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WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Bitesize Report 2.2.23

10 councillors, parish clerk and 5 members of the public were present.

1. A member of the public questioned why Parish Council allotment land was not being offered for the battery storage facilities as it would provide a source of income. RG advised that the companies involved liked to deal with land owned by single owners and they prefer larger plots.

2. Matters Arising:

Strimming – Chalk Road, Market Lane, Wisbech Road, Walnut Triangle and Village gateways

It was decided that the clerk contact our contractors for a quote.

A Highways site visit with Andy Wallace has taken place and the list of items for attention were viewed. Included the puddles on road surfaces, potholes, gateways, new footpath on Church Road and trod, the missing 20mph sign on Springfield Road and drainage on the Walnut Road new development.

It was agreed to donate to the British Legion of £80.00

Project Swingfield/Almshouses area, to tidy the area including walls and overgrowth. Quote for the work has been received from Mr. Neal for £3920.00.

3. To receive reports:

- a. Potholes by Eastleigh House on the Chalk Road bend have been reported.
Washdyke potholes also reported again. It was suggested that details of claiming back on tyre/wheel damage caused by potholes, should be in the next edition of the Crier.
Pothole on Springfield to be reported.
2-3 cars parked the wrong way on Walnut Road junction with West Drove North are causing problems with oncoming traffic and this also to be reported in the next Crier as it is illegal.
- b. CBN advised reports from residents: light flickering on French's Road, clerk advised that this has already been reported. Mud on the roads after highways work completed and the signs require cleaning – Clerk to request Highways to action
Police Road, Wisbech triangle – no give way markings or signs? To be reported.
- c. New footpath on Church Road still has the grit bin to re-site and the 30mph signage to re-install.

County & Borough councillors reports:

County Cllr Kirk reported that a member of the public had written to him complaining about the road closures not being advised, HGVs on French's Road and why were the residents not consulted. Cllr Blunt has followed up on this and offered to visit the resident to discuss further. Cllr Kirk had also received the complaints regarding the new path on Church Road.

Borough Cllr Blunt advised regarding residents complaints regarding the closure of roads etc., he has asked the enforcement officer to look into this and he has offered to meet the resident. He will look at the mud on the road as the developers should pay for this.

Budget - £4.50 increase on Band D. The Borough Council receive 7% of the council tax with 3% of that to IDB. The budget will go to cabinet next week and full council on the 23rd of February.

Elections – from the May 23 elections, photo ID is now required for voters.

Recycling centres to close on Wednesday afternoons as part of the budget cuts.

SAM 2 reports –Walpole Bank had recorded a top speed of 65mph in a 40mph, with 5611 vehicles and average speed of 35.1mph (18.12.22 – 17.1.23). The second unit on Chalk Road from the same period reported a top speed of 55mph in a 30mph limit with 8977 vehicle counts and an average speed of 26.6 mph.

Neighbourhood Plan update – Mr. P Cotton: advised that the results of the survey were disappointing, and a full report was due. The design codes report updates were also due this week and will be discussed at the next NPD meeting later this month.

Communications and Correspondence

Market Lane speed reduction update – JK advised no update, and he will chase again.

Overflowing bins at St Peters Church reported by a visitor to the clerk and Cllr Brooks is sorting this out.

4. Finance:

Approved payments, receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for January 23rd. Bank Reconciliation shows £47,571.74 plus approval of February payments to date.

5. Public Participation

a. A question was made regarding the Solar Fund monies, and it was explained that this was granted a few years ago for use on public projects e.g., Community Centre car park and donation to the Parish Hall rebuild. It was also explained that a letter went out to all residents at the time asking for their comments and the Community Centre and Parish Hall were key projects raised.

b. Information was requested on the battery storage facilities including fire safety/ response – invite a fire officer to address a meeting? Residents need to be aware of any potential issues.

Road damage – advised that the contractors are liable to ensure the roads are in the same state as when the works commenced.

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Bitesize Report 2.3.23

5 Parish Councillors, County Cllr Kirk, Borough Cllr Blunt, Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public were present.

1. Matters Arising

Strimming – Chalk Road, Market Lane, Wisbech Road, Walnut Triangle and Village gateway

The clerk had a quote from Blackmore for £126 for 3 cuts and this was accepted.

Vehicles parking on the footpath at St. Andrews Church, a new set of gates are now in place and a heavy duty padlock and parking post to be ordered.

Parish Council Meeting reports in the Crier had been raised at previous meetings and to prevent any further queries, it was decided that the clerk will send a precis of the meetings to the Crier from February 23 onwards.

Mrs Irene Hunter was thanked for all her hard work and support over the last 40 years.

2. To receive reports:

A review of the increase in litter in the village and Dunces Lane was named as a large number of dog poo bags were just left. A suggestion of dog bins at the start and end of the lane was requested for the next meeting agenda.

The replacement streetlight on Church Road is now in place but awaiting switch on.

The Grit bin on Church Road is still on its side but as it is full, it requires emptying, re siting and then refilling.

County & Borough councillors report

Cllr Kirk confirmed that the Market Lane speed limit of 40mph should become effective from the 20th of March as advised by Highways. The litter problem is the same in other parishes.

The mobile library faces some cuts due to lack of support.

Cllr Blunt – The BCKLWN budget has been approved along with all precept requests. Council tax bills are in the process of being issued. It was stressed that all services will be maintained and that the IDB takes a good chunk of their funds.

The Medworth Incinerator (Wisbech) has held public meetings last week and some excellent speeches were made against the project including key issues of traffic management.

Cllr Blunt had followed up on a parishioner's issue with traffic on Walpole March.

Clerk Report – Small allotments are now all tenanted expect for plot 1 which requires drainage.

Calls in February were 23 with 19 emails. Working on policies & procedures for the internal audit and the last day for payments this month will be the 28th. Information on the election on the 4th of May on the website.

Village Crier/social media/Website - The Clerk advised more new advertisers for the Crier were received in February increasing revenue by £144.

The Community Fund Projects Working Group – The damage to the Christmas Tree was raised and it is hoped that the tree will grow back.

SAM 2 reports – Folgate Lane incoming from 17.1.23 to 8.2.23. with the average speed of 26.4mph taking into account slow moving traffic. The top speed was 55mph and total vehicles 2,867. Market Lane incoming from 17.1.23 to 15.2.23. with the average speed at 28.9mph. Top speed was 55mph and total vehicles 24,442.

Neighbourhood Plan update – Mr. P Cotton: Mr. Cotton stressed that the information regarding Call for sites, Green Spaces and Non designated heritage assets have to be discussed and decisions made by the Parish Council and be reviewed at the next meeting. The survey only had 29 returns and the fact that the increase in CLIL money from 15-25% was seriously affected by self builds which do not have to pay this money.

Communications and Correspondence

A Donation request has been received from the First Responders in our parish for equipment and uniforms. WB advised he has put a request for £1k to the Sutton Bridge fund and they advised that the request has to be completed by the East Anglian Ambulance Service. Cllr Blunt advised that they should contact the Borough who may have funding available.

Planning- an application has been received for a change of use of bungalow from a dwelling to a children's home for up to three children at 10 Folgate Lane, Walpole St. Andrew. This was discussed in some detail and issues were raised regarding the age of the children, how the 2 bedroom bungalow could sleep them with a carer, previous history, where the children are coming from, if any young offenders and it was agreed that we need more information to be able to make any decisions. Members of the public present also raised concerns. It was stressed that the parish council appreciates that children are entitled to a safe home.

3. Finance

Approval of payments, receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for February 23 plus March payments to date.

4. Public Participation

a. The improvements on Church Road were liked and it was noticed that the school children were cycling on the road.

b. The question why Parish Council allotment land was not being offered for the battery storage facilities as it would provide a source of income was raised again. As advised by Cllr Green at the February meeting these companies involved liked to deal with land owned by single owners and they prefer larger plots.

c. At the crossroads on Marsh Road and King Johns Bank a van and car are regularly parked causing visibility issues. It was advised that this was a police matter and it had been reported.

Mud on Pidgeon Street, the attitude of the cabling workmen had improved, and they are now cleaning up daily. Suggestion that the councillors look at "15-20" minute City on YouTube as concern that King's Lynn will turn into a split town. Cllr Blunt advised that this was not going to happen.

Meeting ended 20:44 hrs.

Parish Hall Update

The quest to rebuild our Parish Hall continues. We have now submitted our full Proposal to the National Lottery for a £150,000 grant. We successfully reached the second stage of application which was our first major step, and they visited us last month to further discuss our application. As with every grant we never know if we will be successful until we receive their offer but we all have our fingers crossed that we get a good result. We have done our best. We are also awaiting the outcome of other grants and continue to apply for new ones on a regular basis. A visit from James Wild our local MP secured his support for our project so work is still very much ongoing but it is vital that we keep the money coming in.

Other Fundraising

Our 100 club lottery has now begun its second year. Winners are:

- February: First Prize -Philippa Nobbs £25
 Second Prize - Richard Blunt £10
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We are now entering my favourite time of the year, The Spring. Time to get the lawn mower maintained and as mother would say to get ready for the big spring clean. I prefer to think of daffodils and Easter Eggs



2023-24 King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council Budget

At last month's Full Council meeting, councillors approved the council's budget, and the level of its portion of the overall 2023/2024 council tax bill.

It was agreed that the borough's element of the council tax bill would reluctantly have to be increased, due to significant pressures, by £4.50 (£5.00 with special expenses) for the entire year on an average Band D Property, increasing to £143.87 for 2023-2024. This equates to a proposed rise of just under 9p per week, a much lower-than-inflation increase of 3.2%. The increase on lower-banded properties will be less than this amount.

Of this £143.87, a levy of £61.28 is paid to the Internal Drainage Board for the work they do to reduce flood risk to people, property, and infrastructure, and to manage water levels for agricultural and environmental needs.

When drainage board levies are removed from other Norfolk district council tax demands, it shows that the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk charges the lowest amount of council tax in Norfolk, even though it operates over the largest geographical area and bears all the increased costs and complexities related to delivering services across 500 sq miles. In fact, the borough remains one of the lowest charging shire district councils in the country (179th out of 181).

Despite cost pressures and unprecedented economic volatility brought by the pandemic and war in mainland Europe, this budget is not recommending cuts in services or massive increases in fees and charges. Charges that impact on many residents like car parking and brown bin charges are frozen for this year. Services will be maintained at current levels or improved.

The council's ambitious plans for transformational change, supported by government, county council and partner funding, will continue to bring economic, environmental, and educational improvements to the area.

This funded budget has been achieved by constantly reviewing the financial situation, looking ahead, prudential planning, and working effectively with partners. An approach that will continue across the remaining period of the plan.

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We seem to have had more of our fair share of power cuts and roadworks in this little corner of Walpole. I hope everyone survived more or less intact!

Here are the results of the last two 100 Club draws.

March

1st 80 Darren Cooke

2nd 49 Martin

3rd 117 Linda Frost

February

1st 15 Alison Croose

2nd 83 Gunilla Holt

3rd 115 James Porter

Thank you to those who supported the talk by David Reeve. Look out for details of our Quiz evening and a bar-b-que in the next Crier.

We have been asked to help with the refurbishment of the Cancer treatment facilities at QE. We hope to have more details soon and will let you know.

Congratulations to our winners and many thanks

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The borough council's chief executive, Lorraine Gore, explains: "The easiest way to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate is online and the process is quite straightforward – as long as you have internet access and a camera, you can do it. "We know that not everyone has internet access so we are also arranging drop-in sessions, where we can complete the whole process for you. All you need to do is make sure you bring your National Insurance number or other documents that can prove your identity". However, don't worry if you can't do either of these. You can apply for a certificate by post, or alternative option is to apply for a postal vote, which does not require a photo at all.

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If you do not have internet access, call 01553 616200 for a paper form to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate or to request a postal vote.

Anthony Curton

C Of E Primary School Academy



We are already halfway into this term and what a busy term it is proving to be.

The children celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March, as always we, had some great outfits including a fantastic Steam Train in Year 1, lots of Matildas, Cats in the Hats and Footballers.

Children in Years 5 and 6 have taken part in the Stage 2 Bike Ability Course. It was particularly chilly the week that children were taking part, but they all did really well and passed with flying colours! We received lots of positive comments from the instructors about the behaviour and enthusiasm of our children.

Some of the Year 6 children were very enterprising earlier this month, when they held a Bake Sale to raise monies for some new School Library Books. They managed to fundraise a whopping £300 from our supportive community and have since ordered their chosen titles from local firm, Booklife.

We are starting to organise schools trips again after Covid put a stop to lots of these events. Reception Class have been to Pizza Express recently to make their own pizzas and are also scheduled to visit Church Farm in the coming days. Year 3 will be going to Holkham Hall this month, as well as lots more being planned for the other year groups.

We recently celebrated Numbers day in school, where children were asked to come dressed in a number themed outfit to raise money for NSPCC. We had quite a few football shirts on the day as well as some fantastic home-made efforts. Between Anthony Curton and Tilney All Saints Schools we managed to raise £213.00.

The ACFA team of parents are being very active behind the scenes and are busy organising lots of fun for our children to enjoy. One of the events coming up is a Mother's Day event, as well as an Easter Egg hunt in school before the children break up.

We still have ongoing parking issues around drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask that all parents respect others' driveways and consider parking in a safe manner at all times.

We also still have the ongoing issues with the dog mess on the grass near the playground gate. This is still happening even though the children have displayed posters to ask for local people to clean up their dog's mess. Please can we ask that you help to support us by spreading the word, as the children really don't want to tread this through the school.

Our Easter Service takes place at the church on Friday 31st March at 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for the Service.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and enjoy time with Family and Friends.



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John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

WALKING LOCAL ROADS

Pedestrians should always walk facing the oncoming traffic where there is not a path.

Obviously at night as vehicles may not see you and you are able to get out of the way but also during the daytime. This is important at this time of year with the sun low and wet roads that are often narrow. It can be impossible for a driver to see a person walking due to the glare that comes off of the road.

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Walpole Gardeners Club

Meetings Programme 2023

Date	Event
13 April	Quiz Night
11 May	Restoration of Ramsey Walled Garden - Jane Sills
8 June	Club Night
22 July (Saturday)	Annual Flower and Produce Show
10 August	Bees & Beekeeping—Peter Davies
26 & 27 August	Village Fete—Potato weigh in plus posy of Garden Flowers and tray of vegetables
14 September	Trees and Shrubs for the Garden Stephen Lovell
12 October	Singing the Blues—Simon White
9 November	Wood Turning Demonstration—Nick Swann
14 December	AGM and Club Night—Plant & Craft Stalls

All meetings are held in Walpole St Peter Parish Hall the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm

NEWS FROM THE WALPOLE GARDENERS CLUB

The February meeting was well attended and Emma gave a very good talk and brought along one of her rescue hedgehogs. Unfortunately, the speaker at the March meeting failed to arrive but Gill Galloway stepped in and talked to us about Tapping House and the fund raising activities going on each year. Don't forget 13April for our Quiz Night always a lot of fun with prizes and our usual raffle and refreshments.

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Walpole Community Centre

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Please Contact

Julia McFetridge 01945 780072

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Walpole Gardeners Club

The second Thursday of the month

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall

7.30pm start

Annual Subscription: £10

Non-Members/guests

£2 per meeting

Contact Gillian Gosling on

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April 2023 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well, writing this report in late February because of Magazine deadlines but looking forward to late March and April, Norfolk County Council Highways have confirmed to me the 40 MPH speed limit on Market Lane will be in place by the 20th March. This starts on the border of Terrington St Clement and Walpole Cross Keys, it continues all the way to Walpole St Andrew. Walpole Cross Keys and Walpole Parish Council have campaigned for a number of years to get this limit in place.

During the last week of February I attended both Norfolk County Council and the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk full council meetings to set their budget for the year 2023 - 2024.

A number of the Parish Councils within my Borough Ward and County Division are planning events to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, it's been interesting to sit in Parish Council meetings listening to their plans, I am looking forward visiting many of these community events.

Because of the local elections in May, some of the committees I sit on will not be held during April, they will be back to normal in May.

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.

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

04/04 Environment and Community Panel. King's Lynn Town Hall as your Borough Councillor

05/04 Corporate Performance Panel. King's Lynn Town Hall as your Borough Councillor.

06/04 Walpole Parish Council as your Borough & County Councillor.

11/04 Walsoken Parish Council Meeting as your Borough & County Councillor.

11/04 West Walton Parish Council as your Borough and County Councillor.

13/04 Tilney All Saints Parish Council as your County Councillor.

18/04 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting as your County Councillor.

19/04 Terrington St Clement Parish Council as your County Councillor.

Walpole Highway Parish Council TBC as you Borough and County Councillor

20/04 King' Lynn Conservancy Board <https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/> as your County Councillor

28/04 WMA <https://www.wlma.org.uk/> Management Committee Meeting

30/04 West Walton Litter Picking as your Borough and County Councillor.

Please contact me if I can help you in anyway, either as your Borough or County Councillor.

Kind regards,

Julian.

NEWS FROM THE MAGPIE CENTRE

The Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, was recently awarded a £10,000 grant from the Masonic Charitable Foundation, (MCF) and welcomed a group of Norfolk Freemasons on a fact-finding visit.

Mr Stephen Allen, Head of Norfolk Freemasons; Mr Robin Shaw, Provincial MCF representative and Mr Michael Spalding, Norfolk Freemasons' Provincial Communications Officer, visited the Centre, at Wallington Hall, South Runcton and met Mrs Bee Ford, West Norfolk RDA Chairwoman, plus several trustees and volunteers.

After tea and cakes, they spoke to Mr Aynsley Calvert and Ms Michelle Alflatt, two of the Magpie Centre's adult riders, and heard from them the difference that riding had made to their lives.

Mr Allen then presented them with rosettes, awarded by RDA National Office, for their participation in the RDA Dressage Championships, which were held 'virtually', owing to the pandemic.

RDA riders are grouped according to their levels of disability, and Ms Alflatt gained 6th place in Grade 1 (for the most disabled riders), while Mr Calvert placed in Grade 7 (Intellectual Disability).

The presentation took place in the Sensory Garden, opened by HRH the Princess Royal in July 2021, and the visitors met WNRDA Trustees Mrs Jan Calvert, whose idea it was, and Mr Andy Beeston, who, with his team of volunteers, undertook the construction work.

The wheelchair-friendly garden forms an excellent venue for the Centre's Tea With a Pony initiative, whereby older people, those with mobility issues, dementia, or who just like to socialise, can meet for tea and cakes and stroke some of the Centre's gentle ponies. This programme runs from April to October. To book, call the Magpie Centre Office on 01553 810202.

Trustee Mr Gerry McKenna was also on hand to outline the work of Equine Assisted Learning Therapy (EALT), a non-mounted activity which helps people with mental health issues to develop confidence, self-esteem and communication skills.

Highlight of the day was meeting RDA rider Isaac Everitt, aged 6, riding Ginger.

Isaac's mother, Ms Jennifer Reeves, explained that Isaac, who is on the autistic spectrum and has Global Developmental Delay, had progressed rapidly since starting to ride in September 2022.

'I've noticed a huge improvement in Isaac's listening, communication and speaking skills since he started riding at the Centre,' she said.

At present the Centre has 12 equines, ranging from mounts suitable for tiny children, up to Irish Draft horse Ava, who carries the bigger riders. However, we are on the lookout for more horses, from 15.2 hh to 16.2 hh, for riding and/or carriage driving lessons.

We deliver 72 riding lessons per week, split 50/50 between child and adult riders, plus 19 carriage driving lessons, but there are currently 16 applicants on the waiting list.

Our next major fundraising event is a Quiz and Hog Roast, (with vegetarian option), plus a huge range of salads and desserts, to be held Saturday April 22 at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge, PE34 3PW. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Bring Your Own Drinks! Teams of 4 – 8 people are usual, but please feel welcome to come along and make up a team on the night. To book tickets: £12.50 each, call 07715 467866 or email: magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk. All proceeds to the Magpie Centre, West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association.



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4 stale hot cross buns

200g lemon curd

2 [large eggs](#)

200ml [double cream](#)

200ml [milk](#)

½ tsp [vanilla extract](#)

4 tbsp [caster sugar](#)

Little lemon zest

cream or vanilla ice cream, to serve (optional)

Method

STEP 1

Butter a 1-litre baking dish that will quite snugly fit the buns. Cut each bun into 3 slices, and sandwich back together with a generous spreading of curd. Arrange buns in the dish.

STEP 2

Whisk egg, cream, milk and remaining curd, then sieve into a jug with the vanilla and 3 tbsp of the sugar. Pour over the buns and stand at room temperature for 30 mins for the custard to soak in.

STEP 3

Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/ gas 3. Scatter the remaining sugar and lemon zest over the pudding. Bake for 30-40 mins until the top is golden and the custard gently set. Stand for 5 mins, then serve with cream or vanilla ice cream, if you like.

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For further information contact 01945 587723

INTERESTING INFORMATION Reading about the many strikes that are happening at the moment, I started looking back in history. I realised how much our lives have changed in the last 100 years. Many of the strikes in the past were of men workers, but always behind them supporting them were women. Without them, many of those strikes would not have been workable. Yet women were not even allowed to vote. Recently a researcher recently asked me why they couldn't find a grandmother on the electoral roll in early 1920, and were surprised it was because she was not allowed to vote. How lucky we are now with views having changed so much.

OUR COMPUTER RESEARCH SESSIONS. Our research sessions are becoming very popular, our researchers are kept quite busy and find many different stories which always add to our knowledge. Our research sessions are held twice a month. Our 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. We offer help with family research to any visitors at the garden centre. Our team is also willing to attend local events as an added attraction. If WiFi is available we can offer family research to visitors.

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS. Held are on the **FOURTH Thursday** of the month except August and December. In Wisbech Library from 7 - 9pm. Everyone welcome. Members Free, Visitors a £2 donation. On Thursday 26th January our meeting speaker will be Steve MANNING with information on how to keep your family history and ways to store your family tree without paying a subscription site. On Thursday 23rd February our speaker will be Jonathan FARMER with a talk about Military History. At our March meeting on Thursday 23rd March we will be sharing ideas and ways of keeping and display members family trees and information.

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.

'The Ups & Downs of Being a Magistrate' a real life experience.

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

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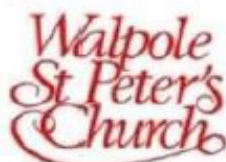


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From the Church Window –

Are you sitting comfortably? I would imagine that those of you with long memories have completed the sentence in your mind with ‘then I’ll begin,’ remembering ‘Listen with Mother’ on the radio. Storytelling has long been part of the human experience. For thousands of years, stories have been told, collected, and passed on to subsequent generations. The ancient Celts loved their stories and had an old tradition known as ‘passing the harp’ where communities would gather and tell their stories around the fire with food and drink flowing. Sounds wonderful!

The way we tell stories has largely moved away from the oral tradition into books, movies, TV dramas and now digital platforms, but however expressed, stories are important. This Easter, can we make the time to sit and read again John’s account of the first Easter in Chapters 18, 19 and 20? Where would you place yourself within that story? Would you be in the crowd watching on the side lines or sobbing at the foot of the cross?

This is the greatest story ever told that Jesus loved us enough to stretch out his arms in love and take upon himself all the wrong we have ever done and will ever do. As the disciples tell their account of what they have seen to be true about their friend Jesus, the story continues as it transforms their lives and turns their fear into hope, their grief into joy and their confusion into certainty. Whatever our story, both now and in the future, this Easter we can still ask Jesus to be part of it. And, wherever our story takes us next, Jesus promises to be with us, always.

Revd Barbara

Events News

Coronation Market & Fayre –Saturday and Sunday 29th and 30th April from 10am – 4pm. Market stalls, entertainment, scrumptious food, games, books, jigsaws and so much more. Another opportunity to have a great community event and to get ready for the Coronation of King Charles III. The Your Choir and the Purple Angels will be performing from 2pm on Saturday 29th. BBQ open both days from 11am-2pm and the Marquee Café from 10am – 4pm.

Jigsaws & books

We would also be grateful to receive any jigsaws that you’ve finished with, or good quality books. again you can leave them in the church on the big table or give one of the church wardens a call.

Raffle & Tombola

We are now gathering prizes for our 2023 events. If you have anything that would make either a raffle or tombola prize please consider donating it to us. You can either leave things on the big table on the left as you enter the church or contact one of the church wardens to arrange for delivery or collection. The things you donate will help us raise funds to keep the church open to all.

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.

Church Services

Sunday Services are at 11am (unless otherwise shown). A Wednesday service is held every week at 10am.

April

2nd April (Palm Sunday)

Starts –St Andrews Church: 10:45

9th April (Easter Sunday)

16th April

23rd April

30th April

(10 am joint service at WSP)

May

7th May

14th May

21st May

28th May

Holy Week Services:

Tuesday 4th April – Stations of the Cross – 7pm

Wednesday 5th April – Taizé – 7pm

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday & The Watch – 7pm

Friday 7th April – Good Friday Service – 11am

Everyone is welcome to services in our beautiful church.

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.

New Parish Safeguarding Officer for Walpole St Peter, Clenchwarton and West Walton

Until recently the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) for the three churches had been undertaken by the very overworked Rector for all three Parishes, the Revd. Barbara Burton, who also has responsibility for a further five churches for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Jan Taylor, who moved to Clenchwarton with her family in 2021 and started attending St Margaret's church, had been the Safeguarding Office in her previous parish of Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire. When she realised the situation in the three parishes here, she offered to undertake the triple roles, realising that this is a vital role in the ministry of the church. Jan's professional life had been in Health and Social care culminating in lecturing and assessing on the subject, with safeguarding being a mandatory and core part of the curriculum.

Jan said "As most people realise, the church in general does not have a good record in safeguarding, with many horrific cases of abuse only now coming to light, and therefore it is extremely important that we do all we can to ensure everyone is fully aware of their own responsibilities.

The role of the PSO is to help everyone understand how they can achieve this, making sure that key people have the appropriate training and also a DBS check. This is part of being compliant with the Church of England and the House of Bishops statement of due diligence with regard to safeguarding. The PSO is also someone who can be approached, in confidence, if you have any concerns about someone, be it about a child or vulnerable adult."



On Sunday 29th January, Jan was commissioned as Parish safeguarding Officer by Revd. Barbara Burton at a joint service for all three parishes held at Walpole St Peter. She will be working closely with all three church councils. However, this role is not just for the benefit of people who attend church but for anyone living within the parishes. Jan can be contacted on 07725 940453.

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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.

MAGPIE CENTRE

Ceilidh, Quiz and Craft Fair

Social activities for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, got off to a fantastic start for 2023, with a Ceilidh held at Stowbridge Village Hall on Saturday January 28.

The event attracted 90 participants, who 'tripped the light, fantastic toe' to the accompaniment of Take The Floor, whose caller didn't take 'no' for an answer, and who got everybody up and dancing.

Said Sue Richardson, a new recruit to the Magpie fundraising team: 'The Ceilidh went fantastically well, and we made £870 profit for the Magpie Centre.'

'The feedback was brilliant, and most of the participants want to be contacted when we do the next one. This may be scheduled for September, so watch this space!'

Sue continued: 'We should especially like to thank Tesco, Hardwick, for much of the food, plus Beart's of Stowbridge; Church Farm Rare Breeds; The Purple Patch and Fakenham Races for the wonderful raffle prizes they donated, as well as the team of volunteers who advertised the event, helped with setting up, provided salads and puddings, and also donated raffle prizes.'






As Sue summed up the event: 'It was good to see everyone enjoying a dance and having fun.'

As we move towards Spring, we have a Quiz Night with Hog Roast Supper (plus veggie alternative) scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge, PE34 3PE. Teams of 4 – 8 people are welcome or come along and make up a team on the night. Bring Your Own Drinks (and glasses). Tickets are £12.50 each.

To book: call: 07715 467866 or email: magpiecccraft@outlook.com.
Now for the Craft Fair, Saturday June 3 at the Magpie Centre, 10 am – 4 pm at Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE34 0EP.

Stalls, 3m wide, are available at £10 per pitch in the indoor school, To book call 07715 467866 or email: magpiecentrecraft@outlook.com.

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WALPOLE OIL CONSORTIUM

For the Walpole Oil Consortium, please telephone Jo Bartlett on 01752 369010 by the Friday morning before the due delivery date.

The dates for deliveries in 2023 are as follows: 115th 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.

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PEEPS
RABBIT
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TRADITION
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.

13th Kings Lynn (Walpoles) Scout Group.



We meet at Walpole St Peter Parish Hall opposite the Church

Squirrels 4 - 6 year olds

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BEAVERS 6 - 8 year olds

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.

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

<u>Stop</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Stop name</u>	<u>Postcode</u>
2	Walsoken	09:45	10:00	Letchworth House (Burrettgate)	PE14 7BL
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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Walpoles Neighbourhood Plan is progressing but the attendance at meetings is very poor, considering the amount of interest that was shown in the beginning. This is for the good of the Parish and future generations. The plan is to preserve what we have and keep away from anything in the future that will destroy the very thing that so many people have moved into these villages for.

Proposals have been put to the Council for them to put out a 'call for sites' for 2 or 3 bed properties avoiding the huge 'fill the plot' houses that have been taking over lately. The majority of responses to the survey said they wanted no more building of any kind.

The Council now have to ask the Parish/ landowners to put forward any possible sites they might be putting forward for planning permission in the future. This does not mean that all those offered will be taken up.

This means there will be notices around the Parish or on line asking anyone who has a possible building site for 2 or 3 bed homes to fill in a form detailing the site position and availability etc. This is early days so more details will come later.

There is also a need for industrial sites for small businesses or 'work from home' units. If anyone has or can suggest suitable sites the Council will be asking you to notify them.

This does not mean that all sites that are offered will be approved as suitable and not all sites will actually be built on. This is merely an exercise to discover potential sites for reasonably sized homes and possible work units.

Another part of the plan is to designate houses and monuments for listing as being of significant interest. Also areas of green spaces that could possibly be protected and therefore never be designated for building.

So be prepared for when the call goes out. Fine details are still being worked on.

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>



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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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Bins and recycling collection dates

Bin Collection calendar for April/May 2023

Collection calendar for April 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

Collection calendar for May 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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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	walpolecommunitycentre@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		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