

## Walsingham Parish Council

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Parish Council meetings are on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm for 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall, High Street. Next meetings 10 January and 13 March. Schedule of meetings, agenda, minutes and more information are on the Essentials tab on the village website: <https://www.walsinghamvillage.org/>.

### Speed Awareness Message Report

The SAM2 unit was on Wells Road during November 2023 monitoring traffic speed and the volume of vehicles coming down the hill.

From 25 Oct 2023 to 5 December 2023

- 20,028 vehicles were recorded coming into the village with an average of 500 per day.
- The peak times of travel were 8 am to 9 am (average of 25 vehicles); and 5 pm and 6 pm (average of 47 vehicles)
- The maximum speed was 60 mph at 6:15 am on 27 October (although the average speeder was travelling at 38 mph)
- The majority of vehicles were travelling just above the speed limit which is 30 mph. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed (i.e. of 17,024 vehicles) was 34.1 mph; and the average speed was 28.8 mph.

### Wells and Walsingham Light Railway

re-opens for the season and a call for volunteers!

After a winter of track work, engine maintenance and carriage restoration, the WWLR will be opening for the February half-term. Running from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, we will be offering four return journeys each day.

**WELLS & WALSINGHAM**

LIGHT RAILWAY

*Your big adventure  
on the world's smallest public railway*

We are also keen to recruit more volunteers for a range of tasks - from customer services roles at Walsingham to vegetation control and track work and a range of driving and guard roles. Anyone interested can just drop us a line or pop in and have a chat with any one of our friendly team.

[wellsalsinghamrailway@gmail.com](mailto:wellsalsinghamrailway@gmail.com) or 01328 711630.



## WALSINGHAM NEWSLETTER



**January / February 2024**

To include an article in the Newsletter, please send it to the Editor by 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication: email [walsinghampc@googlemail.com](mailto:walsinghampc@googlemail.com)

### Walsingham Hot Spot in the Parish Hall

Come to shop at the community shop at the Parish Hall (9 to 10:30am) and stay for a **cuppa and chat, games and fun activities** (10:30 am – 12 noon).

Further details contact Jo Thompson (Mothers Union Leader) by phone: 01328829305 and by email: [jthompson647@btinternet.com](mailto:jthompson647@btinternet.com)

**Every Tuesday** from 9 January to end of March.  
All Welcome.

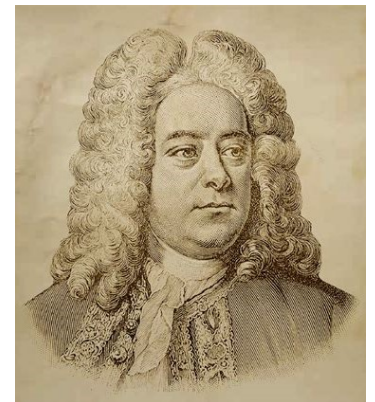
### Handel's Messiah part 2

**Mon 25 March at 7:30 pm**

**at The Church of the Annunciation, Friday Market,**  
including soloists and items for Creakes Chamber Choir and the Walsingers.

There is also an opportunity for everyone to join in the Hallelujah Chorus. If you would like to take part in the **scratch choir 'Pilgrim Singers'** email Justin Harmer on [harperharmer@aol.co.uk](mailto:harperharmer@aol.co.uk) or phone 07950882824. We are using the Watkins Shaw "New Novello" edition of Handel's Messiah.

Rehearsals are weekly on Fridays, 6:30 – 8 pm at Sculthorpe Village Hall. Plenty of easy parking and 10 mins drive from Walsingham. There will be a fee to participate to cover costs including a contribution towards soloists, venue hire and music. Further information on <http://www.walsinghambakehouse.com>



## Walsingham Primary School

The school enjoyed a very busy time in the run up to Christmas with many fun events taking place – first of all our younger class visited the Anglican Shrine to find out all about Christmas, we all made Christingles with the ladies from the Mothers' Union and held the service with Fr Harri at St Peter's Church the following day.



We held a Christmas jumper day to raise money for Save the Children and all tucked in to a lovely Christmas lunch provided by the Alderman Peel High School.

At the end of term, we performed our Carol Concert at St Mary's Church and had a fabulous Christmas Party run by our newly formed PTFA which included a visit from Father Christmas!

## Walsingham Abbey Snowdrop Walks

The Abbey Grounds open from Wednesday 24 January - Sunday 3 March.

Entrance through the Abbey Gates, High Street.

Admission includes entry to the Shirehall Museum



Snowdrop Walk Charity Day: Saturday 17 February

## Walsingham Picture Palace January & February

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January: **Seaside Special** 93 mins. With **special guest Olly Day** from the Pavilion Theatre, Cromer. 'Seaside Special' is an affectionate, up-close look at Britain's last original end-of-the-pier variety show, in Cromer, and how its local heroes are preparing for the 2019 summer season.

A tribute to handmade entertainment, with quintessentially English humour. No effects, no celebrities, no digital tricks, but very British, authentic, funny, rousing.

We are delighted that Cromer pier show host and comedian Olly Day, fresh from performing in the Christmas show, will join us to introduce the film and take questions at the end.



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: **The Great Escaper** 96mins. In the summer of 2014, Bernard Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He had staged a



“great escape” from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades at the D-Day Landings 70th anniversary. Bernie's adventure, spanning a mere 48 hours, also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Rene (Glenda Jackson). The film celebrates

their enduring love but always with an eye to the lessons we might learn from the Greatest Generation.

Contact [walsinghampp@gmail.com](mailto:walsinghampp@gmail.com) Walsingham Picture Palace, Walsingham Parish Hall, 14 High Street, Walsingham NR22 6AA

Tickets on the door: adult £5, under 25s £2.50

Programmes begin 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm for ticket sales & refreshments.

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