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# West Row Parish Echo



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### **January 2024**

- 7th Sunday Celebration St Peter's Church 11 o/c
- 14th Holy Communion St Peter's Church 11 o/c
- 21st Sunday Celebration St Peter's Church 11 o/c
- 16th Community lunch at the Baptist Chapel 12.30
- 26th Fish & Chip Lunch Village Hall 12.30
- 27th Bingo West Row Bowls Club
- 28th Sunday Family Service Baptist Chapel 10.45
- 28th Holy Communion St Peter's Church 11 o/c

*Please note: no lunch at St Peter's in January*

### **February 2024**

- 4th Sunday Celebration St Peter's Church 11 o/c
- 6th St Peter's Lunch 12 o/c
- 11th Holy Communion St Peter's Church 11 o/c
- 17th Country Night West Row Bowls Club
- 18th Sunday Celebration St Peter's Church 11 o/c
- 20th Community lunch at the Baptist Chapel 12.30
- 23rd Fish & Chip Lunch Village Hall 12.30
- 24th Bingo West Row Bowls Club
- 25th Holy Communion St Peter's Church 11 o/c

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- Don ( Donald) Waldron

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## A note from the EDITOR

Dear Reader

Welcome to the latest edition of the West Row Echo.

There are a few items I wish to bring to your attention that you might find interesting.

The very proactive West Row Parish Council report on page 11 highlights much of the work they do to make the village one to be proud of.

Another proactive group are those who are continually developing The Shed's facilities. Their report on page 12 is very interesting.

In case you miss the advert, there is The Big Parish Gardening Day on Saturday 11th. February. If you have a few hours to spare your services would be sincerely appreciated.

I hope you have all had a Merry Christmas and wishing you all a prosperous New Year.

Peter Rolfe

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**Our deadline for  
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**March/April 2024 is: 15th February 2024**

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As the New Year fast approached, the next group of students quickly approach the UCAS deadline. As they look to which university will offer them their next step forward in their career. However, for those still undecided about their choices or if your child is in the first year of college, you're wondering when they should start looking at courses or what careers are available. In terms of universities, summer schools (a weekend at a university) or taster days are available throughout the year at various institutions that you can visit.

Remember to ask them about the course, careers, student experience and the research area the academic team is working in. If they are working on areas your child is interested in, this will likely be seen in the material they are taught. Equally, if you're looking for the perspective of current and former students, look at websites such as [whatuni.com](http://whatuni.com), which is filled with easy-to-find courses and student-based ranking.

Alternatively, if you are leaning more practically, then [www.apprenticeships.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) is a good place to start. Other useful apprenticeship providers are local colleges such as West Suffolk and Norfolk-based Poultec Training. There are also several degree apprenticeships available on the following site:

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If your child still needs to find out what career or course they are interested in pursuing or you want to know what options are available, I am more than happy to provide some impartial advice.



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

I hope you and your family had a great Christmas and I wish you a very happy New Year.

It is now the coldest time of year, and if you are struggling with heating your home or bills in general, there is real help out there. The best way to access what is available is to read through the helpful information on the county council website.

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving)

At this time of year, we are busy looking at the County Council 2024/25 budget. The process is a complex and crucial aspect of local governance and our role on your behalf. It reflects the delicate balance between meeting the community's needs and managing financial resources, never forgetting that it is your hard-earned money we are asking for.

The budget-setting process typically begins with an in-depth analysis of the previous year's expenditures and an evaluation of anticipated revenues and grants. We meticulously review population growth, economic trends, and legislative changes to formulate a comprehensive understanding of the financial landscape. This groundwork serves as the foundation for developing a budget.

Council tax serves as a vital source of revenue for the county council, funding services such as education, adult social care, Children's services to protect children and help for those who need support, waste management, and infrastructure development to help our economy grow to provide better jobs.

Public consultation plays a significant role in this process. Your opinions on the proposed council tax increase are considered, and we work to communicate the reasons behind such decisions transparently. If you want to contact me with your priorities, don't hesitate to contact me.

Your bill comprises the County Council element, West Suffolk Council, The Police Service, and Parish Council precepts. All of this has to take place over the coming weeks, and by law, all budgets must be set by the end of February, ready for the council tax bills, which land on all our doorsteps at the end of March.

Beyond this work, at this time of year, I am also looking for ways 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 happy New Year.

Take Care.  
Colin Noble

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## Parish Update – Jan—Feb 2024

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE:** Writing this ahead of the events is a little strange, but deadlines have to be met. Looking back over 2023 the Parish Councillors led on so many projects, its satisfying that the hard work brings rewards. We still have a **vacancy**, and some illnesses has meant others picked up the slack, so looking towards 2024 we hope someone will be able to fill the gap. We had two new District Councillors elected for 2023 - 2027, namely Don Waldron and Mick Bradshaw.

**A quick recap of 2023:** Cllr Peachey made enormous progress towards our Parish gaining its own

**Cemetery**, with plans being in the final stages. Cllr Fisher monitored the **SIDS** (speed indicator devices) and placed them where most needed. He can confirm they have had a positive impact but work towards reducing speeding vehicles continues. Cllrs Goodenough took on the maintenance of our **War Memorial garden**, replanting throughout the year and Alan also cuts the grass on **Church Green**. Cllr Fisher and Sharon our Clerk manage our accountability, ensuring the **precept** receipt is sufficient for our needs. We are very pleased to report that **the precept will NOT be increased** this next financial year thanks to their expert management. Councillors continue to monitor **planning applications** affecting the Parish. Although we do not have the final say, we can make representation where necessary. Cllr Peachey and others have been closely monitoring the **large developments**. One opposite our school is currently being constructed and the second is in the planning stages. Cllr Peachey is leading on negotiations with WSDC Planners and the developers, always mindful of our Parish position in these situations. We have erected a Parish board near Plantation Farm, prominent for all to see, especially reaching those not on social media. **Footpaths** is another responsibility we are making progress with. Emphasis continues for residents to maintain their frontages, preventing hedges and planting from encroaching onto public highways. Public Footpaths are monitored with Cllr Peachey taking the lead on the path between Friday Street and the Village Hall, plus the route just beyond Judes Ferry Bridge which leads to Worlington. Watch this space for progress later this year. Shop Drove continues to be a challenge and stronger support from District needs to be addressed. We took on financial management of **The Parish Echo**, following the passing away of Lynn Morley who was instrumental in its development. Helen Webber has taken over that mantel as compiler and every household in the village should receive its own copy. The **100 Club** helps finance the printing costs of The Echo. We had hoped during 2023 we would reach 100 participants, sadly this did not happen. Contact the Clerk, your contribution of only £12 per year gives an opportunity of winning a cash prize bi-monthly. Sharon continues to lead on the **Neighbourhood Plan**, which is important to determine those pockets of space which can be considered for future development. We ensured the path on Church Road continued up to the exit of the Public Path, it was a small strip, but a lot of work ensured it was done. The **Warm Places** continues to grow, providing a hot lunch for those who need to get out of their houses, especially during these dark winter months. These are Fish and Chip lunches, subsidised by various grants (Soup is an alternative). We have installed **public benches** throughout the parish, flower tubs and cycle stands outside the fish shop. As always, our annual events attract huge support, whether it is the **Parish Litter Pick**, **November Remembrance Service**, **Christmas Tree Lighting**, **Santa Sleigh** visits and much more. These only happen through dedicated volunteers.

**THE FUTURE:** 2024 brings new challenges with 80th anniversaries of D-Day, RAF Mildenhall and the Comet Air Race, and for 2025 the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day end of the war in Europe. If we are to commemorate and celebrate these occasions, helpers need to step forward and be part of the planning process. Contact the Clerk if you have any suggestions or time available to help our Parish continue to flourish.

**Remember**, if you have ideas on what the Parish should be doing, we have a vacancy on the Parish Council which meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 7pm in the Church Hall. All welcome to attend to bring your concerns to the Parish and District Councillors' attention. Or, if you would like clarification on anything the PC is involved in. Just ask.

Rosalind Hamill, Chair

## DOWN THE SHED Jan—Feb 2024

[theshedcharity@gmail.com](mailto:theshedcharity@gmail.com)

A new year usually brings a reflection on past achievements. So here we go.....and as usual, I rely on our photo album to recall most things we have done. It was cold Jan. 2023..... bit like now !

Donations from so many, inc. Bingo Buddies, Sunday Suppers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rainbow Brownies, WSDC Locality and Families Community Fund, SCC Communities, Sainsbury's, CoOp and of course the supermarkets who support Little Shed, plus the many donations given with love for the work we do to help others.

Our Tea Room was ready, only draw back was the lack of disabled toilets. The Big Circle received its lawn seed and feeding, ready for recreational use Little Shed got a make-over thanks to Dave Volunteers arrived to help clear the Kirchen Garden and then the digger started work, base laid and paths provided, and the big boy (septic tank) was sunk Harvest Thanksgiving: with St. Peter's and a BBQ Of course we have to mention our Disabled Toilet. The Wood Shed received a make-over, work in progress.

We raised our profile at the Merry Mildenhall Christmas Fayre. We decorated a tree in St. Mary's church

And throughout the year, The Shed has supported the Parish Warm Rooms project with supplies for the fish and chip lunches, thereby eking out the grant money to stretch even further.

And so what does 2024 have in store ? : **LOTS**

Erecting the **new greenhouse**, the base has been done and part of the frame completed – all down hill now!

**Raised Beds:** The frames have been constructed. We now need to clear another space to site them. One already started – 2 to go.

The Mildenhall Cycling Club are interested in using **the Big Circle** for training on a Sunday afternoon.

**Rich's Mens Group** aim to use our Tea Room for their Thursday evening meetings.

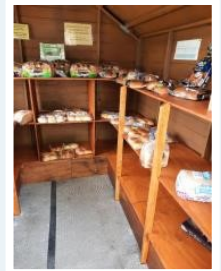
The **Wood Store** will be completed, and the last bay will have a floor for more storage. AND we plan on acquiring another shed.....

Plus we will have our Spring Fling, Summer BBQ, possibly a Table Top Sale, and who knows.... Outdoor theatre maybe ???

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## WEST ROW BOWLS CLUB NEWS

The Club's Indoor season has progressed well with the players and social members enjoying the Club's new additional facilities.

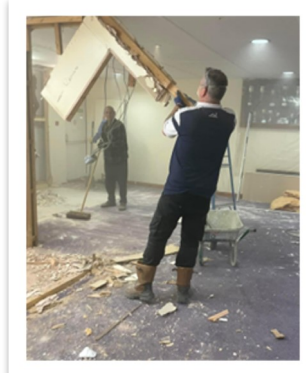
English international bowler Mark Royal, visited the club in November with his mobile bowls shop and many members purchased new sets of bowls and clothing accessories.

The club has also been chosen to host the National area Under 25's singles final in December.

The Wednesday evening coaching sessions have seen fourteen new people trying out the sport so far and they are developing their skills at a fast rate. The Bowls Drive that follows the coaching session has been reinstated, attracting a dozen or more bowlers each time.

As a reminder coaching is provided each Wednesday 6.00 p.m.— 7.00 p.m. 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.

The club's new facilities were officially opened on 11th November, by longstanding members David & Megan Barber. Over 100 visitors attended during the afternoon and evening.



**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 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



We hope everyone had a good Christmas and enjoyed the New Year celebrations.

With the start of the new year, it's time to get busy organising and planning for the year ahead on the allotment. There are still a few vegetables available for harvesting at this time of year including cabbages, parsnips, spinach and Swiss chard. New crops of produce such as currants, raspberries and shallot sets can be planted direct as long as the weather isn't too bad

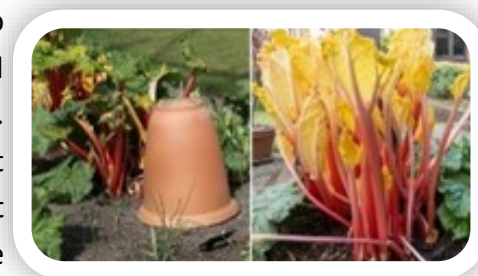


Spinach: Matador

The winter months are a great time to browse the catalogues and internet for seeds and plants ready for the coming growing season. Many seeds can be given a head start in heated propagators, greenhouses or even on sunny window-sills, ready for them to be planted later in the spring. Vegetables and salad vegetables such as early radishes, broad beans, leeks, lettuces and rocket can all be sown under protection from the weather. For those gardeners who grow their own potatoes it's a good time to buy and chit seed potatoes ready for setting in March and April and there are many varieties to choose from. Depending on whether you would like new potatoes or main crop (or both), reds or whites, bakers or mashers or good all-rounders – there's usually a variety available to suit your requirements.



If the weather allows, it's good to start getting the ground prepared and to tidy up plots and maintain tools and equipment. Making sure that cold frames and fleeces are pegged down will help prevent them from damage. Netting currant bushes will help protect them from the birds when they start to fruit and it's possible to 'force' rhubarb for early growth by covering it with an upside-down bucket or covering the crowns with straw. More information can be found at <https://www.ruralsprout.com/force-rhubarb/>



Forcing Rhubarb

As spring approaches, we can only hope that the weather will be kinder to us all this year as it made growing conditions very difficult on the allotments in 2023 – the weeds were a nightmare for everyone! From all of us on the allotments we wish everyone a very Happy New Year with fingers crossed for good weather and a great growing season ahead.



## **St Peter's Church West Row**



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Rev'd Gordon Anderson and

Rev'd Gill Anderson

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**Elders:** Tricia Leverington - David Sennitt

Happy New Year

The page turns once more and as it does so we see the start of 2024. New Year is the oldest of all holidays, being first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. We have all grown up with 1st January as the obvious time to celebrate New Year but it hasn't always been so. For many years it was celebrated in March because of its connection with spring; the season of rebirth, planting new crops and the blossoming of life. It wasn't until the time of Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 and the introduction of the Gregorian calendar that January was finally fixed as the time to celebrate New Year.

It may be New Year but I have to say that January always seems to me to be a rather dark month. The lights have been switched off and Christmas has been packed away for another year. New Year also brings with it the idea of making a new start. We resolve to eat less, exercise more and generally recover from too much turkey and mince pies! On a more serious note though New Year, coming straight after the celebrations of the birth of Jesus, is a good time to think about what is important in our lives. On the Sunday Worship programme on Radio 4 a few years ago the speaker urged us not to *miss* Christmas. The real meaning of Christmas is easily lost among all the activity and celebrating that has become attached to it. In John's gospel Jesus takes us to the heart of Christmas and reminds us that he came on that first Christmas to give you a rich and satisfying life. Christmas comes with a spiritual health warning: this child can seriously change your life but only if you let him in to our heart and love him.

One of my favourite carols is "O Little Town of Bethlehem". It was written in the nineteenth century by a man called Philip Brooks, who was an American visiting the Holy Land. As he sat on his horse on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem the words of this carol came to him. It is now loved by many and even our late Queen quoted words from it a few years ago in her Christmas message.

*How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still, The dear Christ enters in.*

A happy and blessed 2024 to you all.

Rev Gordon Anderson

### **Dates for your Diary**

**No Lunch for January**

**Tuesday 6th February**

**Lunch 12 o/c St Peter's Church Hall**

## **St Peter's Church West Row**



### **Reflection from Revd Gill**

What a year it has been! First I had to clear my mothers' flat as she moved into residential care and then I had to help my sister to empty and store the contents of her garage in preparation for building work! On top of that we have items from my nephew stored together with a growing mountain of goods from my children who do not seem to have the room (or inclination!) to sort it for themselves!

It made me wonder why we hang on to so much 'stuff' – and don't get me wrong, my long-suffering husband will tell you I can be the worst offender!

Of course, some things hold precious memories and need to be kept but as I check my overflowing garage I can see so much is just 'clutter'. Goodness knows how much money is represented in the mountains of discarded goods currently decaying in the garage.

But we are making a positive start and are now on first name terms with the Charity shops in Newmarket!!

At a time when so many are making adjustments to their spending habits I, along with others, have reflected on what it is we 'need', as opposed to what we 'want' – not least in the frantic preparation for Christmas. As a result I encouraged my family to consider buying all their 'adult' presents from charity shops this year! – (I promised to provide a box on Christmas Day for all those things not wanted so that they can be returned to whence they came!!!) This arrangement was met with some derision but all have agreed that essentially it's quite a good idea. (I've already found some great bargains – you can ask me what I received from my son who is not enjoying the challenge).

Should this be what Christmas is about in the future? Anxious present buying and spending more than is comfortable - all to be over in a few hours and packed away in the garage to join last years excess!

Of course I am generalizing but can we please stop for a moment and think about what Christmas meant to us? Can we put aside the anxiety about buying the perfect gift and dwell instead on the only gift we should ever desire and be thankful for - God made flesh and born amongst us -showing his love for us all and offering companionship and guidance into eternity.

Now that's some gift!

But a gift that must be received and treasured and given the honour it deserves, not packed away and left languishing in a dusty corner of our lives.

Think about what is really important to you, and what is really important to God.

I pray you found the perfect match! Alleluia



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# West Row Baptist Church

## From the Pastor's Desk

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Christmas has come and gone and for many it seems like a dim and distant memory as we now grapple with the issues and concerns of the new year. Our world is changing at such a fast pace, and it is a struggle to keep up with what society now believes is right and wrong. Absolute truth is discarded for feelings and for many "what feels right" is now their "truth." This leads to confusion, aimlessness and self-indulgence ... a worship of self, one could say. As we look around and see what is happening in our world today, the worship of self has and is causing untold harm at an individual, family, national and International level.

The true message of Christmas, that one God exists and that He loves the world so much that He gave the world His Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16), is rejected as being an outdated belief and one that is no longer applicable in a modern and "civilized" society. But ... truth is truth no matter what people feel, and the truth of the matter is that the God who created the universe is the self-same God who entered our world as a baby, who grew up never sinning and who paid the penalty for the sin of all those who would ever believe in Him on the cross.

The Bible predicted Jesus would come thousands of years before He did, and it has also predicted that He will come back again ... not as a baby ... but as King and Judge. We can believe the Bible because all of its predictions with regards to Christ's first coming have proved to be true, so there's no reason to disbelieve what it says about Him coming again. On His return we are told He will judge each person who has ever lived against the absolute truth of His Word, the Bible. In the Bible we are told in the book of 1 Peter 4:5, "**they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.**"

So many people were not prepared for Christ's first coming, so many people still reject Him today and if they continue along this path, they will not be ready when He comes back as their judge. God demands perfection from every one of us, something we cannot attain for ourselves, but which Jesus has attained on behalf of all those who trust in Him for the forgiveness of their sin and to repair the broken relationship with God.

Are you trusting in Jesus as the only One who can make you acceptable in God's eyes? It's only in Jesus that we are fit for heaven, it's only in Him that we receive eternal life. It's only in Him we will not pay the penalty for our own sin for the rest of eternity. Jesus tells us in the Bible in John 14:6, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**"

Today can be a new beginning for you if you just heed God's call on your life. I urge you to turn to Him today, through the Lord Jesus. He is the truth! Don't believe the lies of this world ... they only lead to disaster ... trust in Jesus and look forward to His return when all those who are His will be vindicated and will live with Him in a perfect world forever.

May the One, True God be gracious to you this year. May He reveal Himself to you and may you trust in His Son. I hope 2024 will be a really blessed year for you all.

*Evan*

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

# The Big Parish Gardening Day

SATURDAY 10TH  
FEBRUARY 2024

JOIN US FOR A FEW HOURS WHEN WE MAKE A  
START CLEARING OUR PUBLIC FOOTPATHS  
STARTING WITH THE CHURCH ROAD TO CHAPEL  
ROAD ENTRANCE.

MEET AT 10AM, DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE  
WEATHER AND BRING OWN GLOVES, ETC.

For further details, contact the Parish Clerk

We can't say goodbye to 2023 without saying a huge public thank you to our wonderful team of Parish Councillors and "willing" volunteers who work their socks off to put on events you so brilliantly support. We don't always get it right but believe me we all have the best interests of the Parish to heart.

There is a vacancy. Come on board and enjoy the ride.

Thank you everyone, you're all very very special

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Bowls Club

Saturday  
27th

January  
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# The West Row Boys Battlefield Tour 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

The price per person is £450 per person for a double/twin room or £538 for a single room. You can pay it all in one go or we will have a monthly payment scheme going where you can pay a specified amount each month starting in August 2023, the final payment being August 1st 2024. Proof of Holiday Insurance needs to be provided by the final payment date.

## Included in the pricing is:

- Return Coach travel from West Row – Ferry Crossing Dover to Calais
- Hotel – Novotel Lille Centre Gares
- Friday – Lunch, Dinner and admission into Talbot House.
- Saturday – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and admission into Musee Somme.
- Sunday – Breakfast, Lunch and admission into the Memorial Museum Passchendaele and In Flanders Field Museum.
- Monday – Breakfast

## Itinerary

Day 1 – Dud Corner Cemetery – Poperinge/Talbot House – Estaires Communal Cemetery – Pont de Nieppe Communal Cemetery

Day 2 – Albert & The Musee Somme – Lochnager Crater – Thiepval Memorial – Pozieres Cemetery – Delville Wood – High Wood – Guillemont Road Cemetery

Day 3 – Ploegsteert Memorial – Messines – Railway Dugouts Cemetery – Memorial Museum Passchendaele – Tyne Cott Cemetery & Memorial – Hooge Crater Museum – Brandhoek New Military Cemetery – Ypres – Last Post ceremony

Day 4 – Masnieres British Cemetery – Battlefields of Cambrai & Memorial – Ecoist-St-Mein Cemetery – Arras – Home

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# WINTER QUIZ 2023/24

All answers are past or present pop singers/groups

E.g. Rambler siblings (6, 8) ANS — Walker Brothers

1. Feline Barbies? (8, 5) .....
2. Sounds like a pretty roofer? (6, 5) .....
3. Saint picks up OT book? (6, 4) .....
4. A range and a drain get mixed? (6, 6) .....
5. Could be a tennis problem? ( 5 ) .....
6. Shocking shade? ( 4 ) .....
7. Lunacy? ( 7 ) .....
8. Haircut and film dog? (3, 6) .....
9. Lancs town raingear? (9, 3) .....
10. Get a hamster from these guys? (3, 4, 4) .....
11. Nun on luge? (6, 6) .....
12. Palindromic band? ( 4 ) .....
13. Sounds like speedy sower? (6, 5) .....
14. Find these on the washing line? (8, 4, 5) .....
15. First man and soldiers? (4, 3, 3, 4) .....
16. The existing condition? (6, 3) .....
17. Imp suffering from vertigo? (5, 6) .....
18. Fate's Offspring? (7'1, 5) .....
19. Sounds like a skeletal letter? (5, 1) .....
20. Wireless top? ( 9 ) .....

Name of Entrant.....

Address .....

Contact tel no. ....

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OFTEN THE WINNER DOES NOT HAVE ALL THE CORRECT ANSWERS

# WEST ROW BOYS BATTLEFIELD TOUR

## 27th - 30th Sept 2024

**SEE PAGE 22 FOR FULL DETAILS**

