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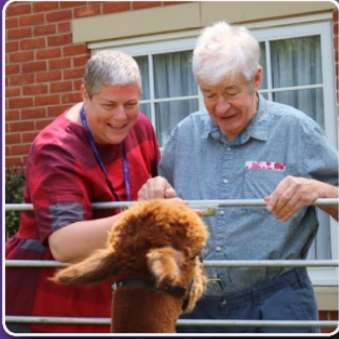
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WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

BITESIZE REPORT of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre on the 7th of December 2023 from 7.00pm.

Present: 7 Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk and 8 members of the public

Welcome from the Chairman and Public Participation – no public contribution.

Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Paul Blandford raised concerns that nothing had happened since the last meeting with a quorum was to be raised from the Parish Council. It was questioned if the plan was worth continuing due to the lack of support from parishioners. The clerk has arranged for an open public meeting to be held on the 16th of January 2024 at the Community Centre, starting at 7pm.

Notices of this to be put on the website, social media, and noticeboards.

St. Peter's church grant request was discussed following the receipt of their bank statements. It was decided to review the financial situation for both parties in March 24

Planning Working Party – the clerk stressed that we were missing closing dates for comments and that support or objection was not enough as need to have the reasons. RG suggested that we ask planning to extend the comment dates when they fall before our next meeting.

Projector for use at the PC meetings – the current PC projector is still in working order although does not have Bluetooth. It was decided that we try and use this for planning applications. Clerk to pass on the PC laptop and projector to Cllr Bliss.

Reports

Clerk has reported the street lights on Frenchs Road and The Marsh for attention. AB advised that the street light no 13 by the almshouses was also in need of attention and clerk to arrange visit.

The pot holes in various areas of the parish continue to cause problems and West Drove could go on until Feb 24.

The Crier – clerk reported that the advertising rates had been increased by 10% to help cover the costs. A huge thank you to the editor and delivery people for their support.

Our Facebook page is still out of order. The website was visited 587 times.

Communications/Correspondence:

Email from Elinor Bale on behalf of Verdant Energy – agreed to ask her to attend the January /February meeting.

Planning – to consider Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements.

Applications:

23/02051/F – variation of conditions 2,7,13 and 14 attached to planning permission 22/01616/FM re installation of a synchronous condenser facility etc., at Rose Hall Farm, Walpole Bank, Walpole St. Andrew – Support

23/02080/F – variation of a condition 3 of planning consent 21.01442/FM – installation of a solar farm and battery storage facility – land at East Marsh S of a solar farm facility. West of Flowers Farm and Frenchs Road, The Marsh. Extension from 35 to 40 years. No observations

23/02070/RM – reserved matters for site frontage and plots 3 & 6 SE of Helian House and W of Walnut Tree Farm, Walnut Road, Walpole St. Peter – support

23/02043/LDP | LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSED;

Single storey rear extension within 4m of detached house. | 8 Folgate Lane Walpole St Andrew Wisbech – Cllr Blunt had sent a message via the Clerk that update was due within the next few days.

Approved payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for November. proposed CJ, seconded JL and all in favour. Bank Balance at the end of November was £51,923.11 with £11,335.87 Solar Fund money and £23,000 CIL funding for the playground.

No public participation.

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

BITESIZE REPORT of the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th of January 2024.

Present: 7 Parish Councillors, County Councillor Kirk, Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public

Welcome from the Chairman and Public Participation – no public contribution

Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Paul Blandford had contacted the original contacts who were part of the steering group with only 1 response. He is most concerned that the meeting on the 16th of January 2024 will not be well supported and if residents do not come forward to join, the NDP would have to be ended.

CLlr James could not make the meeting but supported the plan and agreed that more commitment is needed from residents. Cllr Boston hopes volunteers come forward as the plan needs to go ahead.

CLlrs Bliss and Brooks have offered to join Paul on the NDP.

Verdant Energy/ib Vogt have responded to the clerk's invitation to attend a Parish Council meeting and will be at our next meeting on the 1st of February 24 for a short presentation and answer questions.

Reports

The pot holes in various areas of the parish continue to cause problems and West Drove could go on until at Feb 24. Cllr Boston thanked the residents responsible for the Christmas tree. Cllr Bliss advised that he continues to report these pot holes on the NCC website with no response other than "life threatening".

Cllr Kirk advised that April Cottage has been flooded yet again, most probably caused by the development at the back of the property.

The flooding on Folgate Lane will be actioned by the IDB with the dyke needing clearing. The Flood agency at Norwich are looking into the flooding on Bustards Lane and alleged dykes filled in by the farmer.

Two Manhole covers have been reported as showing raw sewage being discharged.

Investment at the West Walton pumping station is required and with only 2 lorries a day allowed it is struggling.

Community grant- still has some funds available.

The Crier – Cllr Eveleigh advised the clerk that 1 advertiser has been lost but interest has been received to take this slot.

Cllr Campion advised that our Facebook page is still out of order. The website was visited 513 times in December and for 2023, the website was viewed 7411 times and Pete Luck was thanked again for his dedication to running the website.

Play area – JL advised that there was a lot of flooding, but this cannot be helped and that the work on the playground has been advised to start on the 29th of January to the 5th of February. Clerk advised that when the dates are finalised, we need to let the Community Centre know.

SAM reports – Folgate Lane IN from 11.11.23 to 24.12.23 had 3,568 vehicle counts with average speed of 26.8 mph in a 30mph limit. Top speed recorded at 55mph at 06.55am.

Wisbech Road (Cherry Tree Farm) IN – from 11.11.23 to 24.12.23 had 24,543 vehicle counts with average speed of 23.9mph in a 30mph limit. Top speed was 45mph at 16.55pm.

Units are now on West Drove North and Swingfield.

Communications/Correspondence:

Re-siting of dog and grit bins to take place as locations approved by the Borough. Size of dog bin under review.

Highways ranger visit – clerk has resubmitted the list of items for the past year.

Planning – to consider Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements.

Applications:

23/02139/LB – To remove a section of the floor and investigate the condition of the Chancel Roof and external renders at the Church of St. Andrew, Kirk Road. This has been “called in” by Cllr Blunt as questions raised regarding no record of monitoring of the floor and query retrospective. It was agreed to support with the condition that flooring is put in within a 24-month period from now.

Finance

Approved the payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for December – Bank Balance at the end of December was £48,493.96 with £11,335.87 Solar Fund money and £23,000 CIL funding for the playground.

The 2nd draft budget for 24/25 was agreed by all.

The Financial Reserves Policy was approved by all

No public participation. CC and CJ advised that they had stood down as the PC representatives on the Community Centre Committee due to workload.

A copy of the full minutes are available on the website - <https://walpolepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

Next meeting 1st of February 2024 from 7 pm.

24/7 free travel to all disabled bus pass holders in Norfolk

From 1 February 2024 all Norfolk residents who hold a disabled concessionary travel pass will be eligible for free bus travel 24 hours a day, seven days a week when travelling within the county.

The decision by Norfolk County Council, means that more than 14,500 people across the county who hold a concessionary bus pass due to disability, and their eligible companions, will now be able to travel on any bus at any time free of charge across Norfolk.

Graham Plant, cabinet member for highways, infrastructure and transport said; “Allowing all holders of a disabled pass and their eligible companions to travel for free on buses before 09:30 opens-up a wealth of opportunities for them. It ensures they have access to work, education and leisure and helps to combat the risks of social isolation which can be associated with having a disability. In addition, encouraging more use of public transport leads to a greener future and helps towards our ambitious net-zero targets.”

Previously concessionary pass holders with a disability were only able to travel for free on buses off-peak (all day on Saturdays and Sundays but only from 09:30 Monday to Friday) except for those registered blind or visually impaired.

Offering free travel at all times is over and above the minimum requirement set by government, and is something that a local authority can choose to do but doesn't have to do. The change was recommended following an updated equality impact assessment of the scheme which concluded that it is now unfair to offer a discretionary enhancement to just one group of disabled people (i.e. those who are blind or visually impaired).

The recommendation agreed by the individual cabinet member was to 'extend the concessionary travel discretion of free travel at all times to all eligible disabled passholders and eligible companions, from 1 February 2024.'



Message from your Borough Councillors



**Firstly, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.
Another challenging year ahead including a General Election .**

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER POTENTIAL SITES AND POLICY CONSULTATION

As part of the Local Plan process, the council has produced a draft consultation document on proposed locations to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people in the borough. It incorporates the list of existing sites across the borough, the methodology used for assessment, those sites that are preferred to accommodate the identified needs and planning policies to manage such developments over the plan period to 2039. This is an essential part of the Local Plan process, and this work must be carried out before the Local Plan can be adopted. The consultation would run for a period of 6 weeks from the 26th January until the 8th March 2024. and would help to inform a final proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people policy, which will be submitted to Cabinet for approval in April 2024, to be submitted for formal Examination in July 2024.

Details will be set out on the Local Plan examination web page: • https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20079/planning_policy_and_local_plan/951/local_plan_review_2016-2036_examination). To assist the consultation, there will be a representation form. This should be used, to ensure we can capture the information required to allow us to process your response. Please note that representations must be received within the 6- weeks period to be considered.

Councillor Community Grants 2023-24 The current round of community grant funding will close on 31st March 2024, local community groups should be encouraged to apply using the online form. Applications will require councillor approval prior to 1st April 2024.

From 30 January residents will be able to recycle used household batteries. The collections will be weekly, so residents just need to place their used household batteries in a freezer bag, or similar sized clear bag, on top of either their black or green bin on their usual collection day for them to be recycled. It is important that the batteries are placed on top of the bins because if they are not separated, they will go into the body of the vehicle where they risk being crushed which can cause vehicle fires and fires at the processing facility.

Batteries are made from many different materials including lithium-ion (used in laptop batteries), zinc (used in AA batteries) and nickel cadmium (used in power tool batteries); all are recycled into their component parts. The recovered materials can be used to manufacture new batteries and electronics; they can also be used in the steel industry and even in paint production.

It is important that we know your concerns, thoughts, and ideas re how we can help our Ward to continue to be a special place to live. We appreciate all the local support and if you think we can help do not hesitate to contact us.

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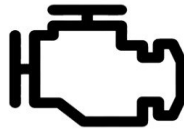
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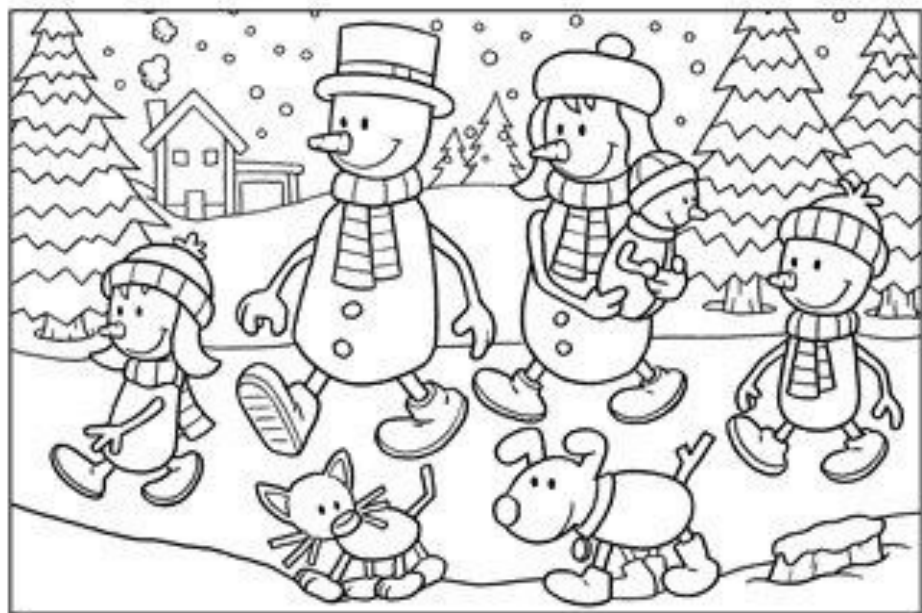
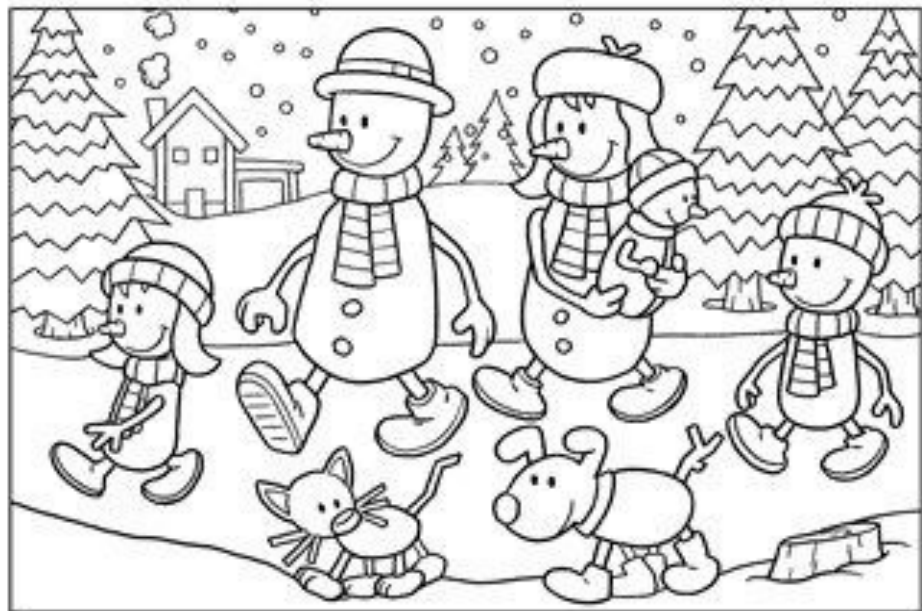
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A very Happy New Year to you all. I don't do New Year resolutions any more as I am always too ambitious and fail miserably! This year I will just try to be kind, both to you and myself. You are at liberty to tell me when I fail and I will try to 'do better'!!

I am hoping to receive lots of emails and phone calls to say you are willing to open your gardens one last time for the fund. The first two occasions were such happy days, even those who had been anxious really enjoyed having lovely people come to admire their gardens. I look forward to hearing from you.

Here are the last two 100 Club draws. I do thank all of you who have supported us, especially those who have never won! You may do better on the Parish Hall 100 Club!!

DECEMBER 2023

1st 66 Judy Cropley
2nd 32 Barbara Cooke
3rd 77 Heather An
4th 110 Paul Crowther
5th 95 Neville Morley

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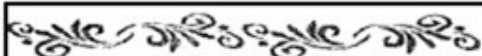
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All of the staff and pupils at Anthony Curton would like to wish you a very happy new year! The children have returned to school very excited to tell their friends all about their Christmas adventures and are now ready to start learning all about their new topics!

The Nativity was a huge success and was held in the church again this year, the first time since lockdown. Reception and Year 1 along with their Teacher's Mrs Burch and Miss Spencer worked very hard to create a brilliant performance.

The children enjoyed their Christmas Dinner and were allowed to come in their Christmas jumpers on that day; they pulled some crackers and generally had a lovely festive time.

ACFA very kindly organised a Pantomime which was held at the Community Hall which all the children had an opportunity to watch. ACFA have been very busy organising lots of events and, as always, we very much appreciate all their help and effort they bring to our school.

Last month, the Major of King's Lynn visited our school to congratulate some children who have had their work published for King Charles! All schools in Norfolk were invited to design an entry for the Kings Coronation which would be made into a book and presented to the King and Queen. We were very lucky to have 3 children whose entries were included in the book. A copy of the book is displayed in the King's Lynn Museum for the public to see.

IRock, a specialist Music Rock Learning company, came into school at the beginning of this term to put on a concert for all the children. Children could get involved with the music activities and the best outcome from this is that we have now had 15 children sign up to create a rock band within school! We are very much looking forward to some school concerts!

A multicultural food festival will take place again in the dinner hall from 15th January for one week. Children can enjoy a range of dishes each day from USA, China, Italy, Greece and Scotland.

Year 3 and 4 will be visiting King's Lynn Museum this term to coincide with their Learning topics.

As always we have lots of Sporting Activities planned for the children, in Key Stage 2, such as TAG Rugby, Cross Country, Football, Hockey. Our Key Stage 1 have also been invited to take part in Active Kids at Lynn Sport.

Miss Liddle
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We have bingo, speakers, outings, quizzes and musical entertainment or just come along for a chat over tea and cake.

New members are always welcome—contact Cindy Downes 07531 009 843 for further information.

Below are photos from our Christmas Lunch which was prepared by the committee in Walpole St Andrew Community Centre.



A good time was had by all who attended

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall

UPDATE

The project to demolish and rebuild the parish hall is continuing to move forward. We are currently working on the clearance of the interior and storage or disposal of all contents. Unwanted items are being sent to charity, disposed of, or where suitable, offered to the community on our Parish Hall Facebook page for a donation to our funds.

Whilst clearing is ongoing, we are finalising project costings with the ongoing help of Chris Walford and his colleague at Peter Humphrey Associates. Chris who lives in the village is our architect and Project Manager.

Our aim has always been to use local contractors wherever possible and we have to date received offers of discounted costings from businesses in, or connected to the village. If you are a local business and believe you are able to help please get in touch.

Fundraising continues behind the scenes with our 100 club lottery, Easy Fundraising etc., and we hope to launch a fundraising 'brick sponsorship' over the next few weeks. Keep a look out on our Facebook Page for further details!

We will continue to keep you updated on our progress via the Crier and our Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Facebook page or for further information email gillhenderson56@btinternet.com

Walpole Community Centre



Happy 2024 to you all!

There has been plenty going on at the centre in recent weeks, much of it behind the scenes. There is some new equipment in the kitchen, a comprehensive cleaning programme has been completed, safety checks have been done, with upgrades to fire alarms and extinguishers. There are plans to upgrade the internal lighting, add external lighting, improve the car park and upgrade the notice board. The bar area is also having a revamp. It's also hoped that an overhead projector can be installed in the garden room.

Recent events in the hall include;

8th December 2023-A night with a Medium

1st Tuesday of the month-Monthly Bingo

14th January - Open day - this was a chance to come and have a look at what the centre can offer and to suggest what new events you would like to see. If you were unable to come along you can still give your views on the centre and offer ideas for events via the website contact button. 28th January - Indoor car boot sale

The centre also contributed a tree to the St Andrews Church Christmas tree festival. The tree had baubles and messages promoting the activities at the centre and the various groups that use it. There have also been a number of private hires for birthdays etc. The centre can easily accommodate a bouncy castle for children's parties.

Events to come;

23rd February - Quiz night

Monthly bingo - 1st Tuesday of each month

7th April - Free DEFIB training*

Wreath making for next Christmas

Indoor bowls

Annual classic car event hosted by Kings Lynn Cruisers

*We would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Janet Luck who is the Parish Councillor responsible for the defibrillator, for working alongside us (WPFRT) to organise this free training. Janet is an East of England Ambulance Service Community First Responder for the Walpole's and West Winch division. Janet has kindly organised for herself plus 2 of her First Responder colleagues to provide FREE training on the use of the DEFIB. Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance. The course is based on a first come first served basis and is open to any local resident who would like to learn about a vital potential life saving device. The training is on 7th April 2024 between 2pm and 4pm in the main hall, places will be limited and can be booked via our website.

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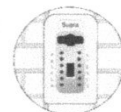
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Walking towards the traffic gives you time to get out of the way if you are not seen.

Walpole Gardeners Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
8 February	NO MEETING
14 March	CLUB NIGHT
11 April	Wood Turning Demonstration—Nick Swann
9 May	QUIZ NIGHT
13 June	CLUB NIGHT
11 July	Gardening in the Shade—Jim Paine
17 August (Sat)	Annual Flower and Produce Show
7/8 September	Village Fete—Potato Weigh in
12 September	To Be Confirmed
10 October	To Be Confirmed
14 November	To Be Confirmed
12 December	AGM and Club Night—Plant and Craft Stalls

All meetings to be held in Walpole St Peter Church PE14 7NS the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm (Until new Parish Hall is completed).

NEWS FROM THE WALPOLE GARDENERS CLUB

We hope that you all had a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting which is on the 14th March. This will be our first meeting of 2024 and we will be holding a Club Night in St Peters Church, usual time 7.30pm.



Winter vegetable & lentil soup

Ingredients

- 85g dried red lentils
- 2 carrots, quartered lengthways then diced
- 3 sticks celery, sliced
- 2 small leeks, sliced
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tbsp vegetable bouillon powder
- 1 heaped tsp ground coriander



Method

Tip all the ingredients into a large pan. Pour over 1 ½ litres boiling water, then stir well.

Cover and leave to simmer for 30 mins until the vegetables and lentils are tender.

Ladle into bowls and eat straightaway, or if you like a really thick texture, blitz a third of the soup with a hand blender or in a food processor.

Are you newly moved to our Parish?

Would you like to join one/two or more of our many clubs and committees?

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Sat 17th Feb '24
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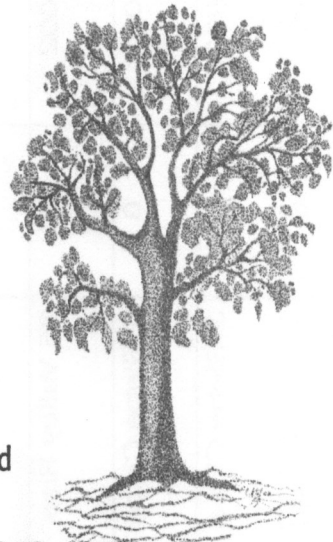
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February 2024 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the longer hours of daylight. Compiling this report on the 31st of December to meet Magazine print deadlines.

To recap on what I have been up to, during December I have had Parish Council meetings within my Borough Ward and County Division.

The heavy rain during December has caused several issues leading up to and over Christmas I have been dealing with two serious floods in Walpole and Walsoken. I must thank the King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board for their swift action and ongoing work on at least two flooding sites. Thanks also to the BCKLWN for help they gave dealing with serious flooding in Walsoken where a resident's septic tank was overflowing with surface water caused by a drainage ditch being poorly managed. It was impossible to keep the tank empty, the BCKLWN have supplied a Portaloo. Today the 31st of December I am continuing to deal with more flooding issues.

I have attended a King's Lynn Conservancy Board Meeting <https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/>

My Borough Council Community Grant is still available please follow the link.

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants/913/councillor_community_grant_scheme

I have shared on my social media all notification of road closures I have received from Norfolk County Council Highways.

My offer of help collecting shopping or prescriptions for constituents who are house bound continues, please get in touch if I can help.

I continue to report Highway faults, including potholes, hedges, mud on roads and fly tipping.

Highway issues can be reported via <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

I have received phone calls and emails from constituents with concerns on many subjects, which I have dealt with in a timely manner and the outcome shared with the constituent concerned.

Please contact me if I can help you in any issue.

Kind regards,

Julian.

Meetings I am due to attend during February.

01/02 Walpole Parish Council Meeting

<https://walpolepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

08/02 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting [https://](https://tilneyallsaintspc.wixsite.com/taspc)

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13/02 West Walton Parish Council Meeting [https://](https://westwaltonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/)

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15/02 King's Lynn Conservancy Board Meeting.

King's Lynn Conservancy Board Meeting <https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/>

21/02 Terrington St Clement Parish Council Meeting

<https://terrington-st-clementpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

21/02 Full Council Meeting, County Hall, Norwich

22/02 Full Council Meeting, Town Hall, King's Lynn

25/02 West Walton Litter Pick <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066462081997>

27/02 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting

<https://www.walpolecrosskeyspc.info/>

I can be contacted 24/7 365



MAGPIE CENTRE UPDATE FOR THE NEW YEAR

And a Happy New Year to all our supporters from the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

Thanks to a brilliant response to our call for 'hands-on' volunteers to help with pony care, stable management and escorting riders, we are now up to full complement, and our new volunteers began their training in January.

If you fancy an evening out, away from the cold and wet, tickets are still available for our Ceilidh Barn Dance, with a caller and live band, on Saturday February 17 at Stow Bridge Village Hall, Holme Road, Stow Bridge, PE34 3PW 7.30 pm – 11.00 pm.

Tickets, at £17.50 per adult and £8.50 per child (13 years and under), include a Hog Roast supper (with vegetarian option), salads and desserts. Bring your own drinks.

To book, just call 01760 337056 or email suer2006@hotmail.co.uk. The Christmas rides proved popular, with 28 young riders participating over the two days, and they enjoyed posting their letters to Santa as they rode past the Magpie Centre 'post box'.

New developments for 2024 include lessons for home schooled children who have additional needs, e.g. asd, or adhd. More details to follow.

And as the tax year draws to a close on April 5, this is an ideal time for businesses to sponsor activities, ponies and/or renovations at the Magpie Centre. For more details, visit our website www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk or call the Centre on 01553 810202.



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We cover the Fenlands including South Lincs, North Cambs and West Norfolk. Wishing you all a very happy New Year. Celebrating the coming of the New year has changed; over the passing years. And in different countries. The start of the year has changed at one time it was at the end of March, hence the end of the tax year. Mainly it is now celebrated on the 1st of January. How you celebrate New Year's Eve depends on where you live.

In **SCOTLAND** they observe First Footing. The first to cross the threshold after midnight should be preferably a dark haired man bring gifts of coal and food to bring earth and food in the coming year. **SHETLAND** still maintain the tradition of 'Up Helly Aa' with a parade of men in Viking dress carrying flaming torches through the streets to the waterside. There they throw the flaming torches into a boat setting it on fire and sending it out to sea, saying farewell to the old year. In **BRAZIL** the custom is throwing white flowers into the sea each new year, as an offer to Yemoja a god of water to bring good luck in the coming year. In **SPAIN** many people eat 12 grapes eating one grape at each bell strike believing it brings good fortune. In **COLUMBIA** they carry an empty case round the block it is thought to encourage lots of traveling. In **GERMANY** there is a custom called Glucksschwiegen which is Lucky Pig. Pigs appear as marzipan treats, and eating them can foster good fortune in the new year. In **CHINA** colour denotes good fortune and happiness. Their lucky colour is RED. In **TURKEY** they sprinkle salt on their doorsteps at midnight to bring success in the new year. In **DENMARK** the tradition of jumping off chairs in unison at midnight is a symbol for jumping into the new year.

There is no wrong way to celebrate the impending new year, as long as you enjoy it.

OUR EVENTS TEAM can create special displays, linking various themes to how we research. If you have an event, please make contact and we will be happy to create a special display to bring added interest to your event.

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS. Held at Wisbech Library 7 - 9 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month, non members welcome. On Thursday 25th January our guest speaker will be Kevin RODGERS. His talk is 'In the Wisbech Workhouse' an interesting progress from the Poor House to the Union Workhouse. Our February meeting on Thursday 22nd February with a talk by Grenville GOODSON about The Littleport Riots. Everyone welcome to our meetings. Members Free, Visitors a donation of at least £2.

COMPUTER RESEARCH SESSIONS. Our team of researchers help visitors with researching their family history, no matter where their family came from. Our first monthly research session is in Wisbech Library on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of each month from 10 - 12 noon. using all the wonderful research resources available in the library. Our second session is on the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month. from 11am - 2.30pm in the restaurant at Baytree Garden Centre in Hilgay near Downham Market. We offer help with family research to visitors to the garden centre.
Please note. We are willing to go to other venues if WiFi is available.

OUR SPEAKERS are available to attend groups and clubs to give talks in the local area.

The Talks offered include -

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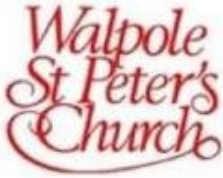
‘The Sad Tale of The Blacksmiths Family’ the story of a great great grandfather.

‘We’re going down the pub’ a “local” history talk about the many pubs in the area. .

For further information on any of the above please phone Bridget Hunter 01945 587723. bridget25hunter@btinternet.com

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Churchwardens: William Brooks – 01945 780609
David Galloway – 01945 780809

From the Church Window – February/March 2024

On 2nd February 2024, we will celebrate the Festival of Candlemas, so-called because this is the day when traditionally all the Church's candles for the year are blessed. But, like a number of Christian festivals it has pagan origins, being originally a festival of light marking the mid-point of winter.

There are a number of superstitions and traditions associated with Candlemas. Snowdrops are sometimes known as 'Candlemas Bells' because they often bloom before or around Candlemas. Taking some into your house on Candlemas Day is supposed to 'purify' your home.

Candlemas is also the very last day for taking down any remaining Christmas decorations, marking as it does the end of all church celebrations for Christmas, and the beginning of the repentance of Lent.

People believed that it predicted the weather for the rest of the winter:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright

Winter will have another fight.

If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,

Winter will not come again.

So, we all need to hope that 2nd February 2024 dawns with wet and windy weather – at least then we may get something that seems like summer this year!

Rev. Barbara

Website

Our website can be found at – www.walpolestpeterchurch.org

Church Opening

The church is open daily for visitors and private prayer from 10am – 4pm. If there is a wedding or funeral service taking place, we would ask you to wait until the service is over before entering.

Dates for your diary

Spring: Weekend Market & Fayre - Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April – 10am to 4pm

Autumn: Weekend Market & Fayre - Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September – 10am to 4pm

Christmas Market: Saturday 30th November – 11am to 4:30pm

Raffle & Tombola prizes

If you have any unwanted gifts or other items that would make good raffle or tombola prizes please consider donating them to us for our 2024 events. You can leave them in church on the big table as you enter or bring them to any of our services.

Confirmation

If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please contact the Rev. Barbara Burton for more details.

Church Services

Sunday Services are at 11am (unless otherwise shown):

First and Third Sundays are Morning Prayer, Second and Fourth Sundays are a Communion Service. Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month there is a joint service at Walpole St Peter with Clenchwarton and West Walton at 10am.

February

4th February

11th February

18th February

25th February

March

3rd March

10th March

17th March

24th March

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cubs

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Mobile Library Timetable

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2	Walsoken	10:00	10:15	Letchworth House (Burrettgate)	PE14 7BL
4	Walsoken	10:20	10:35	Church Road	PE13 3RB
6	Walpole	10:45	11:05	West Drove South	PE14 7RA
8	Walpole	11:10	11:25	Millers Terrace	PE14 7RD
10	Walton	11:35	11:50	St.Pauls Road North	PE14 7DN
12	Walton Highway	11:55	12:15	The Highwayman Public House	PE14 7DE
16	West Wal-	12:20	12:35	St Marys Rd Layby	PE14 7EH
18	Walpole	13:50	14:05	Wheatsheaf	PE14 7JG
20	Walpole Marsh	14:10	14:25	French's Road - Council Houses	PE14 7JF
24	W St Peter	14:30	15:10	Church Road - Opp	PE14 7NS
26	Walpole	15:25	15:50	Village Sign Layby	PE14 7QA

Route DOW504—Every 4 weeks

Visit dates : 23 February 2024

BUS 54 TIMETABLE—MON—FRI

Holt Court, Walpole St Peter	07:15	09:05	12:50
Lion Stores, Walpole St Peter	07:18	09:08	12:53
Springfield Rd, Walpole St Andrew	07:22	09:12	12:57
Post Box, Hay Green	07:29	09:19	13:04
Glebe Est, Tilney All Saints	07:34	09:24	13:09
Elm House, Clenchwarton	07:38	09:28	13:13
School, Clenchwarton	07:41	09:31	13:16
Clenchwarton Rd, West Lynn	07:44	09:34	13:19
Hillen Road, South Lynn	07:47	09:37	13:22
Transport Interchange, Kings Lynn	07:58	09:48	13:31

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Transport Interchange, Kings Lynn	12:15	14:10	17:10
Jolly Farmers, South Lynn	12:24	14:19	17:19
Industrial Estate, West Lynn	12:28	14:23	17:23
School, Clenchwarton	13:31	14:26	17:26
Post Box, Clenchwarton opp	12:34	14:30	17:30
Glebe Est, Tilney All Saints	12:39	14:34	17:34
Post Box, Hay Green opp	12:44	14:38	17:38
Station Rd, Walpole Cross Keys	12:46	---	---
Holt Court, Walpole St Peter	---	14:41	17:41
Springfield Road, Walpole St Andrew	---	14:46	17:46

A—Operates as drop off only after Tilney All Saints, Glebe Estate.

Bins and recycling collection dates

Collection calendar for February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Collection calendar for March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Refuse bin	Recycling bin	Garden Waste bin
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USEFUL LINKS

To report Pot Holes contact:

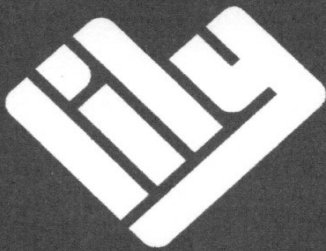
<https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road/road-maintenance/potholes>

To report Fly Tippiing contact:

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/312/fly-tipping_illegal_dumping

To report Road Problems including cracking, pavements, fallen trees or hedges, flooding of roads, road signs and large potholes etc contact:

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem_or call on 0344 800 8020



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asklily.org.uk
01553 616200



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Useful Contact Numbers

Norfolk County Council		0344 800 8020
Age UK - Norfolk		0300 500 1217
Alzheimer's Society - Fenland		01945 580 480
Alzheimer's Society – Norfolk		01553 762 227
Anglian Water		08457 145 145
Booking clerk, Community Centre		Book- ings@wfprrt.gmail .com
Booking Clerk WSP Parish Hall	Jane Brooks	01945 780 609
Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk		01553 616 200
Borough Councillor – Richard Blunt		01945 780 454
Borough Councillor – Julian Kirk		01945 430 109
Children's Care Home - Manager on site	Zoe	07918 776 387
Children's Care Home - Regional Manager	Emma	07519 327 302
County Councillor – Julian Kirk		07817 160 725
Electricity faults – UK Power Networks		105
Parish Clerk – Mrs Caroline Boyden		
walpoleparishcouncil@gmail.com		07908 772324
Parish Councillor – Richard Blunt		01945 780 454
Parish Councillor - Richard Green		01945 780 378
Parish Councillor – Andrew Bliss		01945 780 928
Parish Councillor – David Lawty		01945 780 100
Parish Councillor – Adrian Eveleigh		01945 781 208
Parish Councillor – Chas Boston (Chair)		01945 780748
Parish Councillor - Charlene Champion		07900 564 374
Parish Councillor - Heather Smith		07900 177 709
Parish Councillor - William Brooks		01945 780 609
Parish Councillor - Janet Luck		01945 780384
Parish Councillor— Claire James		07595 452955
Police, Fire & Ambulance Emergency		999
Police – Non Emergency		101
NHS - Non Emergency		111
School – Anthony Curton		01945 780 121
Walpole St Peter Church	Rev. Barbara	01945 781 228