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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

May I wish you all a Happy New Year. Just as one year ends another begins, so it seems it is with the Editors. Our first Editor and, it should be remembered, the initial force behind the setting up of the Newsletter, Ray Easterbrook, has decided to direct his energies elsewhere. Our thanks and good wishes go with him.

To start our own New Year we welcome John Brentnall to the Editor's chair, where he will be ably supported by his wife Denise. I am sure the village will wish them well and support them with a continuing supply of contributions.

Brian Payne  
Chairman of the Management Board

## FROM THE EDITORS

*Thank you to those people who have welcomed us as Editors and those who have sent messages of thanks to Ray for his hard work over the last year. We must also thank him personally for the help he has given us in preparation.*

*John and Denise Brentnall*

## EDITORS AND PROOF READERS BEWARE!

From the Parish Magazine of St Swithuns Grinstead: "Come with forks and spades on Saturday to assist in the Autumn tidying up of the Churchwarden."

## WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED - DAPHNE GOODMAN (PORTRAIT SCULPTOR)

Many of us have fond memories of Daphne and Betty Goodman, who spent their later years at Old Post Office Cottage. This tiny cottage was steeped in time-warped charm and was crammed with bulky furniture, including a grand piano which they could not bear to part with when they moved from London. Jeremy, their cat, was lovingly cared for, but sulked if they went out - "Worse than a jealous husband" Betty claimed.

Once past eighty, Daphne, after a lifetime's devotion to music, but growing increasingly deaf, developed sculptural ambitions. Her particular interest was in portraiture, and her best was of Mr Bird of Blythburgh, who used to sell fish from a tradesman's bicycle at this time. She had been struck by his craggy features - "Such a handsome man" - and had persuaded him to sit for a portrait in her tiny kitchen.

Daphne's sculptural concerns lay not with form and mass, as is usual, but more with surface decoration. Ears, particularly, were a fascination, but eyebrows were grist to her mill too. With Mr Bird it was his Adam's apple. In the early stages of modelling he looked as if he had just swallowed a tennis ball, but as the head gained weight this feature fell back into proportion to some extent. The finished work, while a little crude in execution, was filled with enquiry and passion, without which no art can excite, and was truly a work of which she could be proud.

Daphne was an enthusiastic member of Leslie Scott's Saturday Modelling Group, in which Wally Webb had modelled a cat. Simplified in detail the cat was powerfully executed and possessed considerable sculptural presence. Daphne examined it carefully. "He's a very handsome cat", she said, "But what are you going to do about his whiskers?"

Richard Scott D/Ed

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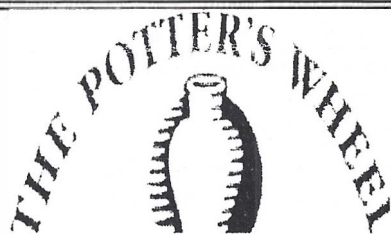
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**CHURCH MATTERS****LETTER FROM THE NEW VICAR OF WANGFORD**

I should like to start by thanking all those who have made us feel so welcome on our move to Wangford, and all those who helped to make my licensing service such a special occasion. It seemed a very long time between the interviews for this post in the early Summer and actually beginning as team Vicar, but it is very good to be here and I am looking forward to getting to know people.

Towards the end of the Christmas season is the feast of the Epiphany, when we recall the magi or wise men from the East, who came to bring the infant Jesus gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. It must have been quite a surprise to Mary and Joseph when these strangers appeared, and we can only imagine what they did with these precious gifts. Epiphany is the time when the Church thinks of God being revealed in unexpected ways, our God who loves to surprise us. The story of the wise men is also a warning, the consequence of their visit was that Herod tried to slaughter all the children born in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus; perhaps they were not so wise after all.

The Christmas season also includes New Year, often a time to recollect the past year and to make resolutions for the new. Working in a team is a new experience for me, and I am still waiting to find what it holds in store; it is also a new venture for the churches in this area. Although it is often sensible to approach new ventures with caution and some may well find it all a bit scary, let us pray that this Christmas season may fill us with hope and excitement, that the celebration of the birth of Jesus may inspire us with the joy of new birth and the love of creation and that we may be open to finding God in new and exciting places.

I wish you all every blessing of the Christmas season and 1998.

Peter Clement

**WARM RECEPTION FOR BARRY NAYLOR**

A full congregation came to church on a bitterly cold evening to celebrate the licensing of our Team Rector as Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew's. The Diocesan Bishop conferred his Licence and later in the service celebrated the Eucharist in the Rite A. A subtle compliment to St Andrew's was the lovely chasuble brought along by Barry and worn by the Bishop. On the back of the vestment was a beautifully worked fishing net design.

We must thank Rae and Elizabeth Leighton for allowing the visiting clergy to robe in their home before the service, Philip Kett for lighting up the church path, Mike and Paddy Kelly and her team for the excellent reception in the Village Hall enjoyed by a large number of the congregation, when they were able to talk to the Bishop and his clergy and our Patron, Sir Charles Blois.

Bob Trevelyan

**FAY CHIPPERFIELD**

Many will remember Fay Chipperfield as a sincere friend who loved Walberswick and the church. She survived David, a former churchwarden, by some years during which she left the village to be nearer her family, but she maintained her former connections here in regular correspondence with her friends. Fay's memorial service was held in St. Andrew's on November 21. Our Team Rector, Barry Naylor, conducted the service, supported by Geoffrey Smith and John Murrell, former Vicars. After the service, Fay's ashes were buried in David's grave. The family will be donating a lectern Bible in the modern revised standard version in memory of David and Fay.

Bob Trevelyan

**EDITH ENGLISH**

Edith English, a well-known and loved resident of our village was finally laid to rest at a thanksgiving service held at St. Andrew's on December 2. She was the widow of Blucher English. Barry Naylor officiated and gave the address; John Murrell read the lesson.

Bob Trevelyan

Brian and Jayne Tibbles thank everyone who sent the many messages of condolence following the sudden death of Jayne's mother (Edith English).

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**WALBERSWICK W.I**

Dispel the winter blues and join us at our January meeting when John Brentnall will be talking on The Glory of Icons. Location Walberswick Village Hall; date- 14th January at 2.30pm

At the W.I Christmas Cornucopia held at Wenhaston on the 6th December, five of our members presented a short piece entitled 'Daughters' - a small selection of extracts on the delights or otherwise of daughters from both fathers and mothers, among whom were Anton Chekhov, Rachel Billington and Pam Brown. The audience seemed to enjoy our contribution; at least their laughter came at the right moments.

Forty people, including guests from neighbouring W.I's, were present at our Christmas party where a festive air prevailed. There was a wonderful collection of Christmas paper hats worn by their designers, who received much praise for their originality. Bob and Doris Ling, our guest speakers, talked with great humour about their life in Suffolk. Their account of their long association with Snape Maltings from the time that there were five working maltings, to their life as resident caretakers at the reconstructed concert hall made interesting listening. Then it was time for a special party tea, home-made by the committee and quite delicious.

Ann Beckham

**SHUTTLE SERVICE ?**

How many people know the number of school age children living in the village and the effort and determination of the children themselves and parents to co-ordinate getting them to school and maintaining good home/school contact?

Buses are provided from the village to both Yoxford Primary School and Leiston Middle and High Schools. However these are not the only schools used. One major problem for parents of pre-school children is that there is no school Nursery in the catchment area. Hence two families regularly cycle their nursery age children over to Reydon school which has a lovely nursery. Both mums are losing weight rapidly and hopefully getting fit in the process (and one dad!) The same families also have children in the group of middle school age children now attending Halesworth Middle which is out of catchment. These children have to travel out of the village to pick up buses in Blythburgh and Reydon. One boy cycles to Reydon to pick the bus up and the rest are taken by car to Blythburgh by parents operating a rota to avoid several cars leaving the village at once! A number of parents are also actively involved in the schools as volunteers or have been governors.

The parents of the children at Halesworth are currently trying to get one of the Reydon buses re-routed into Walberswick. This would make life a lot easier and make opting for Halesworth a real choice for those with little or no transport.

Denise Brentnall

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**WHAT'S ON**

## January

- |    |                                  |       |   |
|----|----------------------------------|-------|---|
| 4  | Sunday Epiphany                  | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist - Revd Mervyn Morgan       |
| 11 | Sunday Epiphany 1                | 10.00 | ASB - Rite A (said)                       |
|    |                                  | 18.00 | Evening Prayer - Margaret Dinn            |
| 18 | Sunday Epiphany 2                | 10.00 | Sung Eucharist - Revd Peter Clement       |
| 25 | Sunday The Conversion of St Paul | 10.00 | Morning Prayer - Revd Canon John Matthews |
|    |                                  |       | followed by Holy Communion 1662 (said)    |

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated in Church every Wednesday at 10am  
Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe on 18th and 25th from 9.45-11.30am*(Any future events planned can be included in this space. Let us know details before the deadline date on page 4.)**Ed.*

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PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Dogs(Fouling of Land) Act 1996.**

This Act came into force on 3rd November 1997, which subject to a number of exceptions, makes it an offence if you fail to clear up after your dog on land open to the air and into which the public have access. Your Parish Council supports the Act's provisions - special dog bins have been provided in many areas and poop scoop bags are readily available.

**Allotments**

The Parish Council advises that there are a number of allotments which may be configured either as whole plots or half plots. Will anybody interested please contact the Clerk, Vivien Hunt.

**Effective Communication**

Some concerns have recently been expressed about a lack of information from the Parish Council. Minutes are published after every Council Meeting and posted on the Council's Noticeboard at the Village Hall, at the Church and other locations and details are available from the Clerk. Items of special note are communicated via the monthly village newsletter.

If any Parishioner has suggestions for improving communications please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

Parishioners are reminded that the correct and formal way of enabling Parish Council business is to contact the Clerk, Vivien Hunt at St Francis, Seven Acres Lane. Phone 723142. The incorrect way is to accost individual Councillors as they go about their business or pleasure wielding cocked umbrellas at five paces.

Robin Buncombe Councillor

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**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Once again the Village Green and Village Hall were transformed for Christmas. A big thank you to Philip Kett, ably assisted by Pat with the beautiful decorations in the hall.

Don Thompson modestly admits that somewhere along the line he too had a hand in it.

Ruth Bassett

**MINSMERE BIRD RESERVE**

On-shore winds early in the month gave an insight into the birds at home on the North Sea. Pomarine skua(4), arctic skua(2), kittiwake(63), gannet(20), common scoter(48), sooty shearwater(1), and red necked grebe(1) were all seen on November 3rd. Small parties of shoreclarks (occasional) and snow buntings (regular) were found in the dunes and some very late migrants hurried through, with two swifts on the 8th and swallows on the 30th(!)

Apart from these, the most unusual bird of the month was a hawfinch spotted at the warden's bird table, which stayed for two days. Four of our resident bitterns were seen around the huge starling roost(up to 50,000 birds), giving rise to the suspicion that they may be picking sleeping starlings off the reeds or collecting dead birds from the ground under the roost. Wardens also carried out regular wildfowl, hen harrier roost and deer counts. with high numbers of red

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## WELCOME

The people of the village are delighted that Nick and Gillian Jones have taken on the shop.

In the time of despair late last year it seemed as if a lottery bid was the only solution to keeping the shop going. The results of our house to house survey showed the extent of this despair - many older people wondering how they would manage and the more active thinking about their future as they became less mobile!

I will make available to Nick and Gillian the survey information but it must be up to us all to support the shop which is the life-blood of our village.

We welcome Nick and Gillian to our midst and wish them every success promising them our help and assistance.

Brian Morton

## CALENDARS WANTED

I am getting together a collection of calendars of all kinds and I wonder if there are any more out there which I could add to it. The oldest I have are two fine trade calendars of 1956 and 1958, and I also have a Shell calendar for 1963 plus an increasing number of examples from the 1970's, 80's and 90's. My aim is to show them at any millenium projects that we might have in the village, so if you do have any that would be of interest please contact me on 724534.

Elizabeth Leighton

## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.

Thank you to everyone who brought foil to me at 4 Moorside in 1997. Please keep it up.

Beryl Stanley

## THE NEW FAMILY AT THE TUCK SHOP

We are Nick and Gillian Jones, who have just taken over the Tuck Shop. After two years searching and an appearance on TV, we feel we have found a village where our two girls, Katrina, age 6 and Rebecca age 4 can grow up in a friendly atmosphere, with good schools near by. This is something which is sadly missing from many towns and cities.

We lived near Hull in East Yorkshire prior to the move. Moving to Suffolk is like travelling back in time and reminds us of how things were when we were young. Before the move Gillian worked part time in the Benefits Agency and Nick worked in financial services, so the new work is proving quite a challenge. We have great plans for the shop and would welcome any suggestions on how we could improve our services to you.

Finally we would like to thank all the people who have helped and encouraged us and made us feel welcome as we struggled under a pile of paperwork and computer programmes.

Nick and Gillian Jones

## YOXFORD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL - OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT

Parents, teachers and governors have just received a wonderful report from Ofsted. The inspectors said that the school was an orderly and vibrant community where pupils displayed a most positive attitude to teaching and learning. The inspectors saw the progress that pupils made during their time at school as a major strength of the school.

Standards in English, Maths, Science, Design Technology, Geography, History, Music and Art were all above average. This was a result of high quality teaching, which too was a major strength of the school. Of the lessons seen, every single one was sound and a stunning 85% were good or very good. The teachers were seen to have high expectations of their pupils. The inspectors thought that the staff at the school were a hard-working, committed and dedicated team.

A very high percentage of parents at Yoxford were seen to be very interested in the children's education and they gave the school great support. 100% of parents who responded to the inspection team's questionnaire agreed that their children enjoyed school. 100% found the school easy to approach. 100% also thought the school encouraged children to get involved in more than just their daily lessons.

Peter Scuffil, Head Teacher

*Yoxford Primary is the catchment school for Walberswick - Ed.*

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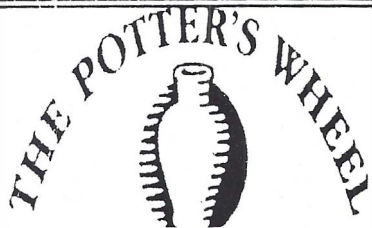
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## WALBERSWICK W.I.

What is life like, living in an earthly paradise? Mrs. Pamela Pringle recently returned to the United Kingdom after 40 years in the Bahamas. There must be many delights and some drawbacks to being in such a place: we shall find out at our next meeting on the 11th February at 2.30 p.m.

John Brentnall came to our January meeting. He gave a fascinating and informative talk with slides about Icons. His enthusiasm for the subject was taken up by his audience, who came away with a much clearer idea of the structure and symbolism of these beautiful sacred images. He definitely whetted our appetite to hear more about them at some future date.

Ann Beckham

## Letter from the Team Rector The Revd Barry Naylor - Phone 722192

We are no sooner coming to the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season than we find Lent around the corner.

Lent is a time for us to look afresh at our relationships with God and our neighbours. There are traditionally three elements to Lenten Discipline - prayer, study and charitable giving; this last may be linked to prayerful acts of fasting or self-denial. If we are to use Lent to prepare ourselves to celebrate better the great events of Holy Week and Easter then there really does need to be a spiritual element to whatever we do. We may decide to take extra care over our daily prayer life, to be more assiduous in our reading of the Bible, to forego a treat once a week and donate the money saved to a good cause, or to make a special effort to relate better to a friend or neighbour. There are many possibilities, but do not let these weeks pass us by as a lost opportunity.

There are developments in our proposed Team Ministry. The Revd Jane Wilson, from Northwood, will be licensed as one of our priests, to be based at Southwold, on 10th March at 7:30 pm at St Edmund's Church. It would be good to see a sizeable contingent from Walberswick to support her as she begins her ministry among us. Jane, like Peter Clement, will be licensed as an Assistant Priest to all the parishes in the team, including Walberswick. We are actively looking now for another priest, who will be based at Wrentham.

Our Deanery Confirmation will be on 7th June at Holy Trinity, Blythburgh. If anyone, young or old, would like to consider the possibility of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year please contact me as soon as possible. With every blessing.

Barry Naylor - Team Rector

Assistant Team Priest in the Sole Bay Team Ministry (Peter Clements)  
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## NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 21 proved the crown of the year for St Andrew's Church Choir, much augmented by friendly choristers from round about, who had also generously attended the additional rehearsals. Praise poured in from members of the congregation. Like the choristers, they had enjoyed an increasing repertoire throughout the year. During 1997 the choir sang 56 anthems including 17 new ones. They also led the congregation in 21 psalms and nearly 200 hymns. When the Rite A Communion Service was introduced on Advent Sunday they sang a new setting of the Agnus Dei by Richard Greening.

At the start of 1997 the choir had 15 regular members. Sadly a third of these can sing only on rare occasions owing to other duties and commitments. A recent bonus is the arrival of Alan and Sue Walpole now resident in the village but, as Sue is still Choir Master of Wenhaston Church Choir, she and Alan are unable to sing at St Andrew's on a regular basis. To continue in the choral tradition we need new singers urgently. If you are tempted, don't feel shy. It's a friendly and stimulating activity and we feel much needed - and so will you.

Julia Josephs

## TIMES OF SERVICES

Churchgoers will be pleased to know that services have now been standardised at 10 o'clock each Sunday. In addition a 6 o'clock Choral Evensong will be held where indicated on page 3 of 'Church Events'. Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Paddy Kelly - Churchwarden

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**OWEN ENGLISH**

By the sudden death on 22nd December 1997 of Owen English, Walberswick has lost another of its engaging and well-liked characters.

Owen was the third son of Robert and Ada English, of a family long respected in Walberswick history, one of four brothers who went off to serve in the 1939/45 war. He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 16½ in 1942 and after initial training joined the escort carrier HMS Queen and served in five Russian convoys escorting merchant ships taking supplies to the Russians at Murmansk. In these he played his part, and when on action stations helped to man the A A Bofors or Oerlikon guns against frequent German air attacks.

Owen finished the war in the British Pacific Fleet in the Far East against Japan and when he returned to Walberswick on demobilisation worked for a time with Blucher English and Leslie Goodwin on building work. After that he turned to gardening and looked after several gardens in the village and developed his own allotment.

We shall all miss the cheerful, burly figure in the sailor's cap, coming into the shop and cracking jokes or walking his dog Bobo. He was always ready for a chat and advice on vegetable growing.

Owen was a man with a very kind heart. He lived with his parents and looked after both in old age, his father until 1970 and his mother Ada until she died aged 98 in 1994.

It was typical of Owen that the morning that he died, although not feeling well, he called on one of the ladies whose garden he looked after to make sure she was all right, as he had done daily for several years.

David Shirreff

**THANKS**

Joan and Peter Avis wish to thank all their friends for the kindnesses shown to them during the past weeks. It has been a great comfort and very much appreciated- so typical of Walberswick.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

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Mary King

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**ELLSOR HOPEWELL 1918 - 1998**

Ellsor spent her childhood in Walberswick attending the local schools before winning the first scholarship from the village to Leman Grammar School at Beccles. It was here that she excelled as a first class athlete. During the war she worked as a land girl on Lord Ivor's estate near Bury, where she met her future husband Joe, who was serving in the Royal Air Force. She returned to Walberswick with her husband to live and help her mother when her father was admitted to hospital.

During her life in the village Ellsor worked at the Shop with Ginger and Phyllis Winyard and for a time with the Marshlains. She served on the Parish Council and played the organ both in the Chapel and at St Andrew's. Dogged with one health problem after another she became increasingly housebound, but always maintained an enormous interest in everything going on and she never lost her wonderful sense of humour.

Ellsor leaves three children, Josephine, William and Jonathan, and six grandchildren.

Cynthia Jackson

**CHURCH EVENTS**

1 Sunday Candlemas 10.00 Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon John Matthews  
8 Sunday 3 before Lent 10.00 ASB - Rite A (said)  
18.00 Choral Evensong - David Alderton, Reader  
15 Sunday 2 before Lent 10.00 Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor  
22 Sunday 1 before Lent 10.00 Morning Prayer - Revd Canon John Matthews followed by Holy Communion 1662 (said)  
25 Ash Wednesday 10.00 Holy Communion 1662 - Revd John Beckham  
Sung Eucharist St Peter and St Paul Wangford 7.30pm.  
**Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated in Church every Wednesday at 10am**  
**Sunday School** in the Village Hall Annexe February 1st and 8th from 9.45-11.30am  
7th February **Ecumenical barbecue** for young people on Southwold Beach 7.00 pm  
1st March Act of worship for young people St Margaret's Church Room, Reydon 6.30  
10th March **Licensing** of Rev Jane Wilson St Edmund's Church Southwold 7.30 pm  
**Bible Study Group** meets at Greengates fortnightly. Tuesday. 7.45 pm Phone Christine or Brian Fisher on 723023.

**WHAT'S ON**

**Line Dancing**- Tracy Marriot will show how it is done. Tuesday 3rd February 7:15 pm Village Hall. Phone Margot Godbold 722439 No trainers please.  
**Valentine's Day Evening.** Pink champagne and candlelight at Mary's phone 723243  
**27th First Lent Austerity Lunch** - Village Hall 12.30 - 1.30  
**27th Evening of Nostalgia** (30's & 40's songs) - The Bell Inn from 8.30pm  
**Parents Information and Support Day (Children with Special Needs)** 21st March Otley Agricultural College Phone 01449 613998.

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**WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Your Councillors at this time are: Keith Webb (Chairman), Jane Gomm (Vice Chairman), Robin Buncombe, Michael Fisher, Philip Kett, Toby Robinson and Brian Tibbles. Clerk to the Council is Vivien Hunt (Tel. 723142), to whom all formal communications should be addressed and contact made. The full formal record of the official minutes is published on the Parish noticeboard at the village hall.

**JANUARY 1998 MONTHLY MEETING**

**Visitor Management:**

Formal confirmation of Suffolk County Council (Restriction of Waiting) Order, with amendment.

Posting in the area of the Yacht Yard.

**Income from the Car Parks.**

Several suggestions had been received and considerable discussion took place relating to the Council's opinions of the merits of each. The Meeting instructed those representatives attending a meeting between Walberswick Common Lands Trust, the Car Park Operating Company and the Parish Council on 21 January 1998 to convey the preferences of the Council.

**Hearing Loop Systems**

The success of the recently installed Induction Hearing Loop System in the Village Hall was acknowledged. It was the Council's view therefore that consideration be given to installing an IHL in the Parish Church of St Andrew by the Walberswick PCC, funding of which may be available from the Car Park income.

Robin Buncombe

**VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT**

Just a small plea from the Management Committee: If anything is borrowed from the Hall could we please be advised and could the items be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Brian Morton

**WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS  
CHARITY**

Main points of the meeting on 11/12/97

**Distribution of Car Park Money**

A number of suggestions have been received and will be discussed in full with the Parish Council and Walberswick Car Parks Ltd at a meeting to be held on 21 Jan (*too late for this edition of the Village News- Ed.*)

**Trust Property**

Progress report on Print Room development approved and roof treatment for the Potters Wheel.

**Cliff Field Gate and Fencing**

Quote received and approved

**Boat Storage on Trust Land**

An application to store boats on land adjacent to Tow's Cabin would be considered carefully with the applicant.

**Hot Air Balloon**

Application to land and take off from the common. In principle no objection. Some concern about the pigs, so the applicant would have to contact Sir Charles Blois

**Fishing Huts etc.**

A new clearer agreement for Fishing Huts, Riverside Householders and Relevant Parking is proposed.

Richard Scott

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**THE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW**

Having run the Craft Show for twelve years  
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handing over to Patsy Murray.

Anybody who has not previously had a stall  
and would like one at this year's Craft  
Show (5&6 August) please contact Patsy  
on 722022.

Dione Shirreff

**THANKS** to all who contributed £636.50  
this year for Southwold Hospital. This is  
much appreciated by all. Special thanks to  
the collectors.

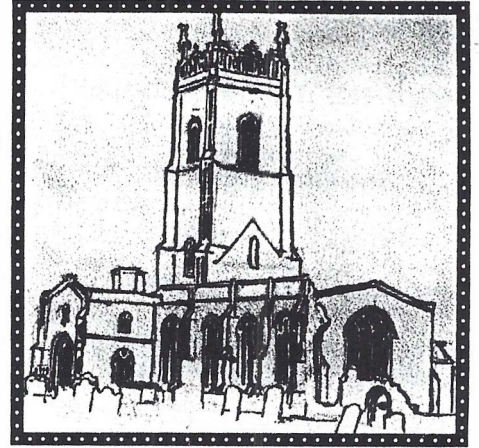
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## WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY AND WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS LTD

As we prepare for a second season of car park charges, it may be appropriate to circulate a brief review of progress so far.

The dramatic increase in visitor numbers recently has resulted in serious erosion of our car parks, access tracks and greens. During 1996 it was felt that reintroduction of car park charges, last levied in the 1970s, would generate the income needed to maintain these facilities. There might, with luck, be a surplus which could be used for charitable purposes within the village, or to assist in the funding of community projects.

Responsibility for administration of the car park land - previously leased to Suffolk County Council - lies with Walberswick CLC. Charity Trusts are not permitted to run businesses, but trustees can be unsalaried directors of separately set-up business organisations. The Charities Commission were very helpful in providing guidelines which have been closely followed. Walberswick Car Parks Ltd thus came into being, with a board of directors consisting of most of the trustees, the Chairman of the Parish Council, and one additional person with proven business management expertise (Mr Gerald Tooley). The chairman of the board of management is Mr Rae Leighton.

Setting-up costs were considerable. Mr Leighton pursued several fund-raising options, and we were able to secure a loan under the SUCCESS scheme. Attendants' huts, tabards, money bags and tickets were acquired, and signage arranged. A salaried manager - Mr David Webb - was appointed, and part-time assistants were recruited. On May 1 we were in business.

As reported at the public meeting in the autumn, the season was a considerable success. The disposable surplus - after keeping back what would be required for general maintenance - still reached five figures. Residents were

invited, through *Village News*, to submit ideas about how this money, covenanted to the WCLC, might be spent. Response was very healthy, and included purchase of a market stall for village events; illumination of the church tower or ruins; a hearing loop system for the church; financial assistance for Southwold and Halesworth Cottage Hospitals; purchase of a community minibus; financial assistance for an existing minibus which serves Walberswick; financial assistance for the Royal British Legion to aid village work; contribution to the Blyth Valley millennium Scheme to promote local arts; a sum to be set aside for existing beneficiaries of the Trust; provision of a skateboarding ramp; wooden play equipment for the Village Green; a track to enable wheelchairs to reach the beach; replacement of the slide; replacement of swings on the Common; sponsorship to have the Walberswick Scroll professionally videoed; enhancement of the area outside the Tuck Shop; provision of allotment stand-pipes; provision of a cycle/footpath around the north side of the village; hire of a minibus on a regular basis to take passengers to Southwold or Halesworth; financial support for internet access; a light to illuminate church pathway; refurbishment of gents' toilet in Village Hall; resurfacing of the entire Village Hall car park; new heating system for the Village Hall; computer and printing equipment for *Village News*.

A meeting was arranged on January 21 between the Trustees and members of the Parish Council for initial discussion about these suggestions. Not all were deemed viable, while some which cannot be given a go-ahead this year may well be reconsidered in the future. While we remain a popular tourist destination this form of income should be an ongoing situation.

A second meeting, at which some decisions should be reached, has been arranged for February 25. Members of both bodies are concerned the money should be spent carefully and wisely; a report on further progress will appear in the next *Village News*.

Richard Scott

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## LICENSING AT ST EDMUND'S SOUTHWOLD

On Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm the Revd Jane Wilson, Assistant Curate of Emmanuel, Northwood, (London) will be licensed by Bishop Richard as Assistant Priest of Southwold, Reydon, Blythburgh, Wangford, Walberswick, Sotherton, Wrentham, Covehithe, Frostenden, South Cove, Henstead with Hulver, and Team Vicar designate in the Sole Bay Team Ministry. Everyone warmly invited to the service and to refreshments in St Edmund's Hall afterwards.

Jane's Tel. no. from 11 March will be 01502 722397

Barry Naylor

## LETTER FROM PETER CLEMENT

As I sit down to write this letter, the room is vibrating with the noise of building work as part of the garage is being converted into a study. so it seems appropriate to take 'building' as the theme for this letter. One obvious way in which our Team is being built up is with the Licensing of the Revd Jane Wilson in Southwold on 10th March, at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church. I am sure we are all very much looking forward to Jane joining our Team, and I am sure will give her a very warm welcome. This month we also hope to be interviewing for the post of Team Vicar based in Wrentham, so the clergy team might be up to full strength within the next few months.

As a new Team in this area, we hope to build on the foundations that have been laid by others over the years. The past experiences and worship of the Church are the foundations upon which we rely and the whole building stands. We must always remember that the Church, like a building, needs constant care and maintenance but, unlike a building, the Church should be a living and growing organism that has to respond to the constantly changing situation in which it finds itself. So, maybe the Church could be described as a flexible building with solid foundations.

We also aim to build on the co-operation with all the Christian churches in the area. This working ecumenically is not an option for the few, but a preferred way of working for the whole workforce. The Christian Church is not a dictatorship, either by individuals or by one denomination - we as Christians have to work out as a community, through prayer and discussion, what is God's will for us at the present time. Perhaps the workforce, or members of the Church, can be likened to members of a co-operative who all have a share in the Church.

As we build on the foundations laid in years past, let us look with hope and expectation to the building up of the Church in our area.

With every blessing for this Lent season,

Peter Clement, Team Vicar

## ST ANDREW'S GUILD

Elizabeth Leighton was proposed and accepted as the new Chairman to succeed Pat Longyear at the meeting on January 26th. Ann Beckham is the secretary on the resignation of Marjorie Gordon Potts last September, and Mary King has agreed to organise the Flower Rota, taking over from Pat Murrell who recently moved to Southwold. The Austerity Lent Lunches will be held as in previous years in the Village Hall on six Fridays 12.30 to 1.30 starting on February 27. Donations will be sent to 'Bulgaria in Crisis' where there is an urgent need for food, clothes and fuel in the orphanages. Wendy Sinclair is this year's Leader in The Women's World Day of Prayer Service on Friday March 6th at 2.30 in St Andrew's. Ann Bayman will be the speaker. Mothering Sunday on March 22 will include the presentation of 'posies' made by the members and Annic Wardle has promised to bake her delicious simnel cake!

Ann Beckham

## LENT STUDY COURSE

Barry Naylor has proposed that an ecumenical study course should take place in Walberswick during Lent. The course will be led by Brian Fisher and take place on five successive Tuesday evenings in March. Thoughts will be focused on Rembrandt's painting, Return of the Prodigal Son. If you wish to attend, or are interested in making your home available, please telephone Brian on 723023.

Brian Fisher

## CHANGING THE NAME OF OUR DEANERY

There is a proposal to change the name of the deanery from 'Halesworth' to 'Blything'. It is thought better to have a name which does not relate just to one community in the deanery and which has been associated with one of the team ministries. The area covered by our deanery was part of the historical 'Blything Hundred'.

Barry Naylor

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employees should also re-engage now.  
Basic pay will be £3.50 per hour and as  
last year a bonus will be paid at the end of  
the season. Applicants should be over 18  
and inquiries should be made to the  
company Secretary, Jayne Tibbles, on  
01502 724448.**USE IT OR LOSE IT**This has become a rather over-used  
expression of late. Nevertheless, it could  
become a reality if the remarks I  
I heard from the driver of the Norwich  
bus are anything to go by. I thought  
therefore, that a reminder of the local  
shopping bus services would be timely.  
LOWESTOFT BUSWeds and Fri- Leaves Walberswick  
9.31am and arrives Lowestoft 10.30  
Leaves Lowestoft 1.35pm and arrives  
Walberswick 2.39pm.**NORWICH BUS**Friday- Leaves Walberswick at 9.20am  
and arrives Norwich 10.30am.Leaves Norwich 2.00pm and arrives  
Walberswick 3.10pmMore detail of these services is attached  
to Bob's hut by the slipway.

Jill Whittenbury

**WHAT IS GOING ON ?***I don't know what is happening in  
Walberswick, but I am sure there is  
more going on than meets the eye. I  
am sure there are people out there  
running groups and services and not  
telling anyone. If you run an interest  
group or an activity group, or if you  
offer a service, or know anyone who  
does, then why not let us know? From  
time to time, we would like to give  
details of groups and services, saying  
when and where they meet and how  
they can be contacted. If you have any  
details let us know.*

Ed.

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - NEW SECRETARY**Robin Wardle has taken over as the Secretary for Walberswick and Blythburgh  
from the late Robert Wythe. Pat Wythe will continue to assist. Collection boxes can  
be obtained from Robin at the Old Rectory, Walberswick. These are emptied in  
May each year or when they are full! We also save used postage stamps for the  
benefit of the Society.

If you can help and would like a box please let Robin or Pat know 724622

**WALBERSWICK W.I**Mrs Pamela Pringle never felt the cold  
during the 40 years she spent in the  
Bahamas. At our February meeting she  
gave us an interesting insight into life as  
an ex-patriate. Despite the  
unpleasantness of a sometimes steamy  
climate, mosquitoes and sand flies, she  
enjoyed the life. There was no lack of  
domestic help and as wives were not  
allowed to take a job, voluntary work,  
sport and Bridge filled the day. The  
down side was the traffic!On the 3rd of February a very enjoyable  
evening was had by over 40 villagers at  
the taster session of Line Dancing at the  
village hall. Although surprisingly  
energetic it was great fun for dancers of  
all ages, 8 upwards. Many people have  
signed up for the continuing nights as  
advertised in the Tuck Shop!

Two dates for your diary in March.

On March 11 Mr John Allport, a retired  
police officer will tell us about the  
'Perks of the Job'. Did you know it had  
any? Come and find out what they are.We are also organising an evening  
meeting - open to all - on Thursday 19  
March. Mr Gurney will tell us about the  
International Rescue Corps who travel  
anywhere in the world to assist at major  
disasters, eg the Afghanistan  
Earthquake.There is also more Line Dancing on  
Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 26  
March.

Ann Beckham

**CHURCH EVENTS**

Team Rector Revd Barry Naylor 01502 722192

1	Sunday	Lent 1	10.00	Sung Eucharist - Revd Chris Gonin
6	Friday		14.30	Women's World Day of Prayer - Ann Bayman
8	Sunday	Lent 2	10.00	ASB - Rite A (said)
			18.00	Choral Evensong - David Alderton, Reader
15	Sunday	Lent 3	10.00	Sung Eucharist - Revd Mervyn Morgan
22	Sunday	Lent 4	10.00	Mothering Sunday - Revd Canon John Matthews
29	Sunday	Lent 5	10.00	at <i>Reydon</i> - Family Eucharist - Revd Peter Clement

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated in Church every Wednesday at 10am  
Lent Lunches every Friday in the Village Hall from 12.30 - 1.30pm  
Lent Study Course every Tuesday 7.45pm see Church Page for details  
9 May St Edmunds Hall 'Alive in Worship' - training day for people involved in  
leading worship.  
7 June Deanery Confirmation Service Blythburgh Church 7.30

**WHAT'S ON**

3 March Line Dancing in the Village Hall  
14 March Village Hall A wine and Cheese  
evening.. £5 inc supper and a glass of  
wine. Tickets from Judy Morton 01986  
875651 or Maureen Thompson 723755.  
24 March NSPCC Coffee Morning.  
10.30am at Ferry House.  
24 March at 7.30 Walberswick Local  
History Group 'Pioneers of  
Change: Landowners and the Industrial  
Revolution'. Member's meeting, but new  
members always welcome.  
26 March Line Dancing . Village Hall

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### NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on Monday 9th February 1998, the Official Minutes being displayed on the Council Notice board at the Village Hall.

As a response to requests in previous Newsletters, 3 applications for allotment plots had been received as a result of which 1 full and 2 half-sized plots had been taken up, leaving one half-sized plot still available.

No 10, Adams Lane, is currently vacant and anyone interested should first contact the Council Clerk, Vivien Hunt (723142), for information.

The Parish Council expressed disapproval that gritting of the roads had not been undertaken during the recent icy weather and it was believed that this might have been as a direct result of the change in contracting arrangements.

As a result of pressure from the Parish Council, English Nature have agreed to replace the saplings destroyed during their recent felling of RUPP No. 21 (Stocks Lane).

The signing of Waiting Restrictions has now been passed so the permanent Traffic Order will be sealed as advertised. However, with regard to the limited waiting proposals adjacent to the Potter's Wheel, further consultation was required and would accordingly be re-advertised.

Ideas for projects or ways of suitably celebrating the Millennium are urgently requested. (Please contact Vivien Hunt).

VILLAGE DIRECTORY - Vivien Hunt is currently updating the Village Directory, last done in 1996, and URGENTLY needs current information from all Village organisations.

The next Meeting will be on Monday March 2nd 1998.

Robin Buncombe

### JANUARY BIRDS

Although the continuing mild Winter kept the more northern Duck species away, truly wild White-fronted(43) and Pink-footed(8) Geese could be found amongst the resident feral flocks of Grey Lag(100+) and Canadas(100+) inhabiting the fields below Southwold Golf Course. At the same location 3000+ Golden Plover made a handsome site as they wheeled into roost at high tide. Up the Blyth towards the A12 Avocets(250+) cut a dramatic black and white ribbon, bobbing up and down on grey water.

At sea, Red-throated Divers peaked at 40+ on the 20th, whilst a scattering of Great Crested Grebes could be found on most days. Along the beach towards Dunwich, the now-resident Little Egret seemed to be surviving the Winter. Snow Buntings were scarce, but 10 on the 23rd were notable and the Roaming Twite flock stood at 80+ on the 6th. A careful search of Westwood Marshes reed beds would provide both Marsh and Hen Harriers, the latter including a superb adult male. The village Tawny Owls, 2-3 pairs, were quite vociferous during the month.

Tony Lancaster

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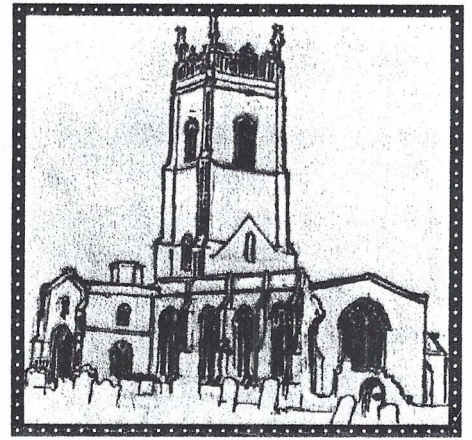
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## WALBERSWICK BIRDSONG WALK

The annual birdsong walk will take place on Saturday May 2nd. Please meet at Hoist Wood car park at 5.30am. Contributions as usual to St Andrew's Church. Flip Bruce-Lockhart has kindly agreed to help with the walk this year.

This will be the 15th birdsong walk. The first was in 1984 as part of the auction of promises to raise money for the church roof and since then modest amounts have been collected annually totalling about £250.

Numbers of resident birds have changed over the years, an increase in sparrow hawks and magpies, a decline in skylarks, meadow pipits, bullfinches, song thrushes, yellowhammers and house sparrows on land, and snipe, redshank and lapwing on the marsh. Some believe the decline in land birds is due to the increases in predators. I do not think so, and believe there are other factors responsible.

Migrant bird numbers and species have remained fairly constant save that avocets have increased and swallows and house martins have declined disastrously. Cetti's warbler appeared for two years and then disappeared, though he is reported back at Minsmere.

David Shirreff

## ALLOCATION OF 1997 CAR PARK PROFITS - A BRIEF SUMMARY

A meeting was held on February 25th between Walberswick Common Lands Charity and members of Walberswick Parish Council to discuss further the proposals considered initially on January 21st. A number of decisions were made, and well over half the proposals received from the village were accepted for funding. Some projects will be fully financed, while others which are subject to grant aid from elsewhere will receive more limited assistance.

Briefly, the projects to receive assistance will be the market stall for village events; the hearing loop for the church; funding aid for the Southwold and Reydon minibus to extend its use for the benefit of Walberswick residents; extra help for Trust beneficiaries; funding for the replacement of the slide on the Green, swings on the Common and for a skateboard ramp; revision of the Tuck Shop frontage; illumination of the church pathway; computer equipment for *Village News* and the making of a video of the Walberswick Scroll.

All who submitted proposals should by now have been notified about the outcome; if more detailed discussion is needed about the thinking behind the decisions, the Trustees or the Clerk would be happy to be approached.

Richard Scott

## PAPER RECYCLING

I have written to Suffolk Coastal District Council asking if we could have a collection point here for all the 'rubbish mail' with which we are daily inflicted. Here is their reply:-

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How nice it would be to get rid of all the unwanted catalogues, leaflets etc.

Merle Rafferty

## NATURE NOTE

### MID MARCH 1998

Sensing movement on the ground as I strewed succour on the bird table in bitter wind and rain on March 9th,

I watched a bumble bee working from flower to flower of a flamboyant green hellebore!

Joan Galwey

## WAVENEY AND NORTH SUFFOLK CRUSE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you feel that you have the time, a sympathetic approach and the commitment to join us, we shall be holding an open meeting in early June for all those who are interested. We would like to meet you and tell you about our work and the training involved. For further details please contact the Branch Organiser, Mrs Margaret Chadd on 01502 578545.

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## LETTER FROM JANE WILSON

Writing this letter the day after my Licensing, I have been reflecting on the verse on which Bishop Richard based his address: "Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." His comments on that verse were both a challenge and an encouragement to me, as I pray they were to all those who came to the service. The first eleven verses of Philippians 2 are especially appropriate for this season of the year when, during April, we move from Lent into Holy Week, then into Easter and the time of celebration which follows it and which continues, beyond April, to Pentecost. This passage supremely points us to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is of course our perfect example of one who "looked not to his own interests." If he had, would he have walked the way of the Cross, agonised in Gethsemane and cried out "My God my God why have you forsaken me?" However, this looking not to his own interests was far more than an example to us. It was an offering of himself, a giving up of his reputation, his place of honour at the Father's right hand. His humbling of himself "even to death on a Cross," was for you and for me. He died that we might live. He died that we might be set free and he died that we, through faith in him, might be made righteous, be put right with God.

So let us, during this most holy season of the year, "look not to our own interests", but "look unto Jesus who for the joy that was set before him endured the Cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2). These words from Graham Kendrick's hymn sum it up:

"So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives en throne him  
Each others' needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving,  
This is our God, the servant King  
He calls us all to follow him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King."  
May I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Jane Wilson, Assistant Priest

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER DAY

Flowers and greenery will be welcome at the Church early the day before, Saturday April 11th. Donations towards Easter flowers should be sent to me at Dutch House in The Street any time from now.

Mary King

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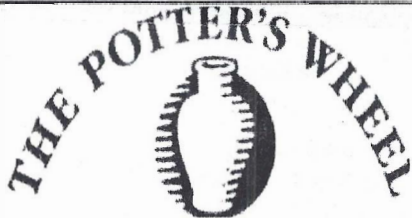
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## CHURCH EVENTS

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - APRIL

5 Sunday Palm Sunday 10.00 Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon J Matthews  
10 Friday Good Friday 14.00 One hour devotion - Canon Matthews  
12 Sunday Easter Day 09.45 Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor  
19 Sunday Easter 2 10.00 Sung Eucharist - Revd Peter Clement  
26 Sunday Easter 3 10.00 Mattins (sung) and Holy Communion (said) - Canon Matthews  
Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated in Church every Wednesday at 10am  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

### DEANERY EVENTS

Easter Vigil and Lighting of the Pascal Candle will be held in Blythburgh Church on Saturday April 11th at 11.30pm. All welcome  
The visitation by the Archdeacon will be held in Southwold Church on Monday May 18th at 7.30pm. Again everyone most welcome.

### ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These important meetings of our Village Church will take place in the Church, on Tuesday April 21st at 7.30pm. This is the opportunity for voicing any suggestions or criticisms you may have and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service held in St Andrew's on March 6th was well attended by women from Dunwich, Wenhaston and several other villages as well as Walberswick. A cheque for £88 has been sent to Headquarters where it will be used mainly for educational projects. The speaker, Mrs Ann Bayman, spoke movingly about "Who is my neighbour?"

Wendy Sinclair

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**WALBERSWICK WI**

'Street Boys in India' is the title of the talk to be given by our guest speaker the Rev Pat Atkinson at our meeting on 8th April. Hers is a truly remarkable story of love and help offered to the most destitute members on the edge of society. Do join us to hear how this has been achieved.

Retired Detective Sergeant John Allport had the members on the edge of their seats with two incredulous and outrageous crimes in 'Perks of the Job'. The first involved a carpet fitter who took 600ft of high quality carpet from his employer's warehouse and close fitted twenty three council flats when the ladies' husbands were not at home! The other story involved two sisters who organised 'nick-nick' parties to re-sell 'perks' from a toy warehouse and a chemist's warehouse which eventually ran into millions of pounds. During his career, John Allport has received four medals from the Queen and been elected Man of the Year at the Person of the Year Luncheon in London.

Ann Beckham

**WALBERSWICK VILLAGE HALL**

The Committee wishes to thank everyone who attended the Wine and Cheese Party on March 14th.

Two young ladies, Lydia and Amelia, entertained us to a song they had composed themselves. Surely they will make more appearances in the future especially as they are also keen pianists - well done!

After supper of a selection of cheeses and other goodies, we all took part in an amusing race game between six mice where competitors had to move on the throw of a dice, The prize of the evening - a large Stilton - was won by Philip Kett who represented his team.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evening a success especially Kate and Toby Robinson, Vic and Connie Rowland, Robin and Annie Wardle and many others.

Judy Morton

**WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY - A BRIEF REPORT**

A meeting of the Trust was held on February 19th. The main points were:-

\*The Chair: Barbara Priestman was re-elected, but expressed a wish to relinquish the post at the end of the coming year.

\*The Print Room: Some revisions of specification are planned due to inflation in the estimated cost of the rebuild.

\*The new agreement proposed for occupiers of riverside properties has drawn generally favourable comment, but in some cases there will be a need for individual consultation.

\*Spraying of the Cliff Field for elimination of ragwort and removal of sycamore saplings from the Common adjacent to Moorside will be subjects of a meeting in the near future with Steve Clarke of Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The Cliff Field boundary fence will be dealt with as the evenings grow lighter.

\*Limited storage of boats adjacent to Tow's Cabin will be negotiated, restoring an ancient tradition.

\*The fence alongside the Went (on the way to the caravan site) is to be rebuilt in a secure and permanent manner. Traffic to the site is now the only traffic using this track, so the site operator will be asked to contribute to the cost.

\*Adjustments are to be made to the charges for residents' parking on the land adjacent to Ferry Cottage.

\*There was a discussion about the preparation (but no hard surfacing) of the ground to the west of Ferry Road for overspill car parking at peak times.

\*1998 Budget figures were published and discussed.

\*Some decisions were agreed about aid for Trust beneficiaries.

Richard Scott

**WALBERSWICK BIRDS - FEBRUARY 15th - MARCH 14th 1998**

The sea was generally quiet, with only red-throated divers and great crested grebes being of note on most days. The latter end of the period saw small flocks of duck heading North, comprising mainly teal and widgeon. Two goosander were seen on the 9th and six on the 14th. The same day saw a lone bewick swan, also northbound. A small flock of whooper swans flew south over the beach huts on the morning of the 14th of March, their evocative trumpeting calls echoing down from a beautiful vivid blue sky. One could almost see and feel the wildness of their summer arctic tundra homeland.

It was a good period for birds of prey, with a common buzzard on the 23rd and 24th Feb soaring over the village, a Merlin hunting along the sea wall towards Dunwich on the 10th March, whilst the hen harrier and female marsh harrier still graced Westwood marshes.

The flooded meadows below Southwold golf course hosted a fine adult Mediterranean gull on the 24th Feb and over fifty white fronted geese on the 14th March.

This winter has seen extremely good numbers of siskin in the village, evident by their appearance at most garden bird tables. Crossbills are still plentiful with over 50 in the pine trees behind the Dingles, including three singing males, cutting a handsome sight in their fiery red livery.

Starlings are abundant at the moment, with several large flocks of over 6000 birds in the fields surrounding the village. These will be birds from Eastern Europe and Russia gathering together prior to embarking on their return journey - having successfully wintered this side of the North Sea.

Tony Lancaster

**WOODBIDGE DISABILITY ADVICE SERVICE**

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The voluntary team for manning the Centre is now complete and we will open at Easter.

Liz Ardill is the new Publicity Officer; she is very keen to improve our stock of sale items and to address the issue of the restrictions on our Open sign.

A big welcome to new volunteers and good wishes for a successful season to all regulars.

Maureen Thompson

### NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on Monday the 2nd of March 1998. The official minutes are displayed on the Council noticeboard at the village hall and in the Church porch.

Complaints had been received regarding the unsightly position of the newly erected sign which indicates the position of the cables under the river Blythe. It is recognised that the sign must be visible from the river, however a request has been sent to the Harbour Master asking if he would be prepared to have the sign moved to a less visually intrusive position.

The Council have made representations to SCC and SCDC, requesting refusal of the planning application made by ARC to convert the sand and gravel pit at Thorington into controlled land filling with household and industrial waste. The main issue that concerned the PC was the possibility of leaching that could affect public health (via household water), and flora and fauna.

The Suffolk County Council (Restriction of Waiting in the Parish of Walberswick) Order 1998, will shortly be published in the local press. A copy of the order and a map showing the roads affected may be seen at Southwold Library and a County Hall in Ipswich.

The Parish Council were unanimously in favour of Mr Neil Murray of The Anchorage continuing to be the representative on the Harbour Users Association. He can be contacted on 01502 722022 if anyone has any queries.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall Annex.

The Annual Parish meeting will be on Thursday 30th April.

Vivien Hunt. Clerk to the Council

### ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

Several new contributors have now been enlisted for 5th and 6th of August. Do contact me if you are interested in having or sharing a stall.

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Now that the weather is becoming more spring-like and you are likely to be enticed outside to sort out your garden borders, remember the plants and produce stall at the summer fête. Jane Kirkaby and Joy Tooley hope to be manning a stall again this year and are trying to plan ahead. We would be very grateful for any plants that you could 'pot up' and if you do not have the space to store the pots please get in touch and we will collect. Joy Tooley(722623)

### WHAT'S ON

LINE DANCING - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.15 in the Village Hall.

6th and 30th APRIL - Parish Council Meetings as above. All welcome.

2nd MAY - Annual Birdsong Walk (see page 1)

11 JUNE - W.I. Outing to Bressingham. £9. All welcome.

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## WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS

In conjunction with the traffic control measures, charging at the two car parks at Ferry Road and Cliff Field will come into force from the 1st May. As last year the charge for a stay of any length in any one day is £1.00. Walberswick Car Parks Company Ltd will again manage the car parks with Mr Alvin Hunt as the Operations Manager.

Each residence in Walberswick and each owner of a beach hut situated on land of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity will have received a free permit for the season, which must be displayed in the vehicle using the car parks. Please note that only one free permit is issued to each residence or beach hut. Frequent visitors to Walberswick may obtain season tickets at £5.00 per calendar month or £25.00 for the season until the 30th September. Season tickets are available from the operations manager or the company secretary or will be available from car park attendants from 1st May.

Some Car Park Attendants are still required and those interested should apply to the Company Secretary, Mrs Jayne Tibbles, Lima Cottage, Ferry Road, Walberswick. The Board of Directors has recently agreed a basic wage of £3.70 per hour. Dependent on the success of the operation, it is envisaged that, as last year, bonuses will be paid at the end of the season. Rae Leighton, Chairman of Directors

## WALBERSWICK WI

What do you know about the Channel Tunnel? Do join us at the meeting on 13th May as this is the subject chosen by our speaker, Mr Brian Payne. A short discussion, led by our VCO Mrs Enid Bazire, on the two resolutions to be put forward at the IGM at Brighton in June, will precede the talk.

David Gurney, of the International Rescue Corps, spoke at our evening open meeting in March. He and nine other Corps members had just returned from trying to assist victims of the Afghanistan earthquake. In appalling weather they met hundreds of people fleeing from the mountainous disaster area without any local help. For the first time in seventeen years the Corps was unable to reach the earthquake zone, and finally could only give away its medical supplies and food before returning home.

In April, the Revd Pat Atkinson gave a moving account of her work with the Indian Street Children, who scavenge among the litter on the streets and in the sewers for anything which might earn them a little money. The Cooper Atkinson Charitable Trust was founded in 1990 in order to help such children, by providing health care, education and training. As for the lucky ones who are rescued from their pitiful existence, their happy faces say it all.

Line Dancing will continue every first and third Tuesday of the month - the May dates 5th & 19th.

Ann Beckham

## WALBERSWICK CARPET BOWLS

Seventeen members and friends met on April 1st at the Potter's Wheel Restaurant on the Green. Those who attended this second annual event enjoyed an excellent dinner prepared by Joan Smith, who opened specially for the occasion.

The Carpet Bowls Club meets every Wednesday in the Walberswick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The next bowling season will start on September 16th and run until the end of April in 1999.

New members are always welcome. For details contact Maureen Thompson: telephone 01502 723755.

Maureen Thompson

## VILLAGE NEWS

The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the award of a grant by the Common Lands Charity for the purchase of computer equipment for the production of the *Village News*.

Brian A. Payne

## PAPER RECYCLING

Unfortunately the Environmental Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council find, after all, they cannot at the present time extend the Recycle 2000 Kerbside Collection to Walberswick.

This scheme concentrates mainly on more densely populated areas. Suffolk Coastal writes: 'It may be possible however to site a paper bank in the parish if the paper contractors are in agreement and a suitable site can be found. Any suggestions please?'

Merle Rafferty

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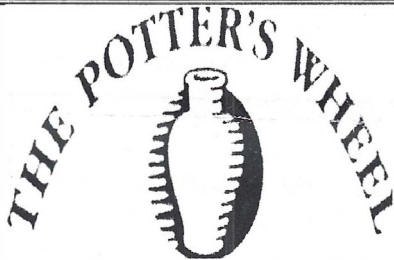
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## FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

During the month of May the Christian Church is continuing to celebrate the Easter Season. This only comes to an end with the great Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples and which we celebrate on the last day of the month.

This season is when we celebrate the new life in which God calls us to share - a life that we see manifested above all in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This life must find expression in the way we live our lives day by day or else it will be of little earthly use. One of the ways it does find expression is through the love and compassion we show to those who are in greatest need in our society and in the wider world. Christian Aid Week gives us an opportunity to display the love and compassion of God for his people in a very concrete way. This year Christian Aid Week will be held from 10th - 16th of May. Please give as generously as you can afford; if you can help with collecting that will be greatly appreciated but, above all, do remember the work of Christian Aid in your prayers. Prayer is a vital tool in doing God's work - it must never be a substitute for action, but an action unsupported by prayer lacks a vital component.

There will be an ecumenical Christian Aid Service at Wangford on Sunday 10th May at 6.30pm and a Christian Aid Choral Evensong at Walberswick at 6pm on the same day.

May is also the month in the Christian year named after Mary, the Mother of our Lord. Every day at Evening Prayer we pray her canticle - the **Magnificat**. This is a great hymn of rejoicing which also tells us how God turns things upside down filling the hungry with good things and sending the rich away empty, casting down the mighty and exalting the lowly. Evening Prayer is said Monday to Friday at 5.00 p.m. in different churches in our Team - every Tuesday here at Walberswick. If you cannot join us physically for this time of prayer, could you join us spiritually wherever you may be? You can do this simply by saying the Our Father at that time and, perhaps, the Magnificat and by offering up your own prayers for whoever, or whatever, is on your mind. In this way a great wave of prayer could be offered throughout our Team. Who knows what wonders this may help to achieve in furthering God's purposes both here and throughout his world?

With every blessing,

Barry Naylor, Team Rector

## EASTER FESTIVAL IN FLOWERS

Freesias, carnations, spray chrysanthemums, primroses, tulips, narcissi, daisies and lilies were used to carry through the yellow and white theme to decorate the Church for the Festival of Easter. The arrangements were all so beautiful and there was a most original cross of flowers displayed on the British Legion shelf. All are warmly thanked for their time, talent, and generosity.

Mary King

## CHURCH EVENTS    Rev. Barry Naylor, Team Rector 01502 722192

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MAY

3 Sunday	Easter 4	10.00	Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon J Matthews
10 Sunday	Easter 5	10.00	Said Eucharist - Revd Canon J Matthews
		18.00	Choral Evensong - Revd Jane Wilson
16 Saturday	Matrimony	15.00	Alan Fairs to Victoria Watson
17 Sunday	Rogation	10.00	Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor
21 Thursday	Ascension	<u>07.00</u>	Said Eucharist with hymns - Revd Barry Naylor
24 Sunday	Easter 7	10.00	Choral Matins and Eucharist (said) - Ian Robinson
31 Sunday	Whit Sunday	10.00	Sung Eucharist - Revd Barry Naylor

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

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School term starts May 3 in the Village Hall Annex from 9.45-11.30am

### DEANERY EVENTS

Visitation by the Archdeacon in Southwold Church - Monday May 18th at 7.30pm

Confirmation Service held at Blythburgh Church - Sunday June 7th at 7.30pm

## PARISH REGISTER

29th March Diana Maud Churchill, 75.

Cremation after service in Church.

7th April Peggie Elaine Rogers, 74.

Memorial Service and burial of the ashes.

## LUNCHES HELP BULGARIAN ORPHANAGES

A cheque for £153.62 was sent to The European Children's Trust as a result of the six Friday Austerity Lunches. My thanks to all who helped with the preparation of the lunches or who contributed by attending and giving so generously.

Pat Longyear

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The cost is £1.00 per session which includes tea and biscuits.

Peter Taylor 723847

**THANK YOU**

A rather belated thank you to everyone for their kind cards and gifts on the arrival of Lily and Benedict in November. Lily has grown from 7lbs 5oz to 16 lbs 8oz and Ben from 7lbs 7oz to 18lbs 8oz. It's hard work and great fun. No doubt you'll see us from time to time pushing the pram around the village ; please stop us if you want to have a peep.

Roger and Kate Felton. Ash Cottage

**HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

This year's show will take place on Saturday 18 July. Last year's numbers were good; we would like to see even more entries this year. Schedule will accompany the June News.

Brian Payne

**VILLAGE FETE**

The Annual Village Fete to raise funds for the Church and Village Hall will this year be on Saturday 22nd August (not the Bank Holiday Weekend). Please make a note of this date in your calendars and diaries. Robin and Annic Wardle will be co-ordinating the fete this year. A planning meeting will be held early in May. It is not too early to start planning and collecting items for stalls. Past helpers will be contacted and new helpers always welcome. Any ideas, requests, offers of help etc. please contact The Old Rectory 01502 724622.

Robin Wardle

**WATER, WATER NOT EVERYWHERE**

The first two words are from The Ancient Mariner by Coleridge. the rest are mine. His reference is to voyaging on salt water rather than the stuff out of the tap for drinking - straight or in our pleasant detached world as a dilutant.

We recently had "Water Week" on BBC Radio & TV: perhaps you are a convert already. Water bills metered or unmetered are not amongst the most welcome morning mail. With a recent bill you may have seen an invitation to subscribe to "Water Aid". Why should you? Population size in the Northern Hemisphere is nearly static, but that in the South is growing at an alarming rate, pushing the residents of planet Earth from 6 billion today to above 9 billion by 2050; of these 5 billion will be living in cities - double the present number of urbanites. The great steps forward in provision have been largely offset by population increase. Even in the North there has been a significant backlog in providing water of acceptable quality. In the underdeveloped world 2 billion have inadequate sanitation and suffer from typhoid, cholera, and other nasties - in terms of the number of people it kills! Dirty water is the world's most serious pollution problem. Would you disagree that basic sanitation, clean water, and clean air are basic constituents of a humane life for human beings?

Water Aid's vision is of a world in which all people have access to safe water and effective sanitation. Work is carried out through partner organisations in developing countries. If you missed the appeal with your water bill this year, perhaps your generosity will be stimulated by the invitation next year, or you can send a donation to "Water Aid," Prince Consort House, 27-29 Albert Embankment, London. SE1 7UB.

Ray Easterbrook

**THE MILLENNIUM AWARDS**

Suffolk ACRE Millennium Awards have been designed to work with individuals and their communities in tackling rural disadvantage and social exclusion. The awards are funded by the Millennium Commission.

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**Who can apply?**

Suffolk ACRE is inviting applications from individuals and small groups of people (up to three), who live in rural communities in Suffolk. All applicants must be 18 and over.

**How much can you apply for?**

Individuals can apply for £2,000 to £3,000. Group application can not exceed £5,000.

The Awards can be used to pay for all costs to start up and run a project for up to a year.

**What kind of projects will benefit?**

For example, you could use a Suffolk ACRE Millennium Award to:

*Train to set up a service for your community; Gain skills so you can make signs, guides, monuments, etc; Acquire skills as a community organiser...*

Our Millennium Project Co-ordinator, Nicola Beckett, can discuss ideas and provide more information.

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Nicola Beckett, Millennium Awards Co-ordinator

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Patricia Roxburgh Honorary Vice-President

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SATURDAY MAY 2nd - Birdsong walk. Meet in the Hoist car park at 5.30am.  
MONDAY MAY 11th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall. 7.30pm.  
WEDS MAY 13th - The Channel Tunnel. Talk by Brian Payne to the W.I. 2.30  
MONDAY MAY 25th - RNLI Mini-Fete Spectacular from 2pm

**BEHIND THE SCENES**

*A hidden body of volunteers helps to get the Village News on to your door mat. Firstly there are the contributors - without whom this venture would be impossible (and we are always grateful for new articles!).*

*Articles that are not submitted on computer disc are then taken to transcribers who put them on to discs. Particular thanks are due to Arthur Sharman and Julia Josephs in this respect.*

*After two to three hectic nights of editing the first copy is rushed to the proofreaders, Eric and Ruth Bassett. They often find things that the Editors are too close to the text to notice. The copy can pass back and forth a number of times before it is taken to Brian and Judy Morton of The Morton Partnership who print 345 copies free of charge.*

*Copies are distributed by a number of volunteers throughout the village.*

*We are all looking forward to purchasing the new computer equipment for the Village News with a grant from the Walberswick Common Lands Charity resulting from the proceeds of Walberswick Car Parks Ltd for 1997. Our computer printer has for some time been unreliable. Because of this we have been dependent on Robin Buncombe and his computer expertise to sort out any difficulties (often late at night) and print out a good quality last copy to send for printing.*

*Thank you to everyone involved.*

*Eds*

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Once again a number of gardens throughout Suffolk are open from May through to September in aid of the British Red Cross

These vary from large, well-known gardens such as Somerleyton Hall near Lowestoft, to smaller, private gardens open only on specific dates in aid of the British Red Cross Society.

Charges vary and details of special features, e.g. refreshments available, swimming pools open, etc., can be found on yellow sheets distributed throughout the area in shops, libraries etc.

Well worth a number of visits!

Patricia Roxburgh

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## MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL SEA DEFENCES

Articles in the press and on radio have discussed the implications of rising sea levels for coastal villages and land. Although some of the discussion is 'scare-mongering', it is true that the preferred strategy is likely to be a partial retreat, i.e. low-lying areas such as Westwood Marsh will not be defended once the repair of the sand bank becomes unviable. Firstly, this will mean that the sea defence wall around the village will become the only protection. Will it be sufficient? Flooding is most likely to occur as a result of storms and surges, not because of a gentle, slow rise in water levels. The Trustees are concerned that weaknesses in the defences may be neglected unless determined pressure is applied at regular intervals, to bodies such as the Environment Agency, the Government, local Members of Parliament and Authorities. If there appears to be a strong likelihood of flooding in certain post code areas, insurance companies could refuse to insure properties or the cost of insurance could be extremely high.

Secondly, if land outside the village is submerged, a valuable source of income will be lost; the reed beds and grazing marshes usually make about £3000 per annum for the village, and the car parks last year made £15,000. Small amounts in the eyes of remote decision makers, no doubt, but quite significant for the people of Walberswick.

Jayne Tibbles

(An extract from a letter to the Parish Council by WCLC)

## WALBERSWICK VILLAGE NEWS COMPUTER

*Thanks to the generosity of Walberswick Car Parks Ltd. and Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the new computer for the production of the Village News has now arrived and is in the process of being set up. It was not quite ready for use for this issue but we look forward to grasping the bull by the horns and producing the whole of issue 19 with the new system. We will be experimenting with a new layout - especially as problems with our old computer mean that we cannot transfer the old layout from one machine to the other. However, although we shall look forward to experimenting with the graphics available on the new machine, some familiar aspects of it will be retained. Feedback on the new look when it arrives would be welcomed. Keep up the steady flow of articles and we need more information for 'What's On'.*

Eds.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The last Parish Council meeting was held on Monday May 11th. Mr Keith Webb was re-elected as Chairman and Mrs Jane Gomme re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

There were three planning applications for consideration:

- 1) The construction of two garages and a garden store in the Lea..
- 2) The erection of a rear conservatory at the Crows Nest.
- 3) The erection of a porch, construction of vehicular access plus internal alterations and additions to Thorpe View.

After considerable discussion and scrutiny of the plans the Council had no objections to any of the planning applications.

The Council acknowledged the receipt of the precept (first half) of £3,000.

A donation of £30.00 was made to the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.

An acceptable estimate had been received for the enhancement of the amenity area adjacent to the Tuck Shop. The Council agreed to ask SCC to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

The Council agreed to support the Common Lands Trust in making representations to the appropriate authorities in respect of the maintenance of adequate sea defences for the village and surrounding area.

The next meeting will be held on the 1st June.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Parish Council

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## VOLUNTEER TREE WARDEN NEEDED.

To qualify for new trees being planted in the Village, SCOC requires us to have a nominated Warden. Please contact Vivien Hunt on 723142 if you feel that you could take on this duty.

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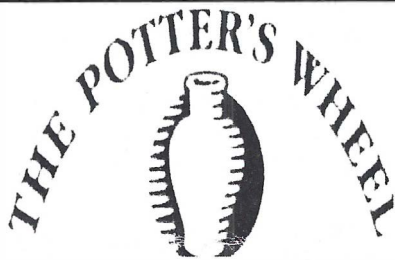
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**BOOK THIS DATE!**

Saturday September 12th is the day for this year's Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride in aid of our Church and The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. All relevant literature available shortly from me at Herons, Church Field.

Tel: 722474

Ruth Bassett

**CHURCH EVENTS Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192  
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - JUNE**

7 Sunday Trinity S 10.00 Sung Eucharist - Revd Canon J Matthews  
14 Sunday Trinity 1 10.00 Said Eucharist - Revd Jane Wilson  
18.00 Choral Evensong - Revd Barry Naylor  
21 Sunday Trinity 2 10.00 Sung Eucharist - Revd Peter Clement  
28 Sunday St Peter and St Paul

10.00 Choral Matins and HC (said) - Revd R Smythe

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

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe from 9.45-11.30am

**DEANERY EVENTS**

Confirmation Service at Blythburgh Church - Sunday June 7th at 7.30pm

**FROM THE TEAM VICAR**

At the end of May we celebrate the feast of Pentecost when we remember the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples; this is sometimes called 'the birthday of the Church'. At Pentecost the followers of Jesus were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and a group of timid frightened people were transformed into bold proclaimers of the love of God in the risen Jesus.

Over the last few months we have been remembering events from the Christian story in our worship. We have remembered the story of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we have fasted and prayed during Lent and we have followed the great story of the love of God in the trial, death and Resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate in Holy Week and Easter. Remembering important events in the life of Jesus is one of the things we do in worship. This not only brings colour and variety into our worship, but it helps to make the divine drama, the way in which people have seen God revealed to the human race, part of our lives. As we replay scenes from this drama again each year the drama becomes part of us, and we in turn become part of that divine drama. As our worship reflects the story of God's love for the world, our worship should also reflect the lively and colourful nature of creation, it should catch the imagination and more people will be encouraged to play a fuller part in this great divine drama. During June there will be a deanery confirmation service, when adult Christians publicly take on for themselves the promises made at baptism. Confirmation is an important step for many people in their journey of faith and one way in which Christians can state their intention to be active players in the divine drama. Let us pray for all who are to be confirmed this month and for each other as we journey together to learn more of the love of God.

With all good wishes.

Peter Clement, Team Vicar

**BLYTHBURGH CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL**

There will be a Flower Festival in Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh on Friday 12th June until Sunday 14th June reflecting the canticle as in the *Benedicite Omnia Opera*. The flower arrangements will represent the various praises. All proceeds will go towards the church and St Dunstan's. We hope you will support these worthy causes and enjoy the Festival in such a lovely setting.

John Veitch

**PARISH REGISTERS**

May 17th Holy Matrimony  
Alan John Sidney Fairs to  
Victoria Jane Watson.

**SOTHERTON CHURCH OPEN AFTERNOON**

We are holding our Open Afternoon this year on Sunday 28th June, between 1.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Flowers will be in the church, and various stalls, teas, cakes, tombola, plants, bric-a-brac, games, good-as-new, paintings etc., will be on the lawn of Church Farm, Sotherton, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs J. Rolt.

Jane Walker

**DEEDS OF COVENANT  
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

I am required by the Inland Revenue to confirm that all those who have kindly given covenants in aid of church funds do still pay tax. If, therefore, there is anyone who has covenanted but no longer pays tax would they please let me know. I should also be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take out a covenant for the benefit of St Andrew's Church; it is such a tremendous help to us.

Peter Avis, Covenant Secretary

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**WALBERSWICK WI**

All outside this month! Our Annual Garden Meeting takes place on Wednesday 10th June at 2.30pm. Joy Sanger has kindly offered us her garden at Fairhaven, Leveretts Lane for this summer's event. Hopefully the sun will shine on what always proves to be an enjoyable and relaxing afternoon.

At the May meeting Enid Bazire, our V.C.O., discussed with us the two resolutions to be put forward at the W.I. Intermediate General Meeting at Brighton on 3rd June. We voted unanimously for both resolutions - housing development on brownfield sites, and support for young carers.

Then followed a talk by Mr Brian Payne. He headed the Channel Tunnel group for the Dept of Transport in the early planning stages. After hearing about the numerous plans, some quite bizarre, which were put forward for its construction, and the difficulty in funding the scheme, it is a wonder that the tunnel was eventually built. He gave us an interesting glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes before a project of this magnitude is started, especially when two countries are involved!

Ann Beckham

**WALBERSWICK, POST WAR TO THE PRESENT**

Chappel Galleries, Chappel, Essex. June 6th - July 4th. This exhibition features the work of 48 living artists of professional standing who have lived or worked in Walberswick since 1945. Walberswickians will be particularly welcome to visit the exhibition at this prestigious regional gallery, and are cordially invited to the Private View, which is on Saturday June 6th from noon to 5pm.

The gallery is situated on the A1124 six miles west of Colchester and quite close to the Colne Valley Viaduct. The Gallery is open daily from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am until 5pm.

Richard Scott

**Walberswick Birds. April 1st - May 16**

Despite April's inclement weather the Spring migrants duly arrived, albeit spasmodically. Chiffchaffs were in good number by the end of March, willow warblers were next to appear a week later, with 10+ singing by April 9th. The first wheatear put in an appearance on the 9th, with numbers building to 27+ by the 28th. By the third week of April, sedge warblers, grasshopper warblers, garden warblers, blackcaps, whitethroats and lesser whitethroats could all be heard singing in and around the village. The first nightingale of the year (Church Lane) could be heard all day and night from the first week in April. The 9th heralded the first cuckoo, swallows, sand and house martins were all quite late with no appreciable numbers until April 14th. Swifts on the other hand were right on time with good numbers by the end of April. That elegant thrush the ring ouzel was much in evidence, with up to three together on the common whilst others frequented gardens in the village. The more scarce birds seen during the period included the following: an immature gull that frequented the harbour and latterly the Blyth River; a short-eared owl hunting along the Bailey Bridge Road; a fine spoonbill also down the Blyth and a superb drake garganey and a wood sandpiper kept company on the shore pools close to the beach huts.

Tony Lancaster

**Walberswick Conservative Association Fete**

This year's Conservative Association Fete will be held on the Village Green and in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th July from 2pm - 5pm. and will include Bargains, Plants and Produce, Books, White Elephant, Children's games and a Grand Raffle. Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

John Stanyer

**WHAT'S ON**

LINE DANCING - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.15 in the Village Hall.  
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annex. Cost £1. All Welcome  
JUNE 1st - Parish Council Meeting  
JUNE 6th - JULY 4th - Walberswick Exhibition, Chappel Galleries, Chappel, Essex  
JUNE 9th - Motor Neurone Disease Tea Party, Dutch House, 2.00pm. 50p.  
JUNE 10th - W.I Garden Meeting at Joy Sanger's, Fairhaven, Leveretts Lane. 2.30pm  
JUNE 12 - 14th - Blythburgh Church Flower Festival.  
JUNE 21st - Blythburgh Open Gardens. 2.00pm. £2.00.

**WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED**

Rupert was the archetypal bad boy of the dog world. He came from the RSPCA for 25 shillings in 1971 - a trifling sum compared with what he would later cost in vet's bills and peace offerings. Living with him was a constant battle of wits; his all-absorbing preoccupation was escape, at which he was extremely adept. Freedom for Rupert generally involved theft or seduction, but on a quiet day he was happy to tip people's dustbins over, distributing the contents across their gardens. He only bothered with people who had neat gardens.

When we speak of Rupert now it is with great affection, yet the same adjectives keep cropping up: cunning, devious, sly, treacherous, lustful, self-centred, calculating - the list goes on - all the things that we deplore in humans, but find oddly loveable in dogs.

One incident, circa 1978, sums Rupert up neatly. Leslie was walking him along the green (on a lead for once), when a police car drew up. "Good morning, Mrs Scott", said the policeman, "And Good morning, Rupert". "Oh", said Leslie in surprise, "you know Rupert then?". "Everyone knows Rupert, Mrs Scott", said the policeman.

Richard Scott

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**BLYTHBURGH OPEN GARDENS**

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All proceeds go to the church.

John Veitch

**WALBERSWICK BIRDSONG  
WALK**

The annual birdsong walk took place on Saturday May 2nd.

18 people attended, 34 species were seen or heard and £31 was collected. It was cold with a strong north wind and a bit disappointing but the nightingales (5) were in good voice with blackcaps and whitethroats also singing well.

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David Shirreff

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**WALBERSWICK COMMON  
LANDS CHARITY**

A meeting of the Trustees took place on April 16. Main issues were:-

1. Income distribution. Some fairly routine matters were discussed, as well as a meeting with local representatives of the Royal British Legion, at which it became clear that with so many shared aims some degree of co-operation would be useful. It was agreed that some assistance would be given to the RBL to cover small charitable expenses which their funds could not meet. Regular meetings will be arranged between members of both bodies to discuss - without compromising confidentiality - ways in which further co-operation might be beneficial.

A meeting of the WCLC Income Distribution sub-committee was arranged for May 13th.

2. Reed-beds and Grazing Lan. 1. A generally satisfactory situation exists despite some earlier pessimism about this year's reed-cutting income. The Trust will, however, have to undertake some dyke clearance on the grazing marshes in the autumn.

3. Property. Work scheduled for The Potters Wheel (painting the roof) and the Print Room (rebuild) will now take place in the autumn.

4. Cliff Field. Fencing of the Cliff Field, and installation of a gate for 'exceptional circumstance' vehicular access have now been completed, and advice sought about ragwort eradication.

5. Suffolk Wildlife Trust. A meeting has taken place between Trustees and SWT to confirm and redefine details of the agreed schedule of Common management work, including the clearance of footpaths.

6. Walberswick Car Parks Ltd. Agreement has been reached for the lease to run for three years.

7. Riverside Properties. Further progress is being made on leasing arrangements, to protect the interests of both the Trust and lessees.

The next full meeting of the Trust is on June 18. Richard Scott

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**WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FÊTE**

**Saturday, 22 August 1998**

Have you noted this date ?

This is your fête and we need your support. We are having a hat, tie and scarf stall this year. Can you donate a hat now, and scraps of chiffon, ribbon and artificial flowers to decorate? Please contact Christine Fisher on 723023.

We also wish to start collecting donations for the Bottle Tombola. These can be given to Annie and Robin Wardle at the Old Rectory for Philip Kett's stall in August. Thank you.

Robin Wardle 724622


**HELP MOTOR NEURONE  
RESEARCH**

After last year's very wet afternoon for my tea party in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research I'm hoping for better weather for this year's event on Tuesday June 9th at 2.30 pm at Dutch House. Admission 50p to include tea and scones Stalls: Raffle, Books, Cakes, Plants etc.Please come!

Mary King

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## THANKS TO WALBERSWICK

Now that I have left the Village I would first of all like to say how much I have loved being there. It was very hard to leave. Walberswickians are so kind and caring.

The British Legion was so good to me - especially the fortnight before Pat's death. Afterwards, too, when I felt so bereft. My grateful thanks also for all the overwhelming kindness from so many friends.

I shall never forget. God Bless you all.

Collie Dalley

Collie was a Walberswick resident and member of the Church for a number of years and, in addition, was Editor of the Parish News from 1983 onwards. After a long and painful incapacitation, she has now been obliged to move to a residential home close to her son, where she will be certain of the constant care and attention that her condition requires.

Any of her old friends from the village might like her new address. This can be obtained from Paddy Kelly on 724447

Paddy Kelly

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The last meeting was held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The official minutes of meetings are displayed on the council notice board at the Village Hall and in the church porch. As a result of the previous report in the Village News, two people had volunteered to become Tree Wardens.

Planning permission had been granted by SCDC for the erection of a single storey extension at Field Cottage, Seven Acre Lane and also for an extension to the annexe at Poplar Cottage, The Green.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to make a donation to help with the publication of the book 'Walberswick and Blythburgh - Stories of the Second World War' written by Messrs Shirreff and Sharman. The donation will come from the Community Benefit Fund Account, which is mainly financed from contributions made to the village via such ventures as filming.

The Parish Council had no objections to the erection of a wrought iron archway over the churchyard gates which would incorporate an outside light.

The Council were concerned that villagers expected councillors to make instant decisions over complaints or enquiries. Therefore, it is requested that all formal communication should go through the clerk (Mrs V Hunt, St. Francis, Seven Acre Lane) who would then place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council. Tel. 723142

## WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

A well attended AGM was held in the Village Hall Annexe on April 28th 1998.

In his report the Chairman reaffirmed that the group is open to all residents, placing emphasis on those who were born here and those who have lived here many years.

Research is the main aim of the group, from whichever source it may come. Hence all contributions are very welcome.

The current membership stands at 114, which includes 11 country members some who live as far away as Scotland. The membership fee is still £3.00 per person per annum, for which members receive two newsletters, two lectures and a now established Christmas celebration.

Diary dates for 1998 are: October 16th, a talk by Stuart Bacon on The Suffolk Coast and December 11th, our Christmas celebration - including a film show in addition to food and wine. All events are covered by the subscription.

Don Thompson

## WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE

On Saturday 22nd August we need your help and support. Please could you consider donating items for the stalls. Christine Fisher still needs more hats and decorative items. Annie and Robin Wardle are collecting bottles for the Tombola. You can leave these at the Old Rectory - as soon as possible please. If you are not here on the 22nd August, but would like to contribute, donations would be gratefully received. These can be given to our treasurer, Eric Bassett at Herons, Church Field -722474

Robin

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## CHURCH EVENTS *Fthr Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192*

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - JULY

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 12 Sunday Trinity 5 10.00 Said Eucharist and Baptism  
 18.00 Sea Sunday - Choral Evensong

19 Sunday Trinity 6 10.00 Sung Eucharist  
 26 Sunday Trinity 7 10.00 Choral Matins and HC (said)

Please see Church notice board for Celebrants and Preachers

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

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe from 9.45-11.30am

Bible Study Group meet at Greengates 7.45pm 14th & 28th

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

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### LETTER FROM THE TEAM VICAR OF SOUTHWOLD

I have been reminded this month of a prayer of Michael Quoist's from his book "Prayers of Life" (published in English in 1963 by Gill & Son). This prayer has always meant a great deal to me, so I share it with you, whether you have always lived near the sea or, like me, are new to the experience.

"Lord I saw the sea attacking the rocks, sombre and raging.

From afar the waves gained momentum.

High and proud, they leapt, jostling one another to be the first to strike.

When the white foam drew back, leaving the rock clear, they gathered themselves to rush forward again.

The other day I saw the sea, calm and serene.

The waves came from afar, creeping, not to draw attention.

Quietly holding hands, they slipped noiselessly and stretched at full length on the sand, to touch the shore with the tips of their beautiful, soft fingers.

The sun gently caressed them, and they generously returned streams of light.

Lord, grant that I may avoid useless quarrels that tire and wound without achieving results.

Keep me from those angry outbursts that draw attention but leave one uselessly weakened.

Keep me from wanting always to outstrip others in my conceit, crushing those in my way.

Wipe from my face the look of dark, dominating anger.

Rather, Lord, grant that I may live my days calmly and fully, as the sea slowly covers the whole shore.

Make me humble like the sea, as silently and gently it spreads out, unnoticed.

May I wait for my brothers and sisters and match my pace to theirs, that I may move upward with them.

Grant me the triumphant perseverance of the waters.

May each of my retreats turn into an advance.

Give my face the light of clear waters.

Give my soul the whiteness of foam.

Illumine my life that it may sing like the sunbeams on the surface of the sea.

But above all, Lord, may I not keep this light for myself, and may all those who come near me return home eager to bathe in your eternal grace."

Amen.

Why not find time to go and sit by the sea and pray this prayer?

May the God who made the sea bless you all,

with love and good wishes.

Jane.

### PEGGY ROGERS

Walterswick lost a very active member of the Village community when Peggy Rogers died in April. I knew her for many years. She contributed much to the W.I, both local and Area and was a staunch member of the Church. For several years she played the organ at the services for patients at Blythburgh Hospital. In spite of failing sight during the last years of her life, her courage was undaunted. She will be sadly missed.

Mary Bell

### SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Sponsored Bicycle Ride on Saturday 12th September in aid of Suffolk churches. Forms and literature may now be collected from me at Herons, Church Field, tel: 722474.

Ruth Bassett

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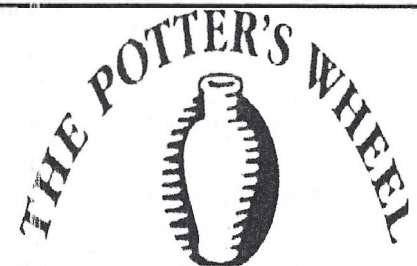
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**RED CROSS COLLECTION**

The British Red Cross House to House collection in Walberswick raised £262.82, an increase on last year of £23. We are all most grateful and thank all the kind collectors who did a wonderful job. The over-all amount for the area was £1546.07 - again up on last year.

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Patricia Roxbrugh

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**WALBERSWICK BIRDS MAY 17TH - JUNE 13TH**

Turtle dove numbers, unlike some of our recently arrived summer visitors, would appear to be up on previous years, with several pairs in and around the village, their soft purring reminding us of warm summer evenings to come. We only wait upon the spotted flycatchers to complete the summer scene. The year's broods are already much in evidence: with seven mute swan cygnets near the Bailey Bridge; fully fledged stonechats around Lampland; families of bearded tits abroad in the reed beds whilst avocet and ringed plover chicks totter on spindly legs around the shore pools. High above the reed beds that most elegant of falcons, the hobby, may be seen in suitable weather hawking for dragonflies which it expertly devours on the wing. The sea is regaining its interest after a quiet period with fulmars now seen daily and the recent gale conditions bringing several gannets within viewing distance. Passing migrants found along the shore pools, most of which were in their dazzling summer livery included: turnstone(6) on the 19/5; greenshank(4) on the 27/5; grey plover(6) on the 18/5; along with a sprinkling of dunlin, common sandpipers, black-tailed godwits and bar-tailed godwits. Notable birds during the period - a fine spoonbill has taken up residence in the fields west of the Bailey Bridge; also three drake garganey on 28/5; the little egret returned to the Walberswick/Dunwich shore pools after a few weeks' absence; the same locality held a little ringed plover that kept the local ringed plovers company on the 19th.

Tony Lancaster

**WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED - A GHOST STORY ?**

Richard Scott's story (June issue) recalls our dog Wagga. He knew Walberswick well - and Walthamstow - and the police.

The night our son Nick was born in Walthamstow in 1954, Geoff dialled 999 at 2am for an ambulance (NHS routine then). Round in a twink, the ambulanceman spotted our smooth-haired black and white mongrel looking apprehensive.

"He want to come too?" he asked.

"Great" I said. He came. No problem.

Walking home with my clothes in a case, Geoff found himself in a sudden torchlight.

"What have you got in that case?"

"My wife's clothes" said Geoff "I've just left her at the maternity hospital".

Wagga trotted up unsolicited.

"Oh" said the policeman, all amicable "Mrs Wagga's got her baby has she?"

Walberswick 1982, 28 years later. 6 am on a calm sunny morning. I swam out, turned on my back and gazed astonished at the lonely beach. A black and white mongrel terrier was barking his head off at me. Ghost of Wagga - it had to be. He raced us to tops of mountains, but never would get his feet wet. Explain it if you can.

Joan Galwey

**TEA PARTY**

The sun shone on June 9th for my Tea Party in aid of Motor Neurone Research and a grand total of £935 was raised. Very many thanks to all who came and helped and to those who spent their money or made donations. A great effort by all.

Mary King

**Walberswick (eaves) Droppings**

Overheard on the Green.....

"There's no point one staying in a place that has absolutely nothing to recommend it, let's go and see what Southwold is like...."

*(I wonder what they made of Southwold - Ed.)  
Contributions for this slot greatly appreciated !!!*

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On Sunday 19th July the Annual Bazaar for the St John Ambulance (Waveney Area) will be held at the Village Hall from 2pm-5.30pm. Teas, cakes, bric-a-brac will be on sale. Please support this voluntary organisation. The money raised is used to provide equipment for training in the Waveney Area and helps members who give their time and services to help their fellow men when in need.

Mary Bell

**SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL**

It was good news at the AGM of the League of Friends of Southwold Hospital when it was announced that work would begin shortly on the extension and alterations. Thanks to the League of Friends and the Southwold Town Trust there will be three new single rooms, en suite, instead of the three-bedded ward. There will also be a new reception area at the entrance. Work should be completed before the Autumn.

The Hospital was surveyed by the Accreditation Programme and once again was successful in achieving three years' maximum accreditation. We are fortunate to have this local facility.

Mary King, Local Rep

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

The amount raised from collection boxes and donations this year was £543.14 (1997 - £537.15). Thank you all so much for your continued support for the work of the society. Collection boxes are emptied in May each year. Do you have a charity collection box? If you would like one for The Children's Society let me know. We also collect used postage stamps.

Robin Wardle, Hon. Secretary. 724622

**WALBERSWICK WI**

"Cleanliness is, indeed, next to godliness." So said John Wesley in the eighteenth century. But when did we first use soap and water to make ourselves clean? Soap and washing powders have become essential products for healthy living in the twentieth century. Charting their history, will be Mr J Read, our speaker on July 8th. He will also treat us to some slides, a 1930's grocer's shop and an exhibition of vintage soaps. His interest stems from his wife who has collected about a thousand items to do with soap. Mr Read is a chemist and has done broadcasts about soap.

We received a warm welcome from Joy Sanger for this year's Garden Meeting at her home in Leveretts Lane and, despite the showery weather, we were able to enjoy walking round her beautiful and immaculately kept garden before eating a gourmet's tea, baked and produced by the members. To add to our enjoyment, Heather Hyne produced a competition teasing us with the identification of 28 plants, both their horticultural and common nicknames. Vivien Finnie, Barbara Taylor and team were the experts! It was good to have Margot and Claudine with us after their stay in hospital and a very big thank you was accorded to our hostess for giving us such a happy afternoon.

Ann Beckham

**FROM THE EDITORS**

*Thank you once again for all your contributions. Keep up the good work. We hope to do a column on services to the village. Please let us know of any services you think we should include.*

*Eds.*



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JULY 6th - Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30  
JUNE 6th - JULY 4th - Walberswick Exhibition, Chappell Galleries, Chappell, Essex  
JULY 8th - W.I Talk. The History of the use of Soap.  
JULY 18th - Horticultural Show. Village Hall.  
JULY 19th - St John Ambulance Bazaar. Village Hall 2-5.30pm.  
JULY 25th - Conservative Fete. Village Green 2-5pm  
*Please keep sending things for What's On - thanks. Eds.*

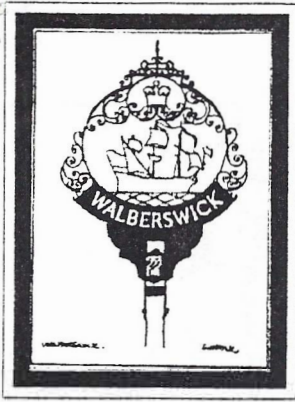
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## ANNUAL VILLAGE FÊTE

Saturday August 22nd at 2.00 pm.  
Please note we are now having a stall for Fancy Goods and Gifts. Any contributions are being collected by Betty Jones. It would be helpful if you would let stallholders have any donated items to sell in good time.

If you are away on 22 August we hope you will still wish to support the event.

We particularly invite holiday home owners to help us raise funds for the Church and Village Hall. Please see leaflet enclosed.

Thank you for your support.

Robin Wardle 724622

## HALESWORTH SCHOOL BUS

Walberswick parents have won their fight for a bus to get the children to Halesworth Middle School as from September. Thank you to all who helped: Councillors Church and Leighton, Mrs Bell (who raised the matter at the Parish Council AGM), the Parish Council and the parents themselves - who supported each other by writing and liaising with

Suffolk County Council on the matter. We are especially grateful to SCC for listening to us and responding so promptly.

Denise Brentnall

## WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY - A BRIEF REPORT

A meeting of the Trustees took place on June 18. Although the meeting was unusually long, much time was absorbed on one item - beach huts on the boundary between the campsite and Cliff Field.

A second meeting had taken place between the Trust's Income Distribution sub-committee and representatives of the Royal British Legion, to discuss ways in which individuals in need could receive maximum support from both bodies. It was agreed that some sharing of confidentialities would have to take place for this to be achieved, but would only be done with the applicants' prior consent.

A portion of car park profit from 1997 had been allocated for making a video of the Walberswick Scroll. Luke Jeans' production company is preparing alternative quotes (i.e. music, voice-over etc.) but basic photography is likely to proceed anyway; editing decisions will be made later.

Boat storage on land adjacent to Tow's Cabin: storage will be allowed for up to four boats which do not exceed 12' in length, provided that rights of way are not obstructed.

Trees alongside the Potter's Wheel Restaurant may be a matter for concern. A tree surgeon's advice is being sought.

Ragwort on the Cliff Field: this must be dealt with while the scourge is in flower, we are told (it will be).

Leases for riverside properties: revised draft considered, and declared satisfactory with further (minor) revisions.

Routine financial matters were dealt with and applications for assistance discussed.

The next full meeting of the Trust will be on August 13.

Richard Scott



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 18.00 Choral Evensong  
 16 Sunday Trinity 10 10.00 Sung Eucharist  
 23 Sunday Trinity 11 10.00 Choral Matins and HC (said)  
 30 Sunday Trinity 12 10.00 Said Eucharist  
 Please see Church notice board for Celebrants and Preachers  
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 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00  
 PCC Meeting Tuesday August 11th 19.30 at Shenburgh  
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## FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

As I sit to write this letter I'm preparing to journey in search of the sun in Tuscany. I trust I'll return having found it! Journeying is an essential feature of life - life itself is a series of journeys. We are constantly making new discoveries, experiencing new joys and learning to cope with new sorrows and setbacks.

The Scriptures contain stories of many different journeys that people made, responding to God's call. The Hebrew Scriptures revolve around the journey of God's people from their slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. There are the wanderings of Abraham and Joseph, the travels of Elijah and Elisha, the years spent in Exile, to name but a few. In the New Testament the story of Jesus' ministry is of a journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem. St. Paul, St. Peter and their colleagues journeyed to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Our faith has its roots in journeying and the Church is often known as the "Pilgrim Church". Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone, revealed himself as "The Way, the Truth and the Life". He promised to send the Spirit, to lead us into all truth. In each generation the Holy Spirit leads believers into deeper understandings of that truth revealed once for all in Jesus Christ. This truth is not static but dynamic and vibrant. The Spirit speaks to us through the Scriptures, through the Tradition of the Church and through the world in which we live today. The Gospel proclaimed by the Church is not a neat tidy package, preserved as in aspic, it is a living, pulsating reality. We have to wrestle with it, we have to use our God given gifts - our intellect, emotions, common sense, appreciation of beauty - to hear what God is saying to us today. This is something the Church wrestles with as a family; the Faith is not the possession of any individual it is a shared faith.

Our understanding of the Faith, therefore, will often have many ragged edges. There is always room for further questioning, further exploration, further journeying, with the Spirit of God leading us. Some people find this uncomfortable, preferring simply to receive from on high what they must believe. God, and therefore the Christian Faith, is too wonderful and exciting for this ever to be the case. It does require a sense of boldness, it does require the willingness to take risks and even to get it wrong at times, but these are essential in any living relationship. Have a very happy August, wherever you may find yourself journeying and may your journeying in the Faith of Jesus Christ lead you to an ever deeper experience of his wonderful love for you.

With every blessing.

Barry Naylor

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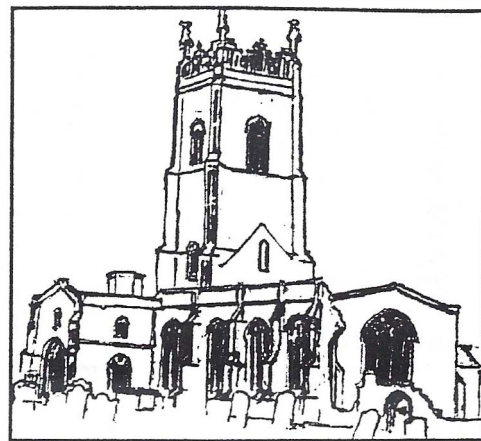
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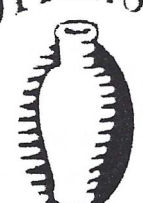
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**WALBERSWICK WI**

This year Walberswick WI celebrates its 80th Birthday. It was one of the first Institutes to be formed in Suffolk, in 1918, and the inaugural meeting was held at "Longroof" Leveretts Lane. To mark the occasion a delicious cake in the shape of number 80 was made by Bubbles Love and enjoyed by us all at the July meeting. Our speaker was Mr J Read. His talk on the 'History of Soaps and Washing Powders' gave us all an interesting glimpse into our social history through the centuries. It made us thankful to be living in the 20th century when laundry can be dealt with quickly and efficiently by the automatic washing machine. A far cry from the scrubbing board and hand-washing days of former times.

There will be no meeting in August. With family and friends and weather permitting we hope to spend some of the time on Walberswick beach, which was recently mentioned in The Daily Telegraph as one of the cleanest in Britain. Happy Holidays!  
Ann Beckham

**THE DAY I LOST SAXMUNDHAM**

As big as Saxmundham is, one would think that it could not be lost. Believe me, I lost it!

Through the British rail phone ticket service, I arranged for a pair of tickets from Saxmundham to London. One of the travel conditions was that the tickets had to be used on the stated day of travel and only on the chosen train - no exceptions allowed!

My friend and I had driven from Walberswick to the A12 and on through Darsham, Yoxford and Stratford. The weather was glorious. I was pointing out the turning to Blaxhall and looking closely for Glemham Hall - the Cobbold residence- and then I was thinking "Where is that turning for Saxmundham? We will soon be on the dual carriageway and I know that the Saxmundham turn-off is somewhere before that. I must turn around just as soon as the rear view mirror reveals no rear traffic."

The train time was getting close, there were only about seven minutes to go, but where oh where is Saxmundham. There is a petrol station at Stratford. They can tell me "Where is Saxmundham." "Where is Saxmundham?" I asked anxiously. "Three miles down the road." Stratford and Farnham sped by. Three minutes before train time. We were then on the dual carriageway. We were going XX mph. Then I realised that the train time was not 6.46am but 7.46am!

Jim Johnson

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**CONNIE HENDERSON**

Connie has now had to move from Walberswick in order to live in Aldeburgh with her son.

She first arrived in the village in 1972, living for a time in Knoll Cottage before moving to Northdale, her new house in The Street. Since the beginning she has been a constant worker, helping with all manner of village functions. She is a skilled embroideress, organising the making of the beautiful kneelers in the Church, a mammoth undertaking by members of the congregation with help from various other workers.

For many years she has suffered from severe arthritis, which culminated in surgery. All this she has endured with great courage and fortitude, and we all now hope that her new life in Aldeburgh will be less stressful and more comfortable.

Paddy Kelly

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**WALBERSWICK BIRDS, JUNE, 14<sup>th</sup> - JULY 14<sup>th</sup>**

Westwood marsh has been a busy place, with at least two juvenile marsh harriers on the wing by the 6/7, 2 bitterns were in the air together on the 7/7 and the hobbies have been very conspicuous with their dragonfly hunting swoops and dives over the reed beds. Several parties of newly fledged bearded tits would indicate a successful season for them. Throughout the period summering eider ducks have been offshore, sometimes coming on to the beach to preen. A fine spoonbill (Blyth river bird?) took up residence on the beach pools opposite the Dingles for the first few days of July.

This is the period when migration is at its lowest ebb, but there is already a trickle of returning southbound waders. With sea-watchers, producing curlew and dunlin moving in ones and twos on most dates and whimbrel joining in from the 9/7; whilst the beach pools provided juvenile common sandpipers on the 7/7 & 13/7; in contrast a hobby flew north on the 24/6.

Undoubtedly the most notable bird of the period was a magnificent red kite that cruised south over the village on the morning of the 10/7. Moving on to Westwood marsh it performed a couple of lazy low-level circuits before latching on to a rising thermal over the Dingles, whereafter ascending to approximately 1,000 metres it peeled off to continue its southerly journey. Equally exciting to watch were two spoonbills that flew north also over the village on the 15/6, their gleaming bright white plumage standing out like beacons against a huge threatening thunder cloud that was about to decant itself on Walberswick. An adult Mediterranean gull visited the pools behind the beach huts on the 9/7, whilst at sea a Manx shearwater flew south on the morning of the 14/7.

Tony Lancaster



**WALBERSWICK REMEMBERED**

In the early sixties I visited Walberswick many times on holiday with my three children. Sometimes we had B&B with Mea Allen and Grace Woodbridge at Westwood (once we rented their large studio room at the top of their house), many times we rented Crows' Nest with a friend who had children of a similar age.

It was a different world in those days - a quiet back water, a well-kept secret, known only to a privileged few. No longer so. The world has changed and so has Walberswick. Now there are yellow lines and car parks and Walberswick is a secret no longer. However, for someone like myself, who spends time in London and time in Walberswick (more and more), it remains a haven, away from the bustle, the crowds, and the pollution. The quiet beauty, the clear air and the gentle pace make it precious. One could say it is away from the real world. But which world is more real? How fortunate we are.

Jean Papworth

**WHAT'S ON**

LINE DANCING - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.15 in the Village Hall.

WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe. Cost £1. All Welcome

AUGUST 4th - Countryside Capers Event. 10-1.30. 8-14yr olds. £2. Contact Suffolk Coasts and Heaths on 01394 384948.

AUGUST 5th and 6th - Walberswick Craft Fair. Village Hall. Refreshments available.

AUGUST 14th and 28th - Mobile Library. 2.15 at the Church/ 2.35 at the Village Hall

AUGUST 22nd - Village Fete. Village Green and Hall. 2.00pm.

AUGUST 30th - Walberswick International Crabbing Competition.

**FROM THE EDITORS**

*Thank you once again to those who have contributed to this month's edition - keep up the good work. However, we did not get so much 'copy' this month - to say the least. This is your magazine and we need articles from you to put in it. We hope for regular input from the Parish Council as well as a variety of news and articles from local people and visitors.*

*The only guidelines are no letters and nothing political and/or controversial and nothing anonymous.*

*If you are visiting Walberswick and would like to send us your thoughts on the area, these would also be welcome. We can always make sure you get a copy if your name is in print.*

*We would also like the odd article from the young people in the village - children included. Which young Walberswickians are budding journalists?*

*Eds.*

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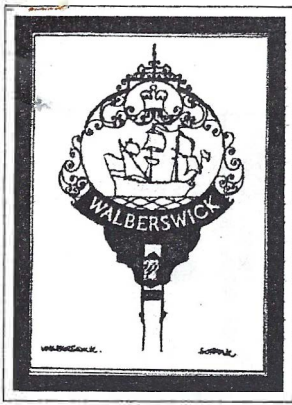
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## PROPOSED CIVILIAN AIRPORT - RENDLESHAM (RAF BENTWATERS)

Considerable interest, and not a little alarm, has been expressed to me recently over the proposed use of part of the former Bentwaters air base as a regional airport. I thought that it might be useful through the columns of the Village News to explain the procedure which Suffolk Coastal District Council, the planning authority, is likely to employ to determine the planning application.

As background, I have to say that the District Council has been grappling since 1993 with the complex issue of how this area should develop when the American Air Force withdrew from the base. The base is effectively in two parts: to the North of the A1152 is a residential area of some 680 existing dwellings of relatively high density, the greater part of them already occupied, together with a range of other buildings used by the USAF as part of the domestic infrastructure and now in need of refurbishment to provide amenities and facilities for the folk currently living there. To the South of the A1152 is the redundant airfield with an extensive network of redundant runway, taxiways, hardstandings and a wide range of buildings and structures.

After a number of false starts by different developers since 1993, the latest proposals are for the creation of a residential community with new housing and community facilities such as shops, a school, a pub and places of worship to the North of the A1152 and a commercial area consisting of a business enterprise park, a civil regional airport, a long term secure storage area and a leisure and nature conservation area to the South of the A1152.

The current developers have recently submitted a planning application and Suffolk Coastal District Council have asked local communities for their comments. Local concern has been raised over the level of aviation activity which might ensue in this environmentally sensitive area and in particular the impact of noise, possible pollution and traffic. Many people are adamantly against any aviation activities, while others feel that a small business airport, with adequate controls and restrictions, may be acceptable and beneficial to the local economy. Later this Autumn the Development Control Sub-Committee will deliberate and pass its recommendation to the Environment Committee, on which I sit, for its determination. Many conflicting factors will have to be considered, including whether the decision should be passed out of local hands, to Central Government for the Secretary of State for Transport, the Environment and the Regions to decide. Walberswick is over 16 miles from Bentwaters and I am determined to consider the matter rationally and carefully; nevertheless I know that people have their concerns and I would welcome any comments that people might have.

*Thank you for a fantastic response to our request for copy. We had so much that some things couldn't be used this time. They are kept on reserve though, ready for later issues.*  
Eds.

Cllr Rae Leighton  
Suffolk Coastal District Council

## ST JOHN AMBULANCE

On behalf of the members of St John Ambulance, Waveney Area, I have been asked to thank all the people who attended and supported the Bazaar held on the 19th of July. A grand sum of £599 was raised.

This money will be used to purchase training equipment for use in the area.

Thank you all so much.

Mary Bell

## MOBILE LIBRARY (IS THIS THE FINAL CORRECTION ?)

ALTERNATE FRIDAYS

Outside the Church 2.30pm for 30 minutes  
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August - 14th and 28th

Eric Bassett

## SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Committee has decided to hold one event instead of two in Walberswick this year. The Winter Bazaar will be held on Saturday 24th October from 10am-12 noon, in the Village Hall.

There will be a Tombola, Raffle, Gifts and a mammoth cake stall - an ideal time for you to buy your 'Save the Children' Christmas cards.

Please give us your support by attending - all gifts will be welcome.

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Thank you.

Maureen Thompson

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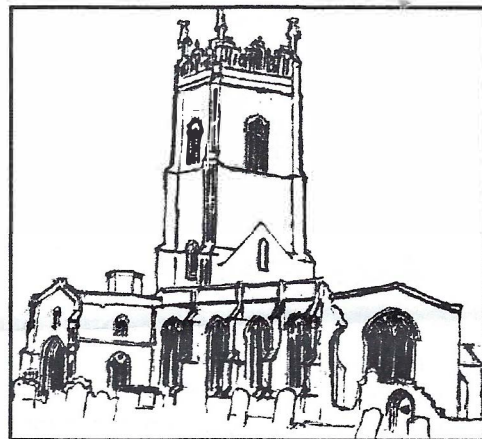
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**CHURCH EVENTS** *Fr Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192*  
**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - SEPTEMBER**

5 Saturday 14.00 Marriage of Olivia Denny and Steven Lerpiniere  
 6 Sunday Trinity 13 10.00 Sung Eucharist Revd Ian Robinson  
 13 Sunday Trinity 14 10.00 Said Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor  
 18.00 Choral Evensong Revd Barry Naylor  
 20 Sunday Trinity 15 10.00 Matins and HC(said) Revd Ian Robinson  
 27 Sunday Trinity 16 10.00 Harvest Festival Revd Barry Naylor  
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00  
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

**FLOWER ARRANGERS**

6/13 Denny wedding 20th Mrs Patterson 27th Harvest Festival  
 St Andrew's Guild meet at Millstones on Monday September 14 at 10.30



**THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW**

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*Team Vicars*

Revd Peter Clements 578468  
 Revd Jane Wilson 722397

*Churchwardens*

Bob Trevelyan 722478  
 Paddy Kelly 724447

**LETTER FROM THE TEAM VICAR**

"Review of Ministry" is the title of the recent report which looks at how people are trained in our Diocese for different forms of accredited ministry. I thought it would be good to outline some of the theological principles on which the report is based, because this is the theology from which I begin, and from this base the training in our Deanery will evolve.

The minutes of the meeting which discussed the report describe it as "not new and not radical, but profoundly true to the traditional vocation of the Church of England". We are all called to be salt, light, and yeast in the world, and we are called to understand deeply and creatively the difference between going to church and being the church. We are called to grasp and embrace change into which the Holy Spirit is leading us, from being a clericalised church to returning to be a baptismal community. We are called not so much to support an institution as to risk being disciples. At the heart of this sense of vocation is an understanding of baptism, in that it is baptism in Christ which makes people ministers. Ministry belongs to the whole community of believers who have a corporate responsibility to minister. This responsibility is given to us at baptism.

This call to minister may seem daunting, but we are never in it alone: we are part of a worshipping community in which we should be encouraged and nurtured. This is the reason why the post responsible for training in the Deanery was set up, and indeed one of the factors that attracted me to the Sole Bay Team and the Halesworth Deanery. I am hoping that it will soon be possible to set up a training programme that will encourage and nurture us all in our calling as baptised Christians.

With every blessing as you grow in your ministry,

Peter Clements

**HARVEST SUPPER TIME AGAIN!**

Mark 26th September next on your calendar, for we will be holding our 3rd Harvest Supper on that evening at 7pm in the Village Hall. These suppers have now become so popular and successful that you will need to book early as tickets are limited.

Tickets are £5 each and may be obtained from PCC Secretary Penny Buncombe, Belle Vue, The Terrace, (Tel: 722359) before September 22nd.

Remember - September 26th at 7pm in the Village Hall! Paddy Kelly

**THERE'S STILL TIME**

To collect your sponsor forms etc for the Church's Sponsored Cycle Ride on Saturday 12th September. Ruth Bassett 722474

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

In the place of Choral Evensong on October 11th, Barry and I are organising a service based on the popular TV programme "Songs of Praise". Anyone who would like to offer a favourite hymn, from which we shall make a selection of the most popular, should send it to one of the churchwardens or to me. We should like to know your reasons for your choice or any incident connected with the hymn, so that Barry can talk about it before it is sung.

Julia Josephs 722828

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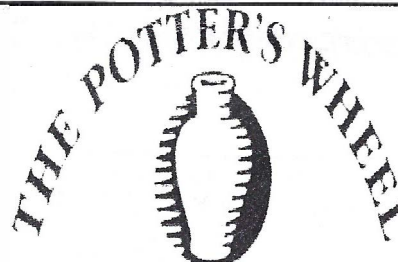
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**WALBERSWICK WI**

September has arrived and with it the monthly WI meeting. This will be held as usual on the 2nd Wednesday in the month - 9th September at the Village Hall, 2.30pm.

"Travelling with an Orchestra" - Ms Meryl Docker will join us to relate the highs and lows of this nomadic life for, as a former member of the Halle Orchestra, she has personally experienced the difficulties and delights of world tours. This should prove most interesting listening. Do join us.

Ann Beckham

**MICHAEL CARPENTER**

Michael was known to many prior to his move to Walberswick, being a familiar figure in Southwold harbour during his Longshoreman days. He was truly a man of the sea, joining the Merchant Navy straight from school, followed by many years as a fisherman, from which he eventually retired for reasons of health. By then he had met Hilary, whom he married in 1981. In 1984 they moved across the water to Walberswick, where for many happy years they ran the Anchor Hotel. It was during this period that we came to know and love this gentle giant of a man, his humour and ready wit charming all who patronised that establishment. Be it friend, neighbour or simply just met, he had time for all alike, his considerate and thoughtful manner combined with a beautiful native Suffolk accent having an instant appeal upon all. A great lover of cricket he turned out many a time for the Walberswick eleven, perhaps mischievously saving his best when playing his former colleagues the Southwold fishermen. Renowned for his expertise at pub quizzes, he was much sought after as a partner or team member. His wealth of knowledge no doubt accumulated from his great enthusiasm for crosswords, the more difficult and cryptic the clue the more he relished the challenge. For his friends and family it was a tragedy that Michael lived for only 54 years, succumbing to cancer in July. As in the whole of his life, Michael met this with fortitude and optimism. We shall miss him for his warmth and gentleness of nature and as a kind and generous friend. However, his twinkling eyes, that wonderful laugh and our very own fond memories of him, live on.

Tony Lancaster

**BOWLS**

The new season of Bowls will start at the Village Hall on Wednesday, September 16th at 7-30pm.

We shall be pleased to welcome any new players including those who have no idea of the game. Our evenings are friendly and informal and if you are unlikely to be able to come every week just drop in when you can. The cost is £1 per evening.

Last year our numbers increased to a level where it may be possible to hold a second evening. If anyone is interested in an evening other than Wednesday or you would like to play more than one evening a week, please let me know.

**WHIST**

The Whist Group continues to meet every Thursday at 2-30 pm in the Village Hall Annexe. We still have room for any new members who would like to join. It is not necessary to come every week; occasional members will be welcomed. The cost is £1 per session which includes tea and biscuits.

A feature of our season, which is regarded as our highlight, is the periodic visit to the Round House for a lunch which is provided out of any accumulated funds. This is followed by a session of whist which is even less serious than usual.

The objective of our group is to provide a social afternoon centred round a game of cards and we shall be pleased to see any new players who would like to join us. If you have problems with transport, a car will come and collect you.

**BRIDGE**

Last year a bridge session was held every fortnight on a Monday morning which included some help in calling at playing if required. The players consisted mainly of a group of 12 to 15 beginners who wanted to learn how to play bridge and gradually developed into a playing session. The question is what do we do this year? There may be other players who would like to join and Monday may not be the best day and we need to look at whether the format we had last year is still suitable as players become more experienced. Whether you are a member of the existing group or would like to join a friendly group playing bridge, I should like to hear from you.

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**NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The last meeting was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The official minutes of meetings are displayed on the council notice board at the Village Hall and in the church porch.

Planning permission had been granted by SCDC for the erection of a timber external staircase at Lima Cottage.

The Parish Council agreed to donate £100.00 to Suffolk Acre to help them in their quest to find alternative accommodation to establish a Rural Communities Research Centre.

Concern was expressed about vandalism to beach huts and unauthorised barbecues being held on the beach. It was suggested that one way of resolving the problem might be to install a gate and lock the Cliff Field car park over night. This proposal would be put forward for discussion to the Trustees and Car Parks Committee.

The Environment Agency had replied to the concerns regarding sea defences. They stated that maintenance to flood walls and defence banks was ongoing and that the shingle bank was reprofiled as material was available and where there was a flood defence need. The Environment Agency had also informed the council that they were producing flood defence strategies for the Deben, Alde-Ore and Blyth Estuaries and were requesting information, views and comments on any changes noted. Mr Kett and Mr Webb agreed to produce maps and photographs showing areas of flooding and changes in the Blyth Estuary.

Mr Kett informed the Council that a seat donated to the village by Miss Bally had been renovated and positioned by the Cattle Arch.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council

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Rebecca Usherwood, Clapham, London

**WALBERSWICK HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

The Show was held on Saturday, 18th July. The number of exhibits was slightly down on last year, but in spite of the difficult growing conditions earlier this year - too much rain, and not enough sun and warmth - there was a pleasing display of vegetables, fruit and flowers. There was, as always, abundant support for the culinary classes. The Committee was disappointed that there were no entries this year in the children's classes.

The winners of the Cups were:

- Winyard Cup (Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers) Mr. M. Bell
- Iris Blois Cup (Vegetables, Fruit & Flowers) Mrs. J. Whittenbury
- Flower Bowl (Flower Arrangements) Mrs. C. Reeves
- G. C. Gold Cup ( Culinary Classes) Mrs. R. Bassett.

Congratulations to them, and to all the other prize winners of individual classes.

The lavish display of plants provided by Early Dawn Nurseries attracted a great deal of interest and favourable comment.

The Committee would like to thank all the exhibitors who worked so hard to produce entries for the Show, and also everyone who attended. Your support is much appreciated.

Sheila Diverall (Secretary)

**WHAT'S ON**

- LINE DANCING - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.15 in the Village Hall.
- WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe. Cost £1. All Welcome
- 7 September - Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall Annexe. 7.30pm
- 9 September - WI Meeting Village Hall 2.30. "Travelling with an Orchestra"
- 12 September - Sponsored Cycle Ride
- 16 September - Bowls, Village Hall . 7.30pm
- 26 September - Harvest Supper Village Hall 7.00pm

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## SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Despite a gloomy forecast, September 12th dawned bright and sunny but our gallant cyclists were drenched by heavy rain in the afternoon. However, the sun cheered them again later! Sixty-four cyclists, including Peter Clement one of our team clergy, signed in at St Andrew's where they were welcomed with various refreshments. Grateful thanks and admiration once again go to the following eleven cyclists from Walberswick:- Grahame Godsmark, Mary King, Julia Josephs, Elizabeth Marlow, Tony Rees, Dione and David Shirreff, Wendy and Chris Sinclair, Don Thompson and Pat Wythe. Julia was also cycling *in absentia* for Maurice Godbold. Thanks too, of course, to their generous sponsors and sitters in the church porch. Results will be known later. Ruth Bassett

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## UNITED MISSIONARY COUNCIL BAZAAR

Walberswick United Missionary Council Annual Bazaar will be held in the village hall on October 10th starting at 2pm. Proceeds will be divided between Vellore Hospital in South India and Crisis at Christmas. Help on the day and gifts will be very welcome.

Wendy Sinclair 723863

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We are about to publish this book, consisting of the personal stories of 85 people in Walberswick and Blythburgh, civilians or members of the Forces, covering most campaigns.

We have received substantial sponsorship from Walberswick Parish Council, the Walberswick Common Lands Charity and the Scarfe Charitable Trust, and many of our contributors have subscribed towards the cost of publication.

We are seeking financial assistance and if you feel inclined to help please send a donation to either of the signatories at the addresses given below. Cheques should be made payable to RBL W&B Book Account. A donation of £50 will qualify the donor to receive a free copy of the book and to have his or her name listed in the book among the subscribers.

We hope the book will be published on 3 December and will sell at £12.95. All profits will go to the Walberswick and Blythburgh branch of the Royal British Legion for local welfare purposes. We hope that order forms and a display of photographs will be available at the RBL coffee morning on 7 November.

Please help if you can. This will be a good book and this is a good cause. Copies can be ordered from Arthur Sharman.

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## THE VILLAGE FETE

Our thanks are due to Robin and Annie Wardle and their willing helpers (some of whom came from outside the village) for their outstanding result achieved this year, an all-time record of almost £3500. The church and the village hall will, as usual, divide the proceeds equally. The weather, after a doubtful start, was kind; the gifts, both new and almost new were generously donated, and there was plenty of activity for all. I shall never forget the sight of small children crowding round Robin to receive their lollipops arising from their tug-of-war efforts. Financial results are good in themselves, but equally important is the community spirit engendered by events like these, and it was grand to see the whole village involved and clearly enjoying themselves.

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## ARE YOU CAR-LESS?

**If you don't have a car, how do you get to Halesworth or Southwold?**

One of the suggestions for the use of the profits from the car parks last year was that we contribute towards the costs of a regular mini-bus service to nearby towns - for dental appointments, eye-tests, shopping, visiting friends, the hairdresser etc etc. We need to know how much support there would be for such a service and whether there are any other places you would like to be able to get to regularly. If you think the idea is worth pursuing, please contact a Trustee, a Parish Councillor or Jayne Tibbles (724448).

Barbara Priestman

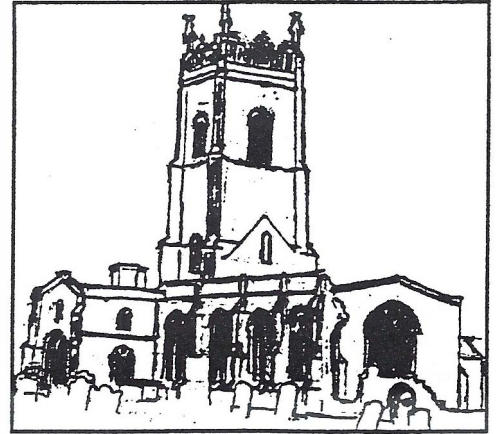
## SAVE THE CHILDREN

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 11 Sunday Trinity 18 09.30 Said Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor  
 18.00 Songs of Praise Revd Barry Naylor  
 18 Sunday St Luke 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Canon John Matthews  
 25 Sunday Last after Trinity  
 09.30 Choral Matins Revd Ian Robinson  
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00  
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00  
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**Note: All Sunday morning services now at 9.30am**



**LETTER FROM THE TEAM VICAR**

The Prayer of St. Francis whose feast day is October 4th, is well known and well loved. It contains the lines

Lord grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console  
 to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

I always find those words a challenge, but we are called as the Church to care for one another. St. Paul says in Galatians 6.v2

Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The Bible commentator the Rev. Dr. John Stott says of this verse:-

'Notice the assumption which lies behind this command, namely that we all have burdens and that God does not mean us to carry them alone. Some people try to. They think it is a sign of fortitude not to bother other people with their burdens. Such fortitude is certainly brave. But it is more stoical than Christian.' (The Bible speaks Today). Dr. Stott goes on to say that while we also rely on God as the divine burden bearer ('Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you' - Psalm 55.22), one of the ways God bears these burdens of ours - worries, temptations, doubts, sorrow, ill health - is through human friendship. Throughout the Sole Bay Team there are many who are good at sharing the burdens of others, just as there are many with heavy burdens to bear. I want to develop that sort of care, burden bearing and sharing in the Sole Bay Team not just for Church members but for the Communities in which we live and worship. I am therefore looking for those who could be recognized in their Churches as Team Visitors (they are probably doing it already) and who would receive some training. This would enable them to visit the bereaved, the sick, lonely and housebound as well as those with other cares, with loving sensitivity and an ability to listen. So I invite anyone with a heart for caring for others (or if you know of someone who would be suitable) to contact me. I have already asked the Team's Churchwardens to think of those they know.

In the meantime may we all be challenged to be 'Channels of God's Peace'.

With all good wishes

Jane Wilson

**FAVOURITE HYMNS**

Come and join in some friendly singing on October 11th at 6 o'clock. Favourites, such as 'Eternal Father, strong to save' and 'The Lord's my Shepherd' are just two of the popular hymns offered. There is still time to send us a much loved hymn with a reason, if possible, for your choice.

Julia Josephs 722828

**PEGGY BRASTED**

Peggy has now taken up her new residence in Reydon. She would be embarrassed were I to say too much about her time with us in the village, but many will remember her long years of service singing in the church choir, others will know more of her many other activities.

When we were struggling to raise funds to re-roof the church, Peggy and her husband Gerald organised a wonderful pianoforte concert in Blythburgh church; a concert grand piano was brought in for the occasion, and I remember the professional pianist paying tribute to the organising and saying how much better the instrument had been than some of the pianofortes on which he had been called upon to perform.

We shall miss Peggy at many of our services, but I feel she will turn up on occasion. Meanwhile, we wish her every happiness in her new home. Take her up on her invitation to call upon her; she really means what she says in her letter.

Bob Trevelyan-Churchwarden

**PARISH REGISTERS**

September 3rd

Funeral and Requiem Eucharist

Revd Francis David Claude Powell late of Tring Herts and brother of Claudine Powell.

David was approaching his 89th birthday September 5th.

Wedding of Olivia Denny of this parish to Steven Lerpiniere of Bracknell Berks.

**DEANERY TRAINING EVENTS**

There will be a programme of training events in the Deanery over the next few months. The first is a one-off event to help those who prepare the church for worship called 'Preparing for the Eucharist'. This is on Weds 11th November in St Margaret's Reydon at 2pm and St Mary's Halesworth at 7.30pm. Details of 'Exploring our Faith' Course in the next Newsletter.

Peter Clement

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**CHURCH LIGHTING**

I read in the Village News of the proposal to construct a wrought iron archway over the church gate to support a light to illuminate the pathway. Is this idea ill-conceived and inappropriate? Some may see it as visually intrusive and feel that it will destroy the view of the ancient church and towering ruins. It could also be said that it may be dangerous - dazzling drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike. The light could also prove a target for vandals and be a source of 'light pollution'. Would low level path lighting provide illumination to the church entrance without most of the drawbacks outlined above - and at less cost? David Webb

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**CHURCH BUILDING**

At long last we are about to start work on the Tower parapet; the pointing around the top courses and the pinnacles needs renewing; even so, we are only authorised to erect the scaffold at this stage, and Heritage will need to agree the remedial work thereafter. We also have to spray the tower walls and some of the walls in the ruins to kill off weed infestation which, if allowed to grow, will eventually damage the flints. Whilst the scaffold is in position, we will be removing some of the louvres to the bell chamber of the tower in order to gain access to that chamber, and clear out the bird guano which is inches deep and will become a health hazard; repairs to the louvres is necessary in places, and the inside surfaces will then be covered in stainless steel expanded metal, to stop any future fouling by birds. Some windows in the tower will also be replaced, and I hope parents will restrain their children firing conkers and other missiles at the glass in the future, since it is very expensive to repair. I am awaiting final authority from the diocese to erect the outside light to the churchyard gate, and I am chasing the contractor to come and fit the loop system in the church. Both of these improvements, you will recall, were kindly donated from the car park venture.

Bob Trevelyan, Churchwarden.

**A DEPARTING FRIEND**

Mark Twain, nineteenth century American writer whose real name was Samuel Clemens, read in a paper the notice of his death. He said 'The newspaper announcement of my death is somewhat exaggerated.'

Going around Walberswick is the news that I, J. Johnson, am moving to California and that I am getting married. This is exaggerated. While it is true that Lilliput, my home, is being sold, my destination is Florida. Further, no matrimony is in sight. Not much is certain except uncertainty. My first connection with Walberswick was in 1944 when from Brome, near Eye and Diss, the young lady who was to be my wife for forty-seven years, cycled here.

We visited Walberswick occasionally and as fate had it, we became permanent residents about twenty years ago. I felt so much at home here in Walberswick that I said 'I shall never leave.' The lovely walks, the beach, the people the village, even the weather all offered an irresistible charm. These twenty years have been the best of my life.

Several have asked 'Have you lived here all your life?' my reply 'Not yet.'

'Nothing is certain except uncertainty.'

Jim Johnson

**THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY**

Our new season got off to a fine start on 4th September when Mr David Wilkinson of HLP Consultants Ltd. gave us a practical demonstration and plenty of advice on 'Building Computers'. This subject excited a great deal of interest and a lengthy session of questions had finally to be curtailed to allow time for our customary closing drink. Owing to unforeseen difficulties our visit to Orwell High School Felixstowe has been cancelled and our meeting on 2nd October will be a talk on 'Computing in Aerospace, 1950 and today' given by Professor John Allen, who has kindly stepped in at short notice. This meeting will be at 'Primrose Cottage' at 7pm.

Please phone John Allen on 01502-478509, or Denis Rolfe on 01502-711972, for further details of the Society or if you require further guidance to the meeting place.

D.H.Rolfe

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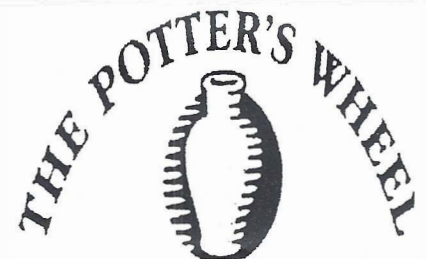
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**WALBERSWICK WI**

Fuchsia. A genius of about 100 species of hardy and semi-hardy deciduous or evergreen trees and shrubs grown for their flowers. But "Why Fuchsias?" Our speaker on the 14th October, Mr N Utting, will elaborate on that statement, and maybe encourage us to grow more of these unusual varieties of this long flowering plant. Gardeners be ready with your questions.

At last month's meeting, Meryl Docker spoke to us about her life as a viola player in many different orchestras and gave us some hilarious anecdotes on the different conductors she had played under. She made her modern instrument (referred to as Laurence) sound deep and sonorous with her playing of 'The Londonderry Air'.

Anne Beckham

**PEGGY BRASTED**

After 26 wonderfully happy years in lovely, friendly Walberswick, I'm sad to be leaving. I moved on 12th September, and I hope my friends will visit me in Reydon.  
Peggy Brasted

**DRY GARDENING**

The Wenhaston Gardeners Club is hosting an illustrated talk by Mr Mark Rumary (ex Notcutts) 'Planning for the Dry Garden' on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm. Venue: the Church Room in Wenhaston, cost £1.00 at the door.

Brian Payne

**NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Suffolk County Council had reported that a Public Enquiry had been arranged for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Walberswick Village Hall from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm to consider Suffolk County Council (Blyth District definitive map and statement) Parish of Walberswick - RUPPS 21, 28, 29 & 50) Reclassification Order 1995. SCC is recommending that for RUPP 50 (Short Lane) no Traffic Regulation Order be made and that the route is monitored over a period of eighteen months to assess the extent of vehicular use and to estimate the effect of usage on the surface. SCC is recommending that RUPPS 28 & 29 (Deadman's Covert) are reclassified as Bridleways and that the first section of RUPP 21 (Stocks Lane to Lampland Marshes) is reclassified as a bridleway and that the second section (Lampland Marshes to Point Marsh) is reclassified as a footpath. SCC Environment and Transport Department had also requested consultation from the Parish Council to consider further parking restrictions, including waiting restrictions along The Street out of the village to allow safer parking for churchgoers and also in Manor Close to avoid accesses being blocked by parked vehicles. The Council had no objections to the restrictions in Manor Close but were concerned about the time limit imposed outside the Church. The Clerk would make further investigations. The Council were also in favour of restricted waiting in the areas of the Tuck Shop and Potter's Wheel Restaurant. Next meeting 5 October Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.. Vivien Hunt

**WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY - CAN WE HELP?**

The Trust exists to benefit the people of Walberswick. The Trustees manage land and property so that the income they produce can be distributed to those who need it. It is our duty to ensure that everybody who has difficulty making ends meet, whether in the long- or short-term, is offered appropriate assistance and support.

The Trust already makes contributions towards telephone bills, TV licences and travelling expenses and supports people in a number of other ways. The success of the car parks last year has meant that additional money is available and we are, therefore, in a position to consider making contributions towards a wider range of expenses. Help could be given, for example, towards meeting the costs of the following:

Regular gardening services such as lawn-mowing and hedge cutting, fuel bills or window cleaning;

Unexpected one-off expenses such as replacement cookers or washing machines, carpeting, chairs, re-decorating costs and house repairs, or large vets' bills;

In sudden emergencies, such as a leaking roof, the Trust could give or lend money so that the problem could be solved immediately.

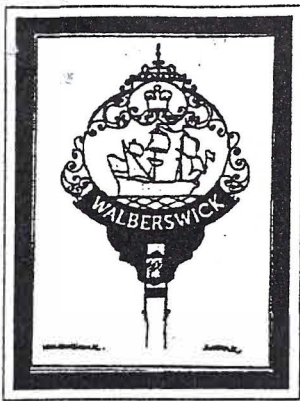
Anybody who is in need of this type of assistance, or who knows of somebody else who is, should contact one of the Trustees (Mary Bell, Nigel Hunt, Rae Leighton, John Matthews, Barry Naylor, Barbara Priestman, Richard Scott) or the Clerk (Jayne Tibbles). Two of the Trustees will then arrange a visit to discuss the ways in which help can be given. The matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Barbara Priestman

**WHAT'S ON**  
 LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday 7.15 in the Village Hall.  
 WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe. Cost £1.All Welcome  
 BOWLS - Every Wednesday. Village Hall.7.30pm.  
 October 5 - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe. 7.30pm  
 October 10 - Missionary Bazaar. Village Hall 2pm.  
 October 11 - Songs of Praise. St Andrews Church 6pm.  
 October 14 - WI Meeting Village Hall 2.30. 'Why Fuchsias?'  
 October 24 - Save the Children, Winter Bazaar. Village Hall 10am-12 noon.  
 November 10 - 'Dry Gardening'. Church Room Wenhaston 7.30pm.

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### YOUR COMMON NEEDS YOU!

The volunteer working parties are essential to the continuing conservation of the Suffolk Sandlings (of which Walberswick Common is a part) comprising a narrow belt of glacial sands and gravels extending from Lowestoft to Ipswich. This heathland evolved through centuries of intensive grazing on impoverished dry acid soils cleared of tree cover by man. When old heather plants die they are normally replaced by vigorous young heather regrowth - a cycle which takes many years. Heather becomes vulnerable to infestation before it can regenerate where there is free birch, pine, bracken and high gorse. It is critical to control the spread of these plants.

Heathland provides a wide range of wildlife habitats, and people value the typical heathland view of purple heather and yellow gorse. We are fortunate in Walberswick in that the Common is held in trust by the Common Lands Charity who pass on their grant from the Countryside Stewardship Scheme to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to provide the management of the Common under the umbrella of the Sandlings Group.

The Heritage Lottery Fund Council has awarded a grant of up to £530,000 to be spent on the Sandling heaths over the next five years. To release this money Suffolk Wildlife has to find matched funds, which can be in the form of working hours from charities and volunteers. We need more volunteers to work for two hours on a Thursday afternoon, starting on 12th November. Tools will be provided. Meet at Church Lane Car Park at 2.15, or phone me (723910) for more information.

R. Horsey, Hon. Warden..

### VILLAGE BONFIRE

As usual this will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a self financing non-charitable event and we rely heavily on voluntary donations and people's generosity. We would therefore appreciate donations from those who use the amenity for the disposal of garden and other refuse. Donations from others who wish to ensure a spectacular success on November 5<sup>th</sup> would be very greatly appreciated. Would you please place (burnable) items only on the site indicated by a post.

Robin Buncombe

### GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR

Do your Christmas shopping the easy way! Our Christmas Fair is at the Village Hall on Saturday November 28th from 10am to 4pm. You will find a large collection of toys, cards, ceramics, jewellery, clothes, craftwork, Christmas decorations, confectionery and cakes. Tea, coffee and light lunches will be available.

Patsy Murray


### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This year's Walberswick & Blythburgh Royal British Legion Summer Outing was something completely different. Unexplored military/naval installations in our area were hard to find, but there remained the Secret Bunker, near Harwich. Not a nick-name of a pub, but no-longer-secret HQ of East Anglia's anti-nuclear defence.

Cheerful weather, fortunately, and a sense of drama dawned soon after Ipswich as we turned off the A12 towards the sea and descended through miles of increasingly narrow lanes. Eventually a small unofficial-looking notice on our right at the roadside announced 'Secret Bunker'. Soon a roomy car park changed the ambience and we climbed out and walked into the past. The place was clearly left as last used - an unimportant looking small brick structure with a door marked 'Way In'. A narrow stone stairway plunged deep. We peered into dimly lit rooms - iron bedsteads - ranks of teleprinters 'voice-over' explaining it all - and eventually a comfortable little cinema for a film starting with a lingering shot of the Hiroshima bomb in full display. Its effect on millions of Japanese in seconds flat was stated as an opener. Then we saw the Operations Room in action - a large round table with the duty officers at work - listening, consulting, fingers ready on appropriate buttons - all in business suits, collar and tie...noise of aircraft...cool statistician commentators....How did it end? My mind shut down. We scattered, deeply companionably, to the various pubs of Parkeston Quay. I realised only afterwards that in the bunker we had neither seen nor heard a live human being except each other - until we reached the welcome coffee counter at the very end. The illusion was marvellously sustained, and very, very uncomfortable. The only subsequent comment I heard from a fellow-traveller was: 'They wouldn't have had a chance, would they?'

The exhibit pulled no punches.

Joan Galwey

**DON'T FORGET !!**  
**PUBLIC ENQUIRY INTO**  
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**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - NOVEMBER**

1 Sunday 'All Saints' 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson  
 8 Remembrance Sunday 10.45 Service at Blythburgh  
 8 18.00 Choral Evensong Revd Barry Naylor  
 15 Sunday 2 before Adv 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement  
 22 Sunday 1 before Adv 09.30 Choral Matins Revd Barry Naylor  
 29 Advent Sunday 09.30 Said Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor  
 29 18.00 Team Advent Praise at Wrentham  
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00  
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00  
 Sunday School meet in the Village Hall Annexe each Sunday at 10.00  
 with the exception of November 1st  
 Flower Arrangers  
 Mesdames Beckham Love Jackson

**FROM THE TEAM RECTOR**

November is that month in the Christian year when our thoughts turn especially to the dead. We begin the month with the great feast of All Saints. On this day we give thanks for the witness of the heroes of our faith down the ages and for the communion we have with them in the Church Triumphant. The Saints provide us with inspiration as we seek to live the Christian life, helping us realise that many of the problems we face today have been common to believers in every generation. As we prepare to enter the new Christian year on Advent Sunday - 29<sup>th</sup> November - perhaps we could make it a resolution to read one of the many books available today about one of these great figures or, even better, something that they themselves have written. We can only go forward in faith if we are firmly rooted in the past (but not stuck there!).

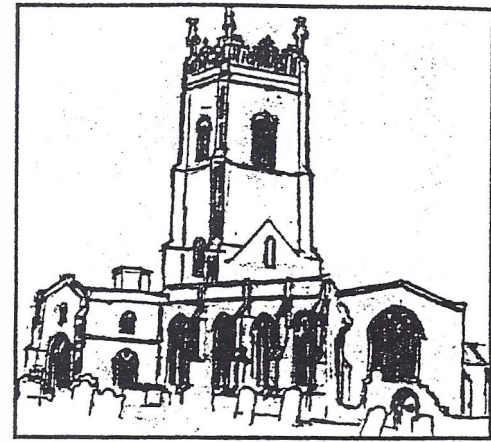
The 2<sup>nd</sup> November is All Souls Day, when we remember our own departed loved ones. There will be a Memorial and Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Wangford. This is intended primarily for those who have lost loved ones recently but anyone who wishes to remember someone who has departed this life is warmly invited to attend. Death is the one thing that is certain for each one of us and an important part of being a Christian is living our lives in preparation for the day when we will be called through that gateway. We should have no fear of death and it is important that this confidence should be expressed in Christian funeral services. A Christian funeral should also be a time to give thanks to God for the life of the deceased and to pray for those who mourn. It is also the occasion to say a temporary "farewell", though in no way denying the reality of death and the separation it does involve. To enable this to be done, and seen to be done, it is most fitting that the body of the deceased should be present at a Christian funeral as we say 'farewell' and commend the deceased to God's boundless love.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November we will celebrate Remembrance Sunday - when we recall all those who have lost their lives as a result of war and violence. We remember especially those who sacrificed their lives in the name of truth and justice and to free the world from oppression and injustice. One essential element of honouring these comrades, in truth and deed as well as in words, must be for each one of us to commit ourselves to work for justice and peace in God's world.

The following Sunday we are asked to remember all those who have died as a result of road traffic accidents and those who are still having to come to terms with the aftermath of such tragedies.

With every blessing,

Barry Naylor



**CECIL FOX**

We have lost a great friend and Priest in the passing of Cecil. Our thoughts and prayers are with Addie and her family. The Reverend John Murrell addressed a packed church at the funeral, and said that it would have been Cecil's wish not to dwell too long on his many achievements, and I must follow the same rule. Yet it would be churlish not to mention the tremendous support and help he gave to us during a long interregnum. On one occasion during this time, Cecil thought he should administer a mild rebuke on some shortcoming, and I remember thinking "Well, we asked for that." But the next Sunday, Cecil said he did not mean to be too severe and added "I must have had a rush of blood to the head." Such little things remind us of him.

Bob Trevelyan

**CONCERT FOR ST CECILIA'S DAY -**  
 November 22nd at 3.30.

Julie Winyard is to give a short recital in Church on this Sunday afternoon in aid of St Andrew's Millenium Fund. Neil Murray has also agreed to sing and the Church Choir will include some of their (and your!) favourite anthems. Julie is having lessons with the renowned soprano, Rae Woodland, who says that, in her opinion, Julie is now ready for her first recital. Please give her your support.

Julia Josephs

**DEANERY TRAINING EVENTS**

'Preparing for the Eucharist' is on Weds 11th November in St Margaret's Reydon at 2pm and St Mary's Halesworth at 7.30pm.

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David Shirreff 722387  
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**THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY**

In spite of a late programme change our meeting on 2nd October was well attended. Professor John Allen gave us a very interesting talk on 'Computing in Aerospace, 1950 to today', well illustrated by numerous colour slides. Professor Allen has been involved in aircraft design since 1941 and initially worked on the Spitfire. Later he joined Hawker Siddeley and designed 32 aircraft for them, including the very successful Hawk. Whereas his early work was done with log tables and a slide rule, powerful computers are now used, particularly to predict the aerodynamic properties of a pro-  
posed design.

Our next meeting will be held at Primrose Cottage on 6th November when Alan Montgomery of Integral Solutions Ltd will talk on 'Business Hunching NOT Data Crunching'. For further details of the Society or if you require further guidance to the meeting place, please phone John Allen on 01502-478509, or Denis Rolfe on 01502-711972.

**WALBERSWICK WI**

Bridge fiends, have you booked Wednesday 18th November in your diary? The WI Bridge Party takes place at 2pm in the Village Hall. During the interval a delicious tea will be served. Tickets, £5 each, can be obtained from Barbara Taylor 01502 723847. Money raised will be used to buy four much-needed, full-size bridge tables for the use of all card playing groups.

The next meeting on 11th November commences with our AGM. Present as our guest, will be VCO Enid Bazire who will ensure it all goes smoothly. Following on will be a 'home grown' entertainment. Members have been asked to bring along a favourite poem, some prose, a short story, music or song, but if you would rather not, just come and listen.

Mr Utting, our speaker in October, knew all there was to know about fuchsias. He demonstrated on some beautiful flowering plants how they should be pruned at the end of October, then advised us on the best way of keeping them free of mould and red rust during the winter months. Next summer there should be glorious displays of fuchsias in Walberswick!

Ann Beckham

**UNITED MISSIONARY COUNCIL BAZAAR**

This was held on October 10th - a pleasant afternoon which raised £680 for Vel-lore Hospital in South India and Crisis at Christmas. Many thanks to all who helped in any way; giving things to sell or raffle, donating money, helping on the stalls or spending on the day.

Wendy Sinclair

**FINAL WORD ON THIS YEAR'S SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE**

The total amount raised was £1170.00 - another magnificent result! Renewed thanks to cyclists and sponsors.

Ruth Bassett



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**CECIL FOX**

Addie Fox and family wish to thank all who attended Cecil's funeral, those who sent flowers, cards and letters and all who contributed to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Special thanks to the clergy, St Andrews P.C.C and the choir. Also the doctors, nurses and staff at York Road surgery and Southwold Hospital.

Addie Fox

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**NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The last meeting was held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. The official minutes of meetings are displayed on the council notice board at the Village Hall and in the church porch.

Planning permission had been granted by SCDC for the erection of a two-storey and single-storey extension at Long Roof, Leveretts Lane. Planning permission had also been given for the construction of front and rear dormer windows at Holly Cottage. Planning permission had been refused for the erection of a single-storey flat roof extension at The Anchorage in the Lea.

A report had been received from SCC regarding the waiting restrictions in the village. After much discussion the Council considered that it would be unnecessary to have any restrictions by the church and in Manor Close. However, the Council would like SCC to consider waiting controls by the Tuck Shop. Waiting restrictions by Potter's Wheel Restaurant had already been agreed.

It was agreed to keep the cost of hiring allotments at the same level as last year, i.e. £11.00 for a full allotment and £8.00 for a half allotment. There are still vacant allotments; please contact the Clerk (Tel: 723142) for information.

Sergeant Read reported that two beach huts had been broken into in July and that two minor burglaries had occurred in the village in August. He also informed the council that, due to a realignment of policing orders, Walberswick will come under Leiston after February 1<sup>st</sup> 1999.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council

**18<sup>TH</sup> CRABBING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The BCF state-of-the-art abacus has, since August 30<sup>th</sup>, been strenuously calculating data, event, timescale and the size of Ms Amelia Cleggett's laundry basket as a result of which I am pleased to announce the following:

Total Profit from the Championship: £1126.26.

With additions from fund resources, allocations have been made as follows:

To Romanian Child Action - the sum of £600

To Southwold's Splash 2000 Project - the sum of £500

These were the two main beneficiaries of the Championship. However, at a very late stage following a mega-disaster to a major teaching/learning aid, the Federation also agreed to allocate the sum of £100 to Walberswick Sunday School towards the cost of a new Flipchart/Easel and Demo Board

The prime purpose of staging the event is to give children of all ages a fun day out at modest cost. Any money raised for charities and good causes are an additional benefit. The magnificent sum for this year, added to the many thousands of pounds raised previously, means that in our own small way the world has benefited from the Championship's ongoing success and popularity. We recognise that the logistics of thousands of people descending on Walberswick for this one day a year does cause problems and we gain satisfaction from assisting the community in whatever small way we can. To many the contribution to a flipchart for the local Sunday School might seem meaningless - but to see the smiles on the children's faces when I made the formal presentation on 27<sup>th</sup> September does make it worthwhile.

We wish to thank unreservedly all those who have supported us by promoting the event, with sponsorship, with advertising, with donations and with their time. Above all we wish to thank the community of Walberswick for allowing us to stage the event.

Remember - August 1<sup>st</sup> 1999.

Robin Buncombe

**FROM THE EDITORS**

*We have had quite a number of people comment on ideas for the celebration of the Millenium in Walberswick and/or the production or purchase of a lasting memorial to the year 2000. This has included a Marquee on the beach and a shared smoked salmon and champagne breakfast! Also a photographic updating of the Walberswick scroll.*

*Do you have any ideas? Please let us know and we'll try and do a feature on this in the next issue if we get a good enough response.*

*Eds.*

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**CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN**

Our Mini-Market will be held on Saturday 5th December in the Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon. It is now 75 years since the Campaign was formed and we do hope that you will give us your continued support in this special year.

Margaret Adkinson

**WHAT'S ON**

LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday 7.15 in the Village Hall.

WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe. Cost £1. All Welcome

BOWLS - Every Wednesday. Village Hall. 7.30pm.

November 2 - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe. 7.30pm

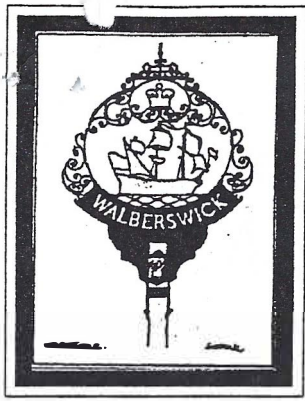
November 7 - British Legion Coffee Morning. Village Hall 10.00am

November 10 - 'Dry Gardening'. Church Room Wenhaston 7.30pm.

November 11 - W.I Annual General Meeting. Village Hall 2.30pm.

November 18 - W.I Bridge Party. Village Hall 2pm.

November 22 - Concert in the Church. 3.30pm.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

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## NEW BUS SERVICE TO HALESWORTH

The new mini-bus service to Halesworth, sponsored by Walberswick Common Lands Charity has started! As from the 25th November it goes on alternate Wednesday mornings to Halesworth (Wednesday is market day). The bus leaves from The Anchor at 9.30, picking up at Manor Close and the Church on the way out of the village. The bus will wait in Halesworth for about one hour. The December dates will be the ~~2nd~~<sup>21st</sup> and the ~~16th~~<sup>13th</sup>. For further enquiries phone 724448. Jayne Tibbles

## BOOK STALL

Thank you to everyone for giving and buying books. Because of the weather and my home troubles I have not raised as much as usual - but £162.40 helps towards the world's catastrophes. Wyn Riddell

## WALBERSWICK AND BLYTHBURGH PEOPLE DURING WORLD WAR II

This book will be published on Tuesday 8 December. As advertised in the November *Village News* there will be a launch in Walberswick Village Hall at 10 am with coffee and mince pies. Those who have ordered the book, or are entitled to a free copy, will be able to collect them and copies will also be on sale, price £12.95, to others who wish to buy it. Everyone welcome.

David Shirreff 722387  
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## ETHIOPIAN BAPTISM ON THE BEACH

Saturday evening, 31st October, an Irish woman phoned from London to discuss a bonfire and a booking for the village hall. "We are going to bring a coachload of Ethiopian street children over for the day. How far is it to the beach?" Sunday lunchtime and the phone rings again, "I'm here at the village hall." "I'll be with you in 10 minutes" At the village hall I meet two young women and an 8 month old baby, show them the crocks, get out some tables, then off to the beach and the bonfire site. "Marvellous!" They said. After about 15 minutes when they had collected themselves, they asked "have you any dinner plates, cutlery and various bits of kitchen equipment?" So, home to find Pat and get her into Anneka Rice mode, to sort out some bits and pieces. These duly acquired we both went back to the village hall where a party was beginning to take shape. We met up with Pam and Keith Webb and arranged to return later in the afternoon. 4.30, the coach arrived and spilled its bewildered cargo onto the car park. The New York priest who was going to perform the baptism had been collected from Norwich. The Ethiopian contingent, dressed in national costume, gathered their ceremonial blankets about them and followed the mother, baby, priest and godparents in the twilight to the beach. All of them were carrying white balloons and lighted candles in jars. We followed with the sounds of Ethiopian music ringing in our ears. To the amazement of people on the beach, who had never seen such goings on, we formed a circle just above the tideline with our candles in the sand in front of us and our balloons gently bobbing on that lazy wind that goes through you rather than round you. The nearly full moon was glowing gently, sending a broad shaft of moonlight over the quiet sea towards the small knot of people gathered on the beach. Songs were sung, prayers said and the baby was baptised Isaac Luke Bryan. He was baptised with sea water, to the sound of Ethiopian singing. Then all the balloons were released together and disappeared from view into the night sky. Wending our way back to the village hall, our visitors began to find their feet and enjoy themselves. As the meal was being prepared they really got going, singing, chanting, yodelling, dancing and hip-swaying, all to the beat of drums, fit enough to blow out the walls!

These twenty-five or so youngsters from 14-20 had been street children in Addis Ababa; they had been sponsored by The Glennie Trust, which is supported with aid from our government. The Irish lady had been with this group for 3 years. They have been invited to London and had appeared on Blue Peter on Monday 26th October. They were due to appear as guests at the Albert Hall on Monday 2nd November at a youth dance festival, but tonight they were celebrating! After the meal, christening cake and champagne, we all trooped over to the allotments for the bonfire, where we enjoyed more dancing amid the smoke and the flames. Walberswick had once again worked its own magic on the day - especially considering the bad weather on Saturday and Monday. Thanks are also due to Pat, Pam and Keith for all their help. PS I am sorry if some of you got smoked out but the wind changed!

Philip Kett

## THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

Luke Jeans' production company will very shortly be embarking on the video recording of our unique "Dioramic record of a Suffolk Village"; as its creator, John Doman Turner, described it in 1931.

There will be another showing of the scroll on Saturday 19th December at 11am in the Village Hall. Please let me know if you intend to come - if numbers exceed eight I will do a second showing at mid-day.

Richard Scott (722577)

## SAUNDERS PLUMBING AND HEATING

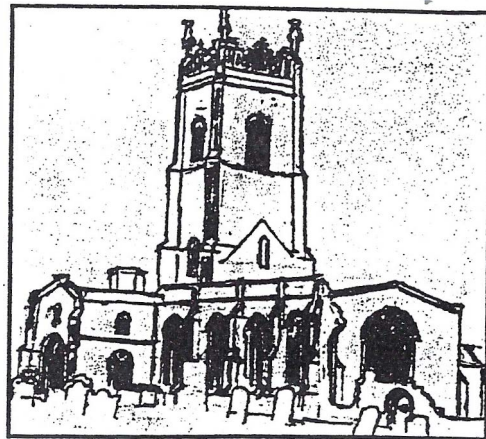
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6 Sunday Advent 2 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson  
 13 Sunday Advent 3 09.30 Said Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor  
 18.00 Choral Evensong Revd Barry Naylor  
 20 Sunday Advent 4 09.30 Said Eucharist Revd Peter Clement  
 15.30 Christmas Carol Service  
 24 Christmas Eve 23.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Canon J Matthews  
 25 Christmas Day 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor  
 27 Sunday Christmas 1 09.30 Choral Matins Revd Barry Naylor  
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00  
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00  
 Sunday School meet in the Village Hall Annexe on Sunday at 10.00  
 No School on December 20 and 27  
**FLOWER ARRANGERS**  
 Mesdames Jackson McClelland Reeves (British Legion)



**WALBERSWICK WI**

Our Christmas Party on Wednesday December 9, starting at 14.30, should not be missed! Our speaker is Mr B Abbott who will entertain us with his stories of "I'm a Toastmaster and I'm All Right!" A week later, on the 16th we are venturing further afield than usual to enjoy our Christmas Luncheon at The 152 at Aldeburgh.  
 At the AGM, Margot Godbold was re-elected as our President for the ensuing year. Pat Atherton and Merlyn Seaman agreed to come on to the Committee filling the places of Bubbles Love and Mary Stanyer who wished to retire after many years' excellent service. The AGM and business completed, the members entertained with a wide variety of enjoyable readings, poems, ghost stories and song.

Julia Josephs

**WELCOME TO ADVENT**

I want to start by saying a very big thank you to everyone who has made our "beginnings" here in The Sole Bay Team Ministry, so warm and welcoming. It has been a delightful start.  
 One of the many lessons I have learnt in my Christian life is that if you point people to Christ, you can't go far wrong.  
 Advent is traditionally the time when we look to Jesus' returning in glory as we prepare to celebrate God coming to earth 2000 years ago, in the form of a human, Jesus Christ.  
 Throughout Advent our aim should be to highlight Jesus' claim that he is the Light of the World.  
 Firstly, light gets rid of darkness wherever it is. Jesus comes to take away all kinds of darkness from peoples lives, illness, disability and sadness, and release them into a new kind of living. Above all, he deals with sin, which brings darkness into all our lives.  
 Secondly, light shows up what needs to be done. In the dark, we can't see the rubbish in our lives and we risk tripping over it. Jesus shows the things in our own lives we need to deal with.  
 Thirdly, light shows the way to go. Have you tried walking around in the dark, even in a room that is familiar? Only with the light can we walk confidently. Jesus invites us to walk with him in the light, trusting him to take us in the right direction.  
 May God bless you this Advent-tide and lead you to trust in Him for your light. With every blessing,  
 Leonard Payne. Team Vicar in the Sole Bay Team Ministry, living at Wrentham.

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**PARISH REGISTERS**

Funeral November 17th  
 Dudley Bond Love  
 aged 84 years

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Be certain not to miss the annual Christmas Carol Service on Sunday December 20 at 15.30. All your favourite hymns and carols sung with the augmented church choir. Barry Naylor has selected the readings and poems and will be with us for this wonderful service.

Julia Josephs

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 ★ **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** ★  
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**SAVE THE CHILDREN**

Thank you to everyone who supported  
our Coffee Morning on October 24th.  
We raised £580.

Thank you to those who made and  
bought cakes and to the gentleman who  
made and donated 75 delicious pies - we  
really appreciate the hard work and con-  
tributions. **Maureen Thompson**



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On behalf of the G.D.B.A I would like to thank most sincerely all those kind people  
who continue to bring their aluminum foil to me at 4 Moorside. **Beryl Stanley**

**THE COMMON LANDS CHARITY**

Riverside leases in revised form have proved  
satisfactory to foreshore lessees, but some  
queries remain from occupiers of riverside prop-  
erties. It was decided that sale of leases should  
be avoided if possible, but "premium payment  
with peppercorn rent" might be negotiated if  
requested. The Cliff Field/campsite boundary  
will be marked more permanently with concrete  
slabs, as previous attempts with wooden stakes  
have proved impermanent.

An ESA (environmentally sensitive area) grant  
has been applied for in respect of Town  
Marshes. The marshes need dyke clearance,  
re-fencing and a new gate. The 40% grant will  
greatly facilitate this work. The Parish Council's  
suggestion for a lockable gate at the entrance to  
Cliff Field was considered very carefully. While  
in principle desirable, some serious objections  
would need to be resolved first. Cliff Field  
ragwort clearance by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust  
has not been successful, and payment is being  
withheld until the job has been completed. Foot-  
path clearance on the common has been ne-  
glected by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and a  
complaint is being lodged with a higher author-  
ity than the unit responsible for the work. The  
trees adjacent to The Potter's Wheel are to be  
pruned for safety reasons. Some help from the  
Trust could be forthcoming if the grant applied  
for by the Parish Council for swings on the  
common does not materialise. **Richard Scott**

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Coffee Morning and Bazaar.**

The annual Coffee Morning and  
Bazaar in aid of the Earl Haig  
Poppy Appeal was held in the  
Village Hall on Saturday 7th  
November and the truly magnifi-  
cent sum, after all expenses, of  
£994.13 was raised.

We estimate that nearly half of  
the residents of the Village called  
in for coffee and it was good to  
see so many friends from Blyth-  
burgh and Southwold, Bramfield  
and Wenhaston. A truly commu-  
nity atmosphere existed around  
the stalls and at the coffee tables.  
The Branch sincerely thanks all  
those who gave of their time to  
organise and run the morning -  
we had over 30 volunteers.

Thanks to all those who so gen-  
erously contributed gifts, goods  
and produce to the very full  
stalls (the bottle tombola re-  
ceived over 90 bottles for prizes)  
and particularly to all those who  
troubled to come along and sup-  
port the event and in doing so  
spent so handsomely.

A magnificent spirit.

**Rae Leighton, Chairman**

**CHARLES RIDDELL 1910-1998**

Charlie was born in the City of London in 1910 and deeply proud of his cockney  
origins. He loved London; the city, its history, architecture and culture. He especially  
loved the theatre, music and his abundant passion was football - Spurs in particular.  
He felt one of his greatest achievements was to play football for The London  
Schoolboys' Football Team. Charlie reluctantly had to leave school at 14 to become  
apprenticed as a shopfitter. He was fiercely proud of his working class origins and  
became a Trade Union official for The Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers and  
Union of Construction and Allied Trades. His roots were embedded in socialist  
philosophy; he held deep beliefs in personal freedom. After moving to Walberswick in  
1978, he was invited to become Secretary to the Wildfowlers (a position which was  
extraordinary as he would never dream of killing anything) and was known to address  
the meeting as comrades! He loved animals, and in London would feed stray cats on  
building sites and always had carrots and sugar for the rag-and-bone man's horse. He  
was a committed family man, who loved to be at home in front of the fire, where he  
avidly followed the news. Charlie offered warm and generous hospitality to all friends  
and visitors and will be sadly missed by many in the village.

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**BLYTH VALLEY-  
COMPUTER SOCIETY**  
 At our meeting on 6th November we had a very interesting talk on Data Mining by Mr Alan Montgomery.  
 Our next meeting will be held at Primrose Cottage on Dec 4th, when Mr David Wilkinson will talk on 'The Millennium Bug - Is it a Bug or a Red Herring'. Phone 478509 or 711972 for further details.  
 Denis Rolfe

**ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION**  
 Thank you everybody in Walberswick who raised so much for Romanian Child Action from the Crabbing Competition this year. We are only sorry that we missed it. We remember the pleasure that crabbing gave the children from the orphanage in Romania when they visited England last year.  
 All the money will be used directly to benefit the children: either at the orphanage in Pascani, Romania; the Gulliver Unit for HIV positive children in Iasi; or the Spital Santa Maria paediatric hospital Oncology Ward, also in Iasi. Thank you again for your support for the children.  
 The charity is also appealing for old umbrellas and sewing machines - if you have any to donate please let Sue Ireland know at the Bell Inn Tel.723109.  
 Barbara Butler RGN.HV Director of Romanian Child Action.

**NEWS FROM MINSMERE**  
 October was one of the best month's bird-watching recorded on the reserve thanks to strong north-easterly winds during the first two weeks, ideal for bringing migrants across from Europe. Things started with an isabelline wheatear on the 4th -a new bird for the reserve-and a species whose nearest breeding location is in Greece and north-west Turkey! Literally hundreds of winter thrushes arrived on the 6th, together with 37 ring ouzels, the latter increasing to 85 + on the 7th with birds lingering to 11th. The 6th also produced 5 merlins, hoopoe, great grey shrike (2 were present on the 9th) and rough legged buzzard. Other supporting cast birds included firecrest on the 4th and 7th; Lapland bunting to the 9th; up to 10 each of shore-lark and snow bunting; the first hen harrier, Bewick swan and goldeneye of the winter; twite on the 9th (2) and 26th (3); red-necked grebe on the 16th; black red-start on the 16th and 17th; and late wood and curlew sandpipers! The month ended with spectacular early morning movements of woodpigeons, 9,240 on 29th and 10,155 on 30th.  
 Brian Payne

**WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS**  
 The Walberswick Car Parks Company completed its second year of operation on 30 September. The company played its part in the village visitor management scheme now in place and few problems in this respect occurred. The level of complaints has effectively been non-existent compared to last year. Operations ran extremely smoothly and although the weather throughout the summer was at best indifferent, the number using the car parks was only down by a thousand or so on last year. Many more motorists availed themselves of season tickets. Over the season the Company was able to provide employment to over 20 local people on full- and part-time bases and half of that number qualified for bonuses. Once again we believe our attendants have performed with impeccable courtesy and have shown cheerfulness and helpfulness in the most extreme weather conditions. Mr Alvin Hunt has been a very resourceful Manager and has been re-engaged for next season.  
 Mr Tony Khon is again being appointed as the Company auditor and the reports on the accounts will be available at the close of our financial year in early January. Pre-audit figures indicate that a net profit in the order of £12, 800 has been realised after payment of rent of £3, 500 to Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the owner of the car parks' land; and the Directors agreed that £1, 000 should be paid in bonuses to staff.  
 The extremely wet weather has seriously damaged areas of the car parks and it is obvious that considerable maintenance work will have to be carried out over the next few months. Consultation is in hand but it is unclear at this stage exactly what the cost will be; however, the Directors anticipate that a sum in the order of £8,000-£9,000 will be available to covenant to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity.  
 Rae Leighton, Chairman

**WHAT'S ON**  
**LIBRARY BUS** - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. Fri 4th and 18th.  
**BUSES** - *Lowestoft*, Weds and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings. *Halesworth*, Weds mornings. (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour)  
**LINE DANCING** - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall &.15pm  
**WHIST** - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe. Cost £1. All Welcome  
**BOWLS** - Every Wednesday.Village Hall.7.30pm.  
 December 4th - Computer Society Primrose Cottage 7pm.  
 December 5th - Cancer research Mini Market. Village Hall 10-12 noon.  
 December 7th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe. 7.30pm  
 December 8th - British Legion Book Launch Village Hall 10.00am  
 December 9th - W.I Christmas Party. Village Hall 2.30pm.  
 December 16th - W.I Christmas Lunch.Aldeburgh 12.30pm  
 December 21st - Carols around the tree on the Green 7pm. Mince pies and coffee in the Village Hall afterwards.

**THANKS**  
 I wish to thank all the village for its kindness and caring on the death of Charlie. He had been ill for a very long time, but there is a great emptiness now that he has gone. You have all helped tremendously with cards, flowers and even meals and I shall find it difficult to get back to normal.  
 Wyn Riddell

**WALBERSWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - The Co-ordinator is now Philip Kett.The Crimeline no.is 01986 835309