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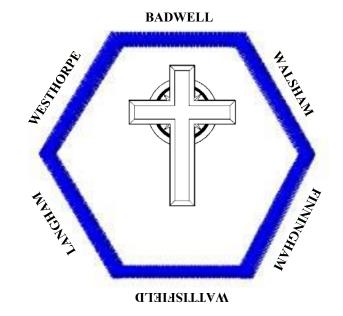
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LEISURE

What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
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And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare

The above poem, entitled 'Leisure,' and familiar to many, was written well over a 100 years ago by the Welsh poet and writer William Henry Davies, who died just over 60 years ago this September. Much of his life was spent as a tramp in both the United Kingdom and America. A popular poet of his generation, whose themes largely included observations on life's hardships, the ways the human condition is reflected in nature, his tramping adventures and the characters he met.

These words from the poem 'Leisure,' reflect upon the need to 'stand and stare.' And yet, despite the massive shifts in technology and culture we still cheat ourselves of time to 'stop and stare.' I can imagine the poet, whilst putting the words of the poem together, dreaming of a future time when technology might transform our living, slowing us down offering more leisure, more opportunities to reflect on what it is to be a human or **just to be**.



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Confounding that dream, technology has done the opposite. It has filled our activities even more. We might stop and stare, but we stare at the TV, our laptops, our tablets and our mobile phones. There never seems to be time offered to just be at peace, quiet, just thinking; in this busy culture of the 21st century.

Jesus Himself took time to stop and stare, and taught His disciples likewise. And although our lives are busy, frenetic and always on the go, I wonder whether God really created us to endure the constant tsunami of information, technology and communication which is our daily living.

God offered us Sabbath time, not necessarily Sunday, when we can contemplate and if we so wish, pray deeply about things. For Christians that means reflecting to make space for God as we stop and stare.

Our Benefice churches, quiet and peaceful, offer a space in which to reflect, even if prayer is not offered, but we can at least grasp the opportunity to stop and stare, after all, as the poet says;

A poor life this if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

> Philip Benefice Priest







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11/6/22 Westhorpe

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12/6/22 Wattisfield

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18/6/22 Finningham

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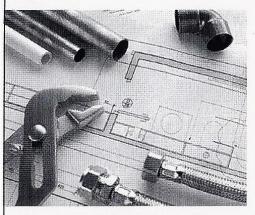
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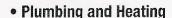
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Walsham le Willows Open Gardens: an urgent call to helpers and bakers!

After a two-year break Walsham Open Gardens is back, this year celebrating its 40th Anniversary. On Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August Walsham will once again welcome visitors to the village. As the event fast approaches, I am as usual asking for help over the weekend and for all our wonderful bakers to put on their pinnies and get baking.

Sadly, this year the Priory Room will not be in the very capable hands of the WI, who after many years of supporting the event no longer feel they have the capacity within their organisation to fully staff the Priory Room over the weekend. The Open Gardens Trust would like to thank them for all their hard work and support over many years and we are very pleased that some members will continue to help over the weekend. Refreshments will continue to be served in the MVH and Priory Room as usual, but as you can see, this year we will need your help more than ever if we are to run the event successfully across the two venues

We desperately need people to come forward to help. Rota sessions are for two hours but we welcome whatever time you are able to give. However, if you can't help on the Sunday or Monday then maybe you could come along and help set up the MVH or Priory Room on the Saturday or give a hand clearing up on Monday evening, when we are all exhausted! There's always lots to do and all offers of help are much appreciated.

As usual we will need a huge amount of tempting cakes to feed our hungry visitors. Every year I am astounded by the sheer amount of cakes our visitors eat, which is a real tribute to your baking skills.

If you are new to the village or area or have not helped before, please get involved this year by helping for an hour or two or baking a cake. We work hard but have fun as well and it's a good place to make new friends. If you would like to help at the same time as a friend, we can arrange this too! This is a tremendous event when the whole village pulls together, so come and be part of it.

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tradition. So, if you are over 12 years old and would like to help then please let me know.

Cakes can be brought to the Memorial Hall or Priory Room on the Saturday up until 2pm or on the Sunday or Monday morning from 8am. For those of you who are going to be away for the Open Gardens Weekend but would like to bake in advance, we have facilities for freezing cakes. Please let me know.

If you are baking a cake for the event, we would be very grateful if you could label it clearly saying what it is, for example: Carrot Cake or Date and Walnut Loaf, so that we know what cakes we are offering to our visitors. We also offer gluten free items on our menu, so if you are someone who is gluten intolerant and bake for yourself, maybe you would like to consider baking something for us as well.

The Open Gardens Trust is a charity, who uses its funds to support village organisations, St Mary's Church and to improve our village environment for everyone's enjoyment. (Four Ashes Triangle, the daffodils, the Christmas Tree). It is the village's largest event, so please help to make it a success. We can't do this without all of you to support us.

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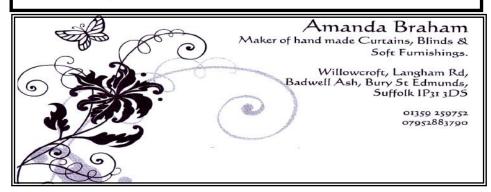


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The speaker at our June meeting was familiar to a number of members who attend her exercise classes but on this occasion, she was adopting a different role altogether. Lesley Williams was to describe her sixty years as a nurse which has taken her abroad teaching in France, Tanzania and the Seychelles. Lesley did not dwell too much on these exotic sounding roles but described just what a Parish Nurse is called on to do now in the aftermath of Covid. The distinction between A Practice Nurse and a Parish Nurse was outlined. As a Parish Nurse Lesley works linked to the parish of Christ Church, Moreton Hall rather than to a local GP practice. The care offered addresses the whole person covering emotional health and physical needs. Lesley provides explanations and advice on all kinds of health matters. This ranges from advice on falls prevention for the elderly to helping those who are grieving. She can be contacted two days a week at Christ Church and undertakes home visits where necessary. All this a service we had known little about but we could see Lesley could indeed be an approachable and knowledgeable friend in time of need.... After this somewhat sombre catalogue of the trials of modern life members threw themselves into Maggie's crazy pass the parcel game amid much laughter. The only skill required was the ability to tell right from left! This proved difficult in certain cases!

Jill Newell

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

August 10 Netball Taster Walsham le Willows Sports Club 6.30pm

September 14 Talk on Australia Graham Jenner Priory Rooms 7.45pm

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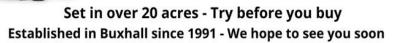


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SUMMER ON THE ALLOTMENT 2022



We have had no decent rains for what feels like months now - it has been a funny growing year with a cold start to spring and the last frost at the end of May touching potatoes and runner beans planted out. Most seem to have come through this though and are potatoes seem to be growing well. But the lack of rain is affecting other crops now and our heavy clay soil makes it hard to cultivate unless there has been some rain.

Many plot holders have put on large water storage tanks in the hope of storing rain water – the most sustainable way of watering at the allotments or at home – but they remain empty if there is no rain. Hopefully they will fill up over the winter. We are metered at the allotments so this year is going to be an expensive year.



I had an excellent strawberry harvest where I covered them well; one patch showed so much promise but were eaten by something who managed to get through a not good enough cover. Summer raspberries and currants are fruiting well now.

I have a melon about the size of a tennis ball in the polytunnel – yet cucumbers refusing to grow much... I have cucamelons that re looking happy. I have tried growing chickpeas this year – fascinating to see but not a huge harvest – think a field grown approach is needed to feed a family.

French beans are loving the heat and cropping well – there is still time to sow another crop that should be ready end of September if the summer is good. I have planted out spare tomato plants too and trying chillies outside for the first time

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There is still time to sow a late crop of beetroot, kale, carrots but with the soil being so dry I am not sure I will bother. I am instead dreaming of autumn cooler days and re planting my fruit garden – which I feel gives so much back for minimal effort.

We are in search of manure for the allotments for autumn soil preparation – you can see which allotments have had manure last autumn as the growth of their crops is huge – the manure helps the soil hold on to moisture as well as providing nutrients. But manure is in short supply locally so we are seeking contacts with local farms to secure a load.

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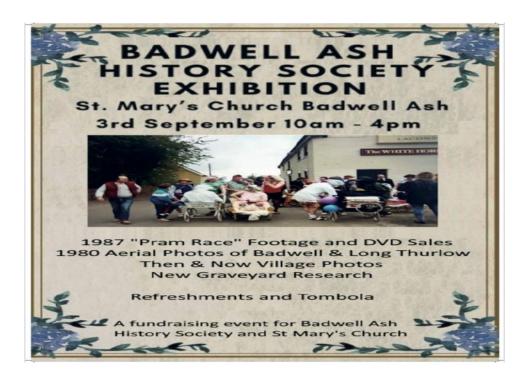


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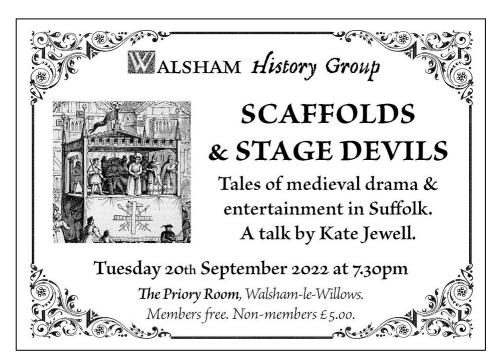
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Sunday 7th

Genesis 15: 1-6 Jeremiah 23: 23-29

Psalm 33: 12-end

Hebrews 11: 1-3. 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 21st

Isaiah 58: 9-end

Psalm 103: 1-8

Sunday 28th

Sunday 25th

Luke 12: 49-56

Sunday 14th

Hebrews 11: 29-12:2

Psalm 82

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Hebrews 12: 18-end

Luke 13: 10-17 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Readings for September

Sunday 4th Sunday 11th

Deuteronomy 30: 15-end Exodus 32: 7-14 Psalm 1 Psalm 51: 1-11 Philemon 1-21 I Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33 Luke 15: 1-10

Sunday 18th

Amos 8: 4-7 Amos 6: 1, 4-7 Psalm 113 Psalm 146

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- 2. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- 3. If a pig loses it voice, is it disgruntled?
- 4. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- 5. Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
- 6. If FedEx and UPS were to merge, would they call if Fed UP?
- 7. If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- 8. No one ever says, "it's only a game" when their team is winning.

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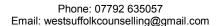
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Slice the brioche loaf into 6 thick slices and butter both sides.

Lay the slices in a 20cm x20cm ovenproof dish and generously spread with the apricot jam.

Drain the apricots (reserving come of the juice) and lay cut-side down onto the brioche.

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