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November — December 2023



West Row Parish Echo

The background of the Christmas celebration announcement is a festive illustration. It features green pine branches at the top, a large gold bow, and several gold Christmas ornaments of various sizes. The scene is decorated with gold stars, snowflakes, and small gold dots, creating a warm and celebratory atmosphere.

Please join our
**CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATIONS**
In West Row

Friday 8th Dec. The Green, St. Peter's
Lighting the Christmas Tree
Meet 6.30 pm - Refreshments

Saturday 9th December AND
Sunday 10th December
Santa's Sleigh Ride through the village

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November 2023

- 7th St Peter's Church Lunch 12 0/c**
- 10th Fish & Chip Lunch 12.30 p.m.**
- 11th Remembrance Service St Peter's Church**
- 11th Bowls Club Official Opening 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.**
- 12th Remembrance Service, St Peter's Church 10.45a.m.**
- 18th Big Breakfast 9 p.m. at the Chapel—Free fry up**
- 24th Fish & Chip Lunch 12.30 p.m.**
- 25th West Row School Christmas Fayre 10 a.m. to 1.00**

December 2023

- 8th Christmas Tree Lighting 6.30 p.m.**
- 9th Santa's First Sleigh Run**
- 10th Santa's Second Sleigh Run**
- 12th St Peter's Church Lunch 12 o/c**
- 15th Fish & Chip Lunch 12.30 p.m.**
- 17th Christmas Family Service at the Chapel 10.45a.m**
- 17th Carol Service at the Chapel 6.30 p.m.**
- 17th Carol Service at St Peter's Church 6.00 p.m.**
- 24th Midnight Service St Peter's Church 11.30 p.m.**
- 25th Christmas Day Service 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.**

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A note from the EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of the ECHO which contains various pieces of information which you may find interesting and useful.

Are you looking for an alternative to watching television? You may find something of interest taking place at the Village Hall (page 16) or even try your hand at learning the game of bowls (page 19).

Also please note that The SHED is looking for volunteer drivers to collect surplus food (page 12)

Although still a few weeks away, please put the various Christmas related activities taking place into your diary or on your calendar.

Again, I wish to thank the many firms and Individuals who advertise in the ECHO including a few new ones. Please consider using local trade's people for repairs and maintenance. It is revenue from this source that goes a long way in enabling the ECHO to be printed.

On pages 24 & 25 are details of the siting of new cemetery. If you have any views about this or any issue you wish to raise that could be published in the ECHO please contact the compositor or myself.

Wishing you all an early Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Peter Rolfe

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Autumn Quiz answers.

Late Summer Quiz answers.

1. Wellington
2. Brussels
3. Havana
4. Tunis
5. Tallinn
6. Amman
7. Colombo
8. Kiev / Kyiv
9. Seoul
10. Athens
11. Doha
12. Beijing
13. Bangkok
14. Belgrade
15. Victoria
16. Bern
17. Dili
18. Muscat
19. Baghdad
20. Yangon

The winner, with 18 correct answers, was Vicki Norman, Fengate Farm, Chapel Road, West Row.

Open Letter

To: Mr. Terry Waters, The Green, West Row
From: Chair, West Row Parish Council

Dear Mr. Waters,

I hope this letter finds you and your employees in good health.

On behalf of the West Row Parish Council and speaking for the Parish residents, I am writing to pass on our sincere gratitude for the outstanding work you and your labourers have done in cutting the verges of our Parish. Your efforts have not only enhanced the aesthetics of our community but have also contributed to the safety and well-being of our residents.

The neatly trimmed verges have significantly improved the overall appearance of our parish, creating a cleaner and more inviting environment for everyone. Your team's attention to detail and commitment to maintaining the beauty of these public spaces have not gone unnoticed.

Moreover, the well-maintained verges have positively impacted road safety by improving visibility for drivers and pedestrians alike. This is especially important as our community continues to grow, and the volume of traffic increases.

On behalf of the entire parish residents, I extend our heartfelt appreciation for the hard work and dedication in keeping our community beautiful and safe. Your contribution plays a crucial role in making our parish a wonderful place to live.

Once again, thank you, Mr. Waters, and please convey our gratitude to your employees for their exceptional work.

Warm regards,

Rosalind Hamill
Chair, WRPC



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Tues: 7-8pm: **Pilates with Karen Peachey-Gallagher. Aimed at men & women of all ages & abilities. Just turn up with a mat! Contact Karen on 07554119550 for more details**

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10-12 noon: **NEW Toddler Group. Pay as you go £5 per child (inc. drink & biscuits)**
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Thurs: 6-6.45pm: **Step Aerobics Class – open to all ages. All equipment provided.**
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Fri: 6am-7am **Bootcamp Fitness with Amber – behind the village hall**
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Fri: 12.30pm **(2nd & last Friday of each month): Fish n Chip Lunch. Contact Sharon West Row Parish Council) to book.**

Fri: 5.30-7.30pm **Martial Arts Training with Darren Hart. Children & Adults welcome.**
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Anything received after this date may be included in the next issue

100 Club Winner

Congratulations to this time's winner
Georgina Sparrow £55.00

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From Jordon Millward *BSc, MSc*

Mildenhall College Academy

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Thank you for reading this article in the great Parish Magazine.

Previously Lance Stansbury wrote a regular article, and the editor has asked if I would like to contribute, and I am pleased to do so. I am the County Councillor for Row Heath Division on Suffolk County Council and have been honoured to represent the village for several years. I know West Row well and have lived in the area all my life.

Over that period, I have worked on many projects in the village and had some notable success, such as the Bridleway, cycle, and walking route to Mildenhall. I have been so pleased to see the improvements to the village, and I have been very supportive of the Shed Project and continue to work with the Parish Council on such things as upgrades to the footpaths.

At the county council, I consistently make the case to keep Council Tax as low as possible, respecting Council Tax is your hard-earned money and seeking improvements to everything from Child Protection Services, how we support older people in our community to repairing our roads.

We recently announced a further £10M investment in repairing our roads, and through the highways reporting tool, we aim to get these done quicker.

As winter approaches the pressure on household bills increases and if you are struggling then there is help with the Cost of Living, and it is well worth you seeing what support is available at www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving

I am also looking for how to help the village and improve services. As well as deal with problems that might occur with a service provided by Suffolk County Council. So if you have any issues or concerns, you can always call or email me, and I will do my best to help.

That just leaves me to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Take Care.

Colin Noble

Suffolk County Council Councillor for Row Heath Division. colin.noble@suffolk.gov.uk

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West Row
Parish Council

Parish Update – Nov - Dec 2023

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY: We are very pleased to welcome Martin Connery onto the Parish Council who is keen to take an active role in the community. We also have another vacancy, so if you can spare 2 hrs each month, come along and see if you like what we do. Contact Sharon, the Parish Clerk.



REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATIONS: *All welcome to any of these events*

SATURDAY, 11th Nov. War Memorial: meeting 10.30am for 11am Silence. Wreaths will be laid. If you wish to lay a wreath or cross, please contact Sharon, our Parish Clerk.

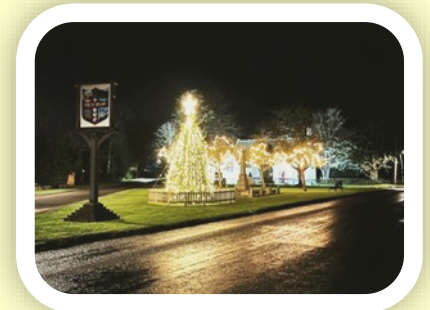
SUNDAY 12th Nov. Service of Remembrance at St. Peter's Church, Meeting at the War Memorial **10.45am** then moving into St. Peter's for 11am Silence

CHRISTMAS: Yes it's just around the corner

FRIDAY 8th December "Lighting the Christmas Tree" on St. Peter's Green. Meet 6.30pm, Tree will be lit at 7pm.

Carols led by the West Row Community Choir. Refreshments provided followed by seasonal sing-a-long. Anyone wishing to join the Choir, contact Gaynor (07752 970461) or Carol (01638 712400).

SATURDAY 9th & SUNDAY 10th December, Santa Sleigh Ride. Route here-in on centre pages.



KEEPING OUR PARISH NEAT AND TIDY:

A huge thank you to everyone who goes out and clears their frontage. Hedges trimmed back from public paths, verges weeded, and litter picked. SCC are strapped for cash so we cannot expect them to keep our areas as spic and span as we'd like. SO to help with the fantastic start we propose to have a Garden Party on **Saturday, 10th Feb. 2024**. Don't get excited. You'll need secateurs, gloves, shears and strimmers. Our first aim is to clear the Public

Path starting at the junction of Eldo/Church/Pott Hall Roads which leads across the fields to Chapel Road. Meet at 10am at the mini triangle. Refreshments will be available.



FISH ON FRIDAYS: This Warm Room off-shoot continues to attract many diners. £5 is the subsidised cost for fish and chips. Soup and a roll a free alternative. We are applying for additional funding to ensure this welcome project continues, hopefully throughout the winter months. Always the 2nd and Last Friday of each month. **Except** December, when we will have to move from the 8th (Christmas Tree Lighting) to the 15th Dec. (TBC) Meet at 12.15pm West Row Village Hall.

PARISH INFORMATION: We also have a Parish Contact List where information is sent "Blind" to those signed up. If you wish to be included, please provide your email address to: rosalind_hamill@yahoo.co.uk. Def. NO spam. The Parish Council meets every month in the Church Hall, 7pm. All welcome

Roz Hamill, Chair

DOWN THE SHED Nov — Dec 2023

theshedcharity@gmail.com



BEFORE

Gents and a Disabled//Ladies unit plus (children catered for with a step stool and special seat).

As always, our lovely volunteers have been extremely busy. We have now installed our much-needed Disabled Toilet which provides both a



And the next project is: Our **poor Wood Shed** which will soon be transformed into a secure and dry storage area. Watch this space – hopefully next edition we can provide Before and After pictures.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: In September we hosted our Annual Harvest Festival together with St. Peter's Church. A short service conducted by Revd Gordon Anderson, was followed by a shared lunch/BBQ. The weather was glorious – perhaps too hot for some. Paul was Head BBQ Chef, and everyone chipped in. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to those who contributed, both with food and also the fantastic decorations which embraced the Harvest theme. Activities included Garden chess, Pétanque, and a cycle obstacle course



This Winter's update must contain Christmas plans. Once again, we will have a stall at the Mildenhall Christmas Fayre on **Thursday 7th December**. Please come along and see what fantastic gifts you could pick up. We are short of help this year, so if you could spare an hour or two, please let us know. This would give the volunteers a much-needed break. We set up from 2.30pm and the Fayre closes at 7.30pm. Any help would be appreciated.

Speaking of volunteer help. **Any drivers** out there who could spare an hour on **Thursday evenings?** We are in need of someone who can drive to Ely to collect our surplus food donations. Collections are at 8pm. Please contact us (details below) if you could spare an hour. The ambient food collected (tinned fruit, veg, dry goods etc.) is distributed to families who are finding it a struggle to make ends meet. Surplus vegetables are placed on our stall at the front gate. Sadly, we found one couple taking excess amounts and selling it on their stall in Soham. The food is for anyone who is struggling, **NOT** for profiteers. They have been asked to cease their visits.

FINALLY, we will again have a Christmas Tree within St. Mary's church. The theme this year is **"Amazing Angels and Shining Stars"**. If you have any suitable decorations with an Angel/Gardening theme, we would love to include them on our tree. Decorating will take place morning of **Friday 1st December**. It's also a lovely seasonal experience and well supported by local groups and clubs. Well worth a visit.

That's all for this year folks. What a busy year it has been. So many projects have been completed and we've not even mentioned all the produce which has been grown. Superbly led by Paul, Jackie, Penny, Viv, Anne, plus others who drop by. We also thank those who keep our Surplus Stall ticking over. In no particular order: Val, Viv, Chrissy, Bill, Paul, June and of course thanks to our maintenance team: Dave, Michael, Jean, Bill for weed control and everyone who drops by.

Coffee (or tea) 11.30am – ish. Whenever the bell rings.
We appreciate you one and all Thank you

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**West Row
Parish Council**

*West Row Parish Council warmly invites you
to the
West Row Christmas Festivities 2023*



*We start the goodwill season on **Friday 8th December, 6.30pm** at St Peter's Green*

Welcoming comments and no doubt lots of mince pies, sausage rolls and warm drinks.

Then:

***Festive carol singing** led by the West Row Community Choir
(if you would like to join the choir, please contact Gaynor
on 07752 970461 or email: churchmaiden@btinternet.com*

At 7pm the Lighting Up Ceremony

Following the Tree Lighting, more seasonal music and refreshments

*We have it on good authority that Santa will be doing a patrol of his routes starting
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December.
Make sure you keep his routes safe!*

*Let the party begin and
Merry Christmas Everyone*

The routes are listed here, but please be mindful times can only be approximate.

*In past years residents have asked to donate, therefore the Elves will be
bringing festive cheer for anyone who wishes to contribute to a worthy cause*

SANTA'S SLEIGH ROUTE

Saturday 9th December

Picture opportunity before Santa departs.

5 pm	Leaving V/Hall Car Park Right into Chapel Road	
5.05 pm	Right into Friday Street Continue onto St. Peter's Green	(10 min)
5.20 pm	Continue along Church Road	
5.25 pm	Left into Cricks Road	
5.30 pm	Right into Wellington Close	(10 min)
5.40 pm	Continue right into Cricks Road Turning Right onto Pott Hall Road	
5.50 pm	Bagsham Lane corner Bargate Road stopping at Neve Gardens	(5 min)
6.00 pm	Left into Ferry Lane Turn around at Judes Ferry	(5 min)
6.05pm	Depart Judes Ferry, back along Ferry Lane	
6.10pm	Left onto Eldo Road	
6.15 pm	Stopping at Eldo Gardens junction	(5 min)
6.20 pm	Continue along Eldo Road then. Around corner into Church Road	
6.30 pm	Pause at Church Gardens	
6.40 pm	Christmas Tree St Peter's Green	(15 min)
6.55 pm	Continue along Friday Street	
7.00 pm	Into Chapel Road	
7.05 pm	Back to V/Hall Car Park	
7.10 pm	Santa has left to wrap all the Christmas gifts.	



SANTA'S SLEIGH ROUTE

Sunday 10th December

- 5 pm Leaving V/Hall Car park
Right into Chapel Road
- 5.10 pm Stop at entrance to Mason Gardens
- 5.15 pm Return along Chapel Road
Around corner into Beeches Road
- 5.25 pm Left into Manor Farm Road
Turn around at Morley Drive
- 5.35 pm Left into Beeches Road
Stop at The Triangle (5 mins stop)
- 5.45 pm Carry on along Beeches Road
- 5.50 pm Stop at Blenheim Close
- 5.55 pm Stop at Beeches Close
Carry on along Beeches Road
Right into Jarman's Lane
- 6.10 pm Pause at Bungalows
- 6.15 pm Right at junction with Mildenhall Road
- 6.20 pm Stop at Victoria Close (5 min stop)
Left at Junction into Beeches Road
- 6.30 pm Stop at The Triangle (10 min stop)
Continue along The Green
Pausing at various locations enroute
- 6.45 pm Carry on along Cook's Drove

Santa arrives at Chair Fen Drove where he will feed his reindeers before heading off to Lapland for a well-earned rest.

If you would like Santa to pause at any other location on either of the two days. please contact the Parish Clerk



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WEST ROW BOWLS CLUB NEWS

The Outdoor season finished on September 16/17th with a very successful finals weekend, where a full programme was held with 10 finals, 9 played on the Saturday and 1 on the Sunday. The finals were fiercely fought, entertaining the crowd that had turned up to support and enjoy a drink in the warm sunshine. Well done to all those that made the finals and we look forward to presenting you with the awards on Presentation evening in December.

The Club's Indoor season is well under way with eight new teams entering various leagues. Around a dozen bowlers who started their coaching sessions last year are now playing regularly in the leagues. The Club runs internal leagues for Morning Triples, Evening Triples, Aussie Pairs and this season has seen the introduction of the Yard Stick Triples league, which is proving to be popular, particularly with newer members.

The Wednesday evening coaching sessions have seen twelve new people trying out the sport so far and they are developing their skills at a fast rate. Although the Bowls Drive has been dropped some members organise themselves into teams for friendly games after the coaching session.

As a reminder coaching is provided each Wednesday 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. followed at 7.15 p.m. by 'friendly games'. Any one interested in taking up the sport of bowls is offered their first five coaching sessions free of charge. Following this, new members can join as a Social / Beginner at a cost of £18.

This season has also seen the West Row Darts team playing their games in the Indoor building.

The changes to the indoor building have progressed well and the Indoor season started on 11th. September, as planned. The installation of a new kitchen has been virtually the last piece in the jigsaw.

The Club is holding an official opening of the new extension on Saturday 11th. November and villagers are invited to attend to view the Club's facilities and perhaps even have a try at the sport of bowls. Please see the back page of this edition of the ECHO for further details.

For information regarding any aspect of the Club please

contact Club Coach, Peter Rolfe, tel: 07501 640328 or email:

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AROUND THE ALLOTMENTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



We hope everyone has enjoyed the lovely warm weather that we've had in September and October (at least it has been at the time of writing). This has encouraged a small flourish of soft fruits such as strawberries and autumn raspberries with enough left over to make a few pots of homemade jam.



The nights are drawing in fast now and the shortest day is coming up on 21st December. This means that available working time on the allotment is reduced but it is still a good time to have a general clear up, clean tools and equipment and to turn over the soil ready for the new growing year.

Bare-root fruit trees such as apple, pear and cherry can be set in November along with fruits such as raspberry and gooseberry. This gives them the chance to have a full growing season when temperatures start to rise in the springtime. It's also a good time to prune existing fruit trees before the frosts arrive and rhubarb can be divided into smaller clumps and replanted ready for the new season.

Broad beans can be sown in November which will give an earlier crop for the end of next spring. Beetroot can be left in the ground and harvested in the winter to be eaten pickled, freshly cooked or cold with salads. Carrots can also be left in the ground until you are ready to use them. Hardy spring onions and salad leaves can be set for cropping in both winter and spring but these need to be protected in a greenhouse or polytunnel.

There are several crops to be harvested at this time of year including winter cabbages, brussels sprouts, cauliflowers and leeks along with turnips, swedes and parsnips – all good for serving with Christmas dinner on the 25th. It's a good idea to harvest brussels sprouts before they 'blow' open and these can be frozen for use later in the year. Leeks can also be frozen and lots of information about preserving fruit and veg can be found at websites such as www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/foods-and-recipes and www.thekitchencommunity.org



Whether on the allotment or in the garden it's a good idea to keep an eye out for hedgehogs at this time of year as they can easily be caught in bonfires whilst looking for somewhere to hibernate.

More information can be found at <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk>

From all of us down on the allotments we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2024.

St Peter's Church West Row



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Rev'd Gill Anderson

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Elders: Tricia Leverington - David Sennitt

A group of us have just returned from a pilgrimage to Israel in mid-October. It was a super time but our return was somewhat of a challenge. It was just after Hamas had started their missile attacks, resulting in several airlines suspending flights. In the end our only recourse was to travel over the land border to Jordan and fly back from Amman. It was a reminder that we live in unsettled times. Over the last few years we, as a nation, have endured difficult times, notably through the pandemic and now an ever-increasing cost of living.

What does the Christmas story have to say to us in the midst of times like this? Well, first of all the Christmas story brings hope. The hopes and dreams of many people have been under severe strain over the past few years and in many different ways. However the coming of Christ into the world brought hope to all who believed and put their trust in Him. In Him there is one who will ultimately have the last word on all things.

That hope manifests itself in peace and love. The message of the angels to the shepherds when Jesus was born was "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." When Christ came into the world, this was not a time for fear, but a time for peace, a time for knowing that God was with us and his Messiah has come to establish his kingdom. No matter what lies ahead for each of us of this Christmas, no matter what we have to face, the message of Christmas is one of peace.

The second thing the Christmas story brings is love. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son." In the fullness of time Jesus Christ came from his home in heaven to make his dwelling among us. No matter what we face, when we are trusting in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour then we are not alone. More than that we are loved by God the Father, even though the world in which we live in extremely selfish and self centered.

This was the message God gave to the people of this world on that first Christmas but it is not a message that is fixed in time. It is a timeless message of hope, peace and love that is just as relevant today as it was in times of prosperity.

I started telling you about our pilgrimage to Israel. One man said he only came on it because his wife wanted to come and that he had lost his faith when he was 17. He went on to say that he had now found it again and that walking in the footsteps of Jesus has just blown his mind

Rita and I wish you all a very blessed and happy Christmas and a peaceful 2024.

Reverend Gordon Anderson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St. Peters Church

Tuesday 7th November. Lunch at 12 O/C St Peter's Church Hall

Tuesday 12th December Lunch at 12 O/C St Peter's Church Hall. *Please note that this a week later than usual*



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From the Pastor's Desk

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Isn't it refreshing when someone actually keeps their promise? Too often we are let down by politicians, spouses, employees and many others who promise us the world and then fail to deliver!

But wait ... Christmas is a time to celebrate a kept promise. God made a promise and **“sent His Son that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) shall not die but have everlasting life.”** What a promise! What hope that brings in a world gone wrong! Jesus is the only hope in a morally, financially and socially bankrupt world. The Bible is honest with just how dark life can get. It's so clear that when evil multiplies, wickedness is celebrated, sins are condoned and God is left out the picture that darkness follows but Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the “Light of the World” who came to make things right between God and man. We cannot because we have let God down, we have not lived up to His standard which is perfection – we have broken God's law – we have rebelled against Him and done those things which please us and not Him!

Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ, it is a time to thank God for sticking to His promise. However, it is also a time when we should reflect on who Jesus really is, who He claims to be. Jesus claims to be the Son of God and there is plenty of proof to back up His claim. His life on earth was different to any other person's – He healed, He cast out evil spirits, He even raised people from the dead! Even the events that took place at the time of His death prove that He was no ordinary man, but the greatest proof is that He was raised from the dead.

All these things show that Jesus really is who He says He is. God's own Son! The cross is where Jesus was punished in the place of sinners, where he took their sin upon Himself. He was their substitute! The cross is the place where God pronounced His people righteous, based not on their lives but on the life of His Son, who lived the perfect life we could not. The cross is the place where so many of God's promises were fulfilled.

We do not know what 2024 holds, doom and gloom or joy and gladness but we can take comfort in the fact that Jesus knows. Why not turn to him, why not stand fast on some more of His promises, promises that He will never leave or forsake His people, promises that He has gone to prepare a place for His people and promises that He will come again to take all those who love Him and trust in His name to be with Him forever!

My prayer for you this Christmas is that you will grab hold and cling to the promised “Babe of Bethlehem”, and experience for yourself the love of a promise keeping God.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful and blessed 2024.

Evan

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” John 14 v 6

WEST ROW PARISH COUNCIL

UPDATE ON PROPOSED NEW PARISH CEMETERY – AUTUMN 2023

Dear Resident,

Since the parish council was formed in 2019, providing a new village cemetery has been a key priority for us, as the only burial ground in the village currently open to new plots, at St Peter's Church, is likely to be full within the next few years. I have been leading the parish council's efforts to provide a new village cemetery and would like to take this opportunity to update you on our progress, as we prepare to submit a planning application.

Site Selection As we quickly learnt, setting up a new cemetery is not as simple as you might think, and needs agreement from a number of people and organisations, each having very different requirements that we must satisfy. I'm short on space here, so I'll spare you the detail and just say that it has genuinely taken us four years to get to the stage that we are now at. This roughly comprised of 18 months of negotiating with landowners to agree on a location (held up by the pandemic), 2 years of on-site assessments, groundwater level monitoring and negotiating with the Environment Agency (with our thanks to the tenant farmer who kindly allowed us access to the land in between crops), and almost 6 months of discussions with our local planning and highways authorities, as well as others, to agree on a site layout.

The result of all this is that we have agreed on a preferred location, being a piece of farmland to the north of Chapel Road, just past Fengate Farm as you head out of the village towards Mildenhall. The site is currently owned by Suffolk County Council and farmed by a tenant, however we have an agreement with the landowner to transfer the site to WRPC for a nominal sum, subject to us receiving all the required consents. The proposed site is outlined in the aerial photograph of Chapel Road below.



Cemetery Design A few months ago several parish councillors toured a number of local cemeteries and spoke with cemetery groundskeepers, to help identify any design features that we would like to include in our new cemetery. Design advice was also sought and received from the Environment Agency, West Suffolk Council and Suffolk Highways. As is now required, we also had an ecologist attend the site, and they have made a number of recommendations which we will carry forward to make the site as eco-friendly as possible. We also shared and discussed our plans with the village Church and Chapel, and a local undertaker, during the design phase, and we thank them all for their help.

Some of the key parts of the proposed design, shown overleaf, include: a new road access · a tarmac road · 2 tarmac-surface disabled spaces · 25 grass-surface parking spaces · bicycle parking · new perimeter hedge and tree planting · a road within the main burial area creating 4 main burial sections · room for approximately 450 burial plots · a separate area for cremated remains · spaces for memorial benches and trees · a screened-off maintenance area · pedestrian/cyclist access points linking with the existing public footpath to the east, and the new path to the north (to be provided as part of the nearby housing developments)



What happens next? At this stage we are focused on obtaining planning permission and it is quite possible that the design will change further during this process. If all goes well, I would like to think that we could obtain planning consent early in 2024. The exact Environment Agency requirements are likely to be established around the same time. Assuming we are successful with these efforts, we can then formally request SCC to transfer the land to us, however this is likely to take a while as the land is currently subject to an agricultural tenancy. Any waiting period can be used to obtain quotes for the construction works.

I will aim to update you all again at an appropriate point. In the meantime, should you have any feedback or queries regarding the proposed layout, or would like any further information regarding this project, please contact me via the parish clerk. (See contact details elsewhere in this Echo.)

CLlr Michael Peachey

**PARISH REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Meet at 10.30am

- 10.40 am The Reading of the Fallen
- 10.50 am Laying of the Wreath(s)
 West Row Parish Council
- 10.54 am Short prayer, Pastor Evan King, West Row Baptist Chapel
- 10.57 am *“Last Post”*
- 10.58 am Exhortation
 *“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
 We will remember them.”*
- 11.00am Two-minute Silence
- 11.02am *“Reveille”*
- 11.03 am The Kohima Epitaph
 *“When you go home, tell them of us and say,
 For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today”*

**A prayer of commemoration for the fallen
(The Church of England Prayer for Remembrance)**

This concludes our Remembrance Service today.



AUTUMN QUIZ 2023

All answers are English or Scottish Football League teams

e.g. Just made fortress together ? ANS – NEWCASTLE UNITED

1. Organ game? ANS.....
2. Definitely not a hungry pig? ANS.....
3. Could be of assistance to a gardener? ANS.....
4. A wise connection? ANS.....
5. Sounds like an American season with a church? ANS.....
6. Always a heavyweight ? ANS.....
7. Part of a ship with a certain status? ANS.....
8. A daily event for most of us? ANS.....
9. Mum's just fine? ANS.....
10. Could be associated with a crocodile together? ANS.....
11. This Club is linked to 1851? ANS.....
12. Could be stocky tie? ANS.....
13. A bonnie associate? ANS.....
14. Sounds like a grinder's line of defenders? ANS.....
15. A haul of weaponry? ANS.....
16. A dark expanse of water? ANS.....
17. Not odd in where actors perform? ANS.....
18. This Club can precede cross, fringe or harp? ANS.....
19. Sounds like this meat is badly damaged? ANS.....
20. Could be raisin doe rain? ANS.....

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