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Walpole Parish Council news

The Walpoles Parish Council met in the Parish Hall on Thursday December 1st. The clerk was unable to attend as was the chairman consequently vice-chair Cllr Andrew Bliss conducted the meeting and took notes for the minutes.

There were 5 more councillors unable to attend and the Borough and County Councillors were also absent. Therefore with so many absent there were several items on the agenda that could not be discussed.

Councillors noted street lights that were not working on Chalk Road; Wisbech Road; and Frenchs Road. Also pot holes that need attention especially on Crannyfield Chase which is the boundary of the Parish and is often overlooked. It will be reported but Councillors should advise people to report these things to the Highways department by logging on to the website. Details are on the Parish Council website with links.

The allotment on Folgate Lane has been marked out into small plots and 6 people have confirmed their interest so far. They will pay a £25 deposit for putting up fences and sheds and this will be refunded when they vacate the site leaving it cleared of all structures and tidy as found.

Cllr Brooks was concerned about the work that is being carried out on Church Road to make a footpath in the front of the new buildings. There was no notice about the work starting and traffic lights have been installed and a 'grit' bin has been tipped over and emptied.

Mr Cotton chair of the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan reported that he had received a 92 page document from AECOM who will be preparing the plan, this is a generic template for Neighbourhood plans and has several misprints and things that are not relevant to this Parish. Cllrs have also received copies and they should read and comment as soon as possible to have the corrections made.

Mr Cotton stressed that the survey that is now live is for all Parishioners to have their say on everything concerning the Parish that they would like included in the Neighbourhood Plan. There are links on the Parish Council website and on the social media page but for those people who would prefer a hard copy they can contact the clerk – Caroline Boyden 07368861696 – and she will get a copy out to them. It must be done by the middle of January to be included. Mr Cotton attended the Christmas Fair in Walpole St Peters Church and said he had interest from at least 20 people about the plan.

Councillors heard they will all have .gov.uk emails allocated to them if they all agree and they all said if it is free then they are in favour.

Mr James Whitaker, who was once a Parish Councillor spoke at Public Participation on Planning. Mr Whitaker voiced his concerns about the numerous battery storage facilities that are planned all around the Parish. There are 6 already before the council but the public seems unaware of them. He is concerned that they are too close to the population they emit gasses and are a fire risk, once on fire they can only be extinguished by the use of chemicals. There is also the vast amount of grade 1 farm land that is being taken up by the solar panels and now the battery storage. He noted that there is a 4 million tonnes grain deficit this year so the need for land is a primary concern. Which he said proves that government departments are not talking to each other since one says more renewable energy has to be a priority but the agriculture department says there is a desperate need for farmers to grow more food.

Those around Walpole propose a 4 ½ metre screen fence but the battery plants are 6 ½ metres high; there will be light pollution; fire risk; significant increase in noise pollution; visual impact all around the Parish and expanding the sub-station will increase its risk as a strategic target should the country come under attack. Farmers are being offered exorbitant amounts of money as rent for these facilities but they are not aware that the time scale for payments is 40 years. The plans are being submitted individually as 100mw installations but there are so many that they should be put together and this would form a major planning application that would require more scrutiny.

The installation on Folgate Lane has already been started and there has been a new roadway put in, a previous application for a new roadway was refused because the lane is single carriageway but it is now going ahead. There has been no notifications about the vast increase of traffic and noise during the erection of these facilities. It was also pointed out that the stored energy would only be for commercial use and none would be available to the general public.

So far there are 6 objections on the planning portal but Mr Whitaker urged everyone to take a look and put their views. He is also looking for sites that are already in use and would like to take a party of interested people to view these sites and get first-hand knowledge of the noise and light levels also the visual impact.

Mr Whitaker also voiced his concerns that the Parish council do not communicate with parishioners who voice their concerns over planning matters of any kind. He has previously contacted the clerk about planning issues but has never had a reply or notice of the outcome, the clerk will be notified of his concerns.

Walpole Parish Council news

The Walpoles Parish Council met in the Parish hall on Thursday January 5th with Cllr Boston in the chair.

A member of the public during public participation voiced her concerns that a planning application has been submitted on her neighbour's garden but she had not been notified by the planning department and knew nothing until someone pointed it out to her. She is very concerned since it overlooks the whole of her garden where her children play and would completely overshadow her garden and those of the bungalows behind. She also pointed out that the planning notice is not displayed on the site but on a post opposite. A garden belonging to one of the Parish Councillors is also behind the site. Having said she doesn't understand why these houses are being allowed to be squeezed into unsuitable places, this gave Mr Paul Cotton the opportunity to jump in and advise her and everyone else in the Parish to fill in their Neighbourhood plan surveys. These can be accessed on line via the Parish Council website or a hard copy can be obtained from the clerk.

Other matters of public concern were the puddle that gathers in front of the bus shelter which if anyone were standing under the shelter they would be drenched by any vehicles driving through it, as it is impossible to avoid. Cllr Bliss had contacted the highways because the drain is blocked nearby and this was supposed to have been cleared but it obviously has not been done.

There have been several incidents of black bin rubbish being dumped at the Parish hall and on top of dog waste bins. Some have been found to contain fast food rubbish, but some are dag waste which it seems many people do not know this can be double bagged and put in the home black bins.

The amount of heavy lorries through the Parish, particularly on French's Road are causing concern. Cllr Green said these would mainly be bulk carrying lorries collecting and delivering to farms around the villages, he said it is only a short season and the residents should get used to it as the farmers cannot stop their business to accommodate everyone in the area. There are no alternative routes.

Cllr Bliss has asked local builder Mr Neal for a quote to build an extension to the brick wall from the alms houses along a short stretch of the Swingfield.

The clerk reported they had 4 tenants on the small allotments paid up but there are 10 plots marked out. If there is not take up in the Parish these can be offered to people outside the Parish. This is disappointing as there has been a lot of noise about the Parish not supplying small allotments for residents to grow their own vegetables.

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Cllr Eveleigh reported on the SAM (Speed Awareness Monitors) the one on Wisbech Road had one reading of 65mph in a 30mph area but on average the speed was 25.5mph. There are now 2 monitors in the parish which are being moved around each month.

Mr Cotton reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and was disappointed that only a few people had actually filled in the online survey. He asked how many Parish Councillors had filled it in and not one had, which is poor role model for the rest of the Parish since it is a Parish Council project. They all vowed to do it as soon as possible. They all agreed to an extension of the time it will be available since there had been so much going on over the Christmas Period, It will now be available until 26th of January. Mr Cotton has been 'door knocking' to encourage all his neighbours to fill in the survey and offering hard copies to those who do not have the internet. Councillors all said it is normal for the parish as there has always been a general apathy, no-one wants to get involved with anything. Mr Cotton pointed out it is no use complaining about what the planners and Councillors do to this Parish if the people can't be bothered to say what they do or don't want to see happen.

An application is in for a 3rd battery storage facility. It appears there are 3 different firms applying for the same site so there will be several acres covered by these storage units. It is rumoured there will be at least 8 applications around the Parish and Councillors were concerned about the safety of these batteries as there have been reports of fires in other areas and these are very close to the village. There are concerns that the landscaping is not high enough to obscure the units and the fencing is hideous, not enough is being done to safeguard residents. Cllr Brooks felt that the Walpoles are just becoming the dumping ground for all this renewable energy and its accompanying paraphernalia.

The clerk reported a healthy bank balance of just over £48,000 there is also money in 2 savings accounts which is earning interest. Recently there has been interest paid of £52 and £49. However Cllrs agreed to an increase of 10% on the annual precept as they didn't want "to be going backwards" in their finances.

Cllr Bliss also asked the clerk to add an item on the next agenda, there has been an increase in vehicular traffic on the footpath through the graveyard at Walpole St Andrew's Church. He would like to council to fund a bollard at each entrance to allow prams and disability buggies to pass but to prevent vehicles driving through.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Thursday February 1st at 7pm.



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Message from your Borough Councillors



Firstly, we would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Last Friday, we attended the inaugural meeting of the Walpole Squirrels Pack



in the Village Hall. Our congratulations go to Katie and Emma Brooks, for all their hard work and dedication they have given to establish this new opportunity for the young of our village.

2023 is set to be a memorable year with the Coronation of King Charles III. The borough council has created a fund to help communities in West Norfolk celebrate and commemorate this historic occasion.

Small grants of up to £200 are available for those who are hoping to organise Coronation related activities or events in their parish, for example: Street parties or community picnics; Commemorative benches or trees; Community orchards or wildflower gardens.

A consultation on the masterplan for the Southgates area suggests that overall, the public approved of the plan. More than 3/4 of respondents (77%) said they agreed with the vision set out in the masterplan, which proposed diverting traffic around the South Gate to enable it to reach its full potential as a heritage asset and improve the area for all who travel through it or live near it.

This is great news. We commissioned this masterplan as a means of using the wider Southgates area as a vehicle for driving economic growth in King's Lynn and improving access to the town, while protecting and enhancing important heritage assets. The comments we received were really helpful: many were really detailed and they provide the residents' perspective, which is crucial to the development of a plan that will succeed. To have the public's endorsement for the plan is an important step forward for this project and I thank everyone who took time to take part in the consultation.

Southgates has functioned as the southern entrance into King's Lynn since the 15th Century and is full of heritage assets that illustrate the town's historical significance, notably the South Gate itself.

The site is a strategic area for regeneration in the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council's Heritage Action Zone Programme, the King's Lynn Transport Strategy and the Town Investment Plan, all of which identify its potential to create an improved entrance and major economic asset for the town.

The proposals set out what future development at Southgates could try to achieve. They suggested opportunities for highways, heritage and urban design improvements that would sustain long-term economic activity and create an attractive and active gateway to King's Lynn.

81% of respondents agreed that the level of ambition proposed for the area was about right and 83% agreed with the proposal to divert traffic around the South Gate, with additional strong support for retaining the gate's use as a historic entrance by directing pedestrians and cyclists through it.

It is important that we know your concerns, thoughts, and ideas re how we can help our Ward to continue to be a special place to live.

We appreciate all the local support and if you think we can help do not hesitate to contact us.

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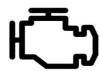
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We have recently presented the Well-Being Centre at QE with a variety of plastic plants. (real ones are no longer allowed in hospitals) and they do help to make the area less clinical. We also plan to support the Teenage Cancer Unit at Addenbrookes by donating money to the events co-ordinator, who arranges activities for the young people.

Tickets are now available at £5 each for the talk by David Reeve on 'Protecting our Royals' on24th March in our Parish Hall Please phone 01945 780468 for tickets or email me, mikeandwendyfoot@btinternet.com

And now for the winners of the December Draw.

1st 118 Philippa Nobbs 2nd 98 Jason Nichols 3rd 100 Roy Earle

4th 104 Kim Lawrence 5th 10 Jean Porter

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We are already straight back into work within the classrooms, and we are looking forward to seeing what the children accomplish this term!

We had a busy last few weeks end of term, I was so proud of all of our children performing in our Christmas Church service. I thought their singing, readings, poems and prayers were all very well thought through and excellently performed.

ACFA worked really hard last term and kindly donated a Christmas tree for the village church event and children made some decorations to hang on it. They organised for Steve Sausage (Entertainer) to come into the school and entertain the children. The children really enjoyed this especially when Steve asked a member of staff to perform with him! All of the children were sent home with a chocolate selection box at the end of term, which I'm sure was very much enjoyed!

Reception and Year One held their Christmas Nativity in the Hall, this year parents were invited back into school to watch rather than it being filmed. A Reception child did a solo performance which was very brave of her. All children sang their hearts out and put on an incredible show. Well done to all of the children who were involved in this – we know that it can be quite daunting for some of them.

Last term, some of the children took part in a cluster Cross Country event. We had some highly placed runners from our school, so very well done to those that took part. This term, children are going to be taking part in some cluster football matches and cross country at Emneth Academy, as well as some Hockey and Rugby at the Wisbech Grammar School. Good luck to all of our children who try so hard in these events.

We have our Multicultural School Lunch week again this term, with dishes from Spain, Mexico, France, Thailand and USA for children to try if they want to. This week was very popular last year, with some very positive feedback from the children – let's hope they enjoy some different meals again this year!

You may see some of our children out on their bikes in the Community this month working towards their Bikeability training course. Please take extra care should you see them.

On a final note, we have concerns that on number of occasions there has been dog poo left on the path near the playground school gate, which is obviously not very nice for parents or children. We are hoping that this does not continue as the children have displayed a poster on the gate now to show how strongly they feel about it. If you are walking your dog in the community, please make sure that you pick up any mess that your dog leaves.

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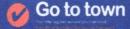
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NEWS FROM THE WALPOLE GARDENERS CLUB

Meetings Programme 2023

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9 March	Gardening in the Shade – Jim Paine
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

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

Happy New Year to you all. Our December AGM was very well attended and thanks to all who supported the craft sales tables. Our 2023 meetings programme is taking shape with the first 6 months fully booked. We look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.



NEWS FROM THE MAGPIE CENTRE

WINTER SETS IN AT MAGPIE CENTRE

As we go to press, the winter looks to be setting in, and with it, increased costs for keeping the horses and ponies at the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, based at Wallington Hall.

All our 14 horses and ponies live out, which means that they are in their paddocks 24/7, except when they are working, but they are well rugged, and all have access to field shelters, hay and water at all times.

Horse need a lot of forage (hay), in winter, because a) they need the calories, b) the act of chewing keeps them warm, and c) horses/ponies are 'trickle feeders', which means that they need to have forage going through their gut on a regular basis.

This is where YOU come in!

We currently have an appeal for folks to donate – no matter how much or how little - to help feed our loyal horses and ponies throughout the winter

Please might you be able to help us by visiting:www.gofundme.com/f/winter-feed-for-the-magpie-centre-rda-horses

At the same time, we are hugely grateful to Metcalfe, Copeman and Pettifar (MCP) Solicitors, Kings Lynn, for their generous donation of £600 for staff clothing, to help our loyal staff through the winter.

Although the horses live out, they need to be attended to every day, to check their welfare, hay levels, water supply and to have their paddocks maintained. Therefore, the staff need good winter clothing. We are so grateful to MCP Solicitors for supplying this.

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Walpole Community Centre Adults session Wednesdays evening 7-8.30pm.

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Contact Annette Finch 01945 780400

Walpole Good Companions over 50s Club at St Peter's Parish Hall

Every 1st Thursday of the month 2 - 4pm We enjoy outings, speakers, quizzes & afternoon teas.

Guest & New Members are always welcome Please Contact Kay Argent 01945 780533 Julia McFetridge 01945 780072

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 01945 780409

Walpole Youth FC

Secretary: Andrew Mitchell 07540 778379.

We provide coaching for children of all ages and abilities with the club recently being awarded FA Charter Standard status - a great achievement for a club of our size. Our FA qualified coaches are always on the look out for players of all abilities to form new teams, particularly those currently in school years 1 and 2.

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1 carrot, grated
1 egg, beaten
1 garlic clove, crushed or finely grated

- 50g breadcrumbs
- 2 tsp dried mixed herbs
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- Veg and mash, to serve (optional)

Method

STEP 1

Mix all the ingredients, except the oil, together into a large bowl with 2 tsp each salt and pepper. Use your hands to make sure everything is well combined. Shape the mince mixture into 14-16 balls, then flatten into small burger-like patties and chill for 15 mins, if you have time (this helps the patties hold their shape).

STEP 2

Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium-low heat and, once hot, fry the rissoles for 3-4 mins, then flip and fry for 3-4 mins more until cooked through. (You may need to do this in batches.) Serve with favourite veg and mash, if you like.



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INTERESTING INFORMATION

Newspaper reports are often a great source for family historians. In the past funerals were reported in great detail giving names and the relationships of those attending. I was delighted to find this report, it was the funeral of my 19 years old uncle Mr Kenneth Smith, who was killed whilst motor cycling on 11th May 1929. The immediate mourners were Mr. and Mrs.M.K.Smith (father and mother), Mr. K. Smith (brother), Miss K. Smith (sister), Mrs. Spence, Miss A Saggers, Mrs Dearman and Mrs Jackson (aunts), Mr D. Smith (uncle), Mr. B. Dearman, Mr.S Jackson, and Miss Spence (cousins). There were 42 floral tokens including wreaths.

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.

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Email: barbaraburton@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: William Brooks - 01945 780609

David Galloway - 01945 780809

Website: www.walpolestpeterchurch.org

From the Church Window – February/March 2023

After the rush of Christmas we sped into the New Year celebrations. I didn't make any New Year resolutions initially and then something caught my eye and very quickly I changed my mind. I walked into one of the King's Lynn supermarkets and there, in a very prominent place for all to see were lots of crème eggs; Easter was on the shelf already! And from all accounts they were on the shelf immediately after Christmas. I made a resolution there and then not to even think about Easter until the season of Lent begins on 22nd February.

It seems to me that businesses these days lurch us forward from one festival to the next in the name of money without giving us time to enjoy each one separately and with time to relax in between. Everybody needs time for a break from work, daily chores and the speed of everyday life even though at times this seems impossible.

We need to make time to pause, reflect and be thankful for what we have and not be led panicking into the next round of commercial humdrum of buying, preparing and wanting things we don't really need. Summer holiday companies are flaunting their offers on TV and then it will be back to school uniforms and equipment and then – whoosh! - Christmas advertising will be upon us in September again. "Where did this year go?" you hear people exclaim... well that's where, whizzing past us at the speed of light every time you turn on the TV or venture inside a shop.

Why don't you join me in a resolution? Take just 5 minutes every day, morning, evening, whenever you like but stop, think about how you have been blessed that day, don't think about tomorrow or next week and thank God for the day you have had. Remember what the poet William Henry Davies said - What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?

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

Christmas Market – What a wonderful day! The church was packed with stalls and visitors and so many stayed to sing carols and light the Christmas tree. Thank you to everyone who either had a stall, helped in setting everything up or came to visit.

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.

Raffle & Tombola

We are now starting to gather prizes for our 2023 events. So 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 **w**ill help us raise funds to keep the church open to all.

<u>Jigsaws</u>

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

Church Services

Sunday Services are at 11am (unless otherwise shown)

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
5th February	5th March
12th February	12th March
19th February	19th March (Mother's Day)
26th February	26th March

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.



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
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February 2023 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well.

I am pleased to announce I have ring fenced £4000 from my Norfolk County Councillor Members Grant for a Trod / Pavement on River Road / Church End in West Walton. It's hoped this Project will be completed in 2023.

The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk community grant scheme is still available, please apply via the following link: Please apply ASAP as the current Scheme ends in March 2023. https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants/913/councillor community grant scheme.

Back in December I held had a meeting with the Local Highways team in King's Lynn, I pinpointed a number of highway issues, which I consider need attention, notes were taken, I can only hope we see action.

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.

Kind regards,

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

02/02 Walpole Parish Council as your Borough & County Councillor.

09/02 Tilney All saints Parish Council as your County Councillor.

14/02 West Walton Parish Council as your Borough and County Councillor.

15/02 Terrington St Clement Parish Council as your County Councillor.

16/02 Board Meeting of the King's Lynn Conservancy Board via Zoom, as your County Councillor.

21/02 Full Council, County Hall, Norwich as your County Councillor.

21/02 Environment & Community Panel, Town Hall, King's Lynn as your Borough Councillor.

21/02 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council, as your County Councillor.

23/02 Full Council, Town Hall, King's Lynn, as your Borough Councillor.

26/02 West Walton Litter Pick as your Borough and County Councillor.

27/02 Corporate Performance Panel, Town Hall, King's Lynn as your Borough Councillor.

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Rebuild

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Update

Our hall continues to be very busy. To start the new year we welcome the Karate club and the newly formed Squirrels who are part of the Scouting group.

Our Christmas TROPHY events at St Peters and St Andrews church, and our table in the hall, raised a total of £330. Kate and her team also had a very successful Christmas bingo which raised another £383 so a big thank you to everyone who gave their time so generously at all of these events. Our 100+club is just starting its second year so thank you to all supporters and good luck in 2023!

Please don't forget that our Just Giving page, Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile are still available should you wish to do your part in helping to rebuild your village hall. Using Amazon Smile and Easy fundraising when shopping online will not cost you a penny but will help our cause. Links to these are on our Facebook page.

Grant applications are still progressing. We currently have three grants in progress awaiting decisions and have successfully reached the second stage of our Lottery application. Our rebuild fund now stands at £126,337.

Our fundraising bingos continue on the last Thursday of each month, and we hope to organise another bacon breakfast morning combined with an exhibition of village archives in the near future. Keep an eye on the notice boards and Facebook for further details!

Gill Henderson

email gillhenderson56@btinternet.com

WALPOLE OIL CONSORTIUM

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

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



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



Our Cub Pack meets on Tuesday at 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Contact Nick on 01945 780501



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. Pease come along and introduce yourself to the leader.

Squirrels

4-6 Year Olds

The Drey meets on Fridays 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

Stop	<u>Village</u>	Arrival	<u>Depart</u>	Stop name	<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 46	Village Sign Layby	PE14 7QA

2023 Mobile Library Visit dates

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• 24 February 23

24 March 23

21 April 23

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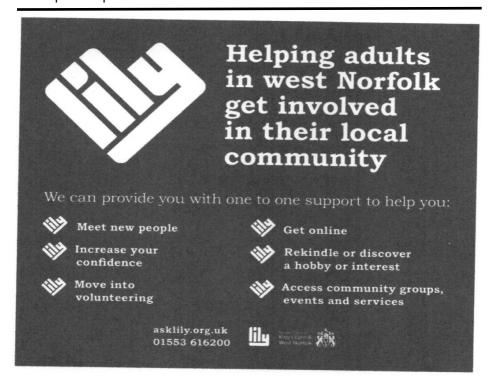
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28					

Collection calendar for March 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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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		

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Alzheimer's Society - Norfolk		01553 762 227
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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
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