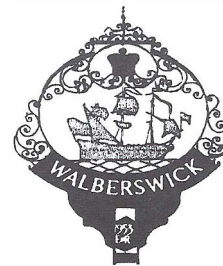


VILLAGE NEWS



JANUARY 2012 ISSUE 179

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

OPEN GARDENS

The success of this summer's garden venture, and all the very positive feedback we have received, has prompted the Village Hall Committee to plan a similar event in two years' time. We know that gardening is a long-term process so we are giving advance notice that it will be on **22/23 June 2013**. It will be lovely to see the progress made by the gardens we saw this year, and we would welcome new ones too. Meanwhile, enjoy the gardening catalogues as you relax by the fire during the long dark winter evenings.
Village Hall Management Committee

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our film for 15 January is *Invictus* (Latin: unconquerable, undefeated) about Nelson Mandela's bid, during the 1995 Rugby World Cup, to promote racial harmony in South Africa through the Springboks rugby team with its one black player. Nominated for 2 Oscars, the film is directed by Clint Eastwood, starring Morgan Freeman as Mandela with Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar, the team captain. The season's film shows continue on 19 February, 18 March and 15 April, so it's not too late to pay your subscription for this season. Members pay £2.00 admission and non-members £4.00. Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm. Guests welcome.
The Film Club Committee

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

The 6th Village Christmas production, a family musical, takes place at the Village Hall on 1-5 February. Information and tickets from **The Tuck Shop** or **Jean Waller (07889452822)**.

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PROBLEMS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

Initially there was a planning application objected to by a number of people, some particularly strongly. The Parish Council also objected to the initial application, but not in the terms a small group of objectors wished. As a result, that group bombarded the Council with numerous letters, some of which were personal in nature. They then started to try to undermine the Council, making mountains out of small errors and demanding records of discussions that were not recorded. The volume of correspondence was taking up so much of the Clerk's time that normal Council work was placed in jeopardy. The Council took legal advice and then informed those concerned that the Council would no longer correspond with them on the basis that their requests were vexatious and/or repetitive. Unfortunately that advice was procedurally incorrect and led to the objectors making complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) as they were entitled to do, saying their requests under the Freedom of Information Act and similar legislation were not being dealt with.

Dealing with the objectors and ICO has resulted in the new Clerk having to work well in excess of her normal hours, for which she has to be paid. This, together with a drop in income compared with last year and the need to put aside £800 for an election in February, has seriously affected the Council financially. Routine meetings have been cut: the Clerk's time saved can be used to deal with this correspondence and hopefully satisfy the objectors. The Law requires the Clerk to respond; it is in the hands of the four main objectors to stop the correspondence.

It is vital, for the good of the village, that time on these issues is reduced. The Parish Plan is expected to be finalised around Easter and will recommend the Council undertake or lead many beneficial projects for the village. It would be a great pity if that has to be set aside in favour of continuing this correspondence which effectively deals only with the past.

David Webb, Chairman; Jane Gomm, Clerk
Walberswick Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5 DECEMBER 2011

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council has given permission for the following: the retention of a boiler flue on a barn at the **Stables**; the erection of extensions and alterations at **Little Meadow, The Street**; a dormer window in **2 The Terrace**; and the reduction in height and spread of a sycamore tree at **Saltlick, Leveretts Lane**.

The Council raised no objection to the erection of a two storey extension at **Holly Cottage, The Street**; and the erection of extensions to the house and garage at **South Close, Leveretts Lane**.

The Council objected to the grant of planning permission for extensions at **3 Millstones, Millfield Road**. The Council also decided to write in support of Suffolk Coastal District Council to the Planning Inspectorate concerning an appeal relating to **Plot 1, Land North of Alexandra Cottage**.

Financial Matters: The Council made some very uncomfortable financial decisions. The precept (which is the amount the District Council obtains on behalf of the Parish as part of the council tax) for the financial year 2012-2013 was agreed at £16,000. It is a very large increase on this year's precept. It has been caused by a number of matters including the anticipated use of all the Council's reserves this year. Most of the additional costs incurred this year relate to the need to deal with very high volumes of requests for information made under the Freedom of Information Act and similar legislation. In order to try to reduce costs it has been agreed not to hold any routine meetings until April 2012. Delegated powers have been given to me to carry on with Parish Council work and I will call meetings if necessary.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council (01502 723294) wpcclerk@btinternet.com

COMMON LANDS CHARITY REPORT

Negotiations continue for the transfer of the Heritage Hut from Suffolk County Council to the Charity. The Bennett's Drift storage building is now fully let. A feasibility study is underway to take over the East Point (crabbing) bridge from the Environment Agency. Some of the large gorse on the Common will be removed by heavy machinery in the coming weeks. Donations are being made to local hospitals, schools and other bodies that serve the Village community. The Charity has supported the establishment of a children's play group. Barbara Priestman is retiring after 20 years as a Co-optative Trustee: we will all miss her. Keith Webb will be replacing her as Trustee and James Darkins will take over as Chairman. Relief in need is one of the Charity's main objectives and requests for assistance by individuals and local groups are carefully considered by the Trustees

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk (724448)

ART SHOW

An exhibition of works showing the landscape and fauna around Walberswick by Bill Ungless, will be at the Cut, Halesworth, from 6 January to 4 February 2012. A preview with drinks will be held on Saturday 7 January from 12-2pm.

WALBERSWICK WEBSITE

The new village website is up and running!

<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net> Please send us dates for the diary and pictures for the galleries.

Kay Ungless: admin@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

Helen Baxter: diary@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk,

Claire Whittenbury: galleries@walberswick.gov.uk

WALBERSWICK SEED SWAP

The annual Walberswick Seed Swap will be held from 10am - 1pm on Saturday 18 February 2012 in the Village Hall. Discover new plant varieties, consider planting a wildflower patch, and pick up a few unusual seed potatoes. Don't worry if you haven't any seeds to swap: you can still take away a selection for a small donation. Refreshments will be available, and all are welcome to this free event.

Caroline Gilby (725416)

Betsy Lemmon (722384)

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

I have today banked £1993.04 which represents this summer's takings on my bookstall. Many thanks to all who contributed. I understand genetic trials are taking place to address this disease and an effort is being made to complete these trials. Please, no more books until the summer, and thank you again.

Toby Robinson

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 13th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Fridays 13th & 27th 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 19th 9.15 *Note earlier time (Ring 724763 to book)*

KEEP FIT Tuesdays Stretch 9.15-10.15, Tone 10.30-11.30 Village Hall

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/walberswickpc

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 5 January 2012 sees the start of our New Year's programme with a visit from Russell Stone: he will talk to us about making violins and the history of Woodbridge Violins.

We will also be taking bookings for our New Year's lunch at the Wentworth on Friday 20 January. Bookings for 10-Pin Bowling on Tuesday 31 January will also be taken. Come and join us in the Village hall at 2.30pm. for an exciting start to 2012 !!

Irene Prince

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens: Christine Fisher (723023)
Christine Reeves (723351)

JANUARY SERVICES

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|----|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Christmas 2 | 1000 Family Team HC
at Southwold |
| | | Richard Henderson & Simon Pitcher |
| 8 | Epiphany | 0930 Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | The Revd Brian Fisher |
| | ALSO | 1800 Choral Evensong |
| | Preacher | The Revd Simon Pitcher |
| 15 | Epiphany 2 | 1100 Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | The Revd Simon Pitcher |
| 22 | Epiphany 3 | 0930 Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | The Revd Brian Fisher |
| 29 | Epiphany 4 | 0930 Sung Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | The Revd Simon Pitcher |

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

Wednesday (4th) Healing Service with CW (said)

THE 2011 CAROL SERVICE

There are always so many people to praise and thank after the service of Lessons and Carols, but this year a special mention of the excellent readers. Theirs is a lonely task as they rehearse in a freezing cold church, subject to much criticism. However, enormous thanks to everyone and that must include the tremendous congregation!

Julia Josephs

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Once again there was enormous generosity in support of our troops and their families. Combined with Blythburgh the Poppy Appeal raised £2205 which included £777 raised at the coffee morning. Thank you to all who contributed time, effort and money.

Judith Hetherington

Hon. Poppy Appeal Organiser

CANCER RESEARCH

Many thanks to all who supported the Mini Market this year. We raised an amazing £2200 on the morning! With pre-sales and donations we hope to send a £2400 cheque to Cancer Research. We are grateful to the generosity of the community and volunteers who contributed their time and goods for the stalls.

Betsy Lemmon

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

A big thank-you to all who donated to my stall at Dutch House and who purchased the garden products. The grand sum of £647. 35. has been sent to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Mary King

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Mindful of the fact that the recently published Parish Plan for Walberswick expresses a desire that the Church building be used to the best possible extent for the whole community, the Parochial Church Council is to begin 2012 with an "away day". What we hope to achieve on our day (we are only going as far as Southwold!) is to think carefully about what we do and how we might do it better.

We will give some thought to the building. Heating, lighting and comfort are important if the building is to be used to a greater extent. Inevitably with old buildings, any improvements are always expensive, so fund-raising and finance might be on our agenda.

We might also spend some time thinking about worship, what we do, and when. Our thoughts will hopefully enable us to come up with some practical steps that will help the church family to continue to play a vital role in community life – not just in 2012 but for many years to come. If anyone has any suggestions for things that they might like to see at St Andrews, please let us know.

Revd Simon Pitcher

The Luncheon Club will take place on 13 January at 12.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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• Registered Charity No 206095

ANNUAL DROP-IN MORNING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20 10:00 – 12:00

VILLAGE HALL ANNEX

At this year's Annual Parish Meeting the Trustees made a commitment to increase the transparency of the Charity. We already publish the donations we make to worthy causes however for reasons of confidentiality we never reveal the support provided to individuals in the Village. Likewise as the largest landowner in the Village, with over 65 neighbours, we occasionally deal with issues which are confidential between us and our neighbours. It is for these reasons that the Trustees hold their meetings in private. However the Trustees are conscious that they are ultimately accountable to the Village as a whole and are determined to increase transparency wherever they can.

The increased transparency started with the bi-monthly reports of our meetings in the Village News and continues with our first annual drop-in morning where the Trustees will be available to talk about the work of the Charity and to answer your questions. The format will be informal, tea and coffee will be provided, everyone is welcome and we look forward to your feedback so that we can ensure the event meets your needs in future years.

BACKGROUND TO THE CHARITY

The formal origins of the Charity, or 'the Trust' as it is frequently referred to, go back to 1901 when a Scheme was established for the "*regulation and administration of the Charity known as the Common Lands in the Parish of Walberswick in the County of Suffolk and for the application of income thereof*". The Charity's lands and property include; the large heath land known as 'the Common'; the grazing marshes SW of the River Blyth; much of the salt marshes behind the beach; the Ferry Road car park and areas occupied by the houses and huts alongside the river; the Cliff Field car park and surrounding area; Bennett's Copse and Drift plus the Potters Wheel cafe and the Lantern Gallery on the Green.

The largest source of the Charity's income is from Walberswick Car Parks Limited, which is a company controlled by the Charity. The policies of the Company are set by its volunteer Directors and it has been managed over the summer months by the Operations Manager, Mr John Harris.

The work of the Charity is governed by the Scheme and by the Charities Act 2006. The priorities of the Charity are laid down by the Scheme and in order of priority these are; maintenance of our land and buildings, providing support to individuals in need and finally providing general benefit to the inhabitants of Walberswick. These priorities are managed by the Trustees who meet formally six times a year. The Charity is administered on a day to day basis by our Clerk, Mrs Jayne Tibbles.

The Trustees comprise four Nominative Trustees appointed by Walberswick Parish Council; two Co-optative Trustees appointed by the Trustees themselves and one Ex-officio Trustee, the Vicar of Walberswick (or equivalent). Following the death of Keith Webb there is a vacancy for a Trustee and if you are interested in finding out more about this worthwhile role please contact the Chairman or Clerk, or come to our drop-in morning.

Further information about the background of the Charity, its policies and how to approach the Charity if you need our support can be found at our website:

<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-common-lands-charity>

WALLY'S BRIDGE

Last year the Environment Agency announced that it was intending to remove the bridge over the Dunwich River adjacent to Eastpoint in order to save maintenance costs. This is an important resource for the community and economy of the Village. It is one of the two crossing points from the Ferry Road car park to the beach and is also a significant tourist attraction in its own right, attracting hundreds of crabbing enthusiasts each year.

Given the significance of the bridge to the Village we are pleased to report that, subject to contract, terms have been agreed with the Environment Agency for transfer of the bridge to the Charity. However this is not the end of the story, the bridge is in a very poor state of repair so we are in the process of obtaining the required planning consent and finalising terms with a specialist marine contractor. These works will result in the bridge looking substantially the same as it does today, although safer and stronger.

With regard to funding, the agreement is that the Environment Agency will meet 50% of the estimated costs; the Charity 25% with the remaining 25% being met by very kind donations from the Freud and the Fincham families. Hopefully this will be sufficient however there may be a need for further public fund raising if the condition of the bridge proves worse than anticipated.

Finally, it has been agreed by Trustees that the refurbished bridge will be named '*Wally's Bridge*' as a lasting memorial to the late Keith Webb which seems appropriate given his love of the sea, his 30 year association with crabbing and his long service as a Trustee of the Charity.

THE COMMON

We are very fortunate that our former Chairman, Barbara Priestman, has agreed to take on the role of Volunteer Warden responsible for conservation and maintenance of the Common. Barbara will be at the drop-in morning and available to talk about the issues facing the Common and the options she is considering.

One major issue is controlling silver birch which is very aggressively trying to colonise the Common. One possible option is to fence off areas for grazing animals that would eat the silver birch, similar to the approach taken in Dunwich Forest. However this could restrict access and impact dog walkers, so Barbara would welcome your ideas and feedback.

Barbara would also welcome members to join her band of volunteers who valiantly battle against gorse and birch every Wednesday afternoon during the winter months.

CHARITY CONTACTS

Trustees:

N *Mr Clive Brynley-Jones*

N *Mrs Madeline Dabbs*

N *Mr James Darkins (Chairman)*

EO *Rev Brian Fisher*

C *Mrs Kate Goodchild (Chairman Walberswick Car Parks Ltd)*

N *Mr Nigel Hunt*

C *Vacancy*

Clerk:

Mrs Jayne Tibbles

Lima Cottage

Ferry Road

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N – Nominative Trustee; C – Co-optative Trustee; EO – Ex-officio Trustee

JD - October 2012

We also have some reserves.

£46595 restricted and only available for use on fabric repairs to the church building.

£4670 endowment funds from which only the income generated can be spent each year.

£4514 designated by the donor/PCC for a specific purpose

£14375 unrestricted general funds.

St Andrews Expenditure 2011

Church maintenance, insurance, heating & light;
£4938

Contribution to the Diocese & team for costs of clergy £24265

Church Repairs, costs of raising funds, administration etc £1871

Total Annual Cost of Running St Andrews in 2011 £31074

There was an operating loss in 2011 of £1235

This level of loss has been ongoing each year for several years and is met from our unrestricted funds. We need to balance the books in order to preserve our bank balance. We therefore need to **increase our annual income by around £1500** to make ends meet.

In 2012 our Architect identified some repairs that are needed to the fabric of the building. These will cost about £25000.

We are also considering some enhancements to the church building. Possibilities include a kitchen in the base of the tower so that we can offer refreshments after services and concerts etc.

The church heating is very old, inadequate and in need of replacement. We would like to install a sound system to improve audibility at church services. These things will cost in the region of a further £20000.

Since the last budget all works are now subject to 20% VAT, which we can reclaim, but there is no certainty that any claim will be paid, because the government has set a cap on the level of VAT refunds that it will pay.

Can you help us?

There are several ways in which you can help secure a healthy future for St Andrews as a facility for the whole community.

Become a regular giver
Review your existing contribution.
Make a special donation
Consider making a legacy

If you can help us please contact Rev Simon Pitcher at The Vicarage,
Gardner Road, Southwold IP18 6HJ 01502 725424
e mail RevSimon@talktalk.net



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WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our film for 19 February is *Bride and Prejudice*. Love eventually conquers all in this acclaimed film from Gurinder Chadha, the director of *Bend It Like Beckham*. This modern musical retelling of Jane Austen's classic *Pride and Prejudice* is a hilariously entertaining tale. A love/hate relationship ignites between a small-town beauty (Aishwarya Rai) and a wealthy American (Martin Henderson) who is visiting her modest Indian village. In a swirl of music, dance, and comic misunderstandings, these opposites continue to attract and repel each other in a riotous romance.

Chadha transplants the traditional tale of manners to colourful India, infusing the story with the energy of some rousing dance numbers, bright saris, orange marigolds, magnificent elephants, and the stunning star, Aishwarya Rai herself.

Village Hall 7 for 7.30pm. Guests welcome.

Film Club Committee

EVE BLOOMFIELD

Mrs Bloomfield has recently hung up her mop and retired after over 25 years being employed by Suffolk Coastal District Council to take care of the public toilets near the Village Hall. Eve took great pride in her work and even when the facilities had been left in the most appalling mess she managed to remain cheerful. Although not in the best of health in recent times, she still cycled up and down from her home in Church Lane to attend diligently to her duties. Eve also looked after the bus shelter by the church. On behalf of villagers and visitors alike, I thank Eve for her work over the years and wish her a long and peaceful retirement.

David Webb

Chairman, Walberswick Parish Council.

BARBARA PRIESTMAN

After 20 years service as a Trustee of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity, and for the last 14 years Chairman of the Trustees, Barbara has decided it is time for her to retire from those roles. In addition to her work as Chair of the Trustees, Barbara represented the Charity on the Village Hall Management Committee, the Board of the Car Park Company and the Walberswick Sea Defence Group. Her calm and reasoned leadership will be missed by the Charity. Barbara's work for the village goes back even further because, prior to becoming a Trustee of the Charity, Barbara was for some time Clerk to the Parish Council.

Although no longer a Trustee, Barbara will continue working with the WCLC as Volunteer Warden of the Common, and will lead the Winter Wednesday team of volunteers in clearance and maintenance tasks.

I am sure all parishioners will join me in thanking Barbara for her long and dedicated service on behalf of the village.

David Webb

Chairman, Walberswick Parish Council

WALBERSWICK SEED SWAP

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Caroline Gilby (725416)

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16 JANUARY 2012

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council has given permission for: the erection of a two storey extension at **Holly Cottage, The Street**; the erection of various extensions to house and garage at **South Close, Leveretts Lane**; the erection of various extensions, demolitions, removals and alterations at **Rosemary Cottage, The Street**; the erection of extensions at **3 Millstones, Millfield Road**. The Council raised no objection to the erection of an extension and minor alterations at **Redmay, Lodge Road**.

Financial Matters: The Council has received £2,600 in anonymous donations which have been paid into the Community Benefit Fund.

Complaints procedure: A procedure for dealing with complaints was adopted and will be placed on notice boards and the website.

Election to fill two Councillor vacancies: This was to have been held on 2 February following the request by 10 electors for an election. Unfortunately no-one was nominated to stand. It is important that people stand for election as the Council is prohibited from co-opting Councillors now the election request has been made. Notices of election will be erected soon after 2 February. There will be a very short time period in which to nominate someone or to seek nomination so please start thinking now if you would like to be nominated or start persuading someone you think would make a good Councillor. It is your opportunity to ensure that your views are represented on the Council.

New Walberswick website: Kay Ungless has been working extremely hard to produce a really successful new website. It includes information on the Parish Plan, the Walberswick Common Lands Charity and the Parish Council. There are wonderful photographs and art work displayed, a village events diary and news section. You can find it at <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net> Thank you, Kay.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council
(723294 or wpcclerk@btinternet.com)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMON LANDS CHARITY TRUSTEE

After previous advertisement, Walberswick Parish Council intended, at its meeting on 16 January, to appoint a Nominative Trustee with effect from 1 January 2012. There were no applicants.

If you would now like to be considered, please inform the Clerk of the Parish Council **in writing** on or before **Monday 27 February 2012**. You may also contact **Jayne Tibbles**, Clerk to the Charity, for further information (724448 or wclc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk).

The date of the new meeting will be advertised. The Council will exclude the public from the meeting during its deliberations on the matter pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Charity manages land and property in order to generate an income that can be distributed to benefit a wide range of individuals and organisations in the village. The Trustees are responsible for making decisions about how this should be done and ensuring they are carried out effectively within Charity Commission guidelines. A range of skills and experience is needed and the Council will need to balance the skills and experience of the existing Trustees with those of any applicant. An enthusiasm for the work of the Trust is a vitally important attribute. Anyone over the age of 18 may apply.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council
Seaspray, Millfield Rd., Walberswick, Suffolk IP18 6UD

16 January 2012

CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE VILLAGE

Those generous people who donated to charity instead of sending local cards raised £135.34 for CancerResearchUK and some also sent to other charities. Thank you very much for your generosity.
Pru & Piers Ford-Crush, Viv & Alvin Hunt.

SALE OF HOLLY

A big "thank-you" to everyone who helped themselves to holly from my gate at Christmas. Donations amounted to £33.96, which has been given to the RNLI.
Dione Shirreff

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 10th 12.30pm Village Hall
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 9 February at 2.30pm is our next meeting: please note change of date due to pantomime commitments at the Village Hall. We have a full afternoon with Graham Higgins JP relating tales from his time on the Bench - with the opportunity for members to be JPs for the afternoon. I can't wait ! Our President will be giving a short talk about her much enjoyed recent visit to Denman College. Don't miss out ! New members and guests always welcome.
Sue Pearson

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FEBRUARY SERVICES

5	3 rd before Lent	1100	Parish Eucharist
	Celebrant		Revd Peter Trendall
12	2 nd before Lent	0930	Parish Eucharist
	Celebrant		Revd Brian Fisher
	<u>also</u>	1800	Choral Evensong
	Preacher		Revd Peter Trendall
19	Sunday before Lent	1100	Parish Eucharist
	Celebrant		Revd Simon Pitcher
22	Ash Wednesday	1930	Team Eucharist
	at <i>Blythburgh</i>		Preacher Revd S Pitcher
	Celebrant		Revd Joan Lyon
26	1 st Sunday of Lent	0930	Parish Communion
	Celebrant		Revd Joan Lyon
	<u>Also</u> <i>Lent Lecture at 1800 in Southwold</i>		
	A cloud of witnesses – Thomas Cranmer		
	Speaker		Archdeacon Judy Hunt
	Tuesdays at 1700		Evening Prayer (said)
	Wednesdays at 1000		Holy Communion 1662 (said)
	Wednesday (1 st)		Healing Service with CW (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

Sara Capon, our flower arranger co-ordinator, and I are hoping to organise this to start in April after Easter. There will be full details in next month's Village News, when we hope many villagers will wish to remember their loved ones or a special occasion in this way.

Julia Josephs

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

A total of £247 was raised from this year's event and by Wally's roving carol-singing team. This has been donated to the East Anglian Children's Hospice. We would like to thank all who contributed.

Alvin Hunt

Vice Chairman, Walberswick Parish Council.

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

At the end of this February an important period in the Church's year, Lent, begins; a period that gives each of us an opportunity to reflect & deepen the spiritual side of our lives. Elsewhere on this page you will see reference to the first of this year's Lent Lectures, which may well give you an opportunity to do just that. For several years these lectures have been organized by the Sole Bay Team in conjunction with the local Methodist, Roman Catholic & United Reform churches. The lectures have proved attractive to a good number of people and not just those who regularly attend their respective churches. Generally the lectures are of a high standard. This year's lectures have as their overall theme *A Cloud of Witnesses*, whereby various speakers will inform us in some depth about five or six people (male & female) who have played an important part nationally in the life of the Church in past years. All the lectures are to be held on Sunday evenings during Lent at Southwold United Reform Church, commencing at 6.00pm. and finishing at approximately 7.00pm. There is always an opportunity to ask questions during the latter part of each evening's lecture.

The Luncheon Club will be meeting on Friday 10 February at 12.30pm. As usual the two course meal followed by tea or coffee will cost you the princely sum of £6. This monthly event is meant for anyone in the village – you do not have to book in advance (December's lunch is the exception to this).

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

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18 December 2011 Baptism

Leigh Ella Walker

28 December 2011 Interment of Ashes

Adam Lindsay Gordon aged 74

9 January 2012 Funeral Service

at Nacton Crematorium

Henry Mounteney Stracey aged 91

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22nd - 11.04/22.58
29th - 02.41/15.11

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THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

A check-suited, boastful, and loose-jointed Toad,
Whose ambitions would make him a hog on the road,
Led an animal team all absorbed in their parts,
Where even the weasels found warmth in our hearts.
The horse was a winner in looks and in actions,
Just one of the many and varied attractions.
The boat across stage was convincingly rowed,
A chase through the village would capture poor Toad.
We all felt so happy we wanted to sing,
The music that thrilled us was fit for a King.
We'd so gladly see it again and again,
The verdict has got to be ten out of ten !

*(All seats were filled for every show,
The Village Hall was bursting;
If there's another on the go,
For tickets we'll be thirsting)*

G.G.

A BIG THANK-YOU

This seems inadequate to express my huge gratitude to all those who contributed so much to making our production of *The Wind In The Willows* run so smoothly and enjoyably. Your help also sparks great community spirit and these extracts from letters highlight just that: "...I have lived in or around Walberswick all my life and I never felt I belonged until now..." "...this has made me into a different person, thank you..." "...I would just like it to happen every year as I love it!" This makes all your hard work so worthwhile.
Julia Sowerbutts

LATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The sale of my Walberswick Christmas cards raised £68 for the Army Benevolent Fund. Many thanks.
Alan Walpole

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

There will be a showing of the 123-foot scroll in the Village Hall on **Sunday 11 March** between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm - enough time to run it through three times. This detailed record of the houses of the village was painted in watercolour in 1931-32 by Camden Town Group member John Doman Turner.
Richard Scott

POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE

The Post Office has found a Sub-Post Master who is willing to operate an outreach service in Walberswick. A representative from the Post Office has visited the village to look at possible locations for this service. Of particular interest was the location in part of the premises offered by a local business couple. The next step is for the Sub-Post Master (who will operate the service) and Post Office technical staff to visit the premises to confirm it is suitable. If all is agreed it is hoped that the outreach service could begin in April. Further details of the preferred location cannot be given until all has been agreed, but I can say that we are very grateful to the owners for their offer to host the outreach service. I hope we can provide more details in next month's issue of the Village News.

David Webb
Chairman, Walberswick Parish Council

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

At the time of the Golden Jubilee the houses round the Green were decorated with crowns. If anyone still has a crown or knows where any are, would they please let me know? Thanks.
Jayne Tibbles (724448)

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2012

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has given permission for a single storey side extension and minor alterations at **Redmay, Lodge Road**.

The Parish Council raised an objection to an application for the erection of a rockery barn to the rear of **Anchorlea, The Street**. It did not object to the proposed insertion of dormer windows at the rear of **Anchorlea**. It recommended to SCDC that if the proposal were to be granted planning permission it should be subject to a planning agreement to ensure the rockery barn is never sold, leased or otherwise separated from the main dwelling.

The Council were unable to consider the application to erect a timber garage at **Te Awahou, Millfield Road** as three Councillors declared prejudicial interests and one a personal interest. This meant the Council did not have the required quorum, which is three, to discuss the matter.

Election to fill two Councillor vacancies: This is now to be held on 22 March provided candidates come forward.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council

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WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our film for Sunday 18 March is **Oranges & Sunshine**. Directed by Jim Loach (son of Ken), this disturbing and moving film is the real-life story of Margaret Humphreys (played by Emily Watson), a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom mainly to Australia. Against overwhelming odds Margaret reunited thousands of families, and brought worldwide attention to a terrible miscarriage of justice. Children were promised oranges and sunshine: instead they got a life in institutions and sometimes hard labour. **Rated 15.**

The Village Hall, Sunday 18 March, 7 for 7.30pm.
Guests welcome

Film Club Committee

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

The AGM for the Village Hall Management Committee is on **Tuesday 27 April at 7.30** in the Main Hall. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend the meeting and stay afterwards for a drink and nibbles.

CURTAINS NEED A HOME

We have 2 pairs of curtains that have hung by the windows in the Village Hall. We are replacing them, so they are yours for a small donation to the Village Hall funds. Ring me if interested.

Jenny Cardwell (722611)

TRADCRAFT DAY

You are invited to a 'Fair Trade From Traidcraft' day on **Wednesday 14 March** at **Hoist Wood House, The Street, Walberswick**. Please do call in between 10am and 4pm and see the wonderful merchandise on display and for sale. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and cake. Rosemary Wright from Halesworth has recently taken over running the Traidcraft Days from Heather Burroughes who had served for 25 years.

Brian and Judy Morton

HERITAGE HUT – VISITOR CENTRE

Progress is being made towards reopening the Heritage Hut as a **Walberswick Visitor Centre**. The vision is for exhibits and displays to have a very strong Walberswick focus, together with input from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and Natural England drawing attention to the wider hinterland. To get the project going there is currently a small steering committee consisting of representatives from the Parish Council, The History Group and the Common Lands Charity, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Philip Kett.

The steering committee would welcome ideas of themes for displays and exhibits etc. So if you think you can contribute with ideas and/or exhibits please contact Philip Kett (723800).

David Webb

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 9th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Fridays 9th & 23rd 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 15th 9.15 *Note earlier time* (Ring 724763 to book)

WALBERSWICK SCROLL Sunday 11th 9.30-12.30 Village Hall

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 1 March Claire Bruce-Clayton from Lawson's Delicatessen in Aldeburgh will be talking to us about "*Cheeses, chutneys and canapes*". She is also bringing products for us to taste, which sounds very tempting! Join us at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Visitors welcome: don't miss out on the excellent speakers and outings we have in this coming year.
Sue Pearson

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MARCH SERVICES

- 4 2nd Sunday of Lent 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
- 11 3rd Sunday of Lent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
also 1600 Choral Evensong
Preacher Revd Simon Pitcher
- 18 Mothering Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
- 25 5th Sunday of Lent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

Wednesday (7th) Healing Service with CW (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

The forms are now ready for anyone who wishes to name an annual date when they would like to commemorate a loved one or a special occasion by making a donation towards the altar flower arrangement. The allocated dates will be listed in the Village News. Please contact us for a form and further details
Sara Capon (722786) Julia Josephs (722828)

CHURCH CLEANING

We are looking for new people to help with cleaning our Church, to fill the gaps left by those whose circumstances have changed. The task is not arduous and, with enough people on the rota, could be only once in six weeks. If you think you could spare an hour to assist with church cleaning on a rota basis, please contact **Wendy Sinclair (724433)**
The Churchwardens

CHORISTERS

Over a period of eighteen months we have lost four wonderful members of the church choir and, although recently joined by an excellent bass singer, we badly need an alto and a tenor as well as sopranos. The choir meets once every month for a Thursday evening practice before singing the Sunday service (Evensong) so it is only a small commitment. Anyone interested should come to our next rehearsal, March 8 at 5.30pm in church, when we shall be rehearsing The Hallelujah Chorus for Easter Sunday.

Julia Josephs

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Lent will begin on 22 February. A few years ago I asked my teenage sons what they would give up for Lent. "Church" they replied. Sensing a losing battle, I withdrew.

Giving something up for Lent is an old tradition that has its origins in seeking to live a more simple life, and thereby to identify with Christ during the 40 days and nights that he spent in the wilderness. Forgoing wine, chocolate and meat might help us to achieve this. So might time. Giving up some time and offering it to God can help us to draw near to him and to discover a spiritual overhaul during Lent. Giving time to God might include a quiet time each day spent in prayer or study. Choosing a quiet and comfortable place at home and withdrawing there each day, can help us draw close to God, and him to us. You could consider joining a Lent Bible Study group: there are several to choose from across the Sole Bay Team & the local Churches Together. It might include coming to Church and joining other Christians in praise and worship.

Whatever you choose to give up for Lent, may it be a blessing that helps you to discover the presence of God and his love for you.

Simon Pitcher

The **Luncheon Club** will take place on Friday 9 March at 12.30 in the Village Hall.

PARISH REGISTER

22 December 2011 Burial (following service at Church of the Sacred Heart, Southwold)

Nicholas Adrian Penrhys-Evans aged 75

9 January 2012 Funeral Service at

Nacton Crematorium

Henry Mounteney Strachey aged 91

6 February 2012 Funeral Service (followed by Cremation at Nacton)

David Shepherd aged 81

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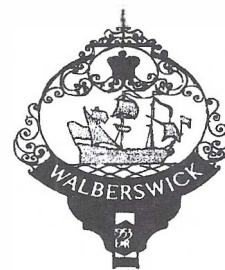
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DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Events and activities are planned to take place throughout the weekend of 1-4 June. Everybody is welcome and all offers of help will be gratefully received. In the Village Hall on Saturday, a Barn Dance (with Syzewell Gap); and on Sunday (on our high definition big screen TV) you can watch, live, the Royal Flotilla's progress down the Thames. Tea and cake will be served. On Monday there will be picnics and races on the Green. Competitions will include: *'Best Dressed Front Door'*, and *'Best Decorated Crown'* and we hear that plans are afoot to resurrect the old tradition of a Tug O' War over the Blyth! The Common Lands Charity is funding commemorative mugs for the children, among other things. More information in next month's issue of Village News. If you would like to help, please contact me.

Barbara Priestman (723914).

HISTORY GROUP

I have taken over as Archivist to the Walberswick History Group and am at present cataloguing all the items it holds. I have made considerable progress on this project and will try and assist with any enquiries you may have. Equally, if anyone has any item they feel might interest the History Group and its members, or require any further information, please contact me.

Pat Lancaster (724268)

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

The date for the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee was given incorrectly in last month's issue. The date for the meeting is **Tuesday 17 April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Come to the meeting and stay for a drink and nibbles.

Betsy Lemmon

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

News from the February meeting:

The Morton Partnership has very kindly been assisting the Charity in undertaking a condition assessment of the **East Point (crabbing) Bridge**. Prices for remedial works are being obtained and will be used as the basis for transfer negotiations with the Environment Agency. Remedial work will be carried out to collapsed areas of piling around **East Point Bay**.

The Wednesday afternoon volunteers' work on the Common finished at the end of February and will start again in the autumn under the leadership of Barbara Priestman; thank you to everyone for their hard work.

Re-surfacing of the **Went Track** (to the caravan site) will be carried out in March: the use of heavy machinery will require the roadway to be closed for up to two days. The fence alongside the track will also be replaced.

David Webb is continuing as a nominative Trustee until the WPC appoints a successor.

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk)

James Darkins (Chairman)

THEATRE FETE GRAND DRAW

The Southwold Summer Theatre Fete will be held on Sunday 24 June. This year I am organising the Grand Draw, which is drawn at the end of the Fete. I would like one of the main prizes to be a hamper, with items donated from residents. I will put a box in my sunroom and would appreciate it greatly if any items you care to offer (large or small) could be placed there. Of course I would be happy to collect also, if that were more convenient.

Val Anderson

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WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex.

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

This year's Bird Song Walk will take place on **Saturday 5 May**. It will be led as usual by myself. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park. (Contributions will again be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes Project).

Breakfast at the Anchor Hotel

A hearty breakfast or an early brunch after the walk has proved to be a fitting and most enjoyable end to the morning's endeavours: those who wish to partake this year should make reservations with the Anchor Hotel prior to Walk Day.

Tony Lancaster

MORE BIRD NEWS

On Saturday 12 May there will be an evening walk conducted by *Natural England* through Westwood reedbeds, in the hope of hearing the unmistakable sound of the bitterns booming. Meeting place: reedbeds along Lodge Lane, Walberswick at 7.45pm. Approximate finish time 9pm. Please wear warm clothing, sturdy footwear and bring along binoculars. Event free of charge. Booking is advisable: call **Debs Crawford(0758 4475482)**

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

The last film for this season will be *Mao's Last Dancer*, the inspiring true story of Li Cunxin and his extraordinary journey from a poor upbringing in rural China to international stardom as a world-class ballet dancer. Based on the best-selling autobiography, the film weaves a moving tale about the quest for freedom and the courage it takes to live your own life. It compellingly captures the struggles, sacrifices and triumphs, as well as the intoxicating effects of first love and celebrity amid the pain of exile. Directed by Bruce Beresford. (2009 rated PG)

Village Hall, Sunday 15 April, 7 for 7.30 Guests welcome.

Film Club Committee

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Members meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Village Hall from October-May. Unfortunately our membership has fallen so low that unless we can find at least four new members the Club will disband in May. Apart from a little exercise it is a fun evening, so why not come along and see for yourself? All welcome.

Philip Kett (723800)

Maureen Thompson (723755)

WALBERSWICK SEED SWAP

Our fourth annual event was a great success on 18 February, with attendance divided equally between people from the village and visitors from further afield: some enquiries came from as far away as Slovakia! We hope everyone enjoyed the refreshments and browsing through the seeds and potatoes. The wildflower seeds should produce plenty of nectar for pollinating insects in those 'natural' corners of the garden.

We again sent a donation of £50 to the Heritage Seed Library (providers of many rare seeds).

Thank you all for coming along, with or without seeds to swap, and especial thanks to the team who helped to make this event a success.

Betsy Lemmon

Caroline Gilby

TRAIDCRAFT DAY

The Fair Trade Day on 14 March was a great success. About 37 people called in to Hoist Wood House to see the merchandise on display and for sale, and to enjoy coffee, tea and cake. Rosemary Wright, who is the organiser of Traidcraft Days in this area, was very pleased that about £400.00 was raised. Many thanks to all who so kindly and generously supported this event.

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VILLAGE HALL AGM Tuesday 17th 7.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 20th 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 19th 9.15 Note earlier time (Ring 724763 to book)

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BLYTH VALLEY FIRST RESPONDERS

We extend a warm welcome to Sue Pearson, who brings our group up to eight persons, covering the three villages. However, we are still anxious to recruit more members, as our long-term aim is to provide cover 24/7. If you are interested please fill in the enclosed slip and return to one of the names listed. Since the beginning of January 2011, members of the group have attended 15 calls in Walberswick.

Vic Popperwell

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APRIL SERVICES

- 1 Palm Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Heather Turner
 - 2 Service of Compline 1930 Revd S Pitcher
 - 6 Good Friday 1400 One hour devotion
The Revd Brian Fisher
 - 8 Team Easter Vigil 0600 Walberswick Beach
with the Revd Richard Henderson
 - 8 **EASTER SUNDAY 0930 Choral Eucharist**
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
Preacher Revd Simon Pitcher
 - 15 2nd Sunday of Easter 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
 - 22 3rd Sunday of Easter 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
 - 29 4th Sunday of Easter BCP Holy Communion
with hymns Celebrant Revd Joan Lyon
- Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
Wednesday (4th) Healing Service with CW (said)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Revd Simon Pitcher will chair the annual meeting of our Church on Sunday 22 April. It will be held in the Church after the 0930 service. Coffee will be available and the meeting will start at 1100. Please arrive early in order to read the reports. If you are not yet on the Church Electoral Roll, ask me for a form. Being on the Roll will give you the right to voice your views and vote at the meeting.

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 5 April is our next meeting at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Our speaker is Andrew Brogan, owner of *Henstead Exotic Garden*. He will be telling us the story of how he constructed the garden from scratch seven years ago. This garden has been featured in numerous articles in the press and also on BBC TV. I think he will be a very entertaining character: he was in a rock band in the 80s and is now a very accomplished gardener who will give us tips for growing exotic plants in our own gardens. All welcome.

Sue Pearson

LETTER FROM THE OLM

(Retired)

God willing, Christine and I will be on our way home from the adventure of a lifetime (a holiday in Australia) when the current copy of *Village News* goes to print. It will have been strange being away from Walberswick during the season of Lent but, all being well, we shall be home in time to celebrate Easter Sunday at both the beach (6.00am for the Easter Vigil – dog walkers are welcome) and later, in St Andrew's (9.30am.). Do come and join us at either or both of those services as we celebrate and rejoice once again at the resurrection of Jesus Christ and what it means or might mean for us as individuals and as a Christian community.

Just to let you know that as in previous years I will be leading a one hour Meditation in St Andrew's on Good Friday, at 2.00pm. Please feel to join me there as I endeavour to focus our thoughts on Christ's crucifixion and the people who were present - by way of passages of scripture, a few thoughts, appropriate recorded music and short periods of silence.

Our first wedding of 2012 is to take place on Saturday 21 April; please pray for Suzanna Annersley & Robert Jessel as they prepare for their big day. The Luncheon Club for April will be on **Friday, 13 April, at 12.30pm.**

A happy Easter to you all,
Brian Fisher

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22nd - 12.16/NT
29th - 04.49/16.44

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WOBBLEFLICK FILMS PRESENTS...

Walberswick as it was. Ronald Jeans, my grandfather, documented life in Walberswick during the 30s and 40s. The films have now been restored and I am having a screening of them in the Village Hall on Sunday 27 May at 3pm and 7pm (if in demand). Come and see the Barn Cinema in action, the car ferry, the King visiting Southwold, Trinity Fair 1937, some very young faces, and lots more... Admission is free but seats must be booked in advance. Refreshments will be provided.

Luke Jeans

(Luke.jeans@virgin.net or No 1 The Terrace)

DIAMOND JUBILEE: 1-4 JUNE 2012

We hope you will enjoy the weekend of events we are planning. There will be something for everyone - see the enclosed programme. From 1 May the Tuck Shop will be selling tickets for the Barn Dance and Supper, and registering entries for the *Best Decorated Front Door Competition*. It will also have extra programmes. To enter the *Best Crown Competition*, come along to the Green on the Monday. If you'd like to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Cakes and puddings are always welcome.

Barbara Priestman (723914)

A RETURN

I have now decided not to move to Edinburgh, where my family live, as originally planned, and have returned to live in Walberswick. This is thanks in large part to the staff at two of our regional hospitals, who gave me such devoted care and attention after my accident; and also to the sympathy and support I have received in the village. Finally, I am sure that local communities will be relieved to hear that I have given up driving completely!

Ian Balfour

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COMMON LANDS CHARITY

April meeting: The Trustees welcomed Mrs Madeline Dabbs as Nominative Trustee to replace David Webb, and expressed their thanks to David for his many years of service. Repairs have been completed to the **Went Track** and **East Point Bay** piling. Re-fencing of the Track will be carried out later in the year. The Car Parks ice-cream franchise has been transferred to a new operator. Work was agreed to reduce erosion around some of the beach huts where sand encroachment has become a problem. The Charity will be supporting a number of Diamond Jubilee initiatives.

Our native adders are now coming out of hibernation. They have spent the winter in old rabbit burrows or under dense vegetation. They are not dangerous unless disturbed or provoked, but dogs are more vulnerable due to their inquisitive nature. Walkers and dog owners, keep a watchful eye: if your dog gets bitten seek veterinary advice.

Jayne Tibbles
(Clerk)

James Darkins
(Chairman)

BANK HOLIDAY ART SHOW

The Suffolk Coastal Group will be holding an exhibition in Walberswick Village Hall on Sunday and Monday 7 May. Paintings, pastels, pots and prints will be shown. Artists include: Penny and Hugh Butterworth, Miles Fairhurst, Eveline Hastings, Glynn Hugo, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. The show will be open 10am - 6pm. Everyone welcome.

Suffolk Coastal Group

ANNUAL VELLORE BAZAAR

The annual Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, 5 May 2012** from 2pm to 4pm at Walberswick Village Hall. Entrance charge will be: adults £2.00 (children £1.00) for which you will be entitled to tea and a cake. Amongst other stalls and games there will be Raffles, Plants, Cakes, Books, Gifts and Toys. Proceeds to go to Vellore Mission. A thoroughly enjoyable couple of hours; do come and join us.

Judith Morton (01502 724572).

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 MEETINGS 19 MARCH, 2 AND 3 APRIL 2012

Our new Councillors: On 02.04.12 the Chairman warmly welcomed the new Councillors, Brian Morton and Aubrey Pearson. All Councillors are looking forward to working together for the benefit of the village and to sharing roles and responsibilities.

Suffolk Acre Local Foods Initiative: Mike Bedson explained that the purpose of Suffolk Acre was to strengthen rural communities and one way was through local foods. The promotion of local food was better for the consumer, the environment, for the local economy and for the community. In the six months since the scheme had commenced, 81 projects in Suffolk had started and the scheme was due to continue until March 2014.. If anyone would like more information I have spare copies of leaflets and postcards.

Halesworth Campus: Erik Wilcock gave a presentation explaining that people in Halesworth wanted to keep the North Suffolk Skills Centre open after the expected closure of Halesworth Middle School in July 2012. This has led to a proposal that Suffolk County Council (SCC) should gift the school buildings and land to a company to be set up, Halesworth Campus Ltd. The land owned by Halesworth Playing Field Association will be sold for development and the funds released will be used to develop Halesworth Campus. Both the Councillors and members of the public supported the proposals. I have some spare leaflets if anyone would like one.

Freedom of Information issues had been discussed by Suffolk County Council with their strategic partners. County Councillor Rae Leighton explained that, whilst in principal the relevant legislation was supported, some Councils across the country were experiencing difficulties.. Although Councillors and officers were bound by strict codes of conduct, members of the public could be as vindictive as they chose. The matter may need to be taken up with the Secretary of State.

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has given permission for a garage and changes to the boundary wall at **Te Awahou, Millfield Road**; and for the insertion of dormer windows in the rear elevation and the erection of a barn in the rear garden for ancilliary accommodation at **Anchorlea, The Street**. The Parish Council had no objections to an application to extend a fence and install an oil tank at **Little Meadow, The Street**; and to replacement cladding to the west elevation and erection of a weather vane on the **Village Hall**.

Jubilee Celebrations: The restored village sign will be erected opposite the Church and unveiled by the children of the village at 11am on Saturday 2 June as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

New nominative trustee: Maddie Dabbs has replaced David Webb as a trustee to the WCLC and all Councillors wish her well in her new role.

The meeting on 03.04.12 was called to discuss financial and governance issues which the Council is obliged to periodically review.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council (01502 723294) wpcclerk@btinternet.com

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Take a look at our show schedule so you can start planning your entries for 21 July. We hope to have a better growing year and welcome new entrants! The Horticultural Committee needs new members: if you would like to join us please contact me.

Betsy Lemmon (722 384)

Please note the **Norwich Bus** leaves at 9.15 on Thursday 17 May. For this month phone **Eveline Hastings (724702)** to book a place.

VILLAGE NEWS BOARD.

We now have a properly constituted Board:

Chairman – Ben Cardwell

Representing WCLC/Treasurer – Kate Goodchild

Representing the Church – Amorelle Hughes

Representing the Parish Council – Rita Woodcraft

Advertising Manager – Louise Kadan

The Board wishes to thank Grahame Godsmark and his band of volunteers for the wonderfully efficient way they deliver the Village News.

Julia Reisz, Editor

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK Saturday 5th 5.30am Hoist Car Park

VELLORE BAZAAR Saturday 5th 2-4pm Village Hall

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 11th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 4th & 18th 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 17th 9.15am (Note earlier time)

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 3 May is our next meeting, and we will be discussing the WI resolutions. We also have a speaker, Alison Basil, talking about *Laughter Therapy*, which we may well need if the weather has not improved by then!

New members and guests are welcome at 2-30pm in the Village Hall.

Sue Pearson

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MAY SERVICES

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| 6 | 5 th of Easter | 1100 | Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | Revd Brian Fisher | |
| 13 | 6 th of Easter | 0930 | Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | Revd Simon Pitcher | |
| | Also BCP* Choral Evensong at 6 o'clock | | |
| | Preacher | Revd Peter Trendall | |
| 17 | Ascension Day at Sotherton at 7.30pm | | |
| 20 | 7 th of Easter | 1100 | Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | Revd Brian Fisher | |
| 27 | Whit Sunday | 0930 | Parish Eucharist |
| | Celebrant | Revd Simon Pitcher | |
| | Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said) | | |
| | Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said) | | |
| | Wednesday (9 th) Healing Service with CW (said) | | |

*The Book of Common Prayer is celebrating its 350th anniversary 1662-2012 and is a profoundly valuable inheritance.

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Dear friends

On 1 July our team of clergy in Sole Bay will be boosted by the arrival of a new curate. Lizzie Gregory will be joining us for the next three years, having completed her training at Westcott House in Cambridge. Lizzie will live in Reydon, but during her time in the team she will work across all the parishes, and hopefully she will become a familiar figure in Walberswick. There will be a special service at Blythburgh at 6pm on the evening of 1 July to welcome Lizzie, and I hope you will all feel welcome to attend.

Our church building in Walberswick has recently received its five-yearly inspection. This inspection assesses the condition of the fabric, and identifies areas that require repair. Happily there is nothing apparent that is due that would cause me any sleepless nights at this stage. We will need to address various items of maintenance and repair, and some items will require further investigation. I fervently hope nothing serious will be discovered, but watch this space!

Yours in Christ
Simon Pitcher

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- May 11 **Sowerbutts Family**
in memory of Joe Josephs
- May 25 **Joanna Saunders**
in memory of her parents

It was **Sandra Gordon's** wish to commemorate Adam Gordon with the beautiful flowers on the Font at Easter.

The Flower Guild is grateful to **Peter Avis, Craster & Kathleen Patterson**, who kindly made donations towards the Easter flowers.
Julia Josephs

HELP WANTED

Many visitors to St Andrew's comment on how lovingly it is cared for; this is thanks to the loyal and dedicated volunteer cleaners. We are looking for new people to assist with cleaning our Church to fill the gaps left by those whose circumstances have changed. The task need not be arduous and, with enough people on the rota, could be only once in six weeks. It is a good way to meet people from the village and visitors - or perhaps you might volunteer with a friend? If you think you could spare an hour to assist with church cleaning on a rota basis please contact **Wendy Sinclair (724433)**

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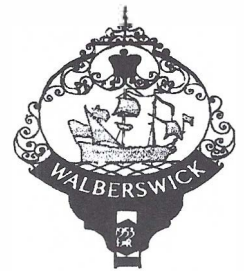
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VILLAGE NEWS BOARD

Statement of Policy. This policy was adopted when the Village News was first established in its present form in 1997, and has been endorsed by the current Board. Contributions are welcomed from Village organisations and individuals with the following exceptions:

No material of a political nature, apart from notice of meetings and functions.

No material that might be interpreted as defamatory.

No controversial material that might cause offence to individuals or organisations.

The Editor shall be granted full editorial control over the contents and layout of the Village News. Priority will be given at all times to articles of direct relevance to the benefit of the village and its inhabitants. Personal thanks/acknowledgments that are submitted will be included if space permits.

Finance. The current advertising revenue is sufficient to pay for the running costs of the publication..

Annual report. This will be published regularly in the Village News.

Ben Cardwell, Chairman

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The finale to our weekend of celebrations will be the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at 10.00pm on Monday 4 June. This will now take place on the Village Green and not on Cliff Field as advertised. The RNLi will be running a "sausage sizzle" during the evening. Bring the family, something to sit on or under and enjoy this memorable event.

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk)

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRDSONG WALK

On May 5 fortune favoured the brave: following a week of inclement weather, anticipation of a wind - buffeted, squall-dodging morning was high - but we enjoyed as pleasant a morning as one might expect for the time of year. A total of 51 species were heard or seen. A splendid Nightingale was captured on a mobile phone by one enterprising participant, to be played back later while tucking into our Anchor breakfast. From deep within the reed beds a Bittern boomed twice so one had to be quick to catch him; and unseen Reed and Sedge warblers recited their very similar songs. Pairs of flirtatious Gadwall and Mallard ducks zoomed overhead, while a small but eager northerly passage of Swallows and Sand Martins was in progress, destination unknown. Despite the low turnout (7) a very generous £70.00 was collected in the hat, this to be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project. So a big thank you to all.
Tony Lancaster

WALBERSWICK HISTORY GROUP

The Heite Pictures. At a meeting of the History Group Committee on the 3rd May 2012, it was unanimously agreed that the thirteen Heite pictures of Walberswick scenes should not be sold but should remain as part of the History Group Archives, joining the Scroll to form the basis of a *Walberswick Heritage Collection*. It was agreed that the pictures should be made available for the public to see at the earliest opportunity.

Alan Walpole, Hon. Sec. (724763)

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 MAY 2012

Our Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year: Councillor David Webb was elected as Chairman and Councillor Brian Tibbles as Vice-Chairman.

Resignation: It is with great sadness that I report that Alvin Hunt has resigned from the Council due to the constant pressure of unpleasant letters and emails from a small group of people. He has been a Parish Councillor for 12 years, many as Chairman or Vice-Chairman. He has always been absolutely dedicated to the good of the village, worked diligently, held balanced views and been a great support to all the Clerks. He has also represented the Council on a variety of important other bodies and has carried out that work with equal dedication. It is a real loss to the whole village.

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has given permission for an extended close boarded fence and oil tank at **Little Meadow, The Street**; and for replacement cladding and the erection of a weather vane on the **Village Hall**.

Jubilee Celebrations: The unveiling of the Village Sign on 2 June will be followed by refreshments in the Church. Please bake a cake and bring it to the Clerk on Friday 1 June during afternoon or evening to add to those being provided by the Councillors and Clerk.

Volunteers to close the flood gates: The Council have reviewed the key holders to the flood gates. At present they are **Wally Webb, Brian Tibbles** and **Barbara Priestman**: they are telephoned by the Environment Agency when necessary to ensure the gates are closed. This is not a one-person job, and we need volunteers. Please contact the Clerk at the email address set out below or by telephone if you are willing to join the list of those responsible for closing the gates.

Draft minutes: The Council has agreed for a trial period to place draft minutes of meetings on the website before they are approved by the Council.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council

(wpcclerk@btinternet.com 01502 723294)

PERFORMING ARTS BURSARIES

Young people who seek to pursue a career in the performing arts face huge challenges. Not only is there fierce competition for places in recognised colleges, but the costs of travel, living and accommodation can represent a daunting obstacle. In a bid to help home-grown talent, the local charity, **Friends of East Suffolk Performing Arts (FESPA)** awards one-off bursaries to a few selected students each year.

These are designed to provide financial support and encouragement to deserving students of the performing arts who either live in the area or have strong local connections, and who have already obtained a place at a recognised school, college or university. If you are hoping to start a specific performing arts course in the autumn this year, now is the time to apply. You can let **FESPA** know later if and when you receive a definite offer of a place. The closing date for completed applications is 1 August 2012.

For full details and an application form, please email FESPA@btinternet.com.

GEORGE TODD DESCENDANTS

I am trying to find out if there are any descendants of George Todd (the Southwold-Walberswick ferryman in the mid-1800's) still living in Southwold. Thanks for any help you can give.

Joan Newbold (joanienewbold@hotmail.co.uk)

WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS

I have been Company Secretary of Walberswick Car Parks Limited for just over 10 years and for family reasons now have to resign. This voluntary position is for a Secretary not a Company Secretary. Meetings are usually once a month (sometimes more). If you are interested please email angiewcp@googlemail.com and I will give you a job description.

Angie Vaughan

THEATRE FETE GRAND DRAW 24 JUNE

3rd prize: hamper. A reminder that I have a box in my sunroom at Hedgeley, awaiting your gifts to make this a luxurious prize. Please phone if that is easier.

Val Anderson (724609)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Friday 1st to Monday 4th

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 8th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 1st, 15th & 29th 1.55-3.15pm The Green

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JUNE SERVICES

- 3 Trinity Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist
& Baptism
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
- 10 1st after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
Also Jubilee Choral Evensong at 6 o'clock
Preacher Revd Peter Trendall
- 17 2nd after Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
- 24 3rd after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

Wednesday (6th) Healing Service with CW (said)

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE

This will include a new anthem, *The Call of Wisdom*, composed by Will Todd. It is written mainly for children to sing but with parts for a full SATB choir. We propose adapting Evensong on Sunday 10 June to a similar service chosen by Her Majesty for this special occasion in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Revd Peter Trendall will be preaching and the service begins at 6pm.

Julia Josephs

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

This took place on 22 April in the church, after refreshments, and 27 attended. Officers were elected, including the Churchwardens, Christine Mitchell and Chrissie Reeves. As a result of discussion, our worship, finances, and the regular (5 yearly) survey of the church will be considered further at the next church council meeting on 14 June.

Joanna Saunders

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7 June in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We will be listening to the very interesting story of Edith Cavell told by our speaker Richard Mann. Edith was born in Swardeston, Norfolk, the daughter of the rector there. She nursed in Belgium in World War I and was executed by a German firing squad. A true British heroine. New members warmly welcomed.

Sue Pearson

LETTER FROM THE OLM

(Retired)

By the time you receive this copy we shall all, hopefully, be looking forward with anticipation to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen, Elizabeth II. During the years of her reign, the Anglican churches throughout our land will have prayed for her week by week, sometimes in the ancient words of the Book of Common Prayer, sometimes in more modern language. However we have prayed, I have always been aware, as a leader of services, that the Amen response to those prayers has come from the hearts as well mouths of the congregation. In this her special year we shall continue to bear her up week by week before God our heavenly Father. In the meantime enjoy the celebrations that have been arranged for our village by a splendid & hard-working crew.

A big thank you to all those who have been involved in making recent events in our church life such a success. I think of our Easter services and the people who were involved in so many ways; I think of those women who knitted woollen bonnets for babies in East Africa, and I think, too, of everyone who arranged another successful Vellore Bazaar for the hospital in South India.

We look forward at St Andrew's to a wedding on 16 June, when Marc Cowley is to marry Victoria Minnie; please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for married life together.

Our Luncheon Club will take place on Friday, 8 June at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

21 April 2012 Holy Matrimony

Robert Jessel to Suzanna Annesley

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VILLAGE NEWS



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JUBILEE THANKS.

What a wonderful weekend it was! Thanks go to all Walberswick citizens and organisations that helped to make it a most enjoyable celebration.

The original village sign (now restored) was unveiled. Thanks are due to **Wally Webb** who arranged the refurbishment and to his team of experts; to the **Parish Council** who organised the event; to the **Common Lands Charity** and the **Crabbing Committee** (both helped fund the restoration); and to **Christine Fisher** and the ladies of the **Church** who provided the post-unveiling drinks and cakes.

Full marks to the **Village Hall Management Committee** for the lively and enjoyable Barn Dance – some costumes were just ???

The Village Picnic followed by sports on the green was enjoyed by villagers and visitors alike, and we thank **Rita Woodcraft** and her many helpers.

Thank also to the **Organisers** of the **Decorated Front Door competition** (report below).

Finally we had the lighting of our beacon on the Village Green. This was organised and funded by the **Common Lands Charity** and attracted a great number of spectators, many from outside the village. We must not forget the BBQ provided by the **RNLI** – very welcome.

So much was enjoyed by so many; thanks to all who helped make the whole weekend an enjoyable community event – that is what Walberswick life is all about.

David Webb

MISSING

Pretty female tabby cat (lots of stripes), last seen in Manor Close about three weeks ago. Please check sheds and outbuildings and ring if you have seen her, or know where she might be. Thanks.

Anne Paton (01502 722068).

IN MEMORIAM ROBERT JAMES

An eerie figure garbed in black
With ever present plastic sack
Flits through the darkening village night,
Picking the day's dropped detritus
From roadside, path, and garden hedge.
Dogs cringe, or growl with hackles raised,
And children clutch a saving hand.

Morning may find a scribbled note
Left lying on the Village Green:

*Always wear something light at night,
So that you can be clearly seen !*

This is no phantom, but a lonely soul:
Musician, naturalist, and blacked-up actor,
Living a hermit's life on Tinker's Marsh;
In truth, a generous public benefactor.
Now he is gone, legend and man of mystery,
Remember him, his life was local history.

G.G.

JUBILEE FRONT DOORS

We had 47 wonderful entries, and on Jubilee Sunday 3 people from outside the Village judged the competition. The Judges were Martin Goodwin, an architect; Liz Gaughan, an interior designer; and Jane Simmonds, a governor of Yoxford Primary School. The Judges based their decisions on 4 criteria: effort, the quality and originality of the design and the relevance to the Diamond Jubilee.

1st Prize: Marie, Tom and Ben @ 9 Church Lane

2nd Prize: Angie @ Westons

Judges' Special Prize: Grace @ 2 Moorside

Highly Commended: Samantha & Daniela @

6 Manor Close, and The Bell.

Winners can be seen on the Website.

Rosi Gerrell & Julia Sowerbutts

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11 JUNE 2012

Planning matters: The Parish Council objected to the grant of planning permission for various alterations and additions to **Ryecroft, The Street**.

Volunteers needed to close the flood gates: As a result of my report in the last Village News only one person contacted me to be added to the list of people willing to assist in closing the flood gates. They don't close themselves! You don't need to expect to be personally affected if the village is flooded to offer to help prevent such flooding.

Suffolk Coastal District Council's scrutiny of its housing and planning services: The Parish Council has commented to SCDC in respect of the way its housing and planning services operate. If anyone wishes to make their own comments they can do so by contacting Colin J Sweeney, its Interim Scrutiny Business Manager on 01394 444320 or colin.sweeney@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council
wpccclerk@btinternet.com, or 01502 723294

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE

Hold the date: **Saturday 25 August 2012!** Tell your friends, invite the family and join in the fun that starts with the **Dog Show** compered by Peter Purves behind the Village Hall at 11.30am, where you'll also be able to pick up a hot dog and coffee to go and enter your dog for the **Doglympics**.

Offical opening of the stalls at 2pm on the green. New this year is the **Royal Flush Game** - fit for a queen! For further details of stalls and how you can be involved call me or contact the stallholders detailed on the enclosed flier.

It's your day, come and enjoy it and support the Village Hall and St Andrew's Church.

Stephanie Anderson (726172)

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Just a reminder that the Walberswick Show will be on Saturday, 21 July. Entries should be brought to the Village Hall between 9:30 and 10:45 am. If you need a new Schedule of Exhibits please contact me. Please join us to view the results and have refreshments in the Hall from 3:00 to 4:30.

Betsy Lemmon (722384)

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

A Photo Booklet of the Show has now been produced, and is available for viewing in the Tuck Shop. To view online and to order this wonderful memento of the Show, please follow this web link:

www.blurb.com/books/3312046.

Julia Sowerbutts.

WALBERSWICK WEBSITE

Have you looked at the village website lately? (www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk) It is becoming more and more informative. Look in the *Diary* to see what's on, and the *News* to read our popular feature - a blog about happenings in the village. *Local Links and Information* finds you the number for Coastlink or the Surgery, the Ferry times or refuse collection dates. Our newest addition is included in the *News* pages where births, marriages and deaths are now recorded with the help of Jill Whittenbury. If the information you want isn't there, please let us know. Would you like a link to your own site? Do you have a memory of Robert James who died recently? You can contact Kay or Claire via the website.

Walberswick Webmasters

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

We hope all our regular cycle riders and some new ones will soon literally start gearing up for this extremely worthwhile opportunity: you can raise money to preserve the fabric of our splendid Suffolk Churches, get lots of exercise and enjoy the Suffolk countryside into the bargain. It takes place on **Saturday 8 September** this year, and entry forms are now available.

To register your interest please, ring 01502 722439 or e-mail m.godbold2331@btinternet.com
Margot & Maurice Godbold

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 13th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 13th & 27th 1.55-3.15pm The Village Hall

NORWICH BUS Thursday 19th 9.15am (Ring 724763 to book)

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- 1 4th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Edward Shotter
- 8 5th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
Also 6pm Choral Evensong for Sea Sunday
Preacher Revd Simon Pitcher
- 15 6th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
- 22 7th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
- 29 8th Sunday of Trinity 1800 Songs of Praise
The Revds Simon Pitcher & Brian Fisher
- Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
Wednesday (4th) Healing Service with CW (said)

PCC MEETING

At the meeting on 14 June, the PCC welcomed Alan Greening, a local architect, to give his report on the Quinquennial (5 yearly) inspection he made of the Church, the Churchyard and the Ruins. The Committee were relieved to learn from his report that no major work was required at this stage, but discussed his recommendations. It was decided that a Fabric Officer should be appointed to oversee any work.

Julia Josephs, Hon. Sec. St Andrew's PCC

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

June 22 Jayne & Brian Tibbles

In memory of their grandson Ollie

July 13 Julia Josephs

For her sister Dorothy

This is a wonderful way to commemorate a loved one, and helps to finance the Flower Guild with a small donation. For further details contact:

Julia Josephs (722828)

FLOWER GUILD CO-ORDINATOR

We are urgently in need of a Co-ordinator for the Flower Guild. If you are able to help in any way please telephone.

Chrissie Reeves (723351) Julia Josephs (722828)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

July 5 is our Garden Meeting by kind invitation of our President, Margaret Adkinson, at her home in Churchfield. The committee will provide afternoon tea. Please bring a chair! We will also hear from local beekeeper, John Blakesley, talking about *Beekeeping Through the Seasons*. Please bring any plants and produce you have to sell, to help provide funds for our bursary. If the weather is bad we will be using the Village Hall. At 2.30pm.

Sue Pearson

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Dear friends,

The recent Jubilee celebrations have been greatly enjoyed across the country, creating a sense of national rejoicing and "Britishness" of which to be proud. In Walberswick we have also recently been delighted by the return of the village sign that now stands so prominently opposite the church. It welcomes people to the village and states the name "*Walberswick*" proudly in bright letters. Having a name that unites us is important in creating a sense of identity and belonging. The words "king" and "kingdom" have the same Saxon origin as kin (family). Our common life as members of the kingdom of Elizabeth II, and as neighbours together in our community, can be transformed and enriched if we have a sense of kinship.

This is what Jesus meant by the kingdom of God. God who is love cares deeply for each of us, his children. As members of his kingdom he invites us to love and serve each other as Jesus showed us. Kinship within a kingdom, and thereby community life within a village, is all about celebrating kinship, with an attitude of shared belonging, family ties, relationship, mutual giving and receiving, and delight in one another.

Simon Pitcher

PARISH REGISTER

11 April 2012 Baptism

Kevin Andrew Goodchild

Poppy Violet Goodchild

18 May 2012 Memorial Service

Ian Jackson aged 91

20 May 2012 Baptism

Basil Jonathan Winyard

Jacob Roderick Winyard

3 June 2012 Baptism

Thomas Luke Cowley

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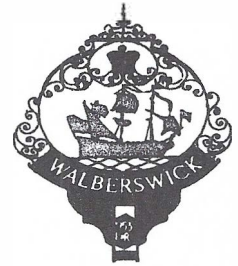
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VILLAGE NEWS



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VILLAGE FETE 25 AUGUST

*Official opening by Richard Curtis CBE
at 2pm on the Green.*

The Jubilee's over, Olympics begun,
The flame came through Southwold and had a good
run;

A nail-biting Wimbledon -- one title won.
This summer's had everything barring the sun.
Before winter grips us, there's one vital date
That must be remembered - the Walberswick Fete !
With Dog Show and lunches, and sideshows galore,
It's all there to tempt you,- you couldn't want more.
Who cares if the weather is stormy or sunny,
Just have a great day and please shell out your
money !

BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

The Suffolk Coastal Group will be exhibiting in Walberswick Village Hall Annex on Sunday 26 August and Monday 27 August 2012. Paintings, pastels, pots and prints will be shown. Guest artists: Chris and Wendy Sinclair and Bill Ungless. Members include Miles Fairhurst, Eveline Hastings, Glynn Hugo, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. The show will be open 10am – 6pm both days. Everyone is welcome. Free entry.
Suffolk Coastal Group

OPEN GARDENS

We are already planning the next Open Gardens weekend. It will be held on 22 & 23 June 2013. Last year's event was very popular and we are hoping to repeat and improve on that success. So, Gardeners, get planning!

Village Hall Management Committee

FAMILY BINGO

This popular event will be held in the Village Hall on 8, 15 and 22 August. Doors open at 5.30pm; 'eyes down' at 6 pm. Cash prizes. Drinks and snacks available. All welcome – children and adults. Proceeds to the Village Hall for refurbishing the cloakrooms.

Village Hall Management Committee

COMMUNITY OIL BUYING

Suffolk ACRE launched its community oil buying scheme in January. We already have over 300 members who have on average made savings of over 5.8p per litre (including VAT) with an average saving per order of more than £50. With over 113,000 premises in Suffolk not on mains gas we know there are a lot more people that could benefit from lower oil prices.

Buying oil before the winter period when suppliers are usually less busy offers better value than purchasing in the peak months of the year. Suffolk ACRE brings together orders from all across the County which are then added to other counties who operate similar buying groups, to get the very best price. Membership costs £20 a year but for local co-ordinators membership is free.

The scheme is open to everyone in Suffolk and the more people that join the greater the savings, which will benefit all of us in the County. It also helps the environment by reducing delivery miles.

If you would like to know more or are able to offer some help as a coordinator, please do not hesitate to give us a call on **01473 345300** or email oil@communitybuying.org.uk. Further information about the scheme is also available at www.communitybuying.org.uk

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9 JULY 2012

Planning matters: The Parish Council had no objections to the grant of planning permission for the following. **Cloudcroft, Stocks Lane:** timber cladding and removal of conservatory; **Northdale, The Street:** loft conversion and single storey extension, replacement of doors and window; part side garden, **Primrose Cottage, Lodge Road:** variation of a previous planning decision to allow the erection of a car port; **1 Alexandra Place, The Street:** the erection of an oil tank and shed.

Code of Conduct for Councillors: A new Code has been adopted and the law has changed on the declaration of Councillors' interests.

Southwold Library will be holding meetings on 30 July at 2pm and 7pm, open to all, with the aim of setting up a Friends' Group.

Floodgates: Thanks to those who have volunteered to help close the flood gates when necessary. If you have not already volunteered and wish to do so, please email or telephone me. I shall be compiling a list of volunteers and contact numbers in September for circulation, and it is likely a briefing will be held.

Draft minutes will be available on the website, as soon as they are prepared, for a trial period. If the publication of draft minutes does not result in additional work for the Clerk, this will be a permanent arrangement.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Parish Council

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COMMON LANDS CHARITY

Tenders for restoration of the **East Point (crabbing) Bridge** have been received, and a proposal for transfer of the bridge to the Charity put to the Environment Agency. We are currently awaiting their response. Once the costs are known it may be necessary to seek donations from the public and local businesses to jointly fund the project with the Charity. The post and wire fence alongside the **Went Track** is due to be replaced in July. Parking control cones have been purchased for use by organisers of local events and are stored at the church; please contact **Chrissie Reeves (723351)** if you wish to borrow them. The WPC has asked the Charity to support the planting of a walnut tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee on Palmers Green; this is being evaluated. The Charity was delighted to contribute to the Jubilee celebrations; if you would like to add some drama to your party or event the beacon is available for hire!

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk) James Darkins Chairman

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

I wish to thank Emma Freud and Richard Curtis for their generous gift of new play equipment on the sports field, which has proved a huge hit with all ages.
David Webb

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

The **Walberswick Toddlers' Group** meets every Thursday 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall, all year round even during holidays (except 16 August). Siblings welcome. This is a great new group for parents and toddlers, and costs £1 per session for each child. All welcome. Come and join us!

Summer Holiday Sports Days for children aged 5-16 at Walberswick Sports Field will be run by Premier Sports. These will take place every Monday during the holidays starting 23 July from 9.30-3.30. Bring a packed lunch and plenty of drink! £5 a child per day. Please book in advance.

For information about either activity contact **Marie Ruth (01502 722595)**

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Don't forget **8 September**, your chance to help preserve our Suffolk Churches, and get lots of exercise as well! We would like to hear from you soon. Entry forms are available.

Margot and Maurice Godbold (722439)

FESPA GRAND DRAW AND FETE

Many thanks to all who participated.
We were delighted to make about £5000.
Val Anderson

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

FAMILY BINGO 8th 15th & 22nd 5.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 10th & 24th 1.55-3.15pm The Village Hall

NORWICH BUS Thursday 16th 9.15am (Ring 724763 to book)

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE Saturday 25th 2pm The Green

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- Also Choral Evensong at 1800**
Preacher Revd Peter Trendall
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Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
- 26 12th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Joan Lyon
- Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
1st Wednesday of month is Healing Service with CW (said)

SONGS OF PRAISE 29 JULY

For the service on 29 July at 6pm we have selected ten of your chosen hymns ending with *The Day Thou Gavest*, the overall favourite. Come and enjoy this evening of popular hymns.

Julia Josephs

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

August 17 Lucy & Sarah Lawrence
In memory of Joanna, daughter & sister

August 24 Peter Avis
In memory of Joan

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

There will be no meeting in August. We shall meet again in September with an exciting new programme of speakers and events. We extend a warm welcome to all our members and hope many more will join us for the new season.

Sue Pearson

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

From 30 July to 3 August in the Village Hall Annex. 10.30 to 12.30. 5-11 years. All welcome. Our theme: Jesus's Parables.

It will be great to see you at the holiday club this year. The main activities include drama, parachute games, art, crafts, cooking and learning more about the amazing teaching of our Lord Jesus.

Julie Winyard and Jana Rowland
(722178 or 07753980427)

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

In the hope that we will at long last see something of the sun, I am looking forward to **Walberswick's Annual Summer Fete**, due to take place on Saturday 25 August this year.

This has always been an important day in the life of St Andrew's Church because half of the money raised at that Fete will go towards the future maintenance & work of our Parish Church – we share the proceeds with our Village Hall. In advance I would like to thank the Fete committee, under the leadership of Stephanie Anderson, for all the hard work that they have already put in, as well as thanking everybody who will be involved on the actual day.

Other enjoyable summer events will be taking place within the Sole Bay Team:

St Lawrence Church at South Cove will be holding its annual nine-day flower festival between 28 July & 5 August; while the famous teas hosted by **St Mary's Church Uggheshall** & friends will be at The Old School Hall in Uggheshall between 3.00 & 6.00pm on the weekends of 28/29 July and 4/5. I can thoroughly recommend the teas!

While each of these events is a means of raising funds, they are all intended to help those who attend to enjoy themselves, as well as giving everyone the opportunity to meet new people (and perhaps renew old acquaintances).

Our third wedding this year, at St Andrew's, is to take place on Saturday 11 August between Daniel Flatt & Emma Webb. Please pray for the couple as they prepare for this important day in their lives.

The **Luncheon Club** will be having a break in August but will be back as usual on the second Friday in September.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

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16 July 2012 Holy Matrimony
Marc Dominic Cowley to Victoria Anna Minney

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22nd - 02.12/14.17
29th - 09.18/22.21

VILLAGE NEWS



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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Work to maintain and improve the Common starts again at the end of September. A group of volunteers will meet every Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting, to tackle the invasive gorse and birch that would otherwise colonise the whole 33 hectares. The first meeting this year will be on **Wednesday 26 September** when our Natural England Reserve Manager, Will Russell, will walk round with us and discuss what we need to do by the end of February. If you would like to join us, please be in the car park at the end of Church Lane at 2 00pm – no need for tools or protective clothing on this first meeting.

Barbara Priestman, Volunteer Warden

HORTICULTURAL SHOW:

A big thanks to all the exhibitors who took part this year, and everyone who came to admire their hard work. Congratulations to the trophy winners!

Winyard Cup-David Webb

Iris Blois Memorial Cup-Betsy Lemmon

Flower Bowl--Joint winners Chrissie Reeves, Debra Shipley

CC Gold Cup-Suzzie Godfrey

Whittenbury Victor Ludorum- Joint winners David Webb, Betsy Lemmon

Harvey Memorial Trophy--Emma Freud

Best in Show--Chrissie Reeves.

Betsy Lemmon

WEBSITE ADDITION

The Village Hall now has its own pages on the Walberswick Website, with full information about upcoming events, hiring the hall, the management committee members and annual accounts

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THE JONESES

Some 15 years ago Nick and Gill acquired the Village Shop at a time when its future seemed very uncertain. They took on the herculean task of reinvigorating this vital facility and joining our community. That they did so with relish, with two (at the time) sproglettes, with commitment (and with a motor bike) deserves the deepest gratitude of our entire community as well as the many thousands who over the years have used the Tuck Shop.

The family have been our friends, active in so many areas. During their stewardship Nick and Gill have nurtured and grown the shop, which they now hand over to new custodians. In the middle of August they said farewell. Goodbye, Nick, Gill, Katrina, Rebecca: we wish you the very best for the future.

Robin Buncombe

THE TUCK SHOP

We are all delighted that the East of England Co-operative Society has now taken over the Village Shop, and we wish them every success. It is important that we all support this valuable local amenity which we were in danger of losing. There will still be some familiar faces behind the counter!

Editor

WALLY WEBB – BUILDER

Following the sad death of Wally, the team who have worked with him over the past decade announce their intention of continuing to build on the great reputation Wally worked so hard to achieve. Please see advertisement on the back page.

Adrian Church (07986982195)

Gareth Wilson (07717507412 or 01986 875658)

NORWICH BUS

Recently the bus has been carrying only a few passengers, possibly because it is summer. It is important that we continue to use this facility or we may lose it. *For this month only* contact Eveline Hastings (724702) to book a seat.

Sue Walpole

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KEITH 'WALLY' WEBB (1946 – 2012)

A pall of sadness settled over the village as news of Wally's death spread. He had been a prominent figure (perhaps *the* prominent figure) in the village he loved for as long as most of us could remember, and was actively and generously involved in many of its activities. Wherever he was, wicked leg-pulls and laughter were never far away. Wally was born on March 6, 1946 in the family home of Tow's Cabin. A move to Church Lane came later, when the family had grown and needed more space. Wally had two brothers, David and Leslie, and a sister, Penny, and like most village children he attended the village school in Leverett's Lane, before moving on at secondary level to Reydon.

When the time came to decide on an occupation, his first love was the sea. In this he was thwarted by colour-blindness, but he continued going to sea in his spare time, usually returning with catches of herring which, with typical generosity, he frequently gave away. His second career choice was building: he became an apprentice bricklayer with Denny's of Southwold, where he acquired his nickname (his mother Winnie persevered with 'Keith', perhaps hoping that we would all take the hint). From then on, his working life was in building, mostly nearby - but at various times he worked on projects in France, Nova Scotia and Ireland. He later became 'outside foreman' for Duncan's of Southwold. Later still, he realised that he could do this kind of work on his own: he announced that it seemed crazy to drive out of the village he loved every day while meeting builders' vans driving in –and so he set up his own business. We can now appreciate the excellence of his work in the village.

In 1973 he married Pamela Edwards and they had two children: Michelle, born in 1974, and James in 1976.

From the late 1960s Wally was involved in a large number of village events and organisations. He served with distinction on the Parish Council (for some time as chairman) and on Walberswick Common Lands Charity. He was a founder member of Walberswick Wildfowlers, and around this time enjoyed several fishing trips with friends to Scotland. In the 1970s he ran the Youth Club with Lesley Scott; at this time village organisations had been asked to raise funds for Blythburgh Hospital, and the Club's response was a one-off spoof event in aid of this cause. So the British Crabbing Federation was formed, and the first British Open Crabbing Championships took place in 1981. It was extremely successful and continued for three decades.

Other village events with which Wally was involved included the November 5th Bonfire and Fireworks; and the annual boat-burning on the river bank, which raised funds for a team of volunteers to rebuild the old steam ferry slipway. He also started the Easter Egg Hunt on the dunes. All these events were greatly enhanced by Wally's energetic presence and his particular brand of humour.

It seems fitting that the last task he undertook for the village was the careful application of black paint to the lettering of the original village sign, reinstalled on 'Jubilee Saturday' opposite the church.

His Memorial Service on August 19 was attended by over 500 people.

Richard Scott

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 7th & 21st 1.55-3.15pm The Village Hall

NORWICH BUS Thursday 20th 9.15am (Ring 724702 to book)

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE Saturday 8th

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 14th 12.30pm Village Hall

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our first autumn meeting is on Thursday 6 September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The subject is *The Gardens of Somerleyton Hall*, and the speaker is Mr. Bob Coutts, the Head Gardener. I am sure he will be able to advise us on any gardening problems we have. All are very welcome.
Sue Pearson

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Also Team Choral Service 1800

Celebration of 350th Anniversary of the BCP

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Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662
(said)

1st Wednesday of month is Healing Service with
CW (said)

350TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

There will be a Team festival service on 9th September at 6 pm to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer 1662. This is a compilation by the Precentor, York Minster, of words and music taken from services of Morning and Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. The hymns and chants chosen are all familiar and well-loved and the service *At All Times and in All Places* will be led by Simon Pitcher and the Evensong Choir.

Julia Josephs

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Please could we have some volunteers to greet and sign in the cyclists who will be visiting St. Andrews on Saturday, 8 September? We would also be happy to enlist any cyclists willing to participate in the day. It's a wonderful way of exploring our lovely countryside and its historic churches. We have forms and information.

Margot & Maurice Godbold (01502 722439)

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

While speaking of the Olympic Games, former Prime Minister John Major enthused that the Games had given the whole country a lift. The opening ceremony presented a festival feel and demonstrated a British sense of humour. The crowds watching appreciated talent and skill from all athletes whilst displaying an appropriate level of patriotic bias. The athletes showed the fruits of their hard work, and were supported and encouraged by team mates and rival competitors. The Olympic flame was intended as a symbol of the best aspects of the human spirit, and there was a sense that everything lived up to our collective expectations.

Politicians have spoken about the legacy of the Games. In all our communities the best legacy would be to celebrate and retain a level of community spirit. St Paul had such a vision for the church, as a family that recognises and embraces difference, without any fear or sense of unease. Each person has God given gifts that can be offered to build up the whole. The Olympics showed that such a vision is achievable on a grand scale for a period of two weeks. In our churches and communities this vision is possible as a way of life.

Simon Pitcher

The Luncheon Club will take place on Friday 14 at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

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19th August 2012 Thanksgiving Service
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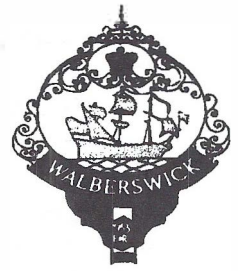
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VILLAGE NEWS



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COMMON LANDS CHARITY

At this year's Annual Parish Meeting the Trustees made a commitment to increase the transparency of the Charity. As part of this initiative a drop-in morning will be held on **Saturday 20 October** between 10am and 12 noon in the Village Hall annex. Come and meet the Trustees and discuss the work of the Charity. Refreshments will be served. More details are in the newsletter circulated with the Village News. This contains background on the Charity, an update on both the Dunwich River bridge and the Common, plus details of a vacancy for a Trustee following the sad death of Wally Webb.

Jayne Tibbles,
Clerk

James Darkins
Chairman

FLU IMMUNISATION

For patients of Southwold Surgery:

Tuesday 2 October at Wenhaston Village Hall from 1400 to 1445 hrs; **Wednesday 3 October** at Walberswick Village Hall from 1400 to 1445 hrs.

You may arrive for your immunisation at any time within the stipulated clinic times.

For patients of Cutlers Hill, Halesworth:

Saturday 6 October & Saturday 11 October; please make appointment at reception.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Our Coffee Morning this year is on **Saturday 27 October** 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. There will be a raffle, Bric-a-brac, cakes, books and *Save the Children* Xmas cards and gifts. We would welcome items for stalls as well as helpers. Entrance is £1, including coffee and biscuits.

Maureen Thompson (723755)

Faith Blackman (724278)

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Reluctantly, we have decided not to run our usual season of films this year. Competition from Sunday night TV and the easy availability of all films on digital channels have meant attendances have been too low to cover the costs of film hire. Hopefully we will be able to run some individual showings from time to time. Many thanks to all who have supported the Club over the last six years..

Film Club Committee

WEBB COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

With Pam, David and the family's blessing, we have commissioned the production of a blue plaque by a local artist for those who would like to commemorate Wally's contribution to their property and his immense contribution to the village as a whole. Please email us at mike@leepublicity.co.uk by 1st November, and we will forward a picture of the design with details of likely costs,

Mike and Karen Solloway

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The new season starts on **Wednesday 3 October** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We hope some new members will join us: why not come along and see how we play the game? It is fun and not too arduous – just gentle exercise for all ages.

Maureen Thompson (723755)

Philip Kett (723800)

NSPCC NEWS

Our recent House to House collection raised £456.77 which is another wonderful result. The cake stall by the Green made £262.30. The Book Swap at the Anchor continues, but now all contributions should be put in the collecting box at the bar.

Cathryn Simpson

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 17 JULY, 16 AUGUST AND 3 SEPTEMBER 2012

17 July: There were two items on the agenda, the first was adjourned because there was not a quorum of Councillors to discuss it (some had declared interests and this left fewer than three Councillors). The second was deferred because of the serious ill health of Councillor K Webb

16 August: Planning matters. Four planning and listed building applications had been made in respect of **1 Valley Farm**. The Council noted that full flood risk assessments did not accompany the application, and it therefore deferred discussion of them until the assessments had been provided.

Request to keep three weaners (piglets) on part of the allotments. The Council decided to seek the views of the public and allotment holders and to defer the decision until a future meeting.

3 September: Planning Matters. Planning permission had been granted for an oil tank and shed on **plot 1, Alexandra Place**. It had also been granted for extensions at **Ryecroft, The Street**, subject to a condition that met some of the Parish Council's concerns. The Parish Council had no objections to the extension of the time limit for building an extension at **The Tuck Shop**, which had been granted permission a few years ago.

Insurance matters. The Council spent time examining its insurance policy and renewal papers to ensure it was properly insured, but not paying more than necessary.

Living Well Suffolk: This organisation leads walks (free, I believe) in various parts of Suffolk and publishes an interesting leaflet. The Council asked me to bring the web link to your attention. It is www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk. If you Google it, you can then click on **health walks** which will give you the page more easily than using the full web link!

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council.

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ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

As The East of England Co-operative Society has kindly agreed, I have replaced my collection box on the window ledge of The Tuck Shop. Remember to put your postage stamps there: The Hospice fundraisers are really grateful for them.

Jill Whittenbury

OCTOBER BEACH CLEAN

Volunteers will be needed for the autumn beach clean this month. Date and time will be posted on the Village notice boards.

David Webb

MOBILE LIBRARY

Please note that the Library Bus will in future call in the Village once a month only.

Waveney Library Service

WALBERSWICK PARISH PLAN

The Stage 2 Report and Action Plan will be presented to residents by the Parish Plan Steering Group at a public meeting to be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday 13 October** at 10.30am. A copy of the Plan will be delivered to each house in the village in the week beginning 8 October. The Plan will also be posted at that time on the Parish Plan webpage of the Village website www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk. The Steering Group hopes that as many residents as possible will be able to attend the presentation.

Parish Plan Steering Committee

A reminder that the number to book for the Norwich bus is once again 724763.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

CARPET BOWLS BEGINS Wednesday 3 October 7.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 19th 1.55-3.15pm Village Hall

NORWICH BUS Thursday 18th 9.15am (Ring 724763 to book)

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 14th 12.30pm Village Hall

SAVE THE CHILDREN Saturday 27th 10am-12 noon Village Hall

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OCTOBER SERVICES

- 7 18th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Simon Pitcher
- 14 **Harvest Festival**
19th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Simon Pitcher, Preacher Brian Fisher
Also **Festal Choral Evensong 1800**
Preacher Simon Pitcher
- 21 20th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Brian Fisher
- 28 Last Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant TBA
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 HC/CW (said)
1st Wednesday is Healing Service CW

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Gifts of flowers, fruit & vegetables, tinned & dried goods, will be received on the Saturday morning or at the Church services (*see above*). Also, anything suitable for a person setting up home for the first time will be taken by Simon Pitcher to the St John's Housing Trust in Lowestoft. There will be a cash collection for Water Aid at the Services.

The **Harvest Supper** will be held on **Friday 12 October** at 1900 in the Village Hall. Tickets at £8 can be bought from the end of September from Penny Buncombe at 4 The Terrace.

Chrissie Reeves & Julia Josephs

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on 11 September Kevin Murphy was elected as Honorary Treasurer to St Andrew's PCC following the resignation of Amorelle Hughes. Members thanked Amorelle and Christine Mitchell, our past Churchwarden, for their hard work.

We were delighted to be able to install a security alarm on the church roof especially designed to deter the theft of lead. The PCC agreed that the Minutes of all further meetings should in future be displayed in the church porch..

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This month our meeting will take place on Thursday 4 October at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be hearing from Mrs Sue Morgan, a bat surveyor, who will tell us a great deal about these elusive animals. It promises to be a most interesting talk on an unusual and fascinating topic. We are always open to new members, so do come along if you are interested. You will receive a warm welcome.

Erica Donnellan

LETTER FROM THE OLM

(Retired!)

What a great day we had at this year's Village Fete! How hard everyone worked to make it so successful and how everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves. The amount of money raised for St Andrew's Church & the Village Hall was amazing, so a big thank you on behalf of the church for making it such a great day. It just shows how successful an event can be when everybody pulls together. A special thank you to Stephanie Anderson and her organizing committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

You will read elsewhere on this page of the date & details for our Harvest Festival Service & Supper; if you've not been able to attend either event previously please come along and join us. The weekend will be one of celebration and thanks for (in the words of the harvest hymn) '*All things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.*' It gives us all an opportunity to thank our heavenly Father for all the blessings that we continue to benefit from in our community, as well as thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves..

Please note that there will not be a Luncheon Club in October, as we are having a Harvest Supper; our next lunch takes place on Friday 9 November.

You may be interested to know that the Annual Service of Light that takes place at Wangford Parish Church will be on Sunday 28 October at 6.00 pm.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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8 September 2012 Holy Matrimony
Benjamin Whiting to Rebecca Howe

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CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET

This event will be held on Saturday 8 December from 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Entry is £1.50 which includes tea and biscuits. Please come along and support this worthy cause. I now have Cancer Research Christmas cards. If you would like to see them before our Mini Market, give me a call. I will bring a selection to you or you are welcome to drop by my house.

Betsy Lemmon (722 384)

BRITISH LEGION BAZAAR 2012

As always this event will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 10 November from 10am to 12 noon. Admission: Adults £2, children free, which includes coffee and snacks. If you have items that you would be prepared to give or make for the Stalls or refreshments please contact the following: **Books, CDS/DVDS etc** - Toby Robinson (722526); **Jams/Cakes etc** - Susan Walpole (724763); **Gifts/Bric-A-Brac** - Linda Dudley, items to Alan Walpole to store (724763); **Scones, Jam, Cakes etc** - Sue Ireland-Cutting (478213). **Grand Raffle** - is there anyone out there prepared to run it?

Help In The Future If you would like to help with future bazaars, please give me a call..

Alan Walpole (724763).

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Grateful thanks to our seven willing riders, especially those who have now cycled for several years on behalf of Suffolk historic churches. Thanks to their generous sponsors, £739.51 was raised this year. Many thanks too to all those who checked in the visiting cyclists.

This is our last year organising the bike ride. Would anyone willing to take on this not very onerous but interesting and worthwhile task please contact us?

Margot & Maurice Godbold (722439)

THE PARISH PLAN

A copy of the Stage 2 Report and Action Plan has now been delivered to every house in the village and on Saturday, 13 October, more than 70 parishioners attended a public meeting in the Village Hall to hear a presentation by the Parish Plan Steering Group. The meeting gave unanimous support to the adoption of the Plan and its further development and congratulated the Steering Group on the quality of the Report and the work carried out so far.

The next stage will be undertaken by a series of working parties drawn from the focus groups and new volunteers, who will report directly to the village twice yearly. Work which involves the Parish Council must be held in abeyance for the time being, following the recent resignation of all the councillors. However, there are plenty of tasks which the working parties can progress in the meantime.

The success of the Plan will depend on the effectiveness of these working parties and volunteers are needed here. Some people have already registered their interest but more are required. If you feel you could contribute to developing the Plan your help will be much appreciated by the Steering Group.

Recruits will be welcomed to the working parties responsible for Planning, Housing, Traffic, Environment, Energy generation, Health and Business. Please contact me if you are interested in doing a very worthwhile job on behalf of the village.

Vivien Hunt, Secretary of the Steering Group (01502 723142)

SALE IN THE BARN!

On **Sunday 4 November** there will a sale to kick off the Comic Relief season. Entry is 50p and soup, bread and coffee will be served. There will be masses of clothes, furnishings and toys for sale. Come and find some bargains! 10am till 4pm. .

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 OCTOBER 2012

Planning matters: four retrospective applications for planning permission and listed building consent have been granted by Suffolk Coastal District Council for the retention of a balcony on the East elevation and the retention of an extension to a games room at **1 Valley Farm, Ferry Road**.

A Beach Clean will take place, commencing at 10am from the beach huts, on **Sunday 21 October**. You will be provided with gloves and bags. Please help.

Bonfire night on 5 November will take place as usual, on the Cliff Field car park starting at 7pm.

Carols round the Christmas tree followed by mince pies in the Village Hall will take place on **Monday 17 December** at 7pm, but will not, as usual, be hosted by the Parish Council. Other organisations and individuals have kindly agreed to act instead of the Council.

Litter and refuse have caused problems in Walberswick during the summer. Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has agreed to provide additional litter bins on the Ferry Road car park and near the Village Hall for next summer. There will also be a change of signage to encourage visitors to put rubbish in the right places. It is hoped this will stop dog bins being used for ordinary rubbish and prevent the depositing of household rubbish near the Village Hall. If you own a **holiday property** please contact SCDC on **01394 444000** who will help you apply for the correct size trade refuse bins. If you have problems with rubbish left by nearby holiday house occupants please contact me: I shall collate the problems and then deal with SCDC to resolve them.

Fire prevention advice: The Fire and Rescue Service will visit you at home if you are vulnerable or elderly and give you fire prevention advice and smoke alarms. You can email fire.admin@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone **01473 260588** for an appointment.

Resignations of all Councillors were tendered at the end of the meeting. Mrs Hunt thanked all recent and past Councillors for all the wonderful work they had put in over the years. I think Mrs Hunt is right: hours of work behind the scenes have been carried out every month by Councillors throughout the years to ensure Walberswick is such a good place to live. As the pressures on the Council have become greater, other Village organisations have stepped into the breach, and continue to do so. Thank you to those organisations and all past Councillors.

New Councillors will, I anticipate, be appointed by SCDC, but this is likely to take some time. They will take office until new Councillors are elected. In the meantime I have wide delegated powers and, if you contact me, I will help you if I am able.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council

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WALBERSWICK HISTORY GROUP

The speaker at our Christmas meeting on **Saturday 8 December** at 7.30 in the Village Hall will be Aubrey Gus Jones, talking about *Scott's Expedition to the Pole*. There will be a raffle followed by refreshments and wine. All are welcome. Subscriptions (£5 per year) can be paid at the same time.

Maureen Thompson (723755)

WHAT'S WATTS?

Walberswick Amateur Dramatic Society meets monthly from October to March each year for Play Readings and also to organise visits to theatres for members. Recent outings have been to London, Stratford on Avon, Norwich, Cambridge and Ipswich. Anyone interested in joining is invited to contact us on **01502 724592**.

Clive Brynley Jones

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

BARN SALE FOR COMIC RELIEF Sunday 4th 10am-4pm The Stables

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CHRIS SINCLAIR

Thank you to all the kind people who wrote to me about Chris. It was lovely to read all the nice things you wrote about him, and I have tried to thank you all in person – but I may have left a few out.

Wendy Sinclair

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

4 4th S before Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist

11 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

1050 British Legion Service at Blythburgh

1800 Sung Eucharist (BCP)

Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher

18 2nd S before Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist

Celebrant Peter Trendall

25 Christ the King 0930 Parish Eucharist

Celebrant Richard Henderson

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 HC 1662 (said)

1st Wednesday is Healing Service CW

SUNG HOLY COMMUNION BCP

This month we are holding a Sung Eucharist in the evening in place of BCP Evensong as the morning has been given over to the British Legion Service at Blythburgh. It is hoped to repeat this on another occasion when there is no morning Eucharist.

Julia Josephs

CHOIR NEWS

Weekly rehearsals start this month for the Carol Service on Sunday 23 December. We should be delighted to welcome new singers, both male and female. Please join us on Friday 2 November at *Sunningdale* from 4pm for our first carol practice.

Julia Josephs (722828)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

November 5: Denise Brentnall in memory of her parents Peggy & Ernest Hughes

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting on November 1 will be our A.G.M. and Social Afternoon, so there will be no speaker. We will be joined by our W.I. Group Adviser for those who have not met her before.

We welcome any new members or visitors so come along to the Village Hall at 2.30pm to find out more about the W.I. and our many activities.

Sue Pearson

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

November Thoughts: 2014 will be the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War One, and plans are being drawn up to mark the occasion. At one point in time it was suggested at ministerial level that after 100 years a national act of remembrance would cease. It is now 67 years since the end of World War Two, and with the passing of the years it is inevitable that both the world wars are increasingly distant events in our history. It seems to me, however, that the passage of time increases the need to remember, rather than lessening it, because humanity is so quick to forget.

In my own family I have observed that whilst one generation was involved in fighting in World War Two, the scar inflicted by absent parents casts a long shadow over subsequent generations. This year I have witnessed the tension experienced by some friends whose son was serving in Afghanistan, and the relief at his safe return. The events in Syria, and the threat of its conflict with Turkey, must concern us as we pray for peace. Remembrance Day gives us the opportunity to collectively pause, to acknowledge the sacrifice made by others on our behalf, and to renew our commitment to peace and reconciliation within every community, between communities and between nations at every level of human experience.

Simon Pitcher

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22nd September 2012 Interment of Ashes
Elizabeth Susan Crosse aged 69

10th October 2012 Funeral Service
(followed by burial)
Christopher Burdwood Sinclair aged 81

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

As in the past 3 years, we have decided not to deliver cards to our friends, but instead *make a donation to charity*. If you would like to do the same please sign the list in the Tuck Shop, from 1 December, which The Co-Op and staff have kindly agreed to allow us to display. We will put the signed list on the notice board just before Christmas so all your friends will see you have not forgotten them. There will be a collection box in the shop for your donation when you sign the list. You can also deliver it to 2 Manor Close or St Francis, Seven Acres Lane, or donate to your own charity.

Nominated charity for 2012: Cancer Research UK.

Pru & Piers Ford-Crush (722255)

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Vivien & Alvin Hunt (723142) alvindhunt@btinternet.com

SANDERLINGS

We will give a Spring show over the last Bank Holiday in May (Friday 24, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26) in St Andrews Church. I shall be presenting a "recording" of Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood*, which was written as a play for radio. I shall need readers (holding scripts) so there will not be much rehearsal time involved. Actors will move from a semi-circle of chairs to read into a mic. Come to The Studio on **December 5 at 7.00pm** if you are interested, and over a glass of wine I'll explain further. Contact me if you would like a script in advance. Rehearsals will begin in February, and a large cast (including children) is needed, as well as help with stage management, front of house etc. I am very grateful to Simon Pitcher for his support.

Val Anderson(724609)

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

I have taken £1296.66 this year on the bookstall.

Many thanks to all who donated books and bought.

Toby Robinson

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CHRIS SINCLAIR (1931-2012)

Chris Sinclair was among the first artists to settle permanently in Walberswick after World War 2. He and Wendy came to the village in 1960, Chris was born at Merton, Surrey on April 15, 1931. An early enthusiasm for drawing and painting earned him a place at Wimbledon School of Art in 1949. Having gained his National Diploma, he was accepted by The Slade for a further three years' advanced study.

Throughout 50 years in the village Chris was involved in many exhibitions. He was a founder member and regular exhibitor with The Suffolk Group, and more recently with the Suffolk Coastal Group, as well as the biennial *Artists of Walberswick* shows in the village hall. He was also featured in *The Walberswick Enigma* at Christchurch Mansion in 1994, and in several Walberswick-themed exhibitions in the nineties and early 'noughties' at Chappel Galleries, Essex, and at Halesworth Gallery.

Chris applied his talents to the community. He led art classes and painting groups. He also led the Sunday School for many years, creating Advent wreaths and Christmas cribs. The candlestick and altar cross in the church were made by Chris from driftwood gathered off the beach. He was very involved in the village, but will probably be best remembered as a figure in the landscape, working away at his easel capturing the light and the spirit of the place just as it disappears.

Richard Scott & John Brentnall

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We have lost 5 CFR's over the last few months due to retirements and personal commitments, leaving me as last man standing. At this level the Walberswick contingent of Blyth Valley CFR is not sustainable: at least 3 or 4 volunteers need to be trained and active as CFR's as soon as possible. Please contact me if you are interested.

Peter Byrne (01502 723743)

PARISH PLAN REPORT

Correction: the telephone number given for **Suffolk Acre Community Buying (page 35)** should read as **01473 345300**.

BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

We will run the Quiz on 7 December. Registration is at 7-7.30 pm. Food at the half-way break. Further details to be advertised.

Jen & Ben Cardwell

NEXT WINTER PRODUCTION

The Pantomime Committee, premature as it may seem, should soon be setting the wheels in motion for the January 2014 production, so that rehearsals can begin next September. We would like to invite anyone who might be interested in either producing and/or directing this show to please email me.

juliasowerbutts@hotmail.co.uk

The Pantomime Committee

CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET

Don't forget this important event on Saturday 8 December from 10am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Come along and support a very worthy cause.

Betsy Lemmon (722384)

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COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The drop-in morning in October was very well supported and the Trustees were pleased to meet many familiar and new faces. The questions and issues raised are being addressed. Volunteer Warden Barbara Priestman was pleased with the interest shown in the work on The Common (volunteers are still needed on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm). Work on **Wally's Bridge** should start in February 2013. Brambles in front of some beach huts have been cut back. The beach huts are ever popular and there is a sizeable waiting list of village residents. If you have a hut that is not fully used and would be prepared to share it please let the Clerk know.

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk)

James Darkins (Chairman)

NOVEMBER 5TH

Once again the firework display was excellent and a great credit to Philip Kett and his team of 'firework lighters.' A big thanks to Karen Solloway for her assistance in obtaining the fireworks. Thanks also to the *Anchor* and the *Bell* for donating the soup, Astrid King for her delicious muffins and the *Anchor* for baking the potatoes; to Pam Webb and her great team of food helpers and to the bucket shakers Tony and Robin; also to the Tuck Shop for hosting the donations box. Further thanks are due to Richard, Brian, Hugh and Dick who helped clear the bonfire site after the event.

The firework display is self-funding and relies on donations, a collection on the night and proceeds from sale of food. This year a total of £686.56 was raised, which it is hoped will cover all costs..

The Bonfire Committee

(also Friends of Walberswick)

NORWICH BUS

Please note that the bus will run a week earlier than usual this month (on the 13th) as normal Thursday is too near Christmas. Ring **724763** to book.

Sue and Alan Walpole

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

CHRISTMAS QUIZ Friday 7th 7pm at The Bell

CANCER RESEARCH Saturday 8th 10am to 12 noon Village Hall

NORWICH BUS Thursday 13th 9.15am (Ring 724763 to book)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 14th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 14th 1.55-3.15pm Village Hall

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE Monday 17th 7pm The Green

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 6 December will be our Christmas meeting. Members and invited guests should arrive at the Village Hall at 12.15. After a lunch of Soups and Puds we will be entertained by a lady who makes superb chocolates, a subject of great interest to all!

Sue Pearson

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE.

Thanks to all those who gave produce and plants for my stall at Dutch House during the year, and also bought. The grand sum of £702.50 was raised for Motor Neurone Disease Research. Well done !

Mary King

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DECEMBER SERVICES

- 2 1st Sunday of Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
- 9 2nd Sunday of Advent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
Also Choral Evensong at 1800
Preacher Revd Lizzie Gregory
- 16 3rd Sunday of Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
- 23 4th Sunday of Advent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
- 23 **Service of Lessons and Carols at 1800**
led by the Revd Simon Pitcher
Crib Service at 16.30
led by Brian Fisher & Lizzie Gregory
- 25 **Christmas Day 0930 Choral Eucharist**
Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher
- Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
1st Wednesday of month is Healing Service with
CW (said)

IF YE WOULD HEAR THE ANGELS SING

This is my favourite new carol that the choir will sing in this year's candlelit **Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 23 December** at 6 o'clock. The service will also include many favourites including *O Holy Night, See Amid the Winter's Snow and Good King Wenceslas.*

Julia Josephs

A SUNDAY TO REMEMBER

November 11 2012 dawned one of those beautiful cold, crisp, sunny days. For many there was the British Legion service paying tribute to the memory and bravery of so many, but for St Andrew's it was also a celebration of an evening Holy Communion BCP written in 1662 - with the church decorated in vibrant red flowers (carnations and poppies); the Priest in splendid red and gold vestments; the choir singing music both old and new; the congregation enjoying the poignant Remembrance hymns and the priest's choice of Kipling's poem *Lest we forget* for his sermon. It was the first evening Sung Eucharist we have celebrated in our beautiful church and one many of us will not forget.

Julia Josephs

LETTER FROM THE OLM

Christmas is often regarded as the time when families come together to celebrate the festive season although for many people this is not possible due to their particular circumstances. Whether we celebrate the season alone or with family or friends, let us remember that the real reason for our celebration is the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ, at Bethlehem some 2000 years ago. The baby Christ-child was born not in a hospital or at home but in a stable without any attendant medical staff, which leads me to wonder what Joseph & Mary would make of our celebrations for his birth! Perhaps it would help us if we remember the simplicity of the situation into which God's Son was born. To help us do that, there will be several opportunities to hear familiar readings as well as sing carols & hymns describing those events at Bethlehem and elsewhere many years ago. Because of the difficulties experienced recently by the Parish Council, St Andrew's will be arranging the annual carol singing around the Christmas tree on the Village Green, on Monday 17 December at 7.00pm. A collection will be taken up for the work of the East Anglia Children's Hospice. You are all invited to this event & to the refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

Our annual Crib Service, at St Andrew's, is always a very popular event for young (and not so young) families. If you are able to join us on Christmas Eve (for a prompt start at 4.30pm) you will be most welcome; if you wish to come dressed up please feel free to do so (including adults).

The Christmas Luncheon Club will take place on **Friday, 14 December**, 12.30 pm in the Village Hall, cost £6. All are welcome but please let me know (723023) if you plan to join us.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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