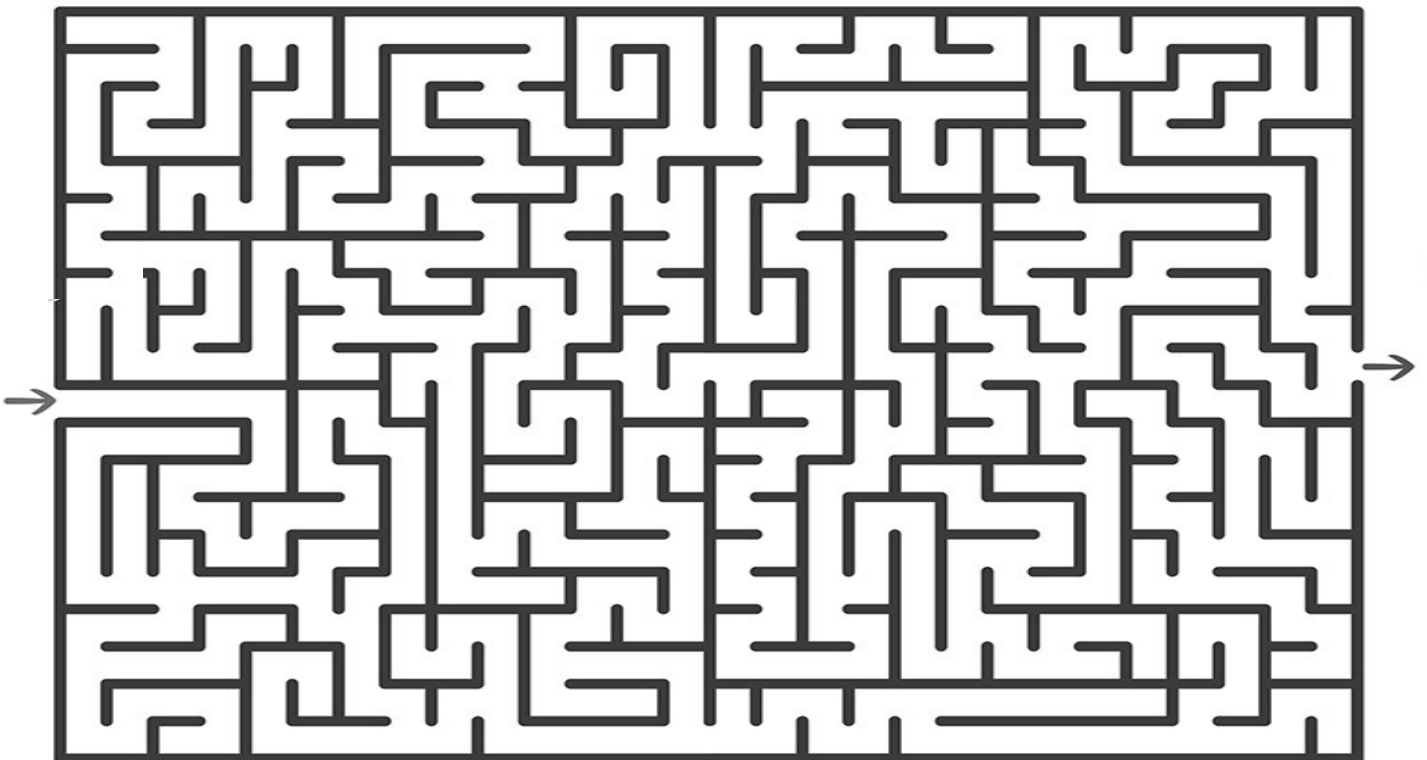
As is traditional, by now, the opening event for the year is the **Carol Concert** by the **Epiphany Singers** on **Saturday 4th January at 7.30pm**. Be sure to get to St Mary's in good time as the church does fill up quickly for this event. On the next day they 'perform' again at the for the Epiphany Eucharist.

The Sports Club are embarking upon a number of Quizzes with events on **Sunday 12th** and **Friday 24th January**, the first being a Speed Quiz requiring the use of smart phones. Sounds interesting!! The other event, run by Gordon, is of the normal variety. A further quiz in February is to be organised by Ned.

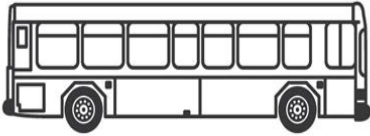
There is a **Walsham Picturehouse** presentation on **Friday 17th in the Village Hall**. The film to be shown is **Wild Target** and the supper is simply Bangers & Mash. The evening kicks off at **6.30pm**.

For those who have been following the saga of the bus service will be delighted to find that there has been a change of heart, and the early service is to be 'restored'. But do read the article on page 3 to get the full details. However, if the service is to be really secured we need to make county and the bus company feel that it is a worthwhile venture do think about making use of the service that is provided. The times may not be really convenient, but with a little thought and organisation, deciding how to make the best possible use of the time spent in Bury, Diss or other places, it becomes quite a pleasant option. And there are no parking problems!! Maybe make it your New Resolution.

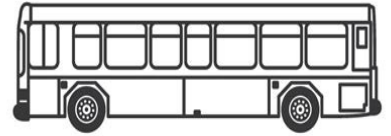
With that in mind, may I wish you all a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year!



Which two countries are separated by St George's Channel?



REPRIEVE FOR OUR BUS SERVICE!



The good news is that the 73 bus service which was due to end on Dec 27th will now continue.

This is the result of a campaign called “Save Our Buses” which represents a number of villages in West Suffolk and Mid Suffolk.

For a short period immediately after Dec 27th the bus service will continue to follow the existing timetable.

At some point in January 2025 still to be agreed a revised timetable will be introduced.

There is a provisional timetable for the new service which is still being tweaked.

On the provisional new timetable, the first bus in the morning is slightly earlier than previously and there is a later bus back from Bury St Edmunds. These are both changes the residents of Walsham requested.

There have however been some concerns raised about the timing of the bus back from West Suffolk College which are being followed up.

The bus route though Walsham le Willows will probably be simplified with the bus just coming down the Causeway and then on to Badwell Ash. This will cause difficulty for some residents but the agreement on funding has involved a few compromises.

This is still a Monday to Friday service only though a Saturday service will be considered in the medium term.

The bus service is being funded by Suffolk County Council for a year and we are expecting further funding for an additional year via the government BSIP (Bus Service Improvement Plan) funding.

In the longer term there will be a campaign to increase the number of passengers using the buses and each Parish Council will be asked to support this campaign.

Further updates will be posted on Facebook and the Parish Council website as soon as they are available.

*Richard Winch – District Councillor
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WALSHAM COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

It always pays to be prepared for winter weather. There are a few simple steps you can take to prepare yourself, your vehicle and your home or business.

10 things you should do now to prepare for winter

1. **Stay connected** - Consider using a separate battery charging pack for your mobile phone to keep you connected in the event of a power cut and store key information such as the power cut helpline number (105) on your phone.
2. **Cold weather** - Ideally your home should be heated to at least 18°C. During cold spells, keep your windows closed at night to avoid heat loss. Ensure your heating is serviced before the cold weather arrives.
3. **Adverse weather** - Think about the dangers of strong winds or flooding. Trees or branches can come down, falling guttering and roof tiles can be dangerous. Garden furniture and fences and even children's toys and trampolines can fly around causing damage and potential harm.
4. **Insulate pipes** – This will retain heat and reduce the risk of frozen pipes which can subsequently burst. Find out where your mains water stopcock is and check it regularly to make sure it's working.
5. **Travel** – How would you get to work in the event of severe weather? Check the local news for the impact on both roads and the rail network. Could you work from home? Think about alternative childcare options if schools or nurseries are closed.
6. **Grab Bag** – Keep some basic items at home in case you have to leave quickly or your power and water supply are disrupted. Put together a 'grab bag', with bottled water, medicines, a torch, radio and batteries, copies of important documents and a change of clothes.
7. **Check your car** - Check your tyres for adequate tread. Use a screen wash additive to keep your windscreen free of grime caused by road salting and gritting. Take your Grab Bag with you.
8. **Think about others** - Help your neighbours, friends, or elderly relatives prepare for winter, or they may be able to help you. Just taking time to make contact with others will be appreciated.
9. **Health matters** - Winter weather coincides with the peak COVID and flu season which can affect people in different ways. Annual vaccinations for both are available free to those most at risk. If you take regular medication make sure that you maintain a good supply at home.
10. **Community** - There are lots of things you could do to help your community, particularly if severe weather hits. Ask a Parish Councillor about getting involved in our Community Emergency planning.

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We have all been working really hard this half term and getting into the swing of things with various different Christmas activities.

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term has been Courage and the children have demonstrated so many different ways we can do this and overcome our fears. Children from Key Stage 2 competed in dodgeball competitions and showed how well they worked collaboratively and respectfully.

The children in Caterpillar class are looking at numbers and place value and have been creating art work using different shades of blue and red. They have also worked hard with Ladybird Class on singing lots of different songs for the Nativity.

The children in Ladybirds have been looking at place value and in art, learning about the work of James Rizzi. They have then created their own art work inspired by him. They are doing invasion games in PE and learning about animals including humans in science.

The children in Dragonflies have been doing some weaving and making their own animated productions on the ipads. The year 3 pupils have finished their swimming course and all made incredible progress.

Those in Grasshopper class have made bread following a recipe from Medieval England and seeing how different it is to the bread we buy today. In science they have been looking at different forces and in art they have been developing their skills in their sketch books.

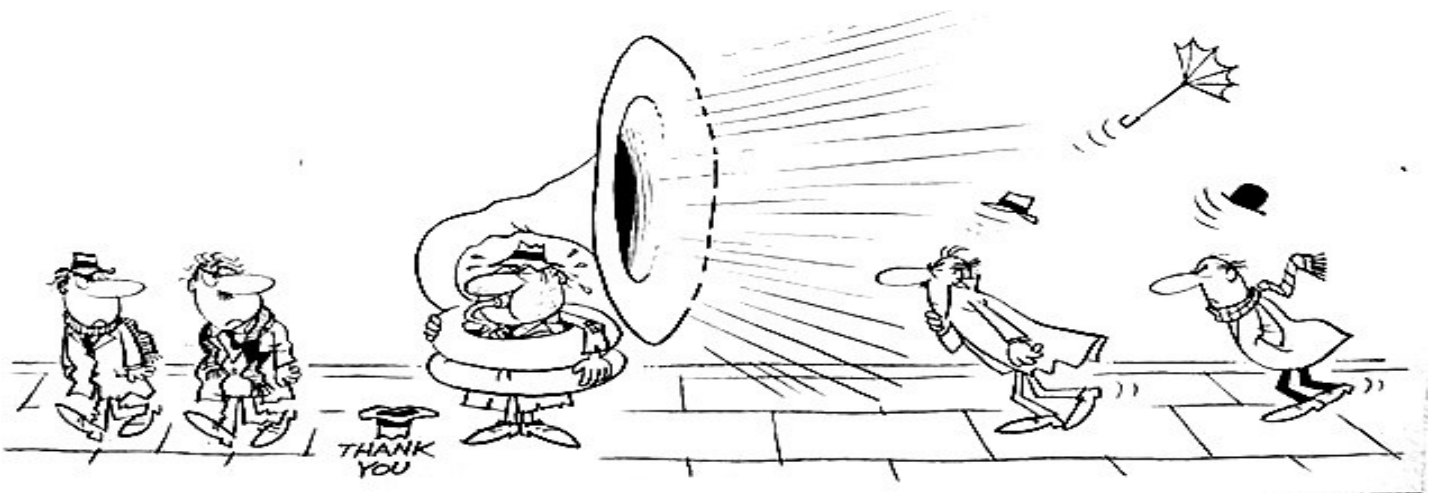
The children in Cricket class have been looking at fractions and converting units and have written fantasy action narratives. In French they are looking at different words for clothing. They have also been improving their dodgeball skills in PE.

We have taken part in raising money for Children in Need by wearing spots and stripes and the children all looked amazing and collectively we raised £161!

Our theme in collective worship in January will be 'Wisdom' and we are so grateful that Vicar Cat continues to visit us weekly.

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

Maxine McGarr



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The festive season can be a financially challenging time, and often borrowing money or using a credit card to fund Christmas can seem like your only option. But there are steps you can take to keep your spending under control and avoid falling into debt.

The first thing to do is make a budget and stick to it.

Consider who you're buying gifts for, what other seasonal expenses you have, and how much you can realistically afford to spend. Always keep receipts, or ask for gift receipts, in case you overspend and need to return something. And remember that household bills may be higher during this period due to colder weather and spending more time indoors.

If you've built up debt, please don't ignore bills or letters. Speak to the organisation you owe money to, as they may let you pay smaller amounts.

Pay 'priority debts' first, like rent, mortgage arrears, council tax, and energy bills. For other types of debt like credit cards or loans, gather all the information on what you owe, create a budget and contact your creditors to set up an affordable repayment plan. This might seem scary, but it's an important first step.

If your budget just doesn't add up and you need help to afford essentials like bills and food, see what cost of living support is available on the Citizens Advice website.

It's especially important to check if you're eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment, which will now only be paid to those who receive Pension Credit or other means-tested benefits. If you make a claim for Pension Credit by 21 December, you might still receive the Winter Fuel Payment.

If you do find yourself struggling financially during or after the holidays, don't panic. Support is out there, and Citizens Advice can help you understand what's available. We're here to help you find a way forward.

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. Our office will be closed between 24th and 27th December and the 1st January. Our Eye and Needham Market outreach services will also not be available on Friday 20th and Friday 27th December.



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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The New Year is now upon us and after all the festivities maybe it's time for a little exercise. To this end why not come down to the Village Hall in January where you can try various dance classes including SOSA (all ages like a Fitsteps but lower impact and more dance steps) and Zumba classes with higher impact fitness cardio based. Additionally, we have our usual Pilates and self-defence classes where new members are always welcome.

Our first coffee morning in the New Year will be on Thursday 2nd January and we hope everyone will enjoy getting back together after the holiday period.

The Community Christmas lunch on Monday 9th December attended by almost 50 diners was a great success with compliments passed to the chefs and volunteers for a wonderful lunch. The next one will be on Monday 13th January.

Our next Picturehouse film in the Village Hall will be on Friday 17th January and will be 'Wild Target' with Emily Blunt and Bill Nighy plus other well-known stars, and the meal will be bangers and mash further details in due course.

Have a very Happy New Year and a great 2025.

Rob Matthews



OPEN GARDENS TRUST FUNDING BIDS



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

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

Bids should be submitted by **31 January 2025**. You can email them to our Treasurer at garthharlow@outlook.com or drop hard copies through my letter box. The Trustees will be taking decisions in early February 2025.

Collen Baker. Chair, The Walsham le Willows Open Gardens Trust

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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS AND DISTRICT W.I. REPORT



December: Froebel Stars. Craft Evening with Pippa Baxter

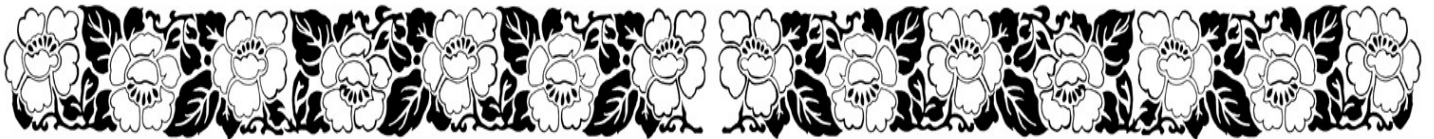
There was silence in the Priory Room as the WI watched Pippa demonstrate the intricacies of folding a Froebel Star. This was followed by much hilarity as we all tried to copy her. The challenge was similar to origami with just four paper strips; fiendishly tricky, but thanks to Pippa's patience we all had a star to take home with us.

Members also considered the annual resolutions and voted for the cause they considered most worthy to be adopted by the National Federation. The choice (in brief) was between: Incontinence Awareness, Recycling of Medication Packaging, Training for CPR to become more widespread, and Reuse and Recycling of Clothing. All topics that sparked some debate.

Next meeting is on 8th January at 7.00 for 7.15pm - Birthday Meal.

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

Judith Harlow



STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



A belated thank you to Diana Turner and Vivienne Cunningham, and their helpers for planting poppies in the Walsham and Stanton war memorials for the Remembrance weekend, and thank you to John Dyer for taking care and planting flowers in the gardens in front of the memorial through the year.

Members and guests enjoyed their Christmas lunch, provided by Nigel and his team.

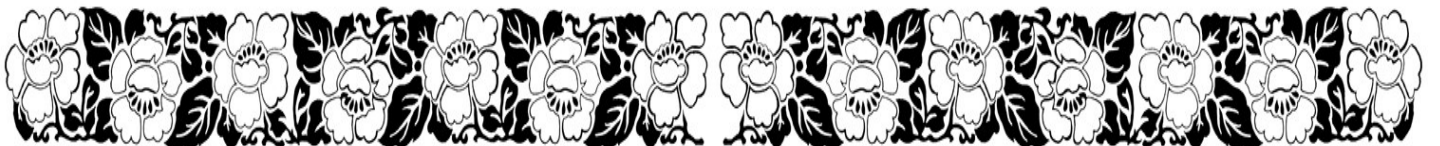
A 'C Group' meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd January in The Cock Inn Stanton at 8.00pm.

Our next Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 14th January at 8.00pm in The Cock Inn Stanton, and a meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd January, when we hope to be able to learn the amount raised for the Poppy Appeal from the Festival of Remembrance in November.

The last meeting of the month will be the County Conference, held in the Community Centre at Needham Market, on Saturday 25th January at 10.00am.

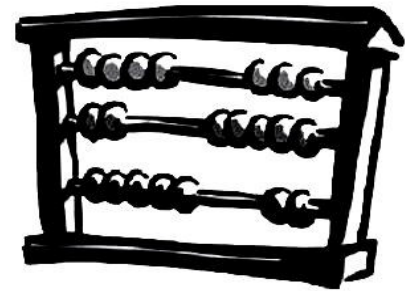
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Wild Target, directed by Jonathan Lynn, is a 2010 Black Comedy film, based on the 1993 French film *Cible émovante*, and starring Bill Nighy, Emily Blunt, Rupert Grint, Eileen Atkins, Martin Freeman, and Rupert Everett.

Victor Maynard (Bill Nighy) is an experienced and efficient assassin living a lonely life. It's the family's business: Victor follows a family line of professional assassins, and he completes his assignments quickly and without remorse. His mother, Louisa (Eileen Atkins), is an intimidating woman very aware of his job, who expresses concern that he might be homosexual, wondering why he hasn't produced a successor.

Rose (Emily Blunt) is a not-so-average girl with a talent for thievery. Her most recent theft involves the sale of a fake Rembrandt painting (painted by her friend in the Restoration Department of the National Gallery), managing to swindle the buyer out of £1,000,000. The buyer soon discovers the swap and hires Victor to dispose of her. Victor takes the hit and immediately tracks Rose down, missing several opportunities to kill her due to chance, but he grows interested in her and agrees to protect her, while being joined by Tony (Rupert Grint), a local slacker.

Mike Cousins



COMMUNITY LUNCH



Happy New Year to you all.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2025.

Last year ended with a very busy Christmas lunch in December and everyone enjoying themselves. Here's to more of the same this year.

The Memorial Village Hall will be open from 12.30pm on Monday 13th January 2025.

Lunch will be Pork fillet with cream, mushroom and cider sauce, served with "Haby" roast potatoes, carrots, braised red cabbage and green beans served at 12.45pm -1pm, followed by Apple & Cinnamon Crumble with custard. Tea and coffee to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Saturday February 1st



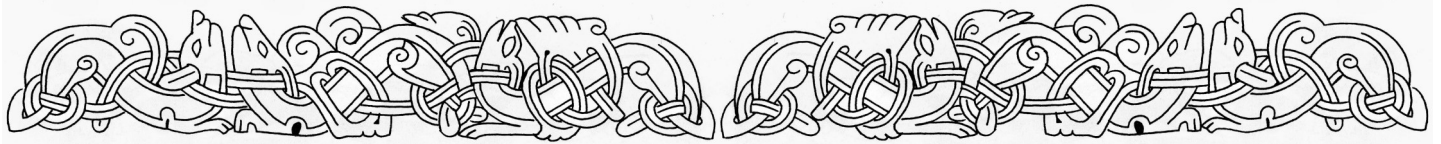
Following our very successful sell-out curry night last year, we are planning a similar event in the Memorial Hall on February 1st 2025 from 7:30pm. So if you enjoy curry and company and wish to show your support for the Wild Woods Group put the date in your diary!

We have secured Dr Ross Piper to speak about insects at the event. Ross is a very experienced speaker delivering talks to a wide variety of audiences and consulting for TV. He is also an author whose latest book is called How to Read an Insect.

A selection of curries will be served as a tasting plate and you can choose on the night from an exotic dessert selection. There will be a pay bar.

Tickets and full details will be available in the New Year.

Lorna Mackinnon



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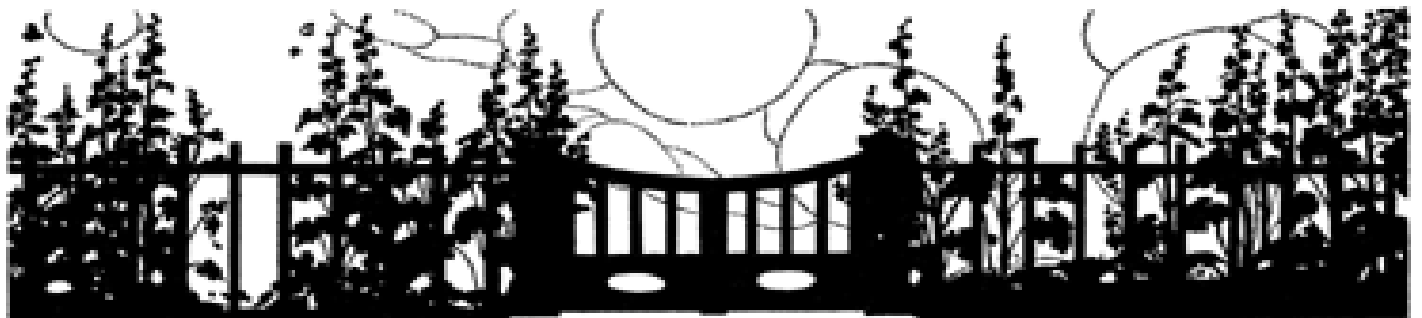
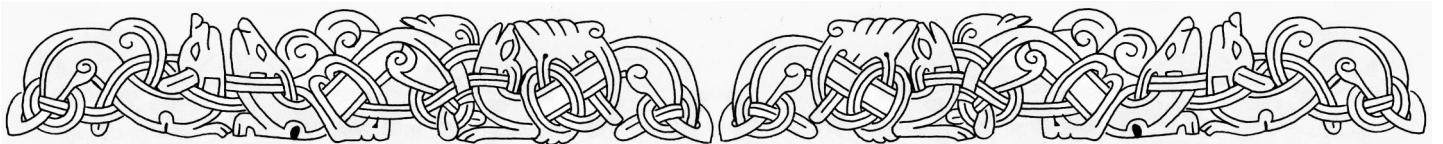
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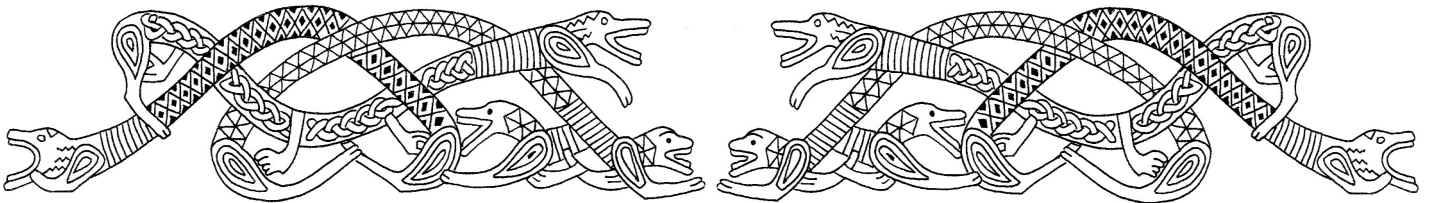
There are no tickets and no entrance fee, but they sing to raise money for the church fabric fund, so please give generously.

Following the concert the singers will also perform at the Choral Eucharist on Sunday 5th January 11am, which will be led by The Rev. Canon Mark Haworth of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Catriona Brinkley our Curate-in-Charge.

We look forward to welcoming you to both events.

If you would like more information about the history of the Epiphany Singers take a look at the village website under annual events: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/annual-events/epiphany-singers/>

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We 8th	W.I. Birthday Party Priory Room	7.00pm	7.30pm
Sun 12th	Speed Quizzing Sports Club	7.00pm	MARCH Wed 12th W.I. Forensic Pathologist Priory Room
Fri 17th	Picturehouse Village Hall	6,30pm	7.30pm
Fri 24th	Gordon's Quiz Sports Club	7.30pm	Fri 21st Picturehouse Village Hall
	FEBRUARY		6.30pm
VVV 1st	Wild Wood Pop-up Curry Village Hall	TBA	APRIL Wed 9th W.I. Floristry Demo'n Priory Room
Fri 7th	Ned's Quiz Sports Club	7.30pm	7.30pm
			MAY Wed 14th W.I. Annual Meeting Priory Room
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			JUNE Tues 10th W.I. Bowls Taster Bowls Green
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 2024 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Richard Winch, County Councillor Fleming

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required)
None
2. APOLOGIES
None received.
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests
 - a. To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) including personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – none received
 - b. To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none received
 - c. To receive requests for dispensation – none required.
4. MINUTES
Minutes of 13th November 2024 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting for signing.
5. PUBLIC FORUM
No members of the public were present.
6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS
 - a. APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT - DC/24/04267 Proposal: Application for Advertisement Consent - Construction of 2No externally illuminated Fascia signs. Location: Linton House, The Street, Walsham le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ. **The Parish Council Objected on The Following Grounds:**
 - i. The Parish Council welcomes the reduction in number of signs in the revised plan. However, the size of the signage remains excessive for the location and should be reduced to occupy area comparable with the original longstanding signage.
 - ii. The Parish Council remains concerned that the proposed Illumination will be a distraction to drivers of passing vehicles especially as it appears that this is to be directed at a predominately “gloss white” signage background area.
 - iii. The Parish Council remains of the opinion that the lighting of the signage should be allowed during opening hours only, following the precedent set by the other retail outlet in the village.
7. SETTING OF BUDGET & RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE



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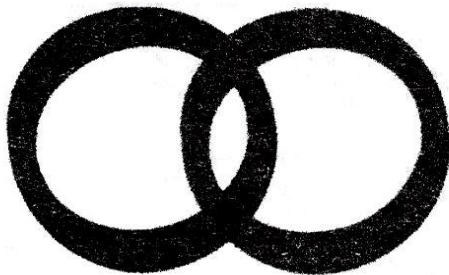
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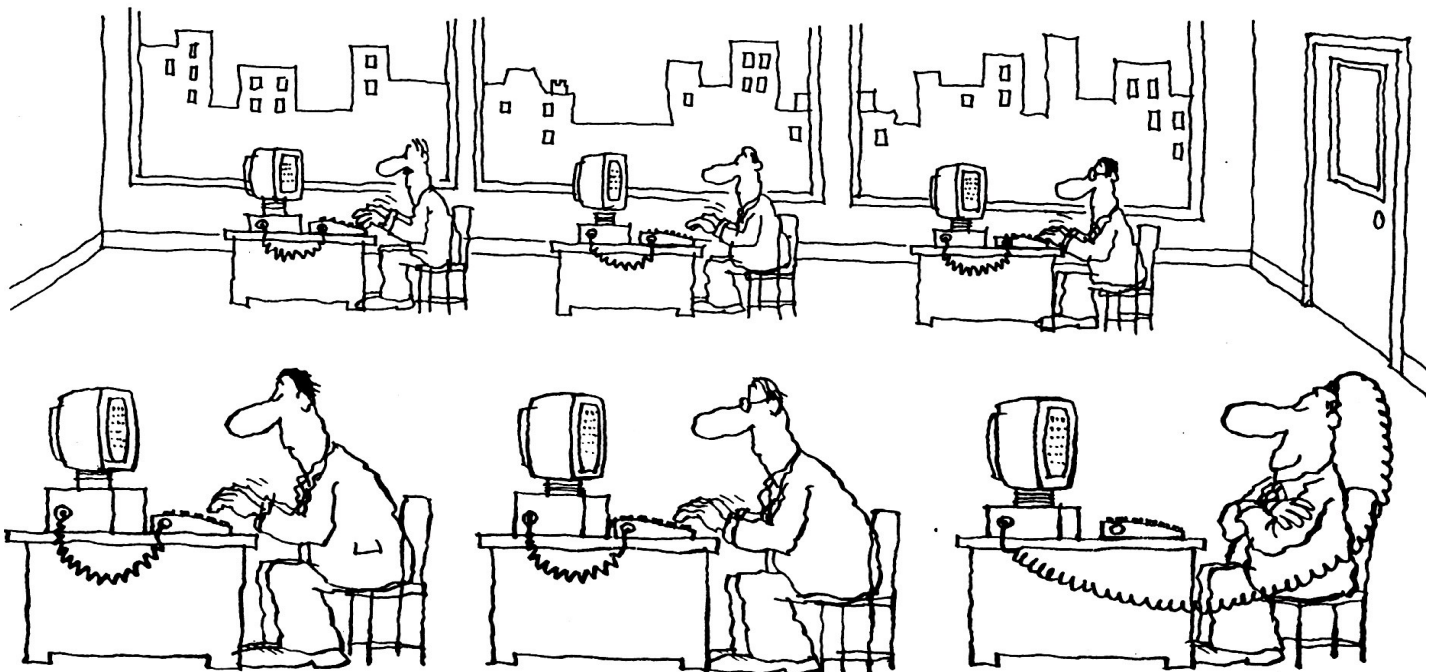
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- a. The Clerk referred to correspondence from Nurture Landscapes about changes to method of charging to a monthly basis based on annual contract value rather than a per cut basis. This was noted.
 - b. The draft budget for 2025/26 prepared by the Clerk was considered against projected spend to year end 2024/25 and Parish Council projects and priorities.
 - c. The budget for 2025/26 was approved with Income of £28,105.98 and Expenditure of £37,120.98 which produces a planned deficit of £9,015 in order to reduce the balances held by the Parish Council which have to be kept with certain limits for audit purposes. General reserves are maintained at between 6 and 12 months of the value of the annual precept.
7. The precept was set for 2025/26 at £25,995
- i. CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere)
 - ii. To consider clerk's action log and any other matters of concern/note.
 - iii. Cllr Bartholomew asked again about the growth of vegetation on the banks outside Millar's Bridge since it was cut earlier in the year. The Clerk was asked to contact MSDC to ask if it could be cut again.
 - iv. Cllr Bartholomew also asked if the Clerk could remind Cllr Fleming again about the enquiries she has promised to make about the Elmside bank cutting so that this can be resolved at the next meeting.
 - v. Cllr Winch asked the Clerk if the email agreed at last meeting had been sent to SCC and Cllr Fleming re the agreed positions on locations for traffic surveys. The Clerk thought this had been done but will check.
 - vi. The Clerk was asked to write to the Parochial Church Council to ask if the CIL awarded for the footpath lighting project at the closed churchyard is still required and to set a time limit of 31/03/2025 for drawing it on the evidence of paid invoices, after which it may be reallocated to other priorities.
 - vii. Next Parish Council Meeting – 11th December 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall.



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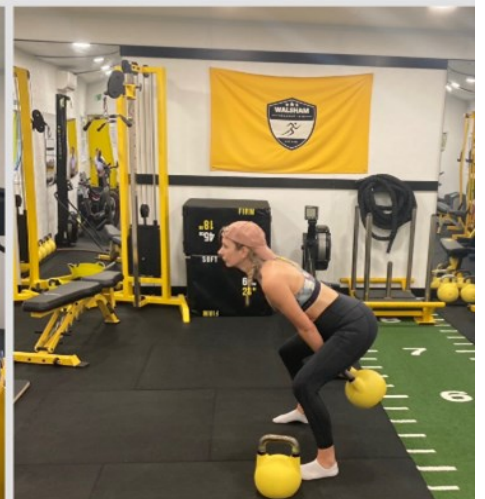
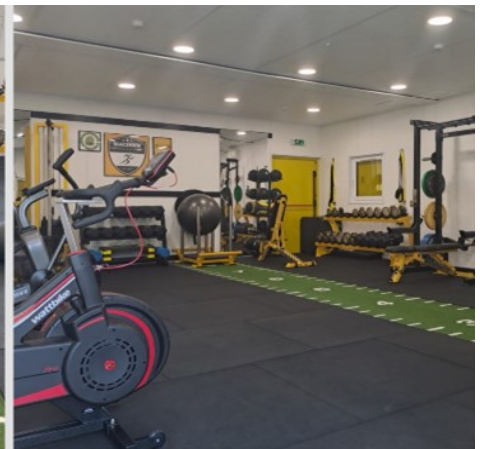
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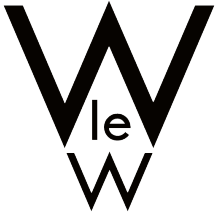
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WALSHAM LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2024 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bartholomew, Belson, Brookes, Mecrow, Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Richard Winch

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required)

Cllr. Belson noted the sad news of the death of Mr Richard Martineau for which the Parish Council send condolences to Mr Martineau's family. Cllr. Belson also wanted to note The Parish Council's recognition of the enormous amount Mr Martineau had done for the village over the many decades.

2. APOLOGIES

a. Cllr Roberts for absence for reason of work commitment.

b. Consent was given for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

a. To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) including personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – none received

b. To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none received

c. To receive requests for dispensation – none required

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

a. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2024 were approved as true and accurate record for *signing*.

b. The Clerk confirmed there were no outstanding actions outstanding from last meeting.

5. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM (POF) - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters.

No members of public were present.

6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION & QUESTIONS - to receive written reports & put questions:

a. County Councillor Fleming

i. Cllr. Bartholomew noted the announcement re bus services and asked If any response was required. In Cllr. Fleming's absence, District Cllr. Winch noted that the exact stop in the village may need to be changed and that the bus company will report back on numbers of users of the new timetable.

b. District Councillor Winch

i. In the light of the announcement of £50k 'Pride in Your Place' grant funding, Parish Cllr. Winch suggested the Parish Council bid for funds for a



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replacement notice board. It was decided that the existing notice board would be refurbished as planned and could hopefully be used in what will become a redundant bus shelter in the centre of the village for the improved dissemination of information about the village footpath network.

- ii. Cllr. Mecrow noted the announcement of a central government requirement for discussion on local government reorganisation for devolving power to a mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. In County Cllr. Fleming's absence, District Cllr. Winch advised that MSDC are for the moment waiting for the publication of a White paper sometime before the New Year, before taking any position.

7. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS (Flood, CEP, Traffic) & ACTION LOG REVIEWS

a. Traffic Group – The circulated report was noted. Cllr. Mecrow noted reports of a fatality on Sumner Road junction with A143. No more information was known at this time.

b. Flood Group – Parish Cllr. Winch proposed that the image of recent flooding in West Street (water coming from the corner of Hillwatering Farm), and at Brook Farm to be forwarded to County Cllr. Fleming and Highways for the record as was requested. The Parish Council awaits the outcome of the S19 investigation.

c. CEP Group – The circulated report was noted. Cllr. Brookes noted that the group has now recruited a first aid trainer and also detailed the offer of Community Self-Help training as a means to allow volunteers to be able to place flood warning signage in the event of another serious flood event occurring. Cllr Mecrow agreed to do this training should no-one else come forward. Cllr Bartholomew reported the use of the WhatsApp flood message group over the weekend and said that this proved to be a useful exercise for refining the way volunteers are instructed to incorporate contacts into their phone contact lists so that in an emergency it is clear from whom/which response zone messages are being sent.

8. PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2024/25 (not covered under working groups - Footpaths, Shepherd's Grove, Bus Routes, Local Plan)

9. PLANNING, LICENCING & RELATED MATTERS

The Parish Council discussed at length a request from Ian Campbell at the last meeting on behalf of the Sport Club, for a view on a potential planning application for expansion of the facility to improve longer term commercial viability, and employment of paid staff to manage the facility. A Parish Council response was approved and documented. This will be communicated to the Sports Club committee by the Parish Council's representative on that committee, Cllr. Trevor Roberts.

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

a. APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/02992 and associated Listed Building Consent DC/24/02993 Proposal: Planning Application - Change of use of farmyard area to residential curtilage and conversion of existing curtilage listed barn for use as a studio/private event space/ancillary storage space. Location: Sunnyside House, Finningham Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BJ MSDC GRANTED PERMISSION

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- b. DC/24/05204 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/24/00034 - Condition 6 (Archaeology) Location: 2 Avenue Cottages, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ NOTIFICATION ONLY: MSDC APPROVED

11 FINANCE & AUDIT

- a. Bank reconciliation for period ending 30th November 2024 was approved for signature.
- b. Accounts awaiting payment summary and invoices for payment were approved for processing. (Appendix 1).
- c. The clerk indicated changes to the budget figures based on new information and an incorrect posting that impacted the projection to year end and therefore potentially the budget and precept set at last meeting for 2025/26 (details of which were previously circulated, 28/12/2024). A slightly revised budget was proposed and approved.
- d. The budget for 2025/26 was set again, slightly revised as: income of £33,722.07, expenditure of £39,142.72 producing a planned deficit of £5,420.65 in order to reduce the balances held by the Parish Council which have to be kept within certain limits for audit purposes. General reserves are maintained at between 6 and 12 months of the value of the annual precept.
- e. The precept for 2025/26 remains unchanged but was reapproved. The Clerk changed the date on the precept form, Chair and Clerk initialled this change.
- f. Changes to earmarked and ringfenced reserves as decided at the budget meeting were formally approved as documented in Appendix 2.
- g. Council considered a proposal from Cllr Bartholomew and the Clerk that Council consider the purchase of an accounting software service to further improve resilience of the Parish Council by eliminating some of the issues that can occur with the use of spreadsheets. Cllr Bartholomew Clerk spoke to the quotes received, and Parish Cllr. Winch also, on the demo sessions attended to appraise two options, Scribe and EasyPCAccounts for which very positive testimonials have been received from Parish Councils already using these applications. Following discussion Cllr Bartholomew put a proposal for the purchase of Scribe, this was seconded by Cllr Mecrow and unanimously approved. Clerk to action to take advantage of free subscription to end of the financial year and to get this prepared for the new financial year.

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

- a. To consider clerk's action log – nothing of note or concern.
- b. To consider any other matters of concern or note
 - i. The Clerk had advised that unfortunately since the agenda was published the meeting with Tim Passmore (Police and Crime Commissioner) and his team, that had been organised by Badwell Ash Village Hall in January had been cancelled due to lack of response. It is hoped that this will take place later in the new year.
 - ii. Council considered a report from Cllr Belson re annual Closed Churchyard Tree Maintenance requirements. After discussion, Cllr. Belson proposed that



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advice was sought from a local tree surgeon before deciding on any work. Cllr Belson to follow up.

iii. The purchase of additional Speed Indicator Devices & software at this time was considered. After discussion it was decided that a purchase should not be made at this time merely to take advantage of a two for one offer. Not only do we not have a position for the second unit as yet but the necessary process for locating one new device may still take some time and in any case, the software coming with the supplier offering the two for one deal was not quite as accessible in its presentation as that of the other two potential suppliers. Purchase was deferred until a later date.

13. OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN/NOTE FOR NEXT AGENDA

a. The Clerk asked Council to consider again the decision to migrate the parish council/village website to a managed service to deliver a more robust and manageable platform for future Clerks. Some reservations had been raised by Cllr Bartholomew. These were discussed and the Clerk assisted with an appraisal of both upside and downsides of this course of action. District Cllr. Winch advised that from his experience the proposed and already approved migration was on balance a good move making the Parish Council systems more resilient into the future. On balance Council decided to confirm the previous approval and asked the Clerk to go ahead as previously agreed.

b. Next Parish Council Meeting – 8th January 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall.

APPENDIX 1- Payments for Authorisation December 2024

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Unity Trust Bank	6.00	Monthly bank service charge
2	GeoXsphere	60.00	Annual Subscription
3	Memorial Village Hall	54.00	Twp PC meetings November
4	Kevin Boardley	108.00	Reimbursement 20's Plenty Bin Stickers
5	Cllr Ann Brookes	13.99	Reimbursement CEP resources
6	Cllr Ann Brookes	6.99	Reimbursement CEP resources
7	Cllr Ann Brookes	11.99	Reimbursement CEP resources
8	Kevin Boardley	5.99	Reimbursement Frame for Award
9	Kevin Boardley	4.99	Reimbursement Stationery
10	Parish Council Employee	514.44	Wages



APPENDIX 2 - Changes to earmarked reserves as agreed at budget meeting on 27th November 2024

Closed Churchyard Wall and Trees	Increased to	5000.00
CIL grant disbursement (restricted)	Reduced to balance remaining to disburse	2,248.76
Maintenance of village assets	Reduced to	3500.00
Play Area	Reduced to	4,000.00
Professional consultancy fees	Reduced to	0.00
Road safety	Increased to	7,500.00
Stream Maintenance	No change	3.000.00
Street Lighting Repairs and Maintenance	Reduced to	0.00



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FROM ST MARY'S

A Time for Rest and Reflection

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28

As January begins and we settle into the quieter days of winter, there's something to be said for taking things a little slower. Nature invites us to embrace a kind of hibernation — a period of rest and reflection after the festive flurry of December. This can be a time to replenish our spirits, to sit in stillness, and to take comfort in the warmth of our community.

We would like to express heartfelt **thanks** to everyone who helped make our Christmas events and services so special. From the school children who made stars for our tree, to those who organised events and those who poured multiple cups of tea to those who decorated the church so beautifully, and everyone in between your efforts created a wonderful atmosphere for celebration. And of course, thank you to everyone who joined us and celebrated the season with us.

Now, we look forward to celebrating **Epiphany**, which marks the revelation of Christ to the world. The word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." Traditionally celebrated at the beginning of January, Epiphany commemorates the visit of the **Magi** — the Wise Men — to the infant Jesus, symbolizing the moment when Jesus was revealed not only to the Jewish people but to all nations. The story of the Magi, guided by a star to Bethlehem, reminds us of God's light shining out into the world, bringing hope and salvation to all people.

Epiphany has been celebrated since the 4th century, and in many cultures, it marks the official end of the Christmas season. The themes of **revelation, light, and new beginnings** are central to this feast, reminding us of the ongoing presence of Christ's light in our lives.

We are especially blessed this year to welcome the **Epiphany Singers** to our concert on the Saturday January 4th and the service in church the following day. Their voices bring joy and wonder to our village, and we are excited to share this special occasion together. Please do you join us, everyone is welcome.

May this season of stillness bring you peace, and may we all step into the new year with renewed hope and faith.

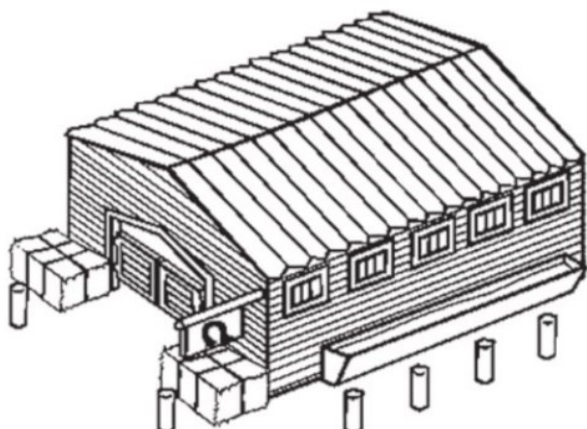
Rev'd Catriona



JANUARY CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Service	Church
29th Dec	The First of Christmas	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
4th Jan		
7:30pm	Epiphany Singers Concert	Walsham
5th Jan	The Second of Christmas	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
11:00am	Epiphany Singers (Eucharist)	Walsham
12th Jan	The First of Epiphany	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
9:30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11:00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
19th Jan	The Second of Epiphany	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
11:00am	Joint Communion Service	Wattisfield URC
3:00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
26th Jan	The Third of Epiphany	
9:30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11:00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
2nd Feb	Candlemas	
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Walsham
11:00am	Candlemas	Walsham

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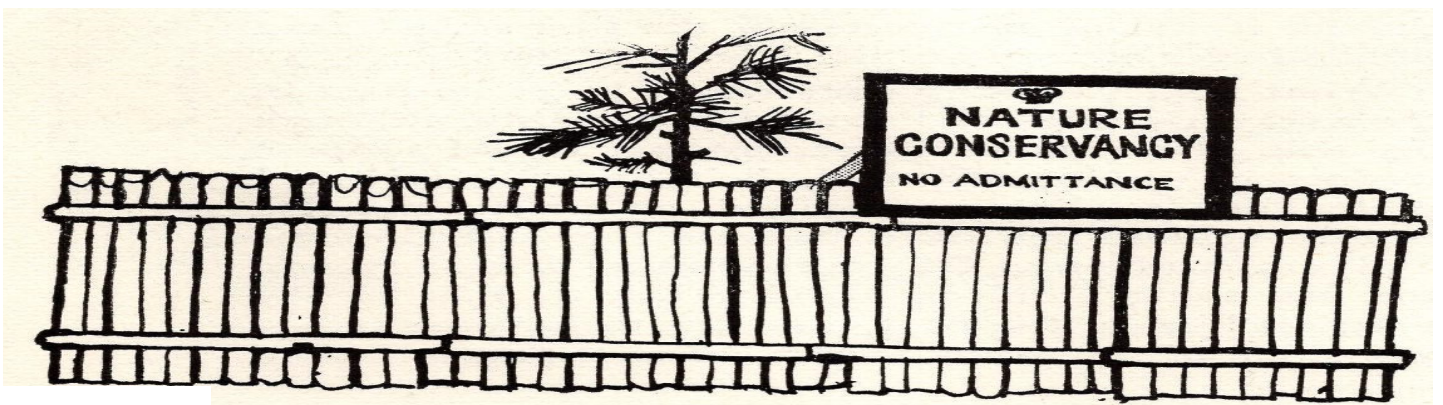
WILDLIFE IN JANUARY

A new year begins once more, time to look forward and make plans to what this year could and will bring. Birds are back in our gardens, feeding at the food stations while food is scarce. If you are lucky then you may see one of our smallest birds of prey, the Sparrowhawk. The Sparrowhawk can be found in a number of habitats and can also be seen in our gardens, even if it is only for a few seconds. Their wingspan is around 62cm and they only weigh 150-260g, with their lifespan being around 4 years. Females are 25% larger than the males, which makes it the biggest size difference between male and female of the same species of bird. Males because of their smaller size are thought to be more agile at hunting prey. Females have more brown plumage and the male have more of a grey/blue plumage with reddish/orange colours. Both sexes have reddish cheeks. They visit our gardens to swoop down on prey such as Finches, Blue Tits and Sparrows. They are so fast and can also turn at very last minute to fool prey that you may only seen them at a glimpse.

Another one of our smallest birds is the Wren. It is a tiny bird and is almost round in shape, with a long narrow bill and also a narrow tail which sometimes is stuck up straight vertically in the air. For such a small bird its call is surprisingly quite loud. It is one of our most common breeding birds and is seen flitting around in the garden. They are always on the move looking for insects and spiders hidden in crevices or in trees. They keep warm at night by finding an old birdbox, tight little crevices or even in the material of a hanging basket. Once more than 60 little Wrens where found in a birdbox, all snuggled in together keeping warm! I had a good close up of one in December when my wonderful dog Eddie decided at 2:30am that he needed to go outside! There I was waiting for him to come in when all of a sudden this object flew straight at me, it was so fast that I did not see where it went, but there it was, a little Wren upstairs sitting on my ceiling light, "great" I thought. It flew off the light as soon as I got close but to my surprise my reactions at 2:30am where spot on and I caught it in mid-air. I let the poor thing out to which I was still waiting for Eddie to come in, why do dogs prefer to sniff around for ages in the early hours?

If you are up and about early particularly in January you may see the cold but wonderful sight of Hoax Frost. It follows from a very cold and starry night, and is named after its hair like appearance which needs a specific climate condition to form. The icy feathery crystals form rapidly overnight on freezing twigs, branches and vegetation. Everything in sight is frozen but such a wonderful thing to see at this time of the year. Happy new year!

Angie Bennington.





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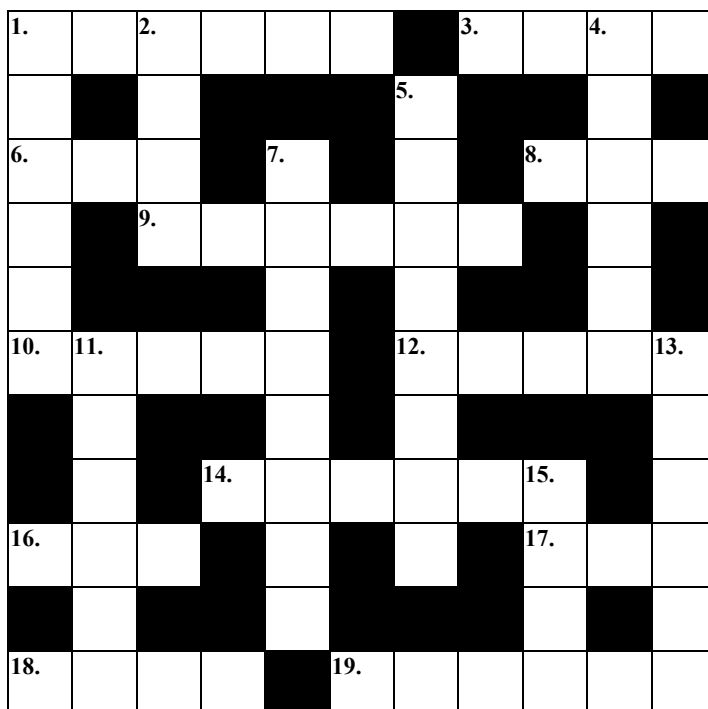
Christmas Unwrapped

The December meeting was an exploration of the traditions and myths of Christmas, starting with solstice celebrations in Neolithic times, to the raucous excesses of the pagan Romans, and the Yule celebrations of pagan Norsemen. With the beginnings of Christianity, in the 4th century AD Pope Julius I chose December 25th as the date to celebrate the feast of the nativity. The actual date of Christ's birth was unknown but by choosing a date so close to the pagan festival, the two gradually merged so that the feasting, merrymaking, hat wearing, house and tree decorating, gift giving and goodwill to all people became entrenched in our festivities. By the mid 11th century Christ's mass was being celebrated and by the mid 15th century a jolly old man dishing out goodwill was already known as King Christmas. Our festivities this year included the music and song of some traditional folk carols from Ian and Michelle Wright, a really uplifting addition to our meeting.

Alison Martin



WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



9. So showy in the address you gave. (6)

10. Trust the construction to support. (5)

12. Just remind ourselves that the runner comes back. (5)

14. Eco-friendly veggies. (6)

16. Is there really much of this about nothing. (3)

17. Such growth in fawning derision. (3)

18. This cart goes back a distance. (4)

19. Some say this art is rubbish as well. (6)

DOWN

1. Gilbert & Sullivan share an affection for mittens. (6)

2. Arrange a deal for heavy metal. (4)

4. Can Ada find the country easily? (6)

5. Rearranged the next one down. (8)

7. Resorted to having it put back as before. (8)

11. Combustible material found first in Derby. (6)

13. Quick to have no port for a change! (6)

15. Shake up the last condiment. (4)

ACROSS

1. Such information has an old colour. (6)

3. Good behaviour in the best acting tradition. (4)

6. An egg found in the renovations. (3)

8. Just an individual in an honest crowd. (3)

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SPORTS CLUB REPORT

Football

The First Team drew 3-3 at home to Thetford Town in the league, having been 1-3 down, with two minutes of injury time remaining. Subs Reon Huckvale and Cam Nicholls were our goalscoring heroes late on.

The next league action was again at home when we comfortably beat Soham Town Rangers 4-0. George Bugg, with a brace, and strikes from Scott Chaplin and Ethan Garcia accounted for our goals.

We then beat Brantham Athletic 2-1 at home in the FA Vase; Ethan Garcia and Kieran Twinn were our goal scorers before Twinn was sent off for two bookable offences late on. We are now drawn at home to either Whitstable Town or Jersey Bulls, in the fourth round proper, on Saturday 11th January.

The Under 23s drew their latest match 3-3 away to Lakenheath. Barnaby Hunt scored a brace for us.

The Under 18s went without a fixture last month.

Finally, the Veterans lost their two fixtures. They were defeated 5-2 by Sporting 87, in the Suffolk Veterans Shield, and then lost 7-0 at home to Old Newton in the league. For the record Cordell Jackson scored both our goals at Sporting 87.

Forthcoming Home Fixtures for January

First Team

Sat 4th v Heacham 3pm

Sat 11th v Whitstable Town or Jersey Bulls 3pm

Sat 25th v Sheringham Town. 3pm

Under 18s

Thurs 30th v Lakenheath. 7.35pm

Gordon Ross



COME AND ENJOY BOWLS



The Bowls section of the Walsham le Willows Sports Club, situated in the centre of our village, completed another successful season in September and now the green has been put to bed for winter.

The AGM was held on 4th September with a new committee being elected. One of the main aims for 2025 is to encourage new members, experienced or new to the game; everybody will be made welcome.

We hold an open evening on Tuesdays for new players or to come and see if you enjoy bowls. Tuition can always be offered, and an assortment of bowls are available to use to get those interested in taking up the game to get started. League games are played on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and also Tuesday afternoons.

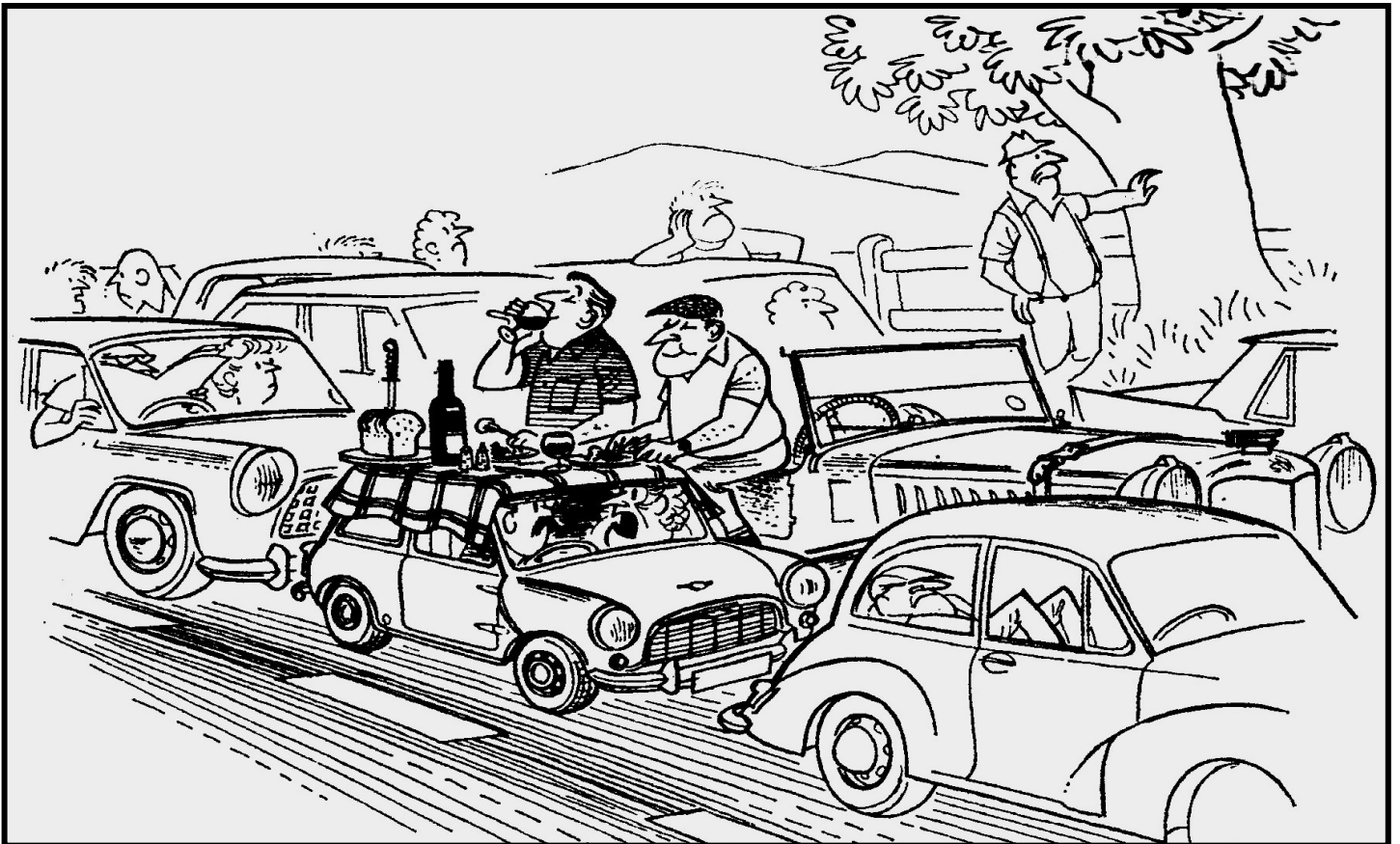
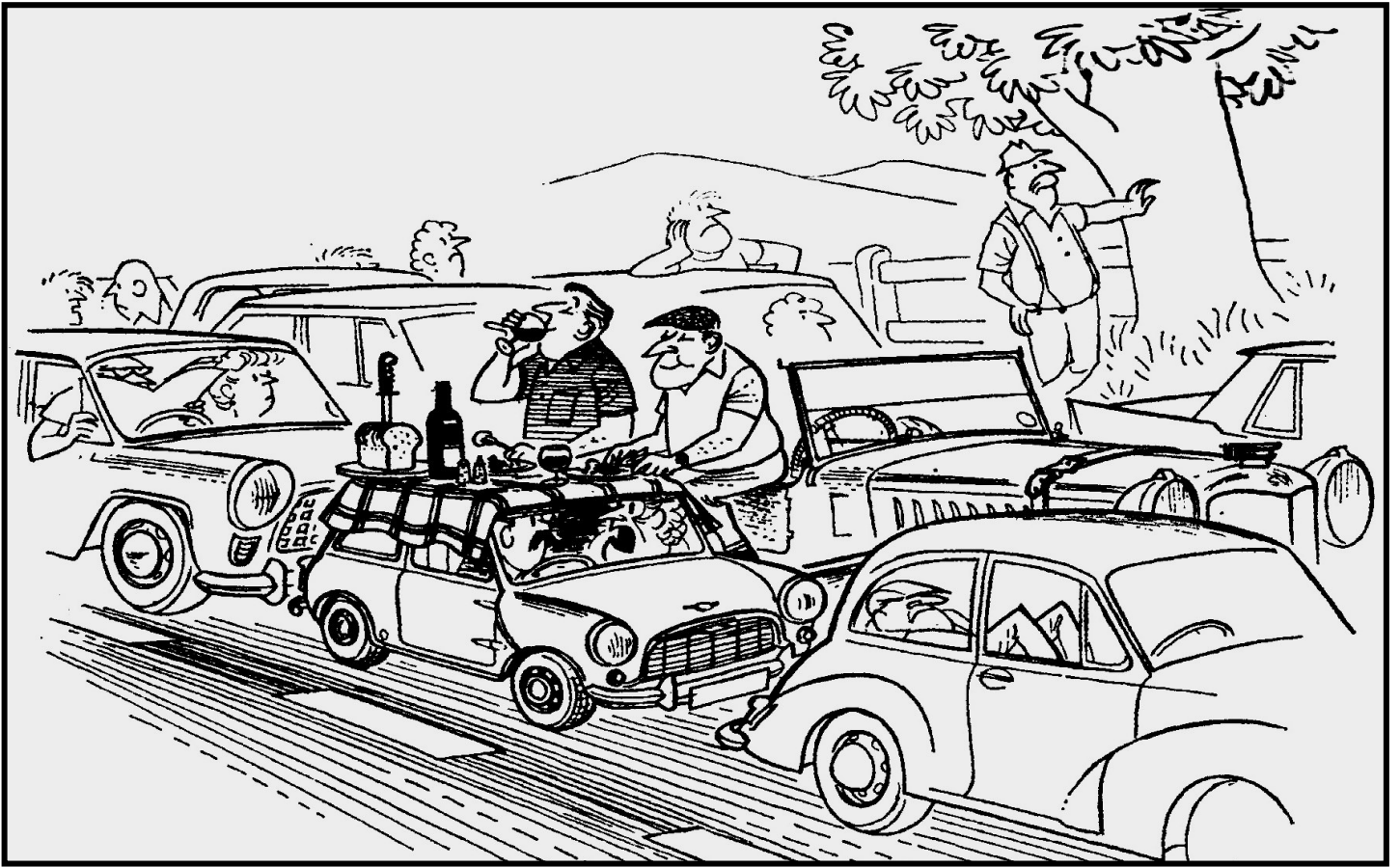
We encourage you to come and try your hand at the game and also enjoy the social life of the club.

Please contact our secretary Shirley White if you are interested in having a go. Her email address is shirley409@btinternet.com. We look forward to hearing from new bowls stars.

Trevor Pollard

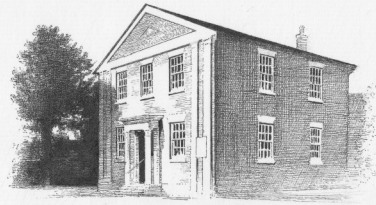


SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



There are ten differences between these two pictures, see if you can find them all before the traffic gets moving again!

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Whiter Than Snow

Many years ago in England, as was the custom of the time, a very rich man employed a nurse to live-in and take care of his six-year-old daughter. The nurse was a faithful Christian, and she taught the little girl from the Word of God. One particular verse of Scripture that the nurse taught the little girl was, *“Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow”* (Psalm 51:7).

One day the girl, pleased with what she had learned, asked her father, “Daddy, what is whiter than snow?” He thought for a moment, and then replied, “I don’t know, what is whiter than snow?” The daughter happily answered, “The soul that is washed in the blood of Jesus”. The father was not a Christian, never went to church, nor had any interest in the Gospel; he was very angry at what his daughter had said. He demanded to know who had told her such a thing and, finding that it was the child’s nurse, he reprimanded her for teaching the girl ‘such nonsense’ and ordered her to collect her belongings together and leave his house immediately. The little girl protested, pleaded, and cried pitifully but his mind would not be changed. The nurse quietly left the home but resolved to pray every day for that family.

A few weeks later a visitor was staying in that home and, when the little girl found an opportunity, asked the very same question once more, “What is whiter than snow?” When the guest eventually indicated that he did not know, she replied as before, “The soul that is washed in the blood of Jesus”. Both the father, and his houseguest, sat speechless. Those words of the girl were now fixed in the father’s mind. He could not forget those words or get them out of his mind and, at last, he felt compelled to read the Bible for himself. After a short time had passed, he wrote to that nurse, asking that she would consider returning to their home, this time not just to care for the daughter, but to teach both he and his daughter from the Word of God. Despite the sadness of the past, the nurse was pleased to return and immediately sought to explain the truths of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to those dear people. She would have shown them from the Bible their true state before God, in that *“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23) and *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die”* (Ezekiel 18:4). However, that faithful lady would also have explained the glorious hope of the Gospel that *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9) *“And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin”* (1 John 1:7)

Wonderfully, in God’s time, they were both converted: their sins had been forgiven and washed away in the precious blood of Christ - their hearts had been made ‘whiter than snow’.

At the time of writing, it is impossible to know whether we shall have had a ‘white Christmas’, or if January will be blanketed in fresh white snow, reminiscent of all those winter scenes upon the many Christmas cards but, whatever the weather, remember the earnest enquiry of that little girl so many years ago, “What is whiter than snow?”

Come now and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

(Isaiah 1:18)



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Wed 9 April
 Floristry Demonstration
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Wed 12 February
 An introduction to home composting
 David Wright

Wed 14 May
 Annual Meeting

Wed 12 March
 Forensic Pathologist
 Mary Newton

Tue 10 June
 Bowls Taster Session
 Bowling Green
 7.00pm

**All meetings start at 7:30pm and take place in The Priory Room,
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WALSHAM OBSERVER SU-DOKU

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



REGULAR

MONDAY

Community Lunch Village Hall
2nd Monday 12:45pm
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
7:45pm Second Wed of the Month

EVENTS

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

THURSDAY

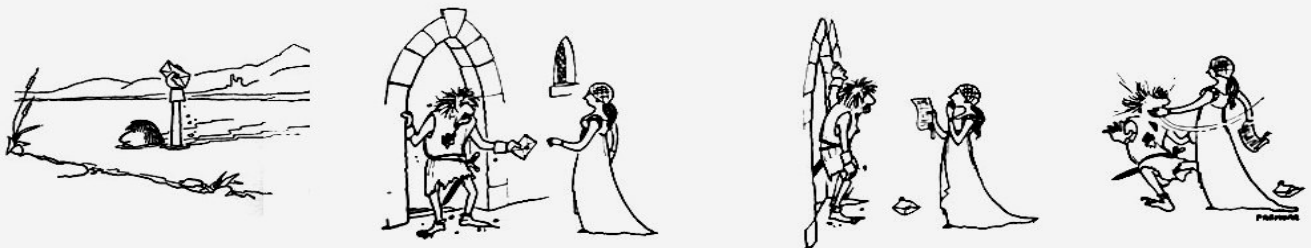
Coffee Shop Village Hall
10:30am till 12.30pm
Post Office Van Village Hall
11:00am till Noon
Yoga Sports Club
1:15 pm till 2:15pm
Walking Football Sports Club
2:00pm till 3:00pm
Pétanque Sports Club
2.00pm till Bouled Out
Walking Netball Sports Club
6:00pm till 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Cardio Tennis Sports Club
12noon till 1:00pm

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



In which country will you find South Tyrol?

ALL THE ANSWERS

Page Bottom Quiz

1. Blue, 2. Ireland & Wales, 3. We Are the World, 4. Herring, 5. Southend on Sea,
6. A pack of cards, 7. Audrey Hepburn, 8. Dice, 9. In your forearm,
10. To stop bleeding, 11. A bell, 12. Vitamin D, 13. K2, 14. Neville Chamberlain,
15. Kirk Douglas, 16. Great Grandfather, 17. They eat eucalyptus, 18. South Africa,
19. Telly Savalas, 20. She committed suicide, 21. Lowestoft, 22. Musicians,
23. It became The Guardian, 24. Two (she was a goose), 25. The aqualung,
26. Cornwall, 27. Ten feet, 28. The eyes, 29. 90° North, 30. Robert Graves,
31. Rob Roy, 32. Groucho Marx, 33. Five, 34. Lapwing, 35. Battle of Britain,
36. Roger Daltry, 37. Benjamin Franklin, 38. At one year old, 39. In flight,
40. Edinburgh, 41. Shylock, 42. Bankruptcy, 43. Banana tree, 44. Marie Antoinette,
45. Scampo, 46. Italy, 47. Great Britain & Ireland, 48. Leo Tolstoy,
49. The Lord's Prayer,

Sudoku

9	6	1	7	2	4	3	5	8
5	2	3	8	6	1	7	9	4
8	4	7	9	3	5	2	1	6
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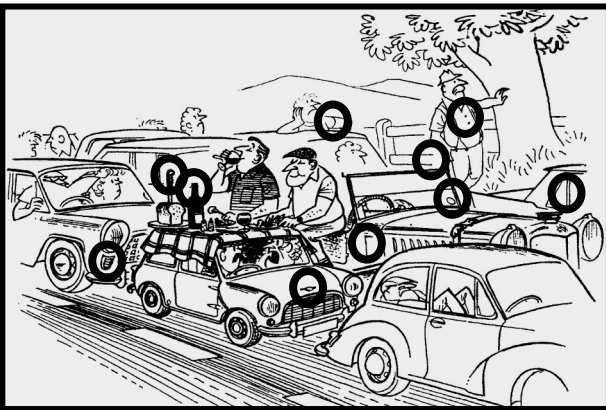
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E	S	O	D						
S	T	R	U	T	R	E	C	A	P
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More or Less

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

Spot the Difference



Searching for Words

Ain	Amen	Are	Arm	Ear
Eight	Era	Gear	Gem	Gen
Germ	Get	Gin	Hear	Hem
Hen	Her	Het	Main	Man
Mane	Mar	Mare	Mean	Mear
Men	Met	Meth	Name	Namer
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Team	Tear	Ten	Term	The
Them	Then	Thin	Thine	

Nightmare (55)

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