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Walpole St Andrew, Walpole St Peter and Walpole Marsh

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Please note that the Parish Council has a new website https://www.walpolepc.info/

We are looking to set up a history page and if anyone has any old pictures of the Walpoles or stories, please send them to the clerk on walpoleparishcouncil@gmail.com.

We wish to thank Pete Luck for all his support and dedication to the former website over many years.



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WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Bitesize Report of the Parish Council Meeting 1st of February 2024

Present: 8 Parish Councillors, Cllr Julian Kirk and 8 members of the public

Welcome from the Chairman and Public Participation -

- a. With less than 2,000 residents in the Walpoles, why do we need to rebuild the Church Hall when the Community Centre offers excellent facilities. A 12 month delay was suggested to give time to get more evidence. Will be writing to our MP and Bishop of Ely.
- b. The resident was advised that there is not a Church Hall, but a Parish Hall which has absolutely nothing to do with the Church. Therefore, writing to the Bishop of Ely was incorrect.
 - c. The public meeting held 5 years ago received a unanimous vote to rebuild.

Matters arising:

NDP – Unfortunately Paul Blandford was not in attendance and the turnout at the special meeting was poor. Costs were raised for year 3 as the Parish Council would have to fund and we do not have the available funds to do so. The clerk contact CCP for an update on exactly where we are and a timeline to completion. 2 members of the public were interested in helping.

To receive reports:

The damaged post on School Road has been reported. The light by the Almshouses is still not working and clerk to chase K & M again. The damaged school 20mph sign has still not been replaced – clerk to follow up.

The ongoing issue of dog mess in the village was raised again and to consider motion cameras.

Pot Holes on Frenchs Road not just caused by construction but also

farm traffic.

Julian Kirk reported that there was a full Borough Council meeting this week and at County the recent floods have been a huge problem and he has involved the IDP and Borough Council on the Walnut Road problem. The development behind April Cottage has caused the flooding issues and Highways will block the end of the pipe. The Flood Alliance have also been involved in this problem along with Folgate Lane. West Drove is sinking again with the culvert collapsing. No date is yet available for the corrective work to take place.

Website – 536 views in January with Home, Planning, Parish Council, Crier, Minutes, Neighbourhood Plan, Agendas, Reports/Documents, Contact us and Walking making the top 10.

A discussion took place regarding the current NALC website and the WIX site. It was decided to close down the NALC site and put links on it to the WIX site.

Play area –The work on the play area would start on next Monday 5th of February for 2 weeks (weather permitting).

SAM reports – West Drove North – the unit stopped thought to be due to the cold weather.

From 24.12.23 to 16.1.24, 17,839 counts with 85th percentile speed of 45.1mph in a 40mph limit. Average speed 38.1 mph. MAX speed 90mph on 13.1.24 at 19.40.

Wisbech Road from 24.12.23 to 26.1.24 (30mph) 19,536 counts with 85th percentile of 32.6mph and average speed of 27.5mph. Max speed 50mph on 8.1.24 at 16.25

Due to a lack of interest, the Speedwatch has been disbanded and the equipment retuned to the police.

Cllr Kirk reported that a member of the public had contacted him regarding extending the 40mph on Market Lane into West Drove, but a serious lack of funding would prevent this from happening.

5. Finance

Approve payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for January. Bank Balance at the end of January was £48,336.00 with £11,414.44 Solar Fund money and £23,000 CIL funding for the playground. Payments for February approved.

6. Public participation:

Roadworks on Wisbech to Walpole St. Andrew the road was closed but no works in place and the diversion does not work. Batteries stored at the Solar Farm – any update on the fire hazard – Cllr Kirk to look into this. Frenches Road – construction traffic are using both ways and, along with farm traffic, are causing problems including mud on the road.

A copy of the complete minutes is available on the website: https://www.walpolepc.info/

Bitesize Report of the Parish Council Meeting 7th of March 2024

Present: 10 Parish Councillors, Cllr Julian Kirk, Parish Clerk and 12 members of the public

Welcome from the Chairman - No Public Participation

Matters arising:

NDP – Paul Blandford gave an update that Collective Community Planning are putting together a draft plan and a meeting would be held on the 25th of March from 7pm – venue to be advised. Alex Fradley has rejoined the NDP team at Borough and RB will contact Alex to see if we can get funding for the next financial year as CCP advise that the plan would not be completed and approved before November 24.

To receive reports:

7.1 Highway – Walnut Road, the development is causing issues with the state of the road and concerns raised as to who will make good. RB had received complaints from Marsh and Frenches Road and The Marsh regarding the construction traffic management HGV's not using the in and out routes, speeding, damaging the road surface and causing other road users off the road. He requested pictures for evidence. Eastlands road, very dangerous with lots of potholes and these have been reported.

Cllr Blunt advised that the Borough Council budget had been approved with a 5% increase council tax increase on band D homes. 10-20% increases on fees and services, with a 5% cut in services. The proposed Grimsby to Walpole pylon link has a lack of consultation and Lincolnshire CC are complaining. It was suggested that the cable should go under the Wash as others had used.

Cllr Kirk reported that the County budget is to save £25m. No cuts to adult and childcare. Highways report to enforcement re French's Road and he suggested a visit by the PC to Highways at Saddlebow should be made to discuss all the issues.

The flooding on Walnut Road continued to be a problem with a dyke filled in on the back which goes towards West Drove. April Cottage continues to be flooded with that problem caused by the Hill Farm development. The ditch needs reinstating and enforcement should check the original development regarding the drainage.

The ditch on Folgate Lane has now been cleared.

Crier -2 delivery people required to cover Pigeon, Frenches and Marsh Roads and a request is on social media. Deadline for copy is Monday 11^{th} March. All advertisers have now paid in full. Notice for help will also be put on the Walpole Wingers FB page. Website -569 views in February on both sites. Pete Luck was thanked by all for his hard work and dedication.

The dog and grit bin out outside the parish hall have now been relocated.

The play area work has had to stop due to the flooding.

SAM reports – Walpole Bank from 26.1.24 to 23.2.24: Total vehicles 9737, top speed 65mph in a 40mph limit. Average speed 35.1mph.

The March (same dates as above): Total vehicles 6719, top speed 55mph in 40mph limit. Average speed 30.4 mph. A member of the public asked if the speed unit had ever been on West Drove and AE advised, yes and would be happy to share the data.

5. Finance

Approval of payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for February and March payments to date. Bank Balance at the end of February £45,010.93 with £11,414.44 Solar Fund money and £23,000 CIL funding for the playground.

The clerk raised concerns on the amount of funds left to carry over into 24/25 financial year. Payments for March (to date) amount to £24,223.86 with the invoice for the work on the play area still to come at £13k. This would only leave us with a figure of 7k. The budget will require amending.

6. Public participation

A pot hole by his home was filled in for the third time recently and the operatives actually covered a crisp packet and can of drink over with the filler. When asked if they were going to pick the items up, told it was not their job!

Pavement parking on Church Road is now causing a problem. Advised that they contact highways via the link on the website and report it directly.

Next meeting 4th of April and a copy of the complete minutes is available on the website: https://www.walpolepc.info/

NOTE THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AT THE APRIL MEETING.



Message from your Borough Councillors



Spring as I have said before, my favourite time of the year. Daffodils,

Mother's Day, Easter, Easter Eggs. Although the weather has been very unseasonal, Too wet, too warm and everything is starting to grow and the lawn mower can already be heard .

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER POTENTIAL SITES AND POLICY CONSULTATION

It incorporates the list of existing sites across the borough, the methodology used for assessment, those sites that are preferred to accommodate the identified needs and planning policies to manage such developments over the plan period to 2039. This is an essential part of the Local Plan process. The consultation is complete and will help to inform a final proposed Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople policy, which will be submitted to Cabinet for approval in April 2024, to be submitted for formal Examination in July 2024.

Council Tax Support Scheme set to help more people

The Borough Council's Council Tax Support Scheme will be more generous in 2024/25, meaning people entitled to the most help through this scheme will not have to pay council tax.

New rules agreed in the council's budget mean that more people will be eligible for some help under the scheme and those on the lowest incomes will not have to pay any council tax at all. Anyone with concerns about their council tax bill can find information and support at www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/counciltax. Included is information on council tax bills, discounts and exemptions, as well as support with the cost of living.

New planning rules put nature at the heart of development

New rules have come into force that will make sure planning applications show how they will make nature better off as a result of proposed development. The Biodiversity Net Gain rules will affect most new developments apart from small-scale self-builds and alterations/extensions to existing properties. The Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) regulations have been implemented as part of the Environment Act, 2021, and aim to ensure that any loss of nature or habitat caused by development is mitigated by creation of new habitats.

In future, developments will need to result in a BNG of 10%, i.e. once the development is complete there must be an improvement of 10% to the habitat that existed before the development took place. Where possible, the improvement must be on the development site itself. Where that is not possible BNG can be achieved through the purchase of 'units' from a specially developed nature site elsewhere.

The borough council's role as the planning authority in West Norfolk is to ensure that new planning applications meet this requirement and to support landowners who may have sites they are interested in developing for nature, and which can be used to sell units to planning applicants. It will also provide a matchmaking service between applicants and landowners.

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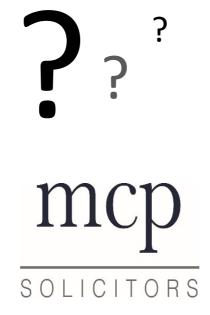
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If you do not already have broadband, your supplier should be able to provide you with a broadband connection, to support the new system. Most people do not need to do anything: your service provider will make the switch. However, your or a relative may use some services that rely on a landline connection such as telecare services, including personal alarms and fire and burglar alarms.

These devices may need a landline connection to contact others in the event of an incident in your home. You may need to change or upgrade some of them to ensure they continue to work after the switch.

The digital switchover is free. The council, social care providers and telephone providers will never ask for personal or financial information over the phone.

Several providers have said that people will not pay more than they already do for their current service.

The switchover to new technology for landline phones will have one immediate result: in the event of a power cut, a digital phone will only work if it has a battery backup. If you are dependant on your landline your telephone provider must offer you an alternative to make sure yu can make emergency calls during a power cut. This alternative must be provided free of change to vulnerable residents who are dependant on their landline. Speak to your provider to determine what is available.

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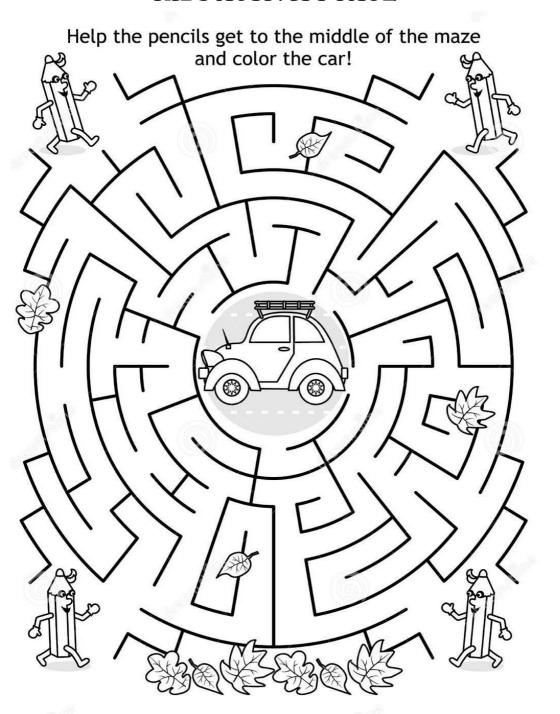




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We are presently in discussion with the MacMillan unit at QEH to help with the finances of a refurbishment, so, when I have more details, I will keep you informed as to how the monies you have raised have been spent.

The Spring Market and Fair at St Peter's Church on 13th & 14th will be the last fundraising event for RFLF so I will look forward to seeing you there.

As you will understand, this has not been an easy decision, as raising money to support people suffering from cancer, in memory of my son, has been such an important part of my life. But I do believe this is the right time, and again, thank you most sincerely for your help and support.

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The Lily website 'Things to do' section has lots of information about activities, groups and events all over the borough, searchable by your interests. Festival Too runs annually and concerts are free.

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WALPOLE GOOD COMPANIONS

Talking about

Morecombe & Wise





Everyone who attended this event had a lovely afternoon with Steve Short giving a talk on Morecambe and Wise and a little bit of magic . This was most enjoyable and we will definitely have Steve back again.

The Good Companions meet at Walpole St Andrew Community Centre Summer Close on the 1st Thursday in the month. In April from 2-4pm it's our AGM and afternoon tea. If your interest in joining us and want to know more please phone Cindy on 07531009843.

We would be pleased to see any new members who are welcome to come along and meet us instead of sitting at home, we are a friendly chatty group of local people.

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Demolition and Rebuild

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!....

It's taken time, and a considerable amount of hard work, determination, and dedication from everyone involved, but we are at last almost ready to start our project to demolish and rebuild our much used and loved Parish Hall.

Our project originally began in 2017 with a public meeting. The meeting was to discuss, and agree the future of our fast deteriorating Parish Hall, and a decision to demolish and rebuild was reached. We then started the long process to raise sufficient funding to achieve this decision.

After obtaining our first grant, plans were drawn up and planning permission obtained. Then came Covid which resulted in our being unable to continue with our own fundraising, and sourcing grants became very difficult with many being Covid related. Losing time in this manner also meant having to reapply for planning permission which was another set back costing us more of our funds and taking additional time.

All that said, fundraising is now almost complete with another £10,000 grant obtained this month. This brings our total to £360,000. An amazing achievement for the community by the Trustees, volunteers, and supporters, and we still have two more grants awaiting decision. Fingers crossed!

Since the closure of the hall in November last year we have dismantled, stored, relocated, or disposed of all items related to the hall in readiness for demolition. This we hope to begin within the next few weeks in the 100th year after the hall was gifted to the village (not to the church as some people still believe). Our hope is that the actual rebuilding will begin in early May.

Once our project is complete, we look forward to welcoming back our regular clubs and hopefully some new ones to enjoy our brand new community facility which will continue to be a non-profit making charity.

We thank everyone who has supported us to date, whether it is volunteering to fundraise, offering grants, assisting with planning matters or just letters of support for our project. Details of our grants etc will be published once the rebuild begins.

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Gill Henderson (On behalf of the Trustee Management Team)



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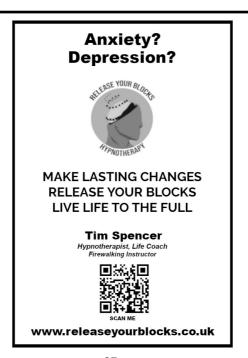
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For more information please contact Pete or Janet Luck on 01945 780384

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Walpole Good Companions over 50s Club

Garden Room Walpole St Andrews community centre 1st Thursday of each month 2-4pm.

We enjoy outings, speakers, quizzes & afternoon teas.
Guest & New Members are always welcome Please Contact

Cindy Downes 07531009843

Walpole Gardeners Club

The second Thursday of the month
Walpole St Peters Church
7,30pm start
Annual Subscription: £10
Non-Members/guests
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Contact Gillian Gosling on
01945 780409

Walpole Youth FC

Secretary: Andrew Mitchell 07540 778379.

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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

Meetings Programme 2024

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).

Date	Event

11 April Wood Turning Demonstration—Nick Swann

9 MayQUIZ NIGHT13 JuneCLUB 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 Stalla

Walpole St Andrews Church is now open on Wednesday mornings from 10 am—12 pm for coffee, tea and biscuits. Do pop along for a friendly chat and to meet the lovely volunteers.



For further information please contact Stuart or Kester - Tel: 07581061895

Lemon Drizzle Flapjacks

Treat yourself to a dessert mash-up in the form of these tasty Lemon Drizzle Flapjacks. This simple traybake is perfect for slicing and sharing

Ingredients

250g butter
125g soft brown sugar
175g golden syrup
425g porridge oats
1 lemon, zest only
150g lemon curd
50g icing sugar
1 lemon, juiced



Method

Step 1

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and line a 20 x 20 cm tin with baking parchment. Put the butter, sugar and golden syrup in a pan and heat until melted, around 7 minutes. Tip in the oats and zest and stir until everything is well coated. Put ¾ into the tin and press firmly into an even layer. Spread over the lemon curd then sprinkle over the remaining flapjack mix. Bake for 30-35 mins, until golden and set. Then leave to cool.

STEP 2

Mix the icing sugar with the lemon juice then drizzle across the cooled flapjack and cut into 12 pieces.

Are you newly moved to our Parish?

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

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If you would like to enhance the Parish Hall Committee contact Gill Henderson on 01945 780783, for Community Centre Committee contact Chloe Matthews at walpolecommunitycentre@gmail.com and for Anthony Curton Friends Association contact Charlene Campion on 07900 564374.



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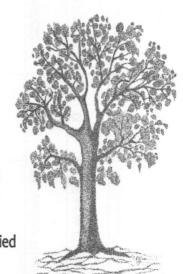
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April 2024 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well. Compiling this report on the 2nd of March to meet Magazine print deadlines.

To recap on what I have been up too, during February I have attended Parish Council meetings within my Borough Ward and County Division and Full Council Meetings in King's Lynn Town Hall and County Hall Norwich, both meetings were to set the Budget for the coming year. I have attended a board meeting of the King's Lynn Conservancy Board https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/

I have continued to liaise with Highways and the Internal Drainage Boad, following flooding issues, a number of these are still ongoing. I have been out with my spade and shovel several times trying to divert water, which has been held up in blocked drainage systems.

I have used some of my Local Members Fund (LMF) to pay for some emergency drainage work.

Once again, I would like to thank Highways and the IDB for their swift action during the extreme rainfall period.

I helped with the West Walton Litter Pick. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066462081997 we collected forty of the Nitrous Oxide cannisters and a truck load of Black Bins of rubbish.

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

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

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

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

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

Please contact me if I can help you in any issue. Kind regards, Julian.

Meetings I am due to attend during April. 02/04 Walpole Parish Council Meeting https:// walpolepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/ 09/04 West Walton Parish Council Meeting https:// westwaltonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/ 11/04 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting https:// tilneyallsaintspc.wixsite.com/taspc 16/04 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting https:// www.walpolecrosskeyspc.info/ 17/04 Terrington St Clement Parish Council Meeting https://terrington-stclementpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/ 18/04 King's Lynn Conservancy Board Meeting https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/ 25/04 Full Council Meeting, Town Hall, King's Lynn 28/04 West Walton Litter Pick https://www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=100066462081997 I can be contacted 24/7 365.



SPRING INTO ACTION WITH MAGPIE CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Shaking off the winter blues in fine style, more than 90 participants enjoyed the Ceilidh/ Barn Dance at Stowbridge Village Hall on February 17. The event was a huge success and boosted funds for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled by £1175.

Next up is a Quiz with Hog Roast supper (with veggie alternative), scheduled for Saturday April 27, again at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road, Stowbridge PE34 3PW. Bring your own drinks and glasses. The Hog Roast is accompanied by an array of salads and followed by a mouthwatering selection of desserts.

Teams of 4-8 people are welcome or come along and make up a team on the night. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start.

To book tickets, £12.50 each, call 07715 467866 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk.

Calling all crafters......there will be a Craft Fair on Saturday June 8 at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton, PE33 0EP 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Find us on the A10 about three miles north of Downham Market. The fair will be held in the indoor school, with wheelchair-accessible surface, so no worries if the weather is wet. Stalls are £12 per 3 metre space and more than 30 have already been allocated. To book yours, please contact 07715 467866 or email magpiec-cfcraft@outlook.com.

And last but not least, our popular Tea With a Pony afternoons will resume in April. These take place on Wednesday afternoons from $2.00 \, \text{pm} - 3.00 \, \text{pm}$ at the Magpie Centre and offer the opportunity for those living with health/mobility difficulties to meet, stroke and spend time with one of our friendly ponies; enjoy tea/coffee and cakes; chat to friends, and take time to relax in our new sensory garden, full of fragrant flowers, plants and water features.

Complete wheelchair access is available, and we welcome individuals, small groups or larger groups, up to a maximum of 30. Booking is essential, at £6.00 per person. To secure your place, visit our website: www.rda-westnorfolk.org, call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 or email magpiecentrewnrda@hotmail.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. We cover the Fenlands including South Lincs, North Cambs and West Norfolk.

Family history stories are surrounded by family beliefs and superstitions. I saw a magpie the other day and was reminded of the saying about them. One for sorrow, two for joy... goes the ditty about magpies. Many people salute when they appear alone, believing seeing a solitary magpie brings bad luck. Some even call to the beautiful bird "good morning, Mr Magpie. How's your lady wife" Bearing in mind these birds mate for life, it is understandable that a superstition might have sprung up around the sighting of a lonely one.

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS. Held at Wisbech Library 7 - 9 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month, non members welcome. On Thursday 22nd February our guest speaker will be Grenville GOODSON with a talk about The Littleport Riots. On Thursday 28th March it will be an opportunity for members to share their queries and finds. Plus a talk by one of our members. 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 session is in Wisbech Library on the **FIRST TUES-DAY** of each month from 10 - 12 noon. using all the wonderful research resources available in the library. Our second session is on the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month. from 11am - 2.30pm in the restaurant at Baytree Garden Centre in Hilgay near Downham Market. We offer help with family research to visitors to the garden centre.

Please note. We are willing to go to other venues if WiFi is available.

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

The Talks offered include -

'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.

'We're going down the pub' a "local" history talk about the many pubs in the area.

OUR EVENTS TEAM can create special displays, linking various themes to how we research. If you have an event, please make contact and we will be happy to create a special display to bring added interest to your event. For further information on any of the above please phone Bridget Hunter 01945 587723. bridget25hunter@btinternet.com



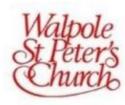
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In addition to the old tradition of creating quilts using patchwork. Our members help one another create some very beautiful items and intricate designs. We meet once a month on the second Saturday of the month.

For information about us please contact 0770 3322 826



Rector: Barbara Burton **Telephone:** 01945 781228

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Churchwardens: William Brooks – 01945 780609

David Galloway - 01945 780809

From the Church Window

By the time you receive this issue Easter will have passed. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and is the most important season in the Church year.

The timing of Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover festival. Sir Isaac Newton used the Hebrew lunar calendar and calculated that the resurrection is likely to have occurred on Sunday 5 April 33AD. Modern scholars believe that this date could be accurate, and yet our dates for the celebration of Easter vary according to the moon.

Officially, Easter Day falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the Spring equinox. But the precise calculations are very complicated and involve something called an "ecclesiastical full moon" which is not the same as the moon in the sky.

The earliest possible date for Easter in the UK is 22 March, which last happened in 1818 and will not happen again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

The name "Easter" comes from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. Eostre's sacred animal was a hare – hence the link with the Easter bunny. Easter eggs are a symbol of fertility and rebirth and can symbolise the empty tomb of Jesus.

Whatever the meanings or traditions associated with Easter, the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. Our greeting of "Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia" is a time-honoured proclamation on Easter Day.

I hope you enjoyed Easter and may the risen Christ be with you.

Rev. Barbara

<u>Church Opening</u> — 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.

<u>Website</u> — Our website can be found at — <u>www.walpolestpeterchurch.org</u>

<u>Spring Weekend Market & Fayre</u> — Our first event in 2024 will be on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April – 10am to 4pm. There will be entertainment on both days, tombola, the book tent, scrumptious food and drink and a wide range of market stalls in the church. The ever popular BBQ will be open from 11am – 2pm on both days. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Future dates for your diary

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

Christmas Market: Saturday 30th November – 11am to 4:30pm Please check our website or Facebook pages for details of all events and services.

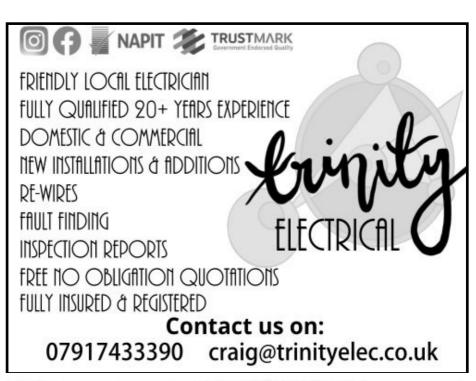
Church Services

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

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

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
7 th April	5th May
14 th April	12th May
21 st April	19th May
28 th April	26th May

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Our Drey meets on Friday 5.30pm - 6.30pm for more information please email 13thwalpolesquirrels@gmail.com



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

Due to Parish Hall rebuild the Cubs and Scouts will be meeting at The Curlew Centre, Memorial Park, Sutton Bridge, PE12 9SA.





Our Pack meets on Tuesday 6pm -7.30pm for more information, please email 13thwalpolescubs@gmail.com or contact Nick on 01945 780501



Our Troop meets on Tuesday 6pm -7.30pm for more Information please email gsl.13thkl@gmail.com or contact Nick on 01945 780501



Mobile Library Timetable

Stop	Village	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Depart</u>	Stop name	<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

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Visit dates: 19th April 2024: 17th May 2024

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 5222303.

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

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Bins and recycling collection dates

Collection calendar for April 2024

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

Collection calendar for May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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06	07	80	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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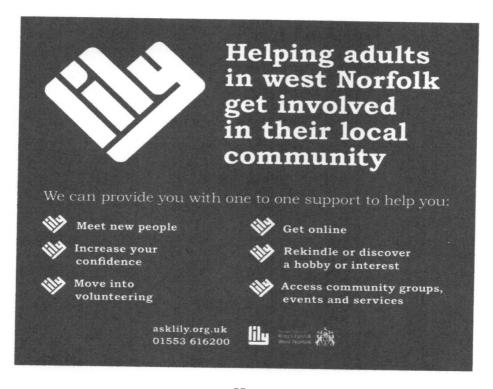
https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road/road-maintenance/potholes

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Alzheimer's Society - Fenland		01945 580 480
Alzheimer's Society – Norfolk		01553 762 227
Anglian Water		08457 145 145
		Book-
Booking clerk, Community Centre		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