

VILLAGE NEWS



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The Board of Management and the Distribution Team wish all our readers a Happy New Year

WAVENEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Council is offering residents in Southwold and Walberswick the opportunity to have their say on future plans for the area.

The Council conducts regular 'conservation area appraisals' throughout the district and makes proposals for their modification and future management. This time, the focus is on Southwold and Walberswick.

This is your opportunity to comment on draft proposals for the Southwold Town, Southwold Harbour and Walberswick Quay Conservation Areas. Anybody with an interest can come along to find out more and give the Council their views. Historic Environment Specialist and author of the studies Paul Edwards will be in attendance to answer your queries, assisted by a member of the Council's Design & Conservation Team.

Walberswick: Walberswick Village Hall, Main Street, Walberswick, Suffolk, IP18 6UA.

Friday 11 January 2008 from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Southwold: St Edmunds Hall, Cumberland Rd, Southwold, Suffolk, IP18 6JP.

Friday 11 January 2008 from 3pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 12 January 2008 from 1.00am to 5.00pm.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

I wish to thank the members of the Committee and the public who have worked so hard this year to raise money for our cause. Two Coffee Mornings in Southwold made £856, the annual Luncheon in Reydon raised £642, and Walberswick Coffee Morning achieved £979. Our Treasurer has sent £3,500 to Headquarters so far. Many thanks to you all.

Anita Barbrook, Chairperson

SOUTHWOLD CHORAL SOCIETY

We will be performing Haydn's "Creation" in May, 2008. Rehearsals start on Tuesday, 15th January in the Orchestral Room at St. Felix School, Southwold from 7 - 9 p.m.

New Singers welcome. For further details contact **Victor Scott (01502 723775)**.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO SOUTHWOLD

The environment agency aims to have repaired the river flood bank to enable the footpath between the ferry and the Bailey bridge to re-open by Christmas. Do not expect the Palmers Lane/Bailey Bridge track to re-open before Easter. The current plan is to raise the height of the track and strengthen it. This will take a further 2 to 3 months and involve over 600 lorry loads of material being delivered to site. Progress updates will be posted on the Parish notice boards.

David Webb

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Our final figure for the Mini Market held on December 1st was £1,928. We also had pre sales of £892, giving a grand total for the year of £2,820. This is a wonderful achievement and our thanks go to all the people of Walberswick and friends who have supported this event for the past 25 years, raising in excess of £25,000.

I am delighted to say that Betsy Lemmon will be taking over this event and I wish her every success for the future.

Margaret Adkinson

It is with admiration that I write to congratulate Margaret Adkinson for 25 years of hard work fundraising for Cancer Research. Well done, Margaret – and best wishes to Betsy Lemmon who has agreed to continue with the good work.

Ruth Bassett

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

In January we shall be showing **The Talented Mr Ripley** (Cert 15) starring Matt Damon, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett and Gwyneth Paltrow. Anthony Minghella has turned Patricia Highsmith's original novel into a brilliant thriller.

7.00pm for 7.30pm, Sunday, 20th January 2008 in the Village Hall

Kay Ungless

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – 3RD DECEMBER, 2007

Planning Applications – The Parish Council had no objections to the erection of a single side extension to MILLSTONES, Millfield Road or to the erection of annexe holiday accommodation to LORNE COTTAGE, The Green (existing workshop to be demolished). The Council also had no objections to the variation of Condition 3 of planning permission C00/0582 to allow the use of the residential annexe as tourist accommodation at HARBOUR VIEW, The Green.

Planning Decisions – Planning permission had been granted by Suffolk Coastal for extensions to WINTON, The Street; STOCKS HOUSE, Stocks Lane and THE OLD VICARAGE COTTAGE. Planning permission had also been granted for the erection of two replacement dwellings at WAVENEY LODGE, The Street.

Precept – It was agreed to increase the precept by 5% to £7,292.00. This was the first increase in the precept since 2002.

Post Office – A robust response had been sent by the Parish Council to Post Office Ltd. in favour of keeping the Post Office open (copies can be seen on notice boards) in its present form or at least on a part time basis. The final decision of Post Office closures was due to be announced on 12th December. If necessary the Parish Council will call a public meeting to discuss the outcome with residents.

Sea Defences and Blyth Estuary - As a result of the recent flooding, the road to Southwold via the Bailey Bridge was impassable. Several breaches and overtopping of the banks had occurred to Tinkers and Robinsons Marshes. The Environment Agency was in the process of repairing the access road to Bailey Bridge with one tonne bags of clay. Once this was complete and Robinson Marsh drained, repairs would be carried out to Robinson Marsh footpath. If the Environment Agency decided against maintenance of Tinkers Marsh, they had stated that they would raise the height of the Bailey Bridge road by 1.4 metres and this would form the western defence of Robinson's Marsh. However, the fight would continue for the retention and maintenance of Tinkers Marsh.

The breaches from the flooding of 10/11th November had extended approximately a further 400 metres along the beach from Walberswick to Dunwich. A free flowing channel remained allowing water onto the marshes with every tide. Other channels had self healed. It was agreed to write to EA asking them to repair this breach. Councillor D Webb also reported that the Sea Defence Group had obtained an ordinance survey map of the coastline and he had prepared overlays showing three proposed lines for building sea defences, these ranged from saving all the shingle bank down to a smaller area finishing at the end of Stocks Lane. These would be forwarded to Dr Brampton. The Sea Defence Group had not, as yet, received a response from Dr Brampton.

Emergency Plan – The Chairman reported that an emergency plan leaflet would be delivered to every household in the village.

Naming of new development in Adams Lane – The Parish Council has been asked to come up with a name for the new development in Adams Lane. It should not be similar to existing road names in the vicinity. If anybody has any suggestions, please contact the Clerk at St Francis or by phone (723142)

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

ARTISTS OF WALBERSWICK

The Artists of Walberswick were able to make a donation of £944.10 to the Walberswick Sea Defence Fund as a result of their exhibition in the Village Hall held in October.

Anne Paton

NORWICH BUS WINTER SCHEDULE

The monthly bus to Norwich has been cancelled for January and February, due to lack of use last year. The bus service will begin again on Thursday March 20th.

Jane Kirkeby (723079)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 7th 7.30pm Village Hall Annexe
GPSURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 11th 12.30pm Village Hall
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 11th & 25th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
PANTOMIME BEGINS Thursday 31st 7.30pm Village Hall
Friday February 1st 7.30pm; Saturday 2nd 3pm & 7.30pm

GRATEFUL THANKS

There is no place like home, so I am most pleased to be back here following my fall on November 10th. The numerous beautiful cards, as well as the gifts of flowers etc. were most uplifting. Such kindness is very deeply appreciated. And an especial thanks to Denise, who immediately organised help when she found me.

Barry Last

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

As British troops continue to be involved in major conflicts, the support of the British Legion is essential. This year we have had a major response to the sale of poppies and a very successful coffee morning. Together with the sale of wreaths and the Church collection Blythburgh and Walberswick raised £2021. Thank you to everyone for the enormous effort and support.

Judith Hetherington,

Hon. Poppy Appeal Organiser

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- 06 The Epiphany 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd David Eaton
- 13 Christ's Baptism 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Julie Eaton
1800 Choral Evensong
Preacher The Revd Simon Ward
- 20 Epiphany 3 1100 Morning Prayer
Preacher Margaret Dinn
- 27 Epiphany 4 0930 Choral Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- Every Tuesday 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesday 1000 Holy Communion 1662
Wednesday (2nd) Healing Service with CW

THE CHURCH MAGAZINE

My offer to deliver the Parish Magazine has been accepted by two people. I repeat my offer in case it was overlooked and also to urge more contributors to write for this excellent magazine.

The editor is Mary Montague.

email mary@montague12.fsnet.co.uk.

Julia Josephs

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

During January, Mary King and I will again provide collection points for used Christmas cards, at Dutch House and Shenburgh.

Elizabeth Leighton

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 10th January, we will be debating the issues the WI will be voting on to become resolutions to the June 2008 National Conference in Liverpool. We will then be treated to a talk about Boogie Woogie by Walberswick's own Ben Cardwell.

If you fancy some debate, followed by the rhythms of jazz, please join us at 2.30pm. in the Village Hall.

Irene Prince

FRIENDS OF SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL

Congratulations on raising the magnificent amount of £987.05! We do so appreciate your continued support every year. We have been able to provide much needed equipment that the NHS is unable to supply. My sincere thanks to you all, and especially to the collectors.

Barbara Davis, Chairman

LETTER FROM THE OLM

I always find it somewhat surreal to be wishing people, many of whom I will see before 31st December, 'a very happy New Year for 2008' in the middle of December – but such are the demands necessitated by print deadlines. Nonetheless, the greeting is sincere.

I am aware that St Andrew's Church is loved and valued by many people within our community. Whilst we are grateful for the faithful and regular giving of those who worship with us week after week, we have reached the stage where our annual income barely meets our outgoings. All of us are well aware of the increasing costs that we face for everyday living. You will not be surprised to learn that in maintaining the fabric and general running of our parish church we encounter similar problems. Unfortunately, in the Tax Year 2008/2009 the amount of tax that we will be able to claim back from the Chancellor of the Exchequer under the Gift Aid Scheme will be reduced. Unless our income is increased consideration will have to be given to drawing on our reserves. Therefore, I would like to encourage those of you who value our parish church, whether it be for its regular services, the occasional services for baptism, marriage or funerals, or whether you value the church simply for its historical associations and its beauty, to consider giving to the church on a regular basis.

It was good to see so many of you at our Christmas Luncheon Club; our next luncheon will be on Friday 11th January at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wishing you a blessed & happy New Year,

Brian Fisher

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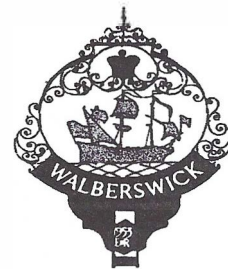
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8th - 10.31/22.36
15th - 02.30/15.36
22nd - 10.31/22.32
29th - 02.13/15.12

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WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

The February film will be **The Queen** (Cert 12A). Filmed in 2006, directed by Stephen Frears and written by Peter Morgan, the story takes place during one week in 1997 following the death of Princess Diana. Despite a star-studded cast, the film undoubtedly belongs to Helen Mirren who works a miracle with her characterisation - for which she deservedly won an Oscar.

Sunday, 17th February in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm.

Entrance: members £2, Guests £4, Non-members £5.

Kay Ungless

WALBERSWICK GOLF ASSOCIATION

Yet again Mark Aldridge won the match in December with 18pts. It seems that even slashing his handicap hasn't curbed his winning streak. However a sharp rap on the knuckles with a driver might do the trick.....

In second place, with 17pts and nearest the pin, was Andrew Horsbrough. Alan Porter came 3rd also with 17pts and Brian Tibbles had the longest drive. On the 9th, Mike Fisher took up dowsing with a couple of terrific chips into the pond from an almost impossible angle.

It seems appropriate that 2007 ended with a splash. See you all soon.

Chas Elliott

MARKET THOUGHTS

Why must the stallholder randomly scatter
Apostrophes over the goods he displays?
Useless and ugly they carelessly spatter
The labels in most of his baskets and trays.
We'll all buy the wares he sells by his patter,
But please put an end to this maddening craze!

(From **The Cedar Tree and More Poems**,
By **Grahame Godsmark**)

An excellent reminder for any editor...

FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR UPDATE

Walberswick to Dunwich Shingle Ridge

The seawater channel that had been cut through the shingle ridge (due East of Great Dingle Hill) in last December's storm has been filled by natural processes. Nevertheless it remains a weak point, which could easily be breached again in future storms.

Blyth Estuary

The Environment Agency repaired the river wall between the ferry and Bailey bridge and reopened the footpath before Christmas. However the Palmers Lane to Bailey bridge track is not likely to reopen before next June. The Environment Agency has plugged the breaches in the track but have considerable more work to do. The plan is to raise the track by about 1.4 metres (up to the same height as the river walls) and then put a clay face on the western (Tinkers marsh) side. This will make the track into a new flood defence wall. Telephone cables and the main sewer from Walberswick to Southwold run under the track and it is therefore very important to make it as strong as possible to minimise the risk of further breaches in future.

David Webb

CHEAPER HEATING OIL

I've been using www.boilerjuice.com to order my oil for the last couple of years and found it very easy and simple to use. Basically, it sends your order to a number of suppliers and comes back with an instant quote. It also advises by email when there is a buying weekend for IP18 and combines all orders received from IP18 at that time to obtain a further discounted price for everyone who orders. The website www.boilerjuice.com is very clear and informative and under the Support Link/FAQ all questions regarding this and everything else are covered simply and clearly. I don't benefit from promoting this; I've just found it the easiest way of getting a good price without having to ring around. It may cut down the number of delivery trucks (a big consideration in Walberswick) and could also give people ordering smaller quantities of oil a better price. You may like to give it a try.
Jodie Ellis

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – 7TH JANUARY, 2008

Planning Applications – The Parish Council had no objections to the replacement of the existing roof to a pitched roof on the long barn at THE STABLES, The Street or to the erection of a front and rear extension to THE BEECHES, Millfield Road (resubmission). However, the Council opposed the application for the erection of a rear extension to THORPEVIEW, The Street and to the erection of a two-storey rear extension at HEATHWARD, Leveretts Lane.

Planning Decisions – Planning permission had been granted by Suffolk Coastal to allow the use of the residential annexe as tourist accommodation at HARBOUR VIEW HOUSE, The Green. Permission had also been granted for the conversion and extension of an outbuilding to become a live/work unit (revised scheme) at Manor House, The Street.

Post Office – There had been no update on the Post Office.

Sea Defences and Blyth Estuary - Suffolk County Council had written to inform the Council that they intended to close Bridleway 8 (footpath between the old railway line and the Bailey Bridge) until 18th June 2008 and that an order would be made in due course to cover this period. Councillor Webb stated that this closure was because the Environment Agency intended to increase the height of the road in order for it to become the western defence for Walberswick.

The Clerk stated that a letter had been sent to the Environment Agency from the Blyth Estuary Group requesting that they make immediate repairs to the major breach of the river wall at Tinkers Marsh and also reinstate other breaches at Tinkers Marsh in order to comply with existing EA policies.

Church Lane: Potholes – This would be reported to the appropriate agency.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

Dogs' excrement on sports field – It has been reported that people are not clearing up after their dogs on the sports field. If you are exercising your dogs on the sports field please remember that this is a play area for children, and clear up after your animals.

SUFFOLK CHURCHES

Those who love the churches which are the glory of the Suffolk landscape might be interested to look at the website

www.suffolkchurches.co.uk

This was begun some years ago by Simon Knott, who set out on his bicycle to document every church in the county. He completed the task a year or so ago, so there is now a web page for each church, with photographs, history and information about whether they are locked - and if so, where the keyholder is to be found. I have found it a very valuable resource.

Julia Reisz, Editor

TUBBY STANNARD

I would like to thank all those people who attended my father's service on 26th November 2007 and donated to the Save the Children Fund, which has benefited by a sum in excess of £680.

Michael Stannard

RICHARD COMRIE

Property Maintenance

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 4th 7.30pm Village Hall Annexe

KEEP FIT Tuesdays 9.15am Village Hall

GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 8th 12.30pm Village Hall

LENT MEETINGS Begin Wednesday 13th 7.30pm at Green Gates

PILATES CLASS Thursdays 8.45am Village Hall

LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 8th & 22nd 1.55-2.55pm at the Green

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SERVICES

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Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- 06 Ash Wednesday 1000 BCP Eucharist
Imposition of Ashes The Revd B Fisher
- 10 Lent 1 0930 Sung Eucharist
Preacher The Revd Simon Ward
1600 Choral Evensong
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- 17 Lent 2 1100 Morning Prayer
Preacher The Revd Simon Ward
- 24 Lent 3 0930 Choral Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- Every Tuesday 1700 Evening Prayer
(said)
Wednesday 1000 Holy Communion 1662

Please note that Choral Evensong on the 10th is at 4 pm; this is because of the Lent Lecture at Southwold at 6pm.

LENT LECTURES 2008

Age, Culture & Faith

Exploring Christianity through the ages of life

10th February Childhood (5-10) by *Helen Woodroffe* (Diocesan Children's Officer)

17th February Teenage (11-18) by *Gavin Stone* (Diocesan Youth Officer)

24th February Late Teens & Twenties (18-25) by *Revd Matthew Ward* (Chaplain Leeds University)

2nd March Adult Life (24-40s) by *Revd Jon Scamman* (St Barnabas, Cambridge)

9th March Empty Nest/Towards Retirement (50s) by *Revd Dr Brian Raistrick* (retired)

16th March Senior Citizen (65+) by *Revd Dr Keith Albans* (Methodist Homes for the Aged)

All lectures take place at Southwold United Reformed Church at 6.00pm.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday February 14th we will be taking a look at the world of antiques and auctioneering with Miles Lamdin, who is a well-known member of Durrants Auctioneers in Beccles. Come along to the Village Hall at 2.30pm and join us for a fascinating look into this interesting world.

On Thursday March 13th at 2.30pm we will be opening our meeting to all (male and female) who would be interested in learning something of the role of the Gunsmith as an expert witness. Roger Tilney will be telling us about the role he plays as a forensics witness in court.

Please come along and join us. There will be a charge of £2 for non-members.

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

You will no doubt have been aware from your 2008 calendars that, not only are we in a leap year, but also that Easter will be with us very early this time around. I hasten to add that there is no connection between these two occurrences!

Before we arrive at Easter we will be travelling through the forty weekdays days of Lent, lasting from Ash Wednesday (6th February) to Holy Saturday (22nd March). Historically, Lent has been observed as a time of penance and fasting, hence the custom of 'giving something up for Lent'; whilst that might be described as the negative aspect of Lent, there is also the positive side of using the time to deepen our Christian faith. If the latter is a feature of Lent that you would like to pursue may I commend two things to you? The first is the Annual Lent Lectures that will take place at Southwold URC Church on Sunday evenings, at 6.00pm during Lent. The theme this year will be 'Age, Culture & Faith': full details at left. The second event to take place during Lent will be here in Walberswick, at Green Gates, on five Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, commencing 13th February, when we shall be holding a course to look at *The Lord's Prayer*. This is open to anyone of any age, any sex, any denomination, and any faith or of no faith – please feel free to join us for any or all of the five evenings.

**Our monthly Luncheon Club will take place in the Village Hall: Friday 8th February at 12.30pm.
Brian Fisher**

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19th December 2007 Funeral service & burial

Yvonne Margery Jeans

4th January 2008 Funeral service & burial

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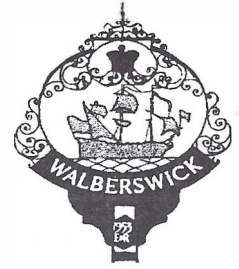
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BURGLARY WARNING

There was a very unpleasant burglary in Blythburgh at about 4.30pm on Monday 4th February. The occupier, a lady in her eighties, was at home when she discovered three men searching through her house. When she challenged them she was threatened, and the three men got away with a large amount of cash.

Suffolk remains a safe place to live but some recent burglaries and thefts from insecure cars could have been prevented. When you go out ensure that you lock up, and leave a light on to make the house look occupied. Make sure your car is locked.

Sgt Bob Chapman, Police

VILLAGE HALL HIRING CHARGES

We have kept our charges at the same level for many years. With the recent dramatic rise in utility and other costs, the Committee are unfortunately obliged to increase both the Hiring Charges and Electricity Charges per booking period. We will continue to monitor these charges and further increases may be necessary. These new charges will be effective from 1st March 2008. Please refer to the tables of charges displayed on the Village Hall Notice Boards.

Mark Aldridge, Chairman

A NIGHT OF EASTERN PROMISE

Come to the Village Hall on Saturday, March 15th and between 7.30pm and 10.30pm experience a troupe of sensational exotic dancers, a breath-taking magic show, a palmistry reading and an enthralling story-teller. All rounded off with an amazing fire eater! Tickets £12 from the Tuck Shop for the event, which includes an Eastern Buffet supper.

Mark Aldridge

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

For our foreign film this year we will be screening **Manon des Sources** (Jean de Florette Part 2). Made in 1986, it is superbly directed by Claude Berri and stars Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil and Emmanuelle Béart. Manon des Sources (PG). Doors open 7pm, Sunday 16th March in the Village Hall. Entrance: Members £2, Guests £4, Non-members £5.

Kay Ungless

FRANK JENNINGS VIDEO

On Friday April 11th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bill Ungless and Piers Ford-Crush will be presenting a video about the life and work of **Frank Jennings**, the architect responsible for the many attractive arts and craft style houses in the village. The video is based on Bill's entertaining talk to the Walberswick History Group in the autumn of 2006. It has been entirely filmed (in high definition video) in the village including, with the kind permission of the present owners, the interiors of some of the Jennings houses. This will be an open meeting of the History Group so everyone is welcome.

Orders will be taken for a DVD of the video after the showing. It includes Bill's 50-minute conversation with Rodney Jennings, the 93 year old son of Frank, filmed on his recent visit to the village in his childhood home, Marshway.

Philip Kett

Chairman, Walberswick Local History Group.

PANTOMIME

A big vote of thanks to the many talented people who gave up their free time in the winter and presented us with this very professional production. Well done!

Sarah Lawrence

ROBIN HOOD AND THE BABES

They say that pantomime is dead;

In Walberswick that's not the case.

The village show this year, it's said,

Would win a prize in any race.

The children's talent clearly shows

Their love of acting on the stage;

When guided by our seasoned pros

They're confident at any age.

Song and dance and innuendo

Reach a final wild crescendo!

On the stage a milling crowd...

Thank you, cast, you've done us proud!

And don't forget on nights like this

The team to whom great credit's due,

To whom no problem comes amiss,

The ever-willing backstage crew!

Grahame Godsmark

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room, The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. e-mail:julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – 4TH FEBRUARY, 2008

Planning Applications – The Parish Council had no objections to the conversion of a fixed stage to a floating pontoon at the **Landing Stage, No: W05, Southwold Harbour, Walberswick Side.**

Planning Decisions – Planning permission has been granted by Suffolk Coastal for the following applications: **3, Lorne Cottages, The Green** – erection of annexe holiday accommodation ancillary to Lorne Cottage; **Thorpe View, The Street** – erection of two-storey rear extension; **The Beeches, Millfield Road** – erection of front and rear extensions and new windows; and **The Stables, The Street** – replacement of mono-pitched roof with dual-pitched roof on the long barn.

Church Lane – Suffolk Heritage Housing have accepted responsibility for repairing the lane and works will be carried out in late March or early April.

Marram grass – An application has been submitted to Suffolk Coasts and Heaths for a grant from Connect (a locally funded scheme that supports conservation, access and awareness projects) to plant 1,000 marram grass plants to help preserve the sand banks. If the application is successful volunteers would be required to help plant the grass!

Post Office – Post Office Ltd. had still not made its final decision on the future level and type of service within the village.

Village Green – Major works will be commencing on repairing the track and other areas of the Village Green towards the end of February.

Play equipment for the sportsfield – Requests have been received for play equipment to be erected on the sportsfield. A study is being carried out and will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in March.

Goal posts for sportsfield – Requests for goalposts have also been received. This will also be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to Council

SEA DEFENCE UPDATE

Work is proceeding with repairs to the Palmers Lane/Bailey Bridge track. The Environment Agency is exploring ways to help the draining of Tinkers Marsh, where Natural England and the land-owner (Blois Farms) are attempting to fill the major breach in the flood defence bank.

Walberswick Sea Defence Group has just received the draft final report from its consultant, Dr. Alan Brampton of HR Wallingford. Further details of the report, including Dr. Brampton's recommendations, will be published once the Sea Defence Group has had a chance to study it.

David Webb

WALBERSWICK CYCLE HIRE

Due to other commitments Julie and Bob are giving up Walberswick Cycle Hire. If anyone is interested in taking it on as a going concern please contact us before March 15th. After this date we will sell off the stock of cycles, tag-alongs, child seats, hats etc. We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the last four years.

Bob and Julie Cronin (01502 724070)

POTTER'S WHEEL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Many thanks to those who supported this event, which raised £112.00 for the Sea Defence Fund.

I would like to continue contributing to the fund via my jewellery sales, so do contact me if you are interested, and together we can help this important cause.

Patsy Murray (01502 722022)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 3rd 7.30pm Village Hall Annexe
EXOTIC EASTERN EVENING Saturday 15th 7.30pm Village Hall
GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 14th 12.30pm Village Hall
NORWICH BUS RESUMES Thursday 20th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
PILATES CLASS Thursdays 8.45am Village Hall
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 7th & 21st 1.55-2.55pm at the Green

RUTH GOODWIN 1921 –2008

Ruth left Harbour View and went to live in Halesworth soon after the death of her husband Leslie. Her children lived nearby and visited her regularly; she enjoyed the warm support of her neighbours, had many friends in Walberswick, and led a contented life in her bungalow for about 10 years until she died in her sleep on 4th February. She was born in Lincolnshire. It is amazing now to recall how much she contributed to our community: she started and ran the village youth club; she was a Samaritan based in Lowestoft for many years; and a staunch supporter of the RNLI - she was awarded the Silver Medal for outstanding service in 2002. She was Chairwoman of the Common Lands Charity Trust and the Parish Council, running both with energy and pragmatism. She was a kind friend to many, always giving generous and practical support. Everyone commented on her remarkable memory, and she was always consulted whenever a fact concerning the village needed to be verified. She could talk endlessly and fascinatingly about Walberswick characters. We who were lucky enough to know her will never forget her and will miss her greatly. There will be a memorial service later this year.

Barbara Priestman

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SERVICES

02 Mothering Sunday 0930 Family Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd **Brian Fisher**
09 5th of Lent 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Julie Eaton
16 Palm Sunday 1100 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Simon Ward
21 Good Friday 1400 One hour devotion
23 Easter Day 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
30 2nd of Easter 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd David Eaton
Every Tuesday 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesday 1000 Holy Communion 1662
Wednesday (2nd) Healing Service with CW

Please note there is no Choral Evensong this month
Morning Prayer on Palm Sunday has been
replaced with a Sung Eucharist at 11am

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OPEN MEETING

On March 13th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall we are inviting all who are interested in forensics to come and hear Roger Tilney tell us about his experiences as an expert trial witness. Roger is a gunsmith and will talk about "Life Legally Behind the Scenes".

All welcome. Non-members £2.

Irene Prince

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LETTER FROM THE OLM

Sadly, I was unable to be part of the SOS event last month as I had the privilege of taking a service at All Saints Frostenden with our new diocesan bishop, Bishop Nigel, then accompanied him to St Edmunds Southwold. Hopefully, at some time in the not too distant future we shall have the opportunity of inviting him to preach here at St Andrew's.

As far as the Church is concerned March this year will be one of our busiest months. It kicks off right at the outset with our annual Mothering Sunday service on 2nd March at 9.30 a.m. – a special welcome to all mothers and grandmothers (and great-grandmothers) to join us on that happy occasion when posies will be distributed. Prior to Easter we shall be continuing our progress through Lent with our Wednesday evening group at Greengates (7.30 p.m.) looking at *The Lord's Prayer*, and the Sunday evening lectures at Southwold (see February's *Village News* for the full details).

When we reach Holy Week (the week prior to Easter) there will be on:

Monday 17th at Holy Trinity Blythburgh, a walk through The Stations of the Cross.

Wednesday 19th at St Margaret's Reydon a time of Creative Meditation.

Thursday 20th at St Margaret's Reydon our Maundy Thursday service.

(all the above will start at &.7.30 p.m.)

Friday 21st at St Andrew's Walberswick our one-hour devotional hour for Good Friday, from 2pm.

Our monthly Luncheon Club, to which everyone is welcome, will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 14th March at 12.30 p.m.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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12th February 2008: Interment of ashes

Christopher Michael Smith

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WALBERSWICK CAR PARK COMPANY LTD

The Car Park Company begins its twelfth year of operation on 1st May. John Harris will be continuing as the Car Park Manager. The daily parking charge per car remains at £3 while residents of the Village will receive one free pass per residence for the season. Despite very indifferent weather throughout last summer the Company again had a successful season. At the AGM on 20th February the shareholders approved the Statement of Accounts for 2007 which were adopted by the Directors. The financial statement of the Company for last year shows that £27,291 is to be covenanted to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity together with the payment of rent of £6,000. The Company operates as part of the wider Visitor Management Plan to control, for the benefit of residents and visitors, vehicular movement within the Village during the summer months. General enquiries about the Car Park Company should be made to the Company Secretary, **Mrs Angela Vaughan**, Holly House, Stocks Lane, Walberswick IP18 6UJ. Enquiries about employment as Car Park Attendants should be made to **John Harris, Car Park Manager**, Troy, Church Field, Walberswick, IP18 6TG. (723387). **Rae Leighton (Chairman of Directors)**

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Trustees would welcome ideas for the use of the covenanted car park profits from 2007. If you have an idea for a project which you feel would enhance the village and the lives of the people that live here, please phone me for details on how to apply. (724448)

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk to the Trustees)

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

I shall be leading this year's Bird Song Walk on Saturday 3rd May. Please meet as usual at 5.30 a.m. in the Hoist Wood Car Park. (Contributions will again be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes Project).

Breakfast at the Bell Hotel

The post-walk breakfast at the Bell has proved to be a fitting end to the morning's endeavours; those who wish to partake this year please make your reservation with the Bell Hotel prior to the Walk Day.

Tony Lancaster

PALMER'S LANE PROBLEM

Six hundred juggernauts with clay-filled load
Will grind their way down crumbling Palmer's Lane
To feed steel JCBs that mend our road,
Once railway track for long forgotten train,
Now undermined and breached by storm-lashed tide.
Our route, resurgent, will this spring provide
A path for us, though weather may be harsh,
Through Robinson's and flooded Tinker's Marsh.
But will the river stay within its course
And nightingales still sing amid the gorse?

Grahame Godsmark

NEW FITNESS INSTRUCTOR

Yvonne Proctor, our fitness instructor on Tuesday mornings, has decided to retire. We are very grateful for her 6 years of service, bringing a new dimension to the lives of those who participated. We benefited tremendously from her expertise: she broke new ground for many of us and set a very high standard. Our new instructor, Mark Nussey, is proving very popular. Classes take place every Tuesday from 9.15 to 10.15am in the Village Hall and cost £4 per session. All are welcome.

Jenny Cardwell

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The schedule for this year's show is included with your copy of the Village News. We have added some new categories and hope this will entice people to enter. Please study the schedule and think about having a go!

Jane Kirkeby, Village Show Committee (723079)

STORAGE URGENTLY REQUIRED

Sanderlings and the Panto group are desperately in need of storage facilities for their costumes, props and sets which have accumulated over 5 years. Village Hall storage is limited, and our homes are bulging at the seams! Please contact either of us, today or even sooner!

Val Anderson (724609)

Julia Sowerbutts (07867 507286)

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. E-mail: julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PUBLIC MEETING RE POST OFFICE UPDATE – 15TH MARCH, 2008

At the Parish Council meeting on 7th March the Parish Council decided to call a public meeting so that Nick and Gill Jones could introduce the new Core Postmaster to the residents of Walberswick and explain all aspects of their system, how it would work and what services it would provide. The meeting was duly held on 15th March with 72 residents attending. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mrs Madeleine Dabbs, invited Gill and Nick Jones and David Turley, the new Core Postmaster, to speak. David Turley explained that the proposed outreach service for Walberswick will run three mornings a week:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 9.30am and 12.30pm.

It will offer a full range of the services including: * Very competitive Travel Insurance * Post Office Savings Accounts * Post Office Credit Card (which attracts no interest if used abroad) * Renewal of car tax * Purchase of foreign currency.

He explained that the outreach service will be open for a **minimum of one year**. He will be responsible for all costs which includes rent of space in the Tuck Shop, and will be remunerated with a modest salary and a fee for **each transaction**. The business has to be profitable to continue and will be assessed after one year; so it is up to the people of Walberswick to use it or lose it.

Nick and Gill Jones stated that it was also necessary for residents to use the shop as it is predicted that 4 out of 5 village shops will fail once the post office service has been withdrawn. They stated that they were unable to compete with supermarkets but often had special offers available and were disappointed when these were not always taken up. It is difficult to get a good deal with suppliers as their turnover is relatively small.

The Chairman thanked Nick and Gill Jones and David Turley for their presentation and reiterated the importance of using the services provided by both post office and village shop.

(To enable this article go into the Village News, there will be no Parish Council report this month).

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

Marram Grass

The Parish Council has won a Connect Fund Award of £1000.00 from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths to plant further marram grass in the area in front of the beach huts. 3,000 will be planted. Please help. Only a dibber is needed. Date: **Sunday 30th March, 11.00am onwards.**

Beach Clean

This will take place on **Sunday 27th April at 10am**. Gloves and sacks provided.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our penultimate screening will be the comedy-romance *Born Yesterday*. Made in 1950, it stars Broderick Crawford, Judy Holliday and William Holden who give brilliant performances in this variation of the Pygmalion story. Garson Kanin's script is superbly directed by George Cukor.

Born Yesterday (Cert U), Sunday 20th in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, Film 7.30pm. Members £2; Guests £4; Non-members £5.

Kay Ungless

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A reminder that on Friday 11th April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, Piers Ford-Crush and Bill Ungless will be presenting their video about the life and work of Frank Jennings, the architect responsible for the many attractive Arts and Crafts style houses in Walberswick.

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Philip Kett, Chairman

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
FRANK JENNINGS VIDEO Friday 11th 7.30pm Village Hall
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 11th 12.30pm Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 17th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 11th & 25th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB Sunday 20th 7pm Village Hall

VOLUNTARY HELP CENTRE

In August I was notified I had reached an age when my volunteer driving had to cease. Since that time the Voluntary Help Centre has been unable to find anyone from Walberswick willing to drive the needy to hospital, doctor, dentist or other appointments. Surely there must be someone in the village able to give a few hours of their time to such a worthy cause? Your costs will be reimbursed. Please contact **Tricia Scott (01502 724549)**
Maureen Thompson (723755)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday April 10th we will be entertained by John Allport with anecdotes of his life in the Metropolitan Police Force. John has visited us before and been found to be a very amusing speaker. We welcome visitors/new members. Please join us in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.
And don't forget the **WI Bridge Drive** on Thursday April 17th, 2pm in the Village Hall. Delicious teas, prizes and raffle. Tickets (£20 per table) from **Jenny Cardwell (722611)** and **Judith Hetherington (723403)**
Irene Prince

CHURCH MATTERS

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20 5th of Easter 1100 Morning Prayer
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Wednesday (2nd) Healing Service with CW

'COME & SING' HAYDN'S CREATION

Southwold Choral Society invite you to join them for a 'Come & Sing' of Haydn's Creation Part I and II on **Saturday May 10th in St. Edmund's Church, Southwold. Rehearsal will start at 1.00 p.m. with a 7.30 p.m. performance.**

The cost will be £10.00 per singer and copies of music will be available on the day. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided. All singers are welcome.

Closing date for entries is Friday, 11th April. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you are not a singer, but would like to come and hear the performance, tickets will be £7.00 per person available on the door.

For further information and application form, contact **Victor Scott (723775)**

LETTER FROM THE OLM

During the coming weeks there will be some important events in the life of St Andrew's Church. On Monday 21st April a memorial service is to be held for the life of Ruth Goodwin, someone who contributed to many aspects of village life whilst she lived in Walberswick; the service is to be held in the afternoon, at 2.00 p.m..

Later that same week, on 25th April, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held in the church at 7.30 p.m. This is the meeting at which churchwardens, deanery representatives, and Parochial Church Council members are elected. All those whose names are on the church electoral roll are entitled to vote at that meeting.

I am pleased to give advance notice that The Sole Bay Team Ascension Day service is to be held at St Andrew's this year, on Thursday, 1st May at 7.30 p.m.

Our thanks to Stephanie Anderson who has agreed to arrange a team to organize the Village Fete, on behalf of St Andrew's, later this year. Please give her your support when she comes calling!

The Luncheon Club this month will be on Friday 11th April at 12.30 p.m.

Yours in Christ's service,
Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

25th February 2008 Funeral service & burial
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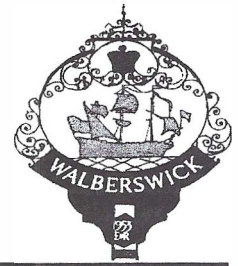
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VILLAGE NEWS



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GREEN SACK SERVICE

I have been asked to explain the green sacks. The service was introduced because many residents were placing garden waste in with their household waste in their black sacks, which affected the weight of the vehicles. The Council is empowered to make a charge for the collection of garden waste, so the green sack service enables residents to effectively pre-pay for the collection service when they purchase the Council's sacks. Unfortunately the waste in the green sacks does go into landfill.

Alternatives are to drive your waste to Southwold or Leiston; purchase a discounted composter, a Brown Bin, or both from **Suffolk Coastal Services**.

(01394 444000)

Email: scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

When we finally get our recycling bins, the green sack service will be withdrawn.

Kevin Keable (Councillor)

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our final film of the season will be the all-time classic *The African Queen (cert U)* starring Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn with Robert Morley. Made in 1951 and superbly directed by John Huston, it is an adventure/romance which takes place in German occupied Africa at the beginning of World War I. Together the ill-matched pair have to travel south down the dangerous Ulanga River...

The African Queen:

Everyone welcome. Members £2, Guests £4, Non-members £5

Doors open 7pm, film shown at 7.30pm.

Village Hall, Sunday 18th May 2008.

Kay Ungless

HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE

I do urge all villagers to read the enclosed flier from the Reydon and Southwold Healthy Living Centre and to show support by completing the form and returning it to the Southwold Surgery. It is a remarkable vision and we are being invited to have a say in its development.

Bill Ungless, Walberswick representative
Southwold Surgery Patients Participation Group

FRANK JENNINGS – ARCHITECT

A special feature of Walberswick is the group of Arts and Crafts homes clustered around Millfield Road and Leveretts Lane. What many people don't appreciate is the influence on this group of one man: Frank Jennings, a self-taught architect and developer who lived and practiced in Walberswick in the first part of the 20th century.

At last his life and work has now been told through a documentary presented by architect Bill Ungless and produced by Piers Ford-Crush. Bill tells a fascinating tale of an unconventional architect who incorporated into his designs often discarded elements of Tudor and Jacobean houses to create masterpieces such as Marshway and Mercers Hall. Bill also tells us tales of family intrigue and scandal, which combine to make the documentary entertaining as well as informative.

DVD's are available from the Tuck Shop and Tinkers, with all proceeds going to the Church restoration fund. The DVD also contains a bonus track featuring a fascinating interview with Rodney Jennings the 92-year-old son of Frank, who was brought up in Marshway.

James Darkins

LOCAL BUSES – A REMINDER

Weekly Wednesday bus to **Halesworth**. Departs 10am, returns from Halesworth 11.45. 1st Wednesday of the month this bus goes to **Lowestoft**. Check times with Wayland (01502 710999).

3rd Thursday of the month bus to **Norwich**. Departs 9.30am arrives 10.30; departs Norwich 2pm, arrives back 3pm. These journeys are *free* thanks to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity Trust.

Beccles bus runs on Tuesday and Friday. Departs 9.25am, arrives 10.25am, returns at 1pm. Single fare £2.70, free for concessionaires.

All buses pick up at various points in the village: the church, shop, village hall or harbour.

People over 60 years old are now eligible for a National Bus Pass. Application forms from Suffolk Coastal District Council (01394 383789).

Eveline Hastings

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room, The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. e-mail: julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – 7TH APRIL 2008

Planning Decisions – Planning permission has been refused by Suffolk Coastal for the alterations, repairs and improvements, including erection of external staircase, at 2 Valley Farn.

Keysafe Fitting Service – Suffolk Acre provides this service which could benefit residents living on their own who have difficulty getting to the door. A Keysafe enables a relative, carer or other approved visitor to open the Keysafe by using a code to obtain the door key. They can let themselves in for the purpose of the visit without disturbing the resident. If anyone is interested in having a Keysafe fitted to their property, or the property of a relative, please contact **Matthew Morling** (from Suffolk Acre) on **01473 242521**. Information is also available on their website at www.suffolkacre.org.uk

Marram grass – A grant from the CONNECT Conservation Fund, for the purchase of marram grass, had been approved by Suffolk Coasts and Heaths. On Sunday, 30th March approximately sixty residents turned up to help with the planting of the 3000 seedlings. Many hands made light work: it was completed within 45 minutes! Thanks to all those who helped.

Turf and posts on Village Green – The turf had been watered on a daily basis until the rain came. It was agreed to monitor the turf and, if necessary, carry out further watering should the need arise. It was also agreed to send copies of the bye-laws, which state that there should be no parking on the Village Green, to all residents living in this vicinity.

Play Equipment – The Clerk stated that she had filled in grant forms from SCDC to enable the project for new swings and two spring mobiles to be erected. Permission had been requested and received from Walberswick Common Lands Charity Trust for the equipment to be erected on the sports field. They had also agreed to donate any shortfall in the funds.

Other Issues – Problems with the Sluice Bridge, Kissing Bridge and Road Bridge will all be reported to the appropriate authorities as well as the deterioration of Short Lane.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

SEA DEFENCE UPDATE

Public pressure is beginning to mount for a re-think of the government plans to abandon sea defences. To this end Walberswick Sea Defence Group is working with the Blyth Estuary Group and with engineering experts to identify sustainable solutions for this part of the coast. Brian Morton, who so successfully lead the SHARP (Southwold Harbour And River Protection) campaign, has joined the group as an advisor. As well as his professional expertise as an Engineer, he has experience, which could be very useful to us, of campaigning to save important parts of our history and heritage which others have written off as being too expensive to fix.

We have received the report that we commissioned from Dr Brampton of HR Wallingford. His conclusions are critical of the shallowness and short-sightedness of the EA plans for our part of the coastline although the work on the Blyth embankments is helpful in the short-term. He acknowledges that it would be uneconomical to keep bulldozing up the shingle ridge and argues for a more constructive approach to the long term protection of the village and its surroundings and for the participation of all stakeholders – landowners, representatives from the community, the EA and NE.

We will continue to keep you informed as our strategy develops.

Barbara Priestman

For the Sea Defence Committee

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GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
DAVID SHIRREFF BIRDSONG WALK Saturday 3rd 5.30am Hoist Car Park
VELLORE BAZAAR Saturday 3rd 2-4pm Village Hall
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 9th 12.30pm Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 15th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 9th & 23rd 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB Sunday 18th 7pm Village Hall

ANNUAL VELLORE BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar will be held on Saturday, 3rd May 2008 from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. Entrance charge will be £1.00 (children 50p) for which you will be entitled to tea and a cake. Amongst other stalls and games there will be Raffles, Plants, Cakes, Books, Tombola and Jewellery stall. A leaflet detailing the contact names and telephone numbers will be distributed to all homes in Walberswick in the next week or two if you wish to give any items to any of the stalls. Proceeds go to the Vellore Mission.

Judith Morton (724572)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday May 8th at 2.30pm We will be listening to Richard Wright. Richard is a farmer from Loddon who was hit badly by Foot and Mouth a few years ago. He will be telling us how he developed a second string to his bow by diversifying into selling oil lamps from his farm. Please join us in the Village Hall for an interesting look at how Richard managed to keep the wolf from the door!!

Irene Prince

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11 Whit Sunday 0930 Sung Eucharist
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LETTER FROM THE OLM

If you had been near the beach at 6.00 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning you would have seen about twenty people, including musicians, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was a glorious morning in every respect – a contrast to three hours later when it began to snow just as people were beginning to arrive at St Andrew's for our main Easter celebration. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those who made our Easter Sunday service such a joyful and memorable occasion, to those who cleaned and prepared the church, to those who provided and arranged the wonderful array of flowers, to those who contributed to the music for the service, to those who contributed in other ways, and to everyone who joined us on the actual morning.

The next major date in the Church's calendar is May 1st when we remember and celebrate the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. As I indicated in last month's letter, St Andrew's will be hosting The Sole Bay Team Ascension Day service this year, at 7.30pm. on May 1st. Our preacher at the service will be The Very Reverend Edward Shotter, former Dean of Rochester Cathedral.

Another important annual event for The Sole Bay Team will be the Archdeacon's Visitation to the Beccles and Halesworth Deaneries, which this year will take place at St Mary's Church, Halesworth, on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30pm. At this service all the churchwardens who have elected to serve for the year 2008/2009 will be 'sworn in' to their office; our archdeacon, The Venerable Geoffrey Arrand, will be accompanied this year by our new diocesan bishop, Bishop Nigel.

All are welcome at both of the above services.

Our Luncheon Club this month will take place on Friday, 9th May, at 12.30pm. in the Village Hall. The cost remains at £6 for the two-course meal. Anyone is free to join us for what is normally a very happy occasion.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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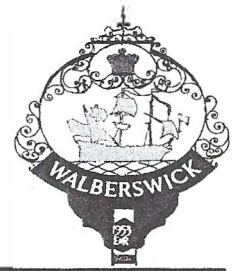
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DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

May 3rd 2008. This year brought up the walk's quarter century, and what a beautiful morning we were blessed with! Unseasonably warm, horizon-to-horizon azure sky and not a zephyr in sight to disturb the tranquillity.

From East Hill we gazed down upon what must be one of Suffolk's finest landscapes: with the marsh framed by distant green wooded hills and sparkling blue sea, the air at times heady with the fragrance of flowering gorse, it was a morning to savour.

Birds as well: a Marsh Harrier swung gently over the passive reeds accompanied by the distant boom of a Bittern, whilst Cetti's vied seemingly for our attention with Sedge and Reed Warblers. From a thicket a Nightingale poured forth its exquisite song, and newly-arrived Whitethroats and Lesser Whitethroats vigorously proclaimed their presence.

The hat collection plus donations from those who couldn't make the walk came to an impressive £150.00, so a huge thank you to all. This will be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project. Finally a big thank you to young Lucy who once again kept tally for us: an excellent total of 57 species seen or heard.

Tony Lancaster

WALBERSWICK GOLF ASSOCIATION

Here are the results of the competition played on the 4th May:

Alan Porter won with an excellent 21pts - he was also nearest the pin with a great shot that landed about 4 ins. away from the hole. Lucky it didn't drop in as it could have been expensive!

In 2nd place, on countback, was Ritchie with 17pts and Frank came 3rd also with 17pts. Nigel had the longest drive on the 6th hole. Thanks for turning up - see you all soon.

Chas Elliott.

SUMMER THEATRE FETE

Sunday 29th June 1.30 - 4.30 pm
at Westons

A fun afternoon for all the family!

We have all the usual stalls, including: bric-a-brac, bottle tombola, books, childrens' toys and tombola, pictures, gardening, CDs and videos, cakes, teas, etc....

We also feature a full programme of entertainment with clowns and our local childrens' Brass Band, under the leadership of John Flack. The highlight which ends the day is the childrens' Dog Show looking for: best trained dog, the one with the waggiest tail or most interesting trick, the most entertaining dog handler, plus the best in show. There are pony rides, a bouncy castle and much more.

All contributions welcome - plus the loan of awnings or gazebos, please. Ring me for collection or take to Westons from 10.00am on 29th.

Val Anderson
724609

VELLORE BAZAAR

The sun shone for our annual Vellore Bazaar this year, which meant that we were able to have the Village Hall doors open and everyone moved freely inside and out! Richard Smith, the Director of the Friends of Vellore visited us again, and gave a brief update on the palliative work that the Friends of Vellore are supporting. At the end of the proceedings we had raised over £1,100 and we will be sending £1,000 of this to help in the work of the Charity. Our sincere thanks go all those people who came and supported us by giving and buying, to the many helpers and stall-holders, and to those who gave donations. You all contributed to making it a very successful and happy afternoon.

Elizabeth Leighton

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - 12TH MAY, 2008

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council Councillor Madeline Dabbs was unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Robin Buncombe as Vice Chairman.

Planning Applications – The Parish Council had no objections to a summer house being erected at 2, Anchor Cottages, The Street. Planning permission had been granted by Suffolk Coastal for the erection of two new houses at Waveney Lodge (existing house to be demolished).

Allotments – There is now a waiting list for allotments. It was agreed to write to all allotment holders to inform them of the current situation.

***New play equipment for sports field** – The Clerk reported that the new swings, two spring mobiles and five-a-side football posts were due to be erected on the sports field on 19th May.

Swimming Pools – It was agreed that the Council would write to Suffolk Coastal requesting that swimming pools should be subject to planning permission in Conservation Areas and AONB.

Condition of B1387 (Toby's Walks road) – This was brought to the Council's attention at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to write to the Highways Department concerning the dangerous state of this road.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

***Dog fouling on the common and beach**

Please ensure that you clear up after your dog. Dog bins are provided around the village. It is important, with the installation of the new play equipment on the sports field, that dogs do not foul in this area. If this issue is not resolved the Council will consider banning dogs from the sports field and also the beach during the summer months (this already happens on other beaches in the area). The Council will be preparing notices and press releases, etc., to make visitors more aware of this problem.

RUTH GOODWIN

Sixty-five people packed into St Andrew's Church on April 21st for the Memorial Service for our mother. The service included her favourite hymns, and Wally Webb gave the address, mentioning all the many things she did for the village during the time she lived here: she started and ran the youth club, served as Chairman of both the Parish Council and the Common Lands Charity Trust, and worked tirelessly for the RNLI, her favourite organisation.

She would have been pleased to know that the collection at the church raised £220 for the RNLI.

The family want to express special thanks to Wally and to the Rev Brian Fisher, who conducted the service, and thank all the old friends who came to pay tribute.

Ingrid North

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In May Richard Wright, a pig farmer from Loddon, told us about his enterprising venture into Oil Lamps as a means of supplementing his diminishing farming income due to recent outbreaks such as Foot and Mouth disease. He was able to develop his new enterprise without loans by obtaining free support from the 'Business Link'.

For our June meeting this year we are fortunate to be invited to the MacCarthys' newly-landscaped garden in Manor Close. This is on 12th June at 2.00pm.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on Thursday 10th July at 2.30pm, when Annie Kiff-Wood will tell us about the BBC and her role on the Audience Council.

Irene Prince

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Preacher Sheila Mitchell

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Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

29 6th after Trinity 0930 Eucharist CW
at Blythburgh

Celebrant The Revd David Eaton

Every Tuesday 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesday 1000 Holy Communion 1662

Wednesday (4th) Healing Service with CW

Ascension Day Service

We were immensely privileged to hold the Team Service in St Andrew's. All the clergy were present [and were in the choir stalls opposite the Evensong choir who led the singing of the St. Thomas's mass. During communion they sang Howard Goodall's 23rd Psalm which he composed for The Vicar of Dibley]. To quote Ronald Blythe 'Hymns lift the heart on Ascension Day'. We were delighted to welcome the former Dean of Rochester Cathedral who gave the sermon.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Brian Fisher chaired the meeting when 19 members were present. Christine Mitchell and Julie Winyard were elected Churchwardens and Amorelle Hughes joined the PCC as Chris Sinclair wished to retire. The Treasurer, Jean Waller, circulated the accounts and spoke of the enormous generosity of Walberswick towards the church. She regretfully had to retire due to family commitments and the members were pleased to welcome Amorelle Hughes who had agreed to take over. Julia Josephs continued as secretary to the PCC. Elizabeth Leighton has revised the Electoral Roll and there were now 65 names. We were pleased that Derek and Mary Burke had agreed to join the list of Sidesmen and Readers.

Julia Josephs

BILLIE SEAMAN

I would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to all our friends and neighbours who so kindly sent me many cards and letters of sympathy on the death of my dear husband Billie. It gives me a warm feeling to know I have such good friends to help me through this sad time.

Merlyn Seaman

LETTER FROM THE OLM

You will have read elsewhere in this month's edition a report of our annual church meeting. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has had any part to play in looking after St Andrew's Church and the churchyard during the past year, as well as all those who have participated in any way in the services that have been held. I would particularly like to thank Jean Waller for her hard work as treasurer over the past five years, ably assisted by her husband Mark.

You may be aware that since the departure of Canon Jane Wilson to pastures new in Devon, there have been legal difficulties in appointing a new team rector to The Sole Bay Team Ministry. I am delighted to be able to announce that Caroline Hallett (currently our team curate) has been appointed as Associate Vicar within the team; she will have specific responsibility for St Edmund's Church at Southwold. This will ensure an adequate staffing level within the team to manage the services in all twelve parishes. Caroline is to be licensed on Friday, 6th June, at 6.00p.m. by the Bishop of Dunwich, The Right Reverend Clive Young. All are welcome.

Our Luncheon Club for June will take place on Friday, 13th June, 12.30p.m. in the Village Hall - see you there?

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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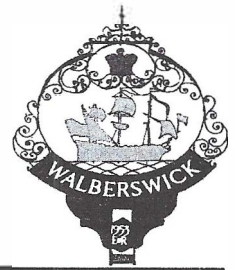
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WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS

Due to increasing acts of vandalism on the beach, Walberswick Car Park Company Limited (WCPL) has received a request from the Parish Council to close the barrier to Cliff Field Car Park at night. WCPL has decided that the Cliff Field Car Park gates will be locked, at the discretion of the Manager, on Friday and Saturday nights, from 7pm until 10am the following day. The decision to lock the Car Park will be clearly displayed at the entrance to Cliff Field on each of the proposed closure days. A release fee of £25 will be charged.

**Angela Vaughan, Company Secretary
Walberswick Car Parks Limited (WCPL)**

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Eighteen members celebrated the end of season with a very enjoyable dinner at the Anchor. Mary King was presented with chocolates for looking after our lottery money and presenting us with our monetary wins. It has been a good season, including two friendly matches against Reydon and Blythburgh.

We start again on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm.

New members welcome.

Maureen Thompson (723755)

HOME AT LAST

Denis, Astrid and Alexander King are finally the proud owners of a house in Walberswick and wish to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged us in our quest. We are at: Blyth Reach, The Street, IP18 6UH (722339)

POST OFFICE HOURS

The Post Office will close on July 21st and re-open on July 24th with the new hours:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

We are once again calling on all keen cyclists to cycle round local churches in aid of the Historic Churches Trust on Saturday, 13th September. This sponsored ride has raised over £3m. in the past 27 years, but old buildings need constant attention and the need is still there. Walberswick cyclists have done well in the past, so please help us to continue the good work.

Sponsor forms are available at **Blinkers, Stocks Lane** or phone and we will deliver.
Margot and Maurice Godbold (722439)

MUSIC AT VALLEY FARM

You are invited to a concert/supper at Valley Farm on Saturday 26th July at 7.30pm in aid of the Walberswick Sea Defence Group. The accomplished Alea Quartet will play a varied programme to include Haydn, Piazzola and Gershwin. Suggested donation £15 to include music, supper and drinks.

Please reserve early as space is limited.

Phone: **0207 435 3625/01502 724681**

Email: irenebard2@hotmail.com

Irene Bard

WALBERSWICK GOLF ASSOCIATION

After all the rain we've had lately, the weather for the WGA match on 8th June was beautiful and there was a good turnout.

The match was won by Steve Goodchild with 21pts - he's one of those golfers who only plays half a dozen times a year, yet looks as though he's been playing daily forever (the exact opposite to most of us oldies).

In 2nd place was Andrew with 18pts, Mark Aldridge came 3rd with 17pts and Frank was nearest the pin on the 5th. I might add that Nigel was nearest the pin on the 3rd green with a stunning 45 degree angle drive off the 2nd tee - not an easy shot that!

See you all soon.

Chas Elliott

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. E-mail: julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 2ND JUNE, 2008

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning applications:- erection of rear extension at MAZOE, The Street; the erection of a garden room at LONG ROOF, Leveretts Lane and the erection of a single storey extension and alterations to existing garage at HEATH-WOLD, Palmers Lane. However, the majority of Councillors opposed the design of the extension at EASTWAY COTTAGE, Ferry Road.

Planning decisions – Suffolk Coastal had granted planning permission for the erection of a new dwelling (existing to be demolished) at INNISFREE, Leveretts Lane.

Accounts – The council signed a Statement of Assurance for the Parish Council accounts which would be audited by BDO Stoy Hayward. An internal audit had been carried out by Tony Kohn. Thanks were expressed to him for carrying out this work.

Play equipment – The new equipment has been successfully installed on the sports field. A working party is required to cut back the gorse by the play area: please contact the Clerk (723142) if you are prepared to help. It was also hoped that a bench could be provided for the area.

As there were several other items of concern raised at the meeting a flyer has been inserted in the Village News this month to cover these issues.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

BINGO AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Once again it's Bingo time! We are running Bingo evenings on July 23rd, August 6th, August 20th and August 27th – all these dates are on Wednesdays from 6 to 9pm. It was great fun and hugely popular last year. Drinks, delicious snacks and prizes are all on offer as well as our Grand Caller, none other than the redoubtable Mr Laurie Dabbs!

Mark Aldridge.

CALLING GARDENERS & COOKS

Don't forget the Walberswick Horticultural Show on Saturday 26th July in the Village Hall. Open from 3.00 to 4.30pm, admission free.

Exhibits, for which there is no entry fee, should be handed in at the Village Hall on Saturday 26th not later than 10.45am.

Jane Kirkeby, Chairman

SPARE FREEZER?

If anyone has a freezer that they no longer need, the Walberswick Village Hall would gratefully put it to good use!

Please ring: **Julia Sowerbutts**
723179/0786750286

SANDERLINGS

We are planning two productions for 2009. Probable dates will be 29th, 30th, 31st January, and 11th-13th June. Note this space for details of first play: audition date is Sunday 21st September, 2-5pm at Lilliput. Rehearsals will be concentrated in November and December during the daytime, where possible.

We are looking for a Production/Admin Co-ordinator for either or both shows: it will be hard work, but enjoyable and rewarding! And you will receive our grateful thanks.

Contact either of us if you are interested.

Val Anderson (724609)

Julia Sowerbutts (723179)

SUFFOLK COASTAL GROUP

The group is holding an exhibiting of paintings, prints and ceramics on Saturday 19th July and Sunday 20th July in Walberswick Village Hall. Exhibitors will be Penny Butterworth, Ray Burgoyne, Miles Fairhurst, Glynn Hugo, Eveline Hastings, Julie Noad and Anne Paton.

Open from 10am to 6pm. There is no entry fee and everyone is welcome.

Anne Paton

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

TAI CHI/CHI GUNG CLASS Mondays 1-2.30pm Village Hall
GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 11th 12.30pm Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 17th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 4th & 18th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
SUFFOLK COASTAL GROUP EXHIBITION 19th & 20th 10am-6pm Village Hall
BINGO NIGHT Wednesday 23rd 6pm Village Hall
HORTICULTURAL SHOW Saturday 26th 3-4.30pm Village Hall

BOOK EXCHANGE

I'd like to gauge any interest in forming a coffee hour book swap once a month, initially in my house. Those of us interested would come along with books we've read and no longer want. We would provide a synopsis, genre and views, and members could claim any book that took their fancy. Surplus books could go to a charity shop.

Please ring me if interested.

Val Anderson (724609)

WI 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Tuesday 9th September 2008 Walberswick WI will be 90 years old - the oldest WI in the Suffolk East Federation of Womens' Institutes.

At 6pm on 9th September we will be celebrating with a dinner in the Village Hall, followed by entertainment from The Norwich Harmony Ladies Barber-shop Singers.

If you have been part of that past 90 years' history, then please come and join us. Tickets, costing £12, can be obtained from **Jenny Cardwell (722611)** or myself. We are looking forward to a great evening with many memories to share.

Irene Prince (723743)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our Garden Meeting in June was a great success. Although it did not rain, the weather was rather cold so most of the event took place indoors after a tour of Celia and John's beautiful garden. Celia gave members a brief talk about the making of the garden. Everyone then had their brains subjected to a quiz and game set by our President Jenny Cardwell. A delicious tea followed. We were joined by members from other local WI's in our Minsmere Group.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday July 10th at 2.30pm when local resident Annie Kiff-Wood will lead a discussion about "Your BBC".

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

As I have been looking for inspiration for this month's letter I have been listening (on my computer) to the Vienna Boys Choir singing 'Summer Is A-Comin' In', hoping that the sentiments of that song are shortly going to be fulfilled! However good, or otherwise, our summer turns out to be, one thing is certain: we shall see many visitors coming to Walberswick either for a holiday or for a brief visit. Let us look forward, as our village has always done, to making our visitors feel welcome. When I first started coming to the village, some fifteen years ago, I was made to feel accepted and welcomed by what was, and still is, a very loving and supportive community.

As most of you will be aware, Christine and I recently experienced an unwelcome visitor, or possibly visitors, breaking into our home. As anyone else who has been affected by a burglary will know, such an event is a profoundly traumatic experience. However, that was more than counterbalanced by the love and support (much of it practical) that was provided by so many people within our community. We would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who showed us such kindness and support in our hour of need.

Just to let you know that our monthly Luncheon Club will take place on Friday, 11th July, 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall; do join us if you able to do so.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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FERRY CAR PARK

As previously reported there have been numerous acts of vandalism lately on the beach. The closure of the Cliff Field Car Park at weekends has reduced this problem in that particular area. However, residents have reported that young adults have been racing cars around the other Car Park at Ferry Road between midnight and 4 a.m. At its recent meeting Walberswick Car Park Company Limited (WCPL) felt it inappropriate to fence off this car park, as it is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Because these incidents sometimes involve underage drinking and possibly drug taking, it is advisable to inform the Leiston police, who are aware of the problem. It is essential that residents do not confront these people but report the matter to the police by phone. The Leiston Police Telephone Number is **01986 873511**. Car registration numbers would be useful for the police in the pursuit of these offenders. We fully support any initiative the Parish Council may wish to take on this matter.

**Angie Vaughan, Company Secretary
Walberswick Car Parks Limited (WCPL)**

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE Saturday 23rd August

Look to the skies as "Something's in the Air." That's the theme for this year's village Fete, so whatever your flight of fancy wing your way to the dressing-up box or sewing machine and rise up with a fancy-dress outfit to stun the judges. This year there'll be classes for both old and young as well as the best-dressed buggy and driver, and child who thinks he/she is too old for fancy dress.

As well as the usual stalls and dog show, we'll be introducing more games for all the family to join in. We're always pleased to hear from anybody who would like to be involved in any way – helping out on the day, or before the event, even for an hour or two. The committee would also like to say a big thanks to those who have volunteered their support. Let's hope for a sunshine day - and remember to invite your family and friends now! See you there!

**Stephanie Anderson, Chairman, Fete Committee
(726172)**

THANKS FROM THE VILLAGE

To Rosi and Sarah and Postmistress Gill,
Our thanks for your service and years of goodwill.
You've paid out our pensions, our cheques you have
cashed,
And helped us look after the savings we've stashed;
You've weighed Christmas parcels and sold us our
stamps,
And saved many trips to our various banks.
It's no fault of yours that this service must stop,
So we hope to keep seeing you all in the shop!

DON THOMPSON 1920-2008

I first met Don and Maureen when they came to live at Greenways in 1988: they had been on holiday in Walberswick the previous 8 years, and had decided that this was the ideal place to retire to. Being a person of great enthusiasm with not much to do, Don decided to get involved in village life, and all the organisations in the village received his support whenever and wherever it was needed. He gave a lot of his time to the Heritage Hut and the Village Hall, and was a founder member of the Southwold Jazz Appreciation Society.

With Pat Wythe and others he formed the Walberswick Local History Group, to collect and record as much as possible of village history; this is now a thriving organisation with 135 members.

I remember very well when the History Group organised an exhibition of Walberswick art – paintings done by artists who had visited the village, and then left their work behind with village people. It was all somewhat hush-hush until the posters went up on the day. Don and I spent the previous night locked up in the village hall with the paintings just to keep them safe and sound.

Philip Kett

MONDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Club has closed for the summer. Play will resume on Monday September 8th. The Club welcomes any new members. For full information, please ring either **Margot Godbold (722439)** or **Ron Horsey (723910)**

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7TH JULY, 2008

Planning – The Parish Council opposed the revised planning applications to Plot 1 and 2 at Waveney Lodge, The Street. They also opposed the size of the proposed erection of a cart lodge style garage and garden store at Fern Cottage, The Street.

Planning decisions – Suffolk Coastal had granted planning permission for the erection of a summer house at 2 Anchor Cottages; the erection of a rear extension at Mazoe; the erection of a single-storey garden room extension at Long Roof, Leveretts Lane; and the erection of a single storey extension and alterations to existing garage at Heathwold, Palmers Lane.

Footpaths – It was agreed to write to the Rights of Way Department of Suffolk County Council expressing the Council's frustration that new footpath signs had been erected when the footpaths remained uncut. They had now become virtually impassable for some people, with nettles up to six foot high and the grass and reeds falling onto the paths.

Beach Parties – The Councillors were also disappointed that yet another beach party had resulted in litter and broken bottles being strewn on the beach. Thanks were extended to Councillors K Webb and M Aldridge who had picked up six sacks of rubbish from the beach on Sunday 6th July. Discussions would continue with the Visitor Management team, Walberswick Car Parks Ltd. and the Trust on the way forward to resolve these issues.

Joint funded PCSO project – Councillor D Webb would be attending a presentation at Police HQ to hear details of the matched funding scheme. Additional PCSO's can be provided by means of a 'matched funding' scheme in which Suffolk Constabulary and a 'sponsor' (which could be a local community) jointly fund on a 50/50 basis. However with the cost predicted to be in the region of £14,000 to sponsor a PCSO for the village, the outcome is unlikely to be viable for Walberswick.

Date of next meeting – Please note the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 11th August**, one week later than usual.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

YOUR RNLI BRANCH

We've got to have an AGM - so why not Friday August 29th at 7.00pm? It'll be boring official Branch business, so don't bother to come along. On the other hand there'll be a glass or two, bits that might be edible (having been prepared by Committee members) and the opportunity to see what the RNLI does, what your Branch achieves and how you might like to help us now and in the future. This Committee seeks a kick up the rear - for that there'll be no charge, so come along and join us.

Robin Buncombe, Treasurer

GP SURGERY

The Wednesday 6th Surgery will take place on Thursday 7th. There will be no Surgery on 13th or 20th. Prescription delivery will not be affected.

The Southwold Surgery

BINGO AT THE VILLAGE HALL

It is Bingo Time again! There will be Bingo evenings on three dates in August: 6th, 20th and 27th. Wednesdays from 6-9pm.

These events were great fun for all the family and enormously popular last year.

There will be drinks, delicious snacks and prizes on offer, so come along and join in—and help support the Village Hall.

Mark Aldridge

“I LOVE WALBERSWICK”

The book of children's drawings of their houses in the village done in 2007, it displays all their enthusiasm and is a lovely souvenir of Walberswick. Now available at Tinkers, price £7.50 in aid of the Sea Defence Fund.

Sarah Lawrence

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

GP SURGERY Village Hall Thursday 7th 2.30pm
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 8th 12.30pm Village Hall
CRABBING CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday 10th Ferry Car Park
NORWICH BUS Thursday 21st 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 1st, 15th & 29th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
BINGO NIGHTS Wednesdays 6th, 20th & 27th 6pm Village Hall
WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE Saturday 23rd Village Hall & the Green
RNLI AGM Friday 29th 7pm Village Hall

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsored Cycle Ride 13th September 08

Just a gentle reminder that we still need cyclists for this very needy cause. You can cycle far or near; you can take the family and picnic on the way; you can break the record for churches visited: what better way to support our wonderful old churches in Suffolk than cycling around the countryside and visiting some of them.? Sponsor forms are now available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Margot & Maurice Godbold (722439)

DON THOMPSON

We would like to thank everyone who sent letters, cards and messages of support on our loss of a very loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by us and many in the village. He loved Walberswick and its way of life, and really enjoyed living here for the last twenty years.

Save the Children was delighted to receive £650 from your donations.

Maureen, Jane & Nigel

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- 31 Trinity 15 0930 Eucharist CW
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- 5th Sunday service at St Margaret's Reydon
- Every Tuesday 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
- Wednesday 1000 Holy Communion 1662
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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

We are hoping to see lots of children and young people at this year's holiday club. The theme for the week is 'Daniel' but there's no need to fear those fiery furnaces or lions' dens because.....

Well, come and find out why not! We will have fun, and learn more about the Bible and Jesus as our friend and saviour.

Every morning in the Walberswick Village Hall Annex from 10.30am-12.00 noon, from 4th-8th August. Stories, songs, craft activities and lots of fun! Cost: £1 per session.

Julie Winyard (722178)

LETTER FROM THE OLM

I am writing this letter on 15th July, and it has not rained yet! Why has the legend arisen that, if it rains on St Swithun's day it will then rain for forty days? Swithun was Bishop of Winchester in the ninth century; before he died he indicated that he wished to be buried 'humbly' and not in a shrine. When he died in 862 his wishes were followed. However, when a new cathedral was built Swithun's successor, Ethelwold, decided to move Swithun's remains into a shrine in the cathedral despite dire warnings that to move the bones would bring terrible storms. Swithun's remains were moved on 15th July 971 and, apparently, it rained for the next forty days (we have no meteorological records to confirm that!).

Whatever the weather let's trust that the various activities that take place during the main holiday month will prove to be happy occasions for residents and visitors alike, not least for our own Village Fete and the children's' holiday club. Further afield there will be the second week of the famous Uggeshall teas during the weekend of 2nd/3rd August, and the two week Southwold Beach Mission for children, young people (and parents) starting on 3rd August.

On Saturday, 16th August, we are anticipating our first wedding of the year in St Andrew's Church, between Daniel Winyard & Tracey Blaver. Please remember them in all their preparations.

Our usual Luncheon Club takes place on Friday 8th August, 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Yours in Christ's service,

Brian Fisher

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VILLAGE NEWS



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STOP PRESS!

Children's Annual Sports Day

This event will be on **August 30th** this year. Come along at 2pm to the Sports Field at the end of Church Lane and join in the fun. Races for age groups up to 12 years, and for the grownups too.

Jayne Tibbles

WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS

In the last edition of the Newsletter an incorrect number was given for Suffolk Police. The correct number is **01473 613500**.

**Angie Vaughan, Company Secretary
Walberswick Car Parks Limited**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have had a number of queries about this, so here is a clarification. Our Safer Neighbourhood team of police officers and Community Support Officers is based at Saxmundham Police Station. However, as local Police Stations are closed from 5.30pm until 8.30am each night and all weekends, and during the day personnel are out on patrol, we have been asked to use 2 sets of numbers only: **999** in an emergency and **01473 613500** (Suffolk HQ Incident Centre) for all other calls. From these you will get immediate attention.

Annie Kiff-Wood

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

SEA DEFENCES

The Sea Defence Fund has received two substantial donations this month. The Crabbing Committee gave the profits from last year's Crabbing Competition to the Fund – a magnificent £1200. Irene Bard collected and donated £980 (with Gift Aid it will be about £1190) from the wonderful concert and supper she provided at Valley Farm recently. On behalf of all who love Walberswick and want to protect it now and for future generations, thank you very much.

Barbara Priestman

(Walberswick Sea Defence Group)

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Show this year was blessed with fine weather which brought in a great number of people to appreciate the vast array of flowers and produce. There were 54 exhibitors and 264 entries which filled the hall with beautiful vegetables, flowers and delicious-looking culinary items. Heartfelt thanks to all those who took part. The trophies were awarded to the following people:

The Winyard Cup - David Webb

The Iris Blois Memorial Cup - Sue Walpole

The Flower Bowl - Chrissie Reeves

The C.C. Gold Cup - Caroline Gilby

The Whittenbury Victor Ludorum - Caroline Gilby

The Harvey Memorial Trophy - Emma Freud

Jane Kirkeby

SANDERLINGS' AUDITIONS

We are hoping to present a new comedy:

"Godmothers" by Anna Kythreotis, script adaptor for Merchant Ivory films, at the end of January 2009.

6 Godmothers, in their fading glory, are eager to help their beloved, impoverished Godson (a handsome, youngish barrister) wed the Prime Minister's daughter. The play has many unexpected twists and turns into politics, the sleazy underworld and the luxuries of Tiffany's. Something for everyone!

We welcome actors, front of house and backstage helpers.

**Sunday 21st September 3.00pm - 5.00pm, at
Lilliput, Lodge Road.**

Val Anderson (724609)

Julia Sowerbutts (723179)

SUFFOLK CHURCHES' CYCLE RIDE

We need a few volunteers to sit in the Church Porch for an hour or two on Saturday September 13th to welcome and sign in cyclists riding on behalf of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Help with provision of refreshments is also welcome.

Margot and Maurice Godbold (722439)

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green
Walberswick IP18 6TU. E-mail: julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11TH AUGUST, 2008

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the erection of a conservatory at SPRING-FIELD, The Lea or to the replacement of a timber landing stage with a floating pontoon at LANDING STAGE 4, Southwold Harbour, Walberswick side.

Footpaths – A letter had been received from Annette Robinson, East Area Rights of Way Manager, apologising for the lateness of cutting the paths in Walberswick. The Contractor had been instructed to attend to the paths in mid May and despite many assurances this was not carried out. She would be reviewing his contract at the end of the season.

Proposed Boundary Changes – The Parish Council was unhappy about the Boundary Committee for England's (BCE) proposals for changes in Suffolk. The BCE preferred options were:

(1) A unitary council covering Ipswich, Felixstowe, Kesgrave and 17 other parishes currently in Suffolk Coastal as well as 19 in Babergh and 7 in Mid-Suffolk combined with a unitary council covering the rest of Suffolk but excluding Lowestoft or

(2) One council covering all of Suffolk but excluding Lowestoft. It was felt that both proposals were ill-thought-out and would be a waste of taxpayer's money. If changes had to be made, it was felt that splitting Suffolk into East and West was a preferable option, leading to better local accountability.

Councillors Robin Buncombe and Alvin Hunt are to prepare a written response.

Parish Plan – The Parish Council plans to hold a public meeting on Monday 13th October at 7pm in the Village Hall so that the community can decide whether they wish to produce a Parish Plan for the village. Further details will be posted on the Parish Council notice boards and in the September Village News.

Date of next meeting – Monday, 1st September
Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our first meeting of the new 2008-2009 season will be on Sunday, 21st September. We shall be screening *THE APARTMENT* (cert PG) starring Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine. Directed by Billy Wilder (of *Some Like It Hot* fame), *The Apartment* is a truly classic comedy. An employee tries to get promotion by letting the company's executives use his apartment for trysts, but complications ensue!

We shall be showing eight films from September through to May, on the 3rd Sunday of every month except December. This season's subscription remains at **only** £12 plus £2 entrance for members. Do come and join us! Enjoy your favourite films on Walberswick's own Big Screen!
Sunday, 21st September 2008 in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, film 7.30pm.
Kay Ungless (722655/ungless@aol.com)

VILLAGE HALL FIRE AND SAFETY

The Village Hall Committee is showing a DVD on Fire Safety Procedures in the Hall on Tuesday, September 30th at 7.30pm. Included in the programme will be the correct use of fire extinguishers. We request that two representatives from organisations which use the Village Hall on a regular basis attend the presentation. Any other villagers who wish to attend are welcome.
Mark Aldridge

TAI CHI

The next Tai Chi class will begin on Monday 8th September from 1pm-3pm. in the Village Hall. New members are welcome.
Jackie Comrie

BRIDGE CLUB

Play resumes on Monday 8th September.
Margot Godbold (722439)
Ron Horsey (723910)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
BRIDGE CLUB RESUMES Monday 8th
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 12th 12.30pm Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 18th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 12th and 26th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
TAI CHI BEGINS Monday 8th 1-3pm Village Hall
VILLAGE HALL SAFETY MEETING 30th 7.30pm Village Hall

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Bob Trevelyan 1913-2008

The Church of St Andrew's was very fortunate to have such a loyal and dedicated servant. 'Bob loved the church with all its tradition. He was a man of the Prayer Book and the Authorised Version. I learned a lot from Bob about valuing the tradition and knowing where the roots are.' So wrote his friend Geoffrey Arrand, the Archdeacon of Suffolk, who continued: 'when I became Archdeacon I was soon meeting with him about paths, churchyards and alterations. We discussed pastoral issues in the parish and the deanery (both saying exactly what we thought!) but Bob was always helpful, getting things clear.'

In front of a very large congregation Elizabeth Clark, his daughter, read his favourite Sinatra song 'I did it my way' which the choir hummed before the service. They also sang the 23rd Psalm and Andrew Lloyd-Webber's Pie Jesu from his Requiem. A fiercely independent man, Liz concluded 'and he did it his way'.

Julia Josephs

Liz Clark (Bob's daughter) writes:

We would like to thank everyone involved in making the Memorial Service held for Dad on 11th August such a special occasion. It was lovely that some of his own hydrangeas were used to decorate the church. Having so many singing such a beautiful musical tribute - he would have loved it! The Anchor provided refreshments for a large gathering of friends and family - a fitting finale for someone who had loved Walberswick for the past 34 years. At the time of writing, £515 had been collected for the RNLI.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our July meeting was a very lively one. A discussion entitled "Your BBC" was led by Annie Kiff-Wood. We are now planning a visit to the "Look East" newsroom in the near future.

On Tuesday 9th September we will be celebrating the 90th Birthday of Walberswick WI. Still a few tickets available. (Ring 723743 or 722611)

Our next regular meeting will be on 9th October.

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

Have you or your children been baptized in the Church of England but not yet been confirmed? If so, you might like to take the opportunity to be confirmed at our Deanery Confirmation Service on Sunday 7th December, time and venue to be announced later (it will take place in a Sole Bay Team church). Please give a ring on 723023 if you are interested.

We were saddened at the sudden death of Bob Trevelyan and thank God for Bob's faithful service to St Andrew's Church over many years as Treasurer, Churchwarden, Team Council and Deanery Synod representative.

We are looking forward to our second wedding of the year, on Sunday (no, that is not a misprint!) 21st September, between Lee Sutton & Hannah Snowden. Please pray for them as they plan for their big day.

Christine & I will be taking a break between 25th August and 7th September; any urgent enquiries during that period should be directed to either The Revd David Eaton on 578827 or to The Revd Simon Ward on 722192. During my break I shall try to get fit for the Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride on 13th September.

Our next Luncheon Club will be on Friday 12th September (I shall have to make sure that I do not eat too much!) at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Instead of the Luncheon Club in October we shall have the Village Harvest Supper on Friday 10th October at 7.00 p.m.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

22nd July 2008 Funeral Service & Burial
for Margaret Bradley

11th August 2008 Thanksgiving Service
for Robert Edward ('Bob') Trevelyan
(following Funeral Service at Gorleston
Crematorium on 8th August)

15th August 2008 Burial
(following Funeral Service at Southwold)
of Mary (Peggy) Purves

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN SUPPORT OF THE POPPY APPEAL

A Coffee Morning with various stalls will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th of November 2008, starting at 10am.

Our donations given to the poppy appeal provide support and financial help for servicemen and women and their families over and above that provided by the state. Please remember all those who have given their lives or been injured trying to preserve peace in the world now, and in the past. Remember also their families.....please be generous. If you have items that you would be prepared to give or to make for the stalls please contact those concerned.

Grand Raffle: **Maureen Thompson (723755)** or **Mary King (724590)**; Books, DVDs, CDs etc: **Grahame Godsmark(722965)**; Jams, Preserves, Cakes and Sweets: **Ruth Bassett (722474)**; Small Gifts and Bric-a-Brac: **Linda Dudley** (items to Alan Walpole).
Alan Walpole (724763)

WALBERSWICK GOLF ASSOCIATION

The results of the hot and sticky match at the end of August were as follows: Alan Porter won the competition with 19pts on countback from myself (also with 19pts) and Andrew Horsbrough was third with 17pts. John Wardell won the longest drive on the 6th hole - mainly because nobody else even landed on the Fairway!

Mark Aldridge was nearest the pin with a really great shot that ended up about 4ft from the hole. Unfortunately, it took him another 3 shots to knock it in! It just goes to show that nerves of steel are needed to play golf at this level. See you all soon.

Chas Elliott

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The new season starts on Wednesday October 8th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and every Wednesday thereafter.

Enquiries to **Maureen Thompson (723755)**

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

At our October meeting we shall be screening the classic Wartime Drama/Romance *FROM HERE TO ETERNITY* (Cert A). Directed by Fred Zinneman in 1953, its all-star cast includes Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Donna Reed and Frank Sinatra!

Sunday, 19th October in the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, Film is at 7.30pm

Subscription £12. Entrance £2, Guests £4, Non-members £5.

Everyone welcome. Do come along.

Kay Ungless (722655)

WINTER WARMERS ON THE COMMON

Offering a fantastic opportunity for regular beneficial exercise during the winter!

Volunteers needed to help us take care of our common on Wednesday afternoons (weather permitting) from October to March. No experience required, only an energetic attitude and a desire to help maintain our environment.

Equipment supply (may be wise to bring your own strong gloves) and afternoon tea/coffee provided.

Names of volunteers to either **Jodie Ellis (722110)** or **David Webb (723871)**.

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Anonymous

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2008

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to alterations to the roof covering from corrugated concrete sheet to clay pantiles at The Net Shed, Ferry Road; or to the erection of a link/conservatory between the main house and the annexe at Manor House, The Street. Councillor K Webb declared an interest in both applications and took no part in the discussions.

Parish Plan – The Parish Council plans to hold a public meeting on Monday 13th October at 7pm in the Village Hall so that the community can decide whether they wish to produce a Parish Plan for the village. Please see flyer with this Newsletter.

Sea and River defences – Councillors K and D Webb reported that the Environment Agency was making good progress raising the banks on Reydon Marsh and the Hen Reedbeds. Work was also being carried out by Andrew Blois on the south bank. All the breaches had been filled with sandbags and they were now being reinforced.

Adams Lane sign – The sign had disappeared from the end of the lane; however another sign had been erected stating ‘Leading to Nightingale Close’. The Clerk had spoken to all bodies concerned and had been promised a new sign with Adams Lane in large letters and ‘leading to Nightingale Close’ in smaller letters underneath. The new sign would be in place within six weeks.

Erection of posters – The Council requests that all people erecting notices should remove them after the event has occurred!

Gorse on sports field – Volunteers are needed to help clear the gorse on Saturday 25th October at 10am. Please help if you can. You will need to bring gloves and cutting equipment.

Beach clean – This will be held on Sunday 19th October at 10am, meeting at Cliff Field. Gloves and bin sacks will be provided.

Date of next meeting – Monday, 6th October.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

BARKING DOGS

We have unfortunately received an anonymous complaint regarding our two Cocker Spaniels. Had the villager concerned spoken to us they would have learned that since last Christmas Scamp, our seven-year-old spaniel, has gone totally blind. Unfortunately, this blindness has left Scamp very nervous, and any unanticipated noise results in him letting everyone know that he is there. We cannot leave him unattended for long but sometimes, for example while out to dinner, this is a necessity. We do apologise for Scamp and ask for a little forbearance from our complainant.

Jon and Lesley Ward (Dudley Cottage)

HERITAGE CENTRE

There will be a “Thank You” party on Monday November 10th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for volunteers who have given their time this year in manning the centre. Details later.

Maureen Thompson

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Our annual Coffee Morning will be on Saturday October 18th from 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall. Contributions for cakes, raffle, and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Come and buy your Christmas cards and gifts and enjoy a free coffee and biscuit. Helpers needed.

Faith Blackburn (724278)

Maureen Thompson (723755)

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

A big “thank you” to the eight cyclists and eight recorders who took part in the Sponsored Cycle Ride on September 13th. The refreshments were very popular with the forty-eight cyclists who visited our Church - only two biscuits survived! The total amount raised from the sponsors will be announced as soon as it is available.

Margot and Maurice Godbold

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

FLU IMMUNISATION CLINIC Wednesday 1st at 2pm Village Hall

GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm

CARPET BOWLS BEGINS Wednesday 8th 7.30pm Village Hall

HARVEST SUPPER Friday 10th 7pm Village Hall

NORWICH BUS Thursday 16th 9.30am The Tuck Shop

SAVE THE CHILDREN Saturday 18th 10am-12noon Village Hall

LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 10th and 24th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green

DON'T FORGET TO RECORD VILLAGE EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE CALENDAR IN THE TUCK SHOP

CHURCH MATTERS

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The Village Fete

A very warm thank you was expressed to Stephanie Anderson by the PCC meeting on September 8th for her superb organisation of the Village Fete. The record amount of £3500 was presented to the Church with a similar amount given to the Village Hall.

Frank Jennings DVDs

St Andrew's is also extremely grateful for a generous donation of £500, the proceeds from the sale of the DVDs on Jennings' architecture made by Bill Ungless and Piers Ford-Crush.

Julia Josephs

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 12th. Gifts of fruit, vegetables and tinned goods will be gratefully received on the Saturday morning when the church will be decorated. When the Festival is over all the Harvest bounty will be taken to the St John's Housing Trust in Lowestoft. Harvest Supper will be on Friday 10th at 7pm. Tickets (£8) can be bought from Penny Buncombe at 4 The Terrace.

At the Festal Evensong (6pm) our usual augmented choir will lead the congregation in all the well-loved harvest hymns.

Mary King and Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We had a wonderful celebration of our 90th Birthday on the 9th September. It was really lovely to see so many old friends there. Pam George, our Federation President, unveiled the Memorial Wallhanging, made by our own members. We were entertained royally by the Norwich Singers, and a delicious meal followed by birthday cake was enjoyed by everyone.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th October at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, when Val Sulch will talk about Standing Stones. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

It is always good to give thanks to God for all the blessings that he pours upon us but it is also good to say 'thank you' to those who have helped us in any way. I would like, first, to add my thanks to everybody who worked so hard to make our 2008 Village Fete such a success; the amount of money that was raised for St Andrew's Church and for the Village Hall was truly amazing.

Second, many thanks to everybody who rode in the 27th Historic Churches Sponsored Bicycle Ride, the purpose of which was to raise money for churches in Suffolk including our own. On a personal note thank you to all those who had the courage to sponsor me.

Elsewhere you will see information about the Harvest Supper on Friday, October 10th at 7.00 pm. If you intend to join us for this please book in advance by purchasing a ticket (at a cost of £8). Our Harvest Festival services will take place on the Sunday of that weekend, 12th October.

An event elsewhere in The Sole Bay Team that may be of interest to you is the annual Service of Light at Wangford Parish Church on Sunday 26th October at 6.00pm. The speaker at the service this year will be Pam Rhodes, one of the presenters of BBC's Songs of Praise programme.

Can you help us? We are looking for someone to take over the collection of The Children's Society boxes that are held by people in Walberswick. Please contact me if you are at all interested in taking on this task.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IN SUPPORT OF THE POPPY APPEAL

A Coffee Morning with various stalls will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th, starting at 10am (adults £1.50, children free, which includes coffee, scones, jam, cream/cheese).

For the last seven years or so our servicemen and women have been fighting in hostile environments not experienced since the Second World War. Many of them have already lost their lives or have been severely wounded. Reduced Government funding for the Services over many years has meant that those injured and evacuated, and their families, are not now receiving the care and support that they are entitled to expect and surely deserve.

If you have items that you would be prepared to give or to make for the stalls please contact those concerned - Grand Raffle: **Maureen Thompson (723755)** or **Mary King (724590)**; Books, Games, DVDs, CDs etc: **Grahame Godsmark (722965)**; Jams, Preserves, Cakes and Sweets: **Ruth Bassett (722474)**; Small Gifts and Bric-a-Brac: **Linda Dudley** (items to **Alan Walpole (724763)**).

For many years now, and in conjunction with the Poppy Appeal, there has been a Bazaar or Coffee Morning on the Saturday before Remembrance Sunday. Some of those who are still helping to run the event are in their 90s, so in the future assistance from younger members of the village would be much appreciated. If you have time and would like to help in November 2009, please give me a call.

Alan Walpole (724763)

HERITAGE CENTRE PARTY

All volunteers are invited to attend the "Thank You" party on Monday 10th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. I do hope you will all be able to come along.

Maureen Thompson (723755)

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our November screening will be the Australian Romantic Comedy *Strictly Ballroom* (Cert PG). This is a thoroughly entertaining, "feel-good" film. Made in 1992 and directed by Baz Luhrmann, it stars Paul Mercurio and Tara Morice.

Do join us. Subscription £12. Entrance: Members £2, Guests £4, Non-members £5.

Sunday, 16th November, 7.30pm in The Village Hall (doors open 7pm).

As usual, there will be no film club meeting in December.

Kay Ungless

WATS OUTING

On Friday November 14th, the bus will pick up from The Anchor at 6.00pm, The Tuck Shop at 6.05pm and the bus stop opposite the church at 6.10pm. I'll distribute the tickets on the journey (to see "Watching the Void").

We booked this such a long time ago; do ring if you have forgotten if you bought a ticket!

Julia Sowerbutts (723179)

SEED SWAP

We hope to hold a seed swap meeting next February or March. If this sounds interesting, you may like to start saving any seeds of a swappable nature now... vegetables, shrubs or flowers. Further details of the date, time, etc will be in the January Village News.

For further information phone **Caroline Gilby (725416)** or **Jodie Ellis (722110)**

CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET

On Saturday, December 6th from 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Entry is £1 (includes tea and biscuits). Cancer Research Christmas Cards will be on sale. Come and support this worthy cause! Donations for the following stalls wanted: Silent Auction, Cakes & Food, Books, Fancy Goods, Bottle Tombola, Bric-a-brac, and Christmas decorations.

Contact **Betsy Lemmon (722384)**

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. E-mail: julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6TH OCTOBER, 2008

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the erection of a timber storage shed at The Drift, Leveretts Lane or to a replacement pontoon at Landing Stage W24A, the Harbour. Suffolk Coastal had granted planning permission for development at Manor House, The Street; The Net Shed, Ferry Road and Springfield, The Lea - subject to the alterations/building being carried out in accordance with the submitted plans and conditions set by the Authority.

Post Office – In response to concerns expressed about operational difficulties being experienced at the new outreach service, the Parish Council agreed to write to Post Office Ltd. asking them to resolve the problems.

Adams Lane/Nightingale Close sign – The new sign was now in place.

Sheltered Housing proposal – The Council had been asked for their opinion on a new venture to build sheltered housing in the village. The proposal would be to build four leasehold, detached bungalows which included conditions that would ensure they were purchased by over 55's and not allowed to be sold on for holiday lets. The Parish Council considered that this was a very welcome proposal and supported it in its initial stage.

Swimming Pools – The Parish Council had put forward a motion to the SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) Conference that 'SALC urges NALC (National Association of Local Councils) to lobby government to bring in a requirement that all domestic swimming pools should be the subject of planning permission by the Local Authority'.

Date of next meeting – Monday, 3rd November

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

Parish Plan meeting – A well-attended meeting on Monday 13th October decided that further investigations were required, by speaking to parishes who had already produced a Plan, to evaluate whether producing a Parish Plan for an already vibrant village was relevant.

KEEPING DOGS COSY

Have you any old duvets, blankets or towels hidden away? If so the East Suffolk Dog Rescue would like them to provide winter warmth for their charges. Please leave anything at Dutch House or give me a call and I will pick them up. Many thanks.

Mary King (724590)

SUFFOLK CHURCHES' CYCLE RIDE

A total of £1202 was raised this year, half of which goes to St Andrews. It is now time to thank the cyclists for collecting the money and their sponsors for their splendid generosity.

Margot and Maurice Godbold

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
BONFIRE NIGHT Wednesday 5th On the Cliff Field
BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL Saturday 8th 10am Village Hall
LUNCH CLUB Friday 14th 12.30 Village Hall
WILDFOWLERS' QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 22nd Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 20th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 7th and 21st 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE Sunday 9th 10.50am
At Holy Trinity, Blythburgh

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CHURCH MATTERS

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Julie Winyard Tel.722178

SERVICES

- 02 All Saints Day 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd David Eaton
- 09 Remembrance 1050 at Blythburgh
1800 Choral Evensong for Remembrance
Preacher The Revd Brian Fisher
- 16 2nd before Advent 1100 Morning Prayer
Preacher The Revd Simon Ward
- 23 Christ the King 0930 Choral Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd David Eaton
- 30 1st of Advent 0930 Choral Eucharist
Celebrants Brian Fisher/Julie Eaton
- Every Tuesday 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesday 1000 Holy Communion 1662
Wednesday (5th) Healing Service with CW

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It is Blythburgh's turn to hold the official Remembrance Service at 10.50am with the two minutes silence at 11 am.

Choral Evensong in Walberswick at 6pm will also celebrate Remembrance with the well-known hymns and the anthems

For The Fallen and Had We But Harkened.

Julia Josephs

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

It was a busy and successful weekend, and thanks are due to all involved. First to Christine and her hard-working kitchen staff who provided such a delicious supper; to the hall decorators and charming waitresses; and to the Wenhaston Girls' Choir.

Thanks also to my band of flower arrangers; and to all the friends who donated tinned food and produce for us to distribute to St John's Housing Trust in Lowestoft. Finally and not least: to Julia Josephs and the choir for rounding off this enjoyable weekend at Evensong. Well done, everyone!

Mary King

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Our Coffee Morning on October 18th raised £803. Many thanks to all those who attended.

Maureen Thompson

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Last month Val Sulch from Middleton gave a very interesting talk with slides about Chalk Horses and Standing Stones.

On Thursday 13th November at 2.30pm we hold our AGM. This will be preceded by a talk by Priscilla and Michael Carter who will be telling us about their work with the Mercy Ships, supplying medical aid to the Third World.

Do come along and join us in the Village Hall.

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

*'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun...'*

So wrote the poet John Keats about autumn and much more beside in the remaining verses of his ode, verses that were superbly reflected in the decorations in our church for this year's services of harvest thanksgiving. We were delighted by the floral decorations that appeared in our ancient church and acknowledge, with grateful thanks, those who worked so hard to achieve such a high standard of beauty.

Our thanks to Patsy Murray and the band who played for us at the morning service, and to Julia Josephs and the augmented choir in the evening. Similarly, I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make our Harvest Supper such a great success. Fifty-eight people sat down to enjoy what one person described as a sumptuous spread, created and prepared lovingly by Christine and her band of helpers. My thanks, too, to Jana Rowland who, at very short notice, brought along some of the young girls from The Wenhaston Girls' Choir to entertain us.

Our November Luncheon Club is to take place on Friday, 14th November, at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

On Sunday 2nd November the annual Sole Bay Team service for All Souls Day will take place at 3.00pm at St Margaret's Church Reydon. This is the service that gives people an opportunity to remember loved ones who have died in recent years and to light a candle in their memory.

The Blythburgh/Walberswick Remembrance Day service will take place at Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh, 10.50am on 9th November.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

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RUBY AND HER HORSES

This is Neil Lanham's true life narrative of stories that were told to him by his Mother Ruby. The show covers the period just before the First World War and on through the agricultural depression of the 1930s. The production is supported by a PowerPoint presentation of Ruby's own photographs, digitally enhanced for the big screen, and each story is followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard.

This unique show is coming to Walberswick for the Xmas celebration of the Walberswick Local History Group on **Monday 8th December, 7.00 for 7.30pm**. This is a **Free** evening open to the public which includes a glass of wine and a finger buffet; there will also be a raffle. Admission is by (free) ticket only as numbers are limited. Please ask or phone me to reserve your tickets. This show sells out wherever it goes!

Philip Kett (723800)

SANDERLINGS PRESENTS ...

So What Do We Do About Henry? This is a comedy, set in Cornwall during the '80's. It will be performed (on the stage!) in The Village Hall from 27th -30th January 2009. There will be a Gala Dinner to open the show on Wednesday 27th at 7.00pm (second course during interval). Show 8.00pm. £18 per head. Other performances: Thursday 28th, Friday 29th, Saturday 30th January, 7.30pm.

£8.00 adults, £6.00 under 12's.

Tickets will be on sale at the Tuck Shop from 22nd December 2008. Book early to avoid disappointment, especially for the Gala Evening as tickets are limited. Offers of help always greatly appreciated.

Val Anderson (723609)

Julia Sowerbutts (723179)

VILLAGE NEWS ADVERTISEMENTS

Bookings for these are now due: a back page advert is £30 for 12 months running from January. Current advertisers should rebook as soon as possible, as the deadline for 2009 adverts is December 15th.

Please contact the advertising manager:

Jane Kirkeby (01502 723079)

Email: janebart@tiscali.co.uk

BONFIRE THANKS

Many thanks to the usual team of volunteers who helped to ensure we had another successful November 5th Bonfire and firework display. Special thanks to Sue at the Bell who provided the delicious soup, to Philip Kett who led the firework team and spent many hours clearing the bonfire site, and to Gill and Nick Jones for having our donations box in the Tuck Shop. The money raised from donations, sale of food and the collection on the night should be enough to cover this year's expenses. We hope you enjoyed the display.

The Bonfire Committee

BONFIRE ROCKET

The annual November 5th celebration is organised by a group of volunteers (most of whom qualify for a bus pass) who have to ensure the site is cleared after the event. The dumping of inappropriate material on the bonfire makes clearing up a very difficult task. This year glass jars, concrete, metal trays, an aerosol, plastic sacks of wet leaves and wet grass plus tree stumps and tree trunks (mainly leylandii) were put on the bonfire: these did not burn and had to be cleared away. The irresponsible actions of a few (*you know who you are*) will make restrictions necessary next year. We may even need to ask for on-the-spot donations for large loads.

David Webb

The Bonfire Committee

CANCER RESEARCH UK

We are holding our annual fundraising mini-market on Saturday 6th December from 10.00-12.00 in the Village Hall. Entry is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. There will be a variety of stalls including Fancy Goods, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Things for Kids, Christmas Decorations, and Homemade Cakes. You might find something special to bid on in the Silent Auction or win a prize in the Raffle! There will also be Cancer Research Christmas Cards on sale. Come and support this very worthy cause.

Betsy Lemmon

BINGO!

Come along to the Village Hall on Monday 29th December for an end of year Bingo bonanza! Doors open at 4.30pm and the games start at 5.00 going on to 7pm.

Mark Aldridge

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 3RD NOVEMBER, 2008

Planning – The Parish Council opposed the application at Hidden Hut, The Green to build a two-and-a-half storey dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished). There had been six letters of objection to the proposal.

Sports field – The Parish Council was very disappointed at the turn-out of young people to help clear the gorse around the playing field on Saturday 25th October. A dozen or so ‘pensioners’ (apart from two) made a really good effort to clear the gorse and are still removing thorns from their fingers two weeks later! A special thanks to Hugh Smiley for helping transport the gorse from the field to the bonfire site in his recently acquired lorry!

Sports field – Whilst clearing the gorse it was noticed that, despite all the notices, dogs’ excrement was lying around the new play area. This means that the Parish Council will have to fence it off. Councillor K Webb agreed to cost the task.

Beach Clean – This was well attended. Thanks to all those who helped.

Shop area – Village Green - It had been reported that vehicles were still crossing the small area of green opposite the shops after making deliveries. Councillor Tibbles agreed to place two more posts in this area to prevent this recurring.

Sea defences – Councillor D Webb reported that a newsletter would be coming out shortly on the progress of the sea defences.

Vivien Hunt (Clerk to Council)

Carols around the Christmas Tree

This will take place at the Green on Monday 22nd December at 7pm followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Vivien Hunt

SUE & PAUL AT THE BELL

If you wanted good food with some fine wine as well
Or a fish-and-chip supper at which they excel,
Or some chatter from locals your gloom to dispel,
And support for collections, and treasures to sell,
Then you’d only to ask Sue and Paul at The Bell.
It’s a shame you’ve decided to bid us farewell.
You won’t be forgotten – there’ll be stories to tell!
The village will miss you; we wish you both well!

TONY WHITTENBURY

I would like to thank everybody for the wonderful cards, letters and flowers I received after Tony's death. You recalled him making the mechanism and housing for the village scroll, along with the restoration of the slipway winch. He always seemed to be able to produce the right tool to repair various boats, cars etc. and, in some cases even manufacture the broken part. His photography of village events, I am assured, will act as his memorial for lots of people. Thank you for all these memories and more: they are a great comfort to me.

Jill Whittenbury

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

First Responders is a community-based support system which gives backup to the 999 Service. Walberswick does not have this system in place, so everybody is invited to learn about it at the Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm on Thursday 11th December. It will show up-to-date life support techniques and demonstrate a talking defibrillator - an amazing piece of lifesaving equipment which other villages have available.

Irene Prince (723743)

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION?

Every Tuesday at 9.15 a.m. in the village hall we spend an hour exercising with Mark, our gifted instructor. Our numbers are dropping to single figures: if we do not use this opportunity we could lose it, so come and join us! Only £5 per session.

Jenny Cardwell

WHAT’S ON THIS MONTH

GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm
HISTORY GROUP OPEN CELEBRATION Monday 8th 7pm Village Hall
LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATION Thursday 11th 7.30pm Village Hall
CHRISTMAS LUNCH/CLUB Friday 12th 12.30 Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 18th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
PILATES Thursdays 8.45am CHIBALL 10.00am Village Hall
LIBRARY BUS Alternate Fridays 5th and 19th 1.55-2.55pm at the Green
BINGO NIGHT Monday 29th 4.30pm Village Hall

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PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

DAMAGE TO SEA DEFENCES

The influx of summer visitors inflicts a lot of wear and tear on the dunes and shingle ridge (our sea defence line). Bonfires, camping and digging cause most of the damage and the Parish Council is also concerned at the litter, cans and broken bottles left by irresponsible late night revellers.

It is unfortunate that the Environment Agency does nothing to enforce Land Drainage and Sea Defence Byelaws under which it is an offence to damage the sea defences or vegetation growing on them. However we can all do our bit by asking visitors to treat our environment with care and respect.

Bonfires are permitted on the beach (but NOT the dunes or shingle ridge) **with the prior permission of the appropriate District Council** (WDC for harbour to beach huts and SCDC from beach huts to Dunwich). The HM Coastguard also has to be informed.

The Parish Council has requested that Cliff Field car park be closed overnight at weekends, and other times as necessary, to try and reduce incidents of late night vandalism. Any inconvenience this may cause to those who like a late evening or early morning walk on the beach, is much regretted.

HEDGES AND HIGHWAYS

Please make sure your hedges are not hanging out over the roadways, effectively making the road even narrower. With a lot of visitors and traffic in the village it is important to keep hedges trimmed back.

TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

There have been reports of trees being removed or pruned in the village Conservation Area possibly without planning permission. The Parish Council has obtained the following regulations imposed by Suffolk Council to which all residents should adhere. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution.

1. Any tree with a girth of more than 75mm (about the size of a baked bean tin) at breast height should have permission before being felled or pruned.
2. Permission should be requested at least six weeks before the planned felling or pruning.
3. Permission will normally be granted by letter.
4. Permission may be given by e-mail or telephone, but this will be recorded by the Tree Preservation Officer at Suffolk Coastal.

The number to ring for advice is 01394 444420.

PALMERS LANE/BAILEY BRIDGE TRACK

The Environment Agency should now be back on site to complete their work on Palmers Lane/Bailey Bridge track. This will include re-profiling the bank, facing with clay, seeding with grass, repairs to the road and resurfacing with "tarmac". Use of the track will be restricted during the works, which should be completed by mid July.

Walberswick Parish Council

QUIZ NIGHT



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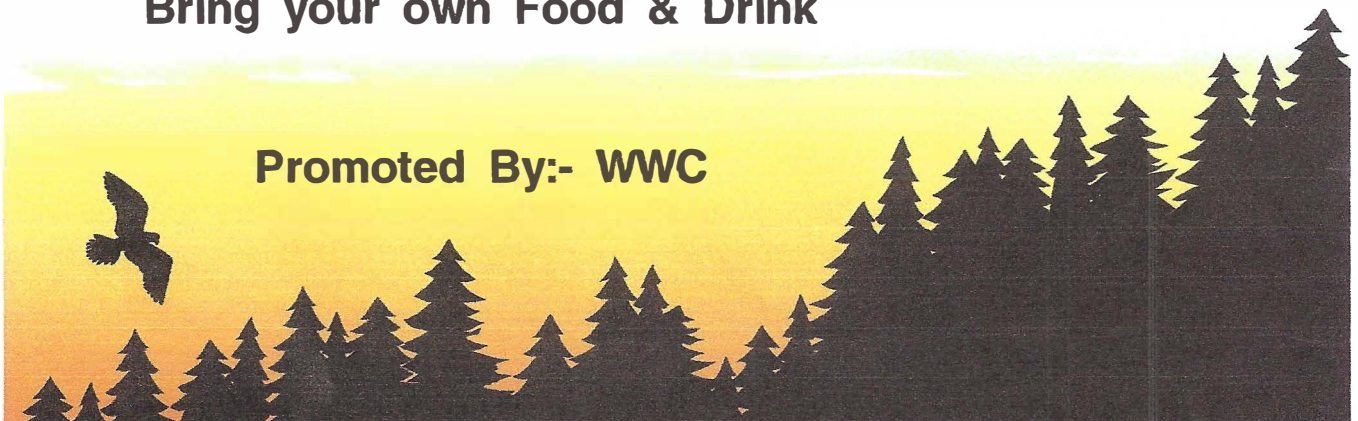
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SERVICES

**07 Advent 2 1030 Deanery Confirmation
St Edmund's Southwold - Bishop Nigel**

14 Advent 3 0930 Sung Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

1800 Choral Evensong

Preacher The Revd Leonard Payne

21 Advent 4 0930 Sung Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Heather Turner

**21 at 6pm Service of Lessons & Carols by
candlelight**

24 at 4.30pm Crib Service

25 Christmas Day 0930 Family Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

28 Christmas 1 0930 Sung Eucharist

Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

Tuesday 2, 9, 16 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Evensong Choir are including two new carols for the Candlelight Service on December 21st at 6 o'clock:

"Starry night o'er Bethlehem" and "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head". Also included are new arrangements with the congregation of "Ding dong! Merrily on High" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". There are 10 Readers taking part in this wonderful service and all under the guidance of Brian and the organ!

Julia Josephs

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A reminder of times and dates:

November 23rd and 30th; December 7th (St Edmunds Church Southwold, as there is a Confirmation Service led by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich at 10.30. Please let me know if you would like a lift); December 14th and 21st; January 4th is the start date for next term.

Age groups and times are as follows:

High school 10.00 till 10.45

Primary school 10.45 till 11.30

Looking forward to seeing you in the Village Hall Annex for fun activities with Bible stories, prayers and songs. Please give me a call if you would like further information.

Julie Winyard (722178 or 0775 3980427)

CHRISTMAS HOLLY & CHURCH MUGS

As usual I will be putting out holly on the grass outside our garage. You are welcome to make up your own bunch of Christmas greenery, and give a donation to St Andrew's Church. China Church mugs are still for sale at £6 from Tinkers on the Green or myself.

Elizabeth Leighton (724534)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In November we had a most interesting talk about the work of the Mercy Ship off the African coast. Priscilla and Michael Carter explained that the work varies from the building of schools to eye clinics and medical treatments including surgery.

On Thursday December 11th in the Village Hall we hold our Christmas Meeting at noon for 12.30pm lunch and games, plus mince pies and coffee.

Members should try to attend the coffee morning on Friday December 5th at 11am in the Village Hall Annex. We will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on Resolutions to go forward to the National Conference at the Albert Hall in London in June 2009.

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

To everything there is a season... well, there is but sometimes the seasons seem to merge in to one another or tumble on top of each other. As I write this we are enjoying a wonderfully bright mild November day with the leaves still showing their glorious colours, yet when you read it we will be looking forward to the bleak midwinter and Christmastime with all that that entails. To children of course, the wait for the change in seasons, promised holidays and the excitement of Christmas seems interminable, but it does seem that time truly flies as we get older, and of course for some the anticipation of Christmas brings anxieties, perhaps over extra work, the loss of a loved one, financial pressures or separation from family members. But Christians believe that God revealed his love for us in his Son Jesus Christ, who would die to redeem our sins and whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. That is certainly worth looking forward to and celebrating, and at St Andrew's we are very much looking forward to hearing the Christmas Story at our services beginning with Carols and readings by candlelight on 21st December; details of this and all the Christmas services are elsewhere on this page and everyone will be made welcome.

As well as Christmas we have a wedding to look forward to, on 13th December at 3.00pm. Please remember Matthew Crosby & Polly Robinson as they prepare for their big day and their married life together. Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas,

Brian Fisher

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Post Office Update

Due to concerns many are expressing we have been asked to give you all an update on the changes to the Post Office services within the village

After a further review the service within the village is to be changed to an out-reach service for 10 hours a week. Post Office Ltd has agreed to relax some of their original stipulations particularly regarding the Disability compliance. With this new flexibility we have requested that they work with us and consider operating these services within the shop. This will require a re-gig of the shop as one aspect that is not acceptable to PO Ltd is for the service to remain behind the screens in its present position. We will also have to form a working relationship with the new core Postmaster, as ultimately it is his decision.

There have been a lot of requests for more details of the services to be provided within the out reach facility. Whilst these are restricted, there may be a degree of flexibility dependent upon the core Postmaster.

PO Ltd is at present working on the outright closures taking place in February (i.e. those where no out-reach is to be provided). They will then start to implement the out-reach changes for Wangford and Wrentham. At present no core Postmaster has agreed to accept Walberswick for out-reach facilities, but two will have been interviewed by the time you read this.

We strongly urge you to continue using your Post Office, as we are concerned that if PO Ltd can show people are making alternative arrangements the service may be reduced or lost altogether.

We had planned to give you a more detailed report at the Parish Council's proposed Parish meeting on the 23rd January. Sadly it did not take place, but we will give more details at the at the Parish Council meeting on Monday the 4th February 7.30pm as the situation is to be discussed.

N & G Jones