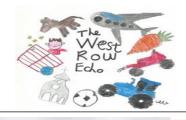
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West Row Parish Echo



WEST ROW WARM ROOMS

WHAT IS A WARM ROOM?

West Row Parish Council is providing FREE, warm spaces during the day over the winter months. There is no age limit – everyone is welcome

You will have the opportunity to meet others, chat over some warm refreshments, drink tea/coffee and maybe get involved with optional activities.

There will always be a warm welcome!

WHERE ARE THEY

West Row Bowls Club. Beeches Road The Shed, Jarman's Lane Church Hall, Church Road West Row Village Hall, Beeches Road

When are they open?

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday

West Row Bowls Club, The Shed, Jarman's Lane St. Peter's Church Hall 12:30 - 14.30 pm The Shed, Church Hall

10:30 - 12:00pm 11:30 - 12.30 pm

12:30 - 14.30 pm West Row Village Hall 12:30 - 14:30 pm

Please check schedule as days/times subject to change

St. Peter's Church hosts monthly lunches FIRST Tuesday of each month

> **Baptist Chapel hosts monthly lunches** THIRD Tuesday of each month

We are looking for volunteers to help run any of these sessions. Also, if you have ideas for activities, please contact Sharon the Parish Clerk westrowpc@gmail.com Tel.: 07860 358 493



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A note from the EDITOR

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the New Year edition of the Parish Echo, which is full of interesting articles, keeping you updated with events that have taken place in the village and those that are planned over the coming months.

The new initiative of 'Warm Rooms', with details on pages 1 & 9, is a very proactive idea and it will be interesting to see how much uptake there is. As stated in the articles, volunteers are needed to help run the programme, so please consider whether you could be involved and do make contact if you can help.

It was pleasing to see so many residents, of all ages, attending the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. There was a true feeling of a village community get together where mulled wine and mince pies were obviously gratefully received. Congratulations to the Parish Council for organising this and for Santa's sleigh routes through the village. Please note that there is a vacancy on the Parish Council so consider volunteering if you could help.

It is always interesting to read news from The Shed, on page 11.

Support is still needed for the **100** Club so please consider joining, this way you can give something back to the Village and you may even win a prize! Wishing all readers, a very Happy New Year.

Peter Rolfe Editor

Autumn Quiz answers.

1. Cat 2. Maiden 3. Baby 4. Small 5. Russian 6. Yellow 7. Prime 8. Bow 9. Life 10. War 11. Action 12. Ginger 13. Cream 14. Open 15. Rock 16. Fairy 17. Jack 18. Mixed 19. Animal 20. Pipe It was pleasing to see a record 25 entries for the Autumn Quiz! Susan McGuiness, M. Halls, Helen Webber and Colleen Goodwin all tied in first place and the winner, drawn by lot was Colleen Goodwin of Church Gardens, West Row. This edition's quiz is a little more challenging, but remember, 14/20 has been a winning score.

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tree lit up by Ellison and Jack from WRA







Saturday, 3rd Dec.

Santa loved coming to West Row sooo much he paid us thee visits











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Hello all,

The village hall trustees continue to work hard behind the scenes in keeping your wonderful village hall and surrounding amenities in good fettle & tidy conditions. We are still looking into



getting the tunnel in the children's play area resurfaced. Ongoing work to replace the wooden edging pushes on.

We are, as always looking for more members to add to our list of trustees. We only meet on the first Monday every other month, just to discuss and action the best way forward for our great village's social hub. We understand that it might be difficult with family or work commitments to attend a meeting in person, therefore we are now inviting applications for virtual members. This will mean receiving notes and emailing decisions between meetings.

If you think that you would like to see something change and could make a difference, if only for one project close to your heart, then please contact me or any other member to arrange a chat.

We are very much looking forward to being one of the hosts of the Warm Rooms initiative, to help out in these cold times. Volunteers have come forward; we now need ideas for the optional activities. Please see Page 9 for further details. Our village hall is there to be used; we just need people to help us make it possible.

Thank You Moggy Chairman The Parish Council is looking to hold regular Film Nights.

If you know of anyone with knowledge of how to put these events on, or can help in any way, please contact Sharon our Parish Clerk



Cllr Stanbury frequently attends our Parish Council meetings "I recently attended the Planning Inspectorate's examination of the Sunnica planning application, which would cover local arable land with solar panels; an area the size of at least 2,000 football pitches. I expressed grave concern about the risks of fire and explosion from the massive Lithion-Ion batteries which could release poisonous and inflammable gases. I asked the Inspectorate to weigh these risks highly, and as such refuse this application."

The West Suffolk Annual Report 2021 to 2022 has been published and is shared with Parish and Town Councils.

Don Waldron is also your Local District Councillor for the Rows

Colin Noble is our Suffolk County Councillor for Row Heath Division attends our monthly Parish Council meetings or provides an electronic report. https://askcolinnoble.wordpress.com/category/row-heath-division/

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WARM ROOMS

WARM ROOMS: West Row Parish Council is sponsoring venues within the village to enable them to open their doors and welcome those who are alone, who find heating their home too expensive, who would welcome a hot drink, a snack and some friendly company for a short while.

AII FREE

A meeting is planned for the first week in January to finalise the plans. The intention is to offer some warm refreshment followed by an activity of some kind which is optional, ie watching the Bowlers practice, whist drive, knit and natter, Film Matinee, history of the village, crafts, painting classes, keep fit, could even do some dancing — line or ballroom. The world is our oyster.

The Warm Room initiative is to encourage people to get out of their cold houses and receive a warm welcome at various facilities within the village. We aim to provide some hot refreshment, a snack, a warm drink, followed by an activity which is optional.

The only dates to be booked are the last Friday of January, February and March when we will be providing free **Fish and Chips**. This will be on a ticket basis. Please contact Sharon (Parish Clerk) west-rowpe@gmail.com Or tel: 01638 715329

Once fully booked, people will be allocated a ticket for the following month.

PARISH NEWS

The Parish Councillors and Voluneers worked hard to make our Christmas Celebrations a time when memories are made. We kicked off with the



Christmas Tree lighting on Friday 2nd, followed by Santa touring both Saturday and Sunday, and then visiting West Row Academy and Pre-School on Monday..... such a busy time for him.

Thanks everyone who made it possible and for supporting our efforts. See Page 5.

VACANCY: We have a vacancy on the Parish Council. There are no major events planned between now and Election time in the Spring, so come on board and see what we discuss at our monthly meetings.

WARM ROOMS: We have secured a government grant to support venues in the village who will open their doors and welcome anyone who is finding it difficult to heat their houses and meet the soaring cost of electricity. See page 9 for further details

Cllr Peachey is working hard to secure a Public Footpath between Friday Street and the Playing Fields which will greatly enhance the safety of pedestrians.

The Suffolk County Council development along Chapel Road/ Mildenhall road is progressing nicely. Considerations are being given to a Parish Cemetery and further Public Footpaths/Cycle Ways. We also hope to make progress with a footpath along Pott Hall Road.

Another cause for concern is the Public Footpath along the River Lark just off The Gravel. The River Lark bank has eroded to such an extent that this area is now too difficult for safety. Work is in progress to resolve this issue.

Speed Indicator Device (SIDs): These are managed by CIIr Fisher and it has been rewarding that apart from some notable exceptions, the SIDS are having a positive effect with a marked decline in speeding, particularly on our notoreous hot spots - Hurdle Drove and Pott Hall Road (there are others which are being monitored). We hope to swap out the manual SID along Hurdle Drove for a solar powered unit. This will save CIIr Fisher a lot of maintenance work.

We have received a couple of requests for additional street lighting. These will be considered at the January Parish Council meeting. These meetings are open to the public and all welcome to attend.

DOWN THE SHED Jan – Feb 2023 theshedcharity@gmail.com

TREASURER: We are in need of a competent book-keeper. If you can recommend a friend that would be great. It is basic book-keeping as we do not have a great deal of spending or deposits. Please contact us if you know of anyone who may be interested. Tel. 07887 668 145 or rosalind_hamill@yahoo.co.uk

<u>BIG CIRCLE</u>: Is looking extremely LUSH. The grass could do with a cut, but it's just not the right weather. Come springtime it will be gorgeous. So, any parishioners who need some extra space – family gatherings, children's birthdays, sports activity - get in touch and we'll sort out how you can use this community asset.

THE FACTORY SHOP, Mildenhall kindly made a donation for which we are extremely grateful.

Also thanks go to *The Co-Op store in Lakenheath* who also gave a very generous donation. We are very fortunate to have been selected as one of their nominated charities for 2023.

The thanks continue with the *Yorkshire Building Society*, *Newmarket*, putting The Shed forward to be considered for a payment from their charitable giving.

We are truly blessed thank each and every coordinator of these organisations.

Not forgetting the supermarkets we gather excess food from, in order to help local families in need. Little Shed has never been so busy and the girls see their supplies literally flying off the shelves. Well done everyone

<u>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</u>: Was a huge success with 16 attending the potluck event. Some couldn't make it due to other commitments. With our increasing numbers 2023 we will have to go to a larger venue! Yeah, book early

People often assume we rest



over the Winter. No. There is much to do. We thank new members Michael and Jean for their many projects, to Dave for his carpentry skills, to the ladies who weed, those who sow and the many who reap the harvest that The Shed offers. Jackie's parsnips and Paul's leaks are superb.

<u>WARM ROOMS</u>: We are pleased to be part of the Parish initiative to promote Warm Rooms. Although we don't have central heating in the Tea Room, we are able to offer a warm welcome, hot soup and refreshing hot drinks. We offer a warm friendship and welcome anyone to drop by 11.30 – 12.30 Tues & Thurs.

ST MARY'S LIGHT OF THE WORLD & MERRY MILDENHALL: We were there.

It was cold but it was a good opportunity to promote our work in the community.





Thanks everyone who helped "man" the stall.

Next time, a warm

Car Boot in the sunshine, I think!

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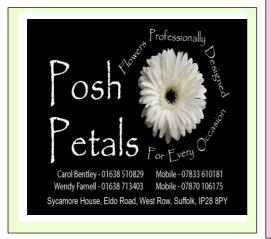
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WEST ROW BOWLS CLUB NEWS

It is pleasing to report that sixteen 'newcomers' have been receiving regular coaching sessions, indoors, on a Wednesday evening and the number still looks to be growing.

It is now planned for these Beginner members to be integrated into a new Super Five Pairs competition with a few experienced bowlers. Club Treasurer, Mick Orford is organising this competition and there are still vacancies for anyone interested.

Also there is still an opportunity to start learning the game of bowls and receive free tuition.

Even if you are not interested in taking up the sport, you can always join as a social member @ £14 per year. This membership entitles you to use the bar facilities when the Club is open and also participate in the many social activities that take place monthly, e.g. Bingo evenings, dances, barbecues and many other social activities.

Over the Christmas break the Club is planning to have new LED rink lighting installed which should have a marked effect on the brightness in the clubhouse and also running costs should be greatly reduced.

Last minute alterations to the indoor building extension plans are in hand and building work should begin in the New Year. The extension will provide some new changing rooms, toilets, kitchen and bar area. Other existing areas will see some alterations with the re-siting of the office, cleaner's cupboard and other storage areas.

Please look in other areas of the Parish Echo for future social events that are planned to take place at the Bowls Club.

For further information regarding any aspect of the club please contact Club Coach, Peter Rolfe, tel: 01638 714073 or email:

peter.rolfe3@btopenworld.com

Clerk:

Email: westrowpc@gmail.com

Website: https://westrowparish.org.uk



Welcome to our 100 club

The West Row Parish Echo is a vital communication tool to reach every household in the Parish.

Each issue costs over £ 650. In order to help meet those costs, we are proposing to reinstate the 100 Club which will be a great way for you to support The Parish Echo whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it works...

Complete the attached standing order mandate for £12 annually membership. Cheques or Cash are acceptable if necessary to be sent to the Parish Clerk (Sharon) westrowpc@gmail.com, or left at The Village Stores.

This buys you one membership number for entry into the bi-monthly draw. All participants must be over 16. Households may purchase as many numbers as they wish using one form per entry.

The draw will take place at the monthly Parish Council Meeting (3rd Wednesday) preceding the bi-monthly issue of the Parish Echo (15th Dec., 15th Feb, 15th Apr, 15th Jun, 15th Aug, 15th Oct.)

If you win, a cheque will be posted to your home address and the name of the winner published in next available Parish Echo, the West Row Parish Facebook and also the West Row Parish website.

The prize money will be 60% of the membership fee taken. The remaining 40% goes to the Parish Council who will hold it on behalf of the Parish Echo for the purpose of meeting the bi-monthly printing costs.

Purpose

The purpose of the 100 club is to raise funds. The money will be paid into the West Row Parish Council bank account and used to meet printing costs for the West Row Parish Echo magazine.

Rules

- 1. For a cost of £12 per year you will be allocated one number.
- The draw will be made by the Parish Council Chair (or their deputy) at the Parish Council meeting held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- 3. The prize will total 60% of the bi-monthly income.
- 4. The 100 club is a private lottery and is open to those aged 16 or over and resident of West Row.
- 5. Payments must be made by standing order, cash or cheque, or via Clerk or The Village Stores.
- 6. One month's notice is required for cancellation.
- 7. Member's numbers will only be entered if their subscription is up to date.
- 8. If a member misses a payment for any reason, they will not be included in that month's draw.
- 9. Two failures to pay the subscription will result in their number being permanently withdrawn.
- 10. The winners' name will be announced effective 1st of the following month.
- 11. The winning cheque will be posted to the address on your membership application within one week of the draw.

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NOTE: It would help our accounting if, where possible, you can complete a standing order with your bank rather than paying cash.

Services at St Peter's Church, West Row



CONTACTS:

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email: david.j.everett24@gmail.com

<u>Licenced Lay Minister:</u> David Ball Other priests serving at St Peter's:

Rev'd Gordon Anderson and

Rev'd Gill Anderson

<u>Churchwardens:</u> Beryl Austin 01638 712708 - Debbie Eaglen

Elders: Tricia Leverington - David Sennitt

Services at St Peter's Church, West Row All Services at 11am unless stated otherwise

Sunday 1st January 2023 Sunday Celebration

Friday 6th January Group Service of Holy Communion

for Feast of the Epiphany at St Mary's Church,

Barton Mills at 7pm Holy Communion

Sunday 8th January Holy Communion Sunday 15th January Sunday Celebration Sunday 22nd January Holy Communion

Sunday 29th January Group Service at St Andrew's, Freckenham,

6pm. A Candlelit Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 5th February
Sunday 12th February
Sunday 19th February
Sunday Celebration
Sunday Celebration

Wednesday 22nd February Group Service of Holy Communion

for Ash Wednesday at St Mary's Church

Sunday 26th February Holy Communion

St Mary's Church, Barton Mills
A Service of Praise & Worship
Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 6pm

All are welcome to join us at these Services

The waiting is over!!

I seem to remember that we started to see Christmas things in the shops in October this year and by the time you read this it will all be over. The waiting to celebrate Christmas will be over, we will have opened all the presents and eaten all the food bought for the festive season. Some might even be thinking that they need to go to the gym or exercise more in other ways to work off all the extra pounds that the Christmas excesses have given us and you may have even sold on eBay some of those presents we decided are not what we wanted!

But is Christmas really over that quickly! For us as Christians, Christmas does not really start until Christmas Day. Yes, there is a time of preparation before that but as we move into the New Year we are still celebrating the birth of Jesus! To paraphrase an advertising slogan which I think came from the Dogs' Trust, "Jesus is for life, not just for Christmas! "We celebrate God sending his Son into the world to be our Saviour, the one sent to 'save' us and show us the way God wants us to live our lives. So, for us Christians, Christmas is a time to remember all that God has done for us and renew our commitment to being followers of Jesus. If we do that, God promises that we will have life and have it in all its fulness.

If you are not on that journey already, would you like to join us?! You will be very welcome.

I pray that God will bless each one of you richly in 2023.

Rev'd David Everett Team Vicar



The Parish needs your help: Due to unacceptable behaviour we had to remove our bench from Isleham Lock. Such a shame, many people sat and enjoyed watching the river activity.

We now have a bench to be sited and looking for suggestions. It must be on accessible land and if in close proximity to residents, they must be agreeable. Suggestions to Sharon the Parish Clerk, thank you

AROUND THE ALLOTMENTS

Growing season has just about come to an end on the allotments for this year with a just a few winter crops such as brussels sprouts (you either love them or hate them!) still being harvested. It



has been a hard year for the growers as the summer has been so hot and dry with some produce growing a lot better than others. Runner beans, sweetcorn and potatoes have been very good as have soft fruit, apples, pears and plums. Pumpkins were also successful as were early tomatoes, cucumbers and asparagus.

As for this time of year, it's a good time to start to clean and tidy the allotments and also to maintain any tools and prepare for the coming season and planting in the spring. It's a good idea to plan what you would like to grow next year and, if possible, to get the ground ready for planting in the New Year. Buying seeds now is a good idea and, after Christmas and into early spring, seeds can be given a head start in heated propagators, greenhouses or even on a sunny window cill.

Working on an allotment is hard work but very rewarding with homegrown fruit and veg always tasting better for being so freshly picked. If anyone would like find out more information or to rent an allotment, please contact Sharon, the Parish Clerk, or

West Row Allotment Association (westrowallotments@gmail.com).

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, a very Happy New Year and good growing weather for 2023.

Corner of Friday Street, outside Sarah and Steve's



Times Past

We want to run articles about times and places within our Parish.

Is there an old building which has some interesting history?

Do you know characters who made West Row what it is. For better or worse?

Are their hidden treasures not public knowledge?

Do we have stories to tell.

Send whatever you know to the Parish Clerk.

Old photographs are brilliant.

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Are there skeletons in the cupboard?









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2022-2023

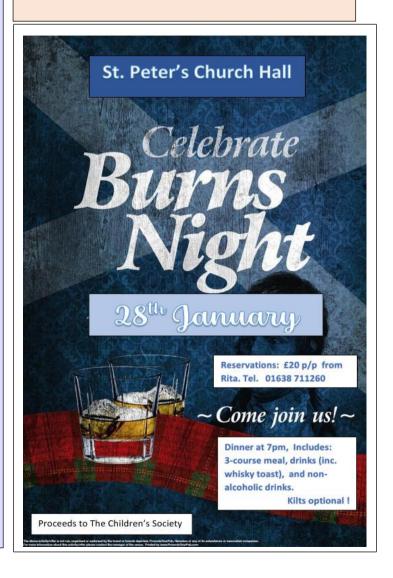
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Tuesday January 10th
The Work of
Suffolk Search and Rescue
Andy King

Tuesday February 14th Valentines Day No Meeting

Tuesday March 14th
Farming My Way
Euston Estate
Past Present and the Future
Andrew Blenkiron Est. Director

If you have a club or activity running within the Parish, and would like FREE publicity, simply right a short article for the next edition. Deadline 15th Feb.



Have you wanted to learn to Dance

Well now is your chance to learn. We run a weekly beginners class of Swing/Jaz/LindyHop at West Row Village Hall every Thursday evening from 7.30pm until 9.30pm Refreshments provided. Anyone welcome, even those who feel they have "two-left feet".

We teach at a pace that is comfortable for everyone. It is a great way to meet people, learn something new and most of all have some fun in a great friendly atmosphere. So hopefully those who say they have "two left feet" will then become dancing feet.

The first class is FREE as this is a taster, then if you feel hooked, we charge £5 per person

For more information contact

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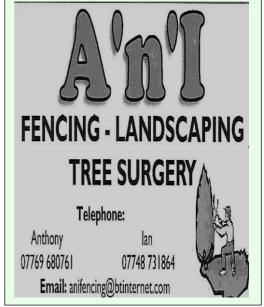
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY QUIZ 2023

Anagrams: rearrange the letters – there is a clue amongst the first words to lead you to the answer. e.g. to see place (1-9) = a telescope.

Numbers 13 – 20 are well known people dead or alive.

1. nine thumps (10)	ANSWER
2. court posers (11)	ANSWER
3. apt is the cure (12)	ANSWER
4. a stew sir? (8)	ANSWER
5. the classroom (12)	ANSWER
6. flutterby (9)	ANSWER
7. I'm a dot in place (1,7,5)ANSWER
8. detect thieves (3,10)	ANSWER
9. no city dust here (3,11)	ANSWER
10. has to pilfer (1,10)	ANSWER
11. hear set (3,4)	ANSWER
12. faces one at the end (
	ANSWER
13. seen alive sorry pal (5	
	ANSWER
14. old west action (5,8)	ANSWER
15. no aliens darling (7,8)	ANSWER
16. oh man I bat (3,6)	ANSWER
17. taken it for ride (7,7)	ANSWER
18. worst dater? (3,7)	ANSWER
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THERE IS ALWAYS A PRIZE AWARDED TO THE WINNER



From the Pastor's Desk

There is a saying that people can be divided into three classes: the Haves, the Have-Nots, and the Have-Not-Paid-for-What-They-Haves.

One of the definite downsides of the Christmas Season is that it leaves many, many families in debt and joining the class of the Have-Not-Paidfor-What-They-Haves.

This year I think that with the cost-of-living crisis gripping the nation even more families will find themselves in the predicament of owing money to stores, other businesses or financial institutions. It's easy to rack up the Christmas bills but it's far harder to pay them off and many people can be lumped with debts for months or even years afterwards. Debt is a huge problem for many and causes sleepless nights for people up and down the country.

Those of us who have been in debt can all probably agree that there is no better feeling, nor anything more satisfying than getting oneself out of debt and seeing those wonderful words "PAID IN FULL" stamped across a bill or electronically seeing one's bank statement registering a positive balance for the first time in ages. Of course, I'm talking about material debts here and some reading this may be blessed enough never to have had any material debts whatsoever!

But ... we all are in debt of another kind, a debt we cannot ever hope to get rid of or pay back ourselves. All of us are in DEEP spiritual debt and we can never hope to clear this debt by any human means. We are in deep spiritual debt because we are slaves to sin and have offended God.

It is only in the Bible (God's Word to mankind) that we find the solution to our spiritual debt – there we see so clearly and plainly that the solution to our sin and depravity is a person, the solution is the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is His coming into the world which should really be the focus of all our celebrations at Christmas.

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But just how did Jesus settle His people's spiritual debt? How did He ransom them from their slavery to sin? Well, the Bible gives us the answer. It tells us it was in Him living a perfect (sinless) life and dying a sacrificial death on the cross that their debt is cleared and they are declared righteous in God's sight. On the cross, as He died, Jesus cried out "It is finished." The word, in the original language that part of the Bible was written in, for this phrase, was the word written on a bill or invoice of the time to declare that it had been paid in full.

In raising Jesus from the dead three days later, God the Father was providing the receipt to declare that the debt incurred because of their sin was CLEARED! As one pastor says, "The debt, which was justifiably levelled against those who trust in Jesus and too great for them to pay, is now stamped unmistakably "Paid"."

This means when all true believers stand before God one day, He will never demand payment for the debt they owe. Why? Well, it's because it has already been settled in full by the Lord Jesus.

Spiritual debt is far more serious than any material debt we can ever have and yet, Jesus stands ready to cancel that debt if you will genuinely repent of your sin and trust in Him to free you from it and its consequences. This was the good news given to Joseph just before he married Mary.

In the Bible, in Matthew 1:21, we read that an angel sent by God appeared to Joseph and informed him, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

I trust that as we go into a new year that you will know with certainty that your spiritual debt has been cleared and that you are right with God. If you want to chat about this further, please feel free to speak to me or email me.

I trust you will all have a Happy New Year.



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

West Row Baptist Church Events



Contact: Carol: 07786007075 or Richard: 07796616679 or 01638 715255

Jan 17 th	Feb 21st	Mar 21st	Apr 18 th
May 16 th	June 20 th	Jul 18 th	Aug 15 th
Sept 26th	Oct 17 th	Nov 21st	Dec 19th

If you usually attend and for some reason cannot, or you know of any others who would like to attend, please contact Carol or Richard by the previous Friday.

Pastor:

Evan King 07717214622

Elders:

Martin Bedford 01638 712854 Richard Taylor 01638 715255 Deacons:

Neil Green 01842 814551 Mark Johnson 07712635631 Barrie Taylor 01638 715577

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West Row Baptist Church Events



Fridays (Term Time) 7.45—9.00pm for Year 7 up to 18 yrs old



Fridays (Term Time) 3.15 - 4.45pm for 4-6 yr olds





POPCORN Fridays (Term Time) 6.30 -7.30pm for

7-11 yr olds

Thursdays (Term Time) 9.30 to 11 am for Mums, Carers and Toddlers





Sunday Club

Every Sunday at 10:45am.

Singing, crafts, Bible stories, and more in three age related groups.

Come and join with us for some fun!!!!

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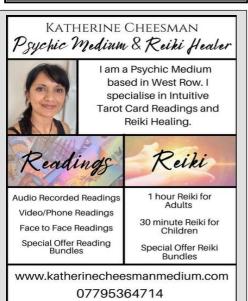
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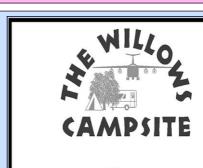


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Flogas, Gas Cylinder Stockist, Hurdle Drove, West Row (01638) 715963 The Parish Council is very pleased to advise all residents that through careful financial management, and in view of the harsh weather extremes, inflation and rising living costs, we will **NOT** be increasing the annual Precept payable. Since forming our own Parish Council, this will be **the fourth (4**th) **consecutive year** the Precept payment has been frozen.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SURVEY: 1,000 survey forms were distributed to every household within the Parish. **Less than 80** were returned. Once the data has been collated, the information will form the basis for future development and planning; Sharon sat in the Church Hall on two advertised occasions to help anyone in completing the survey. A substantial prize was offered for completed surveys Those -80 responses will now form the basis for future development and planning.

WEST ROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The monthly meetings of the Parish Council are held in the Church Hall on the third Wednesday of the month (except December) at 7:00pm. The next meeting is on the following date:

18th January 2023

CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS, STORY WRITERS, POETS, COOKS, CRAFTS PEOPLE.....

Let's have your fiction, facts, recipes, craft ideas, photos, history and more......

YOUR WEST ROW PARISH ECHO NEEDS YOU!

WINTER WARMER RECIPES

Think you hate sprouts? Think again. Lots of us are scarred by sulphurous childhood memories of over-boiled sprouts, but Michael Bremner's method keeps them fresh and lively – just give them a quick char in a pan, then toss them with pancetta, chestnuts and orange zest.

Delicious.





From The Bench

After promotion last year this season has been a story of ups and downs. Without a regular goalie we have had mixed fortunes

Played 10 lost 5 drawn 2 won 4 leaves us mid table. The top appearances belong to player Manager David Wilson and the everpresent Karl Jackson who happens to also be joint top goal scorer with Will Cunningham who is in his debut season with the club.

Our aim for the rest of the season is to put right some of the games we really shouldn't have lost whilst building on some impressive results against the higher-flying teams in the league.

I am utterly delighted with the development of our young team, and we are building for the future. There are players that turn 16 next season expressing their desire to play for west Row Gunner fc. The future is bright!

Willow (David Wilson)

West Row Gunners Fc Manager

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If you are interested in joining the club, sponsoring, volunteering or cheering the lads on, contact Willow on david79fred@gmail.com

David (Willow) Wilson, Manager





















WINTER WARMTH

Are you working with a resident or patient who is struggling to afford to heat their home?

Do you support families who sleep in one room as they don't have enough bedding to go round?

Would some simple items of clothing, bedding or draughtproofing make a difference?

SUFFOLK WINTER WARMTH PACKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The referral process is really simple!

Using our standard form please:

- Record your details.
- Record the client's details (so we can get their consent to the information being shared with us and contact them to arrange delivery).
- Either select a standard winter warmth pack on the form (option A) or create a bespoke warmth pack by adding items (option B)
- If you cannot access the webform we can supply in alternative format to then email to winterwarmtheeastsuffolk.gov.uk requesting a copy.

We are limiting support initially to £65 per household but the web-form provides a space to make the case for a more generous pack in particular cases. Please use it. We will come back to you if we need more information.

All referrals must be supported by an external statutory, voluntary or health agency.

You can also use the Suffolk Information Partnership system to refer. We will do the rest.

Most items will be posted direct from the company/companies we order from. Please identify, on the form, if the client may need help to install draughtproofing, light bulbs or similar and we'll organise that.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ACCESS THE FORM GO TO:

WWW.EASTSUFFOLK.GOV.UK/WINTER-WARMTH-REFERRA



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