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BETTER SHOPPING

The name Jones is not an uncommon one, and with due deference to long-standing residents of that name, are we not fortunate that a new family thus named has arrived in our midst? Never has the Tuck Shop been better stocked, and the service provided more forthcoming and agreeable. At least one seasoned campaigner is to be found in operation - a welcome continuity with the past, and all without too much help from computers. Gill and Nick, you seem to have settled well, and I hope this is also reflected in a satisfactory bottom line.

I rejoice in seeing Katrina and Rebecca awaiting transport in the morning or returning from the knowledge factory just before tea awaits. May they also be happy, thrive, and enjoy the beach. Uncommon family Jones you have made this, your first year, better for all of us. Succeed and profit (not too much) - may the young ones flourish! We wish you well into your second, and I hope many succeeding years.

Ray Easterbrook.

NEW LOOP SYSTEM

A loop system similar to that in the village hall has now been installed in the Church for the benefit of those with hearing aids. All costs have kindly been provided by Walberswick Car Parks Ltd to whom the Church Council is very grateful. The Church Wardens welcome any comments.

Eric Bassett

WORK ON THE VILLAGE HALL

Work on the village hall will commence on 18th January and every effort will be made to cause the least inconvenience whilst work is in progress.

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HAPPY 1st ANNIVERSARY IN WALBERSWICK TO GILL AND NICK - FROM THE 'EARLY MORNING BRIGADE'.

Thank you for providing us with a village shop with well-stocked shelves of goods at affordable prices. Most of all, thank you for your helpfulness and the smiling faces of you and your staff. Long may you reign.

Jill Wittenbury

CAR PARK PROFITS

Despite the appalling weather, profits from the season's car parking will not be hugely different from last year's. Ideas from local residents are invited about local projects which may be aided or initiated. Please contact Jayne Tibbles at Lima Cottage with any proposals together with estimates of cost, before the end of January. A meeting of representatives from the Parish Council and Charity Trust will be held in February to discuss these proposals.

Richard Scott

MILLENNIUM CLOCK

It occurred to me that a clock on the church tower would be a very fitting memorial (from the car park funds perhaps). No doubt there are modern mechanisms for church clocks nowadays. It would be used by everyone. This may only be pie in the sky, but I thought I would air it!

Ruth Bassett

EARLY MUSIC IN WALBERSWICK

Philip Thorby, Head of Early Music at Trinity College, London, directs and plays. Capella Antiqua, East Anglia's own early music vocal group, performs a programme of Lassus, Gabrielli and contemporaries in Walberswick Church on Saturday January 30th at 3pm.. Discover Giaches de Wert and support St Andrew's! Tickets £5 from Patsy Murray, phone 722022

Patsy Murray

FROM THE EDITORS

Happy New Year ! One year to go to the big celebration of the New Millennium. Has anyone out there any more ideas as to what we could do to mark the event in Walberswick? So far we have had suggestions of the shared Champagne and smoked salmon breakfast at sunrise, a peel of bells for the church and a church clock. How feasible any of these will be isn't clear but at least they could all be shared by the whole village - full and part-time residents alike. Keep the ideas coming in and any feedback on the ideas so far.

We must reflect the sentiments of the two articles above regarding the Tuck Shop and the service offered by Gill and Nick and their staff. Many people have said to us 'Are you doing anything about the Tuck shop one year on?'. All have commented on what a good job they are doing for the village and how nice it is to see such pleasant smiling faces each time you go into the shop. It is also worth noting how willing they are to get new stock on the suggestion of customers. Thank you from many people in the Village and the Village News.

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CHURCH MATTERS

CHURCH EVENTS *Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192*

3 Sunday Epiphany 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson
 10 Sunday Epiphany 1 09.30 Said Eucharist Revd Canon John Matthews
 15.30 Epiphany Carols Revd Leonard Payne
 17 Sunday Epiphany 2 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
 24 Sunday Epiphany 3 09.30 Choral matins Revd Barry Naylor
 31 Sunday Candlemas 09.30 Family Eucharist with Reydon
 at *Blythburgh* Revd Barry Naylor
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
 with the exception of January 13th
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
 Sunday School is on holiday until Sunday January 17th
FLOWER ARRANGERS
 Mesdames Patterson McClelland Sinclair King (British Legion)



THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW

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 Revd Peter Clements 578468
 Revd Jane Wilson 722397
 Revd Leonard Payne 675208
Churchwardens
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Millennium News

A second open meeting to discuss ways of celebrating the millennium by all the local churches in the Sole Bay area was held on 4th November. Three aims emerged as the result of both meetings.

The first aim is to celebrate the 2000th birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2000 years of Christian history, and to make Christ known to those who do not know about him. The second is to leave some lasting memorial for the local community, and third to support a third world project. This aim echoes the 'Churches Together' theme of a new start for the world's poor.

It was also recognised that there were three strands to be woven together in order to present a united Christian whole: projects and events from individual churches; from Southwold and District Ecumenical Group; and from the Sole Bay Team Ministry. We want to blend these strands together to demonstrate our unity and diversity, to work together to make Christ known in our neighbourhood.

On 31st December, we will join with the nation in the lighting of a candle in every home, and in the pause for prayer and reflection just before midnight. We hope all the church bells will be rung at midday on 1st January. Then we hope there will be an Ecumenical Service and Procession on Sunday 2nd January, in Southwold. At Pentecost, we suggest a United Christian Procession around the whole of the Sole Bay area with short services at various points along the route.

As mentioned in November's magazines, each church is invited to contribute to a Pageant of 2000 years of Christian history, focussing on an event in its church's life. It is hoped the proceeds from this would go to support a project to provide goats for poor villagers in Uganda; it is under the management of Farm Africa. Other events could also contribute to this worthy cause.

Other suggestions were to have a millennium mug, a millennium magazine with contributions and information from all churches in the area. An illuminated Cross on the top of every church, to be lit throughout the year and thereafter on special occasions was another idea.

We would like events and activities to be organised for children, possibly an art competition, and we hope to have a major youth event in the summer.

Volunteers are needed to make these ideas happen. More ideas are needed. Do ring Jane Wilson on 01502 722397 if you would like to be involved.

JULIE'S CONCERT

Many people told me how much they had enjoyed Julie's concert on November 29th and one parishioner rang to say that she found it all pure delight! Because the concert was held a week later than originally planned, a quarter of the choir were unable to sing but eight ladies and one man sang valiantly and some £50 was donated to the Sunday School.

Julia Josephs

THANKS

Bubbles Love and family wish to thank all those who participated in and attended Dudley's funeral service. They are very touched and comforted by the cards and letters received and grateful for the generous contributions to Friends of Velore.

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I should like to thank the village for the tremendous support given to me and Jeremy over the recent tragedy in our family. I am surrounded by cards and flowers which are a great comfort to me.

Jill Walford

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

As a result of the wonderful support we received for the mini-market on the 15th December, we have been able to send £1,250 to the Campaign. I would like to thank everyone who turned out on such a cold and frosty morning and made the event such a success. Also the many people who sent food, goods and money. We are very grateful and my thanks go to all the generous people of Walberswick. We also sold £191 of Christmas cards, from which the Cancer Research Campaign received 40%.

With many thanks to everyone,

Margaret Adkinson

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WALBERSWICK WI

At our meeting on January 13th 1999 we welcome Southwold member, Mrs Eve King, who will be speaking about Tudor Miniatures. Mrs King has been a lecturer at the Courtauld Institute and recently gave a talk to members of NADFAS on one of the Impressionist Painters. She has the reputation of a fine speaker with a very clear voice!

Nobody missed the Christmas Party on December 9th and no wonder! The Village Hall was magnificently decorated for the Christmas festivities and each table enjoyed a charming posy with candle. Members from Middleton, Peasenhall and Westleton also joined us for the afternoon. Mr Basil Abbott, toastmaster and speaker, dressed up in his working clothes - red evening jacket, white stiff collar, bow tie, white gloves and, of course, his gavel. He entertained us with some very amusing anecdotes from many of the weddings at which he had officiated. The usual glorious tea was hugely enjoyed.

Julia Josephs

SUFFOLK MEMORIES

The launch of 'Suffolk Memories' packed Walberswick village hall on December 8th. Free coffee and mince pies, made and served by the British Legion members and friends, enhanced the upbeat atmosphere. Many relatives of war dead mentioned and often pictured in the book strove to attend. Stacks of this handsome book awaited them - advance subscriptions enabling the compilers to proceed clear of debt.

Pick up this book, with its gentle title and richly populated, colourful front cover. You will probably start by looking up names you know, quickly get hooked by one story or another and switch to numbers games - how many war fronts, oceans, countries? You are then plunged suddenly into personal dramas, ships, planes, hospital, WRVS and NAAFI front-line episodes. The stories far outnumber the 82 Walberswick and Blythburgh survivors interviewed. Some short, some long, all are brilliantly chosen and edited. A book was never intended, when at the 1990 Royal British Legion AGM in Walberswick every member present was given a small form on which (for branch records) to record the basic details of their war service, mainly to spare members the problems inaccuracies could cause. My husband, Geoff, already house-bound by a stroke suffered some years earlier responded immediately. Next morning he went straight to his desk and started writing, quickly filling 75 pages of foolscap. I found it wonderful stuff and suggested he carry on and tell all from RNC Dartmouth schooldays in the 20's to the pre-D-Day enemy beaches in 1944. That produced Geoff's Opus which raised some money for the Branch. Geoff would have loved David and Arthur's brilliantly conceived and executed record of so many other people's WWII. Major General J. B. Dye CBE MC DL, patron of the Walberswick and Blythburgh Branch of the Royal British Legion, writes in his preface "The two villages comprise some 400 families, a number which has not changed much. In the mere course of conversation over the years, with the reticence of our generation, I had little idea of their experiences during the Second World War. Consequently I have been amazed at the world-wide involvement of the members of these two small communities. Their stories cover every theatre of war, some battles almost forgotten, and remind us also of the conditions at home...the bravery and suffering of refugees and those under enemy occupation, the rigours and privations of war." Get it while you can! It will sell fast.

Joan Galwey

'Suffolk Memories - Stories of Walberswick and Blythburgh People during World War II'. Compiled by David Shirreff and Arthur Sharman, with 12 maps drawn by Chris Sinclair and Reggie Hyne and 50 photographs. Published by The Yard Press, Sudbury, Suffolk £12.95

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Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
And reiterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda and frequent addenda
And consider a load of Reports.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
And the points of procedure are fun!
But though various motions are brought up as motions,
There's terribly little gets done.

We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,
Since it's out of the question for us
To bring our committee to stop like this ditty,
Which ends with a full stop - like thus.

Author unknown

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

At our meeting on 4th December, David Wilkinson of HLP Consultants Ltd. spoke to the Society on the Millennium Bug-Is It a Bug or a Red Herring?. While the effects of this programming shortcoming could be serious to business and the community in general, every effort is being made to put things right before it strikes fully on 1st January 2000. Already we have heard of hospital supplies and foodstuffs being condemned because their labels quoted an expiry date in the year 2000 which has been falsely interpreted by a computer as 1900. While all the obvious sources of error are being tackled no one can be certain just how far the trouble may extend. Our next meeting will be held at Primrose Cottage on January 8th, when Debbie Lomberg of Coats Viyella will speak to us on Textile Design-from Computer to the Loom. For further details of the Society, or if you require guidance to the meeting place, please phone John Allen on 01502-478509, or Denis Rolfe on 01502-711972.

Denis Rolfe



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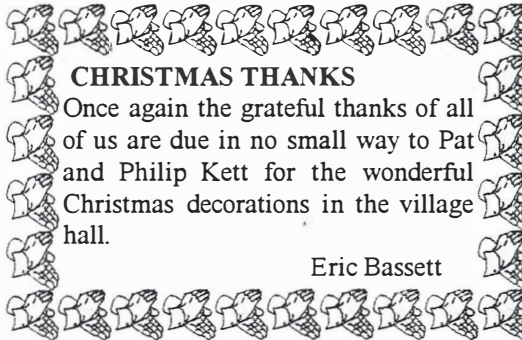
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CHRISTMAS THANKS

Once again the grateful thanks of all of us are due in no small way to Pat and Philip Kett for the wonderful Christmas decorations in the village hall.

Eric Bassett

MORE WALBERSWICK DOGS

My dog Gil was in love with the Sinclair's cat Grace. Gil visited Walberswick for summer, Christmas and Easter holidays in the 70s and 80s and as soon as he could after we arrived he would disappear. This would usually be followed by a 'phone call from Wendy, saying 'Gil is pacing round the house trying to get in!'. Even though there were fewer cars down Palmers Lane in those days I worried about him, so if I could not fetch him, a reluctant dog on a borrowed lead would be brought back by Philip from Church Field to Moorside. We never really knew why this attraction existed but we had the theory that they were both a similar colour, Grace a marmalade cat and Gil a ruby cavalier, both slim and small and they both met at the same age at an impressionable time in their early youth. Gil made the running being a passionate dog, but Grace was not averse to flirting and would roll on the ground in front of him and allow him to lick her ears until they turned inside out or, like Juliet, she would dangle a paw just within his reach from the climbing frame. They are both dead now of course but in spite of other flings on Gil's part these were transitory; his love for Grace was lifelong.

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Halesworth, alternate Weds mornings. (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour)

LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm

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

BOWLS - Every Wednesday.Village Hall.7.30pm.

January 4th - Bridge. Village Hall Annexe, 2.30pm and 18th January at Blinkers, Stocks Lane, 2.30pm.

January 8th - Computer Society

January 10th - Circle dancing, Village Hall 2.30-5pm.

January 30th - Early Music concert St Andrew's Church 3pm.

January 31st - Deadline for ideas submitted re local projects (see p1)



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MILLENNIUM PROBLEMS

Many of you may be aware of the so-called "Millennium Bug" which will/may affect computers and computer-controlled equipment. Reports of its effects vary from world-wide chaos to none whatsoever. Somewhere in between lies the truth.

I am closely involved in related contingency planning, and all the information I have is that the public utilities (water, electric, gas, telecom, etc.) believe that, individually, there will be no major problem but that a series of comparatively minor problems might collectively develop into a situation whereby the resources of emergency services are severely stretched.

Your Parish Council wishes to address such a situation and develop a plan to minimise any effect to the community or individual inhabitants should such a situation arise. I have therefore been asked to produce an agenda item for the Council's consideration. Before I can do so however I must identify with some urgency your areas of concern and obtain details of areas/groups/inhabitants that may, particularly, be at risk.

I would greatly appreciate your views as soon as possible. Please contact me at Belle Vue or on 722359.

Robin Buncombe

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WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Plans are well advanced for a one-day exhibition in the Village Hall of paintings, drawings and etchings depicting Walberswick (not necessarily ancient ones) which residents may have in their homes and might be prepared to lend for the event.

The date of the exhibition will be Sunday May 2nd and it will be open from 10-4pm (collection of work 4.30 -5pm). Assembly of the work will be on Saturday May 1st at 4pm and hanging will take place that evening. The group cannot undertake insurance, which is nowadays complicated and expensive for this type of event. So, a nautical style overnight watch will be mounted (rum and cocoa to the fore!) and the show will be fully stewarded throughout. For security reasons the identity of the lenders will not be revealed to the public.

A number of generous offers have already been made, but more are needed. If you have anything of interest which you would be prepared to lend please contact Chris Sinclair (723863), Mike Kelly (724447) or me on 722577.

Richard Scott

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY REPORT

Car Park Profits

A meeting has been arranged with representatives of the Parish Council during February to discuss suggestions for the allocation of 1998 car park profits. (Late entries, with cost breakdown, to Jayne Tibbles at Lima cottage ASAP please).

Common Management

Problems reported recently, with Suffolk Wildlife Trust's management of the Common were addressed and discussed. There is reason to hope that the situation has been resolved, but progress will be carefully monitored.

Problem with Shifting Sand

Environment Agency Representatives met members of the Trust and Parish Council following expressions of concern about shifting sands adjacent to East Point. Wire baskets filled with stone could be placed strategically but anything more fixed is considered unwise. The shingle movement will be kept under close observation. The EA also undertook to be more active in conveying high tide warnings.

New Print Room

Progress on the new Print Room was reviewed; it is satisfactory and details of its wheelchair access were discussed.

Riverside Leases

Leases for riverside properties were again discussed. The details are quite complicated, but a satisfactory solution now seems imminent.

Swings to Be Moved

The Trustees agreed to the Council's request to move the swings on the Common from their present location to a new position adjacent to the playing field.

Richard Scott

JOAN GALWEY

As we were preparing this month's edition we heard of the sad death of Joan Galwey, a regular contributor to the Village News. While sending our condolences to Catherine and Nick and the rest of her family we are thankful that Joan, a professional journalist for many years, was able to write for us as recently as last month's edition. We have lost a good friend and loyal supporter.

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7 Sunday 2 before Lent 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson
14 Sunday Sunday next before Lent
09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
18.00 Choral Evensong Revd Barry Naylor
17 Ash Wednesday 10.00 Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes Revd B Naylor
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LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

No sooner does it seem that Christmas is behind us than we find ourselves preparing for Lent. This season leads up to the greatest of all Christian celebrations, the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. A few weeks ago we were celebrating his birth in Bethlehem; it is his death and resurrection which puts Christmas in its truly Christian perspective. "God so loved the world that he gave His only Son"; he gave him to us born of Mary and he freely gave himself to us and for us on the Tree of Calvary. Lent is often thought of as a miserable time, but this should not be its dominant motif at all. During these few weeks we are preparing to celebrate the greatest expression of love the world has ever known; hardly something to be miserable about! These days enable us to look at our lives and undertake a kind of spiritual audit. Many of the questions we can ask ourselves apply to people who are not Christian believers as well as to those of us who are. Fasting and self-denial are partly about asking ourselves, "Do I control my body or does my body control me?" The same question seems to be asked by the current series of programmes on BBC "Fighting Fat, Fighting Fit". There is another spiritual side. Jesus saw fasting as an important adjunct to prayer. This shows that prayer is not just something affecting our minds, it affects our whole selves; mind, body and spirit. Self-denial also gives us an opportunity to save some money and we need to decide what to do with this. A typical Lenten resolution would be to ensure that this money was used for some charitable purpose. Lent is also a time for us to ask ourselves about the priorities in our lives. "What is most important to me?" For a Christian, our relationship with God should be at the top of our list. What do we do to nurture and develop this relationship? What state is our prayer life in? Do we truly avail ourselves of the means of grace God offers us? Do we spend time studying the Scriptures, reading about and discussing our faith and beliefs? Study has always been an essential element of keeping a good Lent. In the Halesworth Deanery we are beginning a course of study in the Christian Faith. This course will be entitled Exploring Our Faith. It will be a course in three parts. The first, (Experiencing Faith) will be held on five consecutive Thursdays, beginning 25th February at 7:30 pm at Bramfield Primary School. For further details of these see the notice in the Church. Have a good Lent! Why not begin by joining us at 10:00 on 17th February in St Andrew's Church for Ash Wednesday Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes?

Barry Naylor

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Andrew's Church Walberswick on Friday March 5th at 2.30pm.

The speaker will be Mrs Dorothy Miller.
Annabel Love

PARISH REGISTERS

December 18th
Funeral - William H P Coleman
December 23rd
Burial of Ashes - Dudley Love
13th January
Holy Matrimony - Christopher Gold to Joan Holling
21st December - Beryl Stanley - Service and cremation at Gorleston

ERNA KERSLAKE

St Andrew's Guild were very sad to hear of Erna's sudden death. Recently she had worked so hard, making cushions for the choir pews, and had done an excellent job. Her warm cheerfulness and willingness were always evident, and we shall miss her very much. We send our deepest sympathy to Stanley and all his family.

Pat Longyear

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for their wedding day on January 13th.
They were all very much appreciated.

Joan and Chris Gold

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You may have seen the collecting
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gether with the lucky hag stones to
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that Grahame and I might have missed
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Mary King

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When I first opened "Suffolk Memories" the words, pictures and stories exploded from every page like the eruption of a crystal dawn on a cold winter's day - each one a treasure to grasp, to nurture, to remember and to pass on to our children. Eyes are opened onto a vast panorama that envelops our friends, the people who live around us, and the village characters and families that we know to this day - and those that most regrettably are no longer with us.

For having the courage, commitment and endurance to put these memories together David and Arthur deserve our unreserved deepest gratitude. So too does each and every contributor - many of whom were, I know, very reluctant to speak publicly.

These memories, and now thankfully their recording for posterity, demonstrate the deep strength, resourcefulness and unsung courage of so many people who live amongst us, to all of whom we young'uns owe a debt of gratitude that cannot ever be adequately expressed in words.

Walberswick, its history and its future have undoubtedly benefited. We MUST remember them.

Robin Buncombe

WALBERSWICK WI

At our meeting this month, on 10th February, we have a welcome return visit from Paul Briscoe completing his story of a childhood in Germany in the '30s. This time he will be telling us his experiences on returning to England after the war. Those members who heard him speak before will vouch for a fascinating tale. Mrs Eve King's talk on Tudor Miniatures at our January meeting was most enjoyable. She enriched her talk with slides of enlarged photographs taken at the V and A of exquisite miniatures painted by Holbein, Hilliard and Isaac Oliver some five hundred years ago. Mrs King was proud of the fact that she had been given many of her photographs by Anthony Blunt - before he turned into the infamous spy! We particularly loved the ones of two sisters aged three and four painted in 1590. We also saw what beautifully painted enamelling was used for the back of these miniatures. In answer to a member's question we were informed that miniatures were very expensive, and at least ten times the cost of an ordinary painting.

We were pleased to learn that from the proceeds of the Bridge Drive last year, four tables and cloths had been donated to the Village Hall for general use.

Julia Josephs

DUDLEY LOVE

Dudley Love was the archetypal English gentleman, whether at home or abroad. Always impeccably dressed, I remember collecting him at 4am in the mini-bus we had hired to go to Heathrow; he was already wearing his Panama which he wore throughout the journey and into the jungles of India. He could be a stern disciplinarian and liked authority to be respected. At an Edwardian WATS evening, there was an unseemly event when a suffragette burst in demanding "Votes for Women". Whatever the rights and wrongs of the case, this was the sort of intrusion that Dudley could not stand, and he proclaimed his view forcefully. Donning the policeman's helmet which he happened to have handy, he marched the intruding lady off for a quick arrest. Beneath a gentle exterior there was a "no nonsense" inner core. Perhaps his greatest role was as Count Alfonso in Imbroglia Italiano. Odd, you may think, that such an English person could excel as an Italian, but he was, after all, playing the part of a Count, and the setting was Ischia. Dudley liked and enjoyed, the fine things in life and he shared his enjoyment of them generously with his friends at his home, with Bubbles ever at his side. This loveable man was a loyal and supportive colleague, meticulous and willing in all that he did; he will be enormously missed by all those who had the good fortune to know him. We send our deepest condolences to Bubbles and her devoted family.

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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 following applications subject to the developments being carried out according to the conditions set out by SCDC: a) The Anchorage, The Lea - Erection of single storey extension. b) Dunelm (formerly Densyl) - Insertion of lantern roof to provide first floor study, infilling of covered way to provide utility, pitched roof over garage and single storey front extension. c) Merrydown, Stocks Lane - Construction of new pitched roofs over existing flat roofs, erection of front and rear extensions, side entrance and carport.

The Clerk had written to the Highways Department expressing concern about the state of the B1387 in winter conditions. There had been at least 5 accidents on Friday 27th November and one of these included a school bus. The Parish Council requested that SCC should review their arrangements for salting the roads before a serious incident occurred. Subsequently, a reply has been received from SCC stating that they were unable to make the B1387 a 'Priority 1 Route' as it carries a winter load of less than 2,000 vehicles per day, which is the required minimum for precautionary salting. The Council, therefore, has asked SCC if it would place salt storage units at the two main problem bends.

It was unanimously resolved by the council that a precept of £6000.00 should be requested for the year 1999/2000.

A meeting had taken place with Mr Stan Jeavons from the Environment Agency and Mr Peter Marjoram, Flood Defence Engineer for Suffolk to discuss the protection of the banks of the Dunwich River from further erosion which is threatening the car park and access bridge.

Mr Kett reported that there were 3 full allotments or 7 half allotments available for hire. (Please contact the Clerk in the first instance Tel: 723142). Two requests have already been received.

A donation of £100.00 was given to the Parochial Church Council to help with the upkeep of the churchyard.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 8th February at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Parish Council

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE AND ROUND THE HOUSES

Two very enjoyable evenings; one spent carolling round the Christmas tree on the Green, followed by mince pies in the village hall, the other singing round the houses on Christmas Eve, resulted in collections of £70.54 and £75.90 respectively.

A cheque for the grand sum of £146.44 has been sent to the Children's Society.

Many thanks to those who sang, gave and provided refreshments.

Chris Sinclair

THANKS

Robert, Mary and John Stanley were deeply touched by the many letters and messages of condolence they received following the sudden death of Beryl and wish to thank all their friends in Walberswick for their support.

Robert Stanley

BANGERS AND MASH

May I, somewhat belatedly, thank everyone who helped raise about 350 quid from the 'Bangers and Mash' Evening at the Anchor on 27th November last year - Philip and Gloria (for very obvious reasons) and everyone who bought a ticket for what was a most enjoyable evening. I understand that, for a modest contribution to Branch funds, Tony Whitterbury will produce copies of his excellent photographs. For an even greater contribution (from myself included) he will destroy the negatives!

Robin Buncombe, Hon. Treasurer, Walberswick RNLI

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 BUSES - *Lowestoft*, Weds and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings.
Halesworth, alternate Weds mornings. (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour)
 LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
 WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe. Cost £1.
 BOWLS - Every Wednesday. Village Hall. 7.30pm.
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 February 7th - Circle Dancing. Village Hall 2.30-5pm
 February 8th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.
 February 10th W.I Paul Briscoe - Returning to England. 2.30 Village Hall

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Parish Council Elections take place on 6th May and all councillors are due for re-election. Parish Council meetings take place once a month and the matters dealt with include: planning, accounts, correspondence, problems experienced in the village etc. Very occasionally there are meetings with other bodies to attend for which travelling expenses are paid. If you feel you would like to become involved in making decisions on issues which affect the parish, then become a candidate in the Parish elections. Nomination papers, available from mid March, can be obtained from either the District Council or the Parish Clerk (Tel:723142). They must be returned to the District Council before 8th April. District Council elections also take place on 6th May and European elections on 10th June. If you are unable to get to the polling station, postal or proxy voting is available. Appropriate forms can also be obtained from the District Council.

Vivien Hunt Clerk to the Parish Council

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TUCK SHOP

Early in 1998 we were visited by an Environmental Health Officer who insisted on some immediate improvements which were duly implemented. He left giving us 12 months to formulate a comprehensive plan of action to bring the shop up to current standards. We have now completed this and are to receive a grant for about 40% of the cost in view of the extensive improvements needed. We had already intended to update some of the shelving and freezers, so we are to incorporate this work into the improvement. Listed below are brief details of the work to take place:

Electrical wiring - Much of our wiring does not meet today's safety standards. The wiring needs re-routing and some form of safety circuit breaker in order to protect customers and staff.

Meat slicer - Our meat slicer did not meet environmental health requirements and must be replaced. We currently have an approved slicer on loan, pending the grant.

Weighing scales - New legislation requires that we change to metric scales before the end of this year.

Air conditioning - This will allow us to keep the doors closed and external cooling fans off. This will cut down on the amount of dust and dirt that might fall on the fresh food and stock. It will also reduce the number of insects that might enter the shop, as well as reducing the build up of heat and so stopping the chocolate from melting. It will also dramatically improve the fresh fruit and vegetables, which can deteriorate within an hour in the summer. The dangers associated with our current mobile heaters which are used in the winter will be removed.

Side windows - These are of the old slatted design, which are impossible to shut securely, posing a security risk and contributing towards the dust and insects problem.

Food preparation area - We are required to line the ceiling in order to prevent any contaminants from falling on to food and also to keep the temperature down. We must also fit a hygienic board around the sink and food preparation area.

We are explaining this in the hope that you will be understanding whilst the work is undertaken. We feel we would like to keep you up to date since your support during the last year has been so greatly appreciated and has given us the reassurance that we need for investing in the improvements. Conditions will not be easy whilst the work is in progress, but we are pleased to be able to proceed with these improvements which are largely in the interest of our customers. We intend to keep you up to date as things progress.

Gill and Nick

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL

This year our village collection amounted to £651 and helped towards the cost of the remodelling and extension of the Southwold hospital, which was completed in January. There is now a 17 bed unit consisting of two 6 bed wards and 5 single rooms - three of which have en suite facilities. Security has been improved and disabled access provided. A central reception area has been created near the main entrance. The locality Manager, Suzanne Jones, said we now have a more user friendly building which meets all the standards required and goes a long way to secure the future of a greatly improved community hospital which can meet our needs much better. Very many thanks to all our collectors and subscribers.

Mary King, Local representative.

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CHURCH EVENTS *Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192* ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MARCH 1999

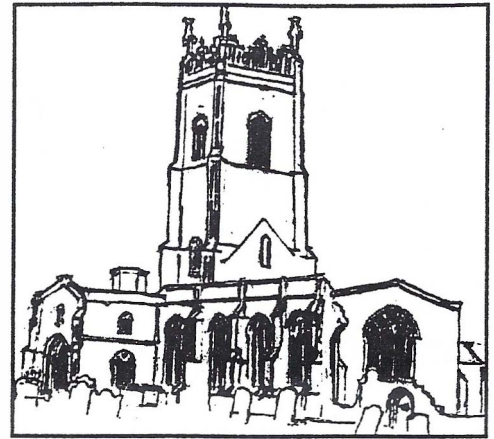
5 Friday	14.30	Women's World Day of Prayer
7 Sunday 3rd of Lent	09.30	Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson
14 Sunday Mothering Sunday (4th of Lent)		
	09.30	Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
	18.00	Choral Evensong Revd Barry Naylor
21 Sunday 5th of Lent	09.30	Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
28 Sunday Palm Sunday	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 meets in the Village Hall Annexe from 9.45 to 11.30		
No flowers during the season of Lent		

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

On 1st March, the feast of St David, the Sole Bay Team Ministry will be officially in existence. All these past months, since my licensing at Blythburgh on 24th May 1997, I have, technically, been priest-in-charge of a loose conglomeration of parishes stretching from Walberswick to Covehithe and Benacre. The establishment of the actual Team Ministry had to be agreed by the Privy Council; this happened at their February meeting and the Order in Council takes effect from 1st March. As well as being St David's day 1st March is well into Lent and I hope you are managing to keep a good Lent and that those resolutions have not already collapsed! If we have not managed to keep up to what we hoped to do we can always start again, pick up that book we intended to read, spend those extra minutes each day in prayer, come along to the Wednesday Eucharist, attend the Lent Lunch in the village hall, come to the stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings at the Church of The Holy Trinity, Bythburgh. Whatever our lenten resolutions were, even if we didn't bother to make any, these weeks leading up to Easter really do provide us with a good occasion to take stock of the spiritual side of our lives. This side is so sadly ignored by all too many today. An excellent book that I can highly recommend is *Anam Cara-Spiritual Wisdom from the Celtic World* by John O'Donohue (ISBN 0593042018). Published by Bantam Press. I have been using it for spiritual reflection over last few weeks and I have found it truly inspirational. O'Donohue concludes his book with a brief poem by R. S. Thomas, the words of which provide much ground for reflection as we approach Holy Week culminating in the feast of the Resurrection. What do they say to you?

I think that maybe
"I will be a little surer
of being a little nearer.
That's all. Eternity
is in the understanding
that that little is more than enough."
God bless you and your loved ones.

Barry Naylor Team Rector.



THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW

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<i>Team Vicars</i>	
Revd Peter Clement	578468
Revd Jane Wilson	722397
Revd Leonard Payne	675208
<i>Churchwardens</i>	
Bob Trevelyan	722478
Paddy Kelly	724447

MUSIC AT ST ANDREWS

We were most fortunate to be able to assemble twenty singers to lead the services over Christmas and Epiphany. "The choir sang beautifully" has been a constant comment from those most fortunate to hear them. We must not forget the Readers, also, who contributed so well to these services. This year we included some poetry; Ian Bruce-Jones read a stirring modern poem "This is True" by Allan Boesak and at the Epiphany service Peter Gordon-Potts recited Longfellow's "The Three Kings" which one parishioner said was 'especially remarkable'. As well as thanking all the Readers and the regular church choir, we are especially grateful to Ann Beckham, Elizabeth Crosse, Piers and Prue Ford-Crush, Judy Morton, Anne Paton and Alan and Sue Walpole. The Rev Leonard Payne made his first visit to Walberswick for the Epiphany carols and seems a real asset to the team. We liked his gentle humour!

Julia Josephs.

LENT LUNCHES 1999

Austerity lunches will be served on six consecutive Fridays during Lent, starting on February 19th, and will be held in the Village Hall from 12.30 to 1.30. We hope that as many people as possible will support St Andrew's Church Guild who have arranged the lunches. The proceeds will be given to The National Library for the Blind, braille books for blind children.

Ann Beckham

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Soprano, Maurice Ridge - pianist and
Graham Roberts - the spoken word.

To mark my and Jackie's 12th Wedding
Anniversary, I am sponsoring the above
recital at Blythburgh Church in aid of
the refurbishment of the Hopton Chapel,
(the small side chapel) so that it can be
used more comfortably for small and
winter services. Tickets are £5 each and
will be available from April from The
Tuck Shop at Walberswick, the Village
Stores at Blythburgh and the Crown Ho-
tel at Southwold, and also at the door of
the church. It would be lovely to see
you at this event.

Ian Bruce-Jones

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Next month's meeting is an Open Evening on March 11th at 7.30pm. Claire Horne from the seedsmen, Thompson & Morgan, will be giving us a talk about her work as the horticultural quality controller for the firm and what it means for all of us who are planting seeds at this time of the year. Claire has worked for over twelve years in commercial nurseries and oversees the testing and trialing of all current stock lines as well as all new and potential new seed and plant lines. Her talk will be illustrated with slides. We look forward to welcoming a wide audience. There will, of course, be the added inducement of light refreshments!

At the February meeting, Paul Briscoe gave us the promised talk on the second half of his life story to date. Paul was unable to leave Germany at the age of ten in 1939 and his story continued with him returning to England in '45, dressed in plus fours and bowler hat, speaking only German and having been a member of Hitler's Youth! He had a very sad time for many years in England with innumerable jobs before he qualified to be a teacher. Paul Briscoe happily married, is now retired but busier than ever helping to pay back to society for all the help that he has received. A delightful man full of charm and humour, and enormous courage!

Julia Josephs

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Coffee Morning-Bring and Buy. Saturday March 20th 10.30 at Driftwood. Church Lane
Walberswick.
Chris Sinclair

JOAN GALWEY

Those of us who knew Joan will never forget the great enthusiasm which was one of the hallmarks of her rich character. It spilled over into all that she did and fixed her interest in so many subjects - especially literature, art, drama and music. It also prompted her to share any fresh thoughts or new discoveries with her many friends, who became accustomed to her telephone calls at all hours. A born communicator, much of her early career was spent in journalism. Her talent as a wordsmith imparted verve and distinction to her writings and she was thrilled when she won a poetry award in a Suffolk writers' competition a few years ago. Her various enthusiasms meant that everyday aspects of life were sometimes temporarily forgotten; but she could be practical, too, when necessity demanded. Joan had a natural kindness and generosity, and I never heard her speak ill of anyone. Walberswick has lost a colourful and endearing character who will be much missed.

John Murrell

THE COMPUTER SOCIETY

At our last meeting Graham Whitehead of BT explained the benefits of video conferencing - the ability to hold a meeting of several people, widely separated, but each visible to the others via a TV link over the telephone network. There are economies in the time and expense of travel, and ecological savings from reduced vehicle use. Many other new facilities under development were mentioned. Our next meeting will be held at Primrose Cottage on Friday 5th March. After a brief Annual General Meeting Robert Deakin of Halcrow will speak on Shoreline Management by Computer. This will be of particular interest after the cliff erosion of recent weeks. For further details please phone John Allen on 01502-478509, or Denis Rolfe on 01502-711972.

Denis Rolfe

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The new swings on the common and the slide on the village green were now in place. The Council agreed to pay Playscape £4,423.88 (including VAT). A considerable proportion of the cost would be returned to the council via grants from the Common Lands Trust and SCDC.

The Suffolk Constabulary reported that from 1st February Walberswick would be covered by the Leiston Sector. The Sector Commander is Inspector Mike Shields who could be contacted on 01986 835390. The Council were delighted to welcome back WPC Elaine Fulton, who was in attendance, as the Parish Officer. She can be contacted at either Saxmundham Police Station on 01728 602017 or Leiston Police Station on 01728 835406.

Mr Tibbles reported that the sports pavilion had been vandalised and that the culprits were believed to have come from outside the village. The incident was noted by WPC Fulton. WPC Fulton also requested that the Council inform the constabulary asap if any events were planned for New Year's Eve as they were concerned about manpower at that time.

Ideas for the millennium had been forthcoming and were discussed. It was felt that it would be necessary to form a management committee to coordinate events during the millennium year. The Council agreed to see if funds could be raised to hold a residents' champagne breakfast on Cliff Field, at sunrise, on New Year's morning.

The Council agreed not to respond to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's request for support in their joint bid with RSPB to acquire Dingle Marshes.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Management Committee apologises to all Hall users for the inconvenience caused by the builders' work to the stage and connection to the annex. Every effort has been made to avoid undue disturbance and as a consequence the work will take longer than programmed. A document has been prepared discussing the priorities for various works to the Village Hall and as to whether funds should be made available from the Car Park Fund.

It has become apparent that when all the kitchen appliances are in use there is excess condensation, and a need for non-slip flooring - this is being urgently investigated. In the meantime users are urged to use the fan and ensure there is plenty of ventilation. When using the Hall it is essential to comply with the Fire Regulations which are on display and to guarantee that there is easy access to all fire doors. The area in front of the doors must not be obstructed. This area will be indicated by tape or paint in the near future. The Committee has agreed that the Hall will be kept free of bookings on 31st December 1999 and 1st January 2000 so that it is available for use by the village if required.

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MILLENNIUM

Ideas for events have been forwarded to the Parish Council. If anybody is interested in forming or joining a committee to coordinate events for the millennium year please contact Vivien Hunt, the Clerk to the Parish Council at St. Francis, Stocks Lane or telephone 723142.

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March 1st - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

March 11th W.I Open evening. Gardening with Thompson and Morgan. 7.30 Village Hall

14th March - St Andrew's Family Service. Mothering Sunday. 9.30am.

March 19th - Conservative AGM. Village Hall 7.30pm.



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VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED

A new volunteer driver is needed for the free bus to Halesworth on Wednesday mornings from the Village.

The bus will be unable to run until a new driver is found.

The bus needs picking up in Reydon between 8.45 and 9am and picks up in Walberswick at 9.30 for the trip to Halesworth. It is scheduled to return to Walberswick at 11.30 and then would need to be returned to Reydon for about 12 noon.

No special driving licence is required but a test drive with someone from Reydon Community Transport will be necessary.

Can you help?

Please contact Jayne Tibbles on 724448

FROM THE EDITORS

Thank you for all your contributions to the Village News which are greatly appreciated. Could we please make a plea that if you have a computer could you possibly send us your articles on disk (in Word format for Windows 95, Times New Roman 10) if possible. We know this is gobbledegook to those of you who aren't into computers but for those who do have one it cuts down the amount of typing in that we have to do. Alternatively you can send your contributions via e-mail which we can then download straight into the main body of the publication.

Keep sending ideas for the Millennium and we will keep printing them! Eds.

FOR THE MILLENNIUM

I have a suggestion for the millennium - for what it is worth! As I see it Walberswick lacks a Residential/Nursing home for the local folk who can no longer manage in their own homes. In this situation people often have to sell up and go to a strange environment or, better still for them perhaps, go and live with relatives.

Sometimes larger houses do come up in Walberswick for sale. Maybe someone from within the village, or outside it, with enterprise, knowledge and capital would be interested in setting up and running such a place?

In Purley, Surrey, where we live there are many such residential/nursing homes and one does not feel so isolated in one's own village. What about it? Edna Lange

Could such an enterprise mean more local jobs for the millennium too? Eds.

BOOK NEWS

'Adventures of a Language Traveller' John Haycraft's autobiography has been published posthumously. Vivid tales of a happy life of enterprise abroad and at home, beginning in India. Foreword by Anthony Sampson. Special price £15 p & p incl. from Constable Publishers, 3 The Lanchesters 162 Fuiham Palace Road London W6 9ER tel 0181 741 3663. John and Brita Haycraft have had a cottage behind The Green since 1966. Julia Josephs

VILLAGE DIARY

In our previous village in North Yorkshire, which wasn't nearly as 'busy' as Walberswick we had a 'Village Diary' which was held in the Post Office/Village Shop. All events were entered into it and this ensured that AGMs, meetings, socials and other dates did not clash with other events. As we move towards the millennium can I recommend to the Parish council and all other committees etc. that some form of central diary be kept? However this only works if everyone remembers to use it!

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WALBERSWICK ART EXHIBITION

For well over 100 years Walberswick has been a centre for visiting artists, many of international repute, and a home for a number of resident painters and sculptors. Indeed it could be said that had the Great Eastern Railway offered as convenient a service in the late 19th Century as the Great Western, the artists who settled in St Ives and Newlyn might have come here instead! Be that as it may, an exhibition of paintings, prints and drawings by past and present Walberswick artists will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday May 2nd from 10-4.30. Admission will be £1 by catalogue.

Mike Kelly

JOAN GALWEY

The committee of the Walberswick and Blythburgh Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all those residents of the two villages who extremely generously donated and contributed money in memory of Joan Galwey. The sum of £235.15 has been raised for the use of the Branch. We thank Nick and Catherine for their magnanimity in nominating the Royal British Legion as the beneficiary.

Joan was a member of both the Branch Committee and the Services Committee.

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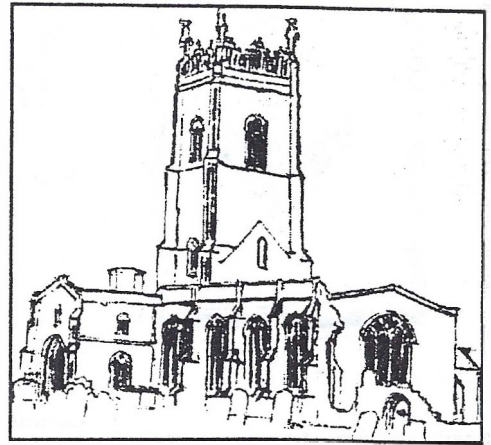
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - APRIL 1999

2 Good Friday 14.00 One Hour Meditation Canon John Matthews
 4 Easter Sunday 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne
 11 Sunday 2nd of Easter 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne
 18.00 Festal Evensong David Alderton
 18 Sunday 3rd of Easter 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
 25 Sunday 4th of Easter 09.30 Short Morning Prayer Revd Barry Naylor
 followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
 Sunday School meets in the Village Hall Annexe from 9.45 to 11.30
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LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Easter is the greatest of all Christian festivals because it celebrates the wonderful triumph of love over the forces of hatred, evil and death - a triumph which is the bedrock of our hope, our faith, our joy and our peace. If the events that we commemorate at this season did not happen then our whole faith is indeed in vain.
 The events of Holy Week and Easter are, of course, closely linked to those which we celebrate at Christmas - it is, after all, the same God at work. At his nativity we remember God's self-giving love manifested in his son being born, as one of us, of the Virgin Mary, and now we celebrate that same love which would not give up in the face of vicious execution.

As we seek to go about our business as Christians in the world it is vital that we should reflect resurrection values in our own lives - the triumph of love over hatred, of generosity over greed, of big-heartedness over small-mindedness, of inclusivity over exclusivity, of joy over sorrow, and, in the end, of life over death. This is a tall order and, all too often, we Christians do not make a very good job of it. We can only reflect resurrection living if we allow God to be the prime force moving in our lives and so we each need to ask ourselves daily to what extent our lives are truly Christ-centred and, thus, Christ-like.

This is our calling as Christians - to reflect the life of the risen Christ in the world of today. Of ourselves we cannot hope to do it, but with God's grace all things are truly possible. In the General Thanksgiving in the Book of Common Prayer we give thanks to God for "the means of grace" - let us ensure that we do not neglect these and, indeed, that we make good use of them. - the Scriptures, the Sacraments, the Fellowship of the Church, private prayer and that we may live lives committed to making real in our world today that love of God manifest in Mary's womb and also in the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ - our Brother and our Saviour.

With every blessing for a joyous Easter, Barry Naylor.

THE MILLENNIUM PAGEANT

It is planned to present a pageant of dramatic events over the past 2000yrs in this area under the auspices of our Churches - some 16 in all - in Blythburgh Church on the 6th, 7th and 8th of July 2000.

It is hoped that each church will dramatise a small piece of history - with as many local people involved as possible, performing and backstage. There will be a central team to help and guide throughout and a writer is poised to write the links. Please contact me for information on 01502 578711. We will be fundraising for this event. Please support us so we can raise money for the Millennium Charities. Sidi Scott

ANNUAL VESTRY & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These important meetings of our Village Church will take place in the Church on Sunday April 25th. There will be a short service of Matins at 09.30 after which coffee will be served, followed by the meeting immediately afterwards. Julia Josephs

FLOWERS FOR EASTER DAY

Flowers and greenery will be welcome at the Church early the day before, Saturday April 3rd. Donations towards Easter flowers should be sent to me at Dutch House. Mary King

EASTER CAROLS

Please make a note to attend Sunday's Festal Evensong on April 11th at 6 o'clock, for it will be a special service with many favourite Easter hymns, carols and anthems led by the augmented church choir. David Alderton, Reader in the Sole Bay Team, will preside. Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Forty-five women attended the service and the collection amounted to £83.75.

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CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

We shall be collecting in the boxes, which many of you have, for their annual emptying early in May. One of us will call, if required, to collect it from you.

Do you have a collection box at home for Charity? It is surprising how funds mount up by just putting in any coppers we have in our change or other small coins. If you would please consider having a box for the next twelve months please let me know. We also save used postage stamps.

Many thanks to all our regular contributors.

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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY - DISTRIBUTION OF CAR PARK PROFITS

Members of the Trust met representatives of the Parish council on the 25th February. This is a brief summary of the decisions reached: - Repairs to the Sports Pavilion, £3000; Village hall improvements, £2000; materials for wire cage reinforcements to Dunwich riverbanks, £2000; WCLC income distribution fund, £1500; Millennium Celebrations, £1500; Rewiring the church, £1000; Doctors' Car Rescue Service, £500; new noticeboard (weather protected) for Stocks Green, £500; Church Gate renovation, £300; Top up funds for minibus scheme until February 2000, £300; Christmas lights, £100; Repainting old 'Numerous Turnings' sign at village entrance, £100. A proposal for new scrapes to be dug on Old Town Marsh to encourage wildlife could be funded from £1321.62 not yet allocated. Richard Scott

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Primrose Cottage on 5th. March. The retiring Chairman Professor John Allen reported that the season had been very successful, including many memorable talks and that many useful suggestions for next season's programme had been received - also that the finances were on a sound footing. Martin Smith was elected as Chairman for the next year and the other existing committee members were re-elected.

Our President Ray Easterbrook thanked Professor Allen for the work he had done during his 3 years in Office and commented that during the 6 years of its existence the Society had gone from strength to strength. The meeting was then closed and the floor given to Robert Deakin of the Halcrow Group who spoke to us on the use of computers in shoreline management. Halcrow have carried out surveys of the East Anglian shoreline on behalf of Anglian Water and have a large database of geographic and geological observations taken over years from which they can analyse the causes of coastal erosion, suggest counter-measures, and predict future changes caused by the rising sea level on the East coast. This was the last meeting of our 1998/9 season and we shall reconvene in September to look further into the application of computing and its effects on society.

For further details of the Society Please phone John Allen on 01502-478509, or Denis Rolfe on 01502-711972.

MUSIC AT BLYTHBURGH

On Sunday 9th May at 3pm the music group Odyssey will be giving a recital of words and music at Blythburgh Church, entitled 'The Harmonious Songsmith', depicting the Life of G.F. Handel.

The performance is in aid of the refurbishment of the Hopton Chapel (the small side chapel) to make it more comfortable for small and winter services. Tickets at £5 each will be available in early April from the Tuck Shop at Walberswick (01502 723025), Blythburgh Post Office (01502 478234) and the Crown at Southwold (01502 722275) and also at the door on the day. Please support this worthwhile cause. Ian Bruce-Jones 724090

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - ANNUAL LECTURE AND SOCIAL EVENING

The Walberswick and Blythburgh Branch of the Royal British Legion is holding its Annual Lecture and Social Evening on Friday 23rd April in Walberswick Village Hall at 7.30pm. The lecture this year is to be given by Jamie Bruce-Lockhart who has lived in Walberswick for the last three years. He served in the Diplomatic service for some 25 years in a variety of overseas posts and will talk to us on the work of the British Embassy. This promises to be a most interesting and revealing lecture.

The talk will be followed by a buffet supper with wine and a raffle. This is a public meeting and everyone, irrespective of membership of the Royal British Legion, is invited. The price of tickets is £4 and they will be on sale at the Post Office at Blythburgh and Walberswick Tuck Shop. Early purchase of tickets is advised as the Village Hall has a limited capacity and this is expected to be a popular talk. Rae Leighton.

MINSMERE NEWS - FEBRUARY

The new West Hide is finished and opened to the public. On its opening day a little egret and a bittern fed close outside. Two firecrests have been seen regularly. A first winter glaucous gull visited Island Mere on the 3rd; and a second winter Iceland gull was on the levels on the 2nd, 4th and 5th. Mediterranean gulls showed regularly, first and second winter and adult birds all being recorded. A Cetti's warbler remained in the Island Mere; a common buzzard was seen on the 6th. Up to 500 white-fronted geese split into two flocks, some feeding on the levels and some flying inland. A little egret was seen throughout the month; two red head smew favoured the scrape near East Hide; and a Jack snipe showed well from East Hide on the 10th. A waxwing fed on hawthorn bushes near the North Wall on the 27th. Brian Payne

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THE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The last meeting was held on Monday 1st March. 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 front porch at Leveretts, The Street.

As a result of the terms of office of three Nominative Trustees to Walberswick Common Lands Charity coming to an end this year, one immediately and two in June, the Council agreed to follow previous procedures and advertise the vacancies. (Please see notice in this paper and on village hall and Stock's Green notice boards).

The Highways Department had informed the council that they would put in a drain in the ditch by the village hall. This would be scheduled for next year. It was also agreed to contact the Highways Department re flooding of the road at the bottom of Squires Hill.

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust had informed the Council that they were intending to hold a public meeting in the village hall to explain the partnership bid by RSPB and themselves for Dingle Marshes.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30pm in the annexe of the village hall.

Please note the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council

**At the meeting on 6th APRIL 1999
WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL
is required to appoint a Nominative Trustee to
fill an immediate vacancy.**
(Two further vacancies will occur in June)
 If anyone wishes to be considered by the Parish Council or wishes to put forward the name of someone else who is prepared to be considered, please inform the Clerk of the Parish Council in writing before the next meeting. You may wish to add, in a brief statement, why you feel the person nominated would be a suitable candidate.
NOTES:
 1. The Council may decide to exclude the press and public from the meeting during its deliberations on the matter.
 2. The Council may ask the person it wishes to appoint as a Trustee whether he or she would be prepared to attend Parish Council meetings so that he or she can report to the Trustees from the Council and to the Council from the Trustees on the bodies' respective views of matters of mutual concern or interest.
 3. Nominations for the vacancies occurring in June will be accepted and resolved at the meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 7th June 1999.
 Mrs V J Hunt, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council. 'St. Francis', Seven Acres Lane Walberswick, Southwold, IP18 6UL

WI - ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

We are back to our usual day and time for our next meeting on April 14th when the speaker will be Ms Marion Perks talking about the Architectural Heritage Fund. Ms Perks works for the fund and is based in London.

We had a packed village hall for the Open meeting last month when Claire Horne delighted us with her talk and magnificent slides of the plants they grow for their seeds at Thompson & Morgan of Ipswich. The firm also has a gift for naming flowers such as 'Ocean Pearl' agrostemma, 'Desert Sun' zinnia, 'Titanic' sunflower, 'Singing the Blues' and 'Purple Heart' violas. We have all promised ourselves a visit to their gardens during the Open Weekend - the first in August.
 Julia Josephs

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 LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
 WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
 BOWLS - Every Wednesday. Village Hall. 7.30pm.
 BRIDGE - April 5th and 19th . Village Hall Annexe, 2.30pm .
 April 6th TUESDAY Parish Council 7.30 Village Hall Annexe.
 April 11th - Circle Dancing. Village Hall 2.30-5pm For further details please contact 01502 725070
 April 14th - WI Village Hall 2.30pm
 April 22nd - Parish Council AGM. Village Hall 7.30pm.
 April 25th Annual Parochial Meeting in the Church after 9.30am service.
 April 29th Open Meeting Walberswick Conservatives. Discussion on the Euro - Village Hall 7.30pm

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There are 10 persons nominated for the election of Parish Councillors on Thursday 6th May for the Walberswick Parish. A list of the candidates can be found on the Village Hall and Stocks Green notice boards. There are seven vacancies for the Council. Please remember to vote on May 6th.

ART EXHIBITION

The Walberswick Local History Group take pleasure in presenting "Walberswick Portrayed" - an exhibition of paintings, prints and drawings, both past and present. The Exhibition is on Sunday May 2nd from 10am to 4.30pm. Admission £1.

Don Thompson

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ANNUAL BIRDSONG WALK

Walberswick Annual Birdsong walk will take place on Saturday 1st May. Meet as usual at Hoist Wood Car Park at 5.30am. The walk will be led by Tony Lancaster.

David Shirreff

DINGLE MARSHES

Derek Moore, a leading ornithologist and Director of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) for 14 years, gave an illustrated talk about the Dingle Marshes at a public meeting in the Village Hall on the 25th March. He outlined the reason why the RSPB and SWT had joined forces to purchase this 636 acre stretch of wetland between Walberswick and Dunwich. With representatives of English Nature and the RSPB he answered questions from residents and visitors.

Mr Moore described the wildlife of Dingle Marshes, which has been protected for many years under private ownership and adjoins Walberswick National Nature Reserve. They are home for a variety of rare species, including the endangered bittern, the marsh harrier, water vole and little known sea anemone. There are numerous breeding waders, like avocets, redshanks and lapwings. A £1 million appeal was launched in January to cover the costs of purchase and of setting up the reserve to secure its future. The target is within reach, with grants of £559,000 from the lottery fund and £50,000 from English Nature.

Local residents were greatly concerned that a major new attraction for visitors would be created, bringing yet more severe traffic congestion in summer. In reply the RSPB and SWT emphasised their desire to keep visitor levels low, while respecting and caring for public paths. The RSPB has no intention at all of making it a second Minsmere. The marshes would be maintained much as they are now, with special care for the rare species:

It is hoped that a draft outline management plan will be available by the end of April. It will be circulated to Parish Councils for comment. Individual's comments will also be welcomed by the Project Team, for whom the contacts are: Ian Hawkins, RSPB, at Minsmere (tel.01728 648281) and Alan Miller, SWT warden (tel.01728 748292).

Mervyn Bell

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY REMINDER

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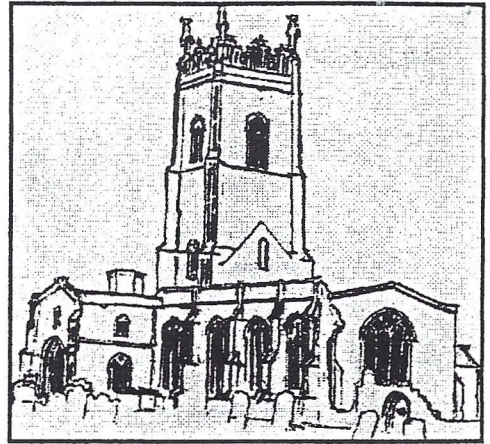
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CHURCH EVENTS *The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192* ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MAY

- 1 Marriage 15.00 Laurence Grayson and Nicola Austin
 - 2 Sunday 5th of Easter 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Canon J Matthews
 - 9 Sunday 6th of Easter 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
Rogation Sunday 15.30 Team Evening Prayer at Sotherton
 - 16 Sunday 7th of Easter 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne
 - 23 Sunday Pentecost 09.30 Morning Prayer Revd Barry Naylor
 - 30 Trinity Sunday 09.30 Eucharist ASB at Blythburgh
- Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
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LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

May is a full month in the life of the Church. As it draws to a close so does the season of Eastertide, throughout which we celebrate Jesus's victory over death. We should do this, above all else, by witnessing in whatever ways we can to that new life of his in which he invites each of us to share. We are able to do this through the Holy Spirit - the gift of whom we celebrate at Pentecost (or Whit Sunday). This falls on 23rd May and there will be a range of services throughout the Team.

On May 9th the Church celebrates Rogation Sunday, when we ask for God's blessing on the land and on all those who work on the land. We will be praying especially for all our local farmers, farm workers and others whose livelihood is dependent on the land. Times are very critical for all such members of the community and it is vital that we should do all we can to support them and to fight for the provision of decent services and amenities in rural areas. There will be a Team Service at St. Andrew's, Sotherton that day at 3:30 p.m., followed by a picnic. (It is situated in the heart of the countryside just to the west of the A145).

May 9th also marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week. During this week there will be house to house collections in some places and street collections in others. Do please give as generously as you can. Christian Aid manifests in a very concrete way some of the things that resurrection life is all about. Jesus said: "Whatever you do for one of the least of these you do for me" - supporting the work of Christian Aid, with both our money and our prayers, is a valuable way of doing something for those living in dreadful poverty and struck down by disaster. Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Kosovo Crisis Appeal around the Easter Weekend.

It is sometimes very difficult in the face of all the dreadful things going on in the world to believe that God really is in control and, if he is in control, that he is a God of love. Our response as Christians to this does not lie in slick and easy answers but in reflecting on the dreadful death of Jesus on the cross and on his subsequent resurrection from the dead, conquering sin, hatred, evil and all that would seek to belittle and destroy life. Faithful prayerfulness is a vital element in the quest to make sense of life. On 8th May there will be a Eucharist at St. Margaret's, Reydon at 9:00 a.m. as the Church commemorates one of the greatest examples of faithful prayerfulness - the great East Anglian Saint, Julian of Norwich, who, having reflected on Jesus's death and resurrection, uttered those famous words:

"All shall be well and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

May this be your experience of life during these days of Eastertide and for ever more.

Barry Naylor, Team Rector

ST ANDREW'S GUILD

Contributions at the Lent Austerity Lunches totalled £213.80. Following the payment of expenses the National Library for the Blind received a cheque for £131.31.

Ann Beckham

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THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, letters or phoned after the sudden death of my brother Michael on the 24th January. He spent a large part of his childhood in Walberswick and always felt that his roots were here and it was here that he would like his ashes to be buried.

Somewhat belatedly, I would also like to thank everyone who supported me in innumerable ways after my operation at the end of last year. I feel very fortunate to live in such a caring community.

Anne Paton

MINSMERE - MARCH

The first Summer visitors began arriving, with a drake garganey present on the levels on the 10th. The first sand martin arrived on the 14th. Three male wheatear were on the coastal path near the sluice bushes on the 24th. House martin arrived on the 26th, and the first swallows were seen on the 27th. A common sandpiper was also seen on the 27th.

Up to three bitterns were booming early in the month. White-fronted goose numbers peaked at 360 on the 5th, with 110 still present on the 14th. A single red kite flew north on the 15th and two were seen going north on the 19th. Two buzzards were seen on the fourth and from mid-month buzzards were seen almost daily. A single peregrine was seen on the 4th and the 5th. Three glaucous gulls were present on several dates and at least seven black redstarts moved through. A drake green-winged teal was on the levels on the 13th and on the 29th.

Brian Payne

WALBERSWICK WI

We shall be voting on this year's Resolutions for the IGM at our May meeting on the 12th. We have to give serious thought to Women's Human Rights; the Decline of the Agricultural Industry; National Screening for Ovarian Cancer and Genetically Modified Foods. Our VCO, Enid Bazire, will be guiding our discussion. It was also planned for Reggie Hyne to give us a talk entitled 'Accentuating the Positive and Eliminating the Negative'. Sadly he died last month but his widow, Heather, has said that she is prepared to do her best to present the slides for him.

We very much enjoyed our young speaker, Marion Perks from the Architectural Heritage Fund. After leaving St Felix School in Southwold, Marion took a degree in Business Studies before joining the Buildings Preservation Trust. The Trust will lend money at 4% for two years to projects renovating historic, listed buildings. Marion was able to show us slides of the amazing transformation of many of the buildings they had helped including Terraced Houses providing accommodation for local people, an Old Chapel into a concert hall, Clevedon Pier and a purpose built palladium pigsty.

Julia Josephs

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

There was a meeting of the Trustees on the 18 February. The main points discussed were:

1. Initial analysis of proposals received for allocation of 1998 car park profits, prior to meeting with members of the Parish Council (details in last month's Village News).
2. Report from the Chair on riverside property lease agreements.
3. Rent reviews relating to commercial properties.
4. Progress report on the new print room.
5. Grazing agreements and fencing quotes for Town Marsh.
6. Pruning/surgery on trees adjacent to Potters Wheel Restaurant.
7. Re-routing of the Went Track (to allow fence posts to be dug into firm ground). Negotiations in progress with the caravan site proprietor, as principal vehicular user, over cost of this work.
8. Parish Council's request for "No Camping or Caravanning Overnight" sign at Ferry Road Car Park - agreed.
9. Footpath clearance on the Common (by SWT) following earlier complaints: Mr Hunt reports that the situation is better, but there is still room for improvement.
10. 1999 budget agreed and other finance reviewed.
11. Payment authorisations and consideration of applications for financial assistance, following visits and meetings of the Income Distribution sub-committee.

Richard Scott

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The work to the stage and the connection through to the annexe is now complete with the exception of a few minor items. Consideration is being given to the provision of a safety rail to the new wheelchair ramp and a toilet for wheelchair users. Heating for the annexe kitchen is also under review. Further development and improvement to the Hall is dependent on funds being available and the grants of £4,500 from the Common Lands Charity Car Park Fund are of great assistance. A barrow has been purchased for moving chairs and tables between the hall and the annexe.

The committee was informed that certain hall users would appreciate a larger refrigerator in the kitchen. Is there a possibility of one being donated (either new or used)?

The much talked about Millennium Breakfast (or supper) may be served in the hall. A number of bookings have already been taken for the year 2000 and the committee is willing to consider other requests.

The Village Hall AGM took place on the 20th April.

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THANKS

Heather, Jeremy and Jenny wish to thank everyone for the great kindness that has been shown to them after the sudden death of Reggie. The friends who came so quickly to the house on hearing of his death on March 29th, the wonderful letters they have received and the support at his funeral on April 6th. They are so sorry many people had to remain outside and didn't hear the service which was so beautifully conducted by John Murrell and John Matthews. If anyone would care for a copy of the addresses please let Heather know.

REGGIE HYNE 1918-1999 A MEMOIR

Reggie and Heather first came to Walberswick 40 years ago and lived here for nearly 30 years. He loved the village - but then he loved life, children, getting things done. He loved his country, to which he was ever loyal. That his initials (which he, typically, did not use) were H.R.H was not at all inappropriate. Above all he loved people. He was a skilled potter, one who works with clay. But I see him as one who worked *with people* - in his practice, in the Suffolk Crafts Society, in WATS and in his extended family of friends. He brought his "personal touch of creativity" to all these relationships and was "soft-spoken, wise, gentle, reassuring and humble" in his conduct of them. Always constructive, knocking copy was not in his book. His son memorably said of him "He had a heart that celebrated every event in life and made it into an occasion". I cannot remember Reggie being 'grey' about anything. He didn't just lend support - he got stuck in. He was a doer. The opportunity of making a change for the better was a thrill he couldn't resist. A casual mention that one's back door was dull brought sketches the following morning. No wonder that "I have never been bored" was his classic statement.

At this very sad time our deepest condolences go out to Heather and to her and Reggie's family. But to remember Reggie adequately we should do more - his life should be an inspiration to us all.

Peter Gordon-Potts.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on Tuesday 6th April. 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 demolition of the existing building at Quietways, Leveretts Lane with rebuild on same footprint style. The Council were appalled at this latest decision and agreed to write to the Director of Planning protesting that objections by the Parish Council, reached after very careful consideration, were constantly being ignored by the Planning Officers and Members of the Development Control Committee.

Canon John Matthews was elected by the Council to become Nominative Trustee to Walberswick Common Lands Trust.

Councillors Philip Kett, Jane Gomm, Michael Fisher and Toby Robinson had decided not to stand for re-election in the forthcoming Parish Council elections. The Chairman thanked them for their contributions to the Council in their terms of office. Special thanks went to Philip Kett who had served for twelve years and whose knowledge of the village would be sadly missed. The Chairman also expressed thanks to Jane Gomm who had served for 4 years and had also been Parish Clerk for two years prior to becoming a councillor.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 10th May** at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt

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LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
BRIDGE - ~~May~~ 10th and 24th. Village Hall Annexe, 2.30pm.
May 1st - Birdsong Walk. 5.30am Hoist Wood Car Park.
May 2nd - Walberswick Art Exhibition. 10.30-4pm.
May 3rd - Male Voice Choir Concert. Blythburgh Church 3pm.
May 6th Parish Council Elections.
May 9th - Circle Dancing. Village Hall 2.30pm. Contact 725070 for details.
May 9th - Music at Blythburgh Church 3pm.
May 10th - Parish Council AGM. Village Hall 7.30pm.
May 12th - WI Village Hall 2.30pm
May 24th - Bridge. Village Hall Annexe 2.30pm

Shoptalk

The shop refit is coming on well and the last stage will be completed shortly. Raising the standards has given us the opportunity to join one of the large buying groups (Spar etc.). Those who remember the shop when the Marshlains ran it, may recall that it was linked to Mace. Over the next month we are to have Londis supply us. We would welcome your views on any Londis own brand products that you purchase (good or bad). If this is successful it will give us access to better prices and special offers which we feel will repay you for your support over the last 16 months. We'll keep you posted!

Nick & Gill

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To enable us judge Londis own brand we are to receive some free stock, please ask if you would like to try some

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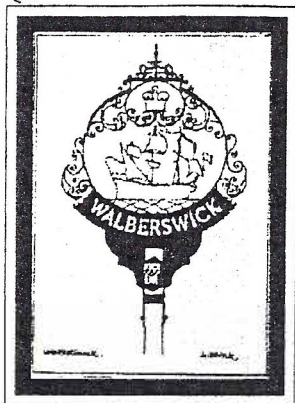
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VILLAGE FETE 1999

After the usual agonising over who would act as co-ordinator for the Village Fete this year, Maureen and I decided to offer our joint services for this year's fete on Saturday August 28th.

We would love to top last year's result (who wouldn't?).

Certainly the Village Hall and Church would welcome it. The outcome as always will depend on the weather and your co-operation

- we wish we could depend on the former as much as we know we can depend on the latter.

Whatever the outcome we are determined to make it a *fun day*, If it is your wish to help in any way please telephone us on 01502 723755

Don and Maureen Thompson

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MOTOR NEURONE RESEARCH TEA PARTY

Tea party time again. I will be holding my annual tea party in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research at Dutch House on Tuesday June 8th at 2.30pm. Admission 50p to include tea and scones. Usual stalls - raffle, cakes, books, plants, good as new. Let's hope that the sun shines for us this year!

Mary King

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WALBERSWICK PORTRAYED

Just another day in the rich history of Walberswick? Not according to the many comments made by those who attended the exhibition in the Village Hall on May 2nd. Instead it proved to be a very special day when the natural beauty of Walberswick was *portrayed* in prints, paintings and drawings, to the obvious delight of the 350 people who attended. Special thanks must, of course go to those residents and visitors who so kindly loaned their much-loved possessions, without which there would not have been an exhibition.

On behalf of the Local History Group I would like to thank everyone who supported the venture and convey my personal thanks to the hardworking team who unstintingly gave their time and energy to the creation of the day and the many who, from 7am that day, gave their wholehearted support.

The History Group is greatly indebted to Richard Scott, who co-ordinated the artistic content, and to Wendy and Chris Sinclair and Mike Kelly, all of whom worked well into the night before. My sincere thanks to Pat and Philip Kett and Pat Wythe for their invaluable help and support throughout. Space will not, unfortunately, allow for a full list of the twenty or so helpers who so generously gave their support in so many ways.


Incidentally Philip Kett and I do not recommend an overnight stay at the 'no star' Village Hall Hotel!

Don Thompson

HALESWORTH MINIBUS

Two volunteer drivers have been found from the village to drive the minibus to Halesworth on Wednesday mornings (market day).

We could have slightly longer in Halesworth and the bus would not have to do a round trip back to Southwold for other duties while we do our shopping if the Walberswick-Halesworth run could begin slightly later, at 11am, giving one and a half hours in Halesworth before returning at approx. 1-1.30pm. Before arranging this I need some feedback from you regarding the proposed later time. Could those who might use the service please contact me, Jayne Tibbles, on 724448, and let me know what you feel about it. Thanks.

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY
There is now a Village Events Diary in the Village Shop. Please enter the time and place of any event you organise to avoid clashes.
Mary King 

NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

Cathryn Simpson and Wyn Riddell would like to thank everyone who supported the NSPCC Coffee Morning on the 4th May which raised £287.63 - a marvellous result.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - JUNE

6 Sunday 1 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Leonard Payne
 13 Sunday 2 after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
 18.00 Sung Evensong Revd John Beckham
 20 Sunday 3 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
 27 Sunday 4 after Trinity 09.30 Morning Prayer 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 meets in the Village Hall Annexe from 9.45 to 11.30
FLOWER ARRANGERS
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From the Team Rector

The beginning of June this year nearly coincides with the beginning of that long number of weeks in the Christian year when the liturgical colour is green. This may seem a point of little importance and indeed of great irrelevance in a world full of pain and disaster, with which to begin a monthly letter. Don't give up just yet!

The Sundays throughout the summer and autumn when we wear green are known as "Sundays after Trinity". Trinity Sunday - 30th May - is when Christians celebrate that great mystery at the heart of our understanding of God - that God is an indivisible unity and yet at the same time there are three persons in the godhead. No wonder it is called a mystery! I believe this understanding of the Divine instils in us the fact that "relationship" is at the very heart of godliness. The old Athanasian Creed tells us that in this relationship "there is no before or after: no greater or less", there is complete equality. Christians are committed to working for the building up of the Kingdom of God and struggling to co-operate in the development of human societies that reflect the values of that Kingdom. The Trinity and the nature of relationship within it is both our inspiration and our goal in this task.

This takes me back to the "green season". In the Catholic Church these Sundays are known as "Sundays in Ordinary Time" - i.e. they are not Sundays in Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. During this "ordinary time" what we need to do is to quietly get on working out the implications of our faith in our everyday living. We can do this in our personal relationships, in the views we form and develop about topical social and political issues both in our local community and on the national and international level. In the "special seasons" of the Church's year we have prepared for, and reflected on, the great events in the life of Jesus. In the "green season" let us ensure that we hallow ordinary time by affirming that all time is in fact "extra-ordinary" - a precious gift given us by God. Every minute that goes by is a minute that we will never have again - it is gone for ever. Every minute that goes by is a minute given us by God to make good use of. At the beginning of every day do we not need to pray for the grace to make good use of the minutes and hours that lie before us? At the end of every day do we not need to confess just how many of those minutes we have wasted or even put to some ungodly use, praying for the grace to do better tomorrow? Let each one of us seek to abandon ourselves to God that we may make good use of every minute of our lives - both the ordinary and the extra-ordinary. With every blessing.

Barry Naylor

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RED CROSS KOSOVO APPEAL

Two retiring collections were taken at St Andrew's during April for this appeal; these amounted to £269.35. The total collected by the Sole Bay Team, up to the end of April, was £958.65.
 Eric Bassett

PARISH REGISTERS

May 1st 1999 - Holy Matrimony

Laurence Grayson to Nicola Jean Austin

15th May 1999 - Burial of Ashes

Richard Leaman

CHOIR HOLIDAY

The Choir will be taking a break from their Sunday duties and will be on holiday for the first two weeks in June. Patsy Murray will be the organist at these services.

Julia Josephs

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Fete is likely to prove as popular as ever.

More details are on the posters dotted
around the Village and a flyer
is even now being circulated
to all houses.

Robin Buncombe



HENRY (ANDY) ANDREWS

The familiar sight of Peggy and Andy bicycling
one behind the other, down the street or else-
where, will be seen no more. This has been part
of the local scene for many years. Andy will be
remembered in many ways. His association with
Walberswick goes back over forty years. A well
informed talker with a fund of anecdotes about
local history and people, very sociable, but lat-
terly, owing to extreme deafness, he and Peggy
kept very much to themselves. He was an expert
ornithologist but owing to his deafness he was
sadly no longer able to listen to their beautiful
song. My personal tribute is to the perfect neigh-
bour, always coming to the rescue in times of
crisis or patiently explaining the convoluted
obtuseness of official letters and jargon.

He will be particularly remembered as a very
gifted oil landscape artist, his pictures selling
well far and wide. He portrayed the ever-
changing light and shade over marsh, heath
and water and the wonderful cloud effects for
which East Anglia is so famous, with skill and
often to perfection. This showed a person with
great inner sensitivity. Peggy will still use her
bicycle but, as she cannot drive a car, hopes the
Halesworth bus will soon find a new driver. She
is bereft of a devoted and protecting husband.
For her loss of Andy we give her our warmest
sympathy.

Veronica Pawluk

WI MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY

We are extremely privileged to be able to hold our Garden Meeting on June 9th at Sandy House when John and Mary Stanyer are opening their garden to members of Walberswick WI and also to guests from Sandon WI. After a tour of the garden and some not too energetic games, we hope the weather will allow us to enjoy our home-made tea on picnic chairs.

We are also looking forward to an hilarious evening meeting (July 14th at 19.30) when Mrs Baxter entertains us with 'Margaret Rutherford' and we invite other women from the village to join us.

The May meeting on this year's 'Resolutions for the IGM' was so interesting and provoked much lively discussion among our members on Genetically Modified Foods, Screening for Ovarian Cancer, the Agricultural Industry and Women's Human Rights. After some welcome refreshment, Heather Hyne delighted us with reminiscences of her late husband, Reggie, and slides to show some of the wonderful designs he had worked on in Windsor, Norwich and other towns.

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Thank you very much indeed to everyone who so kindly and very generously responded to my appeal for donations to Kosovo. This raised £430 and was specifically used for the specially designed food parcels for the vulnerable and babies - these are extremely necessary in the desperate prevailing circumstances.

The Red Cross presence in the field now totals 14 people including a Relief Co-ordinator working with the Federation of Albania. The British Red Cross have set up a major pipeline of 30 trucks providing immediate basic hygiene to the International Red Cross in Albania, via Macedonia. Ten trucks of individual food parcels have been provided for the vulnerable in Yugoslavia. Eight Fiat vans, plus repair kits have been supplied to the Albanian Red Cross for use for aid and people-carrying. Trucks of aid, including 50 tonnes of sugar, 5,600 kitchen sets and 10,000 baby kits have been provided for existing and newly arrived refugees in Yugoslavia. The total British Red Cross expenditure to date amounts to approximately £4.6 million.

The Red Cross week in Walberswick has raised £277.21. Again, so very many thanks for everyone's generosity and particularly to all the kind helpers who worked to raise this wonderful amount.

Patricia Roxburgh, Hon. Vice President BRCS Council

The British Red Cross Kosovo Appeal line will remain in place the number is 0345 315315

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

A meeting of the Trustees was held on April 15th. There was a review of the distribution of car park profits, and other matters discussed included commercial leases, the Print Room, the grazing marshes and reedbeds, the Went Track and a review of finances.

Nigel Hunt and Richard Scott have reached the end of their 4 year term of office as Nominative Trustees. An up-to-date list of trustees will be announced when the new Parish Council has its meeting in June.

Please see the appeal for new Trustees elsewhere in the Village News.

The editors would like to thank Richard Scott for his regular contributions to The Village News and we look forward to working with his successor.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE (OR WALK)

Date for your diary - Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride (or walk) is to be held on Saturday 11th September. Full details shortly from Ruth Bassett, Herons, Church Field. (722474)

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 10th May. The official minutes of meetings are displayed on the council notice board at the village hall and in the church porch.

The new Council is made up of the following: Mr K Webb (Chairman), Mr A Hunt (Vice Chairman), Mr R Buncombe, Mr J Brentnall, Mrs C Verneti, Mr B Tibbles and Mr N. Jones.

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the Parish Council.

Outline planning permission had been granted by SCDC for the use of the land between Common Edge and Driftwood to erect one detached dwelling and garage. Planning permission had also been granted for the erection of a garage extension and vehicular access to Dunelm, Lodge Road, subject to conditions set out by SCDC. Planning permission had been refused for a two-storey extension to provide a granny annexe at Millfield House, Millfield Road.

The Clerk had received estimates for safety surfacing for the swings on the common and play area on the Village Green. The cost of approximately £6,500 was considered to be out of the question and the Council elected to get the main work completed within the community and obtain further quotes for the supply of the safety tiles required for the areas. Mr Buncombe agreed to be the Parish Council representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and Mr Hunt the representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr Tibbles agreed to undertake monthly checks of the play equipment. The election of two further Nominative Trustees to the Charity Trust would be advertised.

Concern about damage to the beach by campers was discussed. It was agreed to write to Sir Charles Blois on this subject. The question of improving the footpaths at the bottom end of Stocks Lane and in the vicinity of the Mill was also addressed. It was agreed to contact Suffolk Coasts and Heaths to assist in these areas.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 7th June** at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council



AN URGENT PLEA FOR HELP

Does ANYONE have any half decent photographs of previous Crabbing Championships that can be used for promotional purposes? Please call me on 722359.
Robin Buncombe

TRUSTEES NEEDED FOR WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

If you wish to be considered or wish to put forward the name of someone else who is prepared to be considered as a Trustee, please inform the Clerk to the Parish Council, in writing, before the next meeting on 7th June - including if possible a brief statement about the person being nominated.

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June 7th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall
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June 8th - Motor Neurone Disease Tea Party.
Dutch House 2.30pm.

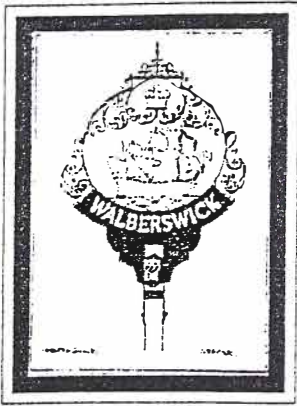
June 9th - W.I Garden meeting .

June 21st - Bridge. Village Hall Annexe 2.30pm

LETTER FROM AMERICA

Why is it that I miss the alarm call(cackle) of the pheasant after living in Walberswick for twenty years? Why is it that I miss my wonderful neighbour, Barry Last and Tom and Lucy Lawrence? Why is it that I miss sharing a cup of tea with ninety-six year old Mrs Denny? Why is it that I miss being in the same village as John Stanyer? Why do I miss the Village Fete? Why do I miss the quiet? Why do I miss the dull, dark, damp, dismal, dreary, disappointing days? Perhaps it is because we assume that everything will go along in the same way. Then something happens to upset the routine.

My son George left Cumbria to come to Florida to be with me for two weeks. He liked swimming in the pool daily and spending time in the jacuzzi. I don't mind playing tennis six days a week; wearing shorts daily; getting sunburned....I'll manage !
Jimmy Johnson, formerly Lilliput



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MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE RESEARCH

It did not rain too hard and the sun almost shone on my tea party at Dutch House on June 9th, where the grand total of £930 was raised for Motor Neurone Disease Research. Very many thanks to all who came and to the helpers and scone makers and to those who made donations.

Mary King

ST JOHN AMBULANCE BAZAAR

The annual bazaar held by the Waveney area will take place on Sunday July 25th in the Village Hall from 2 pm-5 pm. There will be various stalls and home-made cakes and teas. The money raised will be used to purchase training equipment for Divisions in this area. It is hoped that you can give your support as has been so generously given in previous years.

Mary Bell

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Don't forget the Horticultural Show on Saturday 17th July 2.30 pm. Entries by 10.45 a.m. please. If you have misplaced your schedule (with May issue) I have a few spare.

Brian Payne

CRAFT FAIR-DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

August 3rd and 4th, Village Hall, 10 a.m.-5 pm.. Toys, jewellery, cards, paintings, craft items, knitted goods, silverware, home-made preserves, cakes, sweets, savouries and pâtés. Tea, coffee and light lunches also available.

Patsy Murray

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VELLORE FUND

There will be a bring and buy coffee morning in aid of the Vellore Fund on Wednesday July 7th at 10.45 at 1 Ivy Cottages, home of Addie Fox.

Wendy Sinclair (Hon Secretary)

VILLAGE FETE

The response to the needs of the Village Fete has so far been excellent. You will see from the enclosed flyer there will be a new stall, The Kitchen Cupboard, all contributions to Margot Godbold. Please leave items for Bottle Tombola with John Clark at Waveney Lodge or at Greenways. For information about Children's Fancy Dress, contact Rita Woodcraft on 722958.

Maureen Thompson

LEISTON SCHOOL GOVERNORS WANTED

Leiston Middle School is seeking to appoint more members to its Governing body. There are currently 12 governors serving on the board that has a recommended number of 16. The school is keen to attract governors from this area. If you are interested please contact the head, Mr Nichols on 01728 830886 or me on 01728 831133.

Bryan Kemp, Vice Chairman.



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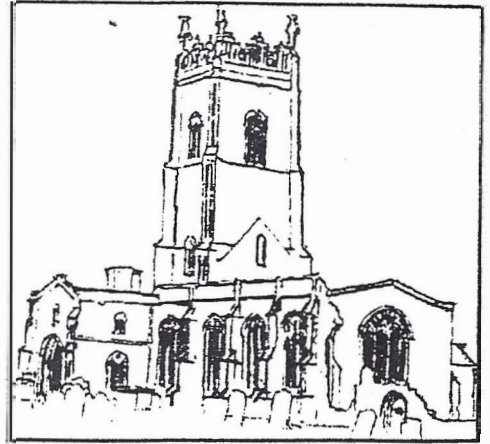
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4 Sunday 5 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson
 11 Sunday 6 after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
 18.00 Choral Evensong Revd Barry Naylor
 18 Sunday 7 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
 25 Sunday James the Apostle
 09.30 Morning Prayer 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 meets in the Village Hall Annexe from 9.45 to 11.30
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LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

July is the month when the schools break up for their summer holidays and the holiday season really gets under way. The word "Holidays" does, in fact come from "Holy Days", originally the only holidays. In the Calendar of the Church of England there are a good number of such days during July, reflecting the wide diversity of Christian heroes and role models. There is a lot in the media these days about the kind of role models we have, especially for our young people.

Here is a selection of July's heroes:

- 1 - John and Henry Venn, Evangelical Divines. This father and son were instrumental in the establishment of the Church Missionary Society. John played a leading role in working for the abolition of the legalised slave trade.
 - 3 - Thomas the Apostle. Thomas is usually remembered as "Doubting Thomas" but he is also the one who knelt at his Lord's feet and said "My Lord and my God". What a wonderful short prayer of adoration to have on our lips every day and especially when we meet at the Altar.
 - 6 - Thomas More and John Fisher. Martyrs of the Reformation - More was a great humanist scholar and Lord Chancellor and Fisher was a brilliant and saintly Bishop of Rochester.
 - 11 - Benedict. Religious. Benedict was born in Italy around the year 480 and is known as the Father of Western Monasticism. His Rule is a spiritual masterpiece and well worth reading by anyone seeking to grow in the spiritual life.
 - 14 - John Keble, Priest and Poet. He was a leading member of the Oxford Movement in the nineteenth century, which sought to recover the catholic heritage of the Church of England and enrich its liturgy. Many of his hymns are still sung today.
 - 15 - Swithun, Bishop of Winchester. Swithun lived in the ninth century. He was an advisor of King Egbert and had a great love for the poor of his diocese.
- That is just the first half of the month! We also remember Buenaventura, Friar and Bishop (15), Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury (16), Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England (18), Gregory of Nyssa and his sister, Macrina (19), Margaret of Antioch (20), Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies (20), Mary Magdalene (22), Bridget of Sweden, Abbess (23), James the Apostle (25), Anne and Joachim, parents of the BVM (26), Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus (29), William Wilberforce, Social Reformer (30) and Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits (31).

What a list of heroes we have - and this is just for July! If only we look at our tradition we have many, many heroes and role models and there are also many more alive and seeking to do God's work today in lands across the globe.

With every blessing,

Barry Naylor Team Rector



SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE (OR WALK)

Date for your diary - Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride (or walk) is to be held on Saturday 11th September. Full details shortly from Ruth Bassett. Herons, Church Field. (722474)



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N1 1QD**WI MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY**

We were extremely privileged to be able to hold our Garden Meeting on June 9th at Sandy House when John and Mary Stanyer opened their garden to members of Walberswick WI and also to guests from Sandon WI. After a tour of the garden and some not too energetic games, the weather allowed us to enjoy our home-made tea on picnic chairs.

We are also looking forward to an hilarious evening meeting (July 14th at 19.30) when Mrs Baxter entertains us with 'Margaret Rutherford' and we invite other women from the village to join us.

The May meeting on this year's 'Resolutions for the IGM' was so interesting and provoked much lively discussion among our members on Genetically Modified Foods, Screening for Ovarian Cancer, the Agricultural Industry and Women's Human Rights. After some welcome refreshment, Heather Hyne delighted us with reminiscences of her late husband, Reggie, and slides to show some of the wonderful designs he had worked on in Windsor, Norwich and other towns.

Julia Josephs

RNLI MINI-FETE

Your Branch Committee would like to thank everybody, too numerous to mention individually, who contributed to making the Mini-Fete such a resounding success. In all the RNLI has benefited by over £900, a magnificent achievement.

May I also take the opportunity of reminding you that Pat Kett holds an extensive array of RNLI souvenirs available throughout the year and is a prime source of early Christmas Cards.

Robin Buncombe

CHANGES TO REFUSE SERVICES

Due to increased recycling services and the County Council's 'Waste minimisation policy' from 1st April 1999 the Council will only provide 26 sacks per six months instead of 30. Extra, good quality sacks may be purchased on request for £3 per bundle of 26. From the same date the Council will charge for the collection of bulky domestic waste at the following rates:

1-3 items £6.00 inc VAT

4-10 items £12.00 inc VAT

11-15 items £15.00 inc VAT

16-20 items £20.00 inc VAT

This has become necessary due to a 40% increase in demand for the services. For further information on refuse services please contact Environmental Services on 01394 383789.

WALBERSWICK BIRD SONG WALK - MAY 1ST 1999

An altogether highly successful morning's birding. With no less than 25 people gathering at the Hoist Covert car park, that one vital commodity, ears, were in abundance. A beautiful soft morning, no wind, and a light dusting of cloud that was soon banished by the rising sun. A grand total of 52 species were seen or heard during the two hour walk. Starting off at the Hoist, summer migrants such as chiffchaff, willow warbler and that irrepressible songster, the nightingale were soon added to our list. A far off green woodpecker drummed whilst yellowhammers and skylarks filled the background with their songs. Along by the old mill the boom of a bittern was briefly heard, jet propelled bearded tits 'pinged' their way over the reed beds and marsh harriers wafted by in a more becoming and sedately manner. Hidden reed and sedge warblers teased everyone with their similar songs. Returning up the eastern side of the covert, we were at one point seemingly enveloped by a cacophony of sound - as whitethroats, lesser whitethroats, blackcaps, nightingales and many of the commoner species vied for air space. The morning's proceeds, £30, was evenly divided and passed onto the two beneficiaries, Suffolk Wildlife and Walberswick Church. Finally I am sure you will all join me in offering our sincere thanks to David Sheriff, who has for many years organised and led this annual Bird Song Walk.

Tony Lancaster

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April's run of good birds continued into May, but it was definitely a case of quality not quantity. This year's wader passage was distinctly thin; however, 25 species were recorded including: curlew, sandpiper, (7th), little ringed plover (19th and 28th), wood sandpiper (29th) and a terek sandpiper (27th and 28th). Up to 5 little egrets were seen irregularly from 5th, with spoonbills on 10th, 11th, 19th and 29th. Migrating raptors included another late hen harrier (6th), buzzard (12th, with 2 on 19th), osprey (14th, 15th and 31st) and a ringtail Montagu's harrier on 15th. Two garganey were seen occasionally from the 22nd and there was an unseasonal red breasted merganser on the Scrape on the 28th. Also on the Scrape were three little gulls and 5 mediterranean gulls, and a roseate tern roosted with common terns on the 30th.

A pair of golden orioles around Canopy Hide from the 16th added a dash of colour. Other small birds of note included wood warbler, whinchat and marsh warbler.

Brian Payne

CRABBING

I must unreservedly thank all those who have come forward so willingly with photographs of previous Crabbing Championships - it is much appreciated. To those whose photos I have retained please be assured that the originals will be returned as soon as possible.

PS. This year's event is on August 1st!

Robin Buncombe

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on Monday 7th June. The official minutes of meetings are displayed on the council noticeboard at the Village Hall and in the church porch. Planning permission had been granted by SCDC for the erection of one detached dwelling and garage at the rear of Old Vicarage Cottage subject to the development being carried out in accordance with the plans and information contained in the application. The Council were extremely disappointed that this application had been approved having been turned down by SCDC three times previously.

The Council approved the accounts for the year 1st April 1998 to 31st March 1999. The accounts and related documents are available for public inspection by appointment with the Clerk (Tel: 723142) from 14th June to 2nd July. Mr Buncombe was appointed as the Responsible Finance Officer for the current year.

SALC had written to the Council asking them if they wished to pursue their dialogue with the Minister for Local Government and Housing for ending the reduction of 50% Council Tax which is applied to second or holiday homes. As approximately 30% of homes in the village received this reduction, which meant people actually living in the village had to pay more Council Tax, the Parish Council agreed to ask SALC to continue to press for this action.

The Council were dismayed that a young local couple had been refused entry on to the waiting list for housing in the village because the Housing Association stated that they only qualified for one bedroomed accommodation and there were none available in the village. The Chairman stated that the Council had worked tirelessly 12 years ago to obtain housing primarily to keep young people in the village. It was agreed to write to the Housing Association to arrange a meeting to resolve this situation.

There were six applications for two Nominative Trustees to The Walberswick Common Lands Charity. After discussion and a secret ballot Mr Nigel Hunt and Mr Gerald Tooley were elected to serve on the Trust for a period of four years.

Problems of vandalism and unauthorised camping on the beach were discussed. The Council suggested that members of the public should contact Sir Charles Blois on 01728 648200 if they notice people camping out of season on his land (The season commences last week in July for 42 days only). Disturbances on the beach should also be reported to the police immediately.

The Chairman reported that repairs to the pavilion were due to commence shortly. The situation regarding vandalism to the pavilion would be monitored. If anyone knows who these vandals are please inform a Councillor or the police. We can only keep the skateboard ramp in the village, for the young people of Walberswick, if this wilful destruction is stamped out. If anyone sees vandalism taking place please contact the police immediately.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th July at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt

WHAT'S ON

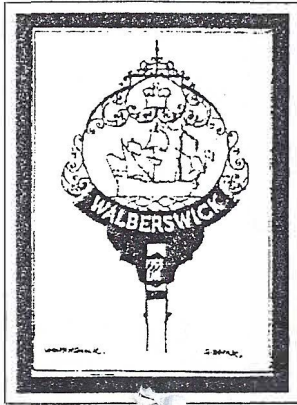
LIBRARY BUS - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. Friday 2nd and 16th July.
 BUSES - *Lowestoft*, Weds and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).
 LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
 WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
 BRIDGE - July 5th and 19th. Village Hall Annexe. 2.30pm.
 July 5th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.
 July 7th - Vellore Fund Bring and Buy Coffee Morning 1 Ivy Cottages 10.45am.
 July 14th - W.I Village Hall 7.30pm
 July 17th - Horticultural Show 2.30pm Village Hall. Exhibits in by 10.45am please.
 July 19th - Bridge. Village Hall Annexe 2.30pm
 July 25th - St John Ambulance Bazaar. Village Hall 2pm.

N.B Dates for your diary:

August 1st - Crabbing Competition

August 3rd & 4th - Craft Fair Village Hall.

August 28th - Village Fete



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FETE NEWS

All is going well towards August 28th - an important date for your diary!

The children's fancy dress is in the capable hands of Rita Woodcraft who is determined to make this fun event the best ever. Entrants to assemble and be judged at 2.30pm. There will be three classes : under fives, five to nines and over nines. Full details are available from Rita on 01502 722958 - every child will have a prize!

The children's roundabout is going to be there.

Please note that Philip Kett and John Clark will be running the bottle Tombola; so, bottles to Philip or John or leave at Greenways.

Look and listen nearer the time for Radio and TV announcements.

Maureen Thompson



'SUFFOLK MEMORIES' COMMENDED

At the suggestion of our publisher we entered this book for the Raymond Williams Community Publishing Prize. Out of 33 entries two prizes were awarded and four commended - one of which was *Suffolk Memories*. Arthur Sharman and Brian Dillon attended the awards ceremony which took place at The Arts Council of England, Great Peter Street, London..

Sales of the book continue to go slowly. Out of the first reprint of 250, 133 have so far been sold - some from direct orders to Arthur and a number through the Tuck Shop who still hold copies. The total of all sales now exceed 650.

David Sherriff

Since submitting this article David Shirreff, sadly, has died. However we felt that it was only right to publish in the format that he dictated it. This award is a fitting tribute to his contribution to the book. Our condolences go to his family - Eds.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE (OR WALK)

Have you collected your sponsor forms for the 18th Cycle Ride(or walk) on Saturday 11th September? Let's make it a good one for St Andrew's this last year of the 20th Century. Ruth Bassett

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CRAFT FAIR

August 3rd and 4th 10-5pm in the Village Hall. Silverware, craft items, jewellery, toys, paintings, cards, home-made preserves, pâté, sweets, nibbles and biscuits. Refreshments available.

Raffle in aid of the Cats' Protection League.

Donations for prizes gratefully received.

CRABBING COMPETITION

Remember this year's Crabbing Competition on August 1st!! Proceeds this year will be split between the NSPCC and the RNLI.

Robin Buncombe

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BRIDGE DATES

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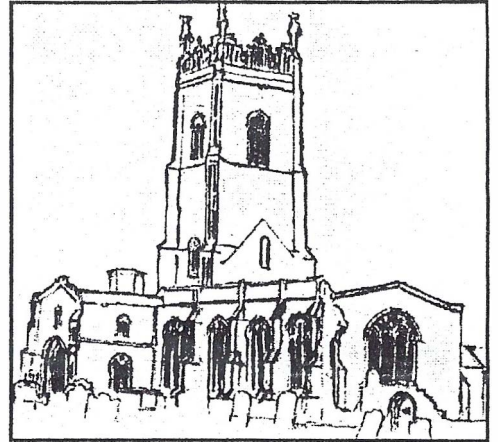
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CHURCH EVENTS *The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192* ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - AUGUST

- 1 Sunday 9 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Canon J Matthews
8 Sunday 10 after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson
18.00 Choral Evensong David Alderton
15 Sunday Blessed Virgin Mary
09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
22 Sunday 12 after Trinity 09.30 Morning Prayer Revd Canon J Matthews
29 Sunday 13 after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne
Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
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There is no Sunday School this month
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CHURCH MATTERS



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MINSMERE RESERVE

The North Levels Wetland Creation Project - the creation of 35 hectares(80 acres) of mixed reed bed, open water and very wet grazing marsh between the main reed bed and the New Cut should eventually support good numbers of breeding waders and ducks and, importantly, bitterns. The planning process was given a big boost by two female bitterns which took to feeding in the Tarpan field.

After the 'doom and gloom' of last month bitterns are now heading for a bumper season, with no less than 8 nests! Unfortunately the same can't be said about avocets which continue to suffer from predation. Three chicks are close to fledging but we are not overly hopeful that many more will make it though there are still 30+ pairs sitting.

June continued the run of good birds with honey buzzard, red-necked phalarope, purple heron, osprey, red-footed falcon and marsh warbler, whilst 'autumn' wader migration got underway with the first returning spotted redshank, followed by rough, green sandpiper and small parties of curlew almost daily from mid-month.

Brian Payne

A12 - JUNCTION WITH B1387

The A12/B1387 junction is dangerous on at least three counts, namely the format of the white lining on the approach from either direction, the adverse camber on the entry to the B1387 from the A12(Ipswich direction) and the lack of safety hatching on both approaches, particularly from Ipswich.

The battle to overcome this dangerous situation has been ignored by every authority, including the police, for many years, despite attempts by the Parish Council and certain residents to alert them to the danger. The reason given is always that they are negotiating the purchase of the land.

The responsible authorities are prepared to spend money on parking signs and restrictions, but when it comes to the safety of the residents they don't seem to care.

Is the time long overdue when the authorities concerned should stop prevaricating on this issue?

Don Thompson

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

Notes from the Report from the Trust meeting of June 17th 1999.

Gerald Tooley was welcomed as the new Nominative Trustee appointed by the Parish Council.

Walberswick Car Parks were given permission to erect a gate at the entrance to the Cliff Field carpark.

The November 5th Bonfire site would be on Cliff Field and would be restricted to residents rubbish only.

Licences for parking on Trust Land and for the fishing huts had been completed and signed.

A sluice would be constructed near the Mill to alleviate the footpath flooding problem.

Mr N Hunt was elected as the Trust's representative on the Village Hall Committee. An accident on the footpath by Tows Cabin had been reported to the County Council East Area Rights of Way Officer.

A meeting with Suffolk Wildlife Trust to discuss Winter work on the Common would be arranged for September.

A notice was being sent to all owners of beach huts on Trust land reminding them of the 'no sleeping in huts' condition of tenancy.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees.

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SUMMER AT THE WI

Mrs Baxter was able to enact many of Margaret Rutherford's sketches for us at the July meeting, as well as giving us a vivid account of Margaret's life and how she became the great comedy and character actress that we all loved. She was very fond of poetry and we much enjoyed Mrs Baxter's rendering of 'The Owl and the Pussycat'.

A large number of members enjoyed a wonderful trip around the waters of Orford on The Lady Florence. The weather was just perfect and we wined and dined in the elegant cabin. The Posh Picnic at Leiston Abbey was hugely enjoyable and we are off to the Southwold Summer Theatre later in the season. We take a holiday in August but meet on September 8th for Mrs Hann's talk "Around the World in Embroidery." Reports tell us that Mrs Hann is a very interesting speaker indeed as well as a skilled and creative embroiderer.

Julia Josephs

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COFFEE MORNING RESULT
Vellore Committee Coffee morning raised
£190. Chair lady and members would like
to thank all who contributed to an enjoyable
and successful event. Wendy Sinclair

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on Monday 5th July. 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 single storey rear extension to provide kitchen and study at Long Meadow, Stocks Lane, subject to the development being carried out in accordance with the plans and information contained in the application.

Wood chippings had been applied to the play area on the Village Green as a temporary safety measure.

A consultation report on Suffolk Estuarine Strategies had been circulated amongst the Members. The draft strategies set out a framework for the development of sustainable flood defence policies for the Deben, Alde-Ore and Blyth Estuaries. The Parish Council was concerned to see that it was proposed to do nothing to protect Robin's and Tinker's Marshes. This would have severe consequences for Walberswick. It was agreed to set up a sub-committee of the Council to deal with this serious issue.

Speeding through the village, the cutting of footpaths and visual splay at the entrance of Adams Lane were all discussed and would be reported to the Highways Department accordingly.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to the Council

FROM THE EDITORS - GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES

Don't forget to let us know any forthcoming events for the September What's On and any groups restarting after an August break don't forget to give us your Autumn meeting dates. Do you have any feedback from articles you've read in recent editions? Small articles on issues raised are always welcome and can be used if space and layout allows.

We are always pleased to receive 'copy' for the Village News - just remember the basic 'rules': no letters (although we can change letters into articles if you find it hard to adapt them yourselves), nothing personal or too controversial, and the Editors' decision is absolutely final as to what goes in and in what format. Sometimes we have to slightly alter things to fit or tone them down to avoid controversy. All this has to be done quite quickly in order to get it out in time - so please have patience with us (and the Board)!

On the technical front, please give your articles, reports etc. on disc or e mail if possible, font Times New Roman 10, justified, bold uppercase title and with no spaces between paragraphs. Thanks.

Eds.

P.S For those who haven't entered the computer age - hand-written on the back of an envelope is perfectly fine!

MARIE-CURIE CANCER CARE 1999 DAFFODIL APPEAL

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the house-to-house collection in March this year which raised £77.03. This will go towards helping people in Suffolk receive nursing care in the comfort and familiar surroundings of their own homes, free of charge. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Fiona Skelding

WHAT'S ON

LIBRARY BUS - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. August 6th and 20th.

BUSES - Halesworth Weds mornings. Lowestoft, Weds and Fri Mornings.

Norwich, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).

LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm

WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.

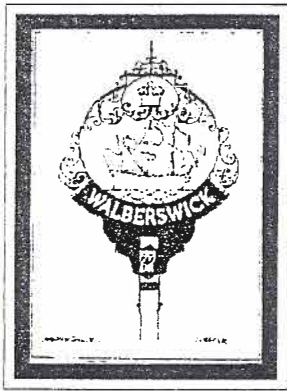
August 1st - Crabbing Competition. Registration from 2pm.

August 2nd - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

August 3rd and 4th - Craft Fair. Village Hall 10am-5pm.

August 28th - Village Fete

NB No Bridge, W.I, Circle Dancing in August



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MILLENNIUM DAWN (or thereabouts)

Attached to this Newsletter is a pro-forma promoting your Parish Council's plan to hold a *Champagne Millennium Breakfast* to be held in the Village Hall between 7.30 - 10.00am on 1st January 2000. There will be no cost to inhabitants and their guests but as the Council wish to minimise expenditure and maximise effectiveness it is *essential* that an accurate forecast of numbers wishing to attend is assessed at their Meeting on Monday 4th October 1999. Completed forms should therefore be returned to the special box in The Tuck Shop by *end September 1999*.

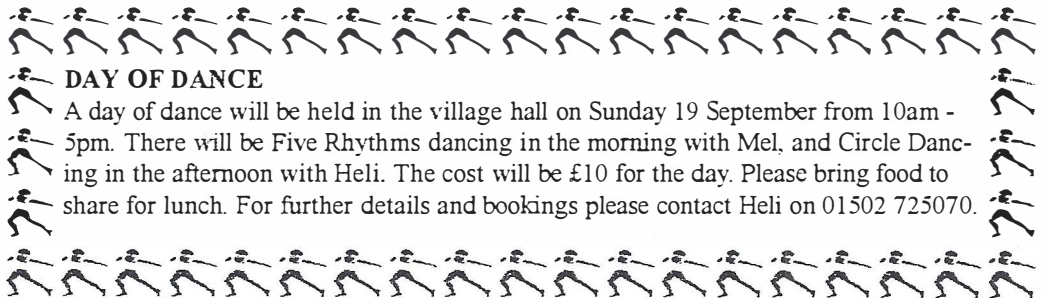
Vivien Hunt, Clerk, Walberswick PC

W.E.A - WALBERSWICK

The Autumn course "Ten English Novels" of ten meetings will commence in the village hall annexe on Thursday 23rd September at 7.30pm - concluding on the 2nd December.

This course examines the evolution of the English novel and the changing state of England through the work of ten major writers.

All interested contact Bill Sexton on 01502 723169.



DAY OF DANCE

A day of dance will be held in the village hall on Sunday 19 September from 10am - 5pm. There will be Five Rhythms dancing in the morning with Mel, and Circle Dancing in the afternoon with Heli. The cost will be £10 for the day. Please bring food to share for lunch. For further details and bookings please contact Heli on 01502 725070.

CRABBING

The organisers of the Crabbing Championship unreservedly wish to thank the community and Walberswick Car Parks Ltd for their understanding and tolerance on 1st August. Official numbers of competitors were somewhat down this year - it was a very hot day and many headed straight for the beach - but the vast majority agreed that the 19th event had been an especially enjoyable occasion. It will mean, however, that the total amount donated to the NSPCC and RNLI may not be as much as we would have wished. The 1999 British Open Crabbing Champion, all hail, is Thomas Dolton from Sudbury who secured a crab weighing no less than 5.25 ounces. Be prepared for 6th August 2000!

Robin Buncombe

THE NEW ARCH AT THE CHURCH

By the time this appears in print the new arch will be in place. It will have been noticed that whereas the central lamp is black, the arch itself is still in a grey galvanised finish. This is because the galvanising has to be left to 'weather' before it can be finally painted, and this should be done in good time for the Autumn.

Mike Kelly

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY

There is now a Village Events Diary in the Village Shop. To avoid clashes please enter the time and place of any event you organise.



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SAVE THE CHILDREN

October will soon be here when our Annual Bazaar will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday October 23rd. 'Save the Children' Christmas cards and gifts will be available along with our bumper cake stall, raffle and books. Offers of help and donations will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Pauline Payne 724379, Wyn Riddell 722802 or Maureen Thompson 723755.

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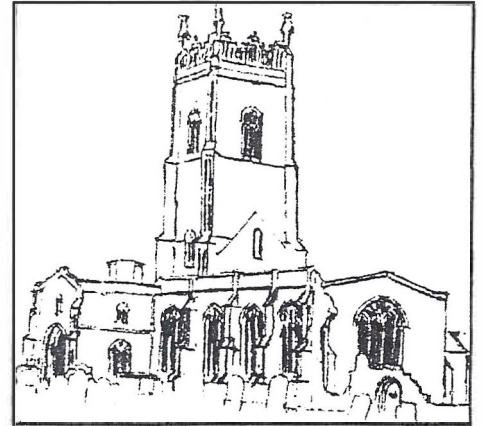
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CHURCH EVENTS *The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192*
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - SEPTEMBER

5 Sunday 14 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson
 12 Sunday 15 after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
 18.00 Choral Evensong Revd Fiona Ballentyne
 19 Sunday 16 after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Peter Clement
 26 Sunday 17 after Trinity 09.30 Morning Prayer 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 new term starts Sept 19 - Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30
FLOWER ARRANGERS
 Mesdames McClelland Morton Shirreff Beckham A Paton (BL)

CHURCH MATTERS



LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

September is the month when things begin to return to normal as school and college terms begin and the holiday season starts to come to a close. It is when meetings and other activities which form a regular part of many of our lives get under way again.

It is important as we embark on our regular routines to leave space for the spiritual and reflective, which can so easily become crowded out by the many other things that seem more urgent and immediate. In truth, however, the spiritual, should be the most urgent for it is that, above all else, that determines the kind of person we are. The spiritual is concerned with our inner being - the being that is still there when all else is stripped away. People of different faiths and people who are agnostic or atheist will go about this in different ways and it is important that we respect other people's approaches rather than trying to fit everyone into the same mould. It is far more important for us to look at our own lives than to be distracted by spending time criticising others. Christians will do this by spending time with the Bible, by sharing in the sacramental life of the Church, by being faithful in their private prayer lives and by living lives in the service of others. If we allow God truly to take control of lives we will discover hidden depths and meaning to life - for in his service we discover perfect freedom and everlasting joy and peace.

As life returns back to the normal routine may we each know within our hearts that joy, peace and love which it is God's desire we each should revel in every day of our lives

With every blessing
 Barry Naylor

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE (OR WALK)

Have you collected your sponsor forms for the 18th Cycle Ride (or walk) on Saturday 11th September? Let's make it a good one for St Andrew's this last year of the 20th Century.

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HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 10th October is Harvest Festival. To celebrate there is Family Eucharist at 9.30am and Festival Evensong at 6pm with full choir.

Please note that, this year, the Supper is on Friday 8th October at 7pm in the Village Hall. Christine (Fisher) and Julia are planning the evening with a delicious hot meal prepared by Patsy. This is followed by a musical treat with Julia and professional friends, and all for the unbelievably reasonable price of £5! Tickets are available from Penny Buncombe, Belle Vue, The Terrace, (722359) and at all church services on Sundays. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis, so hurry to avoid disappointment!

Julia Josephs

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WI - OPENING MEETING

The 1999/2000 season begins on Wednesday September 8th at 2.30 in the Village Hall when we welcome Mrs Hann, a skilled and creative embroiderer. The title of her talk "Around the World in Embroidery" is reported to be very interesting indeed. It will be good to meet up with our friends after the summer holidays and we should be delighted to welcome new members also.

Julia Josephs

THANKS

Dione and the family thank so very many people in the village for their letters and cards of sympathy and condolence on David's death. The kind thoughts of our many friends have been a great support and comfort to us and we are very grateful. Please forgive this impersonal message but we have been so overwhelmed by the number of letters that it would take many weeks to reply individually.

Dione Shirreff

WHIST

A whist drive is held every Thursday afternoon in the Village Hall Annexe at 2-30 pm. It is a friendly and relaxing afternoon and everyone is invited. You do not require a partner and transport can be provided if required. There is no obligation to come along every week, just come along when you feel like it.

If you are not sure whether you would enjoy it but would like further information, please give me a ring.

The cost is £1 per session which includes tea and biscuits. If our funds provide a sufficient surplus then we enjoy a free lunch usually at the Round House.

Peter Taylor Tel. 723847

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

On 3rd June 1999 my sister, my cousin and I each threw a message in a bottle into the sea from the Walberswick harbour wall at high tide. My bottle then floated 250 miles and was washed up on the beach of Juist, an island off the North West coast of Germany, where it was found a month later by a girl called Sönke Töllner, who was on holiday from her home in Frefeld near Dusseldorf. She wrote to me and I have written back sending pictures of Walberswick and Southwold.

Richard Osmond aged 11, St Albans.

BOWLS

The new season of carpet bowls starts on Wednesday October 6th. The sessions take place in the Village Hall at start at 7-30pm The play is not taken too seriously and to have an evening's enjoyment is the sole objective. If you have never played before come along to watch and then if it looks enjoyable, have a go yourself. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like further information please give me a ring. The cost is £1 per session.
Peter Taylor Phone 723847

BRIDGE

Don't forget that the new season of bridge starts on 13th of September. Dates for your diary this month are the 13th and 27th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe.

Also keep in mind that a Bridge Drive will be held on November 22nd.

A WALBERSWICK TALE

On the hot afternoon of August 5th, on looking through my window I was amazed to see a snake slithering across the lawn away from my pond, with a five inch goldfish in its jaws. On my approach, it turned, dropped the fish, and shot back into the pond. I picked up the fish, which was still alive and put it back into the pond; it swam away, apparently no worse for wear.

I wonder how many fish I shall lose to the snake before the summer is over!

Grahame Godsmark

1999 HORTICULTURAL SHOW

On a pleasant day another successful show. A slight drop in exhibitors, but a slight increase in exhibits and many more people through the door. Result, a slight profit on the day to allow us to continue for another year or two. Early Dawn Nurseries provided another splendid display of plants.

The cup winners were:-

Winyard Cup (Fruit, Flower and Veg.) Grahame Godsmark
Iris Blois Cup (Ladies Fruit, Flower and Veg.) Sheila Diverall
Flower Bowl (Flower Arrangements) Chrissie Reeves
Chris Gold Cup (Culinary Skills) Grahame Godsmark

The committee thanks all who took part. I thank the Committee and those who helped with the preparation and on the day.

Brian Payne, Chairman.

JANET SMITH

Many readers will be sorry to learn that Janet Smith, wife of Geoffrey Smith, Vicar here until 1986, died peacefully in her armchair at home in Newmarket on Sunday 15th August.

Wendy Sinclair

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WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Southwold Town Council requested permission to place three boundary stones on the Walberswick side of the river, to mark the millennium. Mr Burrage produced designs for the stones and showed them to the Councillors. The Parish Council had no objection to the request. The inauguration of the stones will take place on 24th June 2000 at 5.45 pm. Further explanation was received from SCDC concerning the demolition of the original dwelling at Quiet Ways and the granting of planning permission at the back of Old Vicarage Cottage. The letter from SCDC will be placed on notice board, outside the Village Hall

SCDC has granted £800 to the Council towards the cost of safety surfacing to the play areas.

A seat in the village has been destroyed by vandals; the insurance company is prepared to replace the seat up to a value of £300, but the excess is £100. Two residents have expressed an interest in sponsoring a new seat.

The Council received a request for a motorcycle road run across the common and Bailey Bridge on August 29th, but it was considered too dangerous.

The Council received consultation leaflets concerning The Sandlings Walks Project; the Council will meet with the Countryside Officer to discuss rights of way around the village. The Council were extremely disappointed at the lack of support from the police in maintaining the traffic regulations; however it was felt that the policing on the Crabbing Day had been a success. The clerk was asked to write to the police to express the council's views.

Fewer problems have been reported since the campsite had been officially opened. Further camping issues were discussed and a meeting will be arranged between Sir Charles and Lady Blois, the Police, the Parish Council and the Charity Trust at the end of the season. Matters raised by Members included the ambiguity of the Conservative fete posters, the amount of bottles being left in boxes around the bottle bank at the Anchor, the continued monitoring of the pavilion and splinters in the skateboard ramp.

John Brentnall, Parish Councillor

DAVID SHIRREFF

David died on 12th July 1999 and his funeral service was held at St Andrew's Church on Thurs 15th July. His family and indeed the whole village have lost a kind, self-effacing husband, father and dear friend.

David's interests touched so many aspects of village life - the Royal British Legion, W.A.T.S, the bird song walk, the energy behind the very successful *Suffolk Memories* (the war stories from men and women from the village), and long-standing membership of the Royal British Legion Welfare Committee.

As many will know, David had a very distinguished active war service with the King's African Rifles in Italian Somaliland, Abyssinia, Madagascar (where he was awarded the Military Cross), and across the Indian Ocean in Burma.

Post-war, David joined the colonial service in Kenya, where he served until 1963. After returning to the U.K, David qualified as a solicitor and practised in Bury St Edmunds. Subsequently, he also served as a District Judge.

He is greatly missed by us all.

John Stanyer

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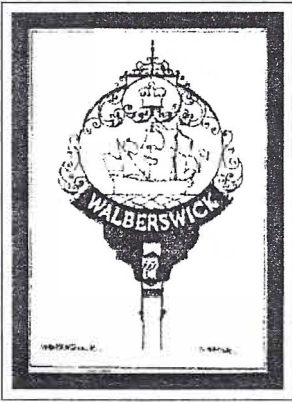
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WHAT'S ON

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BUSES - *Halesworth* Weds mornings. *Lowestoft*, Weds and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).
CIRCLE DANCING - Sunday 19th August 10-5pm Village Hall. See front page article.
LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
BRIDGE - 13th and 27th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe. See article on page 3.
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
September 8th - W.I Opening Meeting. Village Hall 2.30pm.
September 11th - Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride/Walk. 722474 for details.
September 6th - Parish Council meeting - Village Hall Annexe at 7.30pm.
September 23rd - W.E.A course starts in the Village Hall 7.30pm. 723169 for details.

Dates for your Diary -

October 6th - Bowls restarting. Village Hall 7.30pm.
October 8th Harvest Supper. Village Hall 7pm.
October 23rd - Save the Children Annual Bazaar. Village Hall
January 1st - Millennium Breakfast. Village Hall 7.30am.



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SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The sponsored cycle ride took place on that lovely Saturday, 11th September. Phew! The cyclists were very hot and eager for refreshment when they clocked in at St Andrew's. Ten Walberswick cyclists took part: Maurice Godbold, Grahame Godsmark, Mary King, Tony Rees, Dione Shirreff, James Shirreff, Chris Sinclair, Wendy Sinclair, and Don Thompson; also Pat Wythe who spent a happy day walking round 30 churches in Norwich. Our grateful thanks are due to them and to their sponsors. Results will be known later when all the sponsor money has been collected.

Ruth Bassett

VILLAGE FETE

We wish to thank everyone for the important contributions that they made towards such a splendid result. The final net amount raised is £3587.

Maureen and Don Thompson

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UNITED MISSIONARY COUNCIL BAZAAR

This annual bazaar in aid of Vellore Hospital in India and St Elizabeth Hospice in Ipswich will be held on October 30th at 2pm in the Village Hall. All help welcome. Committee meeting at my house on October 13th at 7.30pm.

Wendy Sinclair

CRUISE SHIP OFF WALBERSWICK

Some of you may have seen the small Cruise ship, The Caledonian Star, at anchor off Walberswick on Tuesday morning the 24th August. It seems that she was transferring some passengers to two coaches which were waiting at the Ferry. The transfer was made using the ship's rigid inflatable boats in a lumpy sea, taking the passengers from a platform on the ship's side, to a stage adjacent to the Ferry. The ship then weighed anchor and proceeded south, presumably to re-embark them further down the coast after their day out. The Caledonian Star was previously The North Star. She was built in 1966 of 3095 gross tons with a speed of 15 knots and is registered in the Bahamas. She made a fine sight riding at anchor so close to the Harbour.

Toby Robinson

SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING

Please make a note in your diaries that we are holding a coffee morning on October 23rd in the Village Hall, from 10am - noon. There will be the usual selection of Christmas cards, books, cakes and a tombola.

We desperately need someone to join us on the committee, who is willing to give a little time to such a worthy cause. Wyn Riddell and I hope that Pauline Payne will soon recover from her stroke and be able to rejoin us.

Maureen Thompson



BEACH CLEAN

**Sunday 24th October 10am
Meet at Cliff Field Car Park
Gloves and bags provided**

ROMANIAN APPEAL

To mark the Millennium, Sue and Paul at the Bell would like to ask the people of Walberswick to share a little of what they have by making up shoeboxes of gifts for the children in Romania in the orphanage schools and HIV hospital. They would love to receive toiletries, toilet bags, dot to dot and colouring books, pens, pencils, geometry sets and candles. Please tape a £2 coin to each box to pay for transport.

Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Walberswick 'locals' who so generously sponsored his recent visit to the orphanage in Romania.

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - OCTOBER

Churchwardens Bob Trevelyan 722478 Paddy Kelly 724447

1 Friday Marriage Blessing	15.30	Lisa Allen to Robert Scott
3 Sunday 18 after Trinity	09.30	Sung Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne
10 Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving	09.30	Family Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor
	18.00	Festal Evensong Revd Barry Naylor
17 Sunday 20 after Trinity	09.30	Sung Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne
23 Saturday Marriage Ceremony	15.00	Lucy Adkinson to Mark Josey
24 Sunday Bible Sunday	09.30	Morning Prayer to be confirmed
31 Sunday All Saints	09.30	Sung Eucharist Revd Barry Naylor

with Blythburgh and Reydon

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School meets Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30

FLOWER ARRANGERS

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LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

In October we are celebrating our Harvest Festival Weekend at St. Andrew's. The Harvest Supper will be on Friday 8th and our Family Harvest Festival Eucharist will be on the 10th at 9:30 a.m. On the Sunday evening there will be Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.. You will be warmly welcomed at any of the services.

At Harvest time we give thanks for our food and for all those who produce it, process it and sell it. We thank God for his overriding love as our Creator and Sustainer. In this part of the world we have so much to give thanks for in the natural order - the sea, the river, the marshes, the commons and heathland and the wide variety of wildlife which these all support. In the midst of our thanksgiving we should remember at this time all those involved in agriculture for whom this is a most difficult period with rock-bottom prices for so much of their produce. We should also remember all those who have to worry each day about where their "daily bread" will come from and who may well die of hunger. We can support them through various charities. We should also support our local farmers by purchasing as much local produce as possible and by persuading those who sell food to stock local produce whenever this is possible. Later in October we remember that we are all members of one family - the human family when we keep One World Week. There will be an ecumenical service at the Sacred Heart R.C Church in Southwold on October 17th at 6:00 p.m.. On Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm there will be an open meeting at the Methodist Hall on the theme "Re-forming our Future". I will be one of the speakers - talking about my experiences in south-east London working in a multi-racial area. On 2nd November - All Souls Day - we will be remembering our departed loved ones. There will be a Requiem Eucharist at Blythburgh at 10:00 a.m. and a special Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those who have died, at 7:30 in the evening at St. Margaret's, Reydon. If you would like any further information about any of the above, or anything else connected with the life of the Church do please contact me.

Barry Naylor

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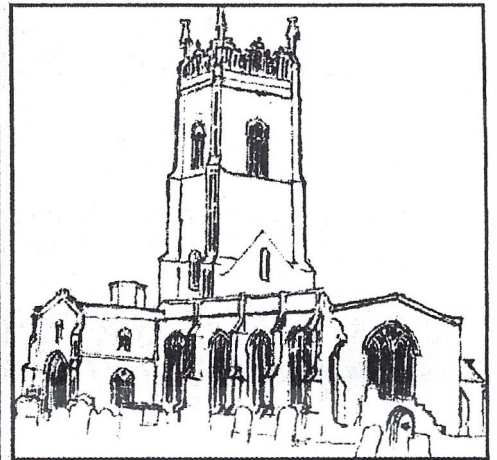
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September 4th

Burial of ashes

Paul Geoffrey Allen of Southwold aged 61

September 12th

Holy Baptism

Benedict and Lily Felton

CHURCH THEFT

The wooden offertory box in the Church was vandalised in August but, thanks to our policy of emptying it daily, very little was stolen. Repairs were carried out by Richard Leon but, for the moment, we are relying on the more secure wall boxes.

E C Bassett

HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 8-10

Don't forget your supper tickets for Friday 8th at 7pm. Fabulous food, wonderful wine and enchanting entertainment! The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning, 9th, and gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables (tinned food also acceptable) should be brought early that morning. More vegetables would be very much appreciated this year, please. Services on the 10th are a Family Eucharist at 09.30 and a Festal Evensong at 18.00 at which the enlarged Choir will sing 'The Heavens are telling' from The Creation by Haydn, together with all the favourite harvest hymns.

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WI - BUTTERFLIES

Mr and Mrs Kelsey will be talking to us about Butterflies at our meeting at 14.30 on Wednesday October 13th. Our Chairman reports a proliferation of these beautiful insects in her garden this summer! Mrs Hann's talk on 'Embroidery Round the World' lived up to all expectations and we were enthralled by her many samples of quilting and embroidery; some of the most exquisite pieces worked on silk were from the Far East.

Julia Josephs

SUBURBIA COMES TO THE MARSHES

Part of the footpath from the Old Mill towards the caravan site at Walberswick has been covered with planking. This may be suitable for an Urban Park but it is totally out of place in an area of outstanding natural beauty!

The reason for this hideous piece of work is that the footpath has been flooded and difficult to use.

The cause of the flooding is that the drainage channels taking the water from the marshes have been deliberately blocked, allowing the level of the water to rise to what is probably its highest level in living memory. This should never have been allowed. In the absence of any information to the contrary, there must be a suspicion that commercial interests have been allowed to spoil this area of outstanding natural beauty.

As I see it the solution to the problem, if it is essential to allow the higher level of water in the reed-beds, is to make drainage channels alongside, and parallel to, the path to prevent the water flooding the path and to allow this water to flow away to the deep water channels which already flow under bridges to the river. This should be less expensive and preserve the natural beauty of the area.

Is it too much to hope that a sensitive solution can be provided and this hideous wooden planking removed?

It is worth noting that the planking has been put over a section of the footpath where the higher level of the water makes the going difficult. Nothing has been done to the section nearer the caravan site where the flooding is much worse and the path completely impassable without wellington boots.

Peter Taylor

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Our 1999/2000 season started on Friday September 10th with a discussion led by David Wilkinson and Richard Smithson on 'Whither Home Computing?' The last five years of rapid growth were reviewed and a lively debate ensued attempting to anticipate what the next five years might bring. Most of the growth was expected in the speed and facilities offered by the Internet. Remote monitoring and control of domestic equipment is also expected to increase, mobile phones acting as the terminal device.

Our next meeting at 6.15pm on Friday October 8th will be a visit to Felixstowe Docks by kind permission of the Felixstowe Dock & Railway Co. for a talk on the scheduling and control of container movements, followed by a tour of the computer suite.

For further details of this visit and where to meet please phone Frank Scoble on 01502-723519

The Society meets monthly, normally at 7pm in Walberswick. Join now to benefit from a full and varied programme.

Denis Rolfe

THANK YOU

Pauline and Brian Payne wish to thank their friends in the village for their concern following Pauline's sudden illness and for their good wishes and offers of help. Pauline is now home and making steady progress.

Brian Payne

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From the Editors

Can we make a plea that people enter all their planned events in the Village Diary? This way other groups will know dates to avoid and people involved in more than one group will be able to continue to attend. If you are organising a regular slot check that other groups aren't already using those dates. The Diary is held in the Tuck Shop.

Just a reminder - that views expressed in the Village News are not necessarily those of the editors or the board.

Please continue to send in articles; extra material is always welcome. What about the children and young people out there? We could have a regular young persons' slot if we were to receive articles, poems etc. for it - especially about life in Walberswick. If you or your group have a computer and/or e mail facilities PLEASE use it to send your articles in mail form or on disk. It makes our job so much easier and it takes us a fraction of the time needed to enter the material into the layout of the magazine.

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Once again the season is at an end. It has been a busy time with a few thousand visitors asking the usual questions from 'How do I get to Dunwich?' to 'Where are the loos?' They show a keen interest in the Centre usually leaving with free literature and purchases of postcards, books and maps. I wish to thank all the Volunteers who man the Centre and thank them all for the pleasant way in which they have played their part. I hope they will all be able to attend our thank you get-together later in the year - details to follow soon. We shall need additional volunteers next year - if you are interested please contact me, Maureen Thompson, on 01502 723755

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WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on Monday 6th September. The official minutes of meetings are displayed on the council notice board at the Village Hall and in the church porch.

An appeal against the decision made by Suffolk Coastal to refuse planning permission for a granny annexe at Millfield House, Millfield Road had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

A long discussion took place on a) Speed and intensity of traffic through the village and the resulting threat to pedestrians and cyclists, and b) Preservation of the village. The Vice Chairman, Mr Hunt explained that as Car Parks' Manager he always erected a sign at Blythburgh crossroads as soon as the car parks reached their capacity and then immediately informed the police of the situation in the village. Unfortunately, this summer Traffic Wardens had rarely come to the village at busy times and the police had not been as supportive as in previous years. This was a major problem for the village, particularly in the area of the green, as the traffic regulations were only as good as their enforcement.

Further discussions took place on the merits of humps in the road, road narrowing, rumble strips, markings on the road etc. to aid speed reduction in the village, especially along the stretch from the outskirts to the church. It was unanimously resolved to invite the Visitor Management Working Group to review the situation. Proposals and ways forward would then be discussed at the next meeting.

The question of fishing nets being placed too near to the beach endangering swimmers was also raised. This would be reported to the Marine Safety Agency. Flooding in Leveretts Lane and the condition of footpath 11 would also be reported to the appropriate departments at Suffolk County Council.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm in the annexe of the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt Clerk to the Council

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

A meeting was held on 19th August of Walberswick Common Lands Trust.

A report outlining management proposals of Trust Land and Property for the next five years had been prepared and will be presented to the October meeting.

Comments on the Estuarine Strategy consultation process have been submitted.

A review of work on the Common will take place in September in consultation with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Volunteer Warden.

It was agreed to guarantee an £800 grant to the church in order to secure a £8000 grant from Suffolk Waste Disposal Company for the Church tower restoration.

The new board walk from the mill has now been finished. The aim is to prevent further erosion of the footpath. Eventually grass and reeds will grow around it lessening the impact.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees

WHAT'S ON

LIBRARY BUS - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. October 8th and 22nd.

BUSES - *Halesworth* Weds mornings. *Lowestoft*, Weds and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).

CIRCLE DANCING - Sunday 17th 10-5pm Village Hall.

LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm

BRIDGE - 11th and 25th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe.

WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.

October 4th - Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm

October 6th - Bowls restarting in the Village Hall 7.30pm.

October 8th - Harvest Supper. Village Hall 7pm.

October 8th - Computer Society (See p.3)

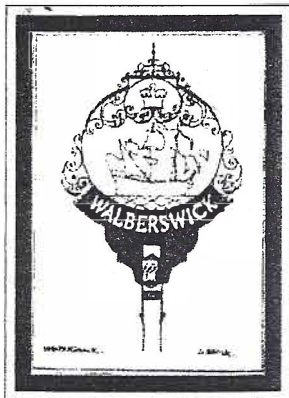
October 13th - W.I Meeting. Village Hall 2.30pm.

October 23rd - Save the Children Coffee morning. Village Hall

October 30th - Vellore Annual Bazaar. Village Hall 2pm.

Dates for your Diary

January 1st - Millennium Breakfast. Village Hall 7.30am.



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4TH OCTOBER

Full minutes will be displayed on the usual noticeboards.

There were two planning applications this month. There is a plan to convert Mary's Restaurant into 6 dwellings for elderly and disabled people; this would involve the demolition of part of the single storey at the rear and the conversion of outbuildings. The council had reservations, namely: the proposed layout appears to overcrowd the site; if permission is granted restrictions should be stipulated to ensure that the dwellings should not be used as a second or holiday homes or sold on as such; preference should be given to Walberswick residents. Four councillors had no objection in principal to the application, one abstained and one objected. There was a retrospective application for alterations and extensions to Poplar Cottage Annexe. The Council was concerned about the unauthorised installation of six Velux windows and other changes in the fenestration and roof design without planning consent especially as this is not the first time this has happened in the village. The Council agreed to write to SCDC and ask them what action they would be taking. The Village Management Group has been re-formed, it will consist of Mr Robin Buncombe, Mr Alvin Hunt, Miss Barbara Priestman, Mrs Jane Gomm and Mr A. Walpole. Further members could be co-opted if necessary.

The Lionheart Sponsored Walk has written to the Parish Council to express gratitude to the car park attendant Mr John Minney for his help and friendly service. Other issues raised by members included: the resurfacing of Ferry Road Car Park; the shoring up of the banks of the Dunwich River and bringing the surfacing of the play equipment up to standard.

Next meeting Monday 1st November.

MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE SANDLINGS WALK PROJECT

A meeting was held with the members of the Parish Council on 13th September. There is a plan to create a long distance path between Ipswich and Southwold. The planned route involving Walberswick will pass on the outskirts of the village. Concerns were voiced about bikes using the footpaths and people not understanding breeding seasons. It was suggested that the Heritage Hut could provide information and get children more interested. The poor state of the footpaths at the bottom of Stocks Lane and through the marshes near Seven Acre Field were discussed and will be looked into. Unauthorised camping, beach bonfires, and vandalism to beach huts were also discussed. It was suggested that the village should have a management agreement with the Landowners and produce a set of by-laws for the beach area. There is a model set of by-laws available and these could be passed quickly. However if the Parish needed to modify them in any way this would take considerably longer. WDC have their own by-laws which state that fishing nets must be placed 150 metres from the low water mark from May to September to ensure safety for swimmers.

John Brentnall

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7 Sunday Third before Advent 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Jane Wilson

14 Sunday Second before Advent

10.45 Remembrance Service Canon John Matthews

18.00 Evensong & Dedication Revd Barry Naylor

21 Sunday Christ the King 09.30 Sung Eucharist Revd Fiona Ballentyne

28 Sunday First of Advent 09.30 Advent Carol Service Revd Barry Naylor

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00

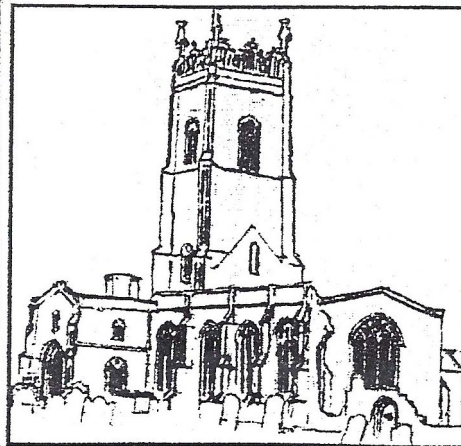
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Mesdames Beckham and Sinclair Basset(BL)

CHURCH MATTERS



LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

November is the month when we think of Guy Fawkes and his attempts to solve what he saw as the political problems of the day by blowing up the Palace of Westminster. His punishment for this attempted terrorist act was horrendous, being brutally tortured before his horrific execution. Thank God we have moved on since then in the way we treat convicted criminals but there are still many places in the world where those in prison are treated in particularly inhuman (inhumane) ways. There are also many lands in which people can end up in prison and face torture simply because they hold political or religious views contrary to those of the ruling party.

Sunday 21st November marks the beginning of Prisoners' Week, when we are asked to remember in our prayers all those who are held in prison and their loved ones and those whose responsibility it is to care for them. We must remember all who are victims of crime but those who commit crime are also in great need of prayer. Prayer is the supreme tool we use to share in God's love for his creation and he loves the most wicked sinner as much as he loves the holiest saint. Our prayers must, therefore, embrace the person who is in prison because of the foulest crimes as well as those who are unjustly imprisoned.

Sunday 21st is also the Feast of Christ the King – when we affirm his lordship over the whole of creation. As the century draws to its close can we not each hold before God in sorrow all that has been unChrist-like in our lives, all those areas where we have not allowed his love to reign supreme. Can we not also commit ourselves anew to doing all we can as the new century dawns to extend his gentle rule of love in every area of our lives?

With every blessing

Barry Naylor

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The supper was a sell-out event and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Patsy must be congratulated on her delicious coq-au-vin and our enormous thanks go to all who contributed in any way. Artists and friends, Tony and Cynthia, were most impressed with all the amenities of our village hall. The Church looked simply magnificent on the Sunday and, again, many thanks to anyone who helped or brought produce. This was duly distributed around the village the following day. At Harvest Evensong the choir excelled themselves with Haydn's great chorus 'The Heavens are telling the glory of God'.

Julia Josephs, Christine Fisher, Mary King

THE ALTO'S LAMENT

It's tough to be an alto when you're singing in the choir
The sopranos get the twiddly bits that people all admire.
The basses boom like loud trombones, the tenors shout with glee,
But the alto part is on two notes (or if you're lucky three).
And when we sing an anthem and we lift our hearts in praises
The men get all the juicy bits and telling little phrases.
Of course the trebles sing in tune-they always come off best;
The altos only get three notes and twenty-two bars rest.
We practise very hard each week from hymn-book and the Psalter,
But when the conductor looks at us our voices start to falter.
"Too high! Too low! Too fast-you heid that note too long!"
It doesn't matter what to do-it's certain to be wrong!
Oh shed a tear for altos, they're the martyrs and they know,
In the ranks of choral singers they're considered very low.
They are so very 'umble that a lot of folks forget 'em;
How they'd love to be sopranos, but their vocal chords won't let 'em!
And when the final trumpet sounds and we are wafted higher,
Sopranos, bases, tenors-they'll be in the Heavenly Choir.
While they sing "Alleluia!" to celestial flats and sharps,
The altos will be occupied with polishing the harps.
(From St John's Church Montreux)
Merle Rafferty

ADVENT CAROLS

Last month at a meeting of Team organists, Barry Naylor agreed to the request for individual parishes to hold their own Advent Carol Services as they had up to and including 1996. Sunday the 28th at 09.30 sees the return of this marvellous service as we look forward to the celebration of the Nativity with readings, psalms and hymns.

Julia Josephs

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**NEW DATE FOR CANCER RESEARCH
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This will be held on Saturday 20th November
 and not in December as previously. Please
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 12 noon. M. R. Adkinson

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 dom by Elgar, Bible readings and a
 variety of well-known and well-loved
 sacred songs. There will be a retir-
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WI - AGM & CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
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 14.30. New ladies would be especially welcome as also would ideas for new
 committee members. After the business affairs are over, Mrs Harman is to
 demonstrate three flower arrangements appropriate for Christmas, and these will be
 raffled at the end of the meeting.

We so enjoyed Mr and Mrs Kelsey's visit last month about Butterflies and had not
 realised what beautiful photography (shown on the screen) they had made of no less
 than sixty-eight out of the seventy butterflies they had located in the British Isles. A
 truly absorbing hobby they keenly shared with us. Julia Josephs

CURIOSLY WALBERSWICK
 Are there things about Walberswick that you've always wanted to know and never
 been able to find out? There are a lot of people around with stores of useful and
 useless information about the Village. We could start a new slot! Send in a question
 you've always wanted answering and we'll print replies in the following issue (if we
 get them!). This could bring up some very interesting facts about our local history
 and environment.

As the Editors we could start the ball rolling. We are constantly asked by visitors to
 the Village after which Coronation our cottage is named. Does anyone know?
 Another one could be why Palmers and Leveretts Lane are so called.
 Any answers, and new questions, to the Village News Editors. Eds

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR AND MRS WEBBER
 September 30th was the Webber's Diamond wedding anniver-
 sary. We all send Millie and Doug our warmest congratula-
 tions and love. Pat Longyear

**RNLI BANGERS AND MASH EVENING AT
 THE ANCHOR**
 Bangers and mash evening at the Anchor Friday November
 19th 7.30 pm including live music and a raffle Tickets £5
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SLIDE SHOW OF OLD WALBERSWICK
 Images of Walberswick and Area, a slide show by Philip Kett with wine, cheese and a raf-
 fle. December 4th 7.30 pm in the village hall. Entry free with a retiring collection for the
 RNLI.

**A GREAT SUMMER FOR WYN'S
 BOOKSTALL**
 I am delighted to tell you that my book stall
 has made £214.20 this summer. The trea-
 surer of the Save the Children fund raising
 committee tells me that in the past five years
 I have raised £1200. Isn't that good! I must
 thank you all for contributing and buying the
 books. Wyn Riddell

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
 MR GODSMARK**
 Congratulations to Grahame Godsmark for
 being awarded the first place in the adult cate-
 gory of the Ottakar's Faber Poetry Competition
 for the Lowestoft Area (National Poetry Day
 October 7th 1999) for his poem "Remembered
 Suffolk Summer." Mary King

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EXHIBITION IN SOUTHWOLD'S NEW GALLERY

The Suffolk Group (of painters, printmakers and sculptors) will be holding their annual Winter Exhibition in the recently refurbished Buckenham Gallery in Southwold from 13th-25th November. The exhibition will be open daily from 10-5 pm and admission is free. The Suffolk Group originated in Walberswick some 10 years ago, and consists of 37 Suffolk-based professional artists of national and international standing. Local painter and founder member Richard Scott, has just held a very successful exhibition of his Walberswick paintings at the prestigious Chappel Gallery at Wakes Colne, and several of his recent works will be included in the Southwold exhibition. The group look forward to seeing you there in November when you will also be able to see the splendid new gallery. Mike Kelly

A NEW RECORD FOR SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

The final total raised for this year's Sponsored Cycle Ride was £1271.70 (£100 up on last year's record total)-another marvellous result! The continued generosity of Walberswick people never ceases to amaze. St Andrew's Church and The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust are extremely grateful. Thank you. Ruth Bassett

Apologies

Apologies to anyone who has been trying to send us an e mail. A combination of our reprinting the address wrongly in the last issue and having problems with our internet connection has led to difficulties this month. Hopefully this has now been sorted out. Any further problems please try our home e mail Denise@brentnald.freemove.co.uk Eds.

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Our meeting on Friday October 8th was held at The Port of Felixstowe by kind invitation of the management, for a talk on the scheduling and control of container movements, followed by a tour of the computer suite. Andy Free the Information Systems manager showed a short video of the activities of the port and then gave a detailed presentation of the development of the site to its present position as Britain's largest container port. Giant cranes unload containers from ships which can hold up to 7000, these may be transferred to another ship or parked awaiting delivery by train or truck. More containers will be arriving by rail and road, day and night. Typically 40,000 containers will be in the park at any time and each of the many mobile cranes will move 20 containers per hour. To achieve these results total reliance is placed on computers to log the position and destination of each container, and the nature of its contents. Other programmes are used to schedule the movement of cranes within the park and to plan the loading pattern for outgoing ships so that those required first are at the top of the stack. In addition relevant data is made available to the Shipper, the Purchaser, other affected Ports, the Customs and the Police.

After dealing with many questions Mr Free invited us to partake of a splendid finger buffet before he showed us round the Computer Suite and control room, from which all activities are monitored 24 hours a day. All the software used was developed in house, a mammoth task! At our next meeting on November 12th, Hedley Griffin whose work has been screened on TV will talk to us on Cartooning with Computers. An evening not to be missed.

For further details of the Society and where we meet please phone Martin Smith on 01502 478666, Denis Rolfe on 01502 711972 or visit our web site at www.go.to/bvcs. Denis Rolfe

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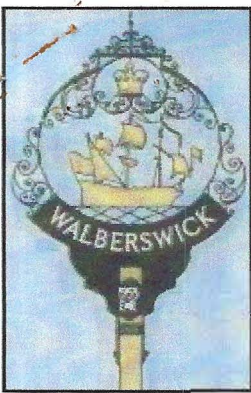
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LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
BRIDGE - 8th and 22nd at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe.
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
BOWLS - Every Wednesday Village hall 7.30pm
SUFFOLK GROUP EXHIBITION - 13th -25th November. Buckenham Gallery S'wold.
November 1st - Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm
November 3rd - W.I AGM and Christmas Decorations. Village Hall 2.30pm.
November 12th - Computer Society (See above)
November 13th-British Legion Coffee Morning. Village Hall 10am.
November 13th RNLI Bangers and Mash evening. The Anchor 7.30pm.
November 20th - Cancer Research mini Market. Village Hall 10-12 noon.
November 21st - Christus Regnat Concert. St Andrew's Church 3.30pm.
November 23rd British Legion AGM. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Dates for your Diary
January 1st - Millennium Breakfast. Village Hall 7.30am.



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WALBERSWICK

On a magical island
three-sided by the whispering
reeds
and salty marshes;
a place to restore ones heart
and blow away the seeds
of discontent.

The grey waves roll,
and the wild geese pass near by
look up, look up!
Too late - they're gone
but their melancholy cries
tell us they are coming home.

A small and close community,
gardens, fields and space,
sand dunes and the sea
All weave a web of magic
that binds us to this place
and makes us feel
home at last.

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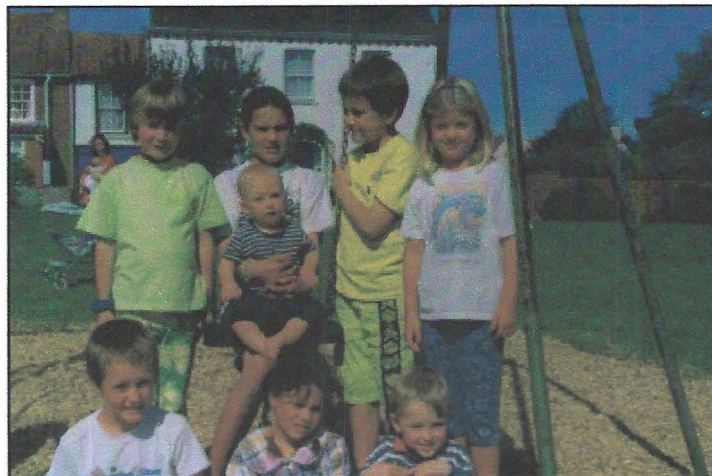
David. Friend of reconciliation between Britain & Japan-author, and much more remembered.



Violet. Centre forward of the shop team.



Julie. Their future in her hands.



Their dawn.
Our hopes.

Back

Amy Rose
Amelia
Oliver
James
Katrina

Front

George
Rebecca
George

THE LOVE AFFAIR

'Tell me again, how the gorse smelt that mom
When you got up so early, and crept over the lawn,
And down to the marshes with bucket and jar,
And the corn seemed so high and the way seemed so far.'

It's a long time ago now, and I was quite small,
But still the sounds and the smells I can clearly recall.
There were thrushes and blackbirds who chorused along,
And the sea-gulls loud mewling, and the cuckoo in song.

And the sea .. sometimes rushing, and crashing to shore,

So often, just sighing with ripples before.
The crunch of the pebbles, and cool of the sand,
A world I could hold in the palm of my hand?

A world that was humming and vibrant in heart,
The creatures of land, sea and sky, play their part,
In marshes, and heathland, seaside, woodland and river,
My mind drifts, and watching, 'How wondrous the giver'.



Freddie. Endangered species in this time and place.



Barbara.
Uncommon manager of Walberswick welfare

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R. L. E.



Wendy & Chris.
Persistent artists and people for all seasons.



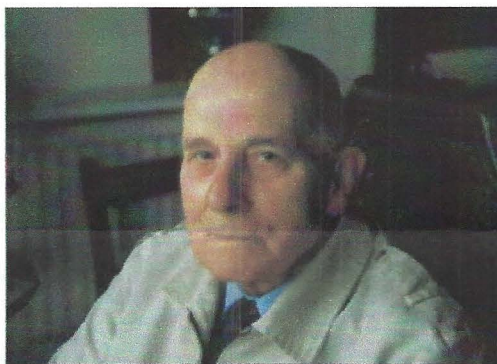
Merle. Historian with a voice.

The Church as the frame to encircle and crown,
The joys and the sadness with love does surround
The comings and goings of life day by day;
Remembering the faithful who there knelt to pray.

The canvas and paintbrush in rich colours convey
Each unique soul as they pass on their way:
The comic, outrageous or crude; their infamy spreads;
Kaleidoscope pieces and tapestry threads.

It's a scent on the wind, it's a sunrise of rose,
The chorus at daybreak, the clamour of crows,
The mist on the meadow in the early dawning.
This, my child, is a Walberswick morning!

Judith Morton



Arthur. Not of the Round Table but of a legend in self-effacing contributions.

All Things Considered.
Back: Nicholas, Elvin, Keith, Vivien, John, Christine
Front: Robin, Brian
Inset: Philip



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

Churchwardens Bob Trevelyan 722478 Paddy Kelly 724447

- 5 Sunday Second of Advent 09.30 Sung Eucharist
 12 Sunday Third of Advent 09.30 Family Eucharist
 18.00 Evensong
 19 Sunday Fourth of Advent 09.30 Said Eucharist with hymns
 18.00 Carols and Readings
 25 Saturday Christmas Day 09.30 Family Eucharist
 26 Sunday after Christmas 11.00 Eucharist at BLYTHBURGH
 31 Friday New Year's Eve 23.30 Watchnight at Southwold Methodist
 1 January New Year's Day 12.00 Millennium (St Andrew's)
 2 January Second of Christmas 15.00 Ecumenical Millennium St Edmund's
 Southwold

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School meets 5th December in the Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30

FLOWER ARRANGERS

No altar flowers until Christmas

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son so that all who believe in him might not perish but have eternal life."

This is the wonderful good news that we celebrate at Christmas, when we recall the birth of Jesus Christ of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God loved us so much, and cared for us so much, that he revealed the depth of that love by giving us his only Son to live among us, as one of us. He became a human being exactly like you and me. He did not cling to his equality with God but assumed our human condition so he could demonstrate that there were absolutely no limits to his love. His humbling of himself in the womb of His Mother finds its fulfilment, of course, in the ultimate self-offering on the Tree of Calvary. There is an inextricable link between the Incarnation and the Passion and Death of Jesus of Nazareth.

Christmas is a time to celebrate and to rejoice as we revel in all that God has done for us and that he continues to do for us in this day and age. It is important that we should try and sort out what our faith teaches us about the events we recall this season from all the consumerist trappings that we are already surrounded by.

We should make good use of the days of Advent, leading up to Christmas, just as we make good use of the days of Lent leading up to Easter. This is especially difficult when we find ourselves caught up in the singing of Christmas carols, and Christmas jingles in supermarkets and elsewhere, many days before the event itself. It is, however, vital, if we are to enter as fully as possible into what the season of Christmas is all about. It is about God becoming one of us and living in our midst so that we might share in his Divine life and live with him for all eternity.

This message is so wonderful what can we do but rejoice? One thing we can do is to ensure that we show forth and reveal in our own lives that same love that manifests itself in the birth of Jesus Christ of the Virgin Mary in that backyard in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago. This means ensuring that we do all in our power to reach out in love to the broken and wounded. It means seeking to build households, communities and nations which reflect that love and we can only do that if we know the power of that love at work in our own individual lives. May you know the peace, the gentleness and the power of that love, revealed at Christmas, all the days of your life.

With every blessing and my prayers that you and your loved ones may have a joyous Christmas and a richly blessed New Year.
 Barry Naylor, Team Rector.

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CHURCH MATTERS

PARISH REGISTERS

October 23rd

Holy Matrimony

Mark Josey to Lucy Adkinson

November 12th Interment

Joanna Sheldon aged 85

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This year's service of Lessons and Carols is on December 19th at 6 o'clock when the church will be candlelit. Barry has selected the Bible readings, also poems by Richard Crashaw and Gerard Manley Hopkins. Two of our excellent readers will be teenagers and the augmented choir will include some lighter carols including Deck the Hall arranged by the indefatigable Mr Rutter.

Julia Josephs

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone dear Lord
 Stay by my side
 In all my daily needs
 Be thou my guide.
 Grant me good health
 For that indeed I pray
 To carry on my work
 From day to day.
 Keep pure my mind
 My thoughts my every deed.
 Let me be kind, unselfish
 In my neighbours need.
 Spare me from fire, from
 flood, malicious tongues,
 From thieves, from fear
 And evil ones.
 If sickness or an accident befall
 Then humbly Lord, I pray,
 Hear my call.
 And when I'm feeling low
 or in despair
 Lift up my heart
 And help me in my prayer.
 I live alone dear Lord
 Yet have no fear
 Because I feel your presence ever near.

Anon

Sent in by Merle Rafferty

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Carols around the tree on Walberswick Green will be on the evening of 20th December this year. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall afterwards. All welcome.

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PAPER BANK

What a fine Christmas present the Council could give us! Or perhaps, as in other areas, they could arrange for our papers to be collected. What a dream! No more stuffing it in boxes and carting it off to Wenhaston, to Halesworth, or even to Norwich.

Julia Josephs and friends

BE CRAFTY AT CHRISTMAS

Saturday December 4th a Christmas Craft Fair at Walberswick Village Hall. Toys, jewellery, crafts, knitwear, preserves, cards, decorations, and much more. Do your Christmas shopping the easy way!

Patsy Murray

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SAVE THE CHILDREN

A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning on October 23rd - either by making cakes or by bringing Christmas cards or 'goodies' to sell. The excellent net result of the occasion was £620!

The committee is delighted to welcome a new member, Val Anderson, and hope she will enjoy being a part of our team.

Maureen Thompson

THANK YOU

Marjorie Jones and her family wish to thank their friends in the village who so kindly sent letters and cards with their best wishes at the time of Frank's death.

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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

1) The Trustees accepted the following recommendations from the Land and Property and Incomes Distributions Sub-Committees:

A. All Trust land and property would be inspected annually to ensure proper management and to identify the need for repairs and improvements.

B. The boundary between Cliff Field and the Campsite would be defined with two concrete posts and paving slabs.

C. Additional publicity regarding the Trusts work would be put on Village noticeboards and in the Village News.

D. A policy for the repayment of loans would be drawn up.

2) Mr Tooley (Chairman of Walberswick Car Parks) reported a good year for the car parks. Bonuses had been paid to staff. An audit of the company's accounts would be carried out shortly. The grass verge alongside Cliff Field approach road had been tidied up.

3) The annual inspection of the common had been carried out, with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Mr Horsey the volunteer warden. S.W.T would produce work plans for the Winter months.

4) A revised quote for much larger bird scrapes on Old Town Marshes was discussed. However, as the quote was £2200.00 higher than the original quote of £800, it was felt that it would be hard to justify the expenditure. Alternative quotes would be sought.

5) The Trustees plan to meet with a representative of the Charities Commission in December to discuss the distribution of profits from the car parking. They are anxious to ensure that the distribution meets statutory requirements.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees

JOANNA SHELDON

Joan Margery Sheldon, who was always known as Joanna, died at the age of 85 on the 6th of November. After a Requiem Mass at Halesworth, Joanna was buried in St Andrew's churchyard at Walberswick - the village she loved.

Joanna was a Froebel-trained teacher whose special interest was the education of disadvantaged children. She taught at a special school at Broadstairs. At the outbreak of war in 1939 the school was closed and Joanna subsequently taught at schools in Cheshire, the Isle of Man and Winchester before retiring in 1975. With her friend, Miss Vivien Finnie, she came to East Anglia. They settled in Walberswick where Joanna was a staunch supporter of the W.I for many years.

Joanna was a woman of great compassion who truly loved her neighbours as herself. She will be much missed by her friends.

Mary Stanyer.

THANK YOU

To all my kind friends, I extend warm and very sincere thanks for the sympathetic and uplifting thoughts and prayers you have sent my way as I rejoice for Joanna's life and friendship.

Vivien Finnie

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NO JANUARY ISSUE

Due to the Christmas/New Year/New Millennium period at the end of this month there will be no January issue. We hope that this doesn't cause any problems and that we have managed to catch up with most people who had entries for What's On for January as well as December. We hope everyone in Walberswick and all their families and friends have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Eds.

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Walberswick Local History Group will hold its Christmas Celebration on Friday December 10th at Walberswick Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

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BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

This month's meeting took place on Friday November 10th. Hedley Griffin, a professional creator of animated films and a member of the Society, gave a fascinating talk on his work and his use of computers.

Our next meeting is at 7 pm on December 10th on the subject of "Rapid Prototyping - 3D CAD/CAE/CAM" and will reveal how a computer can turn a 3D image of an object into a physical model. Once again this promises to be a memorable evening. For details of the venue for the meeting and to join this exciting and stimulating group contact the Blyth Valley Computer Society via Frank Scoble on 01502 723519. Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month and future topics will include the National Lottery (hopefully with clues how to win!) and "Computers in Schools", a subject of interest to all. "

Piers Ford-Crush

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Future improvements under consideration by the committee are the provision of a toilet for the disabled, heating to the annexe kitchen and a non-slip floor to the kitchen, all of which are dependent on sufficient funds being available.

The barrier is to remain open during the winter months; it is pointed out that Walberswick car parks concessionary tickets are not valid for the village hall car park. A noticeboard will be erected in the main hall for the use of all organisations. It must be emphasised again that all fire exits must be kept clear. The sack barrow recently purchased has made the movement of chairs a lot easier.

Nigel Hunt and Alvin Hunt have joined the committee as the representatives of the Common Lands Charity and the Parish Council respectively.

The position of secretary is vacant again. Any person interested should contact Judy Morton on 724572. Judy has generously agreed to be acting secretary in the meantime. Ronnie Coleman is retiring as booking manager. It is hoped that he will remain on the committee.

Bookings for the year 2000 should be made with Ron Horsey on 723910. Keys for access will be available from Don Thompson on 723755.

Ron Horsey

WI - CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH PEARLY KING & QUEEN

We welcome all ladies in Walberswick to our Meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday December 8th at 14.30. The Pearly King and Queen will appear in their magnificent finery and tell us how it all began. Regular members should arrive early, about 2 o'clock, when Mark Beuchet will photograph our group, one of which will go the Suffolk Record Office and another for our own photo archive.

We were very impressed with Mrs Harman's flower arranging last month, and four lucky members won arrangements with their raffle tickets and are still enjoying them at home.

Julia Josephs

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December 4th - Images of Walberswick by Philip Kett. Village Hall 7.30pm.
December 6th - Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.
December 8th - W.I Christmas Party. Village Hall 2.30pm.
December 10th - Local History Group. Village hall 7.30pm
December 12th - Computer Society (See above)
December 17th - W.I Christmas Lunch - Southwold.
December 19th - Day of Circle Dancing. Village Hall 11-5. 725070 for details.
December 19th - Carol service St Andrew's 6pm.
December 20th - Carols around the tree 7pm.
Dates for your Diary
January 1st - Millennium Breakfast. Village Hall 7.30am.
January 3rd and 17th January - Bridge, as above.
January 12th - W.I meeting
January 21st or 28th - Heartstart Course. Details from Margot Godbold on 722439