



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## CANCER RESEARCH UK - MINI MARKET

Our final figure for the Mini Market now stands at £2,225! This was a wonderful achievement and I would like to say a very big thank you to all of the very generous people of Walberswick and friends around the County who supported this function. We had 21 items given for the silent auction and these raised the magnificent sum of £732 which certainly boosted our takings. My grateful thanks go to everyone who supported the event and in particular to our team of helpers who gave their time unstintingly for this annual fund-raising event. We also sold £280 worth of Christmas cards.

**Margaret Adkinson.**

## SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Southwold Hospital in memory of Brian. A splendid total of £877.40 was raised from the church collection and donations.

**Miriam Dillon.**

## MORE...

Yet again another record in the village for the annual house-to-house collection for the League of Friends of Southwold Hospital. It raised £942.56. I have received the following letter from Mrs. Barbara Davies, Chairman of the League of Friends: "Once again Walberswick has excelled itself! What a super collection of £942.56 you have given to us. Will you please convey our sincere thanks to your helpers and to the generosity of the people of Walberswick. Their continued help and support is so appreciated. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours Sincerely  
Barbara."

**Mary King.**

## SNOW WHITE - THE WALBERSWICK PANTO 4-7 February 2004

### FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

To help with tickets on the door, programmes and interval drinks. If you can help on any of the above nights please phone Rita Woodcraft  
Telephone: 722958

**Pantomime Committee.**

## WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003.

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Mrs V Hunt, and Mr K Webb. There was a declaration of interest in the planning application for Lima Cottage from Mr B Tibbles who left the room when the Council discussed the issue. The planning application for the construction of a timber balcony to the back of Lima Cottage was agreed. The application for the construction of a conservatory to Mill Cottage was agreed so long as it was timber framed which would be more appropriate in the Conservation Area. Suffolk Coastal District Council has refused the planning applications for 2 Anchor Cottages and The Workshop, The Lea.

An increase to the salary for the Parish Clerk was agreed in line with current recommendations. The Parish Council's representatives on the Estuarine Consultation Group would be Mr K Webb and Mr D Webb. A copy of the revised Electoral Register would be held by the Clerk and is subject to the Data Protection act. It was reported by Mr R Leighton, County and District Councillor, that the subject of an increase in the council tax for second home owners was being discussed by the County and District Councils and is likely to be agreed to be set at 90% of the full amount. Any increase would be unlikely to have any direct fiscal impact on the village.

**Alvin Hunt.**

## SNOW WHITE

The Walberswick Pantomime  
4 - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2004

**Tickets on sale from Friday 2th January 2004**

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## WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from December meeting. Christmas bonuses were given to regular beneficiaries. Grants were also given to Southwold & Halesworth Hospitals, the Voluntary Help Centre, Royal British Legion welfare fund, St Andrews P.C.C. for churchyard maintenance, Yoxford Primary School, Halesworth Middle School & Leiston High School. Videos of the Walberswick Scroll are still available at Lima Cottage. Suffolk County Council will be cutting bridledways on the Common this winter. Suggestions for the distribution of this years car-park covenant to me please by the end of January 2004 along with two costings where appropriate.

**Jayne Tibbles.** (*Clerk to the Trustees*)

## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A big thank you to the Common Lands Charity who funded the children's Christmas party. A great time was had by all. Forty-two out of a possible forty-eight village children attended. Their parents also used the opportunity to meet some of the new families that have recently moved in. Particular thanks go to Amorelle Hughes, Kate Felton and Julia Sowerbutts for donating their enthusiasm, time and venue; also to Ingrid Kibble and Dave Skelding for lending games that were a huge hit. Finally, appreciation must be given to Wally Webb - the most convincing Father Christmas this side of Lapland. Merry Christmas.

**Jacqui Morcombe.**

On behalf of all the children of Walberswick I would like to say a huge thank you to Jacqui Morcombe and her team for masterminding such a fantastic Christmas party on Saturday 12th December. I normally have to wait until Christmas day for the opportunity to eat so much food that I'm completely full, so this was a real festive bonus! What's more I received an early present from Father Christmas (who looked strangely familiar and asked that we substituted the usual sherry we leave out for a good single malt!). There was a really good entertainer, great games, a chance to run around frantically, (one of the best things about parties, I think) not to mention the opportunity to get down to some serious networking. All in all, a really good bash - three cheers for Jacqui and all involved!

**Felix Kibble.** *Aged 4.*

## WI THE LIFE OF A ROMANY

We shall have a real Romany, Daniel Allum, at our meeting on 14th January to tell us about his life on the open road. All the members enjoyed the Christmas Party and we welcomed two Past Presidents and eleven guests from neighbouring Women's Institutes. Vivien and Julia played a sparkling piano duet by Bizet; Addie got us in the festive mood with some Dickens and Margot devised an excellent quiz. There were several other items before we tucked in to a scrumptious tea! We look forward to our next celebration, the New Year luncheon on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2004.

**Julia Josephs.**

## CALLING ALL DOGS!

Have you any old towels or blankets tucked away? My friends at the Blue Cross Centre could use them for the animals. If you leave them at Dutch House a collection could be arranged. Thank you.

**Mischa King.** *Tel. 724590.*

## WALBERSWICK AND BLYTHBURGH BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2003

A short note of thanks to those who were in any way involved in helping during the period of the Poppy Appeal; to Pat Wythe and her team of collectors; to those who helped, and those who gave so generously at the Bazaar and Coffee Morning and to those who saw to it that the Service on Remembrance Sunday went so well. I understand that this year things went rather better than usual, so I will make a point of being away again next year! Thank you so much, and my best wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

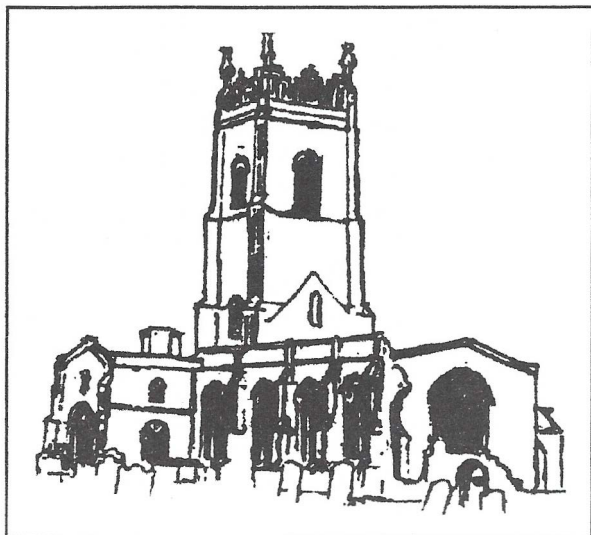
**Alan Walpole.**

## WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

When my wife and I chose Suffolk to visit this last summer little did we know what lay in store! Coming all the way from Wisconsin USA and at a loss as to where to visit in the UK on our joint retirement holiday we simply searched for the most interesting name on the Internet beginning with the letter 'W'; Walberswick was the obvious choice. We arrived by train in Darsham and took a taxi ride to our cottage in the Village. We ate excellent food at both of your pubs and I developed a taste for Adnams Best Bitter, a completely new but nevertheless wonderful flavour. Your beach was beautiful and the walks around the marshes and woods idyllic. Working for an oil company I've travelled for most of my working life and I can truly say that the 'world' you Walberswickians live in, for I believe it is a world separate from the rest of the England I've experienced, should be cherished and guarded like a precious jewel. You will no doubt have to endure the hordes of tourists and regular visitors who would claim it as their own, there will of course be those who want to be in Walberswick because it's *the* place to be and I'm sure you'll sometimes even wish that you could put a guarded check point at the end of your winding road to keep this world your own. Brush these annoyances aside and soak it up! You people are the luckiest in England. We hope to return next year, you'll recognise me and my wife, we'll be the Americans grinning from ear to ear looking for a place to buy.

**Ernst and Ruby Ingermels.**

## CHURCH MATTERS



leading the services. It has been good to welcome new people into our church during the past year, and we look forward to welcoming others during the coming months. If you or someone known to you is unable to get to our village church and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion in your/their own home, please let me know and I will arrange to visit them.

Our next Luncheon club will take place of Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, at 12.30 p.m. If you have not joined us previously, please come along then.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Yours in Christ's name.

**Brian Fisher.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and have had a positive start to the New Year. Sunday School next term begins on 11<sup>th</sup> January. The groups, times and dates are as follows so please come along whether you are a resident, weekender or on holiday and join in the fun in the Village Hall annexe.

#### Groups.

Group1	Mainly Primary Key Stage 1 and Lower 2: Years 1 to 4.
Group2	Mainly Middle: Upper Key Stage 2 to Lower Key Stage 3 Years 5 to 8.
Group3	Mainly High School: Year 9 upwards.

#### Times.

Group2	10.00am — 10.45am
Group1	10.45am — 11.30am
Group3	11.30am — 12.15am

#### Dates.

Sunday School in the annexe:	
January	18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> .
February	1 <sup>st</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> .
March	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> .

Family Services at 9.30 at St Andrews: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February and the 14<sup>th</sup> March. For further information please contact me on 722178.

**Julie Winyard.**

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

#### TEAM RECTOR

Revd Jane Wilson Tel: 722397

#### TEAM VICAR

Revd Graham Owen Tel: 578827

#### CHURCHWARDENS

Christine Fisher Tel: 723023  
Julie Winyard Tel: 722178

#### ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTER

Revd Brian Fisher Tel: 723023

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Epiphany	0930 Sung Eucharist
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Baptism of Christ	0930 Family Eucharist
			1800 Choral Evensong
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Epiphany	1100 Morning Prayer
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany	0930 Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700

Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10.00 – 12.15

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

Dione Shirreff, Bubbles Love, Susan Walpole.  
British Legion, Mary King.

### CHURCH CLEANERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Margreet Walpole.  
9<sup>th</sup> Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Pru Ford-Crush.  
16<sup>th</sup> Ruth Bassett, Cynthia Jackson, Diane Dawson.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Chris & Wendy Sinclair, Jean Waller.  
30<sup>th</sup> Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Mary King.

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

In one of his poems Alfred Tennyson wrote these words:

*'Ring out the old, ring in the new'*

And that is what many churches will be doing on New Year's Eve (unfortunately, we only have one bell – some people might think that is fortunate!) Whatever, another year has passed; where do they all go to? And they do seem to pass even faster, or is it my imagination? But here we are on the threshold of another year, the year 2004. What will it hold in store for each of us? I can only encourage everyone to treat each day on its merit, and to regard each day, whatever it brings, as God-given.

During the year our pattern of worship at St Andrew's will continue as at present, with different members of the team

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## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

**GP SURGERY** Wednesdays 14.30. Village Hall Annexe.  
**LIBRARY BUS** Alternate Fridays.  
Church 14.30/Village Hall 15.10 9th and 23rd.

**6th January** First fitness class of 2004. 9.30 am  
**9th January** Luncheon Club - Village Hall Annexe 12.30pm  
Blyth Valley Computer Society meeting.  
Village Hall Annexe. 7.00 pm  
**11th January** Sunday School starts! See page 3.  
**21st January** WI New Year Luncheon.  
**4,5,6,7 February** Snow White - Walberswick's Pantomime.

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## LET'S GET BROADBAND!

I am co-host of the campaign to get the Southwold telephone exchange upgraded to broadband status. Advantages are very substantial to anyone who does, or may in the future, access the Internet on a regular basis. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2003 BT set a trigger level of 500 registrants before the exchange will be enabled for broadband. The tremendous benefits of broadband cannot be over-exaggerated and it neither costs money to register nor does it involve any obligation whatsoever to switch to broadband. Already over 30% of the trigger level has been achieved but it is urgent that ALL who access the internet via the Southwold exchange register as soon as possible. Registration may be achieved in many ways but for simplicity we have a registration site at:

[www.getonandgetit.co.uk/Southwold/](http://www.getonandgetit.co.uk/Southwold/)

and The Blythweb site has a similar facility for all local area campaign groups. Unless we all register none of us will get broadband. If anyone needs assistance to register then please contact me at any time.

LET'S GET ON AND GET IT WALBERSWICK!

Robin Buncombe.

## A JOLLY EVENING ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A very large number of us in this village turns out to vote in national elections. Far fewer of us bother to take an interest in local elections - for the District Council or for the County Council. Few of us know the difference between them, nor have much of a clue about what they do or, if we are honest, care much about them.

Yet these bodies, and the people in them, have a much more direct influence on our lives than our national government. The District Council prepares the plan which determines the size and shape of *our* Village; the County Council runs all the schools - except those which are private. In short, their powers are enormous, the money they spend (witness our Council Tax bills) is huge, and the people whom we elect to sit on these councils are very important indeed. On Friday 19th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall three of these people, Jeremy Pembroke and Peter Aldous, from the County Council, and our own Rae Leighton who is on the County and the District Councils, will give a talk, lead a discussion and answer questions on what these councils do and how they set about doing it. Although this meeting has been arranged by the Conservative Branch in the village it is open to everyone and will be non-political. It is a genuine attempt to explain and to engender interest. There is no charge and we will end at about 9.00 pm. with a glass of wine and snacks.

Peter Gordon-Potts.

## BLANKETS FOR THE BLUE CROSS

I would like to thank everyone who kindly left blankets, towels, etc. at Dutch House for my friends at the Blue Cross Animal Centre. They will now have a warmer winter.  
Mischa King.

## NSPCC BOOKSWAP

Has anyone any books they no longer want? We would welcome them, delivered to The Anchor Inn. If they need collecting please telephone me.

Tina Harris. Tel. 01502 722112

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## SNOW WHITE

The Walberswick pantomime  
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(SORRY - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> SOLD OUT)**

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**Please Note: Tickets may be limited**

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## NOTES FROM THE WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Mr D Webb had attended a meeting to discuss the Suffolk Estuary Strategy. He reported that no decisions had been made as yet; however topographical and hydrographical material had been collected and a computer model would be formulated. Mr Webb stated that he had joined a group to look at the model which would predict water levels in the estuary. The Chairman reported that £316.00 had been raised for the Children's Society as a result of the carol service on the Green and carol singing around the village on Christmas Eve. Thanks were extended to Mr Peter Avis for taking the service round the tree.

**Planning** – The Councillors were concerned that a planning application for the erection of a two-storey extension to 3, Lorne Cottages, would have a large visual impact on the corner of the Village Green which has been the subject of many paintings over the years and was in a Conservation Area. They agreed to ask the Development Control Committee to visit the site before making a decision on the application. Suffolk Coastal has refused the relocation of a vehicular access towards the east boundary at De Cressey's Restaurant because it would place the access very close to a group of beech trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

**Sea Defences** – The recent breach of the sea wall was discussed and a letter will be sent to the Environment Agency asking them to press on with the promised planting of marram grass and the fencing of further areas at risk on the beach. They would also be asked to look at the considerable erosion at the point where the Creek meets the River Blyth, and the sluice bridge which did not appear to be functioning correctly. Mrs Dabbs was concerned that there was not a register of people who might need help in an emergency. This would be placed on the next agenda. The state of the footpaths and River Wall path would be reported to the Highways Department. Beach huts had been vandalised over the Christmas period. Complaints had also been received about unauthorised firework displays.

Please note that next month's meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February due to the pantomime taking over the annexe.

**Viv Hunt.** Clerk to the Parish Council.

## THANKS

I would like to say thank you for all the support through cards, letters, prayers and telephone calls that I received during my recent illness. Walberswick is a wonderful place to live. Thank you all so much.

**Viv Hunt.**

## A LOCAL HERO

Anyone who has read Suffolk Memories will be aware of the vital part so many local people played in the Second World War. When I mentioned the book to a good friend of mine he told me the story of his father Peter Wright who was the tenant farmer at Church Farm, Blythburgh, until 1990 when he died. The citation below tells the story of how Peter won the DCM which shortly afterwards was upgraded to the Victoria Cross by order of the King, an unprecedented occurrence, reward for uncommon valour.

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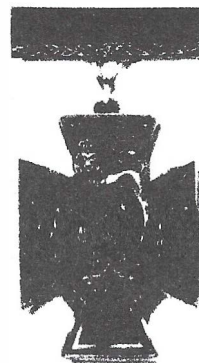
*'(Company sergeant Major) Peter Harold Wright Coldstream Guards'*

In Italy on the 25th September 1943, the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards attacked the Pagliarolli feature, a steep wooded hill near Salerno. Before it reached the crest, the right hand company was held up by heavy spandau and mortar fire and all the officers had become casualties. CSM Wright, seeing that his company was held up, went forward to see what could be done. Finding that there were no officers left he immediately took charge and crawled forward by himself to see what the opposition was like. He returned with the information that three spandau posts were holding them up. He collected a section and put it into a position where it could give covering fire. Single-handed he then attacked each post in turn with hand grenades and bayonet silencing each. He then led the Company on to the crest but realised that the enemy fire made this position untenable. CSM Wright therefore led them a short way down the hill and up on to the objective from a different direction. Entirely regardless of enemy fire, which was very heavy, CSM Wright then reorganised what was left of the company and placed them into position to consolidate the objective. Soon afterwards the enemy launched a counter attack which was fully beaten off. Later, with complete disregard of heavy enemy shell fire on the area of company headquarters and the reverse slopes of the hill and of gun fire from the slopes on the left of the position, he brought up extra ammunition and distributed it to the company. It is due to this Warrant Officer's superb disregard of the enemy's fire, his magnificent leadership, and his outstanding heroism throughout the action that his battalion succeeded in capturing and maintaining its hold on this very important objective.'

**More information, press cuttings and reports about this heroic Suffolk farmer can be found at:**

[www.peterwrightvc.com](http://www.peterwrightvc.com)

**Justin Kibble.** Editor.



**DON'T FORGET TO RECORD COMING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE CALENDAR IN THE POST OFFICE**

# CHURCH MATTERS



## CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

1st	Feb	Candlemas	0930	Sung Eucharist
8th	Feb	3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	0930	Family Eucharist
			1800	Choral Evensong
15th	Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	1100	Morning Prayer
22th	Feb	Sun' before Lent	0930	Sung Eucharist
25th	Feb	Ash Wednesday	1000	Eucharist/Ashing
29th	Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	0930	Eucharist at Blythburgh

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00am. Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5.00 pm. Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10.00 am. – 12.15 pm.

## FLOWER ARRANGERS

Cynthia Jackson, Elizabeth Leighton.  
British Legion, Jean Turnbull.  
No flowers in Lent.

## CHURCH CLEANERS

6<sup>th</sup> Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Janet Simpson.  
13<sup>th</sup> Pru Ford-Crush, Elizabeth Leighton, Margreet Walpole.  
20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Bassett, Chris & Wendy Sinclair.  
27<sup>th</sup> Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Cynthia Jackson.

## St ANDREW'S GUILD MEETING

There will be a meeting of St Andrew's Guild on 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Saltlick the home of Mr and Mrs Gordon-Potts. Arrangements will be made for Lent lunches, Mothering Sunday, Easter decorations and other matters. All residents are welcome to attend.  
**Wendy Sinclair.**

## WI THE LAND of the PHAROAHS

We shall look forward to hearing Mr Parfitt's talk on the Land of the Pharaohs at the February meeting. Daniel Allum, our speaker in January, told us how he achieved impossible dreams after leaving the Romanies in his late teens. Now working in the theatre he hopes to involve future Romanies in this work.

**Julia Josephs.**

## LETTER FROM THE OLM

It was back in April last year that I announced that the first Walberswick Luncheon Club would take place on the second Friday in May. Since then it has gone from strength to strength. I would like to thank all those who have helped in various ways to make this venture such a success. Our next Luncheon Club will be on 13th February, at the usual time (12.30 pm.) in the Village Hall.

On Ash Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, at 10.00 am., we will combine our regular midweek Communion service with the ancient practice of marking our foreheads in the form of a cross with ashes (obtained by burning the palm crosses that were given to people at the previous year's Palm Sunday services). If this sounds more than a little odd to non-churchgoers, it is a symbolic act of penitence for the sins we have committed, and leads us right into Lent. It could be worse; in the early church it was the practice for church members to begin their period of public penitence sprinkled with ashes and wearing sackcloth!

After last year's successful series of Sunday evening Lent lectures in Southwold, there is to be a further series this year; the theme will be '*Christian ethics*' with Prof. Hugh Williamson as the first speaker on 29<sup>th</sup> February, at 6.00 pm. in the Southwold URC Church. All are welcome.

St Andrew's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to take place at the church, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30 p.m. Please join us.

Yours in Christ's service,  
**Brian Fisher.**

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**4-7th Feb.** Snow White - Walberswick's Pantomime.  
**9th Feb.** Parish Council Meeting Village Hall Annexe.  
**13th Feb.** Luncheon Club 12.30 pm.  
**20th Feb.** Annual Parochial Church Meeting. St Andrew's 7.30 pm.  
**29th Feb.** Lent Lecture. Southwold URC Church 6.00 pm.  
**19th Mar.** A Jolly Evening on Local Government. Village Hall 7.30 pm.

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## PANTO '04

A King with language erudite,  
 A Queen with heart as black as night,  
 A magic Mirror shining bright,  
 A Fairy with her tiny mite,  
 (With champagne, higher than a kite!)  
 Lester the Jester, what a sight,  
 With stories, sometimes impolite,  
 And Bodger, in a dreadful plight,  
 A singing Princess, slim and slight,  
 Wooed and won by her handsome Knight,  
 And merry Dwarfs of little height,  
 Digging away with all their might,  
 Like workmen on a building site,  
 The sets and costumes were just right,  
 So thanks to all who made our night,  
 With tableaux giving sheer delight:  
 The songs and story of Snow White.  
**G.G.**

## SNOW WHITE AND THE 7 VERTICALLY CHALLENGED

Cynics said two years ago that the success of Aladdin could not be repeated. The first week of February proved them right. It was not repeated for, successful as Aladdin was, the Walberswick Pantomime Players this year put on a show that exceeded all of our expectations. Do not get me wrong; I am not suggesting that Aladdin was naff (it certainly wasn't) nor do I subscribe to a seeming consensus that Snow White could be bettered, but I unhesitatingly conclude that the current production had that indefinable pizzazz. We all fell in love with Snow White; can someone give me her contact details? None will ever go near Hedgeley again, we marvelled at the antics and sheer fun being had by the McWalberswick dwarfs (WHY wasn't there a McBroadband?) and the technologically horrendous Magic Mirror was brilliant. In Aladdin individual performances and production were good, but teamwork then perhaps lacked something, recognised at the time and superbly corrected for Snow White. The traditional story was expected but thankfully did not materialise, the scriptwriters doing a first class job, as did the supporting cast and backstage and front of house persons too numerous to mention individually. We must congratulate Mark especially. I would be failing in my duty as your correspondent were I not to make criticism. Alas I have failed - although I really WOULD have liked the custard pies to have been yukkingly genuine!  
**Nibor Ebmocnub.**

## HEARTFELT THANKS

I would like to thank all those who have supported me and my family during my mother's illness. The gifts, visits, supportive words and hugs have helped to make my mother's last weeks at home full of joy, love and peace. Through your support we were able to keep her at home until the end of her life. Many, many thanks.  
**Mandy Aldridge.**

Thank you so much for your thoughts over the last few months. The many cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and acts of kindness since I became unwell have helped me greatly in my illness. Walberswick is a very special place and a caring community, I have always felt privileged to live here. Best wishes to you all.  
**Gill Walford.**

## 100 YEARS OF SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL

The League of Friends of Southwold Hospital is holding a Coffee morning on Thursday 14th March in St Edmund's Hall, Southwold, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. A thanksgiving service will be held in St Edmund's Church on Wednesday March 10th at 7.30pm.  
**Mary King.**

## WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Subscriptions for this year are due; if you have not paid your £4 contact the Membership Secretary Maureen Thompson on 01502 723755. Please note: The A G M for 2004 will be held on Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe and, a date for your diaries - Thursday 6th May "The Lost City of Dunwich", a talk by Mark Mitchells. Not to be missed!  
**Don Thompson.**

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## DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

This year's Walk will take place on Saturday 8th May. It will be led, as last year, by Tony Lancaster. Please meet as usual at 5.30 a.m. in the Hoist Covert Car Park. (Contributions again to be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes Project).  
**Tony Lancaster.**

## BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

January's meeting promised an intriguing talk, but confined to my sick bed I reluctantly handed over to our cub reporter who sent the following dispatch:

Robert Temple, British Telecom's Chief Security architect, talked to us about the protection of electronic communication over the internet which is at the heart of all activity in the world today. A bank robber was once asked why he robbed banks "That's where the money is" he replied. Now that the money is flowing round the internet it inevitably attracts criminals, fraudsters and terrorists.

Robert, who travels the world talking to industry about the threat from hackers and viruses, explained that businesses need to estimate the cost of any possible loss and balance it against the costs of protection which can be high.

Confidential documents can now be exchanged safely in secure codes. The latest code keys would currently take years on a powerful computer to break them but as technology constantly moves forward so must the coding methods. New legislation will also be needed to deal with new crimes in cyberspace. As this takes time this means the criminals will always be one step ahead. Regrettably, there will be no February meeting. Our next meeting, a talk about the computerisation of the Suffolk Records Office, will be on Friday, 12th March, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Guests are welcome, no technical knowledge required and for further information ring 01502 722255.

**Kay Ungless.**

## USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

There was a very good response to our request for your old Christmas cards, and they were duly taken by Mary King and myself to the collection points at Tesco Stores. In due course they will be pulped and may be used to make more Christmas cards! However, the money raised will go to the Woodland Trust; hopefully a few trees will have been saved in the process.

**Elizabeth Leighton.**

## WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE 2004

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August is the date for this year's fete. Planning has begun for this important social and fundraising event; we will be contacting prospective stallholders and games organisers shortly. Please put this date in your diary now, contact us with bright ideas and offers of help, and watch this space as plans unfold. We are looking forward to a happy and successful day!

**Denise Brentnall & Christine Mitchell.**

## SAVE THE CHILDREN

### Evenings of Wine & Smiles.

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**Val Anderson.**

## WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Affordable Housing - Messrs D and K Webb attended a meeting to discuss 'Affordable Housing'. Mr D Webb stated that the Countryside Agency would help fund a housing needs survey if it was part of the Parish Plan. If the survey confirmed a need, the Parish Council would then select a Housing Association to work with and then form a project team. Affordable housing may be for both young, local people and also older people wishing to 'down-size'. A scheme may take up to four years to complete. Anybody interested in this type of scheme should contact the Clerk (Tel: 723142).

The Environment Agency informed the Council that in view of the recent expenditure on emergency sea defence works, money may now not be available to finish the fencing and sewing of marram grass where needed on the beach this year.

Planning - The Council supported an application for the erection of a single-storey extension to Coronation Cottage and the erection of a two-storey and single-storey extension plus detached double garage at Troy, Church Field. However, they opposed the erection of two detached dwellings (demolition of existing house) at The Studio, Stocks Lane. They also opposed the revised application for Rose End Cottage, The Street.

SCDC have approved the erection of a two-storey extension to 3, Lorne Cottages, but opposed the erection of a balcony to Lima Cottage, Ferry Road.

Blyth Estuary Strategy Public Exhibition - A public exhibition has been arranged by the Environment Agency and will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Beachcomber Room at Southwold Pier to present the range of options being considered for the Blyth Estuary Flood management Strategy.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004.

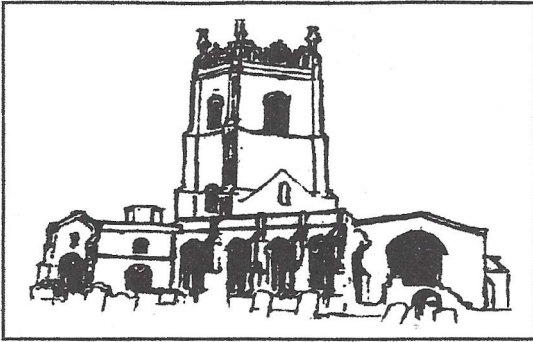
**Viv Hunt.** *Parish Clerk.*

## WALBERSWICK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Walberswick Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Thursday 1st April 2004 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Pat Lancaster.** *Secretary.*

## CHURCH MATTERS



### CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

7th	Mar.	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent	0930 Sung Eucharist
14th	Mar.	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent	0930 Sung Eucharist 1800 Choral Evensong
21st	Mar.	Mothering Sunday	0930 Family Eucharist
28th	Mar.	5 <sup>th</sup> of Lent	1100 Morning Prayer

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00am Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700 Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10.00am – 12.15pm

### CHURCH CLEANERS

5 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Dawson, Jean Waller, Mary King
12 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Jones, Pat Wythe, Margreet Walpole
19 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Simpson, Elizabeth Leighton, Pru Ford-Crush
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Bassett, Mary King, Diane Dawson

### EASTER FLOWERS

This year, Mary King has asked me to take charge of the Easter Flowers while she takes a well-deserved break from the task. We will be decorating the church on the morning of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April and, if anyone wishes to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers, would you please give your donation to me.

**Elizabeth Leighton.**

### PARISH REGISTER

12th February 2004  
Service of Thanksgiving  
Jane Paulson Ellis aged 82

### AUSTERITY LUNCHES

Austerity lunches will be served in the Village Hall, 12.30pm to 1.30pm every Friday in Lent, starting on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Profits will go to the Air Ambulance Service. Everybody welcome.

**Wendy Sinclair.**

### WI BRITISH BIRDS

Robert Cropping will be talking to us about British Birds at our meeting at 2.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March. Visitors are always welcome. Mr Parfitt gave us a lively, humorous talk on his holiday to Egypt with some excellent slides of the Pyramids, Aswan, Abu Simbel, the Land of Kings and his journey up the Nile. We congratulated Vivien Finnie on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which we celebrated with the most delicious cake. **Julia Josephs.**

### GM FOODS – WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Walberswick Village Hall Professor Derek Burke, who is well-known locally, will give a talk and lead a discussion on GM Foods. Derek is a national authority on the subject, often to be heard on the radio, and we are very fortunate that he is able to come and speak to us. This evening is open to all members of our villages, free of charge.

**Julia Josephs.**

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

My apologies, first of all, for suggesting, in last month's letter, that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting would be on 20<sup>th</sup> February (I just hope no one turned up on that date!); the meeting will be held in the Church on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 pm. Last month a new series began on BBC 2 entitled '*The Battle for Britain's Soul*', describing the history of Christianity in our country from the time that the Romans left Britain. The programme scheduled for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March will include footage that was shot by BBC TV Manchester in our village church last year – those interested in the history of Walberswick may be particularly interested in this programme.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (at 11.00 a.m.) the Bishop of Dunwich, the Right Revd Clive Young, will be presiding at a Confirmation Service in our team (venue not yet decided). At a confirmation service, those being confirmed have an opportunity to renew their baptismal vows, which may well have been made for them as a child by parents and/or godparents. Whatever your age, if you are interested in attending the preparation groups for confirmation, would you please let Graham Owen or me know. Attendance at the groups does not commit you to being confirmed but may be helpful in helping you discuss and, hopefully, understand something more of the Christian faith.

Please note that, due to Mothering Sunday falling on the third Sunday of March, the pattern of services for the month has been slightly changed.

Yours in Christ's service,  
**Brian Fisher.**

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- 01st ~~Apr~~ **Apr** Parish Council Meeting.
- 01st **Mar.** Village Hall Management Committee AGM. 7.30pm Village Hall.
- 10th **Mar.** Southwold Hospital LOF Thanksgiving service.  
 St Edmund's Church 7.30pm.
- 12th **Mar.** Blyth Valley Computer Society Monthly Meeting. 7.00pm  
 Village Hall.
- 14th **Mar.** Southwold Hospital LOF Coffee morning.  
 St Edmund's Hall, 10.00am to 12.00pm.
- 19th **Mar.** A Jolly Evening on Local Government. Village Hall 7.30 pm.
- 22nd **Mar.** Walberswick Local History Group AGM. 7.30pm Village Hall.
- 15th **Apr.** GM Foods talk. Village Hall 7.30pm.
- 28,29,30th **April.** Save the Children Wine and Smiles evenings.
- 6th **May.** WLHG Talk, The Lost City of Dunwich. Time and venue TBC.
- 8th **May.** David Shirreff Bird Song Walk. Hoist Covert Car Park 5.30pm.
- 11th **May.** Save the Children Bridge Drive. Village Hall. 2.00pm.
- 28th **Aug.** Walberswick Village Fete.

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## A NEW EDITOR

Our esteemed Editor, Justin, has written to say that he will be unable to continue editing the Village News after July. We therefore seek a replacement. Anybody with computer experience who would like to take on this important role please contact me on 724379. The Board also welcomes two new members; Mrs Kate Goodchild (Common Lands Trust) and Mrs Amorelle Hughes (Parochial Church Council).

**Brian Payne.** *Chairman.*

## FIFTH ANNUAL DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The fifth annual discussion/debate will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 15th April at 7.30pm. The subject will be 'GM Foods-what are the issues?' and the speaker will be Professor Derek Burke who will introduce the subject. We will end at about 9.00pm with a glass of wine and snacks. All villagers and friends are invited and entrance is free. The idea of these 'discussion/debates' is to select a subject of national significance on which widely differing views are held and to discuss them with the guidance of an expert, from a non-political standpoint. Previous topics have included the Euro and the organisation of health-care. There could be no more appropriate (or topical!) subject than GM Foods. Passions run high, yet if we were asked what GM foods are, why they might be important and why some people believe that they are dangerous, few of us could begin to give good answers. We are very fortunate indeed that Professor Burke, who has a house in the village, is able to speak to us. He is a national authority on the subject and a member of several advisory committees. I have asked him to assume that our knowledge of the subject is zero, to tell us gently and slowly just what GM foods are, to discuss the need to 'interfere' with crops in this way, and whether any dangers are real or imaginary. It has all the makings of a rather good evening.

**Peter Gordon-Potts.**

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS FOR 2004

THE WALBERSWICK LECTURE: Friday 7th May, Village Hall, 7.30 pm, details to follow. ANNUAL VISIT: Friday 25th June, details to follow. POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING & BAZAAR: Saturday 13th November, Village Hall, 10 – 12 noon REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Sunday 14th November 10.45 am (location to be confirmed) AGM: Village Hall, Monday 15th November, 7.30 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Village Hall (Unless otherwise advertised) – Tuesdays: 6th April 7.30 pm; 1st June 7.30 pm; 5th October 2.30 pm.  
**Alan Walpole.**

## ANCHOR INN NSPCC AUCTION NIGHT

After the great success of our auction night in 2002 we are going to hold another this year on the 20th November. We hope to exceed our total of £2500.00, so we are again asking for your support and donations. If anyone has anything that they feel would be good to auction we would very much appreciate it. Please be kind enough to contact me on 722112 or Glenda on 725251.

**Tina Harris.**

## NSPCC SPONSORED WALK

The annual sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 18th April from 9.30am. Sponsorship forms are available at Ferry House or donate on the day if preferred. There is a choice of 3 walks, which will start and finish at Ferry House. Drinks and light refreshments will be available on completion of the walk. Further details of walks are available from Cathryn and John Simpson. Ferry House, 723384. Please walk and support!

**Cathryn Simpson.**

## EVENINGS OF WINE AND SMILES

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There were five planning applications on the agenda this month: 1) Mill Cottage, application to build a wooden conservatory on the south elevation; the Parish Council supported this application. 2) 2, Lorne Cottages, application for the erection of two-storey rear extension, rear dormer window and front conservation roof light, (Mr K Webb declared a personal interest, left the room, and took no part in the discussions). The Councillors opposed this application because it would overlook No's. 1 and 3 Lorne Cottages; the windows would only be two feet away from the opening windows of the two affected cottages. 3) The Workshop, The Lea, application to replace the workshop with one-bedroomed holiday bungalow. The Parish Council opposed this application because it had made no provision for parking. This corner of the green is renowned for parking problems especially at holiday times. Having a new building specifically for holiday lets would exacerbate the problem. 4) Westwood, Lodge Road, application to construct dormers in roof on south elevation and insert three roof lights in roof on north elevation. The Council had no objections to the roof lights but opposed the dormers as they considered this would destroy the roofline and balance of a house situated in a conservation area. 5) Westwood, Lodge Road, application to build a house in part side garden of Westwood. The Councillors opposed this application because to build a house in this beautiful garden with historic interest would result in wanton destruction of this garden. The whole site is situated in a conservation area. The houses are all well spaced in this area and to allow this proposal would result in overmassing. The house is also out of character with the rest of the houses in that locality.

It was agreed that one of the Councillors should attend a conference on 18<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the sea level rise and sea defences in the Southern North Sea. Permission was granted for a collection to be made in aid of 'Save the Children' on the Village Green on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Beach Clean** - This will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00am and 12 noon. This is two weeks later than normal; please support it if you can.

**Hedgerow Survey** - If anyone in the Village is interested in carrying out a hedgerow Survey in aid of the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey please contact the Clerk Tel: 723142

### Annual Parish Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Viv Hunt.** Clerk to PC.

## WI - THE TAJ MAHAL

At the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April we will have Mr P M Baker talk to us about The Taj Mahal. We shall be pleased to welcome visitors. Owing to the death of his wife, Robert Cropping was unable to give his talk on British Birds which was disappointing but Malcolm Stagg was delighted to come a month earlier as he had double-booked himself in April! We were able to enjoy his slides and chat about fact, fiction and folklore of trees.

**Julia Josephs.**

## WALBERSWICK CAR PARK COMPANY LTD

The Car Park Company has now been operating as part of the Walberswick Visitor Management Scheme for seven years. At the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors on the 20<sup>th</sup> February Gerald Tooley stood down as Chairman of the Board but remains a Director. Rae Leighton was appointed as Chairman for the next year. All profits from the operation of the car parks are covenanted at the end of each season to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. This last year, helped by extremely clement weather, the Company made a profit of £24,735 which, together with a rent of £3,756, will be paid to the Common Lands Charity. In total over the seven years of operation the Car Park Company will have made available to the Charity over £134,000. The Company employs up to twelve local people each year as car park attendants, together with a salaried Operations Manager, Robin Buncombe. The Company is registered as a Private Limited Company at Company House and the Company Secretary is Mrs Angela Vaughan. The Company is always seeking to engage people in Walberswick as Directors of the Company as vacancies arise. The Board meets about six times a year. Anyone interested in becoming a Director or who would like details of the audited accounts for 2003 is asked to contact Angela Vaughan.

**Rae Leighton.**

## BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Our March meeting began with an update by Robin Buncombe on the local broadband campaign. The number registered has only reached 308, anyone interested may register at [www.southwold.ws/broadband/register.php](http://www.southwold.ws/broadband/register.php). 500 are needed to trigger the upgrade to our exchange (0150272 numbers). Our speaker, Jayne Austin, is the Heritage Information Manager of the Suffolk Records Office. The SRO has three branches in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft and their purpose is to identify, collect and preserve the documentary heritage of Suffolk making it available to the public. By new technology, they hope to improve how they manage documents from receipt through to a request to view. They are using software called CALM (Collections, Management for Archives, Libraries and Museums). They are also responsible for our libraries, museums and arts. Until now, archives have been viewed in the search room, via printed catalogues and index cards. Their aim is to make everything available through IT. [www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/sro](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/sro) will take you to the website of the SRO itself. [www.suffolkmuseums.org](http://www.suffolkmuseums.org) will not show every artefact, but gives a list of our 45 museums and a taster of what you will find in each.

[www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/direct](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/direct) will take you to the Suffolk Libraries website, where you can get a library card, search the catalogue, renew or reserve a book. And, finally, the East of England Sense of Place can be found at [www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/eesop](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/eesop). This local heritage website is still under construction. The next meeting, including the AGM, will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall Annexe. Guests are welcome, no technical knowledge required, and for further information ring 01502 722255. **Kay Ungless.**

## COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from 19th February 2004 meeting. Mrs Kate Goodchild was elected Chairman for the coming year. Work will be carried out to beach hut sites on Trust land to deal with sand encroachment. Advice is being sought on treatment for the Cliff Field. The Trust's properties and land will be inspected in the spring. Legal advice regarding permanent easements in place of way-leave licences is being sought. Trustees will attend the meeting of Suffolk Estuarine Strategies to see the computer model of the Blyth estuary. Mr Nigel Hunt will remain as the Trustees' rep. on the Village Hall Management Committee. A grant of £1000 was given to Marie Curie Cancer Care; in 2003 they nursed three cancer sufferers in Walberswick. Every house in the village is entitled to a copy of the video of the Scroll at the reduced sum of £6.00. If you have not had yours please call at Lima Cottage or phone 724448.

Jayne Tibbles. Clerk to the Trustees.

## CONCERTS AT BLYTHBURGH

### Saturday 3rd April 7.00pm

Organ and trumpet recital Keith Bond and Ian McKechnie.

### Sunday 25th April 3.00pm

Capella Anticana presents a programme of motets and anthems of the 16th and 17th centuries in honour of The Virgin Mary. Tickets at the door £6 (£5 Concessions)

### Saturday 1st May 7.30pm

"The Delightful Companies" Recorders, violin, bass viol/ cello, harpsichord music with Keith Bond Organ. Tickets at the door £5 (under 16's free)

Patsy Murray.

## CHURCH MATTERS

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

4th April	Palm Sunday	0930 Sung Eucharist
9th April	Good Friday	1400 Meditation at the Cross
11th April	Easter Day	0930 Sung Eucharist 1800 Festal Evensong
18th April	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	1100 Morning Prayer
25th April	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	0930 Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700  
Sunday School is on holiday

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

Easter 10<sup>th</sup> April British Legion Vera Smith,  
Dione Shirreff 24<sup>th</sup>

### CHURCH CLEANERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris & Wendy Sinclair, Cynthia Jackson.  
10<sup>th</sup> Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Ruth Bassett.  
16<sup>th</sup> Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Elizabeth Leighton.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jean Waller, Margreet Walpole, Janet Simpson.  
30<sup>th</sup> Diane Dawson, Pru Ford-Crush, Cynthia Jackson.

### PARISH REGISTER

March 4<sup>th</sup> 2004

Funeral Service: Christopher Charles Gold aged 91.

March 6<sup>th</sup> 2004

Holy Matrimony: Paul Martin Denny with Elizabeth Mary Annesley.

March 18<sup>th</sup> 2004

Service of Thanksgiving and Interment of Ashes  
Mary Clara Elizabeth Bell aged 90.

### VELLORE MISSIONARY SALE

The Vellore Sale this year will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Full details will be in the May issue of the Village News. Don't miss it!

Elizabeth Leighton.

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

Regrettably, for the second month in a row, I have to start with an apology. Verbally, I encouraged people to watch a programme on BBC2, on 6<sup>th</sup> March, in the series 'The Battle for Britain's Soul', because St Andrew's Church was due to feature in it. Well, the church did – the only problem was, if you blinked you would have missed it and the name of our church was not even mentioned! The only consolation for me was that I enjoyed watching the filming take place – it was a lot longer on the day! Recent weeks have seen the deaths of two people, Chris Gold and Mary Bell, who until they became housebound had been regular members of our church and very much involved in village affairs generally. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those who mourn their departure from this world. The Easter season will shortly be upon us. On Good Friday I shall again be leading a one hour service of meditation at 2.00 p.m. Services for Easter Day at St Andrew's are listed elsewhere in *Village News*, but you may wish to be aware that the Easter Vigil this year will take place at Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh, at 6.00 a.m. on Easter morning. Why not join us for one of those services as we celebrate that first Easter Day when Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Yours in the risen Christ,

Brian Fisher

### RUSSELL COLLIS

The memorial service for Russell Collis will take place at 11.30am on Friday 23rd April at St Andrew's Church, Walberswick.

Kate Robinson.

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

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**WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?**

**GP SURGERY** Wednesdays 14.30. Village Hall Annexe.  
**LIBRARY BUS** Alternate Fridays. Church 14.30/Village Hall 3.10pm  
 2nd, 16th and 30th.

- 3rd Apr.** Concerts at Blythburgh 7.00pm.
- 6th Apr.** Royal British Legion Committee Meeting. Village Hall 7.30pm.
- 14th Apr.** WI - Taj Mahal talk.
- 15th Apr.** GM Foods discussion/debate. Village Hall 7.30pm.
- 16th Apr.** Blyth Valley Computer Society AGM. Village Hall annexe.
- 18th Apr.** NSPCC Sponsored walk. Ferry Cottage, 9.30am.
- 25th Apr.** Concerts at Blythburgh 3.00pm.
- 28,29,30th April.** Save the Children Wine and Smiles evenings.
- 1st May.** Concerts at Blythburgh 7.30pm.
- 6th May.** WLHG Talk, The Lost City of Dunwich. Time and venue TBC.
- 7th May.** The RBL Walberswick Lecture - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 8th May.** David Shirreff Bird Song Walk. Hoist Covert Car Park 5.30pm.
- 9th May.** Beach Clean 9.00am - 12.00pm.
- 11th May.** Save the Children Bridge Drive. Village Hall. 2.00pm.
- 15th May.** Vellore Missionary Sale. Village Hall.
- 22nd May.** Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm.
- 28th Aug.** Walberswick Village Fete.





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## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!

May 2004 sees the launch of a major fund-raising initiative for St Andrew's Church. Since we became part of the Sole Bay Team in 1999 and the Vicarage was sold, the Parochial Church Council has been exploring ideas for enhancing the amenities of the Church, both for parishioners and visitors. We have now received approval for plans to install an equal-access toilet in a small out-building at the base of the tower. This will involve renovation work, installation of drainage and water pipes and the creation of a doorway through into the small area by the Vicar's vestry so that the toilet is accessible from inside the Church. St Andrew's is a much-loved building that has served the community for over 500 years; it is visited by many people each year for its historic interest and the peaceful atmosphere that is found there. Any building work therefore has to be sympathetically carried out by skilled craftsmen. Bearing that in mind and knowing that building costs are soaring, we calculate that the project will cost around £50,000. Money from the sale of the old Vicarage has provided us with a sound basis for our fund-raising, but if we are to see the project through we need to raise a further £25,000. On Saturday 29th May at 6.00pm we will be launching our appeal in St Andrew's; we hope that as many of you as possible will come to the Church to see the plans, meet the architect and the WC Committee and have a glass of wine. We have many ideas (some already in place) for fund-raising; we hope you will support us in whatever way you can. We will be sending out more details of the launch soon, but the quicker that we raise the money, the sooner the builders can start work; the equal-access toilet will then be there 'For Your Convenience'!

**The WC Committee.**

### A NEW EDITORIAL TEAM

We are seeking an editor to make up a team of two to edit your Village News; we operated for a short time with two last year and it worked very well. Anybody with computer experience and with 2 to 3 hours to spare every other month please contact me on 724379.

**YOUR VILLAGE NEWS NEEDS YOU!**

**Brian Payne.** *Chairman.*

### NSPCC

There will be a car boot sale at Kessingland on 23rd May. If anyone has anything that they could donate I would be very grateful. Please call me on 722112 and I can collect or you could drop it off at the Anchor Inn.

**Tina Harris.** *Anchor Inn.*

### WALBERSWICK FETE

Thank you to all who have returned their slips to say that they will help with the fete. The fete will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August, the theme 'The Rainbow'. We have several stalls that still need organisers. If you could run any of the following please let us know - Balls in the Jar/Finishing Touches/ Marbles Through the Hole/ Grand Raffle/ Weight of the Cake. If you would like to run a stall not listed here please contact us. There will be a Dog Show again and an Art Competition on a Rainbow theme. If you ran any of the above stalls last year and just haven't got round to sending your slip back please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to do it again.

Thank you

**Denise Brentnall.** 722923 **Christine Mitchell.** 723023

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## HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2004

This year to be held on Saturday 24th July in the Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome to view all exhibits in the afternoon from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Teas and light refreshments are available. Admission Free. Come and enjoy seeing the very finest produce from our own village gardens. A 'once-a-year' event not to be missed. Vegetables, soft fruits, flowers, flower arrangements, culinary delights and our junior classes. Time to enter exhibits and the full schedule of exhibits will be in the next issue of the Village News.

**Vic Rowland. 722262**

## RETURN OF THANKS

I would like to thank all the friends who sent cards and messages of sympathy. They were much appreciated at a most difficult time. My thanks must go to Rev. Brian Fisher for his kindness and very nice service for my dear Christopher, and to all who attended. Thank you, also for the donations to 'Friends of Southwold Hospital'. The total was £450.82.

**Joan Gold.**

## MARY BELL

Mervyn and his family are very grateful to their friends in the village for the magnificent support they have received during the past month, following Mary's death. Mervyn appreciates the many letters and cards, which have been a source of great comfort, as well as the very generous donations in Mary's memory to the Suffolk branch of St. John Ambulance, which have exceeded £500.

**David Bell.**

## OLIVER TIBBLES

As most of you know our beautiful grandson, Ollie, died on March 26<sup>th</sup> after a two- year battle with cancer. He died peacefully at home with his Mum & Dad, surrounded by his favourite toys and with Thomas The Tank Engine playing as he drifted away. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for your support and prayers over the last two years and for the many cards & messages we have received.

**Brian & Jayne Tibbles.**

## FRIENDS OF THE SUMMER THEATRE FETE

This year our annual fete will be on Sunday 20th July from 2.00pm onwards.

**Carol Carey. Production Coordinator.**

## MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Our annual garden party will be held at Dutch House, 2.30pm Saturday 26th June 2004.

**Mary King. 724590**

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NOTICES

**THE WALBERSWICK LECTURE:** The Annual Lecture and Buffet Supper with wine will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 7th May 2004 starting at 7.30 pm. The talk "MINI SUPERPOWER REALITIES" will be given by Air Marshal Sir John Walker KCB CBE AFC. Tickets are £5 each, and will be on sale at the Tuck Shop and Blythburgh Post Office from Friday 23rd April. Remember that the Hall has a limited seating capacity, so please buy your tickets early.  
**Alan Walpole.**

## FITNESS CLASSES

The classes resume after an Easter break on Tuesday 20th April in the Village Hall between 9.30am - 10.30am. The session, taken by Yvonne Proctor, costs £3. It is great fun and beneficial for a healthy life style. Men and women are very welcome.

**Jenny Cardwell.**

## SUFFOLK GROUP ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION

This will be the Group's 14th Summer Exhibition and will be held in the Peter Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh from Saturday 29th May until Sunday 6th June. The Group consists of some 30 professional painters, printmakers and sculptors, all of whom live and work in Suffolk. The work on show will reflect this mix and will also feature a new print rack of mounted unframed prints and drawings. Also on show will be work by 5 members who sadly died in recent times; paintings and prints by TW(Bill) Ward, prints by Verity Wookey, paintings by Katie Souter and Ken Back, and sculpture by Jane Truzzi-Franconi.

The Group was formed in 1990 when it turned out that 5 artists, who had been fellow students at the Royal College of Art in the late 1940's and in the same year, all lived in the area. It seemed a sensible move to form a working group, adding other members as we went along. The selection procedure is firm, in order to keep to the highest professional standards. The whole exhibition will show a variety of work, for the Group does not have a 'brand image'. Admission is free, so come and see us in Aldeburgh in May/June.

**Mike Kelly. Tel: 01986 873390**

## MUSIC AT HOLY TRINITY, BLYTHBURGH

Saturday 15th May 7.30pm organist Jeremy Blasby of Bury St Edmunds in a programme of Bach and Mendelssohn. Tickets £6 (£5 Concessions) at door.

Friday 28th May 7.30pm Violinist Amanda Lake is back with fellow students from the Royal College of Music with a varied programme including Mendelssohn's Octet. Tickets £6 (£5 Concessions) at door.

**Patsy Murray.**

## CHURCH MATTERS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - BACK FOR THE SUMMER

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

2nd May 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 0930 Sung Eucharist  
 9th May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 0930 Family Eucharist  
 1800 Choral Evensong  
 16th May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 1100 Morning Prayer  
 20th May (Thursday) Ascension Team Eucharist at  
 Wrentham 1900  
 23rd May Team Confirmation 1100 St. Nicholas,  
 Wrentham.  
 30th May Sung Eucharist 0930 joint with  
 Blythburgh  
 Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00  
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700  
 Sunday School Village Hall Annexe 1000 - 1215

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

Kathleen Patterson Susan Walpole Chrissie Reeves  
 Wendy Sinclair Sue Green. British Legion Anne Paton.

### CHURCH CLEANERS

7<sup>th</sup> Chris & Wendy Sinclair Cynthia Jackson  
 14<sup>th</sup> Craster & Kathleen Patterson Pru Ford-Crush  
 21<sup>st</sup> Pat Wythe Betty Jones Ruth Bassett  
 28<sup>th</sup> Janet Simpson Jean Waller Mary King

### PARISH REGISTER

21<sup>st</sup> April 2004. Service of Thanksgiving prior to Cremation  
 Harry William Neville Churchill aged 94

### WALBERSWICK UNITED MISSIONARY SALE

Walberswick United Missionary Council will hold their  
 annual bazaar on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30pm –  
 3.30pm. Light lunches and teas will be served. Donations  
 for the usual stalls will be welcome, but no clothes. If you  
 are spring cleaning and have any unwanted kitchen items,  
 Sue Walpole would be grateful for them for the kitchen  
 stall and will collect if required; please telephone 724763.  
 All proceeds for Vellore hospital in South India and  
 Christian Aid. **Wendy Sinclair.**

### WI – RESOLUTIONS

When we meet again on 12<sup>th</sup> May we shall listen to this  
 year's three resolutions and a lively discussion will  
 follow before we cast our votes. At the meeting on April  
 14<sup>th</sup> we were delighted to have Mr P M Baker talk to us  
 about The Taj Mahal. He travels to India twice every year  
 and spoke with great authority at the same time showing  
 us his excellent slides.

**Julia Josephs.**

### LENT LUNCHESES 2004

The Lent lunches were all well attended and as a result  
 we will be sending £185 to the East Anglian Air  
 Ambulance Service to help them in their work.  
**Elizabeth Leighton.**

Yes, we are back on Sunday 25th April in the Village Hall  
 Annexe and looking forward to seeing you all!

10.00 - 10.45	Mainly Middle School 9-13yrs
10.45 - 11.30	Primary School Group 5-9yrs
11.30 - 12.15	High School Group 13yrs and beyond!

Dates for the term are as follows

April 25th, May 2nd, 9th (Family Service), 16th, 23rd.  
 June 13th (Family Service), 20th, 27th, July 4th, 11th, 18th.

There will also be a summer holiday club with dates to be  
 finalised on this - hopefully coinciding with the Southwold  
 Beach Mission again. I look forward to seeing lots of you  
 this term.

**Julie Winyard. 722178**

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

This year May looks like being a busy month as far as the  
 Sole Bay Team is concerned. On 2<sup>nd</sup> May we shall be  
 saying farewell to our curate, James Saunders, at Holy  
 Trinity Church, Blythburgh (6.00 p.m.) James is moving to  
 the Peterborough diocese where he will be taking on  
 responsibility for two rural parishes as well as becoming  
 Assistant Chaplain at HM Prison, Ashwell. His official  
 licensing service in his new diocese will take place on 28<sup>th</sup>  
 May. James will be sadly missed in our team; we wish him  
 well. Christian Aid Week runs from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, and we  
 will once more be arranging a house-to-house collection.  
 On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May, at 12.30 p.m., we resume the monthly  
 luncheon club – having missed out for two months I  
 anticipate that you will all be looking forward to being well  
 fed again! Another important date will be the team's  
 Confirmation Service at St Nicholas' Church, Wrentham  
 on 23<sup>rd</sup> May (11.00 a.m.) – there will be at least one  
 candidate from Walberswick. The Bishop of Dunwich, The  
 Right Revd Clive Young, will conduct the service. Please  
 note that there will be no service at St Andrew's on that  
 Sunday. The following Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, we shall be  
 joining with the congregation of Holy Trinity Blythburgh (at  
 Blythburgh) to celebrate Pentecost (Whitsun) - a  
 much-neglected festival in the Church's year - as we  
 remember the pouring out of God's Holy Spirit on the early  
 Church.

Yours in Christ,

**Brian Fisher.**

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- 8th May.** David Shirreff Bird Song Walk. Hoist Covert Car Park 5.30am.
- 9th May.** Beach Clean 9.00am - 12.00pm.
- 11th May.** Save the Children Bridge Drive. Village Hall. 2.00pm.
- 12th May.** WI Meeting. 'Resolutions'
- 15th May.** Vellore Missionary Sale. Village Hall.
- 15th May.** Music at Blythburgh Church 7.30pm.
- 23rd May.** NSPCC Car Boot Sale. Kessingland.
- 28th May.** Music at Blythburgh Church 7.30pm.
- 29th May.** Launch of Church Appeal, St Andrew's 6.00pm
- 29th May.** Suffolk Group's annual exhibition. Aldeburgh. Until 6th June.
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# VILLAGE NEWS

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## A NEW EDITOR!

The Village News Board of Management is pleased to give a warm welcome to our new editor Tony Green. Please take note of his contact details on the back page, The Village News email address will not change.

**Justin Kibble.** *Ex Editor.*

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Out of interest last year I kept a note of the amounts raised from the various charity events held in the village, e.g. coffee mornings, lunches, fetes, auctions, etc. The grand total was over £23,000 showing what a generous village we are!

**Mary King.**

## THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

The next showing of the Scroll will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th July, from 10.00am until noon. Many readers will be familiar with this extraordinary painting of the village produced in 1931 and 1932 by John Doman Turner. The video has found its way into many homes, but there's nothing like the real thing! I will be running it back and forth two or three times, so anyone who comes along should get a reasonable view of it.

**Richard Scott.**

## SAVE THE CHILDREN

Sincere thanks to all of you who supported our recent events; we are delighted with the sums raised: Wine and Smiles - £567. Thanks to Riq for his superb readings which we will have on video at a small cost for anyone who missed it! Collection Boxes - £124.31, *Bridge Drive* - £446.00. A successful afternoon when 56 players enjoyed their Bridge followed by excellent tea. Mary King ran the raffle which raised £100. Grateful thanks to everyone who donated prizes, food or loaned us tables. A great result for Save the Children.

**Val Anderson & Maureen Thompson.**

## ERIC SCOTT (1904-1960)

I will be mounting a small exhibition of paintings and drawings by my father to mark the centenary of his birth. The show will be at Samphire Cottage (off the track to the Sluice Bridge) from 1st - 4th July, from 2 - 6 pm. Nothing will be for sale - except, possibly, for a few cards - and free refreshments will be provided for anyone who would care to call in. It was in this house that the bulk of my father's surviving work was produced in the 1950s, nearly all his earlier work having been destroyed in an air raid.

**Richard Scott.**

## OPEN STUDIOS

Every weekend in June Suffolk Artists will be opening their studios to the public. In Walberswick Chris and Wendy Sinclair will have their studios open for the first three weekends; Anne Paton will be open by appointment only. Booklets listing all participants will be available free from local shops.

**Wendy Sinclair.**

## THAI WEDDING TRIP

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our son James and his new wife to thank all those who sent gifts and cards of support. It was a very memorable day for all those relations and friends who made the long trip, 43 in all! We are planning to have a showing of the Buddhist ceremony, Christian ceremony and reception at the village hall on Saturday June the 5th at 7pm. We would like any of the villagers to join us in a rerun of this day - all welcome - please bring a bottle.

**Pam and Wally Webb.**

## NSPCC CHARITY WALK

Despite a wet and windy morning on Sunday 18th April, eight walkers ( 6 from the village) braved the elements and with sponsorship and generous donations, we managed to raise £447.80 making it a very worthwhile annual event. We continue to raise much needed money and awareness of the Society in our community and to contribute to the work of the Suffolk Child Protection Team.

**Cathryn Simpson.**

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## WI – RESOLUTIONS & GARDEN PARTY

The Resolutions for the WI AGM in London next month were excellently presented by three of our members at the May meeting. 1. We should urge the Government to put into place legislation to combat the trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and forced labour. We unanimously voted for this. 2. We should call upon the government to oppose the growing of GM crops in the UK. After a very lively and interesting discussion we voted against this resolution. 3. That the government should make substantial funds available to the Air Ambulance Service. We voted unanimously for this after hearing how lives were being saved due to this splendid service. We shall be on The Green at Heather Hyne's for our Garden Meeting in June.

**Julia Josephs.**

## CONTROL OF SPEEDING

Lorry Haslegrave and I would like to thank all those who were able to find the time to reply to our letter. The additional notes included in many of the replies were much appreciated. As at 14th May, 51% (194) of the estimated number of people who live full time in Walberswick had replied, and replies are still trickling in. 4% had no strong feelings either way. Those we deducted from the total. Of the remainder, 3% said NO and the remainder said that they supported the introduction of a speed calming scheme. In our letter we gave an example of a scheme already in place in Waldringfield, but we did not suggest what scheme would be most suitable for Walberswick. We wrote to the Chairman of the Parish Council on 7th May with the statistics that we had at that time, and the matter was raised at their Meeting on the 10th May. The Council agreed to invite an expert in traffic calming to visit Walberswick and give them advice on how they should proceed. Note: In our statistics, we have assumed that those who did not reply had no strong feeling one way or the other, or had simply lost the letter. Thank you again.

**Alan Walpole and Lorry Haslegrave.**

This letter is written in support of Alan Walpole's recent appeal for more positive action in the control of vehicle speed through the village. Also, having in mind the inevitable increase in traffic volume during the summer months I hope local motorists, whether concessionary drivers or otherwise, will set an example to visiting motorists be it on the matter of speed or observing the various parking stipulations, local or otherwise. A parked vehicle acts not only as, 'a priming of the pump' for others to follow suit but also a hazard for children darting out into the path of passing traffic, perhaps speeding?

**Don Thompson. The Green.**

## SCRABBLE AFTERNOON

Come and play Scrabble at the Anchor Inn on Tuesday 6th July at 2.30pm. Bring a friend or three and help raise money for the NSPCC. £3 per person. Raffle & Prizes. Tickets: Tel. 01502 722255

**Pru Ford-Crush.**

## MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

Garden Party time again at Dutch House on Saturday 26th June at 2.30pm in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research. Entrance £1 to include tea, home-made scones and jam. Usual stalls and raffles. Pray for a sunny day!

**Mary King.**

## THE 'DAVID SHIRREFF' BIRD SONG WALK

It was not a morning for the faint hearted, the cloud scudding low on a stiffening wind whilst a hint of drizzle clutched the chilled unseasonably wintry air. That same reluctance to vacate ones warm bed applied in equal measure to the forsaking of a sheltered hedge or tree to venture forth on open ground. In many cases the warm beds seemingly won the day. But at the appointed hour a hardy and defiant band of ten had gathered, consisting of the very young (Jack and Lucy back again) and the more senior regulars with nobody in the middle. I wonder if that tells us anything of ourselves? A Nightingale regaled us at the outset his rich repertoire both cheered and fortified us. Then the usual fun began, sorting out Blackcap from Garden Warbler, Sedge Warbler from Reed Warbler. Cettis shouted loud from hidden fen and the Bittern begrudgingly betrayed his presence near by, another Nightingale this one actually spotted by Lucy kept up the momentum. Most of us then headed back to the Bell for breakfast. The hat collection plus donations from some who did not make it on the day came to £55.00. This to be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSBP Dingle Marshes Project

**Tony Lancaster.**

## A CEILIDH

In aid of our village hall a ceilidh will be held on Saturday 18th September at 7.30pm. No partner required. Everyone welcome. Live band, drinks & hot dogs for sale. Tickets £10 per person (£6 under 10's). More information to follow - watch this space!

**Pru Ford-Crush.**

## COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from the April meeting. Grants from the 2003 car-park covenant were finalised. Beneficiaries include the Village Hall (annual subsidy & contribution to maintenance work), History Group towards a projector, annual Easter egg hunt, chippings for swings area, weekly minibus to Halesworth & Lowestoft, travel & education fund and funds for the Trusts' regular quarterly beneficiaries. New signs will be placed on the track to the caravan site to deter parking by the Went Bridge. A new three year agreement for the sale of ice cream on the car parks has been agreed. The Trust will be sponsoring a children's fun sports day on Sunday 8th August on the sports field. The cricket club will organise the event and would appreciate offers of help with planning, assistance on the day etc, anyone interested in helping please contact David Webb, Kate Goodchild or me.

**Jayne Tibbles. Clerk to the Trustees.**

**ROSEMARY WHITEHEAD (nee Burke)**

Derek and Mary Burke want to thank all our many friends here in Walberswick for their kind sympathy over the loss of our daughter "Rosie" who died peacefully in her sleep on 14th April, aged 41, from complications following breast cancer. Rosie was the much loved and loving wife of Tom Whitehead, mother of Rafe (6), Benedict (4) and Catherine (2), and sister of Elizabeth Tregear, Virginia West and Stephen Burke.

**Derek Burke.**

**BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY**

Our April meeting began with a brief AGM. The Chairman, Piers Ford-Crush, summed up this year's excellent events and remarked on record attendances. An illustrated talk, "Faking it on a PC", was given by the Chairman himself. During a fascinating evening, Piers showed us how easy it is to fake photographs or images using programmes like Photoshop and a digital camera. We saw early examples of complex photographic manipulation from the mid C19th, so-called psychic photos, examples of Russian dictator Stalin's airbrushing and cropping of political rivals from history, and unconvincing UFO pictures. Until recently images had to be altered by laborious cutting and pasting methods and superimposing multiple images during development and printing. Now this can all be done with the click of a mouse. Our outing to East Anglian Pharmaceuticals Ltd next month will bring this year to a close. The 2004/2005 season will start on Friday, 1st October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. No technical knowledge required. For further information ring 722 255 **Kay Ungless.**

**INCONSIDERATE PARKING**

If you have tales of inconsiderate parking by visitors to the Village during the high season last year I would be interested to hear or receive a note from you. **Alan Walpole. Strawberry Corner, Main Street - 724763.**

**CHURCH MATTERS****CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE**

6th	June	Trinity	0930	Sung Eucharist
13th	June	1st of Trinity	0930	Family Eucharist
			1800	Choral Evensong
20th	June	2nd of Trinity	1100	Morning Prayer
27th	June	St Peter/St Paul	0930	Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700  
Sunday School Village Hall Annexe 10.00am - 12.15pm

**FLOWER ARRANGERS**

Elizabeth Leighton, Bubbles Love, Judy Morton,  
Cynthia Jackson, British Legion; Vivien Hunt.

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

4th Di Dawson, Margreet Walpole, Elizabeth Leighton.  
11th Chris and Wendy Sinclair, Ruth Bassett.  
18th Craster and Kathleen Patterson, Cynthia Jackson.  
25th Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Pru Ford-Crush.

**PARISH REGISTER**

**23rd April 2004**

Service of Thanksgiving  
*Russell Collis aged 95*

**27th April 2004**

Burial of Ashes  
*Christopher Charles Gold aged 91*

**LETTER FROM THE OLM**

I am putting pen to paper (well not really, I'm putting fingers to keyboard!) just as Christian Aid Week draws to a close, so let me say a big 'thank you' to all those (young and old) who helped with the house-to house collection as well as to all of you who gave so generously to the work of Christian Aid. Next month we shall let you know how much money was collected in the village. In connection with Christian Aid, some of you may have heard mention of the parable of how to recycle a goat – if you want to learn more stop me and ask when you next see me!

At the end of this month I, together with all the other clergy in the diocese, will be going to The Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire for a four-day conference. We shall be listening to speakers (including the Director of Christian Aid, Dr Daleep Mukarji, who trained as a doctor at the Christian Medical College in Vellore), as well as taking part in various workshops. The present Archbishop of Canterbury will give the opening address. The aims of the conference are to help us, as clergy, to reflect upon the changes that have taken place in Church and Society in recent decades, and to help us to work out how we can use the opportunities that those changes offer. Whatever I learn at the conference will, hopefully, be useful in my ministry here in Walberswick.

Yours in Christ's service,  
**Brian Fisher.**

**WALBERSWICK LUNCHEON CLUB**

The Luncheon Club has now resumed after the break for Lent. Our next lunch, in the Village Hall, will be on Friday 11th June, at 12.30 p.m. The cost as usual will be £5. All are welcome.

**Brian Fisher.**

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- 18th Sep.** Ceilidh - Village Hall 7.30pm.





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## WALBERSWICK AND BLYTHBURGH BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### HEROES RETURN

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### AGM DATE CHANGE

The Branch AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 22nd November 2004 (not the 15th), starting at 7.30 pm.

**Alan Walpole, Chairman**

### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

The first of our four "Cakes and Coffee" mornings in the Church Porch got off to a flying start on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. We had good support from visitors and villagers alike, and we raised £90 for the "Loo" Fund. Our next "Cakes and Coffee" morning will be on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome, and the venue will be the same. If you would like to make a cake for the stall you can either leave it with me at Shenburgh or bring it to the Church on the day.

**Elizabeth Leighton**

Also, see July Diary events

10<sup>th</sup> Talk by Brian Morton, Village Hall, 7.00 p.m.

14<sup>th</sup> 'The Decibelles', concert in the church, 8.00 p.m.

### ISAIAH 9:6

I am delighted to announce the birth of a beautiful, great granddaughter, "Lily Kerenza".

Born on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.20 p.m. to parents Paul and Elizabeth Denny.

**Anna Edwards**

## WE'RE BACK!

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### EDITORS, PAST AND PRESENT

On behalf of the community, I wish to express our extreme gratitude to Justin Kibble for the most excellent way in which he has developed and edited our Newsletter over the past years.

To say that he has performed magnificently and with gusto in this role is not, I believe, an understatement. We wish Justin, Ingrid and Felix well, in whatever the future may hold.

At the same time we welcome Tony's tremendous offer of taking on the mantle as Editor, and we wish him every success and enjoyment in so doing.

**Robin Buncombe**

### RNLI: MAY BANK HOLIDAY MINI-FETE

In just two and a half hours the magnificent sum of £1277.07, minus some minor miscellaneous expenses, was raised on the 31st May. That equates to £8.50 every minute!

Although too numerous to name individually, the Branch wishes to express its thanks to everybody involved.

**Robin Buncombe, Hon Treasurer**

### CHILDREN'S DRAMA WORKSHOP

For all those interested in creating a Drama Group to run during the Autumn term, there will be a short meeting on Sunday 11th July in the Village Hall Annexe at 4.00 p.m. Children of primary school age to be accompanied by a parent, please.

We are proposing to run 1 or 2 hour long sessions once a week depending on the number of participants and the age range. Cost will, also, depend on numbers and hiring charge. This is definitely non-profit making!

**Val Anderson and Julia Sourbutts**

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### VISITOR MANAGEMENT POLICY

I have become increasingly exasperated and angered over actions taken and views expressed, by some, regarding speeding vehicles and parking problems in the village.

Your Council duly regards each issue and takes appropriate actions, as it deems necessary.

Too many, however, have lost sight of the fact that the village has a comprehensive Visitor Management Policy, originating from 1995. Don't forget that all too often, before the implementation of the Policy, horrendous problems were experienced.

After a specially convened Parish Meeting, the village saw:

1. The introduction of a 30 m.p.h. speed limit
2. The phased introduction of parking restrictions
3. The establishment of a Car Parks Company, charged with covenanting all profit to the Common Lands Charity for the benefit of the village

This Strategy is recognised locally and nationally as a classic example of community enterprise, trust and involvement. Revising this successful strategy, for want of an ill-conceived perfection, will cause more harm than good to our village, its environment and all those that enjoy Walberswick for what it is.

Information is available, from various organizations, concerning parking/ obstruction incidents from last year, including photographs of the worst incidents. Any specific concerns regarding any aspect of the Visitor Management Strategy should, and must, be addressed to **your** authority - the Parish Council.

These are my personal views, do not represent formal Council policy and you are fully entitled not to share them. If you do not, I strongly urge you to stand at the next Parish Council election.

**Robin Buncombe**, *Parish Councillor*

### HORTICULTURAL SHOW

A reminder that entries for the show should be taken to the Village Hall, not later than 11 a.m., on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Visitors are most welcome from 3 p.m., after the judging. Cups and trophies will be awarded to the successful winners shortly after 4.30 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity to see the finest produce from our very own gardens in Walberswick.

Teas and light refreshments will be available.

**Vic Rowland** 01502-722262

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Philip Kett has decided to resign as Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch. The Parish Council would like to thank Philip for his work in this post. However, we now require a new Co-ordinator! If anyone is interested in taking on this position please contact the Clerk - Tel: 723142. Philip would be pleased to advise anyone who is interested on the amount of work involved and can be contacted on 723800

**Viv Hunt** *Clerk to Council*

### BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

We are indebted to East Anglian Pharmaceuticals Ltd for our final event of the season. Small groups, spaced over three separate days, were kindly invited to watch their operation from *goods in* through to *orders out*. EAP is the second largest independent pharmaceutical wholesaler in the U.K.

Following an interesting short history of pharmacies in the U.K., we observed orders coming in via their website, the print-out of which is bar-coded and placed in a tray. It then starts an amazing journey by roller conveyor, the bar-code triggering the automatic pick of the required goods and choosing the correct route at each partition of the track.

The distribution depot has just undergone the second phase of modernization making it one of the most up-to-date automated warehouses in the U.K. Order turnaround times are reduced to a minimum, with accuracy of picking and delivery very close to 100%. We were all held spell-bound by the speed and efficiency of their operation, yet they maintain the human touch where machines cannot cope, or are less efficient. Hand sorting is needed where medicines come in awkward shapes and the eye is required for the final inspection before delivery to the correct van. Their fleet of 30 vans delivers twice daily to pharmacies, doctors and hospitals throughout East Anglia, and as far afield as West London and Nottingham.

BVCS meetings are held in the Village Hall.

For further information ring 01502 722255.

**Kay Ungless**

### WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004

Alvin Hunt was unanimously re-elected as Chairman to the Parish Council and Robin Buncombe to Vice Chairman. Alvin was also elected as representative to the Village Hall Management Committee and Robin as representative for SALC.

There were two planning applications: Troy, Church Field – for the erection of a two-storey and single-storey extension and the erection of a detached garage (revised scheme) and Beta Cottage, the Green – erection of a single-storey rear extension; roof extension and roof lights to facilitate living accommodation. The Council had no objections to either of these proposals. Planning permission had been refused by SCDC for a new house in the grounds of Westwood, Lodge Road and for a large extension at The Old School, Leveretts Lane. However, permission had been granted for an extension to 2, Lorne cottages and for the construction of dormer windows in the roof of Westwood, Lodge Road. A planning appeal has been submitted to the Secretary of State for the erection of two houses on the land at the Studio, Stocks Lane.

For a full report of this meeting see the Parish Council notice board at the Village Hall.

### BEACH CLEAN SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Parish Council would like to thank all the residents who turned out for the beach clean. There were over 40 people cleaning the beach. It was much appreciated by the Council and also we hope by our visitors.

**Viv Hunt** *Clerk to Council*

**WI – THE MENINGITIS TRUST**

On July 14<sup>th</sup> we look forward to an interesting talk about The Meningitis Trust given by Mrs Debbie Ball.

On a lovely June summer afternoon our Group met in Heather Hyne's garden for a chat, a quiz and the usual delicious WI tea; sandwiches, cakes and, of course, strawberries and cream.

We were pleased to welcome some past presidents and members. The only deviation from the programme was your press secretary gracefully falling backwards off her unstable garden chair!

**Julia Josephs**

**FETE PLANS WELL UNDERWAY**

All the stalls, games etc. are now allocated for the Village Fete this year, which is to be held on Saturday 28 August. The tables, Greens and Marquee are booked and Esther Freud has agreed to open the Fete for us following the success of her Walberswick based book The Sea House. If anyone would like to go on the list of people willing to help those organising the stalls etc. please contact either Denise or Christine. Denise still needs face painters!

Although I am hoping to do the face painting for most of the afternoon I will have other responsibilities and will need a good team backing me up. Please contact me as soon as possible (teenagers very welcome!).

Please contact stallholders direct if you have things to offer.

There will be a Dog Show and an Art Competition based on the Rainbow Theme – more details to follow on these. Hope everyone is looking forward to the Fete again this year!!

**Denise Brentnall 722923**

(email: Denise@brentnalld.freemove.co.uk)

**Christine Fisher 723023**

**CHURCH MATTERS**

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY**

04	4 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	09.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
11	5 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	09.30 a.m. Family Eucharist
11		06.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
18	6 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
25	James the Apostle	09.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5.00 p.m.

Sunday School - Village Hall Annexe, 10.00 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS**

03	Dione Shirreff, Ann Sexton (Br. Legion)
10	Kathleen Patterson
17	Chrissie Reeves,
24	Wendy Sinclair
31	Sue Green

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

02	Janet Simpson, Jean Waller, Elizabeth Leighton
09	Diane Dawson, Margeet Walpole, Mary King
16	Chris and Wendy Sinclair, Jean Waller
23	Craster and Kathleen Patterson, Janet Simpson
30	Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Diane Dawson

**THE REVD GRAHAM OWEN**

The Reverend Graham Owen will be licensed to St Michael's Church in Framlingham on Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 and will be conducting his farewell service on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 at St Peter and St Paul Wangford.

**PARISH REGISTER**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2004: Funeral Service and Burial  
Audrey Grace (Jill) Walford aged 83

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

The house-to-house collection during Christian Aid week raised £622.65. Some of this was 'gift aided' so the reclaimed tax will be added to this magnificent sum. Many thanks to all who helped with this effort in any way, and to everyone who gave generously so that others may have life before death.

**Christine Fisher**

**LETTER FROM THE OLM**

Many of you will have heard by now that the team vicar who has responsibility for Walberswick, Graham Owen, is to leave us later this month to take up a post as priest in charge of the parishes of Framlingham and Saxtead. His last service here in Walberswick will be the 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Later that same day the team farewell service will take place, at 11.00 a.m. at St Peter & St Paul Church, Wangford. Graham's licensing to his new post, by the Bishop of Dunwich, will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at St Michael's Church Framlingham. Although Graham will be replaced in the team in due course, I shall probably be given more responsibility for our community here in Walberswick.

You will read elsewhere in this edition of the forthcoming events taking place during the month to raise awareness, as well as funds, for the proposed toilet in the fabric of St Andrew's. If you have not already seen the plans and information concerning this project please pop into the church and look at the display board.

Our July Luncheon Club will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, in the Village Hall, at 12.30 p.m. If you have not joined us previously, come along and enjoy a tasty meal in friendly company. Each month somebody new (to the Luncheon Club) joins us and finds out what they have been missing.

Yours in Christ's name,

**Brian Fisher**

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

- GP SURGERY** **(NEW TIME!)** Wednesdays **4.30 p.m.** Village Hall  
 Annexe.
- LIBRARY BUS** Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.  
 Alternate Fridays. ( 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July)
- FITNESS** Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
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- 01-04** Eric Scott Exhibition—Sapphire Cottage, 2.00 - 6.00 p.m.  
**03** Cakes and Coffee Morning At The Church, 10.30 a.m - 12.30 p.m.  
**06** NSPCC Fund Raising Scrabble afternoon—Anchor Hotel, 2.30 p.m.  
**10** Walberswick Scroll on display— Village Hall, 10 a.m.– Noon  
**10** Talk on Historic Buildings—Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.  
**11** Children's Drama Group Meeting—Village Hall Annexe, 4.00 p.m.  
**14** Concert In The Church, 8.00 p.m.  
**20** Friends Of The Summer Theatre Fete, 2.00 p.m.  
**24** Horticultural Show— Village Hall, 3.00 - 4.30 p.m.

**28 Aug.** Walberswick Village Fete.

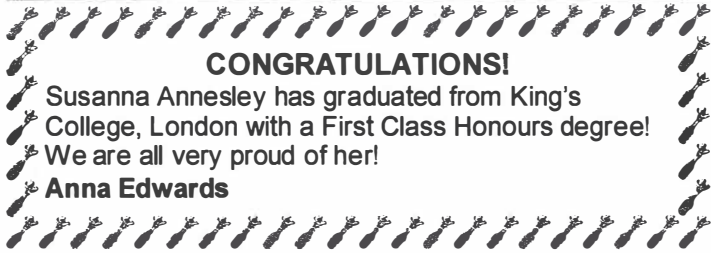
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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Susanna Annesley has graduated from King's College, London with a First Class Honours degree! We are all very proud of her!  
**Anna Edwards**

### To The 'Rainbow' Fete 28/08

My heart leapt up when I was told  
The rainbow was our theme;  
Its coloured spectrum will reflect  
Our varied efforts to collect,  
Through stalls and raffles manifold,  
The cash of which we dream - - -  
Our village rainbow's crock of gold!  
So come and join our happy day  
And drive all cares and clouds away!  
G.G.

**Christine Fisher**

### LAST CALL FOR THE RAINBOW FETE...

There is a flyer in this edition of the village news with *all* the details about the fete, the proceeds of which will be divided equally between the Village Hall and St Andrew's Church. When you have found all your white elephants, nurtured your plants, looked out your finery and items for children and baked your cakes, please rush them to the stallholders listed, who will be very grateful for all your offerings.

We are planning a fun packed day for all the family and your friends too, with a Children's Art Competition (entries to the Village Hall annexe 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and a Fun Dog Show at 12 p.m. Please refer to the flyer for the classes for both competitions.

See you there...!

**Denise (722923) & Christine (723023)**



### Arrival!

Esther Freud and David Morrissey are delighted to announce the birth of their gorgeous baby boy, Gene Joseph, on 13th June 2004.  
**Emma Freud**

### NSPCC Garden Tea

To be held in the garden of Vine Cottage on the Green on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August between 2.00 and 4.30 p.m. Admission Free.

There will be stalls for: Plants, Bric-a-brac, Books, Tom-bola and there will also be a Second-hand Clothes' Rail. Any contributions to the stalls would be gratefully appreciated.

**Cathryn Simpson, Ferry House Tel. 723384**

### Children's Fun Sports Day

Come along to the Sports Field at the end of Church Lane on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August at 2 p.m. and join in the fun. Take part in the egg & spoon race, the sack race or the three-legged race; to name just a few of the events. Various age groups, up to twelve years old, will be organised and there will even be a race or two for the grown-ups. Free soft drinks will be available. Why not bring a picnic! Volunteers to help on the day will be needed so, if you can, please help by putting your name on the list in the Tuck Shop.

**Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees**

### Remember Cookery Nook?

The little wooden shop opposite Fisher's Garage is going to open again for it's last two weeks before retiring forever. 14-year-old May Delaney will be running 'THE SHOP ON THE STREET' from August 02 - 16, selling lovely summer seaside stuff. Much of it will be handmade by May and a group of children from the village. We will be selling gorgeous things - from hand printed T-shirts to home made lemonade, painted pebbles to colourful beach mats. Do come and see us in this very exciting first shop. We even have a proper old wooden till.

**Emma Freud**

### Cakes And Coffee Morning

A reminder that the next 'Cakes and Coffee' morning takes place on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August from 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. in the church porch. As always, there will be a good selection of cakes and we will again have a plant stall, so call in and enjoy a cup of coffee at the same time. All proceeds to the fund for the new equal-access toilet in the church.

**Elizabeth Leighton**

### Village Fete Art Competition

There will be a Children's Art Competition at the Village Fete on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Age groups for individual children: under 5, 5 - 11 and 11 - 16 years.

Work on paper measuring 50 cm or less, please.

**Jean Pappworth**



### GORGEOUS SUMMER SHOP!

For **2 weeks only** come and visit

**'THE SHOP ON THE STREET'**  
(opposite Fisher's Garage)

Created and run by May Delaney - aged 14.  
We will sell super summer seaside stuff - from hand printed T shirts to home made lemonade.  
Please come and see us in our exciting first shop.  
August 02 - 16.

### Luke 2:29

My family and I are grateful for all the cards and letters of condolence, we have received at this sad time.

**Maria Brentnall**, Slinfold

### Children's Drama Workshop

A drama workshop, for children 8 years and older, will run through the autumn term in the Village Hall on Sundays from 5.00 – 6.00 p.m. Starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September and the cost will be £1 per session. Further details will be available in September.

We are still able to include a few more children and would be also be happy to start a younger group between 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. – numbers permitting.

For more information, please contact Julia at Lilliput, Lodge Road or tel. 723179.

**Val Anderson/ Julia Sowerbutts**

### Walberswick Loo Recital

(In aid of the new loo in the church)

There will be an 'Entertainment' evening on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of September in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. entitled:

'Words and Music with Love'

It will be a superb entertainment for a summer's evening, with romantic readings of prose and poetry coupled with lovely songs. The music is being provided by the distinguished soprano, Yvonne Robert, while the reader is the well-known actor, Graham Roberts, (better known as George Barford in the Archers).

After the performance, enjoy a glass or three of wine, with canapés and have a chat with the artists. Yvonne will be delighted to sign copies of her new CD!

A private sponsor has agreed to pay all the costs, so all the proceeds will be 'flushed' into the 'Loo Fund'. During August, tickets will be available from the 'Tuck Shop'.

Tel: (01502) 723025

Looking forward to seeing you.

**Ian Bruce-Jones**

### Fitness Classes

Every Tuesday morning from 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. Yvonne Proctor takes us through a whole body workout in the Village Hall. The new term begins on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The cost is £3 per session. Every week is different, interesting and fun and we finish with relaxation and stretching. Can you resist such an opportunity on your doorstep to improve your level of fitness? I certainly can't, so please come and join me, and many others, on a Tuesday morning.

I hope to see you there.

**Jenny Cardwell**

### Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

This year's Sponsored Cycle Ride will be on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of September. All relevant literature is now available from 'Herons', Church Field.

My grateful thanks to everyone who cycled last year and made it possible to raise an excellent £774, and especially to Wendy Sinclair who kindly took over from me during Eric's illness.

**Ruth Bassett**, 722474

### M.N.D. Garden Party

The sun did not shine this year, but the rain stayed away for my garden party in aid of Motor neurone Disease Research.

Over two hundred people came to enjoy the tea and scones, and spend their money on the stalls and raffles. The record sum of £1821.04 was raised. Very many thanks to all those who ran the stalls, provided the goods and scones, made donations, helped before and on the day, and generally made it a happy occasion.

**Mary King**, Dutch House. 724590

### WI

#### IS ON HOLIDAY IN AUGUST

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July we had an excellent, if scary, talk about Meningitis and the Trust now set up. They hope to have a vaccine available for all the different meningococcus groups. Meanwhile, it is absolutely essential to contact your doctor immediately if someone you know is ill and you suspect meningitis/ meningococcal septicaemia.

If you would like to know more they can be found on:

[www.meningitis-trust.org.uk](http://www.meningitis-trust.org.uk)

**Julia Josephs**

### Southwold Choral Society

Southwold Choral Society recommences on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. in the Orchestral Room at St. Felix School. This year's main work will be Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', a much loved and challenging tour de force of the Romantic choral repertoire.

The Society is always keen to welcome new members. We are a friendly group and whilst we enjoy hard and demanding work, the atmosphere is relaxed and good-humoured.

If you are interested in joining us this season as we do battle with the priests of Baal, we would love to hear from you. Experienced choral singers and sight-readers are always particularly welcome.

**Please contact Victor Scott on (01502) 723775**

### Organ Recitals at St. Edmund's Church

The 37<sup>th</sup> season of summer organ recitals continues apace. All recitals take place on Wednesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. in St. Edmund's Church, Southwold and last for just over an hour. Upcoming recitalists are:

Wednesday, 04 <sup>th</sup> August	Roger Carter
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Victor Scott
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Robert Gower
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> August	John Oxlade
Wednesday, 01 <sup>st</sup> September	David Bunkell

Admission is free with a voluntary retiring collection to help meet costs.

### Village Hall Fund Raising Ceilidh

A dance, to raise funds for village hall projects, will be held on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.30 p.m. with local Ceilidh band 'Near Enough', a grand raffle, bar and food.

Tickets will be on sale from the **KITCHENALIA STALL** at the village fete and, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, at the **TUCK SHOP**. They will also be available from members of the village hall committee.

For more information, 'phone

**Pru Ford-Crush** 722255



### Sunday School Summer Holiday Club

I have booked the Village Hall for the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. The Holiday Club will run every day from Monday to Friday starting at 10.30 a.m. and finishing at 12.00 p.m. Our theme for the week will be 'Living Parables - the stories Jesus told.'

Please come and join in the fun. You do not have to be a Sunday School regular and all you need to bring is £1 per day (and parents on the Friday, because there will be a 'Find a Story' activity on the beach!). I look forward to meeting you all on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 in the Village Hall, Walberswick. You are most welcome to join the Southwold Beach Mission every afternoon. For further details and a programme please contact me:

**Julie Winyard** 01502 722178.

## CHURCH MATTERS

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

01 <sup>st</sup>	08 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
08 <sup>th</sup>	09 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
		6.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong
15 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
29 <sup>th</sup>	At <b>Blythburgh</b>	11.00 a.m.	Animal Blessing

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.  
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5.00 p.m.  
 Sunday School is on holiday

### CHURCH CLEANERS

06 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Waller, Elizabeth Leighton, Margreet Walpole
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mary King, Cynthia Jackson, Ruth Bassett
20 <sup>th</sup>	Chris and Wendy Sinclair, Jean Waller
27 <sup>th</sup>	Craster and Kathleen Patterson, Margreet Walpole

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

British Legion: Chrissie Reeves

07 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Leighton
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bubbles Love
21 <sup>st</sup>	Judy Morton
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Green

### From Handel to Hammerstein!

Come and join us on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at 7.30 p.m. for an evening of song - solos and duets - at 'The Cut', Concert Hall, in Halesworth, in aid of the new loo for Walberswick Church! This will be an evening to relax and enjoy songs of every kind to please all tastes! Free glass of wine with every ticket and bar during the interval!

Tickets from 'The Cut' or Julie Winyard [01502 722178]

**Julie Winyard and Jaqueline Turner.**

**With Rosemary Jones on the Pianoforte.**

## PARISH REGISTER

06 <sup>th</sup> July	Cremation at Gorleston for Penny Hetherington, aged 57
07 <sup>th</sup> July	Memorial Service

## LETTER FROM THE OLM

This time last year, I was enthusing about the glorious summer that we were experiencing; how things change in a year! At our diocesan clergy conference at Swanwick in June, the theme was *'Making the most of Change'*. I found it reassuring to hear from a sociologist that things are changing at a much faster rate than at any other period in history – and I thought that it was just myself getting older! A few weeks ago, I met a visitor to the village who had last come here twenty years ago; he made the comment that, "Walberswick hasn't changed much". To some extent that may be correct, on the other hand, every time someone new moves here, there is inevitably change; hopefully of the positive kind. When you think about it, Disraeli was right when, in 1867, he said, "change is constant". Christians are assured in the New Testament that *'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and for ever'* (*Letter to the Hebrews 13.8*) so, whilst we might see changes happening all the time, we can be confident that our God is an unchanging God.

Two dates to note; we shall be arranging a Luncheon Club in August, however, it will be on the third Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 11.00 a.m., we shall be joining with the team at the annual Blessing of the Animals Service at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh.

Yours in Christ's service,

**Brian Fisher**

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

#### GP SURGERY LIBRARY BUS

Wednesdays 4.30 p.m. Village Hall Annexe.  
Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.  
Alternate Fridays. (06<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>)

#### FITNESS

Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
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- 07** Cakes And Coffee Morning, church porch, 10.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.  
**07** Handel to Hammerstein, Concert Hall, Halesworth, 7.30 p.m.  
**08** Children's Fun Sports Day, end of Church Lane, 2.00 p.m.  
**08** NSPCC Garden Tea, Vine Cottage on the Green, 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.  
**09-14** Sunday School Summer Holiday Club, 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.  
**20** Luncheon Club  
**28** Walberswick Village Fete.

- 04 Sep.** 'Words and Music with Love', Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
**11 Sep.** Sponsored Cycle Ride  
**18 Sep.** Village Hall Fund Raising Ceilidh at 7.30 p.m.  
**19 Sep.** Start of Children's Drama Workshop, Village Hall, 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

#### Southwold High Tide (approx)

07/08 0410, 14/08 1021, 21/08 0233, 28/08 0932  
(30/08 Full Moon)





# VILLAGE NEWS

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## Overseas Postbag!

18/07/2004

Dear Editor,

I thought I ought to advise you a copy of your high-energy 'Village News' of July 2004 has reached me here in the remote countryside of central Ontario - remote from Walberswick, that is.

One of your recent visitors, knowing my deep interest in English history, sent me a copy of the news, together with 'St Andrew, Walberswick - History of the Church' and Merle Tidey's comprehensive 'In and Around the Village of Walberswick' - all of it fascinating reading.

I trust the ongoing unpleasantness between you Walberswickians and the men of Dunwich has abated somewhat over the years.

It is very satisfying to see how unfaltering the community is in its determination to preserve the unique character and architectural heritage of the village. It is good too, to see that there is a continuing awareness of wildlife (ref. 'In and Around the Village . . .' pp.32). One would expect your part of the coast to be a rewarding observation site for birds, both indigenous species and interesting migrants, with perhaps the occasional unlikely stray.

When I finally win the lottery my plan is to visit Walberswick - together with the passage tomb of Newgrange, the dinosaur museum of Ulan Bator, and some of the world's other most interesting places.

Good luck to the village in all its endeavours.

**Tony Newman**, Lisle, Ontario, Canada

*Great to know that interest in the village and the 'Village News' goes so far afield! (Ed.)*

## Cakes And Coffee Morning

We have had three very enjoyable and successful 'Cake and Coffee' mornings in the church porch during the summer and the final one takes place on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. We will again have a fine selection of cakes, together with homemade jam and a plant and garden produce stall. So, come and join us and help boost the fund for the new equal-access toilet in the church.

**Elizabeth Leighton**

## SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council is receiving complaints of drivers, **visitors** and **residents**, travelling too fast in and out of the village.

The Village Green area is especially dangerous with children likely to step out into the road at any time.

**PLEASE, WATCH YOUR SPEED!**

**Viv Hunt**, Clerk to the PC

## Village Fete 'Finishing Touches' 28<sup>th</sup> August

Do you have any unwanted bags, hats, belts, jewellery, ties, scarves, etc. for the Village Fete 'Finishing Touches' stall?

I will be very willing to collect.

**Sue Green, 722347**

## Sponsored Cycle Ride: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There's still time to join. If cycling is not your 'scene' nowadays, how about walking 'round Norwich or Ipswich churches? OR...Why not be a sponsored recorder in the church porch?

All proceeds will be shared between the 'Suffolk Historic Churches Trust' and the church of your choice.

**Ruth Bassett**, Herons, Church Field, Tel: 722474

## Walberswick Village Hall Ceilidh

Will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2004 at 7.30 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. Local band 'Near Enough' will supply us with a caller and live music all evening. There will be a bar, refreshments and a superb raffle. Come and have fun and support our local hall. Tickets are on sale from The Tuck Shop or Village Hall Committee. Queries 01502 72255/722611

## Walberswick Carpet Bowls Club

The new season will start on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 - to 9 p.m. in the Village hall. Carpet Bowls is good fun; we are not too serious and enjoy our evenings. We have a friendly match against Reydon once a year and an end of season Dinner, which this year was at The Bell. We are looking for a few more members, so come along in October when you will be very welcome. Contact; **Maureen Thompson, 01502 723755**

### **Penny Hetherington**

My mother, my brother and I were overwhelmed and very grateful for the many letters, cards, 'phone calls and visits we received after the death of my sister, Penny.

We would also like to thank all the people who have in different ways given their support and friendship during her long and distressing illness.

**Judith Hetherington**

### **Children's Fun Sports Day**

The Trustees and the Cricket Club would like to thank all those who helped organise the event, helped set up and assist on the day and, of course, the parents and children who took part in the races. A good time was had by all.

**Jayne Tibbles** *Clerk to the Trustees*

### **Report From The Parish Council Meeting Monday 2<sup>ND</sup> August**

The main discussion at the PC Meeting was traffic calming in the village. Mark Youngman, Speed Management Officer, from the Environment and Transport Department attended the meeting and outlined all the possible methods of reducing the speed of traffic entering and exiting the village. The Parish Council decided to re-form the Visitor Management Group to see if there was a way forward using the suggestions from Mark Youngman.

The Parish Council opposed the erection of a single-storey and first-floor extensions at Old School, Leveretts Lane. They considered that the revised application, which proposed seven bedrooms, would still result in over massing of the site and would be out of scale and character with the original school. They also opposed the change of use from a restaurant to a single dwelling at DeCressy's, but had no objections to the erection of a two-storey extension.

**Viv Hunt**, *Clerk to the PC*

### **Tractor Bob**

The sound of a vintage tractor has not been heard in the village for some time. Tractor Bob died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2004.

Robert John Snowden was born in Southwold on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1936. His family had lived in the area for several generations. Snowdens Yard in Southwold is named after his grandfather who sold paraffin and hardware there in the 1900s, and his father was the groundsman on Southwold golf course.

After leaving Reydon School he worked on the land in Suffolk and Essex driving tractors and agricultural machinery, at which he became expert.

In the 1970s he moved to a smallholding in Lodge Road, Walberswick, where he lived in a caravan with his dog, a tame pheasant, ducks and geese. He was a genuine animal lover; dogs were his favourites.

For many years he worked with Ginger Winyard who owned the village shop and numerous smallholdings; they grew vegetables and flowers, which were sold in the shop.

Bob also did gardening work in the village, becoming indispensable to some of his elderly customers. Inside the perennial blue boiler suit and baseball cap was a very kind and helpful person, who never complained about his own problems. He had been a diabetic for forty-five years.

About eleven years ago Bob was persuaded to move to Adams Lane where he lived with helpful and friendly neighbours.

He would be annoyed if he knew that 'some stupid Pratt' had suggested that the village will miss him!

*Contributor's name supplied*

### **Advice Surgery**

Free confidential benefits advice will be made available to all residents age 60+ in Southwold and the surrounding area.

Age Concern working in partnership with the Fox Trust are committed to assisting retired people in the area and appreciate that many older people in the community would prefer to access information on their 'doorstep'. Southwold Town Council have offered the use of a ground floor room at the Town Hall free of charge.

An Advice Surgery will be held on the last Tuesday of every month between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, commencing on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2004. The service is available to retired people who require help with completing forms such as Housing and Council Tax benefit and Pension Credit. Information will also be available on disability related benefits and where necessary a home visit can be arranged. Many people are uncertain as to what they are entitled to and this is an excellent opportunity for people to check whether they are receiving all benefits to which they may be entitled.

For further information of this surgery and dates for surgeries held in Beccles and Lowestoft please contact: **01986 872707** (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm, Monday to Friday)

### **WI**

#### **Drugs And Alcohol Abuse**

Our new season begins again on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September with a talk, given by Mr Herne, on the Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall from 2.30 p.m. (talks begin at 3 p.m.) and we are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

**Julia Josephs**



## SEPTEMBER CHURCH MATTERS

### CHURCH SERVICES

05	13 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
12	14 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
		6 p.m.	Choral Evensong
19	15 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer
26	16 <sup>th</sup> of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

British Legion: Catherine Simpson

04	Cynthia Jackson
11	Dione Shirreff
18	Kathleen Patterson
25	Chrissie Reeves

### CHURCH CLEANERS

03	Elizabeth Leighton, Pat Wythe, Betty Jones
10	Diane Dawson, Pru Ford-Crush, Janet Simpson
17	Mary King, Cynthia Jackson, Ruth Bassett
24	Craster and Kathleen Patterson, Jean Waller
(01 Oct.)	Elizabeth Leighton, Pat Wythe, Betty Jones)

### St ANDREW'S GUILD

There will be a meeting of the Guild on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 a.m. in Saltlick, home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon-Potts.

Everyone interested in keeping our church clean and beautifully decorated will be very welcome.

**Wendy Sinclair**

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

An American named Maxwell Anderson wrote a song in 1938 with these words:

*'But it's a long, long while from May to December;  
And the days grow short when you reach September.'*

All I can say is that reaching September again, a year on from last September let alone last May, does not seem a long, long while when you write a monthly column like this one! It gets to the stage when you sit at the computer keyboard and think, 'what on earth shall I write about this time'!

I realise that I made a mistake in last month's letter. The annual Blessing of the Animals Service will be taking place at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh on 29<sup>th</sup> August and NOT on 29<sup>th</sup> September – hopefully, you will receive this newsletter in time to be alerted to that error. The Revd Simon Ward will be leading that service.

We have received a good number of applications from serving priests to fill the vacancy left by Graham Owen's departure for Framlingham; we pray that the person of God's choice will be appointed at the interviews which take place on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

The Walberswick Luncheon Club will take place on the third Friday this month i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> September. As usual everyone is welcome, for the princely sum of £5.

Just to alert you that our Harvest Festival services will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, with the annual Harvest Supper taking place on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours in Christ's name,

**Brian Fisher**

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

**GP SURGERY**  
**LIBRARY BUS**

**NEW TIME! Wednesdays 2.30 p.m.** Village Hall Annexe.  
 Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.  
 Alternate Fridays. (03 & 17)  
 Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.

**FITNESS**

- \*\*\*\*\*
- 04** 'Cakes & Coffee' morning, church porch, 10.30 a.m - 12.30 p.m.  
**04** 'Words and Music with Love', Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
**08** Start of new WI season, Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.  
**11** Sponsored Cycle Ride  
**18** Village Hall Fund Raising Ceilidh at 7.30 p.m.  
**19** Start of Children's Drama Workshop, Village Hall, 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.  
**22** Autumn Begins  
**25** Walberswick Open Golf Tournament, 10 a.m.  
 (At Southwold Golf Club)

**06 Oct** Carpet Bowls Club, every Wednesday from, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

### **SOUTHWOLD HIGH TIDE (APPROX)**

04/09 0238, 11/09 0911, 18/09 0128, 25/09 0810  
 (Full Moon 28/09)



## Post Crabbing

08 September 2004

Dear Crabbing Federation,

We have returned from a day out at the crabbing championships at Walberswick and thought we would write and say a very big, 'THANK YOU'. Six adults and two children arrived not quite sure what it was all about but very willing to find out. We bought a crabbing line, had a very good lunch at The Bell then headed off to register.

We took up position and away we went, we even caught some, much to our delight! We got muddy and wet and we all had a thoroughly good time, everyone was very friendly and helpful and we built up a good rapport with the crabbers next to us, sharing bait, tips and banter.

We all came away with the same thoughts, what a wonderful time we'd had, and a great way to spend a sunny day. We just seemed to keep saying, "We've had a great day!"

We shall be back, as they say, next year and are looking forward to it already. We may even have to come down again, just to practise!

Thank you to all involved in making such a fantastic day.

**Kate, Richard, Jasper, Dawn, Andy, Archie, Annie and Paul**

Stow-Cum-Quy, Cambridge

## Postscript From The BCF

The winner was 9-year-old **Imogen Wiltshire** from Holton who landed a crab a tad over 4 ounces.

Runners up were:

**Jack Foster** (Silver) and **Guy Foster** (Bronze).

There were 662 registered entrants and the sun shone! Federation thanks must go especially to Walberswick Car Parks Ltd. and their employees and also to Jill Freud and friends.

For next year's competition, please put Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2005 in your diaries now!

**Robin Buncombe**, Vice-President,  
*British Crabbing Federation*

## W.I.

### The Making Of The Archers

For our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, Douglas Ditta will give us an entertaining glimpse of how they make the Archers.

As always we are pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

**Julia Josephs**

## Thanks

As the visitors leave, it may be a time to reflect upon how lucky Walberswick is to be so well-cared for by the many village organisations; and also time to acknowledge the contributions of the many individuals who strive to ensure that the village remains a pleasant place for us all. They contribute in many ways: for example by picking up litter on the beach and the Green, by challenging those who park or camp in unauthorised areas and by talking to those who ignore the fencing designed to protect the maram grass and the dunes.

It is not easy to confront hostile car-owners and campers or to pick up and take home unpleasant or dangerous items, but it is only by demonstrating constantly how much we care about protecting the village and its environs that we can keep it pleasant and attractive for residents and visitors throughout the year.

*Contributor's name supplied*

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you so much, to everyone who was involved in the organising and running of the Fete this year and to all those who came and supported the event.

It was a fantastic effort by everyone concerned. Without all the help and encouragement of so many people in the village the fete would not have been such a success.

We were so lucky with the weather and so pleased that so many people were able to come and have such a lovely time. A grand total of £4700 was raised for the Village Hall and our Village Church - a brilliant reward for all your efforts.

Thank you again.

**Denise Brentnall and Christine Mitchell**

## Save The Children Coffee Morning

Saturday, 30th October in the Village Hall:  
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Stalls will include: Bric-a-Brac, Nearly New, Toys and Games, Books, Cakes and other Home Produce, a Raffle and Light Refreshments. There will also a chance to prepare for Christmas with a 'Guess the Weight of a Cake' competition.

Items for all the stalls are urgently needed. Please have a big sort out and let us have your much needed donations. Either bring them to the hall from 8.30 a.m., or ring Faith on 724278 for collection.

Hope to see you on the day!

**Val Anderson**

### Coffee Morning and Bazaar

This annual event will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, from 10.00 am to 12 Noon. (Coffee, scones, jam and cream, stalls various and Raffle Prizes). Please come and support this very worthwhile cause.

### Service of Remembrance

The Service of Remembrance will be held in the Church of Holy Trinity, BLYTHBURGH, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 10.45 am. Coffee will be served at the back of the Church after the Service.

### AGM

The Branch AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be refreshments after the Meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Alan Walpole

### "VISITORS GET STUFFED"

No, this is not some misquote from a villager in a national newspaper, but the painful outcome of the 5th annual cricket and boules matches against my visiting team on the weekend of the 4th September.

I would like to congratulate Walberswick for winning the cricket match for the first time and then going on to pick up all the medals in the boules - with Nigel, Doug and Kate winning the coveted gold. Despite this year's humiliating whitewash, Kate and I (and indeed all our friends) would like to thank the village for a great day of sporting and social entertainment. But be warned, we fully intend to restore our pride next year when the 'Toffers' celebrate their 25th anniversary.

Roger and Kate Felton, Ash Cottage, Walberswick

### Cancer Research U.K. - Mini Market

Once again our annual charity event for Cancer Research U.K will be held on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Walberswick Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. As well as

our usual stalls, we hope to have some Christmas decorations for sale and there will also be Christmas cards on sale.

The silent auction will again take place and we hope to have approximately 15/ 20 items. The auction proves to be great fun and is a good fundraiser. I do hope you will give us your support to make this event the success we hope to achieve.

Margaret Adkinson

Following the success of the summer programme of yoga at Walberswick Village Hall, classes will continue with Louise, who is a qualified teacher with over 20 years of yoga teaching experience.

Yoga for all abilities Thursdays 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. starting 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2004 for the first 6-week block from 16.09.04 - 21.10.04. (Mat hire available per session.)

Then there will be a break for 1/2 term.

The next 6-week block is from 01.11.04 - 09.12.04

For more information or to book - please contact Louise on 01603 742609 or 07776 201479, otherwise by email at louisemangeot@msn.com

### Walberswick Carpet Bowls Club - Update

Please note that the first evening will be the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. (Not the 6<sup>th</sup>, as previously mentioned) New members welcome - do come along!

Maureen Thompson, 723755

### SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Planning - The Parish Council had no objections to the erection of a detached double garage and annexe being built at Troy, Church Field. Planning permission had been granted by SCDC for repairs and improvements to the garage and studio at Te Awahou (formerly Mill House). Planning permission had also been granted for change of use and the erection of a two-story extension to Manor House, The Street but permission had been refused for the erection of a two-story building in the garden of Manor House. Permission had also been granted for a new dwelling house at Sandy House, Manor Close (the existing dwelling to be demolished).

Local Issues - The Council were informed that there was no law against fishing nets being placed close to the shore. A letter had been sent to the Ministry of Fisheries concerning the subject. The vacancy at 7 Adams Lane had been allocated to a local couple; the Parish Council was pleased at this outcome. The Environment Agency would be asked

to repair a fence on the sea wall and to check the flood-

gates. A hole that had appeared on the road to the Bailey Bridge had been reported to the Highways Department.

Emergency Care Network - Primary Care Trusts will be taking over responsibility for ensuring medical care and advice can be accessed outside of surgery hours Full information about this service is posted on the notice boards on Stocks Green and the Village Hall.

Viv Hunt, Clerk to Council

**Meditations From St. Andrew's Church,  
Walberswick**



**CHURCH MATTERS**

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER**

- 03 17<sup>th</sup> of Trinity 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
10 Harvest Festival 9.30 a.m. Family Eucharist  
6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong  
17 19<sup>th</sup> of Trinity 1100 a.m. Morning Prayer  
24 Last of Trinity 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at  
10.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5 p.m.  
Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10 a.m. –  
12.15 p.m.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS**

British Legion: Margaret Adkinson

- 02 Chrissie Reeves  
09 **Harvest Festival**  
16 Susan Walpole  
23 Bubbles Love  
30 Bubbles Love

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

- 01 Elizabeth Leighton, Pat Wythe, Betty Jones  
08 Margreet Walpole, Chris and Wendy Sinclair  
15 Diane Dawson, Cynthia Jackson, Pru Ford-Crush  
22 Ruth Bassett, Mary King, Janet Simpson  
29 Jean Waller, Chris and Wendy Sinclair

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This year the Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Donations of fruit, vegetables and tinned goods will be gratefully received at the Church on Saturday morning 9<sup>th</sup> October and anyone who would like to help with the decoration will be most welcome on the Saturday morning. All the produce will be distributed round the village later. As I shall be away, Elizabeth Leighton is kindly organising the decoration of the Church.

**Mary King**

St Andrew's is producing a booklet, with the above title, which will contain devotional passages, poems, prayers and scriptures of significance to the contributors, who will be credited.

If anybody has been moved, or helped, by any spiritual writings we would be very happy to receive your contributions (which may be more than one item), whether or not you attend services at St Andrew's. If you wish to include any brief explanation or personal context, this could also appear in the booklet.

Please submit your contributions, by the **8<sup>th</sup> of November**, either to, 2 Millstones, Millfield Road, or care of the Vestry. Although the booklet is being produced to raise funds for the church (initially for the W.C. Fund), we hope it may prove to be worthwhile in its own right and also over the longer term.

**Joanna Saunders, 722413**

**LETTER FROM THE OLM**

I would like to take the opportunity this month to say thank you to some people on behalf of St Andrew's Church. Firstly, to Julie Winyard for all the hard work that she put in to planning and running the children's holiday club in August. I understand that it was well attended.

Secondly, a big thank you to Denise and Christine for planning and organizing this year's 'Rainbow' Village Fete. I think that everyone agreed that it was a very happy and successful occasion. I was well aware as to how much work they put into it; it is certainly not something that just runs by itself!

The Village Fete is an event that raises much-needed funds for our village church and our village hall. As far as the church is concerned, some people may wonder what happens to the money raised in this way. A proportion of all monies given to our church go towards our diocesan quota, which in turn, enables clergy stipends and pensions to be paid. The diocese also provides our church with legal and general advice, as well as education and training for clergy and laity. After paying our quota, we then have the not inconsiderable responsibility of maintaining the general fabric of the church and churchyard. So, we are indeed grateful for the assistance provided by the Village Fete.

Because we are having our Harvest Supper on 8<sup>th</sup> October, there will not be a Luncheon club this month.

Yours in Christ's service,

**Brian Fisher**

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

#### GP SURGERY LIBRARY BUS

Village Hall Annexe, Wednesdays 2.30 p.m.  
Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.  
Alternate Fridays. (01, 15 & 29)

#### FITNESS

Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
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- 07 Yoga classes, every Thursday, Village Hall, 2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
- 08 Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
- 13 Carpet Bowls Club, Village Hall, every Wednesday from 7.30 to 9 p.m.
- 13 WI Meeting
- 18 Walberswick Local History Lecture, 7.30 p.m.
- 30 Save The Children Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon  
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13 Nov RBL Coffee Morning/ Bazaar, Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon  
20 Nov NSPCC Grand Auction

22 Nov RBL Branch AGM, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. onwards

### SOUTHWOLD HIGH TIDE (APPROX)

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(Full Moon: 28)

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## Local Gentleman Wins Golf Tournament!

It may have taken nine years, however, on a cold, wet and windy late September day at Southwold Golf Club, we at last had a local person as the winner of the Walberswick Open Golf Tournament.

### The Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Waller,	with 38 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Sherwood,	with 37 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick Jones,	with 35 points

Nearest The Pin:	Nick Jones	
Front Nine Holes:	Andrew Horsborough,	21 points
Back Nine Holes:	David Barnard,	18 points

My thanks to all competitors for attending and putting up a very good show in 'not very nice conditions'.

**Mick Davies**

## The Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to The Children's Society by subscribing to a collection box. We have raised over £400 this year, just by many people putting loose change in their boxes. If any one (especially families with children) would be prepared to have a box please 'phone me.

**Maddy Dabbs**, (01502) 725114

## Village Hall Ceilidh

The evening was great fun with over £950 being raised towards the equal access ramp to be built outside the hall front door.

Our grateful thanks to all who supported us and particularly to those friends and partners who helped before, during and afterwards. We couldn't have done it without you. We would also like to thank all the hall user groups who donated such wonderful raffle prizes. The full accounts are available for viewing in the village hall.

**Pru Ford-Crush**

## Motor Neurone Disease Association

Our thanks to all the people who have taken garden produce from Palmers Lane and Dutch House during the summer, and have given to Motor Neurone Disease Research. A cheque for £182 has been sent.

**Graham Godsmark & Mary King**

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AGM THE FUTURE OF THE BRANCH

At the Committee meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, concern was raised about the ability of the Branch to function beyond the 2005 November AGM, unless volunteers come forward to replace those retiring from the Committee. (Incidentally, Members, including Committee Members do not have to have had any past connection with the Armed Forces.)

The Branch has been a Village institution in its own right since 1946 and its future depends on all of us who live in Walberswick. The problem has to be addressed and will be discussed at the AGM, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m., followed by the usual Buffet Supper.

If you think that you can help, or have any suggestions, please 'phone me, or come to the AGM which is open to all, not only members of the Branch.

**Alan Walpole**, *Chairman*, Tel: 724763

## Dedicated To Maj. Brian Dillon M.B.E. Royal Norfolk Regiment

In memory of my late husband Brian Dillon, I have had published some watercolour paintings by his grandfather, Col. Godfrey Massy C.M.G. (Norfolk Regiment).

Copies can be obtained at the Royal Norfolk Regiment Museum in Norwich, or by post from:

The Royal Norfolk Regiment Association, Britannia House, T.A. Centre, 325 Aylsham Rd., Norwich NR32 2AB

Proceeds will be given to the Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum.

**Miriam Dillon**, Tel: 722274

## 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER , Bonfire Night

This yearly event gives the village the opportunity to get rid of garden and other burnable rubbish. Fireworks, insurance etc. are bought with money collected on the night. If you dump rubbish on the fire please contribute towards these expenses by placing a donation in the tin at the Tuck Shop.

**Wally Webb**

## Village Youth Club

The possibility of starting up a Youth Club in the village has been raised. In order to identify the likely demand and any potential Club Leaders, would anyone interested please contact me so that I can make a proposal to the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Robin Buncombe**, Tel: 722359

## Sponsored Cycle Ride – 11<sup>th</sup> September

Congratulations and grateful thanks to the following valiant cyclists who, battling against strong winds, between them raised the magnificent amount of £880.90 which will be shared equally between St Andrew's Church and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust: -

Denise Burchell, Rosi Gerrell, Julia Reisz, Dione Shirreff and Chris and Wendy Sinclair. A big "thank you" also to their very generous sponsors and to the stewards who welcomed 58 cyclists to St Andrew's.

Each generation has a responsibility to maintain our wonderful churches for the benefit and pleasure of future generations, and Walberswick people are obviously aware of this!

**Ruth Bassett**

## WI The Role Of The Drugs Dog

We hold our Annual General Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November starting at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. This will be followed by a speaker from H.M. Prison, Hollesley Bay, on the role of the drugs dog. Visitors are welcome to hear this talk, which should begin soon after 3 o'clock.

**Julia Josephs**

## Walberswick Heritage Centre

The season has, once again, come to end. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers who manned the centre on the cold, wet days; as well as the sunny ones!

In appreciation of the work done, the staff from Suffolk Coasts And Heaths have organised two speakers for the evening of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2004, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., followed by eats and drinks.

Invitations will be out soon and I would be grateful for help with the food.

Please ring me on 723755

**Maureen Thompson**

## Voluntary Help Centre

The Splash Hut, Field Stile Road, Southwold. Tel: 724549

The Voluntary Help Centre was established in 1987 and is run solely for the benefit of people in Southwold, Reydon, Walberswick, Wangford, Wrentham and the surrounding villages. We run a car service where local residents can ask to make trips to the hospital (for appointments and visiting), doctors, dentists, for personal business, shopping, hair appointments, etc. We also provide help with shopping for people unable to get out, befriending the housebound and lonely and we offer respite care to give carers a break. We also act as an advice Centre and can offer advice and help for all sorts of different things - we are simply here to help where help is needed. If you, or someone you know could benefit from using the VHC, please get in touch and we will do our utmost to help. If we are unable to help directly, we can usually point you in the right direction. Similarly, if you are in a position to offer some help as a volunteer (drivers are particularly needed), we would be delighted to hear from you.

If you would like more information about the VHC, please get in touch.

**Tricia Scott, Co-ordinator**

## Scottish Dancing

Would anybody be interested in doing Scottish Dancing in the Village Hall? If so, please 'phone me on (01502) 723287 to see whether it might be feasible.

**Dione Shirreff**

## Blyth Valley Computer Society

Our speaker for the first meeting of the new season was Tom Salusbury who is team leader of the Biotech Sector of UK Trade and Investment, a joint project of the Department of Trade and Industry and the Foreign Office. Tom, who lives locally, gave a fascinating talk about the unravelling of the DNA code. Every living cell contains two miles of DNA with 46 chromosomes and 30,000 genes.

Sequencing DNA in the 1980's was painstaking work with pipettes and test tubes but advances in computer technology led to computerised robotics and *laboratories on a chip* techniques able to tackle the enormous amount of testing and calculation needed.

Eighteen countries joined the Human Genome project in 1990 supporting it with public funding. The work was completed two years early in 2003.

The DNA codes sequenced include a round worm, a puffer fish, a weed, a rat and a person (whose identity is secret!). The potential applications of this knowledge include improved diagnosis of disease, individually customised drugs, earlier detection of genetic predispositions to disease, energy sources and environmental applications, forensics, agriculture and livestock breeding.

Our next meeting is at the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. The talk will be about new software that is revolutionising the world of estate agency. It's bound to be fascinating.

**Piers Ford-Crush**

## News From Southwold Surgery

Following the excellent news of the decision of the Town Council to allow us to build the new Health Centre on their land by the Fire Station, subject to a few caveats, planning is slowly moving on. The next hurdle is to get the Waveney Primary Care Trust (PCT) to agree a high priority for our new development. Having then got that, planning can begin in earnest.

All our patients need to be aware of the change of contractor for the times when the surgery is closed. From 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. '04, Anglian Medical Services (AMC) will provide the cover. Patients should ring the Surgery in the normal way, the answerphone message will tell you what number to call in emergencies.

There will be **no Saturday morning service at the Surgery from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. '04, onwards.** This was an emergency service only, but some patients found it convenient to pick up their medication on Saturday morning. We regret that this will no longer be possible. Remember, two working days is required to process prescriptions, this means that those given to us either by 'phone or posted late Friday or Saturday will not be seen until Monday and will not be ready for collection until late Tuesday. Conversely, those put in on Thursday will not be ready until late Monday.

Please plan ahead for your repeat prescriptions, or you will be disappointed and we do not want that to happen.

**Alasdair Wilson, Practice Manager**

## NSPCC

Come and join us for the Grand Auction to be held at The Anchor Inn on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7 p.m. Over 70 lots have already been donated and more to come. So, please do come along and have a fun evening to support the NSPCC work for the children in Suffolk.  
**Cathryn Simpson, 723384**

## CHURCH MATTERS

### SERVICES

07	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Advent	9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
14	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Advent	10.45 a.m. Remembrance Day Service at Blythburgh 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
21	Christ the King	11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
28	Advent Sunday	9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

British Legion: Ruth Bassett

06	Judy Morton
13	Judy Morton
20	Kathleen Patterson
27	(Advent) No Flowers

### CHURCH CLEANERS

05	Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Margreet Walpole
12	Elizabeth Leighton, Betty Jones, Pat Wythe
19	Diane Dawson, Cynthia Jackson, Ruth Bassett
26	Mary King, Janet Simpson, Pru Ford-Crush

### December Family Eucharist Service

Following the success of the last two Family Services anyone (children or adults) who would like to take part in the Family Service on 12<sup>th</sup> December, please come to the Anchorage, The Lea, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. If you have any brilliant ideas for the service please come along as well.

**Patsy Murray**

### "Smartie Tube" Month

In another initiative to raise money for St. Andrew's Church, "Loo Fund", November is being designated as "Smartie Tube" month! From the beginning of November we will be giving away full tubes of Smarties to individuals and families for you to eat and enjoy. During the month we would then like you to refill the empty tubes with as many 20 pence pieces as you can muster from your spare change, etc., and return them to us at the end of November. Our endeavour is to have as many Smartie tubes brimming with 20 pence pieces as possible, however, any and all contributions will be very welcome.

Please contact me if you would like to participate.

**Elizabeth Leighton** Tel: 724534

### Mugs!

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a friend or relative who loves Walberswick? Or maybe:  
A stocking filler for a child who has moved away?  
A good quality mug to replace a broken favourite?  
A reminder of your seaside home when you are in town?  
St. Andrew's Church has just taken delivery of bone china mugs bearing the legend,

'St. Andrews Church, Walberswick'

Complete with a black line drawing of the church.  
(graves and all!)

One of our early viewers reserved a set for lunch parties! They will be displayed and available for purchase at the following venues:

After church services, the Village Lunches in November and December, 'Tinkers' on the village green, Elizabeth Leighton at 'Shenburgh' (opposite the church) and from myself at 2, Millstones, Millfield Road.

**Joanna Saunders** Tel. 722413

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

Many thanks to all those who made our Harvest celebrations such a success. Everyone seemed to agree that the Harvest Supper and the two Sunday services were very happy and joyful occasions. Although I was not at the Family Service in the morning, I understand that the young people who took part (not forgetting the trumpeter dad!), helped to make the service a really meaningful one. It is good to see so many getting involved - well done everyone. Please read Patsy Murray's notice, about the next Family Eucharist Service on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

There are two services to which I would draw your attention.

Our annual team All Souls Memorial Service will take place this year at St. Margaret's Church Reydon on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, starting at 3.00 p.m. This is a service that gives people an opportunity to remember relatives and friends who have died in recent years.

The other is our annual Remembrance Day service, which this year will be held at Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh, on 14<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 10.45 a.m.

The monthly Luncheon Club will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. I do not like giving too much notice about things that are happening near to Christmas, but, because of the success of last year's December Luncheon Club, we shall have to ask people to book in advance for this year's extravaganza (?) - it will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Yours, in Christ's service,

**Brian Fisher**

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Alternate Fridays. (**12 & 26**)

#### **FITNESS BVCS**

Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
Meetings, 2nd. Friday of the month, Village Hall, 7 p.m.

- \*\*\*\*\*
- 09** Suffolk Coasts & Heaths talk, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.  
**10** WI AGM, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.  
**12** Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 12.30 p.m.  
**12** BVCS meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.  
**13** RBL Coffee Morning/ Bazaar, Village Hall, 10.00 a.m.-12 Noon  
**20** NSPCC Grand Auction, Anchor Inn, 7 p.m. onwards  
**22** RBL Branch AGM, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. onwards

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04 Dec Cancer Research, Village Hall, 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon  
10 Dec Luncheon Club

### **SOUTHWOLD HIGH TIDE (APPROX)**

**06/ 0410, 13/ 1021, 20/ 0355, 27/ 1028**  
Full Moon 26th



## A Ferry Big Thank You!

Following our return from competing in the Great River Race in London on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> we would like to say a very big thank you for the tremendous support that we received. We managed to complete the race all in one piece in an overall 90<sup>th</sup> position out of a total of 270 boats. We completed the race in 3 hours three quarters and although tough going it was a fantastic experience. We would like to say a special thank you to: -

Phillip Wayre (for lending us his boat trailer), Nick Beck (for making our rudder), Paul Ireland, The Bell Hotel, Walberswick (for organising our supporters getting to London making it an extra special day), Gary Brown (providing the flag pole), Plumber on a Mission and Jo Taylor (for making us a super flag), John Palmer (lending us spare rowlocks), Martin and Willmott (for servicing and repairing the trailer so that it would get us to London), Wells Photographic (printing photographs for us for the Great River Race programme), Richard Fisk (for providing historical ferry pictures and stories for the Great River Race programme), Luke Jeans (for filming us training and racing and helping with our publicity) and to all our customers and friends for their moral support.

Without these people we would not have been able to undertake this adventure. An amazing total of £3970.75 was raised for the Sandra Chapman Unit, James Paget Hospital from kind and generous donations and sponsorship from ferry customers, friends and the local community.

Thanks Again

Dani, Adrian, Crispin and Diane  
(The Walberswick—Southwold Ferry Crew)

## Bonfire Night

A big thank you to my usual band: -

Fireworks: Philip accompanied by Ben, Whisk and Richard.

Sparklers: Tibbles and Kevin.

Potatoes and soup: Sarah, Sonja, Julia and Pam.

Buckets: David and Tony.

Special thanks go to Sue, from the Bell, for donating the soup, and to Karen the 'fixer'.

Thank you all once again.

**Wally Webb**

## CANCER RESEARCH U.K. - MINI MARKET

Once again our annual charity event for Cancer Research U.K will be held on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of December in the Walberswick Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. As well as our usual stalls, we hope to have some Christmas decorations for sale and there will also be Christmas cards on sale.

The silent auction will again take place and we hope to have approximately 15/ 20 items. The auction proves to be great fun and is a good fundraiser. I do hope you will give us your support so as to make this event the success we hope to achieve.

**Margaret Adkinson**

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## Blyth Valley Computing Society

Peter Byrne gave our November talk; he lives in Walberswick and is the IT Director for a national firm of estate agents. Peter showed how new technology has changed the whole process of buying and selling houses. 67% of buyers now start with a search on the Internet. Estate agents can match properties to buyer's requirements using their computer databases. Buyers are advised of appropriate properties for sale, immediately they come on the market, by text messaging and email.

Big estate agent companies are now in partnership with legal firms to offer speedier conveyancing, with guaranteed standards of service, through text messaging transaction progress updates as well as secure online access to their own sale or purchase case file on the web.

Peter spoke of the Government's plans to introduce Home Information Packs (HIP's), which is in the final stages before Parliament. The object of the HIP is to make property transactions speedier and therefore reduce the uncertainty of our current system. The HIP, prepared before a property goes on the market, will provide full information to a buyer prior to making an offer rather than after an offer has been accepted; often many weeks later, as it is now. Opinion is divided about the proposed changes.

Peter demonstrated software based on ordnance survey mapping that allows accurate measurement of land and house plot areas throughout the UK. There was some rivalry among members as the exact size of some gardens was calculated.

**Piers Ford-Crush**, *Chairman*

## Walberswick Common Lands Charity

Work will be carried out this winter to clear sand encroachment from the beach hut sites on Trust land. Winter work on the Common is in progress. Quotes are being sought for dyke clearance on the grazing marshes. The Trust is again sponsoring a Children's Christmas party; contact Jacqui Morcombe for details. There is a new format for applicants requesting grants from the car park covenant. Applications will be considered in early 2005, although final decisions will not be made until March/April. Please contact me for details of the new procedures if you have a project to put forward.

**Jayne Tibbles**, *Clerk to the Trustees*

## W.A.T.S. Next?

Many village thespians have confided that they are missing the camaraderie and fun of the pantomime during the winter months. So, we are inviting anyone (sorry, not children this time) interested in taking part in a comedy in early spring – anything from acting to ticket sales – to come to Lilliput, Lodge Road on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January between 3 and 5 p.m.

This is just for a chat, maybe a read, to take your details and see if there is sufficient interest. Nothing scary! If you are unable to come but would like to be included, please ring Julia on 723179 or Val on 724609.

We will be delighted to see anyone, no experience necessary, but we're particularly keen to see some more men! (Most plays include a fine smattering of males!)

**Val Anderson and Julia Sowerbutts**

## WI: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Come and join us for some fun and a happy time and get into the Christmas mood!

At the AGM held at the November meeting we were pleased to welcome three new committee members: Jenny Cardew, Celia MacCarthy and Irene Prince.

With the resignation of Barbara Taylor we had to elect a new chairman and were delighted when Jenny Cardew, after a unanimous vote from the members, agreed to serve the branch. Business over, we were treated to a prison officer and his two dogs (Labrador and Spaniel) explaining and demonstrating how they deal with drugs at Hollesley Bay prison.

**Julia Josephs**

## Are You Interested in becoming a School Governor?

The Governing Body of Sir John Leman High School needs to appoint a Community Governor. If you are interested, or would like to know something of what is involved, please contact me, on 01502 724609.

**Val Anderson**, *Chair of Governors*

## Setting Up Home

**MIN & KEITH** would like to say a huge thank you to all those in the village and there's too many to name, for the overwhelming support we have had in setting up home. Your help has been most appreciated. Thank you.

## November Parish Council Meeting Report

### Planning

Permission had been granted for the erection of a single-storey, first floor extension and a replacement garage at Old School Cottage, Leveretts Lane, subject to the development being carried out in accordance with the plans and information contained in the application. Retrospective planning permission had also been granted for the retention of veranda decking at The Old Yacht Yard. Although Waveney District Council had reported the PC's objections to the Rural Development Committee, and agreed it was a sensitive site, they did not consider the development changed the character of the area.

### Local Issues

Condition of shingle bank between Walberswick and Dunwich - In response to the Council's concern about the deterioration of part of the shingle bank breached earlier this year, the Environment Agency had written to reassure the Council that inspections of the bank were made on a regular basis and they would continue to monitor the situation.

Beach Clean - Councillor Buncombe thanked all those who had turned out for the beach clean on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Wheelie Bins - Councillor Dabbs had been approached by residents, who understood that wheelie bins were being introduced into the village. Suffolk Coastal would be approached on this issue.

Recycling Facilities - It was agreed to place this on December's agenda.

Christmas Arrangements - The Carol Service 'round the tree will take place on the Village Green, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m.

**Viv Hunt**, *Clerk to Council*

## Save The Children Fund

This year I have raised £158.65 from my books. Not as much as last year! Blame a wet summer!  
Thank you for giving books and also for buying them.  
**Wyn Riddell**



## CHURCH MATTERS

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

05	Advent 2	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
12	Advent 3	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
		6 o'clock	Choral Evensong
19	Advent 4	0930 a.m.	Eucharist
		6 o'clock	LESSONS AND CAROLS
24	Christmas Eve	4.30 p.m.	Blessing the Crib
25	Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
26	Christmas 1	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

(No flowers in Advent)  
25 Christmas

### CHURCH CLEANERS

03	Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Elizabeth Leighton
10	Betty Jones, Pat Wythe, Diane Dawson
17	Cynthia Jackson, Ruth Bassett, Mary King
24	Janet Simpson, Chris & Wendy Sinclair
31	Pru Ford-Crush, Margreet Walpole, Jean Waller

### Farewell Jim Johnson

We were sad to hear of the death of Jimmy Johnson in a car accident in Canada at the end of August. Jim, a teacher for the US Air Force, married a Walberswick girl and came to live in Lodge Road. He was a highly popular figure on the tennis circuit and won many prizes. He continued to keep in touch after returning to his beloved homeland and it was good to see him last year. Jim was a regular worshiper at St Andrew's.  
**Julia Josephs**

## Lessons And Carols By Candlelight

This wonderful Christmas service telling in lessons and carols of the birth of Jesus will be in St. Andrew's on Sunday 19th December at 6 p.m. Be sure to come and join us in our beautiful candlelit church.  
**Julia Josephs**

### Christmas Coffee Morning

There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning at Greengates on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December between 10.30 a.m. and 12 Noon in aid of the 'Loo Fund'. Admission will be £1, which will include coffee and mince pies. There will also be a small cake stall with festive fare. Everyone is welcome.  
**Elizabeth Leighton**

### Parish Register

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Burial of Betty Lilian Philbin aged 87
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Burial, following cremation, of Ernest Hughes, aged 78 (Denise Brentnall's father)

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

Yes, Christmas is rapidly approaching once again – is it me or does it seem to arrive earlier every year?

Due to the popularity of the Crib Service last Christmas Eve, we are going to repeat it, but at the later time of 4.30 p.m., thus enabling Patsy to zoom from an earlier service at Blythburgh to be able to play for us. I am hoping to involve children (and some willing parents) in the service. Over the Christmas period there will also be services at 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day & Boxing Day (a Sunday this year).

Prior to Christmas we shall be celebrating the season of Advent. The Sole Bay Team, lead by the Revd. John Mockford, will be holding a Quiet Morning at Reydon Church Room On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December (10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.) to which everyone is invited.

Don't forget the Christmas Luncheon Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The cost, as usual, will be £5, and will include a glass of wine and other extras! It is not too late to book for the lunch.

Let me close this letter with a verse from a poem by Tom Krause:

*'The meaning of Christmas is not about presents or just having fun*

*but the gift of a father – his own precious Son  
so the world would be saved when his work was all done.'*

May God bless you and grant you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

**Brian Fisher.**

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

#### **GP SURGERY** **LIBRARY BUS**

Village Hall Annexe, Wednesdays 2.30 p.m.  
 Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.  
 Alternate Fridays. (10 & 24)

#### **FITNESS** **BVCS**

Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.  
 Meetings, 2nd. Friday of the month, Village Hall, 7 p.m.

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- 03** Southwold, Carols & Lights 'Switch On', 6.15 p.m. onwards  
**04** Cancer Research, Village Hall, 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon  
**08** WI Christmas Party, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.  
**10** Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 12.30 p.m.  
**11** Christmas Coffee Morning, 'Greengates', 10.30 a.m. - 12 Noon  
**20** Carol Service, Village Green, 7 p.m.  
**21** Winter Begins

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**09 Jan.** WATS Audition, 'Lilliput', Lodge Road, 3 - 5 p.m.

#### **SOUTHWOLD HIGH TIDE (APPROX)**

**04/ 0237, 11/ 0912, 18/ 0233, 25/ 0937**  
 (Full Moon 26th)