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Message from your Borough Councillors



This morning, I attended the Walpole St Peter Remembrance Service. At a guess, I imagine, nearly 100 people attended. The



Names of the people from Walpole St Peter and St Andrew who had died in the first and second world wars and in Northern Ireland were read out. Several wreaths were laid on the steps of the War Memorial. The young were very well represented by The squirrels, cubs and Scouts. There were very many proud parents.

I attended a public meeting held over plans to create a huge barrage across the Wash with a new container port. Centre Port, the company behind the £2bn scheme, says it would generate tidal power, protect the Fens from flooding and allow a new deep sea port to be opened.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the general public about all aspects of the proposals for the Wash Barrier. These range from, green energy production, tidal flooding problems, economic impact, and environmental issues.

Hunstanton Town Council who arrange the meeting, recognises that the public awareness over the proposals and the issues surrounding them is currently quite limited and we would like to ensure our residents and those of North West Norfolk are fully informed.

It was a volatile meeting, but this proposal could have a major effect on our area, and we all need to be aware what is being suggested. Please use link to find out more details of the project.

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The next round of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applications will open in the new year. It is time to get thinking about projects that could be part funded through a grant from the CIL fund.

In the last round of CIL awards, the Parish Council received a major grant from the CIL fund to update the play equipment on the play park.

Earlier this month, Julian and I, attended the opening of the new library at Walpole Highway School. This new library was part funded by the CIL fund.

On December 1st, the final event will occur in the Walpole Parish Hall. The event will be an afternoon tea to commemorate the closing of the hall in preparation of its rebuilding next year. I would like to congratulate the trustees of the Parish Hall, especially Gillian Henderson for raising the monies from a variety of sources to ensure we have a modern building suitable for the small local groups to hold meetings.

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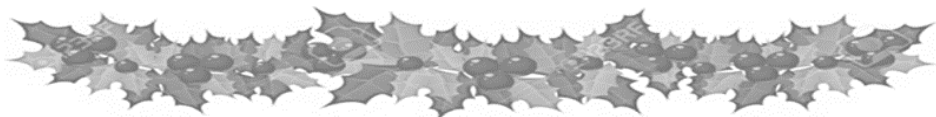
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WALPOLE ST PETER PARISH HALL

We are now on the last leg of our long journey to raise sufficient funds to demolish and rebuild our parish hall. Last month we successfully gained another £20,000 grant bringing our total hall rebuild fund to £342,000. Another big step forward. This leaves two more grants awaiting decision in the next month or two so fingers crossed!

Talks are continuing between the rebuild team, our Project Manager and various contractors, so things are certainly moving forward, but we still need to focus on getting the remainder of the funding in place as soon as possible!

As I am sure you are now aware we have taken the decision to close the Parish Hall as from the end of November. This is for two reasons. One is the exceptionally high cost of heating our uninsulated hall during the coldest months, and the second is to enable us to start clearing the hall ready for rebuild. We would hope to begin the project early in the new year (exact start dates are obviously dependent on us receiving sufficient funding). We understand that this early closure has caused some inconvenience to those who regularly hire the hall but the end result will be well worth it, and of course we look forward to welcoming all our friends and supporters back to a modern and warm building. I for one can't wait.

By the time this edition of the Crier is published we will have hosted our Farewell Tea in the hall. This will be the last event in our old hall and will, I am sure, cause mixed emotions for many. 100 years of memories so far, and with the future of the hall now looking secure, many more memories can be made.

We will keep you informed as to how things are progressing. Thank you all for your continued support.

Gill Henderson

Looking after your Faithful Friend

The Canine Care Card is a free service, which helps to ensure your dog's future, in the event of you either passing away, receiving a life-changing diagnosis or moving into a care home. This can often be a great concern to some people, who perhaps do not have a family member or friend in a position to look after their dog, should the worst happen. Therefore, by signing up to the service, Dogs Trust can offer peace of mind, reassuring you that your faithful friend will be well cared for by the charity.

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You can register online by going to www.dogstrust.org.uk and searching for 'Canine Care Card' - or if you do not have access to the internet, you can request a paper version of the application form. Once the form is submitted, Dogs Trust will then write to you, to confirm when your application has been processed.

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If you would like further information about the Canine Care Card, or to request a paper application form, please contact Dogs Trust Snetterton's Supporter Relations Officer, Paige Pope, at paige.pope@dogstrust.org.uk or



40,000 Discounted Trees Available as Part of Norfolk's 1 Million Trees Scheme

Residents, landowners, community groups and schools in Norfolk are being encouraged to join a new push aimed at increasing the number of trees planted throughout the county.

As part of this initiative, 40,000 trees will be available to order at a reduced price offering a great opportunity for individuals and organisations to contribute to the environment and make a significant impact with each tree being 'one in a million'. Tree packs will be available at seven collection points across the county including Norwich (County Hall and Broadland Country Park), Acle, Long Stratton, Watton, Fakenham and King's Lynn.

Cllr Eric Vardy, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, said: "This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to do their bit to get involved, this is not only a chance to contribute to a greener and more sustainable future, but it's also an opportunity to leave a lasting impact on our beautiful county. Whether it's in your garden, local park, or even within a community space, every single tree matters.

With over 270,000 trees planted since 2019, I am proud of the progress we have made. Now, we are determined to achieve an even greater impact in the upcoming 2023/24 planting season."

Those wishing to purchase a tree pack will be able to apply online from 13 September. Packs will be ready for collection in the planting season between December 2023 - February 2024.

Once trees have been planted, we're asking people to use our online system to notify us where the tree is, so that can be counted towards our ambitious goal of planting 1 Million Trees in Norfolk over five years.

Further details and the application process for tree packs can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/subsidisedtreepacks

Norfolk County Council offer extra support to households this winter

Earlier this year, Norfolk County Council announced it would receive further funding from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to run the Household Support Fund until 31 March 2024.

The council is receiving £13.4m from central government and adding an additional £400,000 to make the total programme of support worth £13.8m. It is working closely with district, borough, and city councils, VCSE and public sector partners to identify and implement a range of support measures to meet the needs of vulnerable households.

As part of the Household Support Fund, all 47 of Norfolk's libraries will be offering free winter support items until the end of March 2024 (while stocks last). These include:

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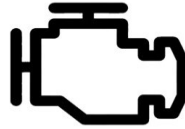
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ROBERT FOOT LEUKAEMIA FUND

Unfortunately, we did not have enough interest in our quiz evening this year to hold it, but thank you to those teams who had registered.

The Robert Foot Leukaemia Fund has now been in existence for 21 years and in total has raised over £250,000 to support patients receiving treatment for cancer in local hospitals. The Trustees and I are very proud of that, and appreciative of the support we have had from the local community. However, since the death of my husband, Mike, and my own health issues, the demands of running the fund have become more onerous and together with the Trustees, I have decided to close the fund from next November, which is the end of our financial year. We plan to hold events until then, hoping we can have a bumper year of fund-raising to make final, generous donations to Addenbrookes and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals. SO, please can I ask who would be willing to open their garden one last time on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June 2004. As usual, we will have a meeting of all those willing gardeners in the spring. Either call me on 01945 780468, or email, mikeandwendyfoot@btinternet.com

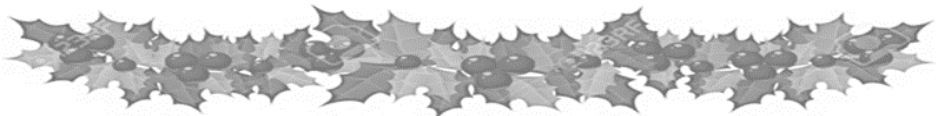
This event I can't do on my own! I really need you!

This month's draw winners are;

1st 75 Peter Holt 2nd 73 Janet Blundell 3rd 88 Gemma Porter

As the 100 Club runs from February to the following January, we will not be asking our members to renew their membership again. Thank you for your support over the past three years and look out for December's bumper draw.

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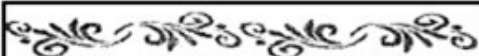
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We are now in, what I think, is the most exciting time in school with the run up to Christmas and all of the excitement that goes with it. I'm looking forward to seeing the Nativity and hearing the carols being sung, along with the trail of glitter that will appear down the corridors soon!

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Harvest festivals in both schools before half term. It was lovely to see so many people at both services and there was an amazing amount of food donated to the local food banks. Miss Williams and Mr Wilkinson very kindly made sure that all of the food donations made their way to both the Kings Lynn and Wisbech food banks over half term. We were very proud of all of our children for putting together two brilliant services.

Some of you may already know, that we are opening a small community library soon at Anthony Curton. This will be open once a week to children, parents and all other members of the community. Our Launch event is Friday 10th November.

Initially, we will only open this to our families, and then once we are comfortable with how it is running, we will extend the invitation to the wider community. The idea behind this is to engage people, young and old, in reading for pleasure. Mrs Burch is happy to read a book each week so that the children get the opportunity to engage with a story, despite their ability to read for themselves. If you have any suitable books for both young and old please feel free to drop them into the school office.

Our parents evenings have taken place this week, we have been able to offer parents face to face meetings again in school this week rather than on line meetings.

Some of our children are going to the cinema to watch, Matilda, The Gruffalo and Trolls Band Together, this is part of the free cinema tickets that schools have been able to access.

We have been attending lots of sporting cluster events this term already with teams representing our school in Tag Rugby, Football, Quicksticks Hockey and most recently we have had some children qualify and have done extremely well in the Finals that took place in Thetford. Well done to all those that took part.

We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 17th November, the day is themed around a special bear, so anything 'Pudsey' is encouraged, children are free to go as wild and wonderful as they wish. Whether it's a colourful spotty t-shirt or snazzy socks; bright pyjamas or a jazzy hairstyle; even a funky fancy dress costume.

Our Year 6 children will be off to Hill Top Adventure again this month, for fun filled activity days and learning.

Year 3 will be spending a day at the King's Lynn Museum to coincide with their learning topic this term.

Reception and Year 1 have been practising and singing for their Christmas Nativity.

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The following spaces are available for events, meetings and parties;

The main hall - capacity 180 - is ideal if you need plenty of room

Garden room - capacity 40 – is perfect for smaller groups and has access to a secure outside space

Playing field – good for any outdoor event.

There is ample parking immediately outside the building and a field nearby for over-spill parking for large outdoor events.

Each of the indoor spaces has kitchen facilities and there is a bar area in the main hall.

Tables and chairs are also available with the hire of either room.

Revised hire charges have been set and there is a discount for all UK registered charities.

There will be an open day in January when the new committee will showcase what the centre has to offer and will give anyone interested the chance to come and have a look round, see what events are being proposed and suggest any events that people may like to see.

Contact details, booking options and an events calendar are all available on the website;

<https://walpolecommunitycentre.co.uk>

Also look out for notices on Facebook, in The Crier and on the new notice board (soon to be erected outside the centre).

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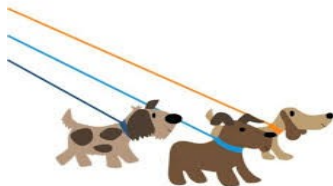
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Could we please remind all dog walkers to pick up their dog mess when out and about. The parish council have had complaints recently about the amount of dog mess in the villages with some walkers allowing their dogs to mess on other residents land and in their gardens. This is not acceptable so can all dog owners be responsible and clear up after their dogs to reduce the instances of dog fouling.



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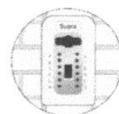
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Walking towards the traffic gives you time to get out of the way if you are not seen.

Walpole Gardeners Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
11 January	NO MEETING
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

Our 12th October meeting was very well attended, and Simon White gave a very interesting and informative talk entitled 'Singing the Blues'.

The AGM having been brought forward to 9th November was again well attended and very productive with lots of new ideas being put forward. As you will see from the above Meetings Programme for 2024, we will be holding our meetings in the Church until the new hall is built. Please remember that the Church will be colder

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and would like to take the opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Mrs Gant

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Recipe

Christmas Punch

Ingredients

A bunch of red grapes
750ml prosecco
1 litre cloudy apple juice
ice
250ml sloe gin
50ml herbal liqueur
1 ball stem ginger, finely sliced plus 2 tbsp of the syrup
3-4 sprigs rosemary
1 clementine, finely sliced



Method

STEP 1

The day before you want to serve, put the grapes in the freezer for around 8-12 hrs or until frozen. Chill the prosecco and apple juice in the fridge.

STEP 2

When you're ready to serve, put the frozen grapes and a generous handful of ice in a large 2-3 litre punch bowl and pour all of the remaining ingredients on top. Stir gently to combine, then serve. Sits well for up to 3 hrs before putting the ice in.

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Nature At Christmas



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With the shortest days of the year, it's even more important to get outside in natural daylight during December mornings to keep healthy and happy. You can find beauty in nature even in winter. Woodlands look wonderful with the intricate shapes of branches seen more starkly against the backdrop of a bright winter sky. The bare trees also make it easier to spot woodpeckers, robins, wrens and other woodland birds. Listen out for their songs, as robins and wrens sing loudly all through the winter and never fail to lift your spirits on a cold winter's day.

While there are few flowers in bloom, you may spot golden yellow gorse in flower with its perfume of coconut and vanilla to lift your spirits. There's an old saying that 'when gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of season'. But kissing is never out of season in December with the tradition of mistletoe adorning doorways and decorating hallways to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. This tradition goes back centuries to the predecessor of Christmas, the festival of Saturn, in Roman times in the 3rd century BCE. The tradition of kissing under the mistletoe however was first recorded in the 16th century.

Another lover of mistletoe is the mistle thrush, a large, upright songbird, which delights in the gooey white berries. It helps mistletoe to thrive by spreading its seeds on the bark of a tree to clean its beak from the sticky residue and also disperses the seeds in its droppings.

And if you're out gathering holly, ivy or other natural Christmas decorations for your home during the festive season, remember to leave plenty behind for wildlife. The evergreens help shelter birds during winter and the beautiful red holly berries provide a snack for many birds, especially those from the thrush family, robins, dunnocks and more.





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There are no scheduled deliveries during December but if you run very low or out of oil, please contact one of the above numbers so that we can arrange a delivery as soon as possible.

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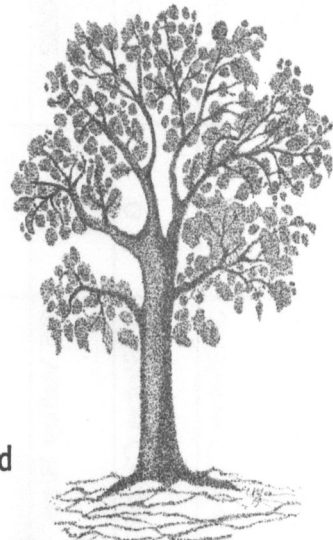
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December 2023 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well. Compiling this report on the 30th of October to meet Magazine's print deadlines.

To recap on what I have been up too, during October I have attended all Seven Parish Council meetings within my Borough Ward and County Division. I have had site visits with Highway officers and Anglian Water personnel in West Walton.

I attended the Memorial Service in Burnham Market for Tom Shephard the former headmaster of West Walton Secondary Modern School, I knew Tom back in the late 1960's early 1970's.

I am using a percentage of my Norfolk County Council Local Members Fund (LMF) to fully fund two new Bus Stop Shelters on the B198 in Walsoken. The stops are Kings' Lynn bound and Wisbech bound. These stops will service the Community Farm and residents. The stops are expected to be in use soon.

I am also funding through my LMF speed reductions road markings in Tilney All Saints and Bus Shelter repairs in Walpole Cross Keys. I have ringfenced funds for a speed reduction feasibility study on St Pauls Road South, Walton Highway.

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.

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.

May I wish you all A Very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards, Julian. **I can be contacted 24/7 365**

Meetings I am due to attend during December, several Parish Councils don't hold meetings during December.

07/12 Walpole Parish Council Meeting <https://walpolepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

12/12 Full Council Meeting, County Hall, Norwich

12/12 West Walton Parish Council Meeting <https://westwaltonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

13/12 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting <https://www.walpolecrosskeyspc.info/>

14/12 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting <https://tilneyallsaintspc.wixsite.com/taspc>

21/12 King's Lynn Conservancy Board Meeting <https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/>



Now that we are moving towards Christmas, and, dare I say it, 2024, it's time to look back at the recent achievements of the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

Tea With a Pony sessions attracted 200 participants throughout the season, from April to September. These afternoons enabled participants with mobility issues, some from care homes, and others just wanting a relaxing outing, to enjoy tea and cakes in the convivial space of the wheelchair-friendly Sensory Garden. On all occasions, our lovely little mare, Pebbles, was the star of the show, eager to meet and greet everyone.

Tea With a Pony, 2.00 – 3.00 pm every Wednesday, will resume in April 2024. Price is £5 per person, and booking is essential. To reserve your place, just call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202.

Younger participants also enjoyed the Halloween Spooktacular, which attracted no fewer than 17 young riders to experience No Tricks – Only Treats. They loved it! Christmas activities are also planned. Young riders are invited to ride to post their letters to Santa! Call the Centre on 01553 810202 for more details. £25 per participant.

Now that her foal Luna, is weaned and enjoying the companionship of another playful filly, our lovely mare, Ginger, has come back into lessons, showing enthusiasm for her work in showing smaller riders 'the ropes'.

However, we always need volunteers, offering a range of talents, from tea and cake-making at events, through DIY abilities, to hands-on work with the horses. Right now, our need is for volunteers with experience of working with horses, to bring horses in from the paddocks, pick out feet, groom, tack up and lead horses into lessons. This role might suit people who 'used to ride' or 'had a pony when they were younger', and now want to regain their connection with horses.

On Tuesdays, lessons run till 7.30 pm, and on Wednesdays till 6.30 pm, so these later slots might be possible for people who work during the day.

If you have, or know of, anyone with experience of horses, who might like to join the Magpie Centre's friendly group of volunteers, please call 01553 810202 or visit our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk and download a volunteer form.

If your time/availability is limited, you can still help! Join Friends of Magpie, and for a small monthly donation, you can become a member of our group, whose aim is to help people living with disabilities in West Norfolk, and beyond, to achieve their full potential, physically, socially and spiritually. More details are on our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org.uk



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We are a small, friendly group of writers, some of us published, others aspiring, based in West Norfolk, who meet every month in Pott Row, and would love to welcome some new members.

The Norfolk Writers' Exchange began in 2016 and our meetings provide a forum where writers can share their work in a supportive environment, overcome the dreaded 'writers' block' and share tips on how to negotiate the complicated world of publishing.

All this accompanied by tea/coffee and biscuits, plus the occasional cake and fizz!

Our first anthology, entitled 'Changing Tides', is an eclectic mix of poetry, short prose and extracts from longer works, published in November 2022, with profits being divided between West Norfolk Deaf Association and West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

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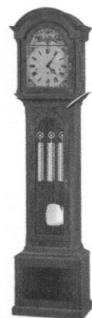
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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. Christmas is coming! We can look forward to the lovely displays of lights and decorations in the streets and shop windows. Plus of course the Christmas lights on the Christmas Trees. Things have changed so much over the years. During the 2nd war it was all very different. There was a blackout which meant not even a chink of light should be seen. So no Christmas trees or lights or window displays. Food was rationed including sweets, plus clothes and petrol. So providing that special meal and treats and presents was very limited. Garden produce was carefully grown and preserved. Clothes were recycled, old jumpers unravelled and re-knitted. That special meal was limited. Maybe the hen that had stopped laying eggs. Or they belonged to a Pig Club. The club members would purchase a pig and help feed it with scraps from the table and garden. It would be slaughtered and the meat distributed among the club members. Our ancestors met the challenges and survived. **OUR EVENTS TEAM have a special Christmas display available, showing how Christmas developed over many years. If you have an event, please make contact and we will be happy to bring our display to you.**

EVENTS Our display stand was at the Elm Church and reflected the theme of the event Flowers and Craft. There were some lovely examples of needlecraft on display made by ancestors of our team. Flowers were reflected in the display linking them to family names. One of our team had research and created a list of public houses found in ELM over the years. Another had created the 1939 Register of ELM showing who lived in the houses at that time. Please give us a call if you would like us to attend your event as an added interest.

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS. No meeting in December We meet again on Thursday 25th January. Our guest speaker will be Kevin RODGERS the title of his talk is The Wisbech Workhouse. an interesting progress from the Poor House to the Union Workhouse. Our meetings are held in Wisbech Library from 7 - 9pm. on the FOURTH Thursday of the month. Our February meeting on Thursday 22nd February the talk by Grenville GODSON is 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 other groups and clubs to give talks in the local area. They will be attending the Pinchbeck U3A meeting in Surfleet. Our talks include -

‘The Fun of Family History’ about a long journey by land, air and sea to find her roots.

‘My Naughty Great Aunt Eliza’ unravelling a story of lies and deceit.

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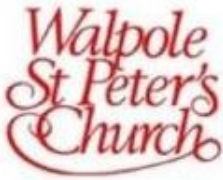


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From the Church Window - December 2023/January 2024

Christmas this year will be quite different as I factor in the question 'is this recyclable?'. Anything made of foil or plastic will need to be carefully considered as I try to lead by example. Also the contents of a gift – will it damage the ocean or the planet? A good way to question ourselves is to ask, before we buy it, 'how will this be disposed of?'. The same thoughts are applied to food and its packaging. I know I will fail, but at least I will do my best and try hard.

Am I being a killjoy? Will Christmas be less enjoyable? Will it be lacking in fun? Will it mean no laughter or celebration? No, of course not! We will still sing carols. We will still party. We will still celebrate the birth of a child whose arrival was absolutely eco-friendly because Jesus' arrival had no gift wrapping, no plastic, no foil, no sticky labels. I do understand that many of our planet pollutants hadn't been invented 2000 years ago but even so the event was very simple: A child. In a stable. An unmarried mother. Recognised for who he was by both lowly shepherds and majestic magi. Feared by King Herod - and not through any fancy or glitzy planet damaging 'stuff'.

God was born among us; to be one of us; to help us understand his message of love to each of us; that he values us and ultimately promises eternal life to us. The God who created this planet for us to enjoy, who gave us his son, used the only fancy packaging that was needed..... the world and a baby. Let us all keep the packaging simple this year and maintain the message as central whilst we celebrate and sing the simple fact: Unto us a boy is born. Love came down at Christmas. Hark the herald Angels sing. Away in a Manger. Silent night, Holy night. O Come all ye faithful.

Details of the services we have in Church over the Christmas season, at which you will receive a very warm welcome as we come together are further on in our article. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Rev. Barbara

Christmas Services

Carols by Candlelight is back this year – Sunday 17th December at 3pm. Come along to experience the wonderful atmosphere of the church illuminated by candles and sing some of your favourite Christmas carols.

The Midnight Service on Christmas Eve will be at 11:30pm, also by candlelight and there will be a short Christmas Day service at 11am.

Weekend Market & Fayre

Our first event in 2024 will be on Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th April, another opportunity to have a great community event.

Website

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

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.

A **Wednesday** service is held every week at 10am.

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

Church Services

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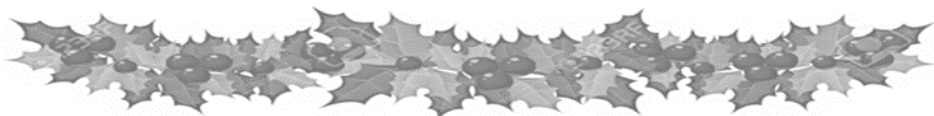
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- **3rd December**
- **10th December**
- **17th December**
- **17th December (3pm-Carols by Candlelight)**
- **24th December**
- **24th December (11:30pm-Xmas Eve Midnight Service)**

JANUARY

- **7th January**
- **14th January**
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- **28th January**

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Collection calendar for January 2024

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3. What does December have that no other month does?
4. What Christmas carol is a favorite of parents?
5. Where do snowmen go to dance?
6. What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?



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ANSWERS: 1. Winter 2. In the Dictionary 3. The letter 'D' 4. Silent Night 5. A snow ball 6. Neither, candles always burn shorter!

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Our Colony meets on Monday 5.30pm – 6.30pm for more information please email 13thwalpolebeavers@gmail.com

cubs 8 - 10 ½ year olds

Our Pack meets on Tuesday 6pm – 7pm for more information, please email 13thwalpolescubs@gmail.com or contact Nick on 01945 780501

SCOUTS 10 ½ - 14 year olds

Our Troop meets on Tuesday 7pm – 8pm for more information please email gsl.13thkl@gmail.com or contact Nick on 01945 780501

We are always looking for extra volunteers please get in contact for more information.



BUSHIDO WARRIERS KARATE SCHOOL

We meet every Wednesday 7pm— 8 pm
10 years old and above—adults included



Mobile Library Timetable

<u>Stop</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Stop name</u>	<u>Postcode</u>
2	Walsoken	10:00	10:15	Letchworth House (Burrettgate)	PE14 7BL
4	Walsoken	10:20	10:35	Church Road	PE13 3RB
6	Walpole Highway	10:45	11:05	West Drove South	PE14 7RA
8	Walpole Highway	11:10	11:25	Millers Terrace	PE14 7RD
10	Walton Highway	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- ton	12:20	12:35	St Marys Rd Layby	PE14 7EH
18	Walpole Marsh	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 Church	PE14 7NS
26	Walpole Highway	15:25	15:50	Village Sign Layby	PE14 7QA

Route DOW504—Every 4 weeks

Visit dates : 01 December 2023 • 26 January 2024 • 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.

USEFUL LINKS

To report Pot Holes contact:

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

To report Fly Tipping 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



Helping adults in west Norfolk get involved in their local community

We can provide you with one to one support to help you:



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Get online



Rekindle or discover a hobby or interest



Access community groups, events and services

asklily.org.uk
01553 616200



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West Norfolk



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@wfprt.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 Campion		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

