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ON ARRIVAL

Welcome to the first issue of the Walberswick Village News. I would like to say Newspaper but at four pages this seems a little pretentious. But it will be four free pages delivered to all homes in the village each month. The process of refining the format continues, but will always include local news items, Church news and some local advertisements. Responsibility for the News rests with a Board of Management consisting of a Chairman, Editor, Treasurer, Advertising Manager and a member nominated by the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council, and the Common Land Trust. All are volunteers and give their time and efforts free.

There are costs associated with this type of venture. Contributors are noted above, and advertisements should also enlarge our coffers--we place no great hopes in the Lottery or Millennium Fund. Donations are always welcome (Eric Bassett is Treasurer); these may allow us to be more adventurous in future issues.

We hope you will be and remain an interested reader, but equally important will be your contributions, reflecting varied experience now, and in pre-Walberswick times. May I urge all village organisations to send in details of their activities to Richard Scott (Deputy Editor 722577), and for a ready flow of items to drop through the Editor's door as normal, plus any adverse criticism. Complimentary comments only may be sent to me.

Brian Payne. Chairman of The Board.

FOOTPATH WALKING.

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall Car Park on Tuesday 7th January at 10.00. The all day walk on Tuesday 21st Jan, will also leave from the same place, but at 10.30 for Bramfield where we will have lunch. For further information or help with transport please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all friends a Happy 1997

Heather Phillips

WALBERSWICK & BLYTHBURGH BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in the villages of Walberswick and Blythburgh raised £1,862.31, of which £947 was raised at the Coffee Morning and Bazaar; £692.40 through the sale of poppies and wreaths; and £221.91 was collected at the Remembrance Day Service at Holy Trinity, Blythburgh. This is a very significant sum of money and I thank all those who ran and helped on stalls, served coffee, sold poppies and those who helped in so many other ways, I would also like to thank the residents of the two villages for their outstanding generosity in supporting the 1996 Appeal.

Our Branch needs to recruit new members - if you are in sympathy with the objectives of the Royal British Legion you might like to join. Please contact the Honorary Secretary, Peter Austin at Short Lane House, Short Lane, Walberswick. (01502) 722836.

Our programme this year begins in the Spring with the Annual Lecture and Social Evening on Friday 25th April in the Walberswick Village Hall. The subject of the Lecture is "The Role of the British Army in Bosnia" by a recently returned Commanding Officer. Details later on our Summer expedition.

Rae Leighton,
Chairman

TOWARDS THE MILLENNIUM

The Parish Council are seeking views on the manner in which the millennium might be commemorated and the interests of the village promoted in the 21st century. Suggestions to date include street parties, and firework spectacles. More tangible ideas include a teleworking facility and enhancement of the village hall. May I please have your proposals.

Robin Buncombe

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VERY BEST WISHES.

.. to Elsie Bally, who is leaving the village shortly to live in the less labour intensive surroundings of Reydon.

After a long and varied career in nursing - at St Thomas's hospital before the war, later in India, and later still in Lincolnshire - she settled in Walberswick some 30 years ago. Since then she has worked tirelessly in support of her favourite charities-particularly Save the Children and Daffodil Days. Elsie's garden has given great pleasure to many with whom she shared it on her numerous open days. We wish her every happiness. No doubt her many friends will remain in touch with her in her new home.

D/Ed

CHURCH**TIME PASSES**

How many calendars have you been given this Christmas? The ones I have seen are large and very beautiful; an inspiration on a cold winter's day. But it is not always the big glossy things in life that are the most impressive or memorable. Francis Gay, who writes "The Friendship Book," talks about a very small calendar from the Royal National Institute for the Blind, which is simply headed "365 days to appreciate the beauty you can SEE".

One thing we cannot do is to "see" into the New Year ahead, but God never sends us ahead alone into the unknown. He knows each path and knows it well. John 10:4 "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

May I wish you every blessing for 1997.

Mark Hutchinson (Vicar)

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

I am sure that many would join with me in saying how moved they were by this service devised by Trinity College Cambridge. Congregation, Readers, Choir and our Vicar were united in an atmosphere of expectancy and joy as we looked forward to the celebration to come. The service progressed with perfect timing and without sign of the meticulous preparation which preceded it.

The Choir would like to thank its Director of Music for her hard work Her unbounded energy and enthusiasm coaxes us to a standard we would not individually believe possible.

Janet Simpson

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MATTERS

VICAR: The Rev. Mark Hutchinson 722256

WARDENS: Bob Trevelyan 722478

Paddy Kelly 724447

Elizabeth Leighton 724534

TREASURER: Eric Bassett 722474

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SECRETARY: Penny Buncombe 722358

ORGANIST: Julia Josephs 722828

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**THE CHURCH IN SUFFOLK
HOME WORDS**

The above leaflets have for many years formed part of the *Parish News*, but unfortunately it is not possible to incorporate them in the *Village News*. However a few copies will be available on the table at the back of the Church.

Eric Bassett

NOVEMBER PCC MEETING

It is hoped to resolve the position of Team Rector early in the New Year. A number of candidates have been interviewed, and the village will be kept informed.

After a donation to the Wenhaston Scholars a profit was made from the Harvest Supper held in October.

Sir Charles Blois was thanked for donating the Christmas Tree for the Church.

Elizabeth Leighton is PCC representative on the *Village News* Board of Management. All copy for the *News* should be sent to Julia Josephs. January 14th is the deadline for next month's copy.

Rita Woodcraft

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—NEW LOGO

Created by a design consultancy, it will make the C. of E. more recognisable to the general public. It will come into use in January; all dioceses, parishes, notice-boards, parish magazines and church schools will be encouraged to adopt it. It is clear the cross had to be there, to recognise that we are part of the universal church. The "C" is circular but open. It has an embracing quality which for most people sums up the C. of E.



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WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED "AS OTHERS SEE US"

In the early post-war years, Walberswick seemed to be quite a divided society. Two main factions - the indigenous population and the immigrants - were heavily inter-dependent but had little contact with each other socially. In 1952 an event occurred which went a long way towards dismantling this apartheid. Mea Allan, better known later as author and botanist, wrote and directed a remarkable piece of amateur theatre. This was a review called "As Others See Us" which drew its extensive cast and support team from every corner of the village, and aimed in its sketches to poke fun at various aspects of Walberswick life. The Plantagenets were a highlight, based loosely - or not so loosely, actually - on the number of people in the village who, though not directly related, shared the surname English. "Wee Are Thee Plantagenet Familee Proud To Bee" ran the lyric, and each verse ended with "Same Name - But No Relay---Shun!" In real life most of the Englishes had nicknames - Blucher, Boko, Dubber, Scarborough etc., but in the interests of scansion the Plantagenets were given simpler names - Billo, Willo and Ned; Jimmo, Timmo and Ted. Another wickedly funny sketch was called "We Are The Great -(Brackets)- Retired". The village was well sprinkled in the 1950s with "retired military", so it seemed quite topical. But mutterings were heard and it said much for the climate of the times that the sketch was quickly deleted. Full of youthful idealism, I found this unfair: if the rest of the village was going to have its leg pulled, why not the colonels and wingcoes? More about "As Others See Us" another time, perhaps.

D/Ed.

AN INTEGRATING SOCIETY

One day in 1951 my mother, then a comparative newcomer in the village, was buying bacon in J C Reynolds' grocery store opposite the Green. More I suspect, to generate conversation than in the expectation of a serious reply, she asked Jack Reynolds how long it took to be accepted in village society. "You're accepted when you've got a grandmother in the graveyard" JCR replied, returning to the bacon slicer. Decades later, circa 1985, I fared a little better when the same topic cropped up in the Bell. I was talking to Dinks Cooper, and the conversation went something like this: DINKS - When were you first in Walberswick, Richard? ME 1949- DINKS - Hmm. Well, I expect you'll do. I took it as a compliment: I know it was meant as one.

D/Ed

WALBERSWICK RECREATION CLUB

We are holding an evening of entertainment at the Village Hall on Friday January 17th 1997. The object is to see whether such an event will be popular, in which case meetings will be held on a regular basis. We are aiming at the younger inhabitants of Walberswick but parents are welcome, if they feel that their son or daughter might enjoy the evening but are worried about them being unaccompanied. There will be carpet bowls, table tennis and darts. If anyone has ideas for any other events please let me know on 723847 and we will try to include them. Refreshments and soft drinks will be available at cost price. The carpet bowls mat will be down for the whole meeting and anyone of any age who would like to try their hand is welcome. There will be no charge for the evening, so come and try it!

Peter Taylor

- * 1, 8, 15, 22, 29th, 19.30 Bowls Village Hall
- * 2, 9, 16, 23, 30th, 14.30 Whist Village Hall
- * 17, 19.30 Bowls Table Tennis Darts Village Hall
- * 21 Tuesday 19.30 PCC Meeting
- * 25 Saturday 11.00 Viewing of the Walberswick Scroll..Village Hall(see note by D/Ed)
- * 27 Monday 10.30 Meeting of St Andrew's Guild Millstones

WHATS ON

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- * 26 Sunday Septuagesima 11.15 Morning Prayer 12.15 Holy Communion 1662

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On 8th January our first meeting of 1997 will take place, as usual, in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We shall be welcoming as our speaker, Candida Wingate, an experienced journalist who will be giving us an insight into her professional career.

Our 1997 programme is full of variety, ranging from esoteric items such as "Inside Information", "Kerala and South India" and "A Childhood spent in Germany in the Thirties" to old favourites such as cookery and gardening. At Long Roof, where the first meeting of the Walberswick WI took place in 1918, a very special event is planned for 19th February to celebrate the centenary of the WI movement. Programmes are available from Barbara Taylor, Ann Beckham or Christine Dungey, who will be delighted to deliver if requested.

The Christmas decorations in the village hall made a very welcoming sight for members and guests to our Christmas party on 11th December. Heather and Reggie Hyne had added to the scene with a beautifully decorated table, set out with a wealth and variety of hand-made Christmas cards they had received over the years. Fun was the order of the afternoon and everyone was soon paired with a partner and tackling some moderately brain teasing games arranged around the room. This was followed by a Beetle Drive which generated much finger twitching on the dice, frenzied shouts of "six", "two", "body", "Beetle!" and fevered adding of scores. A delicious tea, prepared by the committee, was a just reward for all participants.

Margot Godbold

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

Will be shown in the Village Hall from time to time in 1997; frequency of these events will be dictated by demand. For those not familiar with the scroll, it is one artist's view of the village, painted in watercolour in 1931 on a 123-foot roll of paper, by John Doman Turner (1873-1938). Almost every house in the village at that time is depicted in some detail.

The first 1997 showing will be on SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 at 11 a.m. If you are thinking of coming, please let me know in advance (722577). This does not commit you, but a rough idea of numbers helps me to plan the event. There is no charge, but a collection will be made to cover the village hall expenses.

D/Ed

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A CONTEMPORARY ETHIC.

This is a shortened version of a *Financial Times* article by Hugh Dickinson, Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, and published some six months ago.

A colleague and I fell - as is the wont of clergy - to pondering the Ten Commandments. They contain profound ethical principles, but as they stand they do not serve and cannot serve the functions of our society that they once held for a tribe of nomads in the Middle East in 2000 BC. Apart from anything else there are no sanctions to enforce them except Episcopal or parliamentary exhortations: neither carry much moral clout. Nor do claims for "Holy Scripture". We asked ourselves - suppose we were to write a new Ten Commandments for a school community - what would they be? Would they be different for primary schools from those offered to a university or college? Or will one set serve for everyone? They need to be succinct and lapidary - not in the sense of rules graven in granite but sharp and pithy like Latin inscriptions. They must be norms which everyone of goodwill can own, atheist, agnostic, Jew, Moslem Christian or new age Gnostic. We bickered amiably for 40 minutes. These are some of the phrases we tried out.

- Treat others as you would have them treat you.
- Be urgent for justice and fair play for others.
- Put welfare of the community before your own; respect its laws; work together to build it up.
- Protect the weak, succour the poor, respect the aged, welcome strangers, be compassionate to all.
- Treat life & time as precious gifts; strive to use all your gifts & talents to the uttermost.
- Speak the truth, deal honestly, keep your word, be faithful to your friends & family.
- The planet & all its creatures are your responsibility. Strive to make it beautiful, to protect its resources and leave it a better world.
- Make peace, be willing to forgive, avoid violence.
- Be generous with your time and love.

Ed

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN WALBERSWICK BRANCH

Proceeds from the Mini Market in December allowed the magnificent sum of £1243 to be sent to the Campaign. I would like to thank all those who so generously donated gifts, and to the helpers & supporters. M.A.

WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED - VISITOR MANAGEMENT IN THE FIFTIES

We spend a lot of time nowadays devising schemes for managing our summer visitors. It is interesting to reflect upon how this problem - admittedly less serious then - was dealt with in the 1950s.

Then, as now, many visitors to Walberswick arrived by ferry, They were almost immediately subjected to a management process, as their first task on alighting was to find a way past the riverside geese, whose principal aim in life was to repel boarders at all costs. These fine birds belonged to Ernie Cross (Bob's uncle) and were the last survivors of a generations-old Walberswick tradition of free-roaming geese.

Further up the village visitor control was handled efficiently by Rastas the Alsatian. This formidable animal belonged to Joan Midwood, who lived at Westons. A master of body language, Rastas would spend hours crouched in the middle of the street with his nose between his paws, as if preparing to pounce. Generally, he didn't care much for anything with wheels, and I remember vividly how much the sight of my bicycle could enrage him on a bad day. David Webb claims fond memories of Rastas, but all I can recall is abject terror.

Isn't it a shame that in these litigious times we can't just leave visitor management to nature?

D/Ed

CAROLS - THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Walberswick Carol Singing collection for Christmas 96 raised £121.61 for the Children's Society. Hearty thanks to everyone who organised and contributed. Particular thanks to those providing refreshments and the decoration of the hall by Pat and Phillip Kett.

Robert Wythe

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CHURCH MATTERS**BLYTH COASTAL TEAM - APPOINTMENT OF TEAM RECTOR**

I am now authorised to announce that the Reverend Barry Naylor, Rector of St. John the Evangelist, East Dulwich, and Rural Dean of Dulwich, has been offered and has accepted the post of Team Rector to the new Blyth Coastal group of parishes, covering an area from the Wrentham benefice in the north, down to ourselves in the south. Southwold parish will be included in the Team when the present incumbent, the Reverend Peter Bustin, retires next month.

Barry Naylor was educated at High Storrs Grammar School, Sheffield, whence he went to London University attaining a degree (BSc) in Geography; He then went to Oxford and obtained his degree in Theology. A single man, full of energy, he comes to us with impeccable references; we will eventually come under his immediate care with Blythburgh and Reydon, although, on occasion, we will have the services of other Team Vicars, yet to be appointed.

From my interview with Mr. Naylor, I would say he is a staunch Anglo Catholic, committed to collaborative styles of Ministry; to quote from his letter to the Archdeacon, "I exercise leadership by accepting where people already are, and then ensuring, to the best of my ability, that I have carried them with me through persuasion and example."

The new Team Rector will take up his appointment somewhere around May-June this year. The Reverend Mark Hutchinson will remain Vicar of Walberswick for the time being, although he is being called upon more and more to help out in the Deanery whilst all the changes are developing. Our services will continue as advertised both in this news sheet and on the church notice board and, if you have any difficulty, we have three churchwardens available: at least one of them should be in the parish at any one time.

Bob Trevelyan, Churchwarden

PEGGY BRASTED

After many years Peggy Brasted is, with much regret, having to give up the task of cleaning the Church Silver. Fortunately, Annie Wardle has kindly promised to carry on Peggy's work. We should all like to thank Peggy for her long and faithful service to the Church.

Paddy Kelly, Churchwarden

SERENDIPITY.

Our family was fortunate to be able to spend Christmas and New Year at Beta Cottage on the Green - the third time since we bought the cottage ten years ago. It was particularly special in that our son, his wife and fifteen month old baby who live in Brisbane were able to join with our three daughters and their families. You can imagine the excitement when we discovered that snow had fallen and Walberswick looked even more beautiful than usual.

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Our son phoned from Brisbane on Jan 2 to say their return journey had been particularly enjoyable, having sat next to a total stranger who had spent his Christmas in Southwold. Where did he live? Quite close to our son in Brisbane!

Eric & Shirley-Ann Humphries

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ROBERT AND ELSIE CHURCH

We are extremely sad to learn of the death of Elsie on January 2nd and her husband, Robert, only six days later on the 8th. I have known Elsie since I came to live in Walberswick in 1953. Her boys were at the local school of which I became a manager in the 1950s. Elsie was a very keen gardener and entered excellent produce and flowers at the local show, winning the Cup. We were keen competitors! She was a staunch member of the Golden Age Club. In the last few years her health has not been good but she always portrayed a cheerful attitude to life. We extend our sympathy and prayers to all the family.

Mary Bell

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SPLASH 2000

Many will be aware of the vigorous efforts being made, mainly by the residents of Southwold & Reydon, to provide a swimming pool for the local community.-this includes Walberswick. May I urge all readers to support this worthy intention for the future enjoyment of residents, their visitors, children & grandchildren. A great amenity for us all. Further information from Ann Betts 01502 724300

CHANNEL 5 OPERATIONS

Channel 5 operators may be visiting residences both in and out of designated retuning areas and have developed a security programme in conjunction with regional police forces, Neighbourhood Watch and local authorities. The key element of this programme is the sending of individually addressed letters, with a unique security code, to all homes being visited by Channel 5 retuners which explains the security measures and how home-owners can reduce potential threats. Home-owners should only admit anyone claiming to be a retuner if they have received correspondence from Channel 5. If householders are suspicious they should contact the Police.

Robin Buncombe

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Robin Buncombe

WARTIME REMINISCENCES - WALBERSWICK AND BLYTHBURGH

The local Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Walberswick Local History Group placed a notice in Parish magazines inviting wartime reminiscences so that these could be recorded. We are now tackling the job seriously, and would invite anyone with a story to tell about the 1939-45 war, civilian or military, to contact either of those below.

We propose to include something about the two villages in wartime, with lists of those who served and if possible, short histories of those who were killed. The provisional list of the 43 men and seven women from Walberswick who served in the Forces is attached, together with the names of two men who served in the Trinity House vessel *Patricia*. If you have any corrections or additions please contact either of the signatories below.

David Shirreff
723287

Arthur Sharman
722179

MINSMERE NEWS NOV/DEC 1996

Progress has been made in converting the old car park to a nature area for school groups and the less mobile.

Preparations for our 50th anniversary are hotting up, 1997 should be a great year. The special events started on 1 January with a Flying Start birdwatch. Leaflets on the events can be picked up at the Centre.

Our wintering birds are arriving, the best so far being a Yellow-Browed Warbler. Red-throated Divers were present offshore early in December, plus a few Little Auks, Gannets and Puffins. Small numbers of Bewick's Swans were present on Island Mere with White-fronted and Pink-footed Geese with some Greylag. Also a red-headed Smew and a small flock of Goldeneye. Shore Larks and Snow Buntings on the beach continued to delight. Waxwings have been around and a flock of 25 was spotted one evening roosting on the heath. A Pomarine Skua, harassing gulls, and an Arctic Skua were both seen.

3 Marsh Harriers regularly hunted over the reedbeds while up to 4 Hen Harriers, including a male, were seen most days. There were brief glimpses of a Merlin and a young Peregrine, perhaps attracted by the huge Starling flock still roosting in the reeds. Up to 3 Jack Snipe bobbed in front of Island Mere. Barn Owl, Long-eared Owl and Short-eared Owl have been hunting.

Star bird of December was a Kumlien's gull (the North American race of Iceland gull) present on the Island Mere - the second record for Suffolk, the first also being at Minsmere in January 1996!

Brian Payne.

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* 16 Sunday Lent 1 09.45 Holy Communion Rite B
* 23 Sunday Lent 2 11.15 Morning Prayer 12.15 Holy Communion 1662

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WALBERSWICK WI

February doesn't spring to mind as an exciting month but for members of Walberswick WI it is making a strong bid to achieve that status. Mr. Robert Fournell is our speaker for the regular meeting in the village hall on Wednesday, 12th February at 2.30 pm. His subject is "Amber", that elusive gem we all hope to find when walking our local beaches. The competition for February is "An Interesting Beach Find".

By kind invitation of Prof. & Mrs. Dungey, a celebratory Buffet Lunch is to be held on 19th February at their home, Long Roof, birthplace of Walberswick WI in 1918. This February date is significant as the centenary of the WI's formation at Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. and to help make the afternoon one to remember Jill Freud will be joining us as our guest speaker.

On 26th February a Group meeting at Darsham village hall will comprise a Quiz, loosely based on women's achievements, followed by refreshments. Transport for teams and supporters will be arranged on 12th February.

A freezing January afternoon was warmed and brightened by the presence in our midst of Candida Wingate, our guest speaker, who told us with elegant style and panache how journalism had, as she put it, "found" her. Her ability to interest us all with her involvement in the launch of a new magazine for women in East Anglia and later the Women's Supplement of the EADT is, undoubtedly, a reflection of her journalistic skills.

Margot Godbold

WHIST GROUP

The Whist Group started at the beginning of 1996. We experimented with afternoon and evening sessions; the former proved popular but the latter were discontinued. The afternoons have flourished and continued throughout the Summer even on fine days, thus allowing enthusiastic gardeners some rest!

The aim of the meeting is to provide a pleasant afternoon; we play to enjoy ourselves. We move around so that no one plays with the same partner for two consecutive hands. We charge £1 a session, and usually have between 10-15 players. Our funds allow us to have lunch at the Round House every 7 or 8 months.

Why not come & join us? We meet in th Village Hall Annex every Thursday at 14.30. If you have a transport problem to or from, please ring me on 723847. An introductory session can be arranged for beginners.

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WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS LTD.

1996 saw the introduction of certain traffic control measures as Phase 1 of a Visitor Management Strategy for the village. Phase 2 includes the implementation of charges for car parking at Ferry Road and Cliff Field.

The land at Ferry Road belongs to the Walberswick Common Lands Trust, which as a registered charity is unable to trade directly. A limited company has therefore been set up, Walberswick Car Parks Ltd, which will lease the land from the Trust. Charging for car parking will come into effect on the 1st of May 1997, and will coincide with the season for other traffic control measures, that is from May 1st to September 30th.

The Car Parks company is managed by a Board of Directors initially consisting of certain trustees of the Common Lands Trust, the Chairman of the Parish Council and a businessman resident in the village. The company secretary is Mrs. Jayne Tibbles.

The charge for car parking is being set at £1 for any length of stay in one day and the system used will be "pay and display". Each resident in the village of Walberswick will be issued with one concessionary pass, to be displayed in the vehicle if the car park is being used.

An operations Manager, responsible to the Directors, is to be appointed to oversee the day-to-day management of the car parks. He will supervise a number of part-time assistants working on a shift basis and be responsible for financial control and cash handling.

Enquiries are now invited for the post of Operations Manager and for the jobs of part-time Car Park Attendants between May and September (at least two attendants' positions will be in a supervisory capacity). Enquiries should be made to Mrs. Jayne Tibbles, Lima Cottage, Bell Green Walberswick: telephone 01502 724448

Rae Leighton
Chairman of Directors.

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE HALL

The AGM will be held at the Village Hall on March 25th 1997, at 7.30 p.m. Please make a special note of this and make every effort to attend. There are a number of important policy matters to be discussed which require the attention of Hall users and of the community in general. The hall management committee is ever mindful of the need to maintain and run an efficient, acceptable centre for community activities and must structure its charges accordingly. The Hall has currently the lowest hire charges in the Blyth Valley area, this being one of the important considerations to be discussed.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. Your support at the meeting is extremely important. All are welcome.

Judith Morton 724572

Certain items may be obtained from the Village Hall on hire, but this requires their return. We are at present missing a clothes rail. Will the borrower please return it

HERITAGE CENTRE 1997

How time flies 1997 already, in a matter of a few weeks the Centre will be open for Easter. I shall be looking for more volunteers to staff the Centre from 2 to 5pm on certain afternoons, and will soon be sending a calendar around so that you may select your days. Last year we opened on 78 days, taking a total of £1186 from 8814 visitors

Maureen Thompson 723755

HALESWORTH TIMES 1863

Two very fine specimens of Palla's Sandgrouse were shot a few days since at Walberswick and we believe are now in the possession of Mr Thomas Spalding at Westleton who added them to his already fine collection of preserved birds. It is said that until the present year the bird has not been known in Great Britain..

Phillip Kett

From today's viewpoint, unthinkable vandalism. Ed

LUCY BATEMAN

Lucy Bateman wishes to thank all those who have sent cards, flowers & gifts during her stay in hospital. She hopes you understand if she does not answer each one separately, & will take this note as her heartfelt thanks to you all.

Alan Fletcher (Brother)

Lucy is now on painkillers and with her deafness this leaves her a little confused, and unable to write or read the newspaper
Ed

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NEWS FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC has been involved in several discussions to consider what should be done when the vicarage is sold and we suffer a severe loss of amenity. We are approaching the Diocesan authorities to obtain a grant from the proceeds of the sale of the building to enable us to carry out our duties to the Parish. We shall need to provide toilet facilities which, under today's regulations, will have to accommodate the disabled. We shall need space for the Sunday School, choir practices and other church activities.

At one time we had hoped to obtain permission to build a church room inside the ruins, paid for by a grant from

CHURCH MATTERS

AN EASTER THOUGHT : FROM GLOOM TO GLORY

Something distinguishes Christianity from all the religions of the world. Not only does it carry the truth of redemption by the death of our Saviour on the Cross for our sins, but carries the fact that Christ rose again. Only the Christian faith claims that its Leader died and rose again and is alive at this moment. Many gravestones carry the inscription, "Here lies . . ." but, on Christ's tomb are emblazoned the words, "He is not here". Christianity has no shrines to visit, no dusty remains to venerate, no tombs at which to worship. Many good individuals have lived, and still live in the memory of those who knew them, but there is only one Individual who conquered death - Jesus Christ - and He will live forever.

Christians can be confident that our power does not lie in the manger at Bethlehem nor in the relics of the Cross. True spiritual power resides in the victory of the mighty, resurrected Jesus Christ, who said after spoiling death: "All power is given me in heaven and earth".

The power of the Christian believer lies in Christ's resurrection glory! Christ's resurrection caused a startling change of direction for the believers. Sadness and fear and mourning marked the direction of their religion before they knew that Jesus was raised from the dead - their direction was towards the grave. When they heard that, "He is risen, as He said", the direction immediately shifted away from the tomb. If Christ is not risen, then as St. Paul says, our faith and our Easter celebrations are a fraud.

Thankfully, the Resurrection Morning was only the beginning of a great, vast outreach that arrived in Walberswick many centuries ago and that has never ended - and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again! Which will be some time soon! Are you ready to meet Him?

Mark Hutchinson - with help from Billy Graham

ST ANDREW'S GUILD.

This year The Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 7th March and the service is at 2.30pm in our Church. The women of Korea have written the 1997 Order of Service on the theme "Like a seed which grows into a tree". Mrs. Jill Macfarlane is the speaker. Tea will be served afterwards in the Vicarage.

The Lent Austerity Lunches organised by the Guild continue on Fridays in March from 12.30 to 1.30 in the Village Hall. Bread, cheese and coffee are served and the proceeds will be given to the Samaritans. The lunches are open to everyone and the last one is on March 21st.

Easter Sunday is on March 30th and spring flowers, greenery etc. will be welcome at the church early on the day before, Saturday 29th. Donations for Easter lilies should be sent to Mrs. Mary King at Dutch House in The Street any time from now until Easter.

Marjorie Gordon-Potts (Secretary)

the Millennium Fund. We found the conditions required by the Millennium authorities too financially onerous, requiring us to cover an additional amount of one half of whatever they granted us.

We are now contemplating a less expensive scheme involving the installation of a floor inside the clergy vestry under the church tower. This vestry is very lofty and could permit the construction of another room reached by a small staircase. We hope to include provision of a small kitchen for refreshment facilities following church services. Everything is in a very early phase, but the PCC thought you would like to know what is in mind.

Bob Trevelyan Churchwarden

ELECTION OF TEAM VICAR

My colleague, Paddy Kelly, and I will be attending a selection panel to elect a Team Vicar to fill the vacancy brought about by the retirement of the Reverend Peter Bustin at Southwold. This will be a further development in the Blyth Valley Team Ministry

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Mrs Thompson has received a letter from
Professor Ponder at Addenbrooks
Hospital, thanking the Friends for raising
£6250 last year. She would like to thank
all those in Walberswick for their gifts of
clothing & "white elephants."

Pat Wythe

SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL FRIENDS.

The grand total of the collection this year
was £673. Very many thanks to all the
subscribers & collectors.

Mary King

A RECORD(ING) DAY

A recent visit to Woodbridge reminded me of a committee meeting held in London on 26 June 1967. The Chairman was Patricia Fay, the driving force behind the founding of the NADFAS (National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts). The church at St Mary's, Woodbridge, was the venue for a NADFAS training day for Church Recorders, which was very informative and well structured. The training covered libraries, textiles, carvings and windows, and I now find myself assigned with a colleague to record the details of the windows in Reydon.

The collated records will be available to parishes and dioceses. There will also be copies in the Victoria and Albert Museum. Patricia's view was that the Association should volunteer help, and not just accept all that was given at lectures. She would be happy to see our efforts to record for posterity the treasures of our land.

Anne Easterbrook

WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED—GENERAL WILSON'S REARLIGHT.

Walberswick had a substantial population of "retired military" in the 1950s and one senior officer of the period was General Wilson, who lived in Millfield Road. He was a great keep-fit enthusiast, and was keenly interested in road safety.

Keeping fit involved taking long walks every day at a brisk pace, one of which generally took place after dark. Fearful of getting mown down in his octogenarian prime (no reflective armbands in those days) the General devised a personal rearlight, attached to his coat-tails and fed from a battery in his pocket.

This rearlight caused some amusement in the village, as night traffic was not heavy. Yet dangers lurked: MOT's were then undreamed of, and several local cars had dim headlights and ineffective brakes. There was also the prevailing and widely-held belief that one's skill at the wheel was greatly enhanced with a few pints of Adnams under the belt.

Perhaps one should pay more attention to personal illumination today.

D/Ed

WATCH IT !

Having (hopefully) put behind us the hazards of winter driving and with the approach of Easter traffic, here is a reminder that :-

You must watch the fellow who drives ahead
And the fellow who drives behind,
But the fellow you really have to watch
On any road, you'll find,
Is the fellow behind the fellow ahead
And ahead of the fellow behind!

Ruth Bassett.

8 April 19.30 Walberswick & Southwold Railway, Village Hall
17 May All day Paintings & Photographs relating to Walberswick. Village Hall

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2 Sunday Lent 3	11.15 Holy Communion Rite B
7 Friday	14.20 Women's World Day of Prayer
9 Sunday Lent 4	09.45 Family Service for Mothering Sunday
12 Wednesday	10.30 Holy Communion 1662
16 Sunday Lent 5	09.45 Holy Communion Rite B
23 Sunday Palm Sunday	11.15 Family Service - distribution of palm crosses
24 Monday	10.00 Holy Communion 1662
27 Maundy Thursday	19.30 Blythburgh Church Vigil and Eucharist
28 Friday Good Friday	11.00 Meditation and Readings from St John's Gospel
30 Easter Sunday	09.45 Family Communion Rite B
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WALBERSWICK WI

Mild or mad, March days call many of us into our gardens. Problems arising from the cold days of winter appear. Help is at hand! On Thursday, 6th March, starting at 7.30pm, James Debbage and his assistants from Notcutts of Norwich will be at the Village Hall to conduct a Gardeners' Question Time. This is an OPEN MEETING, so bring your problem plants and your questions and give your gardening year a flying start. Guests' entry fee will be £2.00 to include refreshments. A few questions telephoned to our President, Barbara Taylor, on 723847 prior to the meeting will help start the ball rolling.

Our regular meeting is on 12th March at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall when Mr. C. Hopper will be talking on "The History of Playing Cards", a subject that should be of interest to many members, especially those newly introduced to the game of bridge!

A well-attended meeting on 12th February listened to Mr. Robert Fournell tell the fascinating story of amber - its origins, its properties and some of the myths and legends surrounding it. Its beauty was well illustrated by Mr. Fournell's samples - some embedded with insects, some which fluoresced with red and blue came from far away places such as Burma and Domenica. We were also shown samples of beads that were fake amber and resins that could be mistaken for amber. Amber is still being washed up on to our coast from the seabed after storms but it is a finite resource - so keep looking!

Margot Godbold.

...AND VERY SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

From the 3 month old infant *Village News* to the centenarian **WI**. May you prosper, and encourage the virtues that your organisation holds dear. Let the Roof of that dwelling Long support such endeavours which surely must also encompass the Citizens' Advice Bureau
Ed

MINSMERE IN JANUARY.

Preparations for the 50th anniversary events are going well. There will be a photographic exhibition "Focus on Minsmere" starting on 5th March. The cold weather at the start of the year meant little open water on the reserve, though up to 6 ruff with cold feet were seen peering through the ice at Mere Island. Twenty water pipits made use of the unfrozen mud and woodcock, ventured out of the wood on to the reserve. The most exotic bird of the month was a Red-billed Teal, probably from somewhere closer than southern Africa. Mere Island had good numbers of teal(600),smew(8)goldeneye(10),pintail(27). The first glaucous gull was still present in early January.

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AN AMERICAN AT HOME.

It happened some fifty years ago. What? An energy sapping cycle ride of some sixty to seventy miles starting at Brome, Diss, on to Walberswick and return. My future father-in-law, Major E. Borrow, had bought Lilliput in Walberswick. Few people wanted houses on the East Coast because of a possible German invasion. Joan, Major Borrow's daughter, and I cycled from Brome to have a look. The thought never entered our minds that we two might live there. I was an American in the U.S. 95th (Horsham /Stradbroke) B-17 Bomber Group. We two agreed that if Joan were to come to California, we would wait a few months and then, if we felt the same way, get married. After being separated from 1945 to 1948, she came. A few months later we were married in Los Angeles. Ten years later, in 1958, we returned to East Anglia, living in Ipswich for some years. After Joan's parents died, Joan and I took over Lilliput. Though Joan died two and a half years ago, Walberswick is my home. I spent some time in Florida recently and could hardly wait to return to Walberswick. The things we value and treasure change as we go through life. At my stage of life I realise the value of friends, of someone in whom I can confide. The melancholy call of the night owl, the cackle of the early-morning pheasant, the wonderful places to walk, the fog, the rain, drizzle, sunshine —the extraordinary peace and quiet- this is part of Walberswick. This is my home.

Jim Johnson

THE GRAPE THAT HEALS

Wine is a panacea for life as well as its raison d'etre. Scientists at the University of Illinois have discovered that grapes may cure cancer. Red-wine drinkers may wish to raise a glass to resveratrol, if they can wrap their loosened tongues around the word. A natural chemical of that name, in grape skins, has been found to prevent cancer. Scientists dosed cancerous mice with the chemical and concluded that it is one of the best natural anti-cancer agents yet discovered. It appears to block an enzyme which leads to the disease. It is hoped that the research could lead to diet supplements based on resveratrol which people could take to reduce risks of cancer. An alternative might be to drink enormous quantities of wine. However, oenophiles should note that, to achieve the same dosages of resveratrol as given to the laboratory mice they would need to down five gallons of red wine a day! The best source of resveratrol is wine made from the Pinot Noir grape such as Cotes de Nuits and Cotes de Beaune. A cheap bottle is even better than a fine Chateaufort du Pape. Ageing tends to deplete the wine of its health-giving properties. For many years folk wisdom has declared that grapes are the appropriate present to take to the sick, even if the giver, having run out of cheerful conversation, then eats them himself. But for an even longer time poets and sages have praised the

pleasures and benefits of wine. So sang Omar Khayyam. The Psalmists and many subsequent writers agree that wine makes glad the hearts of gods and men and the more enlightened medical writers still confirm their view.

Julia Josephs

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LECTURE AND SOCIAL EVENING

The Walberswick and Blythburgh Branch is holding its Annual Lecture & Social Evening on Friday 25th April in the Walberswick Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The lecture is "The Role of the British Army in Bosnia", and will be given by Colonel Roger Brunt OBE, who commanded 1st Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment in Bosnia during 1996. The talk will be followed by a buffet supper with wine. The price of a ticket will be £3. This is a public meeting and everyone is invited, irrespective of membership of the Legion. Tickets are on sale at the Post Office, Blythburgh and at the Tuck Shop, Walberswick.

The Village Hall has a limited capacity and as it is anticipated that this will be a popular event, you are advised to obtain your tickets as soon as possible.

Rae Leighton

NO "VN"!??

If you do not receive a copy of the VN, I usually have a few spare copies, or there are some at the back of the church together with "The Church in Suffolk" and "Home Words." Eric Bassett

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PARISH REGISTER INTERMENT

On February 20th Judith Ann Elizabeth Ashley of Oadby, Leicester, aged 51 years.

Quite a coincidence! St. Peter's Church, Oadby was where I worshipped as a child and later returned when my husband was appointed Curate. The former Bishop of Dunwich, Eric Devenport, was also a Vicar of Oadby.

Julia Josephs

CONTRIBUTIONS !!!

If you represent any organisation or group in Walberswick, do bear in mind that this modest publication finds its way into every letter-box in the village, and thus is a splendid way to publicise any event you may be holding. Literary contributions of about 200 words are most welcome, and should be with me about 14th of the preceding month. D/Ed 722577

CHURCH MATTERS**THE TEAM RECTOR DESIGNATE WRITES.**

I am looking forward very much to coming to this part of God's world; worshipping, working and relaxing with you. My twenty one years of priestly ministry have, up to now, been in south east London and I have rejoiced in the great diversity of people and situations I have experienced. I am eagerly anticipating the different richness of diversity and experience I will discover when I move to this part of the Suffolk coast. My ministry has always been rooted in a disciplined life of prayer centred on the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. I belong to an ecumenical fraternity of priests - Jesus Caritas - whose spiritual life is inspired by the example of Charles de Foucauld (a French priest and hermit who lived earlier this century). I hope and pray that as we work together with Christians of other Churches in this part of God's kingdom, we will all grow together in our knowledge and love of God and of each other. I hope we will all be open to the new challenges and blessings, which God has in store for us in the months and years ahead. I pray that we will be a people that truly reflect that hope and optimism, which is the essential message of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With every blessing and my love and prayers,

Barry Naylor.

CLERGY NEWS

Our Vicar, the Revd. Mark Hutchinson, will be leaving us to take up an appointment as Team Vicar in the South West Ipswich Team, with special responsibility for St. Peter's Stoke Park. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Dunwich at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th June in St. Peter's Church.

The Revd. Barry Naylor will be licensed by the Bishop in Blythburgh Church on Saturday 24th May at 3 pm as Priest in Charge of all those parishes without an incumbent and as Team Rector Designate of the Blyth Coastal Team.

Bob Trevelyan, Churchwarden

IT WAS LOVELY.

There is nothing too much laid down about Mothering Sunday. Flowers. Singing. Children. Around these three essentials you can feel free. Praise. Thanks. Some confession, maybe. Have we all, always, done right by our parents, our children?

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" set the pace. The church looked full from the choir stalls - adults, a baby or two, and all the Sunday School children agog in their square front pew. One by one they stood and recalled their mother's qualities. A brave father joined them to praise mother's cooking!

The choir sang John Rutter's magical, rippling anthem, "For the Beauty of the Earth". The children sang more thanks, with notes as true and rhythmic as their leader's guitar. Jill McFarlane, often welcomed in Walberswick of late, preached fervently.

Flowers, golden everywhere, a golden posy wrapped in silver for every one of us.

And hot coffee, and gorgeous home-made simnel cake, large square golden, awaiting everyone in the porch. Lovely. Recently a Londoner wrote in the St Andrew's visitors' book "This is the loveliest church in Suffolk". As this service unrolled, I felt this to be true. Something to do with simplicity and caring.

Joan Galwey

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MINSMERE RESERVE FEBRUARY 1997

The photographic exhibition opened 5th March to much acclaim and remains viewable until 2nd June (*an interesting Easter outing for the family Ed*) February was a quiet month overall, but a Cetti's warbler started singing mid-month at Island Mere. High numbers of white-fronted geese (370) were on the Levels and Island Mere, a big increase on last year. The flocks of wintering wildfowl on Island Mere thinned out as birds started to return North, though small numbers of teal, wigeon, goldeneye, shoveller and pintail remain. Bewick's swans passed through late in the month, also going North.

Marsh and hen harriers were regularly seen, but more unusual birds of prey started to appear, with rough-legged buzzard, buzzard, red kite and peregrine all seen at least once. Offshore, numbers of red-throated divers and great crested grebes started to tail off, though there were sightings of both black-throated and great northern divers.

Brian Payne

WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED - A RASTAS POSTSCRIPT

Rastas the Alsatian, that doughty canine traffic warden of the 1950's (see *Village News*, February) was, it seems, fond of human company when off duty.

One evening circa 1950, Dick Leon and Derek Muttit went to Southwold Cinema, crossing the river in a rowing boat. On their way to the river they found that they were being accompanied by Rastas, who tried hard to jump into the boat with them; eventually they managed to leave him behind.

Alighting on the north bank, the two boys were dismayed to find that Rastas had swum across after them; they were only able to disown him at the cinema door. Or so it seemed: after a few minutes the faithful hound appeared once more at their side (doubtless reeking of river) and remained with them until it was time to go home.

The cinema stood close to the site of York Road surgery and became, around 1960, the Blyth Hasel warehouse (its unusual wooden staircase survives today in the Halesworth studio of the painter Margot Noyes). Eastern Counties Omnibus Company found it worthwhile to run a bus from Walberswick on Friday nights, which was frequently quite full.

D/Ed.

WARTIME WALBERSWICK.

By the way he told the story, we thought my son-in-law's father helped defend Southwold during the war with a rifle and a dog. After we moved here we found he was part of the command of a battery of six inch howitzers located in Henham Woods. Their job was to rain shells on Southwold beach, should the Germans land. Their defence system included lookouts posted in the tower of Walberswick Church. One night the local Home Guard, assuming they were German spies, shot at them, fortunately without effect. Presumably, liaison improved after that.

Are there local survivors of that episode?

Maurice Godbold

OUR LOCAL PLAYGROUP.

This is at Yoxford, is independent, and has a learning-through-play policy, which includes social, physical, and creative development. We are open 9.00 to 11.30am, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for 3-5 year olds. This will be extended to 5 sessions a week after Easter. There will be no extra charge for children with nursery vouchers, and 3 year olds are £2 per session. Further information 01728 668195

Jane Gomm

8 April 19.30 Walberswick & Southwold Railway, Village Hall
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

6 Sunday Easter 1 11.15 At Blythburgh— Team Service-Rite A
9 Wednesday 10.30 Holy Communion 1662
13 Sunday Easter 2 18.00 Choral Evensong
20 Sunday Easter 3 09.45 Holy Communion Rite B
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WALBERSWICK WI

On the 9th April at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall, we look forward to our first meeting of Spring. Easter will be in the past but all the joys of longer days, Spring sunshine and the great outdoors will be with us. Our speaker for the occasion will be Alan Miller of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, whose subject is "Wildlife and Power Stations". It may be worth remembering that Sizewell is our nearest power station! The competition for April will be a collection of spring flowers in a container.

Our Centenary Celebration in February was a great success. Thank you Editor for your good wishes. This was followed in March by a visit to Pakefield for our Federation AGM. The eleven members who attended much enjoyed the guest speaker. Martin Bell, talking of his Suffolk boyhood and his Bosnian experiences. Our Open Evening for Gardeners' Question Time brought together nearly sixty keen gardeners who listened to the excellent advice given by James Debbage and his assistants from Notcutts of Norwich. We are, it would appear, sometimes far too kind to our plants in Walberswick! Treat 'em rough and they might flower for you.

The history of playing cards proved fascinating and Mr. Hopper, our speaker, had researched his subject well.. Cards have always been used as a game since they first appeared in Italy in the 14th cent. and later, in England, in 1450. Cards have always been the same size and packs the same number but sometimes "King high", sometimes "Queen high". The suits have very

strong links with war and the ability to raise an army - spade, sword; club, mace; diamond, wealth; heart, holy grail. Card games were disapproved of by the Church, not because of the gambling element, but because they were considered to be time-wasters!

Margot Godbold.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL
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Work is mainly from home and includes:- Preparing for monthly meetings, carrying out instructions arising from letters meetings and minutes. Liaison with local government/village organisations. Maintaining accounts, preparing for audit, presenting accounts & draft budget. Obtaining information & advising Council. The present salary is £2000 pa for a 40 hrs per month(review pending) plus expenses, word processor and filing cabinet.

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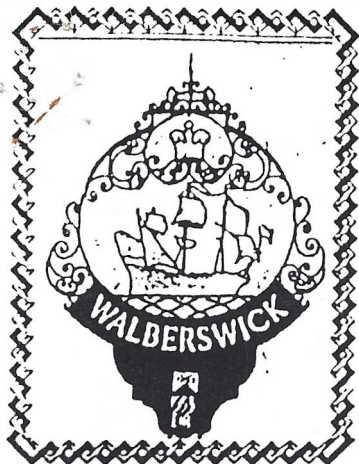
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THE ANCHOR AND THE BELL

Few of us will have failed to notice that both our hostelrys have been substantially redeveloped since last year.

The Anchor has been opened up internally, with much extra seating space in the extended and wood-panelled bars, a garden for customers' use in the summer, and new loos (disabled included). Jack and Henriette Gooding, who have spent the last 5 years in the Netherlands, extend a warm welcome to the Anchor Inn, as it is now called, the definitive emphasis being pub rather than hotel. Nonetheless, visitor accommodation is still available: there are six garden rooms, double or twin, with *ensuite* facilities, despite some sacrifice of accommodation to provide more parking space. Jack and Henriette offer a range of bar food during normal opening hours.

More radical, structurally, is the revamp of the Bell. As this is being written, work is still in progress. Visitors will shortly find a greatly enlarged bar, extending into a totally new extension to the building. New loos will be incorporated, and a family room has been added to the available accommodation, which now consists of six rooms, all with *ensuite* facilities. Sue Ireland-Cutting aims to consolidate her already impressive reputation for food, available both at lunchtime and in the evening.

For precise menu details and serving times in both establishments, display boards should be consulted - and both, almost needless to add, offer a full range of the palatable Adnams products from just over the water!

D/Ed

THE SUFFOLK GROUP

This group is of Suffolk painters, printmakers and sculptors, formed some nine years ago, and was initially a Walberswick initiative. The members are all professional artists and hold two exhibitions a year, one in Aldeburgh and one in Southwold. The Summer exhibition will be held in The Peter Pears Gallery, Aldeburgh, from 24th—31st May this year, and all are welcome.

Mike Kelly

BLYTHBURGH HALF A CENTURY AGO

When I began filming for Anglia Television in 1959 the region was a veritable backwater. One of my earliest assignments was to film a forge at Wangford, where the smith was shoeing a heavy horse. I can't say exactly where it was but recall that it was at the fork of a road. Heavy horses - Suffolk Punches no

doubt - also featured in a charming little film we made some time in the early seventies in the fields on either side of the junction with the Blythburgh road. They were small fields in those days and capable of being ploughed with horses. My son Timothy, who was nine or ten at the time, rode on the back of one of the Goliath beasts. After filming we retired to the nearby White Hart. The bar there, too, was smaller in those days! The horsemen ate sandwiches they brought with them and washed it down with television beer - or rather, Adnams. They yarned about their young days before the war, when part of their wages came in the form of corn from which they could brew their own beer. They had also, they told me, often "gone for a Burton". I discovered that this meant that in those hard days, once the harvest had been got in, they were laid off - the only way then that they could earn a living was by following the barley to the brewery and getting casual work there. Armies of them walked from East Anglia to Burton-on-Trent! There they lived in bleak lodgings - or even camped out in barns - for the next few months. How their wives managed is another story. The "good old days"!

Forbes Taylor

"WHAT'S ON"

May I particularly invite your attention to the What's On panel on page 3. With a waterless Spring now well advanced, many interests beckon, not the least of which is the early morning bird-song walk and the happy return of Lady Freud's Summer Theatre. Support for our local hospital and cancer research also claim some lines.

Ed

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CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!

This acclamation of Christian believers, the world over, challenges us to look at life with a real sense of hope and optimism. This is no superficial optimism but a hope which arises from the very depths of suffering, which we celebrated in our liturgy on Good Friday.

Here is a prayer I came across recently, which inspires me - I hope it is one you too are able to offer: Compassionate friend, warm the frozen places of my fear, irrigate the deserts of my apathy, dismantle the walls around my pain and love, lift the burden of my past, that I may be free to live in the joy, peace and hope of the Risen Christ.

Barry Naylor

CHURCH MATTERS**MEETING THE CHALLENGE.**

There are people who still think that the Church of England is a wealthy institution; far from it. Ever since the creation of Queen Anne's Bounty, subsequently vested in the Church Commissioners, the Church has been subsidised, unlike our friends in other denominations who have to stand on their own feet. And due, not only to the disastrous losses made in the investment policies of the Commissioners (since largely corrected), but also because the number of Ordinands coming forward has dwindled and allied to the fact that the demands made upon the funds held by the Commissioners have increased enormously, we can no longer enjoy the privilege of a vicar in every parish. We must accept this, and do all we can to meet the challenge. . . the truth is that we are all engaged in Ministry, and must so act to enhance the influence for good in the Church, and what it is trying to do.

All is not gloom. In Barry Naylor, I feel we shall find a good and energetic leader; and we have a wonderful set of retired Clergy, for whose help we are eternally grateful. Mr. Naylor's first service in our Church will be Evensong on June 8th. Rest assured our Sunday Services will continue, but we may have to do without a monthly mid-week Service. And please remember that there is always at least one Churchwarden around in the parish in case of need.

CLERGY NEWS

Mark Hutchinson, our present Vicar, will be taking his last service in our church on May 11th at 9.45am. It is sad to report that, due to circumstances outside our control, Mark is the last in a line of Vicars dating from 1310 AD. We shall be arranging for a party of parishioners to join Mark and Jackie at the Induction service in Ipswich on June 6th, and a list to enter your name will be in Church a little nearer the time.

We welcomed the new Bishop of the Diocese, The Right Reverend Richard Lewis, on April 12th in Blythburgh Parish Church. The Churchwardens will be meeting him again on May 20th.

We are warmly invited to attend the licensing service for the new Team Rector, Barry Naylor, at 3pm on May 24th in Blythburgh Church. We are expecting a large congregation and, to ensure that enough seats are available, please indicate your intention to attend and whether transport will be required, on a list placed at the rear of the church.

TO ALL CARERS

Even those who care for others, be they relatives or friends, sometimes need some understanding support themselves. An organisation willing to give help and support to the caring does exist under the control of Caroline Hawksley who can be reached by telephoning 01728 724791.

Bob Trevelyan

LENT LUNCHES

St Andrew's Guild organized six lunches in the Village Hall during Lent. The W.I. helped to serve two of them, very kindly. A cheque for £163.93 was sent to The Samaritans, after expenses had been deducted. This was an excellent result.

Pat Longyear

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MINSMERE RESERVE - MARCH 1997

The month started with the preview and opening of the photographic exhibition. Both went very well, with Land Rover tours and buffet lunch for the preview guests. The *Avocets and Artist* (18-21 April), marked 50 years of avocets back on the Suffolk coast. Visitor numbers have been high, due to lots of publicity

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

The Annual general meeting of the Society was held on 24th March. The current officers being eligible and willing to serve again, were re-elected and the remaining business was concluded with admirable despatch under the chairmanship of Prof. J. Allen.

Mr Graham Sherlock then gave an interesting talk on the pros and cons of upgrading a computer to current standards rather than purchasing a new model. Upgrading may well be possible provided the computer is comparatively recent, but care is needed in selecting compatible components. It is advisable for those not familiar with the workings of the computer to seek expert advice. This meeting was the last of the current series. Next season will commence on 19th September when "The Social Implications of Information Technology" will be discussed. Prospective members are invited to contact the Secretary, Maurice Godbold on 01502-722439 or

Denis Rolfe 01502-711972

for our 50th celebrations, so the reserve is very busy.

March saw the last winter visitors leaving, summer migrants arriving and everything gearing up for the spectacular 'Minsmere in spring' experience! The record flock of white-fronted geese on the Levels slowly dwindled and hen harrier sightings tailed off as well. A red-necked grebe appeared on Island Mere mid-month and a pair of garganey made a brief stop. The year's first little egret appeared, feeding on the Scrape and an osprey passed through on 31st, but kept going, keen to reach the activity in Scotland. The bitterns started booming at last on 16th and avocet numbers kept going up. The wader passage got under way with spotted redshank, ruff and black-tailed godwit passing through and the dawn chorus in the woods was swelled by the first chiffchaffs and blackcaps.

Brian Payne

DEEPEST EAST ANGLIA

I had nearly twenty years with Anglia Television and never quite understood the mind of its population. It's best summed up by a story about Anglia's home-grown star, farmer Dick Joice. He was a fanatical amateur cine-cameraman, and Anglia's chairman, Lord Townshend, thought he could provide the film for the weekly "Farming Diary". One day, as Dick was filming some of his own men ploughing a field, a tractor-driver stopped and approached him. "What's that yew are a'doin', squire?", he enquired. "I'm photographing you." Dick told him. "Oh-", says the man, "-could Oi hev one o' them, then?" "No," says Dick, "that's a cine-camera." "Oh-", the man rejoins, "will that be on at the Central Fearkenham?" "No," replies Dick, "it's for Anglia Television - the new commercial station." The tractor-driver scratched his head for a moment. Then he made up his mind. "Yew 'll ha' a tell me when that's going ter be on - and Oi won't watch it!" With that he stalked away back to his tractor.

Forbes Taylor

- 07 AGM of Friends of Southwold Hospital, 19.30 Council Chambers, Southwold Town Hall.
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- 24 Saturday 15.00 Installation of Barry Naylor at Blythburgh
- 25 Sunday Trinity 11.15 Matins followed by HC

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The Group meeting on 7th May at Darsham to discuss Resolutions for the NFWI meeting in June will not be taking place, but an opportunity to air your views will be possible at the normal monthly meeting on 14th May at the usual time of 2.30 p.m. Our speaker for this meeting will be Mrs. Brenda Wilde and her subject "Inside Information". Being "inside" is difficult to imagine and Mrs. Wilde's view is not from the outside looking in but actually represents some of her experiences as a teacher within a women's prison. It wasn't all grim, either, by all accounts, so come along and be surprised!

Our speaker in April, Mr. Alan Miller of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, gave us a most interesting talk with slides about the 1700 acres around Sizewell Nuclear Power Station which he manages for the Trust under contract for Nuclear Electric. It is, apparently, unique. It consists of:—9250 acres Nature Reserve, 200 acres Sizewell Belts - an SSSI, the Minsmere Levels and 2 farms. It is managed on a cooperative basis with the Coast & Heaths project, the NRA and the District Council plus a number of volunteers. The variety of wildlife found on the site ranges from kittiwakes nesting on the intake towers which we can see on the horizon, to seakale and tree lupins on the dunes. Inland, orchids and other varieties of wildflower abound with their attendant butterflies, dragonflies and flies. Otter tracks have been noted beside all the rivers. The Kenton Hills area has been open for walking and horseriding for some time but the Sizewell Belts are to be opened to the public this summer. Mr. Miller has agreed to show us around this area on 12th June, starting from the Kenton Hills car park at 10am - the walk is about 2.75mils - so make a diary note for an interesting morning's walk.

Margot Godbold.

HOME FINDING

And now for yet another war-time reminiscence. In the late summer of 1945 I was returning from a trip to Norway when we ran into a fierce headwind. I realised then how big the North Sea is. In consequence we looked for a diversion aerodrome for the night and found ourselves over the lights of a town. On asking I was told that this was Ipswich. Oh, I thought, so that's where Ipswich is. Working back, we must have crossed the coast pretty well over Walberswick. At the

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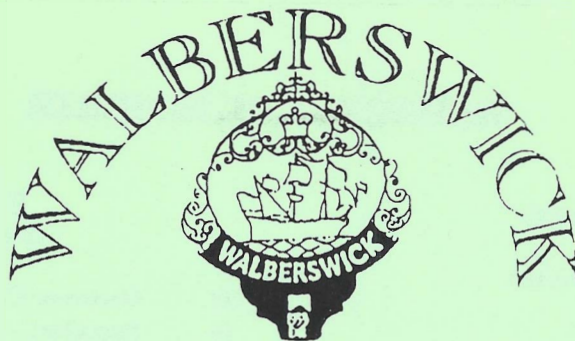
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a go. Appear on page one!!*

time I had never heard of the place. I am glad to say that I now know better.

Mike Kelly



HORTICULTURAL SHOW

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Saturday, 19th July 1997

Open from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m.

RAFFLE and TEAS

ADMISSION TO SHOW: Adults 30p - Children 10p

NO ENTRY FEE FOR EXHIBITS

Proceeds to the Show Funds

Ashley's of Kessingland & Hopton will present a display of plants

RULES

Exhibits to be handed in at the Village Hall on Saturday, 19th July not later than 10.45 a.m.

First, second and third certificates only will be awarded, unless exhibits number four or less in any one class in which case there may only be one or two awards. Prize money will be restricted to the Junior Classes. The Judges' decision is final.

Not more than one entry per class from any exhibitor.

Entry restricted to Walberswick residents except in Junior Classes. (See overleaf for Schedule of Exhibits)

CUPS

Cups will be presented as under:

WINYARD CUP for the man

IRIS BLOIS MEMORIAL CUP for the woman

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C. C. GOLD CUP for the person

Scoring the most points in classes

1 - 41

1 - 41

42 - 45

46 - 64

Each trophy will be held until the next annual show.

3 points-1st prize

2 points-2nd prize

1 point-3rd prize

A sale of donated exhibits will be held after the prize-giving.

Exhibitors may remove their entries immediately before the Sale, but are asked not to withdraw them earlier.

Food Hygiene: Food exhibits must be placed in a plastic bag not clingfilm. White paper plates will be available.

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**The Show Committee gratefully acknowledge the support
of the Walberswick Parish Council for this event**

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS

VEGETABLES

1. **Potatoes.** Five White or Five Red
2. **Peas.** Seven Pods
3. **Broad Beans.** Five Pods
4. **French Beans.** Seven Pods
5. **Runner Beans.** Five Pods
6. **Carrots.** Five
7. **Beetroot.** Three Globe
8. **Cabbage.** Two
9. **Cucumber.** Two
10. **Onions.** Five
11. **Shallots.** Nine (separate)
12. **Lettuce.** Two
13. **Tomatoes.** Three
14. **Tomatoes Cherry Type.** Five
15. **Tomatoes - Truss.** (not necessarily red)
16. **Courgettes.** Three (4" - 6")
17. **Marrow.** One
18. **Any vegetable not included above - 1 or 2 specimens**

SOFT FRUITS

The following soft fruits must be shown on a white plate or background

19. **Black Currants.** Seven Strings
20. **Red Currants.** Seven Strings
21. **Raspberries.** Eleven (with stalks on)
22. **Gooseberries.** Eleven
23. **Strawberries.** Five
24. **Any other soft fruit not included above.** Five

FLOWERS (named if possible)

25. **Pinks.** Five sprays
26. **Roses.** 3 blooms of one variety (H.T.)
27. **Roses.** 3 blooms of mixed variety (H.T.)
28. **Roses-Shrub.** 1 stem
29. **Floribunda Roses.** Three sprays (one or more variety)
30. **Sweet Peas.** Eleven stems, **mixed colours**, without decorative foliage
31. **Hardy Perennials.** (one or more varieties) 5 stems
32. **Lilies.** Two stems
33. **Flowering Shrubs** (not Roses). 3 stems (may be different varieties)
34. **Dahlias.** 5 Blooms
35. **Pot Plant.** One, any kind: Flowering-under 12" high overall
36. **Pot Plant.** One, any kind: Flowering-over 12" high overall
37. **Pot Plant.** One, any kind: Foliage-under 12" high
38. **Pot Plant.** One, any kind: Foliage-over 12" high

FLOWERS(cont.) (named if possible)

39. **Cactus or Cacti.** 1 pot or pan
40. **Succulent.** 1 pot or pan
41. **Plants in hanging basket**

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS All to be arranged for effect

42. **An all Foliage Arrangement** suitable for a side table not more than 1' 6" overall.
43. **Arrangement on a Candlestick.**
44. **Posy for a Guest Bedroom.**
45. **Arrangement in a beer mug** by a man.

CULINARY

46. †**Cornish Pasty** (approximately 7")
47. †**Cherry Cake** (7"-8")
48. †**Chocolate Sponge**, butter filling un-iced (7"-8")
49. †**Three Fruit Scones**
50. †**Three Cheese Scones**
51. †**Fruit Flan** (7"-8")
52. †**Seven Cheese Straws**
53. †**Loaf of White Bread**
54. †**Three Single Meringues**
55. ***Blackcurrant Jam**
56. ***Strawberry Jam**
57. ***Raspberry Jam**
58. ***Any other Fruit Jam or Jelly**
59. ***Marmalade** (fine cut)
60. ***Marmalade** (thick cut)
61. ***Jar of Chutney**
62. **A bottle of home-made Wine** (Sweet)
63. **A bottle of home-made Wine** (Dry)
64. **A miniature bottle of Sloe Gin**

Classes † 46 - 54 Food Hygiene - see note overleaf
In Classes * 55 - 61 use jar of not less than 12 oz.

JUNIOR CLASSES (Open to visitors)

up to 11 years and over 11 years

65. **Gingerbread Man**
66. **Model made of vegetables**

Card with age and name to be placed with exhibit



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REPORT FROM WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Trustees reported to the Annual Parish Meeting on 24 April and thought that readers of the *Village News* may be interested in a summary of the year's activities.

During the past few years we have introduced changes which we hope will be seen as improvements and now feel that the regular income from land and property has been increased sufficiently to provide more funds for distribution. In line with recommendations from the Charity Commissioners, the "relief in need", which is the prime function of the Common Lands Charity, is now more frequently being offered as help with specific items of beneficiaries' expenditure, such as the telephone, television licence, costs of hospital visits etc. Future budgets will provide for contributions to village projects, too.

The Charity's income comes from the rents of two properties, The Potter's Wheel (partly rebuilt in 1966) and the Print Room, which we plan to rebuild this winter; also from three grazing marshes near the Ferry and the associated Environmentally Sensitive Area, which we have applied to be upgraded, and from a reed bed near the Mill Wall which has just been improved with a view to maintaining long-term productivity. In addition, there are wayleave payments for access across the Common from adjoining properties and for parking on small pockets of land donated to the Charity in the past. These have all been reviewed and increased from annual sums of, in some cases, 13p to a more realistic £3 - £5. Finally, the income from the lease of the car parks used to be £300 p.a. when Suffolk County Council managed them: this year our land agent valued them at £2,500 p.a.. This will be reviewed after the first year of charging for parking.

The Common which was the original piece of land to be given to the village, and is currently managed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, has recently been surveyed for its entomology and its vegetation. Both researchers identified it as a valuable and varied wildlife habitat. Mike Edwards, the entomologist, says "for its size, it is one of the most varied areas visited" compared with seven heathland sites in Suffolk including National Nature Reserves.

Expenditure has been reduced this year because the properties have not required maintenance, our new land agent's fees are lower than those of the predecessor and the Clerk now has the technological equipment she requires to perform her duties effectively.

A separate company had to be formed - a Private Company Limited by Shares, Walberswick Car Parks Ltd and managed by a Board of Directors which, in the first instance, comprised six Trustees (Mary Bell, Nigel Hunt, Rae Leighton, John Matthews, Barbara Priestman and Richard Scott) because they know the background

to the whole venture, Michael Fisher, because he could be the link with the Parish Council, and Gerald Tooley who had experience of running his own company and could provide a business perspective. The composition of the Board can and will change. The final endorsement came from the County Council who had sufficient confidence in the project to offer a grant towards the costs of setting up.

The challenge for the Trustees now is to examine the investments they manage and to ensure that unspent income is clearly accounted for and used to benefit the village and its inhabitants.

Barbara Priestman,
Chairwoman

OPEN GARDENS.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is running its Open Gardens events throughout the county. Six Walberswick Gardens will be open on Sunday June 22 from 2-6pm admission £2, which admits you to all six. Teas will be available, but dogs will not be admitted.

The gardens open will be Durdans (Palmer's Lane) Slinfold, Westons, Leveretts & Sou'wester (The Street) & Valley Farm (below The Bell). Those who are allowing the public into their carefully tended gardens are:- Mrs F. Houghton, Mr & Mrs Brentnall, Sir Clement & Lady Freud, Dr & Mrs I Jackson, Mr & Mrs Shirreff and Mr and Mrs F. Coleman.

D/Ed

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FRANCES ANN (FRAN) STANSELL

The village has lost a real friend in the passing of Fran. She never really recovered from the shock of losing Mark, and consequently losing the tenancy of the Bell. During the long illness of her husband, she kept a brave and cheerful face when her customers came to the pub, and many a lonely person received an invitation to a meal during Christmas and New Year having themselves lost a near relative. To die at such a young age is tragic enough, yet we must hope that she is mercifully released from all her troubles.

Bob Trevelyan

CHURCH**CLERGY NEWS**

The induction of Mark Hutchinson will take place on Friday June 6th at 7.30 pm in his new church, St Peter's, Stoke Park, Ipswich. If you would like to come along please add your name to the list on the table in the Church.

Our new Team Rector, Barry Naylor, will conduct his first service, Choral Evensong, in our church on Sunday June 8th at 6 o'clock. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the service to enable you to meet Mr. Naylor individually.

Churchwardens.

MINSMERE RESERVE APRIL 97

Unusual guests for the summer are a small herd of Polish Tarpan ponies on loan from The Suffolk Wildlife Trust, grazing some of our rough fen to improve it for wildlife. They are primitive, hardy ponies which eat anything and are very fond of water.

Minsmere in Spring was in full flood with 195 avocets on the Scrape and a variety of waders passing through, including little ringed plover, ruff whimbrel, spotted redshank, green sandpiper and greenshank. More exotic visitors included little egret and spoonbill. Two, possibly three, bitterns boomed in the reedbed and the chorus was swelled when the smaller warblers arrived.

Most of the woodland's Summer visitors were in by the end of the month, with redstart, nightingale, cuckoo and turtle dove.

Birds of prey were well represented: goshawk, buzzard, merlin, hobby, red kite and hen harrier. An escaped saker falcon gave birds on the Levels a fright. The RSPB is hoping to reach a million members this year. If anyone wishes to join please contact me.

Brian Payne 724379

RUSSIAN CIRCLE

This group will be meeting at Wayland Cottage 18.00 on 12th June. Any local Russian speakers would be welcome, but see also the attachment to this issue.

MATTERS**PRESENTATION TO THE
REVEREND MARK HUTCHINSON**

After a well-attended service on the 11th May, we made a presentation to the Vicar and Jackie, his wife. Firstly the Sunday School children gave their gift of a Teddy bear, and then gave cards drawn by themselves. Paddy Kelly then gave a bouquet to Jackie, with some garden tokens. Finally, I presented Mark with a painting which had been commissioned from Chris Sinclair of a subject of Mark's own choosing; this was beautifully drawn of a view from Blackshore Beach across the river and the marshes, with the Church in the background. Mark also received book tokens to the value of £82. The PCC would like to thank those who contributed so generously to this leave-taking, enabling us to give a worthy send-off with best wishes for their future happiness in their new Parish.

Bob Trevelyan

DEAR PARISHIONERS

Your most generous gifts were a great surprise to Jackie and me. The Sunday School presentation was rather special, especially the Walberswick Teddy and the children's cards. It was a poignant moment when you presented flowers and garden tokens to Jackie, and a beautiful painting by Chris Sinclair and book tokens to me. You are very kind, and your gifts will be treasured and greatly appreciated. They will remind us of the people of Walberswick and the lovely fellowship we enjoyed amongst you. Our new address will be: St Peter's House, Stoke Park Drive, Ipswich, IP2 9TH (01473 603421) We should love to offer you hospitality if you are ever Ipswich way. With our sincere thanks and appreciation. Best wishes to you all.

Mark and Jackie Hutchinson.

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GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASN

On behalf of GDBA I thank everyone who brings foil to me at 4 Moorside.

Beryl Stanley

HELP MOTOR NEURONE RESEARCH

You may have seen collecting boxes for Motor Neurone Disease Research displayed in the village, asking for a contribution in return for a lucky Suffolk Hag Stone. These boxes have raised over £1,400.

I hope that residents and visitors will continue to be generous. Grahame Godsmark and I are lucky enough to find an endless supply of these stones with holes in, on our beach. Grahame has been so inspired to compose this verse:

Hag Stones

Since the creation, swirling tides
Have swept the pebbles, tirelessly,
Across the ocean floor,
Shaping their contours as they roll
In never ending ebb and flow
To reach our waiting shore.
The sands and grit of time have worn
In some a pinprick hole, which grows
And widens evermore.

Folk say the devil's eye peers through
To lay a curse on those who move
A hag stone from his sight,
But we in Suffolk know it as
A talisman to keep at bay
The witch, and fiends of night.
Seek ^{on} the beach these stones, and find
The spirit of eternity,
The power of nature's might.

(cont)

Last year my tea party at Dutch House raised over £700 for this good cause. A similar event will be held on 25th June at 2.30 pm. The usual stalls; cakes, raffle, bring & buy, books & plants. Entrance 50p - please come.

Mary King

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Annual Lecture at Walberswick Village Hall on April 25th was a tour de force.

For an hour, in camouflage battle dress and black beret, Phil Jones held a full hall riveted, describing soldiers equipped apparently to a layman's concept of Star Wars requirements. His story was fast and fervent, peopled equally with blue-beret UN peace-keepers and the stressed native people. They were all there to protect and encourage. The pace never slackened and his slides clicked on at a spanking pace, revealing machine after machine until the whole phenomenon of Bosnia - avowedly unique in world history - appeared not as Star Wars but the dedicated beginnings of Star Peace. I think most of us felt privileged. All the skills and backing of TV couldn't have done it. One young officer, direct from the action, did.

Joan Galwey.

JUNE

21 SLIPWAY Barbecue, Boat Burning, bar, burgers, hot dogs, carnivore chilli, raffle, band (GINKO) 19.00+

22 Gardens see page 1

25 Motor Neurone Tea Party Dutch House

JULY 5 Supper Evening with Entertainment for Village Hall Funds—more next month

9 Evening Walk The Alde Snape Maltings to Iken Church 19.30 details & booking 01394 384948 \$

20 Sole Bay Fossils Walk 14.00 details & booking \$

23 Estuary Walk The Blyth. Tinker's Marshes, Walberswick 19.30 details & booking \$

SUMMER THEATRE

14 JULY-26 "A Funny Thing Happened" **28/7-6/8 "Home at Seven" **3/8 "Three Men in a Boat" **8-20/8 "Joking Apart" **10/8 "Trial by Jury" **22/8-30/8 "Great Expectations" **1/9-13/9 "The Business of Murder"

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26 Countryside Capers 4 Henham Hall 12.30-15.30 details & booking \$

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

June

1 Sunday Trinity 1 11.15 Holy Communion Rite B (Revd J Beckham)

8 Sunday Trinity 2 18.00 Choral Evensong (Revd B Naylor)

11 Wednesday 10.30 Holy Communion 1662 (Canon J Matthews)

15 Sunday Trinity 3 09.45 Holy Communion Rite B (Canon J Matthews)

22 Sunday Trinity 4 11.15 Morning Prayer followed by HC (Revd J Murrell)

29 Sunday Trinity 5 No details yet available - see Church Notice Board

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Grahame Godsmark (Tel. 722965)

WALBERSWICK WI

On Wednesday afternoon 11th June at 2.30 pm we are invited to assemble in the garden of The House on the Green at the kind invitation of Reggie and Heather Hyne. Please, if possible, bring a picnic chair with you and, if you wish to try a little potting under Reggie's expert guidance, an apron or old shirt to protect your finery. A game of croquet for those who wish to play, a wander through the small copse for the energetic and a sumptuous tea provided by the committee will surely fill a pleasant and, we hope, sun-filled afternoon.

On Thursday, 12th June, we meet at the Kenton Hills car park at 10am for a guided walk of the Sizewell Belts with Mr. Alan Miller. Transport arrangements will be made during the previous afternoon. The walk will take about 2 hours at a gentle pace and is roughly 2.75miles.

Our President, Barbara Taylor, will be representing us at the Triennial General Meeting at Birmingham on 3rd and 4th June and will take with her the views expressed at this month's meeting regarding the SEFWI Resolutions.

Our speaker for May was Mrs. Brenda Wilde and she delighted us all with her light-hearted tales of her experience as a teacher in two of our prison establishments. The lightness of touch did not conceal the genuine commitment she had for her charges nor the grim reality of life in prison. A most informative talk.

Margot Godbold

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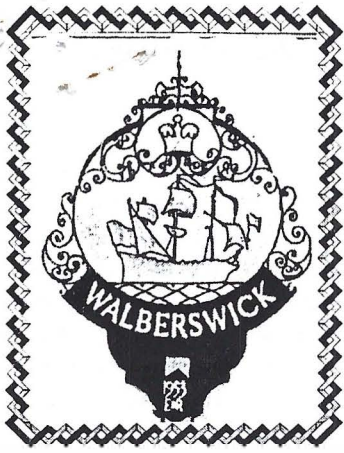
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XAZAHOVA

Probably never before has a young Russian visited Walberswick. This is an opportunity to hear about growing up under the Soviet system, and surviving in contemporary Petersburg. No charge for admission to the Village Hall annex, refreshments, BUT phone if you wish to come 722076 limit is 25

19.00hrs Monday 16th June

A retiring collection will be made so that Sveta can purchase medication that is not presently available in Russia, for her family



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SHOPS FOR SHOPPING

It is not for your editor to take sides or be submerged under a mass of polemic. I have had an A4 from Falconbridge HQ in response to the contribution by Barbara Priestman last month. All matters of the Tuck Shop have been considered, not by individuals, but by at least two committees with diverse membership. Chairmen of these committees are open to any approach from Boris regarding future plans - nothing is set in concrete. If readers hold strong views on what could or should be done or undone, they should contact the Chairman of Walberswick Car Parks or that of the Common Lands Trust. The A4 sent me by Boris will doubtless be on display in his emporium.

Ed.

PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting on 2nd June 1997 the Council unanimously appointed Mrs Vivienne Hunt as the new Parish Clerk and unreservedly acknowledged the tremendous work that her predecessor, June Twist, had achieved during her period of tenure. Vivienne was born in Walberswick and following many years away, and three sons later, has now returned with her husband Alvin.

Many items were discussed at the Meeting - SCDC proposals to make an order relating to dog fouling; upgrading of the play equipment on the Village Green and the Common; Visitor Management strategies; and new accounting requirements - a further two are worth detailing: Firstly, your Parish Council, in line with agreed global environmental strategies, is taking a firm stance with regard to harmful and unnecessary light pollution. Secondly, the Rules regarding Parish Tree Planting have changed substantially which effectively means that we will be unable to participate in the 1997 scheme, nor in the future unless the Parish has a formal Tree Warden. Whilst this post might appear onerous this is not the case and your Council is seeking volunteers. Please contact Vivienne Hunt (723142).

Robin Buncombe

"CONGRATS" ONE.

Congratulations to Anne Paton, who has been successful for the third time in having her work accepted and hung at the Royal Academy in London. This prestigious exhibition continues until 10th August. Anne's picture is a mixed media work with the title "Writing", and has already found a buyer. Many of us will have seen Anne's work recently in the studio she shares in Walberswick with Eveline Hastings.

D/Ed

TIDAL ALLOTMENTS

When we lived in the Terrace we only had a narrow strip of back garden, so decided to rent an allotment to provide vegetables; we also kept hens. In those days the other allotments all seemed to be worked by elderly men, most of them had the most immaculate weed free plots; but we never seemed to get on top of our weed problem. Some times I took the children aged 3 and 18 months, to help! and one day was found there by the health visitor, the pram was piled with garden tools and the baby sitting on the ground stuffing himself with earth.

She did not bat an eyelid but said she was glad to see the children getting plenty of fresh air. In 1963 - ten years after the disastrous '53 floods - we had very high tides and north-east winds, the sea rushed over the embankment along the beach and I watched horrified as huts placed behind the beach were swept away and the marshes covered in water as far as the eye could see. The water lapped nearer and nearer to the allotments and I feared that the chickens would be drowned; but the tide turned and the wind abated in the nick of time.

Wendy Sinclair

"CONGRATS" TWO

We would like to add to the Queen's best wishes our own congratulations to Mike and Paddy Kelly on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on 28th June.

Julia Josephs

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THE TEAM RECTOR WRITES:

My licensing at Blythburgh Church on 24th May seems a long time away. At that service, and in the following weeks, I have been made to feel very welcome as I begin my ministry in this area. I am responsible, at present, for parishes stretching from Walberswick in the south to Sotherton, Uggeshall and Wangford in the north, with Blythburgh, Reydon and Southwold in the middle. At the end of July I will also take on responsibility for the parishes of the Wrentham Benefice. We are working towards establishing a Team Ministry to embrace this whole area. The Team will, eventually, be staffed by four or five stipendiary clergy but will rely for its success on the co-operation of many, many people.

The warm welcome and hospitality I have received has provided an excellent start. Hospitality is a great virtue - the Scriptures tell us that whenever we make another person welcome we are, in fact, welcoming Christ. It is also true that when we turn away someone we are turning away Christ. Our church and community must be a place where all people can experience a warm welcome and be treated with respect and dignity. Sometimes we can feel threatened by strangers and strange ways but so often, if we embrace them and listen to them, we discover the encounter can enrich our lives. As the holiday season gets under way let us all make a real effort to be ministers of hospitality to friend and stranger alike.

With every blessing, Barry Naylor, Rector

THE CHURCHWARDEN REPORTS

On 24th May in Blythburgh Church, the Reverend Barry Naylor was licensed by the Bishop of Dunwich, The Right Reverend Tim Stephens, as Team Rector of the new Coastal Team, and as Priest-in-Charge of those parishes without an incumbent.

We are happy to report that Mr. Naylor has restored the weekly service of Holy Communion and this will take place at 10 o'clock every Wednesday. This should also give parishioners an opportunity of speaking with Mr. Naylor while he is in the parish. We have reluctantly had to agree to the sale of the vicarage, although our feelings have been fully registered with the powers that be. We had the right formally to oppose the sale to the Commissioners, but past experience of other parishes has established the fact that the vicarage is provided for the use of the incumbent who does not have to agree to allow meetings to be held in his home. It seems our chances of obtaining a grant from the Diocese are better served by bowing to the inevitable, whilst hoping for the best. Meanwhile, other avenues are being actively pursued.

The Churchwardens are to meet with other wardens of the parishes to hammer out a future pattern of services for St. Andrew's. We are certain to get at least one Sunday

service, but must bear in mind that there are fourteen other parishes to consider. The type and time of service will be promulgated in the News as soon as we get the facts, and we will ensure that details, as well as the name of the celebrant and preacher, will be posted on the Church notice board.

Bob Trevelyan

LICENSING OF THE REVEREND MARK HUTCHINSON

Several parishioners attended the Licensing of Mark Hutchinson as Team Vicar at St Clare and St Peter, Ipswich, on June 6th

Before the service we were warmly greeted by Mark and Jackie and were able to see their new home with Chris Sinclair's painting prominently displayed in their new sitting room. We were very impressed with the Church, a large, modern, wooden building with some attractive coloured glass windows, a large Allen electronic organ, and some excellent lighting.

Mark will be working with four other priests, Ian, Catherine, Colin, and Norman who will give him much support and encouragement in this young and lively parish.

J. Josephs

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The 1997 Sponsored Cycle Ride will take place on Saturday 13th September. Literature will be available from me shortly. Last year Walberswick cyclists raised the highest amount in the Halesworth Deanery - a magnificent £1321. (Correspondence on notice board in the church porch.)
 Ruth Bassett - 722474

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism - 25th May 1997 Death 12th June 1997
 Neil David Tooley Gordon John Frost aged 54

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BRITISH RED CROSS.

The Southwold Branch wishes to thank very much everyone who so kindly and generously contributed to the Flag Week collection. This raised the marvellous sum of £240. The total for the whole area was £1391, a considerable increase on the previous year.

Patricia Roxborough

CRABBING.

Proceeds this year will be devoted to equipment hire for the Sunday School. Your ideas for a further beneficiary. Robin B

RNLI MINI FETE

On Bank Holiday Monday we raised over £800 and sold souvenirs amounting to over £240, a truly magnificent achievement. May I, and the Branch Committee, thank all of those involved for making this traditional event such a success. It is greatly appreciated. RB

CELEBRATION OF ROYALTY IN EAST ANGLIA

The Golden Wedding of the Queen and Prince Philip, and the role of the Royal Family in East Anglia, are themes in an Exhibition of Royalty to be held in Wangford Parish Church over August Bank Holiday - August 23, 24 and 25. Centrepiece is a grand display of the replica Crown Jewels of Great Britain.

Anglia Television is organising a competition to find the best snapshots of the Royal Family taken by members of the public. Entries will be on show, along with a large selection of photographs from County and other archives. There will also be many artefacts in honour of the Monarchy - sculptures, paintings, plates, gold and silverware.

Lord Somerleyton, Master of the Queen's Horse, will open the Exhibition which is in aid of Wangford Church Preservation Appeal. It will open between 11 am and 6 pm on all three days.

— Entrance Fee: £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children (14 and under).

Lady Penelope Gilby

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9 Evening Walk The Alde Snape Maltings to Iken Church 19.30 details & booking 01394 384948 \$

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WHAT'S ON**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

6 Sunday Pentecost 7 11.15 Sung Eucharist (Revd B Naylor)

13 Sunday Pentecost 8 18.00 Choral Evensong (David Alderton - Lay Reader)

Sea Sunday

20 Sunday Pentecost 9 09.45 Sung Eucharist (Canon J Murrell)

27 Sunday Pentecost 10 11.15 Morning Prayer followed by HC (Revd J Beckham)

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GORDON FROST

The Village was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Gordon Frost on June 12 th., at the early age of 54. A family man with a son, daughter and grandson, Gordon moved into 2 Ivy Cottages in 1990 after spending some months renovating it. His work as a master plumber brought him in contact with many of us in Walberswick., and a little bit of Gordon will remain in many of our houses He was a strong supporter of the RNLI., and found time to be a member of the Slipway Committee and the Walberswick cricket team. Additionally he was a keen wildfowler, remembered affectionately by his companions for his inability to hit anything, but without diminished enthusiasm. A warm and friendly man, he was extremely popular in the village and will be truly missed. D/Ed

WALBERSWICK WI

The subject of our meeting on Wednesday, 9th July is, we feel, of interest to many in the village who do not belong to the WI. Mrs. Nancy Thomas is coming from London as the representative of the Voice of the Listener & Viewer, a non-profit making society formed to support high quality broadcasting. She will be talking on the future of both radio and TV and the meeting will be open to guests from 3.15 pm. Members should arrive as usual for 2.30 pm.

Our Garden Meeting at The House on the Green was a great success, in spite of the rain. Due to Reggie and Heather's hospitality, room was found for everyone to sit comfortably indoors and while many chose just to relax and chat, about a dozen applied themselves to the task of making a pinch pot under Reggie's guidance in his pottery. Finally, the Day of 1000 Cakes! Walberswick's visitors did us proud. Our half of the £96 raised, together with the takings from our plant stall, are being given to the Village Hall fund for the installation of the Loop System - a total of £100. Many thanks to all who contributed to this splendid sum. Margot Godbold

MINSMERE RESERVE - MAY 1997

Survey and monitoring of the birds continued, butterfly and dragonfly surveys were started. Radio tags were fitted to two of our bitterns, which lets us see where they are in the reedbed, and so far they are using the parts specially managed for them. The bird highlight of the month was a red-footed falcon swooping over the reserve with the hobbies for nearly a week, but it was never easy to see. Little egrets and spoonbills lent a Mediterranean flavour to the Scrape and nearby pools, and a black tern made a brief appearance at the start and finish of the month. 14 different species of wader visited the Scrape, including golden plover, whimbrel, wood sandpiper and sanderling. Both common and little terns started to breed, though sandwich terns were sadly absent.

Brian Payne

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ROBERT WYTHE

Robert Wythe, who died on 16 th July 1997, aged 76, had a distinguished career in the Army, finishing up as a Lieutenant-Colonel commanding a regiment, and afterwards a successful business career, but never said much about these aspects of his life after he moved to Walberswick with his wife Pat in 1987.

Here, ably assisted by his wife Pat, he put his considerable ability and practical skill towards helping other people and working for good causes and in a quiet way achieved a great deal.

The Walberswick United Football Club and the sports ground owed much to his efforts as President, and any job which needed doing in St. Andrew's Church he did willingly and expertly. It was typical of him that when Pat brought him back from hospital, knowing that he was terminally ill, he insisted on stopping at the church to see how his jobs were going.

He organised the poppy Appeal and the appeal for the Children's Society with great efficiency, and on a personal level he never refused a request for help, whether it was mending a friend's bicycle or taking a disabled person to hospital.

Robert will be greatly missed, not only by his friends and contemporaries but also by several children with whom he made friends, notably one of the writer's granddaughters who used to pull his leg unmercifully about his inability to eat an icecream without making a mess!

All our sympathies go to Pat, who has borne his last illness so bravely.

David Shirreff

THE HEDGE AND A MAN

Hedge cutting this time of the year is nothing unusual, but Robert, dressed in wellies and overalls, tended the hedge at the Manor Close/The Street intersection for five years, cutting as though it was his own. We had here the quintessential community man who made life just that little bit better for all of us. I will miss him.

Ed.

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

1. Barbara Priestman will serve another term as a co-optative trustee, and will remain Chairwoman initially. Rae Leighton will serve another term as a nominative trustee(i.e. nominated by the Parish Council). The Rev. Barry Naylor will, despite the scattered nature of his work, serve as an ex-officio trustee.
2. The fence alongside the Went on the track to the Caravan site is in a bad state. Towards the end of the year the track will be moved 18 inches westward by shaving the earth bank by this amount, and the fence posts can then be dug into firm ground.
3. "No Camping" signs are being erected on the Cliff Field and behind the beach huts.
4. A request from the Dingle Bird Club to set up a bird ringing site between the beach and the creek was given conditional approval.
5. A plan for the remaining five years of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme has been devised at a meeting of the relevant bodies: particular points covered include bracken control and selective clearance of the Fen.
6. There will be an increase in payments to beneficiaries.

The Trustees will be happy to answer any questions on the above.

D/Ed

VILLAGE CRAFTS 1997

This summer the village craftspeople, who hold their exhibition and sale in the Village Hall, have decided to open for two days- 6th and 7th of August from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

This is a change from their recent format and as a result there will be no sale in December. Christmas presents are to be bought rather early this year!

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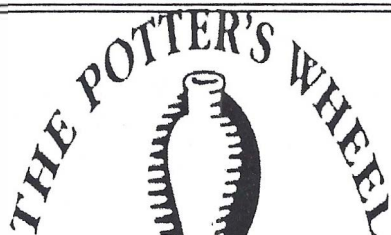
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HARVEST SUPPER

We shall be holding another Harvest Supper this year on 20th September in the Village Hall. The Harvest Service will take place in our Church the next day when we hope Barry Naylor will officiate. Keep the date before you, and come along to the Sung Eucharist service at 9.45am.

Bob Trevelyan - Churchwarden

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES

Sponsor forms and all relevant details of the 1997 Cycle Ride on September 13th are now available from me at Herons, Church Field, tel: 722474.

Ruth Bassett

PARISH REGISTER

Death - July 16th 1997

Robert Wythe aged 76

CHURCH MATTERS**LETTER FROM THE RECTOR**

August is the month of the year when the pace of life changes for many of us. Meetings, mercifully, are few and far between, some of us are lucky enough to be able to get away for a holiday. whilst others are more than usually hectic caring for those who holiday here.

Rest and relaxation should be an essential part of our rhythm of life - they provide us with the time for re-creation that we all require. The word *holiday* comes from *holy day*. Every day should be a holy day - even if it cannot be a holiday! The time we have in this world is a gift from God and it is up to us to use it well. God is with us every moment of every day but we still need to take time to be still and quiet with him. Jesus found it necessary to go off from time to time to be alone with God, so he is our example. Some people find a place at home where they can be quiet, others prefer to spend a few minutes in Church or go for a walk. It is not important where we do it - what is important is that we each make the time to have some moments that are our 'holy time' when we can be quiet with God.

On August 6th we keep the Feast of the Transfiguration, when we remember Jesus spending time with God in the presence of Moses, Elijah and his inner circle of Disciples. The voice came, saying: *This is my Son, listen to him*. We could each ask ourselves how seriously we take this injunction and what steps we take to do so. This day could well lead us to review the way we seek, in our daily lives, to listen to God.

With every blessing,

Barry Naylor

NEWS FROM SAINT ANDREW'S

At our Parochial Church Council meeting in July we looked at the form of service we use for the Eucharist. For some time there has been thought about whether we should use Rite A (Modern Language) or Rite B (Traditional Language) from the Alternative Service Book. At present we use an amalgam of the two. We had a good discussion, listening to different viewpoints and in the end we decided to use Rite A for the Eucharist on Sundays.

There were several reasons for this decision. The function of worship is to give praise to God and to nurture the relationship between God and His people. A form of worship the congregation feel at ease with is, obviously, very important to achieve this goal. Worship must also have an evangelical element - it must be able to speak to the casual visitor, the outsider, and those searching for God. There are many visitors to St Andrew's from other churches, and the majority of Anglican Churches today do use Rite A. We were also aware of the reformation principle that liturgy should be in the language of the people. Some concern was expressed about the different wording of the creed - which begins "We believe", as opposed to "I believe" - this is simply reverting to the original form, the latter is a medieval corruption. Concern was also expressed about the form of the "Our Father" - Rite A allows for it to be used in the traditional form and this is what we agreed would happen. It was felt that Rite B was really "neither fish nor fowl" - it attempts to use a modern format whilst retaining traditional language (though omitting some much loved phrases from the Book of Common Prayer). It was agreed that the Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10 o'clock would be according to the 1662 format.

If anyone would like to discuss this further I will be very happy to come round and see them. Please give me a telephone call on 722192.

The Bishop of Dunwich will officially license me as Priest in Charge of Walberswick during his visit to the Deanery at the end of September. This will take place at Henstead at 10.30am on 28th September and a list for those requiring transport will be placed in Church nearer the time.

Barry Naylor

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The time throughout is **GMT**, therefore add one hour during BST**DOUBLE THANKS**To helpers & purchasers at the Motor
Neurone Disease Research Tea, which
raised £725

Mary King

To those who opened their gardens and
baked cakes. Contributions amounted to
£1266, to be divided between The
Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and
Southwold Red Cross.

Patricia Roxburgh

CUPS OF JOY

Despite earlier misgivings the Village Horticultural Show was rated a great success. Rain and sun had done wonders and, with nearly 300 entries, the Show lived up to its name. The Committee's thanks to all concerned. Cup winners: Mrs Shirreff, Mr Godsmark, Mrs Reeves, and Mrs Payne. Finally thanks to Ashley's for their super presentation of plants.

Brian Payne

SUMMER THEATRE"Home at Seven" **3/8 "Three Men in a Boat" **7/8-20/8 "Joking Apart" **
10/8 "Trial by Jury" ** 22/8-30/8 "Great Expectations" **1/9-13/9 "The Business of Murder"
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10 Crabbing

13 Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30am To raise funds for an audio loop in the Village Hall

17 St John Ambulance Bazaar Village Hall 2-5pm Cakes teas stalls

23 Village Fete HELP HELP HELP to Brian & Judy Morton 01986 875651 09.00-17.00hrs

26 Countryside Capers 4 Henham Hall 12.30-15.30 details & booking \$

WHAT'S ON**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

3 Sunday Pentecost 11 11.15 Sung Eucharist (Anne Sorenson Chaplain to St Felix School)

10 Sunday Pentecost 12 18.00 Choral Evensong (Alan Deering Lay Reader)

17 Sunday Pentecost 13 09.45 Sung Eucharist (Revd J Beckham)

24 Sunday Pentecost 14 11.15 Morning Prayer followed by HC (Canon J Murrell)

31 Sunday Pentecost 15 09.00 Holy Communion 1662 (said) (Canon J Murrell)

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated in Church every Wednesday at 10am

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August is a holiday month for the WI in Walberswick so there is no meeting but members will doubtless be busy with friends and family. There is much to look forward to in the autumn with talks on Kerala and S.India, Christmas cookery and Germany in the 30's on our programme. Members of Blundeston WI will be visiting us for coffee and biscuits on 9th September between 10.30 and 11 am. in the Village Hall.

Our speaker this month was Mrs. Nancy Thomas and her talk was entitled Your Voice - the Future of Broadcasting. Mrs. Thomas came as a representative of the Voice of the Listener & Viewer, a non-profit-making association working to ensure high standards and diversity in broadcasting. VLV aims to speak for viewers and listeners on all broadcasting issues and is the only consumer group doing so. Its aim is to safeguard the quality and range of broadcast programmes; encourage multiplicity in ownership so as to guarantee diversity of information and programme sources; fight undue influence over broadcasting by advertisers, politicians, commercial interests and other institutions and raise awareness of the vitally important role that broadcasting plays in our national life and culture. Mrs. Thomas answered many questions put to her by members and guests and her answers reflected her experience gained from working at the BBC and Channel 4 for over thirty years.

Let's Have a Party, the exhibition of crafts by all the WI's in the Suffolk East Federation held at St. Edmund's Hall in Southwold on 4th and 5th July, was a great success and Walberswick WI was well represented among the exhibits and provided stewards for both days. Now it's out with the sun-lounger, on with the sun-hat and a bit of well-deserved R & R! Happy holidays!

Margot Godbold

**COPY OF A LETTER IN *Country Life*
 dated 20.1.1906**

'The Decline of the Village Shop'
 'Sir, ...it is true the ordinary shop is suffering from competition with the enterprising grocers in the neighbouring towns who now send vans round the country for miles at least once a week (read "supermarkets"). The peculiar hardship of this is that these vans sell only for ready money, which the villagers

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pay and then go on running up long scores at the shop which the shop keeper has hard work to induce them to pay. I do not think anything will drive the shop out of existence as few women will forego the delights of shopping themselves, and the clear way out of the difficulty is to establish a village co-operative store. In one place where this has started, with very little capital, the business has proved quite able to pay 5% and the people take a pride in being shareholders in it. Thus, much of the high prices of small country towns are eliminated and the villager benefits by being compelled to pay ready money".

Ruth Bassett

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HALF A CENTURY AGO

When I joined Anglia Television in 1959 I knew virtually nothing of East Anglia. One of my new colleagues was Michael Jeans, who told me he lived in a village called Walberswick. It seemed an outlandish name. We needed to stockpile lots of film to include in the programmes we would be making, once the station was on the air, and Michael thought that the sight of his young son, Luke, canoeing up and down the Dunwich river was a charming one. So for the first time I came to Walberswick to film him. We set the camera up on the bridge near the camping site and Luke obediently canoed under it. Afterwards I had tea with Michael and his wife Eve in their home at Valley Farm. Luke grew up to become a distinguished television producer himself, and now lives, I believe, in one of the Edwardian terrace houses opposite the Anchor. Michael and Eve live in retirement in Southwold. Anglia was not flush with money in those early days and whenever possible our filming was done nearer Norwich. I remember visiting a forge at Wangford, however, and recording the smith shoeing a heavy horse. I can't say exactly where it was, but remember that it was at the fork of a road. Heavy horses - Suffolk Punches no doubt - also featured in a charming little film we made some time in the early seventies in the fields on either side of the junction with the Blythburgh road. They were small fields in those days and capable of being ploughed with horses. My son Timothy, who was nine or ten at the time, rode on the back of one of the Goliath animals. After filming we retired to the nearby White Hart. The bar there, too, was smaller in those days! The horsemen ate sandwiches they brought with them and washed it down with television beer - or rather, Adnams. They yarned about their young days before the war, when part of their wages came in the form of corn from which they brewed their own beer. They told me that they personally had "gone for a Burton". I discovered that this meant that in those hard days, once the harvest had been got in, they were laid off - the only way then that they could earn a living was by pursuing the barley to the brewery, and getting casual work there. Armies of them actually walked from East Anglia to Burton-on-Trent! There they lived in bleak lodgings for the next few months. How their wives managed is another story. The "good old days"!

Forbes Taylor

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THAT ROTTEN PLACE (Formerly)

Dunwich is the archetypal Rotten Borough. Once a prosperous town but reduced by coastal erosion to a straggling village; it continued until 1832 to return two members to the unreformed House of Commons. For the previous 150 years the electors (The Little Freemen) had been procured, bribed, and threatened by a succession of wealthy candidates. Using contemporary sources Dr Ormonde Pickard CBE (late husband of Madge Pickard, who runs a Russian study group for U3A) gives a lively account of the lengths to which the wealthy Downing family went to secure the Little Freemen's support. From the buying of votes with beef and beer and gifts of new clothes to threats of eviction. They were succeeded by the more humane partnership of the Barnes and Vannecks who transformed it from a neglected hamlet to the attractive village of today.

Copies of Ormonde's book "The Little Freemen of Dunwich" are available from the Dunwich Museum at £12.95 (or via post & packing for a further £1.05)

Ed.

*"For the borough of Dunwich I sat heretofore,
Where I paid for each vote, as I paid for a whore,
And I hope my electors won't think me a dunce,
Tho' I sat for three sessions and never spoke once"*

1790 lampoon on Sir Gerrard Vanneck

THE SUMMER THEATRE.

Southwold has supported a Summer Theatre for 70 years. Jill Freud & Company arrived in 1984, and for 13 years we have been provided with theatre of an exceptionally high standard. A good mixture of serious plays and comedy, nor were the "under 12s" forgotten. I personally have enjoyed Lunch Time at the Crown on Friday & Saturday. By the second week of September this year there will have been staged 6 plays, 7 lunchtime performances, 6 children's shows, plus a poetry evening. What a feast of delight you have provided! To Jill Freud and Company - A heartfelt Thank you

Anne Easterbrook

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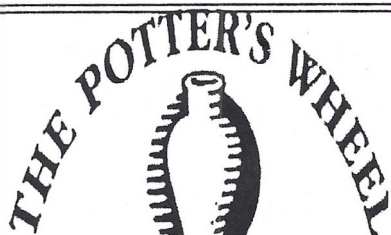
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There's still time to collect your sponsor forms and all relevant details of the 1997 Cycle Ride from me at Herons, Church Field.

Ruth Bassett 722474

NEW TERM**FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School's new term starts on September 14th. Parents should shortly receive a letter with the details. All enquiries to Julie Winyard at Alexandra Cottages 722178

CHURCH MATTERS**FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN**

It seems to me that the slower you move, the longer you live; the tortoise is a good example, and this could account for the longevity of some of our Bishops. After all this time, I am not able to tell you how near we might be to getting the full complement of Team Vicars appointed. We did interview one candidate for the Wangford end of the Team some weeks ago, and I believe he may well get that appointment. But until I get clearance, I am not able to tell you anything about him.

We were given authority to seek a candidate from outside the Diocese, and that is the person whom we interviewed, but whether any candidates have been found from within the Diocese is not known. The last time I saw our Bishop, I asked him how far he had got to setting up the Sole Bay Team which they were so keen upon, and he replied that he had this matter well in mind. I reminded him that I was getting on in years and time is running out.

However, we do not despair; the week day Communion service is being well supported, and we still have the loyal support of our retired clergy friends. Elsewhere in this issue there is a note concerning the Harvest Supper, and I hope that this will be well attended.

Bob Trevelyan

ANOTHER HARVEST SUPPER!

Following the success of last year's Harvest Supper, this event will be repeated this year. Do come along to the Village Hall on September 20th next and have a pleasant evening, enjoying good food and listening to the Ad Hoc Group of singers.

Tickets may be obtained, priced £5, from the PCC Secretary, Penny Buncombe, Belle Vue, The Terrace, (Tel: 722359) before September 15th. Book early since numbers are limited.

Remember: September 20th at 7pm in the Village Hall!

Paddy Kelly

FAITHFUL SERVICE

Claudine Powell has been carrying out the task of cleaning the Church Silver for very many years, but now must regretfully give up this work. Fortunately, Marjorie Gordon-Potts has volunteered to take Claudine's place. I am sure we would all like to thank Claudine for her long and faithful service to the Church.

Paddy Kelly - Churchwarden

LICENSING OF BARRY NAYLOR TO WALBERSWICK

The Bishop of Dunwich will officially license Barry to our parish of Walberswick, together with Wrentham, Frostenden, South Cove, Covehithe with Benacre and Henstead with Hulver, on Sunday September 28th at 10.30am at Henstead Parish Church.

J Josephs

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

Barry Naylor, the Team Rector, will celebrate and preach at the Sung Eucharist service at this year's Harvest Festival. The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning (20th) and gifts of produce and foliage should be brought to Church as early as possible on that day please.

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Very many thanks to all who worked for the success of the Audio Loop Coffee morning. The Village Hall Management Committee as a consequence has been given £850.

Grahame Godsmark

WEA AT WALBERSWICK

The Autumn course "Hindustan more than a Tourist View", given by Mr PM Baker, will commence on Thursday 18th Sept in the Village Hall Annex. For further details contact Bill Sexton 723169, Ian Roxburgh 724714 or Tony Rees 725061

Bill Sexton

Are you alive readers! !?

USE

WHAT'S ON

Glass/Bottle Bank

The community has a vital recycling facility for glass by courtesy of the Anchor Inn - a facility much used by residents and businesses. The success, or otherwise, of this option is dependent upon the proper use of the bank by everybody. Please note therefore that if the glass container is full, or approaching its capacity, glass should be withheld until bank is emptied. It is not acceptable under any circumstances for boxes containing bottles be left adjacent to the facility. In order for this recycling facility to be a continuing success I would ask that its proper use be respected by all.

Robin Buncombe
Parish Councillor

STRANGE, BUT TRUE

Very, very few know about this happening. More than the very, very few know that I go for an early morning walk along Lodge Road as far as Westwood Lodge.

This is not only in the summer months, or early spring or autumn; it's all year round. What is so strange?

This is what happened: The papers had various articles about UFO sightings. Source of many of these articles hinged on some TV broadcasts.

Between 5.00 and 6.00 a.m. in the cold, winter months I walked. I still do. It was to be expected that there would be complete darkness. No moon was visible because of complete cloud cover.

Leaving the village and about 200 yards beyond the Hoist Car Park, I

noticed ahead an extremely bright, glowing, red light in the middle of the road. I would estimate (even now) that it was just about opposite Wood Cottage. Wood Cottage is about a mile and a half on down the road from Hoist Car Park.

I began to slow my walk. Suddenly, the bright, glowing light disappeared. Relief came over me. It had entered my mind not to go on. As the light disappeared I ventured on. But the thing came back. Had 'They' forgotten something? Were 'They' going to examine the land before deciding what to do?

Though I am a little odd and peculiar, I made no mistake. I was certain beyond any reasonable doubt that there was 'something' ahead. I went on cautiously.

The nickel suddenly dropped; it was Southwold lighthouse!

Jim Johnson

CHURCH FIELD SOUP

Our garden backs on to the common, and as we were pulling up nettles (apologies to peacock butterflies!) which threatened to swamp our conifer hedge the following words came back to me from childhood:

*'Tender-handed, stroke a nettle
And it stings you for your pains.*

*Grasp it like a man of metal
And it soft as silk remains.'*

(It really works.)

Perhaps I should be making nettle soup instead of waxing lyrical!

Ruth Bassett

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SUMMER THEATRE

1/9-13/9 "The Business of Murder"

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

- 7 Sunday Pentecost 16 11.15 Sung Eucharist (Revd Canon J Matthews)
- 14 Sunday Pentecost 17 18.00 Choral Evensong (Revd Leonard Doolan, Rural Dean)
- 21 Sunday St Matthew 09.45 Sung Eucharist (Revd B Naylor) Harvest Festival
- 28 Sunday Pentecost 19 10.30 Licensing of Barry Naylor by Bishop of Dunwich to the Deanery at Henstead Parish Church

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So! The lazy days weren't quite as lazy as you had hoped and the hazy days were when the perspiration was dripping off your eyebrows as you slaved over a hot stove! Never mind, summer will soon be but a memory and the only reminders the odd toy or hankie left behind by visitors, so refresh yourself by coming to our next meeting on Wednesday, 10th September in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm to hear Mr. Peter Baker, our guest speaker. His talk, including slides, is on Kerala and south India and should be of interest both to those who are familiar with the sub-continent and those who are not. Mr. Baker has visited this part of India many times and has been a volunteer for the International Children's Trust working in Tamil Nadu. Mrs. Baker will be accompanying her husband to show us examples of crafts from this part of India and worldwide. Just to get you out of the summer blues, the September competition for the Bally cup is "A Collage for Autumn".

A hand with the coffee cups or a plate of homemade biscuits would be very welcome on Tuesday, 9th September between 10.30 and 11am when we entertain members of Blundeston WI in the Village Hall. If you can help, please let our President, Barbara Taylor, know.

Margot Godbold

**MINSMERE RESERVE SUMMARY
JUNE & JULY 1997**

We are well on the way to a million members and should be there by September. The Open Day for local residents on 14 June was well attended and enjoyed by all. We will be running another one next year.

The wader migration really got under way by mid-June, with nearly 20 different species passing through on the Scrape, so it was very busy! Little ringed plovers tried to breed too, the first on the Suffolk coast for 49 years. Huge numbers of crossbills appeared all over East Anglia and Minsmere didn't miss out with a flock of 81 on 28 June. Eiders, common scoters and gannets all passed by offshore and an Arctic skua made a brief visit on 19 June. A honey buzzard flew south over the reserve on 8 July.

Young avocets, bitterns and marsh harriers all made an appearance by the end of June. Nine young bitterns are known to have fledged, a huge improvement on last year due to the much better weather.

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**WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED
- A TALE OF TWO DOGS**

We were much more aware of village dogs as 'characters' in the carefree days when no social stigma resulted from allowing them to roam freely. In the 1960s and early 1970s, principal contenders for 'Walberswick Top Dog' included Bruce Price and Jason Barrable. Bruce, a big boxerish dog, lived at the Anchor, and enjoyed what today's dogs would regard as enviable mobility; his morning constitutionals followed a predictable route which generally avoided roads but took him through a great many gardens. At Samphire cottage we had drawn the short straw; our garden was his loo. Bruce was meticulous in spirit, well versed in the primeval routine of pre-departure ground-scraping, and although this practice had more to do with ritual than accuracy we grew quite fond of him. and missed him when he died.

Bruce's contemporary Jason Barrable was a big, black, wiry dog. He lived in the Terrace, and worked hard to conceal any lovable qualities he may have possessed. Perhaps he had some Airedale in him. Those familiar with James Thurber's *The Dog That Bit People* will know something of the shortcomings of this breed. One day Mrs Barrable was describing the difficulties of living with him. 'But he's quite a personality' I said, looking on the bright side. 'Yes YES' said Mrs Barrable, 'But he's not a NICE personality!' More Dubious Dogs another time, perhaps. *o/ka*



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THE VILLAGE NEWS IN 98?

Readers may know that Ray Easterbrook the present editor intends to retire after three and a quarter years in the job. So far, despite intensive canvassing, we do not have a replacement. If we do not find one our last issue will be in December. I feel sure that in the village there are people with the necessary equipment (Windows operating system) and the competence to edit our "monthly". Ray reckons that it takes about 5 hours a month and says he will provide a lead in to a replacement and provide a free copy of the appropriate software. We need somebody to come forward and volunteer. The Board would do its best to solve any problems. I am certain that the village as a whole would regret the loss of its news sheet which so far has been very well received. Do please contact me urgently.

Brian Payne

Chairman Village News Board 724379

WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS LIMITED

The Car Parks Company completes its first season on the 30th September. The Company's Directors consider that it has been a very satisfactory debut and that from all reports the scheme has made an effective contribution to visitor management in the Village this summer. The Company has certainly been successful beyond initial plans and forecasts, both financially and in less quantifiable ways. As a consequence a considerable amount of money will be available for covenanting to the Walberswick Common Lands charity.

There were some initial complaints that Walberswick was no longer a free parking zone, but by the end of May with the issue of explanatory leaflets these had tailed off, and minor teething problems were speedily overcome by our very resourceful Operations Manager. Villagers and visitors alike have remarked on the courtesy, helpfulness and general amiability of the men and women who have been employed by the company, and the Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly all of the staff who have worked for us over the last few months for the positive image of Walberswick that they have promoted. Interestingly the Car Parks company has been the biggest employer of villagers in Walberswick this summer! If the Board of Directors made any correct decisions it was to use people, rather than machines to collect visitor's fees!

It is understood that the Parish Council intends to hold a public meeting to discuss the whole matter of the experimental visitor management scheme sometime in October or November. Prior to that the Car Parks company, although a private Limited Company, will hold an Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall to which residents of the Village are invited to hear the Chairman's report and to receive an initial Financial Statement. The AGM will take place on Friday 24th October at 7.30 pm.

Rae Leighton

VILLAGE FETE 97

The Village Hall Committee and the Church Council express their tremendous thanks to Brian and Judy Morton for organising yet another successful fete at which £2213 was raised. This is some £40 down on last year but compares favourably with other events which seem to have been more numerous this year.

Eric Bassett

COMMON LANDS CHARITY - A BRIEF REPORT

These are the main points from our August meeting which began with a visit from Keith Webb and Philip Kett to discuss the possible conflict of interest between Wildfowlers and bird-ringers on the marshes. Barbara Priestman apologised on behalf of the Trustees for their oversight in this matter; the problem was less serious than had at first appeared and has now been resolved. While Messrs Webb and Kett were at the meeting, two other matters were discussed - campers' rubbish on the Cliff Field, and regulations regarding the removal of domestic hedges (problems with the former had recently been minimised by Mr Webb personally removing the rubbish to the proper place). Both these matters are now in hand. *(continued on page4)*

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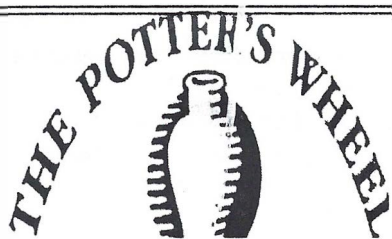
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**SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE -
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Nine Walberswick cyclists battled against the strong winds and at least two of them clocked in at thirty churches. Excellent! Seventy-three cyclists signed in at St. Andrew's, including our Team Rector. Sponsor money will take a little time to collect, and results will be known later. Very many thanks to all our cyclists (Grahame Godsmark, Julia Josephs, Elizabeth Marlow, David and Dionne Shirreff, John and Shirley Turner, Don Thompson and Pat Wythe) their sponsors and the sitters in the porch.

This event provides us with a wonderful day's outing. Favourite churches never to be missed are St. Andrew Westhall with hot coffee and Wenhasdon Methodist with

CHURCH MATTERS**THE TEAM RECTOR WRITES**

Last month will be remembered for years because of events leading up to the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. It is vital that politicians, spiritual and community leaders reflect on what those events said about what is going on in the hearts and minds of the people of this country at the end of this twentieth century.

On 13th October the Church remembers St. Edward the Confessor, King of England. He refounded and endowed the Abbey Church of Westminster, which became the focal point of the nation's grief on 6th September. St. Edward had a simple piety and a great generosity of nature; he sought to serve his subjects "by easing their burdens, by relieving their necessities and by confirming them in their allegiance to the faith" (Ronald Knox). He was a truly noble monarch. As we look to the nature of the society we ought to be building, to reflect Gospel values we need to emphasise that compassion should be at the very heart of life. Jesus tells us: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

At the end of this month we celebrate **One World Week** and the theme is "Stretching the Limits". All too often we do place limits on our compassion. If we lived lives that displayed the limitless compassion of Christ we should soon end up as he did. There is a limit to what each one of us can do to show practical compassion to those in need. There should not, however, be any limit to the compassion in our hearts and minds. The compassion of Christians should embrace especially those who, in the popular mind, are often denigrated, cast aside and excluded.

There are two events connected to One World Week that I hope people will turn out to support. There will be a meeting with speakers at the Methodist Church Hall, Southwold, on Wednesday 22nd October and an Ecumenical Service at St. Margaret's, Reydon on Sunday 26th at 6.30pm.

With my prayers and blessing,

Barry Naylor

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

I am now able to tell you that the Revd Peter James Clement has been appointed to serve the Wangford area of the Team. Mr. Clement who is 33, and his wife, Katie, come to us from Manchester. In due course he will live in Wangford. Walberswick still awaits the completion of the procedure for the licensing of Barry Naylor, which is why we were not included with the other parishes in the Team at Henstead. All our services have been arranged as usual - see "What's On".

When it became clear that the Diocese was about to sell our Vicarage, I began strong representations to the Parsonages Board to obtain some recompense for the Parish on the grounds of loss of amenity. I can now tell you that we have, therefore, been promised £20,000 from the proceeds of the sale. We have never had a church hall in this parish, and I am now working towards building one. Wish me well!

Bob Trevelyan.

fresh brew of tea! Best of all, of course, is our own St. Andrew's with sandwiches and *chocolate* biscuits. Motorists on the whole were extremely considerate and a post office worker stopped to assist us when a bicycle chain came off after crossing the A12!

Ruth Bassett and Julia Josephs

VELLORE BAZAAR

The annual bazaar in aid of Vellore Hospital in South India, and another charity, will be held on Saturday 25th October starting at 2 pm in the Village Hall. This year the second charity is The Children's Hospital at Milton near Cambridge.

Wendy Sinclair

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THE MERLE PAGE A NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Merle Rafferty, 90 last month, has a sort of star quality, so active and personal is her love of history and music. She is still ceaselessly at work on regional and family history and has sung soprano in St. Andrew's Church Choir since she and her husband Stanley retired to the village in 1971. Living in Brookman's Park, Herts., they'd laid their plans long before, on a first visit to Southwold in 1938. They quickly discovered Walberswick, Stanley declaring "This is where we'll live when we retire". All subsequent holidays were spent here, land bought and eventually their home built. Two small daughters arrived, let alone World War 2 which kept Stanley away in the RAF for six years.

From 1971 Stanley regularly read the lesson in church with unforgettable panache until he was suddenly taken ill on holiday in Switzerland in 1985. Merle's bereavement gradually opened the floodgates for her passion for history. Already a member of the Southwold Natural History and Archaeological Society, she became a founder member of the Walberswick Local History Group.

For many years she had contributed to *Herts Countryside*, *Sussex Life*, *The East Anglian Magazine* and *The Sussex Family Historian*. Her home is lined with books. She's read every one she claims, recalling "I had a terrible time learning to read. I just couldn't till I was seven." (She recalls pupil teacher Flora Robson, later one of our greatest theatrical dames, reading Beatrix Potter to her - then five - at Palmers Green Junior High School.) (Must have helped!)

Merle is still deep in correspondence all over the world, especially concerning the Tidy family (her mother's). She is a born researcher and preserver of family memorabilia - including a trunk brought from France by the first defector from Napoleon's army when escaping. Her booklet "In and around the village of Walberswick" is still on sale at the Heritage Hut on the Green and local bookshops, at £1.50.

Merle's daughters and six grandchildren cherish her and so does Walberswick.

Joan Galwey

HERITAGE ON THE GREEN

I wish to thank everyone who gave their time so generously in keeping the Centre open for 76 afternoons. I hope the newcomers enjoyed their sessions.

We received £550.25 in donations and took £484.56 in sales-a total of £1035 compared with £1186 in 1996. We had 8834 visitors in '96 and this year 7176, a drop of 1658, why? parking restrictions, car park charges and, of course, the exceptionally good weather which prompted more people to stay on the beach. I regret that we were not permitted by your Council to place our sign in a more conspicuous position-it would have helped a public service activity.

We will be having an end of season get-together for our 30 volunteers-details to be announced.

Maureen Thompson

SUNDAY VISITORS

It's twelve, and they come pouring in:
I know they are my kith and kin
And should love them, but I don't,
For just as it is Towser's wont
To bark and growl when on his chain,
I wish them back at home again.
Now from their cars the people spew
All ready different things to do,
For some go off into the dunes
Where soon their loud transistors' tunes
Will rend the quiet of the air,
While others to the sea repair.

And if I seek a quieter place
I stumble on a close embrace
That sends me with red cheeks away;
It really isn't fit to stay.
And thus the tardy hours roll on
Until it's time that they were gone,
So father, mother, and the imps
Trudge back, the colour of boiled
shrimps.
Our weekly influx homeward goes,
And on the beach the paper blows.

Oliver Rooke via Merle Rafferty

5 Songs of Praise Blythburgh on BBC I 18.10
17 Computer Society 'Primrose Cottage' 19.00
25 Vellore Hospital Bazaar Village Hall 14.00
Wednesdays - Bowls in Village Hall 19.30

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

5 Sunday Trinity 19 09.45 Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon John Matthews
12 Sunday Trinity 20 18.00 Choral Evensong - Revd John Beckham
19 Sunday Trinity 21 09.45 Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon John Matthews
26 Sunday Trinity 22 09.45 Matins followed by Holy Communion - Revd Barry Naylor
Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated in Church every Wednesday at 10am
Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe on October 12th and 19th from 9.45-11.30
There is no Sunday School on October 5th but a Rejoice and Praise Service at Southwold at 6.30pm

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If you are one of those people who likes to get ahead of the game and, Heaven forbid!, rather enjoys sitting back and watching others panicking around at the last minute, then our speaker on Wednesday, 8th October, is just for you! Mrs. Di Hinves will be talking about Christmas cookery - planning ahead, cooking for the freezer, using your microwave to save time and cooking for small numbers. Our meeting will start, as usual, at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall and we look forward to seeing a full hall - guests are welcome.

Our Autumn activities opened on 9th September with a very friendly visit from forty-eight members and husbands of the WI Caravan Club who were entertained to coffee and biscuits in the Village Hall. They came from all parts of the country and were spending a week at Framlingham.

The following day, at our first meeting after the summer break, congratulations, good wishes and two bottles of wine were presented to our very spry member, Merle Rafferty, on her 90th birthday Merle belies her years with her many interests and activities including a passion for local history and membership of the choir.

Our speaker, Mr. Peter Baker, gave a most interesting talk on life in Kerala and South India which he illustrated with many lovely slides of the lush countryside and beautiful coast. His knowledge of the area enabled him to give questioners a vivid picture of the life led by the local people.

Margot Godbold.

COMMON LANDS(continued from page 1)

The replacement of the Print Room was discussed. It was agreed that a proper structure with the same external appearance as the original would be preferable to a prefabricated shed. Messrs Durrants, the land agents would be asked to obtain planning and building regulations consent as quickly as possible, so that specifications could go out to tender.

Parking problems at the side of the river were discussed as a result of a letter from one of the residents in this area. The letter was acknowledged but the matter will be discussed fully at the end-of-season parking review as it seems to have its roots in areas not owned by the Trust.

A 1927 map of the village, with interesting annotations in pencil describing the agricultural uselessness of various plots of land, and working drawings of what were, in effect, Mark 1 and Mark 3 versions of the

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Kissing Bridge, were handed to Richard Scott for the Walberswick Local History Group. Richard Scott has now lodged these with Tony Rees, the Group's Archivist.

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JOHN DOMAN TURNER (1873-1938)

Down in darkest Belgravia there is an exhibition of the works of John Doman Turner, who painted the Walberswick Scroll in 1931. Billed in the September issue of "Galleries" as the work of The Forgotten Camden Towner, it covers the period of Turner's association with the Camden Town Group (i.e. just before World War 1) when he had close links with Sickert and, more particularly Spencer Gore his work during "our" period seems largely to have escaped discovery by Camden Town historians. The exhibition, which runs from September 17 until October 17, is at the Michael Parkin Gallery, Motcomb Street, London SW1—a short walk from Hyde Park Corner.

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PRESQUE LE MEME

A new Mayor has recently been elected by the people of Mézières where we have our French retreat. Like Walberswick it is a village of four or five hundred people. However, together with its surrounding hamlets, of which Sainte Anne is one, the electorate is closer to eight hundred and fifty.

Before the Second World War Mézières boasted at least twenty-six bars, a clockmaker, a jeweller, hairdressers, tailors, a fishing gear shop, several grocers, butchers, bakers, ironmongers, a post office, a police station, a market and an elementary school. And now? Apart from the second largest sheep market in France, the largest being in the next village, there are only three bars, one baker, one butcher, one ironmonger, two grocers, a flower shop, a garage, a fire station, a post office, a police station and a primary school. Even so, it may be said that it fares far better than any comparable Suffolk village. However, the Mayor sees his problems in much the same way - what to do about the increasingly ageing population and what to do about the lorries thundering round the central right-angled bend on their way from Portugal to Switzerland and back.

And it is to this end that he is endeavouring to carry out his electoral manifesto. Firstly he feels they must encourage the young to stay and outsiders to set up home, and secondly they must make the road a safer place for pedestrians. (cont)

Through means of a biannual bulletin he keeps his electorate up to date with his progress and details the costs to the ratepayers. He provided new toilets for the school and arranged for the repair of the roof. Sewage pipes have been laid half way to Sainte Anne, and he promises to connect our neighbours to the main water supply soon. He is fighting the closure of the post office and he has moved the market stalls off the main road and bedecked Mézières with flowers.

As to the calming of the traffic, no 'sleeping policeman' or red tarmac for us. To narrow the road by means of parking spaces appears to be the ideal solution, so that as the lorries continue to hurtle through they miss each other by millimetres. Can this be his answer to the employment problem? It may well keep the emergency services busy!

Kay Ungless

FLAMING ENVIRONMENT

In recent years the traditional November 5th Firework event has provided a valuable mechanism for so many to unload garden and environmental waste. The Parish Council, in recognising that the event is very popular within the community, greatly values the efforts of the organisers and, appreciating the substantial costs involved, therefore considers that all who use this valuable amenity for rubbish disposal should make a contribution towards the costs. No scale of donation is proposed but a strong recommendation has been made that commercial enterprises using the facility

should contribute at a higher level than the private individual.

Robin Buncombe
Parish Councillor

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

On 17th October Giles Hope of Sedgwick Noble Lowndes gave a fascinating talk on the introduction of a new business system to expedite customer instructions, which was based on the use of portable computers and speech to text translation software. A demonstration of dictation to the computer with the corresponding text appearing word by word on the screen was impressive. The method has allowed written instructions to be transmitted directly to the office for action within minutes of an interview with the client.

You are invited to an open meeting, to be held in Walberswick Village Hall on 21st November at 7pm to hear Mrs. Mary Rix speak on Genealogical Research. This talk by a well-known expert in the field will interest all who are curious about their ancestors as well as those practised in family history research and will cover the use of a computer to store and process data. There will be an admission charge of £1 for non-members which will include refreshments.

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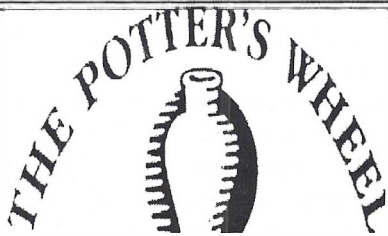
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THE GREAT RIDE

The total raised by Walberswick cyclists on September 13th was £1164.70. Slightly down on last year's but nonetheless a magnificent result. Renewed thanks to everyone.

Ruth Bassett

WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED - THE GARDEN FORK

A generation or so ago, the doyen of village gardeners was Francis Perowne. A scholarly man, he had been destined in his early years for a life in the Church (his father and grandfather had both been Bishops of Worcester). His own particular 'road to Galilee' experience was a profound realisation that he wanted to live in the open air, so he decided to be a gardener instead.

Many will remember the wiry, bespectacled figure, clad in overalls and beret, for his lively wit and Wodehousian turn of phrase. Some whose gardens he tended remember him, too, for an unusually robust attitude to pruning.

One morning circa 1970 Mrs Healey, then living at Brandon, borrowed one of Francis Perowne's garden forks, promising to return it later in the day. Gazing out of her kitchen window a fortnight or so later, she was horrified to see the fork stuck in the ground, exactly where she had left it. Hastening guiltily to return it, she noticed as she approached that a tie-on label had been attached to its handle. The message on the label was a brief one:

"Put me", it said.

CHURCH MATTERS**FROM THE TEAM RECTOR**

November is the month in the Christian Calendar when our thoughts turn to those who have gone before us. The first of the month is the great feast of All Saints, when we remember the great heroes and heroines of our faith. In many places the second is kept as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, when we remember our own departed loved ones. As the month progresses there is Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, when we remember those who gave their lives fighting for truth, justice and freedom.

If you would like someone to be remembered by name at one of our daily times of prayer during November please let me know (722192). In prayer there is a great bond of love, which unites all believers, living and dead, in the love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ.

One way that bond of love is expressed in our worship is when we share in the bread and cup at the Eucharist. As we say in Rite A: *Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.* Since the earliest days of the Christian Church bread and wine have been taken from the Sunday Eucharist to the sick and housebound, so they too can share in this holy food. This is described in the first account of the Venerable Bede. In many churches the consecrated bread and wine are kept in a safe place in the Sanctuary, so that they can be taken to the sick throughout the week and to the dying in an emergency. In the order for Holy Communion at Home, there is a special prayer to be said when the priest uses the Reserved Sacrament.

It was decided at the last meeting of our Church Council to apply for a faculty for this provision to be made at St. Andrew's. The Aubry, for this purpose, will be in memory of Robert Wythe. This means of demonstrating the Church's care for the spiritual needs of the sick and housebound in Walberswick will be a most fitting memorial to Robert.

With every blessing,

Barry Naylor

IT WAS HARVEST SUPPER NIGHT

On September 20th seventy-five village folk were sitting round tables, chattering expectantly when the splendid figure of Bob Trevelyan strode forth. "I'm not in charge!" he says but, of course, he clearly was. He asked for a bit of hush for Grace from Barry.

The hall looked really splendid adorned with fishing nets and beautifully set tables. Wonderful company, and wonderful food more than adequately helped down with good wine. Walberswick has many jewels; all have not been uncovered, but some were revealed this night when, on the stage, we saw some of our village talent performing and singing numerous old songs and ditties, interspersed with readings as only Joan Galwey can.

A great deal of thought and work went into producing such a good repast and tremendous thanks must go to Paddy Kelly and Elizabeth Leighton plus their numerous assistants. The Sing-Song was so polished that it was obviously not done without a lot of practice. Thank you. Please may we book the hall for next year?

Ian Jackson & Jim Johnson

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BELL GREEN REMEMBERED

My sisters and I were very excited, we were getting ready for one of our many holidays, home to where my mother, Clementine Cross, was born- lovely old Bell Cottage.

We knew only too well that Grandfather Benjamin Cross would be as anxious to see us as we were to see him. Sure enough, there he was at Walberswick Railway Station, waiting beside his pony and trap to take us home to a good wholesome meal. The next day, after chasing each other back and forth over the Kissing Bridge, my sister and I settled down on the shingle driveway between Grandfather's fishermen's sheds and Tows Cabin, to our favourite occupation of mixing white chalk with water to make milk !! Hungry work ! So, after one of my brave sisters (definitely not I) tried to capture one of the stray chickens from Valley Farm, we ran across Bell Green (just pausing to wonder why two people were doing their lessons there on a board and easel - surely they were too old to go to school !) knowing that Aunt Susie would see or hear us and call from the back gate of her cottage (now known as "Bell Haven") to give us some of her delicious home-made cakes; then on to Aunt Ginny's at her dear little cottage in the main street near the chapel, in great anticipation of receiving some sweets.

Oh! No!! it's here, that dreadful moment when we know that the holiday is over, for Grandfather Benjamin is preparing the pony and trap and we hear him say " I have decided to take them for a slow ride over to Darsham Station so that I can spend a little more time with them; who knows I may never see them again". Sadly his words were to be prophetic for, not long after that slightly subdued ride to Darsham Station, he died. These were wonderful times but sad ones too, for often Grandfather would have to take the pony and trap out of the building at the corner of the cottage so that it could be used as a temporary mortuary for the brave fishermen who lost their lives and were washed up on Walberswick beach.

Elsie Day

MINSMERE IN SEPTEMBER

Staff in the Centre were looking forward to a quiet spell before the Christmas rush, when a very rare sandpiper was found on the reserve by David Fairhurst. Special opening arrangements were made and nearly 4000 came to see it during the week. The month saw two young ospreys fishing in Island Mere. One could also see at Thorpness Mere, winchat, snow bunting, pied flycatcher, barred warbler, rock pipit and firecrest. The wader passage tailed off by mid-month and the winter ducks began to move in earnest. A tide of teal (2000+) descended, while wigeon flocks up to 145 strong could be found on Island Mere and the Levels. Shovellers were more common every day and the first of the goldeye, to mark the start of winter, are surely just around the corner. Redwings and fieldfare from Scandinavia crept in at the end of the month. A water vole survey found good traces of these rare mammals, which pleased everybody.

Brian Payne

EN BICYCLETTE.

To those of you who thought I would never make it to Paris - I did.

To those of you who thought I would have a heart attack - I didn't.

And to those of you who agreed with Pauline that I was mad - you were right.

And to those of you who told me that Picardy in Northern France was flat - you lied.

The 300 riders were a complete mix (even a Lord Lieutenant took part) but the esprit de corps and the humour throughout were terrific. Most of the riders were dedicated with only a few nutters like me. I rode with the slow group keeping at the back most of the time, only of course to encourage any stragglers!

The ride was superbly well organised. We never had to stop at a road junction anywhere. In Kent the police were extremely efficient and low key. In France, we were accompanied by a group of 15 noisy and excitable motor cyclists (cont page

The Walberswick RNL I cordially invite all to a presentation entitled "The National Trust Property at Orfordness", to be given by Grant Lehoare, and which will be followed by cheese and wine, on Saturday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

21 "Computer Aided Genealogical Research" Computer Society Open Meeting Village Hall 7pm

30 Team Service Advent Carols & Readings St Edmund's Church Southwold 6.30pm

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2 Sunday Trinity 23 11.15 Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor

9 Sunday Trinity 24 10.45 Service of Remembrance - Revd Canon John Mathews

16 Sunday Trinity 25 09.45 Sung Eucharist - Revd John Beckham

23 Sunday Next before Advent 11.15 Morning Prayer & Holy Communion - Revd J Beckham

30 Sunday St Andrew 10.00 Patronal Festival - Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor

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Wynn Riddell

November is important for two reasons. Firstly, our monthly meeting on 12th November at 2.30pm in the Village Hall is both our AGM, at which your vote for new committee members is vital, and we have Mr. Paul Briscoe to talk to us afterwards about his childhood in Germany during the Thirties. Our VCO, Enid Bazire, will be present to guide us through the business of electing a new President and Treasurer, both the present officers having decided to resign after many years on the committee. Guests for Mr. Briscoe's talk will be welcome at 3.15 pm.

Secondly, we are organising another Bridge Party at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 19th November, starting at 2 pm. As before, there will be a super WI tea at the end of play, around 4 pm. Tables are already being booked, so Hurry! get your four together and book with Barbara Taylor on 723847. The cost is £4 per person - worth it for the tea alone!

Amazing! delicious! how did she do all that in the time? Just some of the comments recorded after last month's speaker, Mrs. Di Hinves, had finished demonstrating a variety of recipes for Christmas. Quick and simple was her motto - and six mouthwatering dishes in 45 mins. lived up to her aim. The star mince pies disappeared in a flash - melted in the mouth! - as did all the other attractively presented concoctions. Mrs. Hinves also gave us ideas for crackers and cards, so no excuses now, it's time to get ready for Christmas!

Margot Godbold

(cont Le Cycle)

For three days they raced up and down the column, which was spread out over several miles at times, tooting their horns (the most important piece of vehicle equipment for a Frenchman), revving their engines, cheering and clapping. It all added to the fun, of course.

At the start of each day a short wreath laying ceremony took place at our overnight stops at Calais, Abbeville and Beauvais, at which we were joined by members of the Office National des Anciens Combattants. On the last day two hundred French cyclists joined us outside Paris and we all rode in one group through the Bois de Boulogne, up Le Grande

Armee to the Arc de Triomphe, accompanied by our motorcyclists and half the Paris police. Fingers on their horns, naturally, there was a great deal of noise and much excitement and for me, relief. Pauline and the French Foreign Minister met us. He led us in the final

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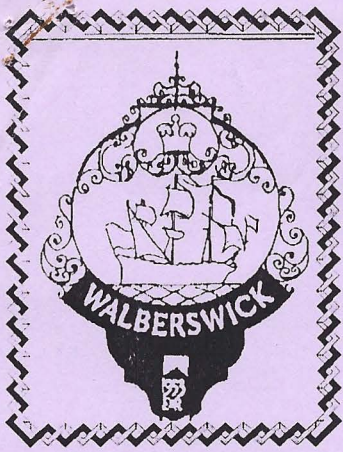
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wreath laying ceremony, this time at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I'm glad I did it. Unless my memory fails me I probably won't do it again. I found it hard at times, especially on the last day when all the hills seemed to go up. Fortunately I never got saddle sore, the training clearly paying off. You may like to know that the total amount I will be paying to the Poppy Appeal is almost £4,000. This far exceeds my original target. Thank you so much for your marvellous support. I should be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to everyone in Walberswick who supported me so generously. Yours ever,
Jonathan Collins, Field Officer, Br. Legion

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

It is my intention to show the Scroll from time to time between now and next summer. The next occasion will be on Saturday 29th Nov, in the Village Hall. The Scroll is one man's view of Walberswick as it was in 1931. Please let me know if you would like to come. Richard Scott. 722577 D/Ed

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FAULCONBRIDGE QUARTET

No one would deny that the Tuck Shop/PO plays a pivotal role within our shrinking community. I assume that the formalities of sale to Mr & Mrs Jones(Nicholas?) plus two small children, are happily resolved. The Tuck Shop is an inanimate business entity, but behind this lies the Falconbridge team: Boris, Sylvia, Christine and Susan. The "Seniors" are engaged in a well-planned & strategic withdrawal to Wissett, while both daughters foray forth into a perplexing employment market. One and all please join at this Christmas Season in thanking them for their 14 years within this community, with few holidays, rising at 05.45, and evening phone calls about prescriptions. We hope the marriage of their son/brother early next year will provide an aura of Spring happiness which may long continue.

Ed.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1997

The receipts from this year's Poppy Appeal in Walberswick and Blythburgh after expenses were: The Coffee Morning and Bazaar, £895.36; Sale of Poppies, Wreaths and Chaplets, £610.41; Church Collection St. Andrew's Church, £161.01. Total £1.666.78. This is a most significant amount and

Merry Christmas

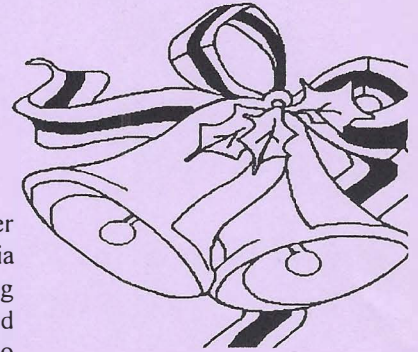
FROM AMERICA WITH LOVE

Why does one choose to live in one place over another? I had lived in Southern California for 25 years before I began visiting Halesworth in 1989. For several years I would escape the heat and most of the smog to luxuriate in the quiet countryside of East Anglia. On one visit we drove to Southwold and took the ferry to Walberswick, had a pint in the Bell and returned via the Bailey bridge. As we processed along Leverett's Lane, I turned to my companion with the words "this place feels really comfortable" and jokingly added "I could live here". Years passed, circumstances changed and I find myself living in Leverett's Lane. I am often asked, incredulously, how I could swap the Californian sunshine for the sometimes wild weather of Walberswick. Indeed it puzzled me, and yet it wasn't until I had been here for some while that it became clear. My "comfortable feeling" surely stems from very early childhood memories of the Northeast coast of America where I was born. The light over the dunes on a summer morning, the tang of salt-laden air in winter awakened memories long submerged by the intervening sun-baked years in California. Perhaps I really made my choice all those years ago.

Jane Kirkaby

the Branch Committee would like to thank everyone who so generously gave money and contributed their time, gifts and goods..

Rae Leighton



WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS LTD

Walberswick Common Lands Charity will shortly receive a substantial sum of money (at least £10,000) from Walberswick Car Parks Ltd at the conclusion of the first season of the re-introduced car park charges

The Trust is responsible for making decisions about how this money should be spent, but a meeting to discuss this will be arranged with members of the Parish Council in the near future. The Trust is also most anxious to consider all ideas that village residents might offer: these initial suggestions should be made in writing either to the Clerk to the Trust, Jayne Tibbles, at Lima Cottage, or to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Vivien Hunt, at St. Francis, Seven Acres Lane.

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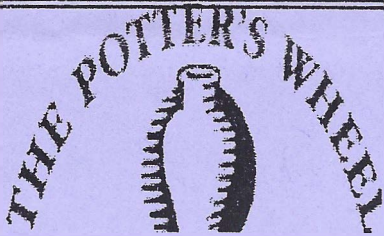
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THE HERITAGE CENTRE

Twenty – five volunteers from Walberswick and three from Thorpeness Windmill attended a "Thank you party" at the Village Hall, where John Redgrave, the manager of the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths project, gave an interesting talk and slide show on the Suffolk coastal area. Peter Ross, who is responsible for the operations of the Visitor Centres, talked about the Walberswick and Thorpeness Centres, explaining how the presentation may be improved in 1998. Both thanked the volunteers for their excellent work. Before the start of next season we shall be seeking more volunteers, so if you would like to join our present group please contact me.

Maureen Thompson 723755

CHURCH MATTERS**LETTER FROM THE RECTOR**

I must first say how good it is to have Peter Clement in our new Clergy Team at Wangford and to wish him and Katie all the very best in their new life with us.

We have now entered Advent, leading to the great Feast of the Incarnation. It is difficult sometimes to remember that the Christmas Season begins (not ends!) on 25th December. Advent is not some kind of mini-Lent but a time for hope and joyous expectation. Its fulfilment is the Incarnation at the Feast of the Resurrection, the root of all Christian hope.

The liturgy in Advent announces that 'the Lord is near' and at the same time it gives us a good dig in the ribs. 'Arise!', 'Stay awake!'. This is proclaimed through the prophets with their zeal for justice, through the preaching of the Baptist and his call for repentance and through the abandonment of the Virgin in the Annunciation. Our preparation is geared both to encountering Christ at his Nativity and also in his coming in glory. We need to prepare for this by renewing our own lives and by seeking to establish God's reign in the world around us.

We encounter God in many different ways and one of these should be in the worship of the Church. Worship is about encountering God in relationship and any relationship requires a contribution from both parties involved. We do need to prepare for worship. We can spend time before we leave home thinking of what we wish to give thanks for, those people and situations we wish to pray for and those things for which we should say "sorry". Once we arrive in Church can we please try to maintain an atmosphere of prayerful stillness and quiet before the worship begins? This contributes so much to the quality of prayer that follows. Can we talk to God when we arrive at Church and talk to our other friends when we leave?

I hope you and your loved ones have a joyous Advent and a richly blessed Christmas.
Barry Naylor

FINAL RESULT OF HOSPITAL CHARITIES

The annual bazaar in aid of Vellore Hospital in South India and another charity was held on October 25th. Attendance was down on last year but, after adding in the profit from Lucy Kerridge's Easter party and then deducting expenses, the Treasurer is able to send £400 each to Vellore Hospital and The Children's Hospice for the Eastern Region. The committee would like to thank all who helped in any way - giving prizes, goods or money and working so hard on the day.

Wendy Sinclair

HOME WORDS

Because of the lack of demand, the PCC has decided to discontinue the provision of the monthly leaflet "Home Words". The "Church in Suffolk" will continue to be available on the table at the back of the Church.

Eric Bassett

ST ANDREW'S PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CEREMONY

The Revd Barry Naylor will be formally licensed as Priest-in-charge of St Andrew's Church Walberswick at a service of Sung Eucharist at 7.30pm on Tuesday December 16.

The Right Revd Richard Lewis, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, will officiate and preach. All will be welcome to the service and to refreshments afterwards at the Village Hall.

Julia Josephs

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Joan Galwey

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MINSMERE RESERVE - OCTOBER SUMMARY

October's big event was World Birdwatch III, which attracted over 1100 visitors, and messages from 35 other countries round the world. The 50th anniversary celebration is a series of lectures by wardens past and present, plus celebrity fans on Fridays in November and December. Book by calling the centre on 01728 648281.

It seemed as though every bird in the book made an appearance this month with a huge total of 153 species seen. Some came alone, like the very late swift on 1st and the red kite on 12th, while others came with friends; 5,000 redwings, 3,100 brent geese and a roost of 50,000 starlings to name but a few! Many of these birds have come from Russia, Scandinavia and Europe to spend the winter in Britain.

A trickle of waders continued to make use of the Scrape, including greenshank, grey plover and sanderling. The Levels are slowly filling up with geese, mostly Canada and brent, but small numbers of pink-foots too. Bewick's swans started to settle on the reedbed pools and Levels at the end of the month.

Brian Payne

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY. UPDATE 2

1. Cliff Field & Campsite.

(a) A lockable gate at the eastern side of the boundary with the car park will facilitate occasional vehicular access to the camp site

(b) The post boundary will be wired, but with opening to allow pedestrian access to Cliff Field.

(c) Sir Charles Blois will be asked to draw attention of hut owners on the campsite to the Trust boundary (some have encroached).

2. Caravan Site Track. The Environment Agency will be consulted about the proposal to shave some material from the earth bank encircling the allotment. This would allow the track to be re-routed slightly to allow the creek-side fence to be dug into solid ground (some 18" would be involved).

3. Beach Huts. A modest rise in rent for the beach huts on Trust land will become effective in 1999.

4. Riverside Buildings & Parking. The Trust's solicitors will be drawing up a clearer agreement about rent and parking arrangements for those with buildings and huts on Trust land. This is purely for clarity and should be as helpful for tenants as for the Trust - there is no sinister agenda.

Richard Scott

6 Christmas Cornucopia 19.30 Wenhaston Village Hall *
16 Licensing of Barry Naylor 19.30 - followed by refreshments in Village Hall
16 Yoxford School Carol Concert 14.00 Yoxford Church. All welcome
19 Sutherland House 12.30 W.I. Christmas Lunch*
19 Computer Society Meeting 19.00 - Desk Computers in BT
21 Carols and Readings 15.30 in St. Andrew's Church
22 Carol Singing on Village Green 19.00 - coffee and mince pies in Village Hall
Phone Ann Beckham for further details 724919*

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

7 Sunday Advent 2	11.15 Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor
14 Sunday Advent 3	18.00 Evening Prayer - Revd John Beckham
21 Sunday Advent 4	09.45 Holy Communion (said) - Revd Peter Clement
21 also	15.30 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
24 Christmas Eve	23.30 Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon John Matthews
25 Christmas Day	11.00 Family Service - Julie Winyard and Sunday School
	09.00 Blythburgh - Holy Communion 1662 - Revd B Naylor
28 Sunday Christmas 1	11.15 Blythburgh - Family Communion - Revd B Naylor
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The Club started over five years ago and in the intervening period a number of the old stalwarts have hung up their boots. The football club contained fewer and fewer representatives from the village and has departed for a more convenient ground; the cricket club only plays a few games in the summer.

During the period the Club has been in existence, we have seen the growth of another generation with new and varied interests. We are now looking forward to providing skateboard facilities on the recreation ground and possibly a pitch suitable for basketball. There is also a need for two five-a-side goalposts and at present we only have one. With the help of the younger generation we hope to renovate the pavilion where work has been delayed through shortage of willing hands. When these facilities have been completed we can look forward to the ground being used more frequently than for many years.

We are also providing an extension of facilities in the Village Hall. Every Wednesday the Bowls section meets for a session of carpet bowls. As from Wednesday November 12th 1997 the Annexe will be open at the same time (7-30pm) for table tennis and darts which have been requested by our younger members when a number of them attended our last Committee Meeting; the cost will be 50p per evening.

A certain amount of money is already available to meet the cost of providing the improved facilities and we shall be approaching the Walberswick Common Lands Charity for help in obtaining the balance.

The Bowls section is continuing to build up its members and we welcome anyone who would like to come and try their hand at the game.

P.A Taylor.

WALBERSWICK W.I.

At our Christmas Party on Wednesday 10 December, starting at 2.30 pm we shall be entertained by Bob and Doris Ling talking about their life in Suffolk, which has included a long association with the Snape Maltings, the Aldeburgh Festival and Benjamin Britten. There will of course be Christmas tea to follow.
At the AGM on the 12 November, Barbara Taylor, our president for the last three years, retired. (Cont)

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Our new president is Margot Godbold. The committee, except for the retirement of Christine Dungey and Peggy Rogers, remains the same.

Business completed, we settled down to listen to a fascinating story by Mr Paul Briscoe, who spent his early childhood in Germany during the 1930's and was subsequently unable to leave when the war started in 1939. His observation of the rise of the Third Reich and the war through the eyes of a child were illuminating.

Ann Beckham

YOUNG NEW REPLACES OLD OLD.

The New Year sees issue 13, and a new Editor. This "oldie" would like to record his heartfelt thanks to the transcribers for the conversion of raw text into computer ready copy: Julia Josephs, Ifor Williams, Arthur Sharman and Peter Taylor. Eric & Ruth Bassett have touched those parts of the copy which the spell-checker could not reach. Without all their efforts production would not have been possible. May the residents of Coronation Cottage, Denise and John Brentnall, have their editorship crowned with satisfaction and success.

Ray Easterbrook.