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Magazine of Walpole Parish Council



Walpole St Andrew, Walpole St Peter and
Walpole Marsh



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Walpole-pc.gov.uk



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Please note that the Parish Council has a new website
<https://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk/>

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 parishclerk@walpole-pc.gov.uk

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WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Bitesize Draft version of Meeting held on the 6th of November 2025

Present: 9 Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public
Public Participation – None

Matters arising:

National Grid - The Borough Council Planning Committee voted to support the recent application on the 3.11.25. This went against the Parish Council and residents objections. Local press and social media have extensive coverage.

Cllr Blunt to ask our MP, James Wild, to attend the 5th of February 2026 Parish Council meeting to discuss the current issues.

To Receive reports:

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Bliss raised the cycle storage rack and it was agreed to be gifted to the Parish Hall as the Community Centre do not want it. Cllr Brookes to check with the Parish Hall Committee.

Pot holes on Church Road were repaired within 5 days of reporting.

The S bend on Walnut Road is dangerous for pedestrians and to ask highways to consider a trod. Photos and W3W location needed.

Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Blunt - Both planning applications for 8/10 Folgate Lane have been called in as requested and would ask that a parish councillor and member of the public speak at the planning meeting.

Cllr Blunt stated our objections to the battery storage planning application at the Planning Committee meeting on the 3rd but the committee voted ten to two in favour with 1 abstention.

Chairmans Report - thanks to all involved in arranging the recent Halloween event at the Community Centre. Cllr Bliss seconded this.

Clerk Report: attended more webinars on the new assertion 10 rules and regulations which will lead to a lot of additional work.

1st draft budget for 26/27 completed.

Parish Public Access Consultee completed and just awaiting final access.

Application for the proposed dog bin on Dunces Lane completed and sent to the clean-up team at Borough along with an image of the large bag of dog bins opposite the Parish Hal which need urgent collection.

Neighbourhood Plan referendum takes place on the 13th of November and copies of all information available on the website and hard copies upon request. It is hoped that if the vote is yes, the plan can be in place by the end of this year/early next year.

Village Crier - Cllr Eveleigh advised that the Crier deadline is 10th November for the next edition. The publisher software is now only available via Microsoft365 and it was agreed by all that the parish council will cover the cost of this.

Village Items: 3 signposts on Marsh Road need replacing and pics/w3w locations needed for the clerk to report.

Play Areas - Cllr Luck advised no problems and clerk provide the replacement gate stop.

SAM reports - Cllr Eveleigh's reports sent out and on the website.

Mill Road incoming - with top speed of 50 mph.

Chalk Road incoming - with top speed of 60 mph.

Defibrillator update - Cllr Luck advised that the unit has had to be taken out of action due to damp in the cover box and a service is required.

The community Centre want to relocate the unit and the parish council will cover the costs for the electricity supply to be installed.

Request received for £500 donation from the Solar Farm Fund towards the clearing the St. Peter Church tower - proposed Cllr Bliss, seconded Cllr James and all in favour. Cllr Brooks abstained.

Planning

8.1 Applications

22/01357/DISC_E | DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 3 ALLOCATED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 22/01357/F - Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements. Land S of Walpole Substation Walpole Agreed no observations, proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Luck and all in favour with Cllr Green abstaining.

25/01717/F - Demolition of existing temporary classroom block and erection of new permanent classroom block in same location. Anthony Curton School - support proposed by Cllr Bliss, seconded by Cllr Brooks and all in favour.

Decisions: None.

Appeals **25/00035/REF** | Outline Application: Proposed 4 Self Build Dwellings, Land rear of Walnut Road Walpole St Peter Norfolk - APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL

Enforcements:

25/00499/NIA/NIA - Not in accordance with approved plans. Highway Cottage Pycroft Lane Walpole St Peter Norfolk PE14 7PL - PENDING.

Consideration

25/01660 & 61/CU - 8 & 10 Folgate Lane - called in.

Finance - Bank accounts to 31.9.25 £43,898.06 with £10,421.74 in the Solar fund account. To review the proposed draft budget - all councillors to look over and comment.

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

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Dear Constituents,

To recap what I have been up to during October, 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 and a Full Council Meeting in King's Lynn Town Hall and County Hall Norwich.

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

I attended the Trafalgar supper in King's Lynn Town Hall on the 21st October 220 years to the day since the Battle of Trafalgar. Thanks to the King's Lynn Town Hall Civic Staff for organizing this annual event.

I held a meeting with Highways officers in the Saddlebow depot to discuss high-ways issues and my Local Members Fund (LMF) I can use this to help fund High-way infrastructure projects.

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

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>

May I take this opportunity to wish you all A Happy and Peacefull Christmas and New Year. I will be available throughout the Christmas and New Year period to take your calls, emails, and messages.

**Kind regards,
Julian.**

Meetings I am due to attend during December: Subject to Change

00/00 Walsoken Parish Council Meeting

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

04/12 Walpole Parish Council Meeting

<https://www.walpolepc.info>

09/12 Full Council Meeting, County Hall, Norwich

09/12 West Walton Parish Council Meeting

<https://westwaltonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

00/00 Walpole Highway Parish Council Meeting

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

11/12 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting

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

00/00 Terrington St Clement Parish Council Meeting

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00/00 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting

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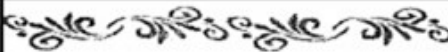
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**Message from your
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Richard Blunt**



It was a sunny morning, as I attended the Walpole St Peter Remembrance Service. I laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of the Walpoles. It was very well attended. The names of the people from Walpole St Peter and St Andrew who had died in the first and second world wars and in Northern Ireland were read out. Several wreaths were laid on the steps of the War Memorial. All ages were represented especially the young who were very well represented by The Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The Borough have adopted a new Pollinator Action Plan King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council has officially adopted a new Pollinator Action Plan, setting out a clear roadmap to protect and enhance the region's pollinating insects. Pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and beetles play a crucial role in sustaining ecosystems and agriculture. They are vital contributors to our food systems, biodiversity, and natural landscapes. In fact, one in every three mouthfuls of food consumed in Europe depends on pollination (Juniper, 2015). These insects support crops like oilseed rape, clovers, and other nitrogen-fixing plants essential for livestock grazing and wildflowers. Their presence enriches Norfolk's biodiversity and natural beauty, making the borough a more vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

Local Businesses Invited to 'Meet the Buyer' Event Showcasing Major Investment Projects.

Local contractors and suppliers are invited to attend a free "Meet the Buyer" event on Thursday, 4 December 2025, at King's Lynn Town Hall, hosted by the Borough Council. The event will spotlight several once in a generation investment projects across West Norfolk and East Anglia, offering local businesses a unique opportunity to get involved.

Presentations will feature major developments including the construction of a brand-new Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn and the nationally significant Sizewell C energy project. These landmark initiatives represent unprecedented opportunities for local suppliers to engage with large-scale procurement and infrastructure contracts.

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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.

Finally, as this is the last Crier of 2025 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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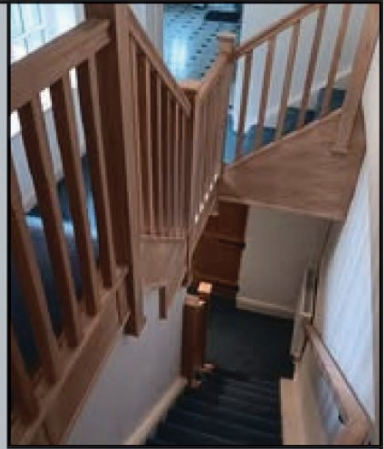
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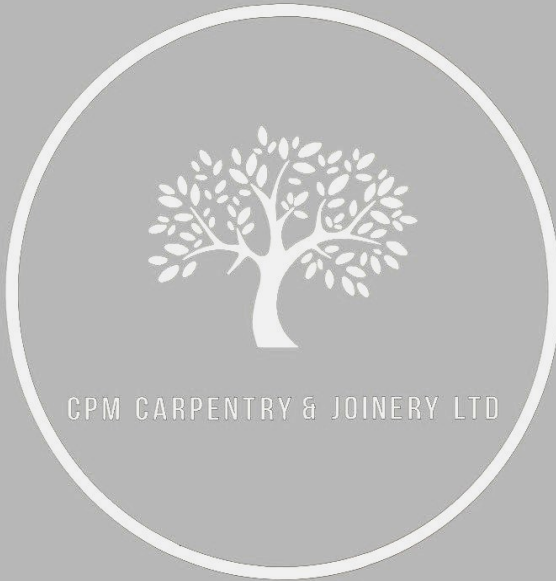


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Walpole Gardeners Club

We aim to book a variety of speakers for our monthly meetings and two examples from this year have been Jack Lindfield, Head Gardener for the Sandringham Estate who came down in July and Karen Bek Willow in September.

Jack has been Head Gardener at Sandringham since 2022, and it was so interesting listening to his stories and the development of the Topiary Garden and new Lower Maze. The Sandringham Gardens are an absolute joy at any time of the year but hearing and seeing images of the Magnolia Glade, Rhododendrons, Camelias and Azalea's in Spring is a sight to behold.

The room was full for Jack's talk, we all wanted the inside scoop on His Majesty and whether he got his secateurs out and joined in! Seems he does. Jack particularly loves the vision the King has for the gardens and how he then facilitates his vision.

Jack is extremely knowledgeable and was happy to answer questions from everyone. We would love to arrange a visit for the Club next year to see him in action on the Estate.

Then in September Karen Bek Willow weaver was welcomed. She brought down lovely examples of her work, from Hares, Pigs, baskets, trays, bowls and dragonflies! She was an absolute joy to listen to, giving a history of how she got into willow weaving and the importance of carrying this dying craft on.

She then got us all up on our feet and hands on! This was the best bit. She showed us how to make a Christmas decoration. Of course she made it look easy. I thought I would wing it, but I didn't! However, many did. We could have as many goes as we wanted choosing from different coloured willow. Some even attempted the Dragonfly!! Everyone had such fun. Karen managed to split herself into many directions giving help, advice and encouragement. Here is her website. Check her out. She does various workshops, and I plan to have one of her Hare's before long! <https://www.karenbekwillow.co.uk/>

FUTURE EVENTS

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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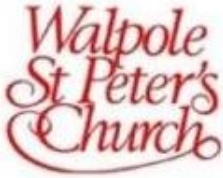
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From the Church Window – December/January

For me, singing carols is an essential part of celebrating Christmas. Christmas hymns have been written since at least the 4th Century and probably earlier, whilst live Nativity scenes have been re-enacted for almost 800 years. It was St Francis of Assisi who had the brilliant idea of having live animals and actors recreating the first Christmas.

However, in the mid-17th Century our Parliament banned the singing of Christmas carols; part of the reason for this was that Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans, who were in power at that time, felt that the birth of Jesus was such an important event that it should be a day of fasting, not feasting. Whilst we can try to see their point of view, sending soldiers around to confiscate any goose that was being cooked on December 25th did not go down well with the public!

Of course, Cromwell was correct in saying that Jesus' birth was very important. God sending his son as a human baby to show us how much he loves us is hugely important and we should be celebrating it, especially as we know that Jesus, when he grew up, loved parties. The gospels are full of them.

This Christmas please do join us at Walpole St Peter to celebrate and sing Christmas Carols at our Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 14th December at 3pm. You would, of course, be very welcome at all of our services which you will find listed in this magazine. We look forward to seeing you.

With blessings for a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Rev. Barbara

Dates for your Diary – 2025/26

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

- Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 14th December at 3pm
- Midnight Service – Wednesday 24th December at 11:30pm
- Christmas Day Service – Thursday 25th December at 11am

Website

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

Major Projects

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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 10am – except January and February and in the week after Christmas and Easter.

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We have welcomed children back to Autumn Term two, the children have been excited to tell the adults in school all about their adventures over half term week, which included visiting zoos, going abroad, going trick or treating and some children even got to see some fireworks displays.

Harvest Festival this year took place in the school hall due to Storm Benjamin, we didn't think it was fair or safe for children to walk up to the church in the wind & rain. Typically the British weather then decided to brighten up in the afternoon after we had informed all parents it was cancelled! We still had a lovely service in both school halls with the children and we had a very generous amount of food donations that all went to the King's Lynn food bank.

ACFA Organised a spooky Halloween disco at the Community Centre, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. All funds raised go to ACFA for future events for the children. Thank you also goes to the parents who made costumes for the children and the DJs who added to the brilliant nights!

Learning workshops will be taking place this term, a chance for parents to come into school to see their children's workbooks and achievements and listen to small presentations from the class teachers and children.


Some children from Years 3/4/5/6 took part in a Cross Country event at Emneth Primary School last term, from that we have had 10 children qualify for the SSP Cross Country Qualifiers at Lynn Sport on 10th November. We wish all children the best of luck on the day and thank them for representing our school. We also had a group of children attend a Netball Tournament & Training match at Wisbech Grammar School which all children thoroughly enjoyed.

Reception and Year 1 will have their annual trip to the cinema this month, the film they are going to see is "The Sloth Lane". This is now an annual trip for this age group, to experience the bus journey, learn expectations for school visits in the future, and working as a group. It will be a fun experience at the cinema for the children in recognition of their hard work in class during the first term at school.

Our Year 6 pupils across both schools will be heading off to Hilltop Adventure in Sheringham this month for 3 days. Hilltop offers a high quality and unique experience to all visiting pupils with a vast array of adventure activities, discovery field studies and team building sessions. For some children this will be their first stay away from home without their parents so staff members will be there to support this fun adventure for them.

Children had a special assembly which was themed around Remembrance Sunday. The children listened to readings, reflections and history of this day as well as observing a 2 minute silence to show respect for all of the people who have given their lives for us. Children also raised money for the Poppy Appeal through buying snap-bands, ribbons, poppies and keyrings.

ACFA have organised a whole school trip for the children to see Aladdin at the Princess Theatre at Hunstanton in December. This will be a lovely Christmas treat for the children and we would like thank ACFA for organising this trip.



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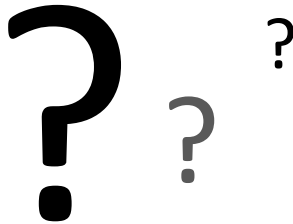
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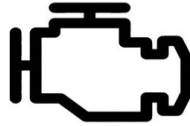
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A Warm Welcome Back to School

As the new term begins, it has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and smiles. After a lovely summer, our classrooms are once again filled with laughter, and curiosity.

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

Walpole Highway Community Primary School

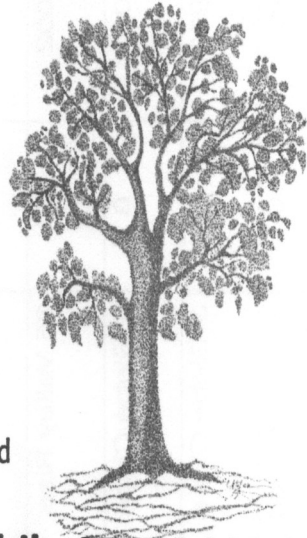


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We're also delighted to announce the date for our much-loved **2026 Craft Fair. June 27th 2026** a highlight in our calendar and a fantastic day out for all ages. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more details coming soon, it's one not to miss!

As always, we're so grateful for the incredible support from our local friends and neighbours. You can help us even more by taking part in the **Tesco Stronger Starts campaign**, every blue token in the **Magpie pot** really could make a difference to the work we do here. You can do this in Tesco stores around Kings Lynn.

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OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except DECEMBER & AUGUST. Our January meeting will be on Thursday 22nd in the Wisbech Library at 7 - 9pm The talk will be "A Murder in Denver" by Susanah FARMER, Visitors always welcome to join us with a donation of at least 2 pound to help to pay for the hire of the hall.

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1st Tuesday of the month - Research Session 10 - 12 noon Wisbech Library, with maybe a donation towards the hire of the hall.

2nd Monday of the month -in Baytree Garden Centre Hilgay near Downham Market 11- 2.30 we will be in the restaurant.

3rd Wednesday of November . Red Lion Pub North Brink Wisbech 6.30 - 8pm These are held every other month. Everyone welcome to any of our sessions, no matter where your family originated

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Walpole St Peter Parish Hall

The new hall has now been open for approximately four months and things are going really well with a variety of new bookings now coming in. For our regular users, and I am one of them, it is wonderful to know that with winter just around the corner we will no longer have to wear our hats, scarves and gloves to keep warm! Cool in summer, warm in winter and no condensation drips - we couldn't be happier! At the time of writing this we are planning a Christmas bingo on the 27th November, and our fundraisers will be supporting the Walpole St Peter's church annual Christmas Fayre on the 29th November. Our thanks to everyone who has offered support for these events.

We are really pleased that everyone can once again use this renewed community space and we are always interested in your ideas for the future so keep them coming! We still have a few ideas of our own which we will complete in due course.

If you are looking for a venue for a celebration, a business meeting or a venue for a regular group please get in touch with Jane Brooks on 07900 638806 or jane_brooks@hotmail.co.uk to check availability. We currently charge £11 per hour for private hire or for business purposes, £12 per hour which includes use of projector and screen and wi fi should you require them. We also have a fully equipped kitchen for your use.

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Below is a list of the groups who regularly meet in the Parish Hall. Why not come along and meet new friends or just try something new.

Walpole Gardening Club - 2nd Thursday of each month - 7-9.30pm

Phoenix Quilters - 1st Saturday each month - 10am-3pm

Walpole Art and Craft - weekly on a Friday - 9.30 -12 midday

Good Companions - 1st Thursday each month - 1.30-4pm

Adventures in Art - weekly on a Tuesday - 1.30 until 3.30pm

Yoga - weekly on Monday night 7.15pm

Scouts - 7-8pm Tuesday night during term time

Cubs - 6-7pm Tuesday night during term time

Beavers - 5.30-6.30pm Monday night during term time

Squirrels - 5.30-6.30pm Friday night during term time

Scrapbooking - every other month on a Saturday 10am-3pm

Walpole Parish Council meeting - 1st Thursday every month 7pm.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page - Walpole St Peter Parish Hall - to keep updated with what's going on.

For further information please contact:

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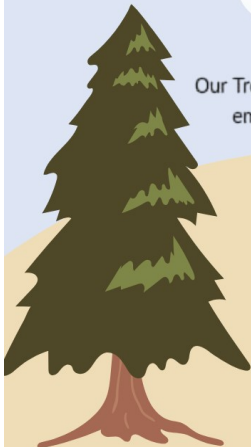
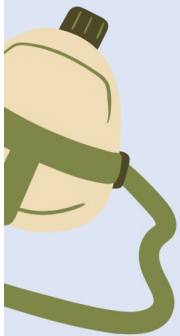
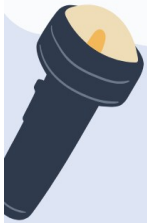
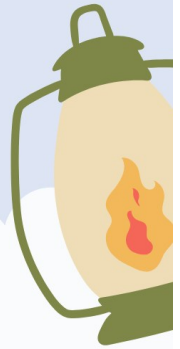
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<u>Stop</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Stop name</u>	<u>Postcode</u>
2	Walsoken	10:00	10:15	Letchworth House (Burrettgate)	PE14 7BL
4	Walsoken	10:20	10:35	Church Road	PE13 3RB
6	Walpole Highway	10:45	11:05	West Drove South	PE14 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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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
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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.wpfrt@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
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



December 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				



January 2026

01	02	03	04			
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Refuse bin	Recycling bin	Garden Waste bin
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