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Dear Member,

Please find attached your WLHG newsletter number 78.

This is the second special edition of the year. We decided to make this a special edition due to the length, the subject matter and the fact that we have another great issue in preparation for release mid-October which will be our scheduled edition. So that will be four newsletters this year.

The end of the second world war (WWII), both in Europe and Japan, was 80 years ago. It is also 80 years since the world was made aware of the horrors of the concentration camps. My Father, a POW in Germany, was taken ill seeing film of these camps shown in a cinema. Imagine what it was like to have been there as two Walberswick residents were.

These eightieth anniversaries are probably the last of the "big" anniversaries where significant numbers of people with memories of WWII can look back on those times. This made it a good time to remind members of one of Walberswick's celebrated inhabitants – Mea Allan.

Watching TV these days we are often warned that the contents of the programme to follow could be upsetting to some viewers. Following the programme viewers are given advice on where to go for help if they have been affected. This is the first time that a WLHG newsletter has been accompanied by such a warning. As we cannot offer counselling, our advice is that if you think that you could be disturbed by references to war-time atrocities then you do not open the attachment. I apologise if this seems dramatic.

We do like WLHG newsletters to be entertaining as well as informative. However, we are a history group and sometimes history is not entertaining. This newsletter will enter the archive and will be a record for future readers of how the events of 80 years ago touched the lives of two people who chose to come to the village to live after the war. The article has been written by Penny Fox and expertly researched. It is not all doom and gloom. In fact, it is predominantly about the life of an amazing woman at a time when women were often overlooked.

Some of our readers still recall Mea Allan. If you have any memories of Mea Allan or Grace Woodbridge we would love to hear from you with a view to including those memories in the archive. Indeed, we would like to hear any thoughts you have about any of the articles which appear in the newsletters.

If you share an email address with another member then please be sure to let them know about this!

Regards

John English (on behalf of WLHG)

PS – for some reason I am struggling with getting the hyperlinks in the pdf to work so if you would like to use them they work in the email!

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