

## Walberswick Village News

I took over the chairmanship of the Village News Board when Ben Cardwell moved away a few months ago.

We held a News Board meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> and I would like to thank my colleagues for their warm welcome and for their hard work. The board members are now:

Sheila Parry - advertising manager

Kate Goodchild - treasurer

Pat Lancaster - distribution. Many thanks also to Pat's team of distributors.

Jane Sutherland-Rogers - Parish Council Appointee

Julia Sowerbutts - PCC Appointee

We agreed on some objectives for the year ahead.

1. Data protection.

The new General Data Protection Regulations require us to show that our database is held securely and in accordance with the rules. Since the meeting Sheila Parry has set up a dedicated database using a specialist service, "SendinBlue" so that we can demonstrate compliance. Anyone wishing to receive an electronic copy of Village News can now register on line.

2. Village Website

The Village News was removed from the website last year because of data protection concerns. Thanks to Sheila, Claire Whittenbury and Kay Ungless we now have a link on the site so that people can register for an electronic copy.

3. Constitution

The document we have dates from 2005 and consists of page one of two. We would like to review the constitution to make sure it is fit for purpose and if anyone has a copy of page two we would love to see it! There may be other documents setting out the background to the News Board and if anyone has copies I should be grateful if they would contact me.

4. Public feedback

Later this year we will distribute a questionnaire so that readers can give us their views and let us know if there is anything we might change.

Lastly, I should like to express our appreciation to Gavin Petrie for all his hard work as editor and our advertisers for their support. Without them there would be no Village News.

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