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Magazine of Walpole Parish Council



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WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present 9 Parish councillors, Parish Clerk, County Councillor and 4 members of the public.

Welcome from the Vice Chairman

Public Participation - None

Matters Arising:

National Grid update - it was agreed that Cllr Blunt invite James Wild MP to a public meeting at Walpole.

To receive reports:

Councillors Reports: Cllr Eveleigh advised that the new 20mph sign at the school was now in place.

Cllr Eveleigh was thanked for his work with the contractors using the incorrect route, mainly Newells. After speaking to the site foreman, all drivers should now be issued with the correct routes.

County and Borough Councillors Reports:

Cllr Blunt - Cllr Blunt advised that the Borough Council report for the Devolution is delayed, and the report is awaited.

The CIL funding process is to be changed with a more strategic approach rather than community. Cllr Blunt has heard that the elections next year maybe cancelled.

Cllr Kirk - Advised that nothing had been heard regarding the cancelling of elections next year. The elections for the new mayor will be taking place next year and rumours that they will be based in Ipswich. Cllr Kirk has the community grant of £5k to support local events etc., and requests over £500 have to be crowd fund matched. Members fund is available.

Clerk Report: August has been a very busy month. All our policies/procedures have been checked and updated to ensure we are compliant and are on the website.

The AGAR had been approved by the external auditor.

I have attended training on the forthcoming Assertion 10 which will bring additional work and all councillors must have .gov.uk emails.

Village Crier: The Crier is now in profit which is great news.

Play area - Cllr Luck advised that the areas are in good condition and the new signage is awaited.

Speed Reports: Cllr Eveleigh advised:

Cherry Tree Lane incoming - with top speed of 60 mph.

West Drove North outgoing - with a top speed of 105 mph.

Details on the website.

Communications/Correspondance:

Anti-social behaviour at the Community Centre car park - Cllr Bliss advised that a vehicle was stopped after making “doughnuts” on the car park and this has been reported to the police. The car park was cleaned up by the Cruisers.

A request for a dog bin on the entrances to Dunces land has been received and it was agreed that the clerk ask the clean-up team at Borough for permission at that location.

2026 Meeting dates agreed and are on the website.

Planning - to consider Planning Applications

24/01275/FM

Construction of a battery storage energy system and ancilliary development at Land E548887 N317051 NE of White House Farm, Frenches Road Walpole St Andrew Norfolk. Majority vote agreed to object on the grounds that the emergency access road / Second Exit Roadway - existing roadways are not blended into the new access road. Why it's not going over the dyke and then onto the French's Road?

25/01114/FM

Variation of Conditions 2,6 and 7 and Remove Condition 8 of Planning Permission 24/00927/f: Variation of Condition 2 attached to Planning Permission 23/02080.F:

VARIATION OF CONDITION 3 OF PLANNING CONSENT **21/01442/FM** . - Installation of a solar farm and battery storage facility with associated infrastructure. At Land At East Marsh S of Gunthorpe Road W of Flowers Farm and French's road The Marsh Walpole St Andrew Norfolk. Majority vote agreed to support this as the proposal of the passing places along East Bank Road will help the situation and or concerns along the road. We also acknowledge the points made by Lincolnshire County Council.

Finance

The approve payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for August were approved with funds to 31.8.25 of £24,557.64,197.01 with £11,229.74 in the Solar fund. The payments (to date) for September were approved.

Public participation: None

Next Meetings: 2nd October / 6th November / 4th December from 7.00pm at the Parish Hall.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN AS DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 2025 MEETING

Note - the complete draft minutes of this meeting are available on the website

<https://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk>

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

2026 MEETING DATES

8TH OF JANUARY

5th OF FEBRUARY

5th OF MARCH

2nd OF APRIL

7th OF MAY – Annual Parish Council and Parish Mtgs.

4th OF JUNE

2nd OF JULY

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

3rd OF SEPTEMBER

1st OF OCTOBER

5th OF NOVEMBER

3rd OF DECEMBER

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- Norfolk County Council Trading Standards. Sign up to business or consumer scam alerts at **www.norfolk.gov.uk/scams**.

Cllr Julian Kirk

*Cllr Julian Kirk. Reform UK
Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk,
Borough Councillor for the Walsoken, West Walton & Walpole
Ward.*

*Norfolk County Councillor for the Marshland North Division. [facebook.com/cllrkirk](https://www.facebook.com/cllrkirk)
twitter.com/JulianKirk18*

Dear Constituents,

To recap on what I have been up to during August, I have attended all the parish council meetings I was scheduled to.

I have had a Leader's meeting in County Hall, Norwich.

I have attended a Planning Committee Meeting and a Full Council Meeting in King's Lynn Town Hall and a private meeting with a disability group in County Hall, Norwich.

I have attended Leaders and CEO meetings in the King's Court, King's Lynn and via Microsoft Teams.

On the 1st of August I was honoured to be invited to the grand opening of the New Walpole St Peters Parish Hall, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1092937404646985> The fundraising committee have work for many years on this project and credit to all of them, it is a wonderful achievement.

On the 14th I joined colleagues from the Walpole Gardeners club for a BBQ in Walpole St Peters Parish Hall celebrating the clubs 25th Birthday.

On the 16th I joined constituents in West Walton Village Hall <https://www.facebook.com/westwaltonvillagehall> for the V J 80 commemoration Tea, the Hall was full to the gunwales, with sufficient food to feed an army, well done the village hall committee for yet another wonderful event.

On the 30th I attended the Walpole Gardeners Club annual produce Show in Walpole Parish Hall and was greeted by a wonderful display of Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers and home-made Cakes and Bread. Considering the difficult growing conditions this year due to the drought, the quantity and quality were remarkable, Congratulations to all the prize winners. Whilst there I purchased some home-made refreshments from the kitchen, wonderful!

On the 31st I helped with the West Walton Litter Pick <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066462081997>

I have ringfenced £2000.00 from my Norfolk County Council Local Members Fund (LMF) to help towards the cost of Drainage inspection work, including cameras, to try and alleviate the occasional flooding problems in parts of Tilley All Saints. I hope this work will be conducted before the winter.

I have been active with the Brush Cutter cutting grass around Bus stops and dangerous corners.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/70197/Norfolk-Community-Fund> is a new grant available to local constituents. Please visit the link, it would be an honour to help you and your projects.

My https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants/913/councillor_community_grant_scheme is now available, please apply using this link.

My offer of help collecting shopping and prescriptions for constituents who are housebound continues, please contact me if you require help.

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

To report a Highways issue <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem>

Kind regards,

Julian.



Meetings I am due to attend during October: Subject to Change. I am expecting to attend three Trafalgar Day Dinners, one in King's Lynn, one in Surrey and one in Portsmouth .

00/00 Walsoken Parish Council Meeting

<https://www.walsokenpc.info/>

02/10 Walpole Parish Council Meeting

<https://www.walpolepc.info>

02/10 Full Council Meeting, King's Lynn Town Hall

14/10 West Walton Parish Council Meeting

<https://westwaltonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

00/00 Walpole Highway Parish Council Meeting

<https://walpolehighway-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

09/10 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting

<https://tilneyallsaintspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

15/10 Corporate Performance Panel Meeting, King's Lynn Town Hall

00/00 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting

<https://walpolecrosskeyspc.info/>

15/10 Terrington St Clement Parish Council Meeting

<https://terrington-st-clementpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

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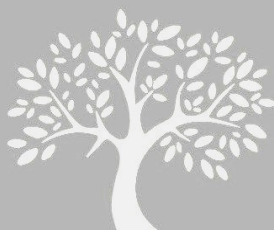


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There are no scheduled deliveries during December but if you run very low or out of oil, please contact one of the above numbers so that we can arrange a delivery as soon as possible.

Walpole Gardeners Club

On Saturday 30th August the Walpole Gardeners Club held their 23rd Annual Flower and Produce Show, an annual event we are proud to host and for the first time in the New Walpole St. Peter Parish Hall. Usual categories of Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Photography and Floral Arrangements adorned the tables in the hall. The ever-popular Kitchen and Bakery Section this year delighted us with cakes made with vegetables, various recipes for Coffee and Walnut Cake, bread rolls, scones and cupcakes to name a few! Photographic categories were a flower or wildlife.

Club members were all given one bucket and one potato earlier in the year and with the aim to grow as many potatoes as we can from it and the grand weigh-in took place with the heaviest crop being 2.58kg. The Craft Cup award went to the Club's late Secretary Jill Harrington whose potato was planted before her very sad passing earlier this year. Jill had been a wonderful and dedicated Secretary to the Club for many years, and her husband is delighted to receive the Cup on her behalf.



Our Chairwoman, Gillian Gosling had pleasure in awarding Sylvia Swann the Ladorum Cup this year for achieving the most wins and points. Other cups awarded were The Greenwood Cup, William Swann - Vegetables, Andrews Post Office Cup, Diane Goodrum - Fruit, Baytree Nursery Cup, Gillian Gosling - Flowers, Glenville Nursery Cup, Gillian Gosling - Patio Pot, Arthur Markillie Cup, Sylvia Swann - Kitchen/Bakery, Dora Bowers Cup, Sylvia Swan - Flower Arrangement, Wildlife Photography Cup, Gilbert Webber, Flower Photography Cup, Tracey Fleming and the Speciality Cup was awarded to Linda Frost for her continued support and contribution to the Gardeners Club Committee.

Our Tombola drew in the people from the village, and it was lovely to see Councilor's William Brooks, Julian Kirk and Richard Blunt who joined us for refreshments and the prize giving.

The show is open to all the villages and as soon as we have set the date for next year, we hope you will add this to your calendar and join us or better still become a visitor or member of the Gardeners Club. We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. £15 annual membership of £3 per person on the night. Do come and join us. Our October meeting will have a talk by Janette Merillion titled Tints of Autumn; November we have a wreath making demonstration and December our AGM and Christmas party. We try to have two trips out per year and a varied range of Speakers throughout.

Hope to see you there.
Tracey Fleming

FUTURE EVENTS

9th October	Janette Merillion	Tints of Autumn
13th November	Ann Scott	Wreath Making Demo
11th December		AGM & Christmas Party
12th February	Nick Swann	Woodturning
12th March	Nicholas Walls, Vine Hall Farm	Farming & Wildlife
9th April		Quiz Night
14th May	Susan Farmer	Fenland Family History
11th June	Liz Wright	How Good is the Good Life

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Richard Blunt**



After our summer break, the nights are starting to draw in, the children back at school, it's time to write my update to you on what been happening at the Borough Council over the last few months.

I have dedicated this update of the Proposal for the future of Local Government which has recently been published. Working together as the Future Norfolk (www.futurenorfolk.com) six district councils including West Norfolk have published a shared, strong proposal for the future of Local Government in the county, informed by what matters most to our communities.

Our final submission for three unitary councils ensures clear local accountability and more responsive services tailored to local areas, while remaining large enough to operate efficiently across all services. The report will now be discussed by Full Council's at all six authorities.

The following statement was released by the Leader of the Borough Council Alistair Beales.

"I am very pleased to tell you that the six Norfolk districts working together on Local Government Reorganisation have just published our proposed final submission, setting out our robust business case for three unitary councils. You can read about the proposal on our Future Norfolk website. This milestone represents a huge amount of detailed development work involving Council Leaders, CEOs and project teams at all six authorities, together with extensive community engagement over the summer.

Our shared vision

The Government wants to see the creation of new unitary authorities in Norfolk and Suffolk from 2028. Whilst we didn't ask for this reorganisation, and many believe the status quo works very well, reorganisation should be seen as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver positive reform, renewal and innovation in how we best serve our communities into the future and to create the best path to inclusive growth and prosperity for local residents and businesses. As you know, our shared vision is for three unitaries serving three distinct geographies and communities across the 2,074 square miles of our large and diverse county: a predominantly rural authority here in the West, a predominantly rural and coastal authority in the East, and a city authority centred on a greater Norwich.

Our final submission sets out a clear, strong business case for why three unitary councils (as opposed to just one or two) will best serve the people of Norfolk, putting local people,

Three unitaries will mean local decisions can be made by local leaders and representatives who understand their communities, services can be shaped by and tailored to the strengths and needs of each area, while councils are large enough to work efficiently in delivering people's priorities across all council services, making the most of opportunities for Norfolk to thrive.

Indeed, from our recent "Future Norfolk" public survey, completed by nearly 5,000 people, including more than 1,300 across West Norfolk and Breckland, we know these are very important considerations for our people – local accountability, service responsiveness and efficiency. The proposed new West authority brings together, geographically speaking, the areas currently served by the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, Breckland District Council and a small part of South Norfolk. A new Town Council for King's Lynn will address the current democratic deficit and provide direct, place-based representation.

It is important to recognise that reorganisation is not a merger of districts and county, nor a takeover of any authority by another, it is the creation of a brand-new single-tier authorities, responsible for both district and county council services. Financial resilience is a key focus of our proposal, and the detailed financial projections and plan show the long-term viability of all three councils. The new West Norfolk unitary is projected to enter reorganisation with a structural surplus, providing a strong foundation for future sustainability and service delivery.

Next steps

As you know, our proposal is made jointly by six district councils, Breckland, Broadland, Great Yarmouth, North Norfolk, Norwich and ourselves. That means that no fewer than 269 district and city councillors will have the opportunity to scrutinise, debate and vote on our proposal before we submit to Government on 26 September. The Government will then launch a public consultation in November on all proposals it has received.

The report will then make its way through the following meetings:

- Joint Panel – 15th September
- Cabinet – 16th September
- Full Council – 18th September

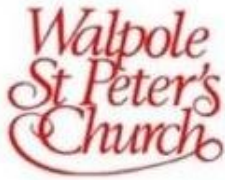
Local Government Reorganisation is a significant moment for Norfolk. We have chosen to meet it with ambition and unity, guided by evidence and shaped by the views of residents, businesses and partners across the county. Publication of this document is a significant milestone in our continuing journey of reorganisation. I look forward to informed discussions with you all over the coming weeks."

It is important that I know your concerns, thoughts, and ideas on how I can help our Ward to continue to be a special place to live. I appreciate all the local support and if you think I can help do not hesitate to contact me.

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From the Church Window – October/November

St Luke's Day falls on 18th October 2025. St Luke is the patron saint of doctors, artists and writers, and St Luke's Day is observed by various organisations and communities, especially those involved in healthcare.

St Luke was a physician who became one of the earliest Christian missionaries. His writings in the Bible are said to be based on eye-witness accounts, and have themes of mercy, healing and the importance of compassion. He strongly emphasised Jesus' concern for the poor, women, sinners and social outcasts. All this can be summed up in one word – 'empathy'.

Unfortunately, there seems to be a decline in compassion and empathy in modern society, as people become more socially isolated, with a focus on individual success over our collective well-being. The rise of social media and online communication has led to less face-to-face interaction and a weakening of community bonds. This would have appalled St Luke, who believed so much in the importance of us caring for each other.

We are growing a society full of disrespect, alienation and loneliness. Each of us can play our part in reversing the trend. Get involved in the community. Talk to each other. Get to know your neighbours. Be gentle and caring of other people. If we all try to do just a little each day it would make our world a much nicer place to live in – much more like the world St Luke would have known 2,000 years ago.

Rev. Barbara

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Christmas Market

Our ever popular Christmas Market is on 29th November, 11am – 4:30pm. Great market stalls, tasty refreshments, and carol singing and lighting the Christmas tree at 4pm.

Dates for your Diary - 2025

All our events are published on our Facebook page, the website and on posters on the church noticeboard.

- Harvest Service - Sunday 5th October
- Remembrance Day Service - Sunday 9th November - 10.45 at the War Memorial
- Christmas Market - Saturday 29th November

Website

Our website can be found at – www.walpolestpeterchurch.org

Church Opening

The church is open daily for visitors and private prayer from 10am – 4pm. If there is a 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): 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 10am at Walpole St Peter with the congregations from Clenchwarton and West Walton. A Wednesday service is held every week at 10 am - except January and February and in the week after Easter and Christmas.

<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
5th October (Harvest)	2nd November
12th October	9th November - (Remembrance Day 10.45 am)
19th October	16th November
26th October	23rd November
	30th November - 10am joint service

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall

At long last we have finished the rebuild of Walpole Parish Hall and we finally opened our doors on July 5th. It's been a long time coming but looks like it will be even more popular than we hoped.

A little bit of our history.....

The parish hall began life as a barn, given to the village by the Rev Staveley who was the then rector of Walpole St Peter, and who owned Dovecote Farm which included the lovely house opposite the church.

The barn was originally given to the parish in 1924 for a Gentleman's Club to be set up, however after renovation it soon became the hub of the village hosting tombolas (bingos), dances, British Legion parties for the children, wedding receptions and much, much more.

The dances, featuring local bands were very popular, not only with the local community, but also with the air crews at Sutton Bridge during the Second World War. These dances it seems, were responsible for many a village romance!

As you are all aware, this old hall did a fantastic job for 100 years but eventually the decision had to be taken to rebuild it or lose it. So, along with Mr Les Street, who is sadly no longer with us, and with the community's agreement, the Committee set about raising enough money to demolish and rebuild - £385,000.

A massive thank you to all grant givers, those who donated their experience and time, the TROPHY fundraising ladies and everyone who attended our events and have helped to make the project a reality.

All that said, we are now open for business! We have been so pleased to welcome our regulars back to the new hall, and it's been great to see new hires - Art classes, Yoga, the Wild Hub, business meetings, parties, christenings etc.

If you have an event coming up, and are looking for a venue why not come and have a look at what we can offer. Contact Jane Brooks on 01945 780609 or 07900 638806. You can also see what's on, or message us on our Facebook page - Walpole St Peter Parish Hall.

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Welcome back to all of our old families, and welcome to all of our new families as well!! It is lovely to see all of the children, old and new, in their classes – it's amazing how some of them have grown over the summer holidays!!

As you may be aware, our previous Deputy Head, Mr Jeremy Wilkinson, retired at the end of last term after many years at Anthony Curton along with much loved Teaching Assistants Mrs Jane Murray and Mrs Diane Beetlestone! They enjoyed a leavers service along with the Year 6 children at the church where staff, children and parents wished them all the very best in their retirement. I'm sure the children will see Mr Wilkinson in school from time to time especially lambing season when he often pops in with his ewes and lambs from his small holding, so the children to see and learn about the animals.

Due to Mr Wilkinson's retirement, we have had some slight changes in staffing at school. The current management team is as follows: Executive Head Teacher – Dawn Liddle, Executive Deputy Head Teacher – Alice Williams, Executive Assistant Head teacher - Miss Emily Jordan, Executive Senior Teacher - Mrs Emily Pharro. Miss Williams has moved across from our Tilney All Saints school and will also teach our Year 6 class alongside Mrs Pharro. Mrs Shannon Hart is our new Year 3 Teacher.

The new Reception children have settled well and are learning and playing together nicely. It takes a little while for children to get back into an educational routine after the summer holidays but they are already doing exceptionally well. We are back to full capacity in this class this year, having had a smaller intake last year.

Some children from Year 1 and 2 will be taking part in the Active Kids Events again this term, allowing our younger children to experience different sports disciplines along with other West Norfolk schools. Children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in sporting activities this term which include a Quickstix Hockey event at Lynn Sport, and there will also be a cross country event and TAG rugby to take part in too.

Children from our sister school in Tilney all Saints will have their chance this term to visit Old Coach House Fruit/S & R Brown Farms in Clenchwarton this term to talk about seasonal farming. The children will be taking part in a nature trail/walk and will participate in a small educational quiz. Anthony Curton classes visited last year and had a wonderful time!

ACFA will hold their annual AGM meeting at the end of September for both old and new parents to get involved with all the fundraising and fun events that our school benefits from. We very much appreciate everything that ACFA do for our school – this month they will be holding a non-uniform fitness themed event this month to raise funds for our children.

Hopefully the sunshine will continue for a good while yet and our children will continue enjoying the autumn sunshine at lunchtimes and after school.

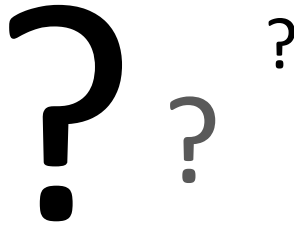
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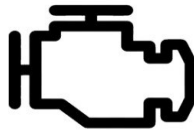
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported our Summer Fair. Together, we raised an incredible £500 for the school. These funds will go a long way in helping us enhance the experiences and opportunities we provide for all of our pupils.

This term, our Key Stage 2 class will be embarking on swimming lessons — an exciting opportunity to develop confidence and important life skills in the water. We are very much looking forward to seeing their progress and celebrating their achievements along the way.

We are also working to enrich our lunchtime play experiences. To support this, we would be most grateful for any donations of dressing-up clothes (age 5+) to inspire imaginative play for the children. If you have any items to spare, please do bring them into the school — they would be warmly received and much appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for the continued support from our wonderful community. It is this partnership that helps make our school such a special place for our children to grow, learn, and thrive.

Warm regards,

Mrs Farthing

Head of School

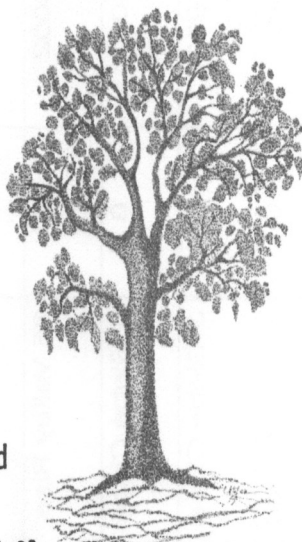


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Each session is led by qualified RDA instructors, supported by volunteers, and tailored to Sadie's goals. Whether riding in the indoor school or out in the countryside, she is always supported, encouraged, and celebrated.

The centre runs entirely on donations and volunteer time, covering over £200,000 in annual costs. Thanks to this generosity, riders like Sadie can continue to benefit from these life-changing experiences.

Sadie's journey doesn't stop at the stable. With encouragement from her HCD team, she recently took part in a local fun run to raise funds for the Magpie Centre and the RDA. Her goal? To complete the course entirely on foot next year.

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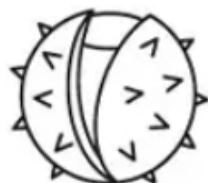
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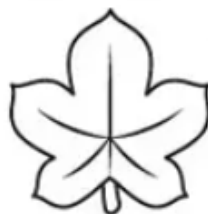
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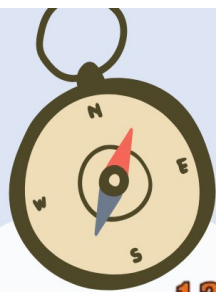
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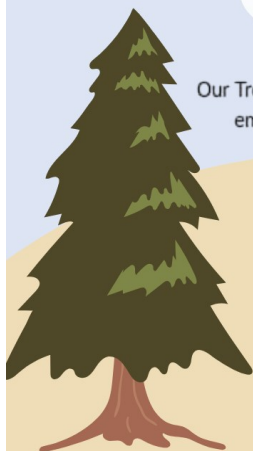
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4	Walsoken	10:20	10:35	Church Road	PE13 3RB
6	Walpole Highway	10:45	11:05	West Drove South	PE14 7RA
8	Walpole Highway	11:10	11:25	Millers Terrace	PE14 7RD
10	Walton Highway	11:35	11:50	St.Pauls Road North	PE14 7DN
12	Walton Highway	11:55	12:15	The 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
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Elm House, Clenchwarton	07:38	09:28	13:13
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Clenchwarton Rd, West Lynn	07:44	09:34	13:19
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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.



WALKING LOCAL ROADS

When walking on local country roads in the UK, always walk on the right-hand side facing on-coming traffic, keep to the side of the road, and be prepared to walk in single file, especially on narrow roads or in poor light. Wear or carry something light-colored or reflective, especially in low-light conditions and stay as close to the sides of the road as possible.

Please be mindful of other road users, including cyclists, horse riders, and farm vehicles.

The Countryside Code provides further guidance on responsible access to the countryside.

Are you newly moved to our Parish?

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

New members and new ideas are always being sought after – check out our Notice Board for clubs and contacts.

If you would like to enhance the Parish Hall Committee contact Gill Henderson on 01945 780783, for Community Centre Committee contact Jade Roper at Wpfrt@gmail.com and for Anthony Curton Friends Association contact Charlene Campion on 07900 564374. Contact Stuart Potter at stuartpotter@me.com for further information about Walpole St Andrew friends of the church volunteers.

Useful Contact Numbers		
Norfolk County Council		0344 800 8020
Anglian Water		08457 145 145
Community Centre Bookings		bookings.wpftrt@gmail.com
Borough Council of Kings 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		07918 776 387
Children’s Care Home Regional manager		07519 327 302
Parish Clerk – Caroline Boyden		07368 861 696
	parishclerk@walpole-pc.gov.uk	
Website		https://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk/
School - Anthony Curton		01945 780 121
Walpole St Peter Church	Rev. Barbara	01945 781 228
Police -Non Emergency		101
NHS - Non Emergency		111

USEFUL LINKS

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_or_call_on_0344_800_8020

Bins and recycling collection dates

October 2025

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		



November 2025

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

Refuse bin	Recycling bin	Garden Waste bin
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