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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Thursday October 6th 2022

The Walpoles Parish Council meeting for October was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday October 6th, Cllr. Andy Bliss took the chair until Cllr Chas Boston arrived.

Cllr James has arranged a meeting with ENSO to discuss the route for the cables from the proposed storage facility to the Sub-Station. The hedge around the play area has grown over the slide and the swings touch it so the clerk is to get a quote for the cutting of the hedge and send it to the owner.

The broken lamp at Chalk Road that a 'large vehicle' hit is awaiting UK Power networks to replace it as the insurance money has been paid. Cllrs all agreed that the repairs to the wall around Walpole St Andrew's Church were an example of excellent workmanship.

The allotment invoices have been sent and the majority have been paid, the vacant allotments will be advertised in the parish newsletter and allocation will take place at the next meeting. Cllr Boston wants to see if any are suitable to divide into smaller plots as there is a need in the Parish after several people have contacted him. Borough Councillor Blunt advised the council to think about the next round of bids for the Community infrastructure levy payments as they will need to be in by mid-January 2023.

County and Borough Councillor Kirk asked if the clerk was aware that the highways officer Mr Wallace would be visiting the area's hotspots for road repairs in November. He also said that the County highways were not aware of the 40mph speed limit for Market Lane, this was very worrying since the money had been paid months ago and West Norfolk Highways said it was in the pipeline. Cllr Kirk is to have discussions with the top man and find out why the discrepancy and why no-one can get replies to their emails to the highways department.

Cllr Campion was disappointed that her recent attempts to organise a litter pick session in the Parish had met with only one response. The website was also down on 'views' this month.

The footpath sign has been replaced at Stickfast Lane and Mr Powers has said the cutting of Stickfast Lane is on his agenda. The Council thanked Mr & Mrs Hunter for cutting back the hedgerow from over the footpath beside the old orchard. Cllr Bliss suggested the council add a brick wall at the corner of the Swing field, similar to that around the alms-houses. He is to obtain a quote from Mr Neal.

Mr Cotton advised that the Neighbourhood plan is now in motion but more people were needed on the steering group especially councillors. Cllr Paul Blandford volunteered and Cllr Blunt offered as an advisor but would have to investigate whether there would be a conflict of interest as he is part of the Borough Planning team.

Mr Cotton caused an upset when he asked that the council re-imburse the clerk for the work she has been doing on the Plan since this cannot be paid from the grant, Cllr Lawty wants to know what the money is being spent on as he is not in agreement with the plan. The clerk has experience of other councils neighbourhood plans and so is an asset to the current project, she said she currently spends 2 hrs a week but this may increase over time as letters must be sent on Parish Council letter headed paper as it nears completion. The clerk will produce a timesheet of her work and when the council discuss the budget for the next year they will factor this in. The steering group will meet again on Wednesday October 19th when they will discuss their presence at the upcoming Christmas events in Walpole St Andrew Church and Walpole St Peter Church when they will have literature and an opportunity for the Parish to find out more about the plan and for suggestions to be included in the final plan.

The Chalk Road development was another cause for eruptions. The proposal is for 4 plots on land that had planning permission many years ago and this was allowed to lapse, the original applicant has passed away and his family are resurrecting the application. This was originally refused as being outside the designated development boundary, the site provides a “visually important gap” between the two villages and this development would create continuous housing the length of Chalk Road. There is no ‘provision for affordable housing’ and it is within the flood zone3a.

Cllr Lawty took great exception to the council offering approval of the site for the reasons set out above but the majority of the council disagreed as there are proposals to provide environmentally acceptable homes with grey water recycling facilities; triple glazing; and insulation above and beyond recommendations. It was pointed out that anyone with any views can access the planning portal and express their opinions but the council after a vote agreed to recommend approval.

The planning sub-committee will include Cllr James and meetings must be public but will be conducted and recorded on ‘zoom’ with minutes and an agenda as a normal meeting would have. All councillors can have their say and the sub-committee will only meet if there is not time to pass comment between meetings.

Disclaimer—these are not the official minutes.

Walpole Parish Council news

The Walpole Parish Council met in the parish Hall on Thursday 3rd November and Cllr Boston was in the chair.

Mr Thistleton, who farms several of the Parish Council allotments asked the council if he could remove a 'stoway' that had been built by a previous tenant for access from the roman bank. He has had trouble with hare coursers churning his newly planted crops with their four-by-four vehicles and dogs illegally chasing hares. The council approved his request as he now farms a large amount of council allotments so this is no longer needed.

The vacant allotments were shared among the 3 applicants with the council retaining one with the view to dividing it up into smaller plots. There have been 5 people approach the clerk for a small allotment so they will be given first refusal. The tenants will need to form their own allotment association and put up fences and sheds as necessary but in keeping with the nature of the plots.

The Council gave the go-ahead for essential repairs to the Play Park. There has been no response from the school about their hedge that is encroaching on the children's play area. Cllrs who are parents with children at the school will approach the headmistress. Councillors concerns included the cutting of grass on the jubilee tree triangle at Walnut Road/Church Road junction; a missing manhole cover on Springfield Road and the new light on Chalk Road still has no power to it even though Network UK have been paid.

Cllr Kirk has also been approached about the setting up of another Community Farm in the area, he says there are already similar farms in this area that are not proving viable and could not see another one getting off the ground.

There seems to be confusion around the emptying of a waste bin at the Community Centre with the bin men refusing to empty the waste bin as it is full of dog waste, even though there is a dog waste bin beside it.

The waste bin at the Parish Hall is constantly filled with household rubbish. The Paris Council are now aware of the colour and make of the vehicle that is dumping their rubbish, it is now a matter of catching them doing it.

Borough Cllr Blunt said he would be speaking at the planning meeting about the proposed incinerator. He will question the need for an incinerator in this area, he is concerned at the distances the proposed waste would be taken from to bring it to Wisbech.

He is concerned about the location just off the A47 through an industrial estate passing a very large school, he recently spent 20 minutes queueing from one roundabout to the one where the lorries would be turning off, which was far from unusual.

Mr Cotton gave a brief report on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and said the survey for the Parish was in the final stages of preparation and would run from December 1st to January 12th 2023. All parishioners are invited to have their say on how they would like to Parish to progress in the future, with regard to green space, type of properties, areas where development would be preferable, sites of interest to be protected etc. A link for the survey will be included on the website and social media but there will be some hard copies for those who wish to have their views recorded on paper. These can be deposited in Walpole St Peter Church on completion.

Plans before the council included amendments to Beacon Cottage, Walpole Marsh where it was asked if work had started because the initial plan was approved in 2014. Folgate Lane, demolition of another pre-fab and replacement with a house. Also question were asked if the Walnut Road development had permission for each house to have individual driveways. Another question on that site was about the footpath that should be across the front of the development, wondering what preparation is being done.

The clerk could not present a full summary of accounts as it is too early in the month. She is preparing a draft budget for approval but until full increases from the drainage board and electric company are in it is difficult to assess. The one certainty is that a sum of £3,000 must be earmarked for an election of councillors in the new financial year even though it is very likely that there will not be an election. The precept will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday December 1st at 7p0m in the Parish Hall.

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Notes by Irene Hunter: Edited by Jane Eveleigh

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As I write this it is early November and things are progressing well.

By the time you read it it will be early December.

The online survey will have started on the 1st of December and will run till the middle of January. Links to the survey are available on the parish council website and Facebook pages. And details are also on the posters on the various notice boards around the parish.

PLEASE link to and fill in the survey - it is comprehensive and your main input to decide how our parish will develop in the future.

If you have neighbours without computer access please help them although hard copies are available via the parish clerk and these can be dropped off at St .Peters Church (open 10 to 4 each day).

If you attended the church Christmas fair you will have seen our display and hopefully have sought information about the plan.

Finally, may I wish you and your families the best for the Christmas season and beyond from all of us in the Neighbourhood Development Plan Team.

Paul Cotton (chair)



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Applications open in January but with a busy time of year coming up we want to make sure community groups have plenty of time to think about what schemes they might like to put forward for CIL funding.

The borough council is committed to helping local groups to put in place the facilities and services that support communities. This feels especially important now when so many people are affected by rises in the cost of living.

So please get your thinking caps on to consider whether there is a scheme that would benefit our community, which could be funded by CIL.

For community projects, sums of £2,000-£30,000 may be applied for. They should be in one of the following areas:

- Education – local initiatives
- Health
- Economic development
- Community facilities
- Green infrastructure
- Open space and leisure

· Community transport

For more information, please visit this link: <https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/cil-applications>.

Please note that you cannot apply until 1 January.

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.

Finally, as this is the last Crier of 2022 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Keep Safe

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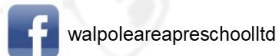
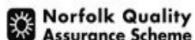
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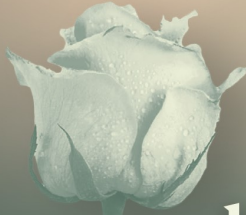
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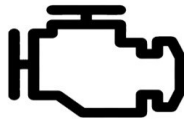
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This is the first time this year I have written 'Happy Christmas,' but I do wish you all a joyous and healthy festive season from myself and all the Trustees.

May I give you advance notice of a talk arranged for 24th March 2023. David Reeve, retired security officer at Sandringham will be describing the guarding of the Royal family at Sandringham house. I have heard David give a similar talk which was fascinating. More details in the next Crier but please put the date in your diary. And now for the winners of the October 100+ Club draw.

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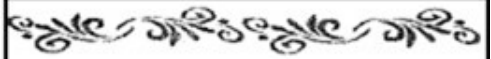
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**All meetings are held in Walpole St Peter Parish
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
8th December	AGM & Club Night—Plant and Craft Stalls

Hello to all our members. Our October meeting was very well attended and thanks to our guest speaker Kristopher Harper. Talk entitled 'Fuchsias with a Victorian Twist'. A very informative talk with excellent slides. Our next meeting is 8th December which is the Annual AGM plus Plant and Craft Stalls. The new Meetings Programme will also be available at the meeting. Refreshments will be provided, if you are able to bring a plate of food to share this would be appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.
We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th December.



NEWS FROM THE MAGPIE CENTRE

We are now well into the swing of Christmas preparations, so now's the time to take a peek at the Christmas merchandise available from the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.

We have a charming Christmas card design, with simple greeting, at £4.50 for a pack of 10, and a stunning 2023 calendar, illustrating our ponies and how they benefit our riders and carriage drivers, who live with a variety of physical and learning disabilities. The calendar is A4 size, therefore plenty of space to jot down future engagements.

And for an unique stocking-filler, there's 'Changing Tides', a newly-published anthology of poetry and short prose, compiled by members of The Norfolk Writers' Exchange. This A5 sized volume of 146 pages covers a range of topics, ranging from embarrassing parents, hair-dressers and wild elephants to a poetic review of St Winnold's Fair. Price is £8.99, with postage and packing an additional £2.60.

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Walpole Community Centre

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Please Contact

Kay Argent 01945 780533

Julia McFetridge 01945 780072

Walpole Gardeners Club

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Walpole St Peter Parish Hall

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Annual Subscription: £10

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Contact Gillian Gosling on

01945 780409

Walpole Youth FC

Secretary: Andrew Mitchell 07540 778379.

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Ingredients

- 2 peeled and grated Bramley apples
- 200g light muscovado sugar
- zest and juice of 1 orange
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp allspice
- 500g mixed dried fruit
- 50ml brandy
- 100g grated unsalted butter or shredded suet
½ tbsp ground almonds



Method

Put the peeled and grated Bramley apples, light muscovado sugar and the zest and juice of the orange and lemon into a large bowl with the ground cinnamon, ground nutmeg, allspice, mixed dried fruit and brandy. Stir in the grated unsalted butter or shredded suet and ground almonds. Transfer to jars or containers.

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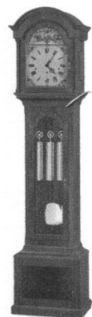
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INTERESTING FACTS.

I heard someone say 'she is a friend with benefits' thinking it was a new thing. But it has been going on generations.

I have recently been researching for a family who told me their surname had been changed from WHITE to BLACK but not sure why or when.

I have called them BLACK & WHITE they are not their real names. As I worked back through the generations I found a Mary BLACK who was housekeeper to a farmer named Robert WHITE. A closer look told me Robert WHITE was a married man and living apart from his wife, he had living with him an unmarried housekeeper named Mary BLACK, also showing on the census were 6 children with the surname BLACK. So Mary was his 'friend with benefits'! And it explained why the family said their name had been changed from WHITE. We have another famous example of Mr Joseph MEDWORTH 1752 - 1827 of Wisbech Castle. Joseph Medworth was a married man but his wife Sarah nee FISHER preferred to live in London. Joseph Medworth had housekeepers with benefits. When housekeeper Mary ROWELL became a mother he housed her and children in a house in The Crescent, and employed another housekeeper with benefits, Sarah GIBSON aka MILLER. there appears to be at least 7 children by this union with benefits. Joseph Medworth built the present villa known as The Castle in 1816 using material from the previous castle. He also redesigned much of Wisbech including The Crescent. I am sure it is a story you can follow up and learn the interesting story of the life of Mr Joseph Medworth.

OUR COMPUTER RESEARCH SESSIONS. Our main research sessions are held twice a month. But our team is willing to attend local events with a display linked to the theme of the event being held. If WiFi is available can offer family research to visitors. The first monthly research session is in Wisbech Library on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month from 10 - 12 noon. Our researchers are able to help visitors with their family research and show them all the wonderful research resources available in the library. Our other 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.

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held in Wisbech Library from 7pm - 9pm on the FOURTH Thursday. There is no meeting in December. If the month has FIVE Thursdays, remember it is NOT the last Thursday of the month. Our speaker on 27th October will be Chris DONALD with the subject 'Unusual Historical Things - Wisbech & The Fens'. Our November meeting on 24th November will be an open meeting with lots of members participation, with an exchange of stories about family history researched, including a very interesting tale by our new committee member about her great grandmother. Also including a quiz and buffet. Plus a display of family trees created by our members. Everyone welcome to attend our meetings. Members Free, Visitors a £2 donation.

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

'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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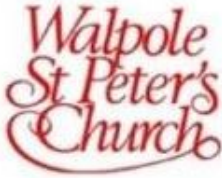
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From the Church Window

In 587 AD, Pope Gregory the Great sent a monk called Augustine to England as a missionary. Augustine established his seat (or 'Cathedra') and monastery in Canterbury and became England's first Archbishop.

In 1170, Archbishop Thomas Beckett was murdered in the Cathedral and soon afterwards miracles were said to take place there, and the Cathedral became one of Europe's most important pilgrim centres.

The Cathedral has wonderful stained-glass windows, some of them dating back as early as 1140AD - thirty years before Thomas Beckett was killed. Those windows are full of stories. They tell of life over the centuries and record what people believed and things that were important to them. They illustrate Bible stories and the lives of saints and tell of great moments of history, of heroes from the past, and of those who have brought people closer to God.

But Cathedrals aren't the only buildings retelling Bible stories and stories of our Christian heritage. Many of our oldest churches have fascinating stained-glass windows, some have wall paintings that survived Cromwell and the Puritans, and others beautiful carvings, all keeping 'the story' alive. Our church building dates to medieval times and for hundreds of years people have gathered there to worship and sing praises to God.

Those unable to read would hear the stories told and the beautiful artwork would remind them of what they had heard.

One key festival was Christmas which we're just about to celebrate. The story of a baby, God's Son, born to Mary over 2,000 years ago. His name was Jesus - Immanuel, meaning 'God with us.' It's a wonderful story to be told and kept alive amid all the tinsel and the festive cheer - after all, Jesus is the reason for the season!

But the Jesus story goes on beyond Christmas. Jesus was born to be the Saviour of the world, and a modern carol tells us that he was, 'Born a baby, born a King, born to laugh, and born to cry, born to live and born to die, born to rise up from the grave, born for sinners, born to save.'

May you have a very peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Revd. Barbara

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.

New Website

Our new website is now up and running – www.walpolestpeterchurch.org We will continue to post details of our events on Facebook but now will also be publishing them on the website.

Events News

Bingo Night – 12th October – Another successful evening with lively games of Bingo, ably called by Jane Brooks. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Quiz Night – 11th November – By the time the Crier is published we will have had another of our Quiz Nights – usually an event much enjoyed by everyone.

Christmas Services

Carols by Candlelight is back this year – Sunday 18th December at 3pm. Come along to experience the wonderful atmosphere of the church illuminated by candles and sing some of your favourite Christmas carol.

The Midnight Service on Christmas Eve will be at 11:30pm, also by candlelight and there will be a short Christmas Day service at 10am.

Weekend Market & Fayre – Our first event in 2023 will be on Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th April, another opportunity to have a great community event.

Rev. Barbara Burton,
Churchwardens and the PCC
of Walpole St Peter Church
wish you all:

**A Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**





Church Services

Sunday Services are at 11am (unless otherwise shown)

December

4th December

11th December

18th December

18th December (3pm - Carols by Candlelight)

24th December (11:30pm – Xmas Eve Midnight Service)

25th December (10am – Xmas Day)

January 2023

1st January (said service)

8th January

15th January

22nd January

A Wednesday service is held every week at 10am

Everyone is welcome to services in our beautiful church or just to visit to explore this amazing building. The church is open every day from 10am – 4pm.

Please check our noticeboards and Facebook page in case there are any changes to planned events.

Norfolk Libraries to join Warm Welcome campaign

Norfolk Libraries Service will be making all 47 of its libraries available as part of the Warm Welcome campaign. The scheme supports free, warm, and welcoming spaces in communities across the UK.

Warm Welcome is a national campaign which will work with community spaces, including churches and faith groups, businesses, and local authorities, to ensure that nobody is left to suffer on their own this winter.

Libraries across Norfolk remain open for all and provide a space for people to sit in comfort and access a variety of services on offer. These include reading, doing a jigsaw, playing a board game, or joining in Just a Cuppa or activities.

Cllr Margaret Dewsbury, cabinet member for communities and partnerships, said: “Our libraries have a long history of being welcoming spaces for all, most recently evidenced by the awarding of Library of Sanctuary status for the Millennium Library in Norwich.

“We are proud to be able to join the Warm Welcome campaign, alongside the other support which is on offer from our libraries.”

Other free services available at Norfolk libraries include:

- Tea, coffee, instant soup, and hot chocolate are available during staffed hours
- Library staff and volunteers can provide visitors with trusted information about other support which is available
- A variety of bags are available for free, with no questions asked

Open Library gives people access to libraries for a total of 69 hours a week at most libraries, giving visitors access to the library, its books, computers, and spaces, even when the building is unstaffed.

You can find your nearest library at www.norfolk.gov.uk/findalibrary

Cllr Julian Kirk

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Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well, firstly I would like to thank those who laid my Poppy Wreaths to Commemorate the Armistice Day. Unfortunately, it is not possible for me to attend all Parish Commemorations at the same time.

I have been in contact with a constituent who has a flat roof as part of their home. Unfortunately, the flat roof has failed allowing water in, causing the ceiling to collapse. The insurance company has informed the homeowner their insurance doesn't cover them for this flat roof as the roof is over ten years old. At the time of writing this report I am in talks with the council and insurance company to see what help we can find. This is a serious situation; I would suggest constituents check their buildings insurance and update if possible.

I am happy to see the new Bus Shelter on Burrett Road, Walsoken, is in place. I was very pleased to allocate some of my Norfolk County Councillors Grant towards the cost of this bus shelter.

The community **grant scheme is still available, please apply via the following link:**

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

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 anyway, either as your Borough or County Councillor.

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

Kind regards,
Julian.

Meetings I am due to attend during November on behalf of the Borough and County Council.

01/11 Environment and Community Panel as your Borough Councillor, King's Lynn Town Hall.

03/11 Walpole Parish Council Meeting as your Borough and County Councillor.

07/11 Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Development Oversight Group via Teams, as your County Councillor.

08/11 West Walton Parish Council as your Borough and County Councillor.
10/11 Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, County Hall, Norwich, as your County Councillor.

10/11 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting

11/11 King's Lynn Drainage Board Meeting, Kings Lynn as your Borough Councillor.

15/11 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council, as your County Councillor.

17/11 Board Meeting of the King's Lynn Conservancy Board via Zoom, as your County Councillor.

18/11 Peoples and Communities Select Committee, County Hall, Norwich, as your County Councillor .

22/11 Walsoken Parish Council, as your Borough Councillor and County Councillor.

23/11 Terrington St Clement Parish Council. As your County Councillor.

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29/11 Walpole Highway Parish Council, as your Borough and County Councillor, Village Hall.



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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.

It is easy to sign up to the service, which simply asks for some information on your dog, including their likes and dislikes, as well as your dog's medical history and your vet details. It also asks for you to confirm who you would like as your Dog Guardian. This should be someone you trust, like a friend, family member, solicitor, neighbour or vet, who can sign over ownership of your dog to Dogs Trust on your behalf, should you become seriously ill or pass away.

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.

Once signed up, should your card ever need to be activated, Dogs Trust will then arrange with your Dog Guardian for your dog to come into the rehoming centre or into foster care. With a team of vets, trainers and behaviourists on hand if needed, your dog will then be welcomed, loved and well cared for by the charity, who will work tirelessly to find a loving new home for your much-loved canine companion.

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 phone 01953 497912.

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Rebuild

The Parish Hall rebuild fund currently stands at £125,385. We now have a Facebook page where you can find all the latest information on our fundraising and events. Grant applications are still being submitted on a regular basis but results always take some months to come in so in the meantime we have to continue working hard to raise funds in other ways.

We have our **Just Giving** page where even a £1 donation (plus gift aid if you are a taxpayer) will help! We do however understand that times are financially difficult for everyone at present so there are ways to help without it costing you a penny! For instance, If you shop online at Amazon, and many of us do, you can use **Amazon Smile** which means your hall receives a donation every time you shop. Likewise, **Easy Fundraising** works in the same way with over 7,000 online companies of all types to choose from including Argos, M&S, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Currys, to name just a few. These options will not add to your cost or alter your choice but it will make a difference to our cause so please give it a try. Many thanks to those who have already signed up and have started adding to our fund.

Our **100 club lottery** will be one year old in February and we would like to invite more members for next year. If you would like to join please email kim.asker@btinternet.com with your name, address and email before 1st January 2023. If you don't have email give me a call and I will pass on your details. The fee is a one off payment of £12 for the year (£1 for each monthly draw). 50% of all money received is used for prizes which are currently £25, £15 and £10 each month. Kim will inform you how and when to pay your fee.

100 Club Lottery Winners

October - Gilli Galloway £25, Kim Lawrence £15, Margaret Dent £10

November - Josie Heywood £25, Wendy Foot £15, Gilli Galloway £10

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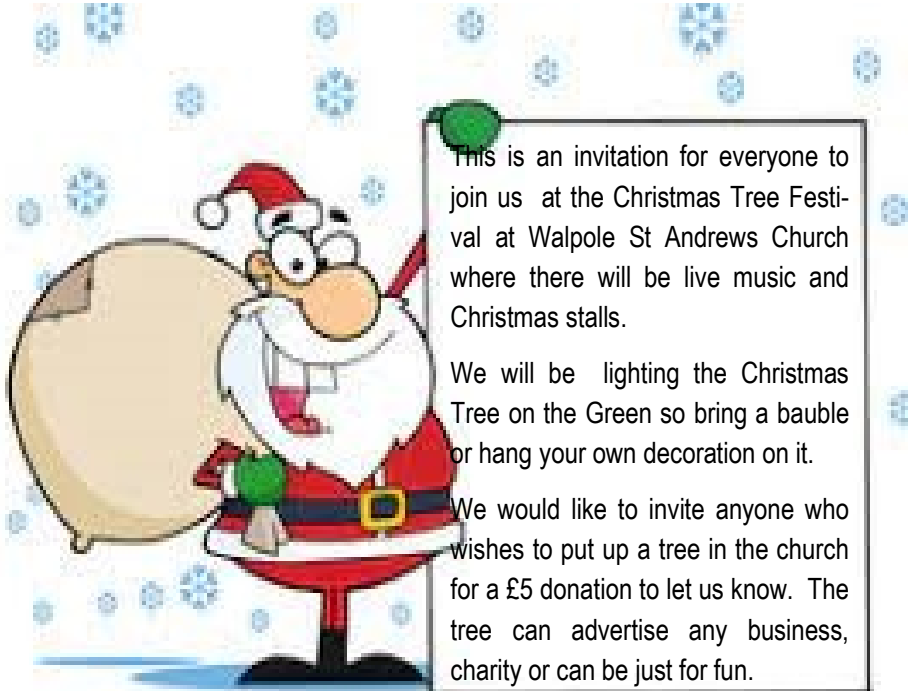
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The dates for deliveries in 2023 are as follows: 16th Jan, 13th Feb, 13th March, 17th Apr, 15th May, 12th June, 10th July, 7th August, 11th September, 9th October and 13th November.

If you can't get an answer either leave me a message or telephone Clare at Chandlers on 01476 576200. If you have run out in between scheduled deliveries please ring one of us and we will get a delivery out to you as soon as we can.

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.

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER



This is an invitation for everyone to join us at the Christmas Tree Festival at Walpole St Andrews Church where there will be live music and Christmas stalls.

We will be lighting the Christmas Tree on the Green so bring a bauble or hang your own decoration on it.

We would like to invite anyone who wishes to put up a tree in the church for a £5 donation to let us know. The tree can advertise any business, charity or can be just for fun.

Fight Flooding by Clearing Channels

Flooding is a real threat in Norfolk through the winter: keeping even the smallest watercourses clear and flowing freely will help protect homes and businesses safe.

A build-up of flood water with nowhere to drain to can quickly turn a minor incident into a disaster for the home. By checking the drains and ditches on their own property, residents can take action to mitigate the effects of flooding on their home.

To keep your property, and those around you, safe from flooding, property owners must check ditches and watercourses on or adjacent to their land and keep them clear. Even smaller watercourses which may be dry for most of the year, play a key drainage role in wet weather. Find out more about your responsibilities at www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding

Under UK law, landowners have a responsibility to keep watercourses on their property clear, even if only a few feet of the ditch pass through their property. Hedges or fences that are erected within the boundaries of a property can even prevent owners knowing they have a watercourse to maintain.

Making sure that water can flow smoothly and easily through existing ditches and watercourses will protect properties from flooding and keep the local community safe. Property owners must keep these ditches clear of fallen trees, branches, bushes, garden refuse or rubble and litter will help water flow: a simple test is to ask whether a fish could swim through the ditch or watercourse. If the answer is no, water flow could also be obstructed and lead to flooding of the property. For drains in public places and along Norfolk's highways, the County Council's Highways Team work to clear them and keep roads open. You can report any blocked or broken drains on Norfolk's highways via www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding

13th King's Lynn (Walpoles) Scout Group



We meet at Walpole St Peter Parish Hall opposite St Peter's Church, Walpole St Peter

BEAVERS⁺ 6-8 years

Our Beaver Colony meets on a Monday at 5:30pm-6:45pm, for more information please contact us at 13thwalpolebeavers@gmail.com

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SCOUTS⁺ 10 ½-14 years

Our Scout Troup meets on Tuesday at 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Contact Nick on 01945 780501

If you are interesting in joining and would like to see what goes on at our meetings, we offer a free taster session. Please come along and introduce yourself to the leader.

Squirrels

4—6 Year Olds

Our Squirrel Drey is opening January 2023, the Drey will meet on Friday 5.30pm – 6.30pm. For more information please email:

13thwalpolesquirrels@gmail.com

Walpole St Andrews Church is now open every Wednesday from 10 am – 12 pm and the first Saturday of the month for tea and coffee. Every one welcome.

We can be found on Instagram@walpolestandrewschurch.





Mobile Library Timetable

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4	Walsoken	10:05	10:20	Church Road	PE13 3RB
6	Walpole Highway	10:30	10:50	West Drove South	PE14 7RA
8	Walpole Highway	10:55	11:10	Millers Terrace	PE14 7RD
10	Walton Highway	11:15	11:30	St.Pauls Road North	PE14 7DN
12	Walton Highway	11:35	11:55	The Highwayman Public House	PE14 7DE
14	Walton Highway	12:00	12:15	School Road (Opp No.190)	PE14 7DR
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
22	W St An- drew	14:30	14:45	School	PE14 7LJ
24	W St Peter	14:50	15:45	Church Road - Opp Church	PE14 7NS
26	Walpole Highway	16:00	16:20	Village Sign Layby	PE14 7QA

2022 Mobile Library Visit dates

Route number: **DOW504**

- 2nd December 2022
- 27th January 2023

Normally every: 28 Days

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 222303.

Oak Tree farm Day Nursery



Ofsted registered day nursery currently open Tuesday to Friday,
7.30am to 6pm for ages 0-5 years, Sessional and full day care
available, Funded childcare spaces accepted.

E: Kate@krazydayz.co.uk

Call: 07710076263

Fully inclusive childcare packages, within a beautiful location and home from home environment, caring dedicated, professional staff on hand to guide and support.

Spaces available, enquire today to book your visit!

Krazy Dayz , Oak tree Farm, Wisbech Road, Walpole St Andrew, PE147HW

USEFUL LINKS

To report Pot Holes contact:

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



**Helping adults
in west Norfolk
get involved
in their local
community**

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



Meet new people



Get online



Increase your
confidence



Rekindle or discover
a hobby or interest



Move into
volunteering



Access community groups,
events and services

asklily.org.uk
01553 616200



Department of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



30% of people aged 65 and over will fall at least once a year.

For those aged 80 and over, it's 50%.*

We are here to help.



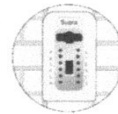
Careline Go



Careline Alarm



Handyperson Service



Keysafe

To find out how to stay independent in your home, call us on 01553 616200 or visit careline-cs.org.uk



Care & Repair



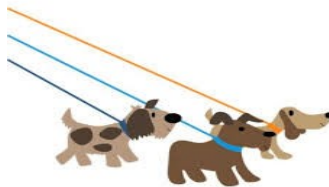
Careline

Weston Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk



*According to figures taken from gov.uk

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.





*Happy Christmas from the
Speedwatch Team*

Remember—only Idiots Drink and Drive



Bin Collection calendar for December 2022

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	

Bin Collection calendar for January 2023

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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BUS 54 TIMETABLE

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	17:15
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 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 Walpole Community Centre	Chloe Matthews	01406 478 800
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		07368 861 696
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 - Paul Blandford		07555 652611
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
Speed Watch	Jane Eveleigh	01945 781 208
Walpole St Peter Church	Rev. Barbara	01945 781 228

