

VILLAGE NEWS

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Issue 227



A HAPPY AND HARMONIOUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

SAVE ON HEATING OIL ...

Buy through a community bulk buying scheme! Community Action Suffolk (CAS) can offer domestic households an average yearly saving of £74 on heating oil, and higher volume users, such as community groups and rural businesses, an average yearly saving of £181. The heating oil is purchased in bulk twice a month (once in December) and deliveries are planned to provide an environmental benefit, with one tanker making a single trip to several customers in a village on the same day. Individual orders can also be made if a bulk deadline is missed. The scheme provides a hassle free process and membership is open to all, starting at just £20 per year with the option to place orders online, by email, by post or by phone. Visit www.communitybuying.org.uk or call 01473 345400 for details.

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

From this January, the Charity will be providing support for High School pupils who are permanently resident in Walberswick. There will be a one-off award in January 2016 for the reimbursement of academic expenses of up to £100. Following which, there will be annual award at the start of each academic year, reimbursing expenses of up to £100 per pupil, per annum. **Please contact the Clerk (clerkwclc@gmail.com)** for a list of qualifying items, or visit the Charity's webpage at walberswick.onesuffolk.net.

The Charity will be continuing to support Primary School education via donations directly to the schools, as well as supporting students in Higher Education, on an individual basis.

James Darkins;Chair man.

Michelle Webb;Clerk

Valentine's Weekend The Anchor style?

We promise we're not 'slushy'. More 'hearts drawn in the sand' than pink food and violins. If that appeals to you, join us on either **12, 13 or 14 February** for a special à la carte menu, including 'sharing ' Chateaubriand, West Mersea Oysters and scallops.

No set seating times, so book between 6.15-9pm

01502 722112 or info@anchoratwalberswick.com

AS IF BY MAGIC....

...an internationally renowned, charismatic magician will appear at the **Village Hall on Saturday January 30th at 6p.m.**, to entertain us with A Spectacular Magic Show - an evening of 'mirth, marvels and the mysterious – with a spooky Victorian twist'. **Ian Keable is a winner of The Magic Circle Comedy Award.** An acknowledged expert on Dickensian magic, he claims that Charles Dickens was a clandestine conjuror. Mind bending sleight-of-hand mysteries and reveals are promised. The magic will begin as guests enjoy a stupendous 3 course dinner, with waitress service. There is a glass of fizz on arrival and a cash bar. Why not bring your friends and book a table for eight? **Tickets are £25 each from the Tuck Shop or ring 723142.**

Wands & white rabbits must be left at the door!!

THEATRICAL TREAT

Walberswick Proudly Presents J.B. Priestley's comedy "**When We are Married**". Set in 1900, 3 Yorkshire couples, married on the same day, 25 years before, meet to celebrate—but make a shocking discovery!

February 11th to 14th in the Village Hall
Tickets from the Tuck Shop.

£8 Thursday, £10 Friday, Saturday, Sunday

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on Thursday 7th January at **2pm**. Our speaker will be Mr Jonathan Hunt, with tales of "**Good old times at the BBC**". Please note the earlier start today, because members subscriptions are due. Visitors and new members welcome

BEST FOOT FORWARD IN 2016

Village Walks commence January 11th. Once a fortnight. Join us! Phone 01502 722584.

BRIGHT AT NIGHT! Remember to wear something reflective and carry a torch if you're walking, cycling or riding a horse, around the village, this festive season! Drivers, please be alert for meandering merrymakers!

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Gavin Petrie at Millstones, Millfield Road, Walberswick IP18 6UD
Email: gavin.petrie@ntlworld.com Telephone 01502 723916

Parish Council : Walberswick website

The website continues to publish all planning applications which concern Walberswick. Whilst our Parish Council remain inquorate and can therefore make no comments, any resident may do so. Just go to the Parish Council page on the website and click Planning Applications in the left-hand margin to keep up to date (<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/planning-applications/>). To view all the documents lodged with SCDC, just click the green link under "description". You can even use this site to submit your comment online - for, against, or neutral.

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

ARE YOU A CARER WHO NEEDS SUPPORT?

Suffolk Family Carers offers support and information to anyone caring for a friend, family member or neighbour, suffering from illness, disability or frailty. If that includes you, then you are a Family Carer and are able to access our free Caring With Confidence courses. You'll gain information and tips on the carer's role and learn how to communicate effectively, so your needs are met, find ways to manage your emotions, look after yourself and balance caring with other commitments and day to day challenges. We also have a wealth of resources to assist you and your concerns. If you care for someone with Dementia, you could also access our specifically designed Caring for Dementia with Confidence course. Our sessions are both informative and supportive and many attendees have said that they feel afterwards "that I am not alone", that they've gained friendship and knowledge and know "that there is help out there". These sessions run regularly, so to find out more about either Caring with Confidence or Caring for Dementia with Confidence please contact us on **01473 835446** or cwc@suffolkfamilycarers.org.
Reception 01473 835400 Website
www.suffolkfamilycarers.org

GUIDING LIGHTS

Prompted by the welcome request from a Lowestoft local history group for a guided tour of St. Andrew's this summer, the church has decided to train some enthusiastic volunteers who will be able to take any such tours or to answer visitors' questions, when we are open for special events. I am happy to provide further details to anyone who might be interested, whether or not they are churchgoers. **Joanna Saunders (722413)**

THANKS.....!!

...to the **Christmas Elves**, who took a day off from helping Santa load up his sleigh, to plant a beautiful Christmas tree on the village green – and add lights and decorations, donated by us all.
Take the rest of the year off, lads!

...to all those who so generously gave of their time and donated goods in support of the Cancer Research Mini Market in December. The success of the event was also due to the many people and attended to purchase items from the stalls, have a drink and homemade biscuits, and most importantly have a good chat with friends and neighbours. After expenses, we will send a check to **Cancer Research UK for £2400!** What an amazing result--thanks again! **Betsy Lemmon**

.... to all who donated to my stall at the Dutch House and who bought my garden produce: **£828.31** has been donated to Motor Neurone Disease Assc. Well Done! **Mary King**

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!

...to winning Will! Golfer Will Morcombe, who lived in Millfield Road, played a significant part in Suffolk juniors win of the England Golf South East Group Under 18 League trophy. Will plays off a handicap of three.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!!

The Village Hall Management Committee is looking for several new members, including Secretary from March onwards. If you would like to be involved with this energetic, dedicated group please contact one of the members or the **Secretary (Betsy Lemmon 722384)** for more information

STOP PRESS! Village News Editor's team wins Bell Christmas Quiz! (It wasn't a fix! Ed.)

13 teams played a closely-fought quiz, with the top three scores 91, 90, 89. Sausage & mash completed a perfect evening. A cheque for **£270** will be sent to **Sole Bay Carers**. Ben Cardwell

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Darryl Dawson (723231) John Anderson (726172)

JANUARY SERVICES

- 3 2nd Sunday of Christmas 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Brian Fisher
*Blythburgh invited to combine as we
join their congregaion on the 10th at 11am*
- 10 1st Sunday of Epiphany 1800 Evensong
Preacher: Revd Simon Pitcher
- 17 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Brian Fisher
- 24 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
- 31 Candlemas Team Service at Reydon 1100
Rich Henderson & Simon Pitcher
All services on Sundays are sung
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)
*Please note there will be no midweek services
from 21 December to 4 January

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- 10th Denise & John Brentnall in memory of
Margaret & Ralph Erskine
- 24th Judy Morton in memory of her parents
Bill & Olive Quenzer

REMINDER: CAROL SERVICE—December 23rd
A packed church, flickering candles, then voices
open this year's Readers & Carols Service. 6 of the
7 readers have not read before in our church and the
youngest, aged 12, has a poem to perform. A young
boy also plays the side drum, which, with the organ,
accompanies the choir in Tomorrow shall be my
Dancing Day. The rhythm is very tricky. Don't be
late! Starts at 6pm!!

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

Dear Friends,

Another year has passed. I wonder, do you look
back with feelings of sadness or joy, or a mixture of
both? I suspect that for most of us it will be a mix-
ture of both and we also wonder if 2016 will be any
different? Or do we look with expectation as Alfred,
Lord Tennyson did in his poem In Memoriam:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

In truth none of us really knows what 2016 will
bring us. St James in his New Testament letter tells
his readers, 'you do not know what tomorrow will
bring', let alone for a whole year! Anxious about
what lies ahead? I commend to the words of the Old
Testament Psalmist, 'Trust in the Lord with all your
heart...and he will make straight your paths.'

One thing that the Sole Bay Ministry Team knows
already about 2016 is that one of our two remaining
stipendiary (the paid variety) priests, The Rev Rich
Henderson will be leaving us at the end of January to
take up the current vacancy at St Michael's & St
Luke's Churches in Beccles. His farewell service
will take place on 31st January 2016, at 11.00a.m.
Please join us there to thank Rich for his ministry
among us here.

Bishop Martin has said that we will be able to adver-
tise for a replacement early in the New Year but until
then the retired clergy and lay members of our eight
churches will be supporting our Team Rector, Si-
mon. Please pray for us all.

Every blessing for 2016

Brian Fisher.

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1st-02:30/15:33
8th-09:10/21:33
15th-01:36/14:16
22nd-09:05/21:26
29th-01:21/13:56

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DIGGING UP OUR ROAD...

Many of you will have seen the signs (work may already have begun by the time you read this) that road re-surfacing works will be taking place in the village, from **25-29th January**, all the way from Adam's Lane to the Harbour.

Suffolk Coastal reassure us that the work will be done in stages, with Stop/Go signs and that there will always be access to our homes and businesses. However, if you have any queries or major concerns – perhaps you're moving house? – call the council's roadworks line on: **0345 6066171**

...AND DIGGING UP OUR PAST

We will be doing four sessions of test pit digging here, for the last time. This will give us a good overall picture of the development of our village over the centuries. Unfortunately, we can't go onto farmland, where the oldest parts of the village once stood but several gardens overlap the old village boundaries.

On Wed/Thur April 27th/28th, we hope to dig some 15 test pits, with the help of school children (and a responsible adult), from local schools.

If you would like to offer your land this year, please phone me on **723800**. I may also knock on your door, to see if it is possible and convenient to excavate a pit in your garden! **Philip Kett**

RNLI REVIVED! QUIZ - MARCH 4th!

The Walberswick branch of the RNLI has been reinvigorated and is marking the occasion with a fundraising quiz in the **Village Hall on March 4: Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start**. Quizmaster is Mr James Darkins, who promises a combination of fun questions and intellectual challenges.

Entry **£5 pp for a team of four**. 5 point deduction per additional team member up to 6 max. Tickets at the door. Bring your own food and drink. Grand Raffle. We are looking forward to seeing you there.
Jonathan Winyard Chairman Walberswick RNLI

THE ANCHOR

CURRY CLUB Night Friday 12th February
£16.50pp, includes choice of main dishes.

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND 12-14TH DINNER ANY-TIME FROM 6.15-9PM. Family Feast 6pm: dinner & games. £22 per adult, £10 child under 10

01502 722112 or info@anchoratwalberswick.com

IS OUR FETE IN YOUR HANDS?

The Village Fete is scheduled for **Bank Holiday Saturday, 27 August, 2016**. I now hand over the organisation to the two worthy beneficiaries, our Church and Village Hall, recommending that they seek volunteers to head a 2016 Fete Committee.

With the accent on fun, as well as earning worthwhile revenue, past incumbents have found few difficulties in the preparation for the fete, which, if begun early in the spring, can be an enjoyable and satisfying experience.

This year, we have prepared a 5,000 word, 24 annex, step-by-step guide to running our fete, and I would be happy to provide any further clarification, should that be needed.

To get the ball rolling, will anyone who might feel able to take the lead this year, please contact me?

Nigel Walpole 723371 nigel@kermont.plus.com

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP – 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

It is a quarter of a century since Walberswick Local History Group (WLHG) was formed and an exhibition of its archives and other memorabilia, including videos, photographs and pictures, will be held on **Sat/Sun/Mon 28th, 29th and 30th May 2016** in the Village Hall from 10 – 4 pm daily.

The Committee is seeking additional interesting items to display - objects, photographs and paintings of local interest etc. If you are willing to loan items, or have any queries, please contact either Pat Lancaster (724268) or Jayne Tibbles (724448). Please come along and see what your History Group has to offer. Entrance is free.

The Chairman, WLHG

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS IN VN

Unless otherwise stated, the prefix (01502) will not be printed before local phone numbers, in the Village News. If there is simply a 6 figure contact number, please assume it is a Walberswick area number, with the 01502 prefix.

CAN YOU HEAR ME AT THE BACK?

The audio and video equipment in the Village Hall is being updated. If you are planning to hire the hall and need the equipment, please contact a committee member.

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Kay Ungless

THANKS TO ...

...all those who donated so generously, during caroling on the green and carol singing around the village on Christmas Eve. We raised an astonishing **£414 for EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice)!**

I hope you agree that the tree was fantastic this year, with many more decorations (thank you), which I have wrapped up safely for Christmas 2016.

Thanks to Harry Edwards and John Flack for leading the celebration around the tree and providing the fantastic brass band; and to everyone contributed decorations. Also, to all the lovely people who served gallons of mulled wine at the village hall after the caroling and everyone who came to sing and celebrate.

Ray Goodman

....to all who purchased holly, from my front gate. The sale realised £33.97, which has been donated to the R.N.L.I. **Dione Shirreff**

.....to all who donated and purchased books for my summer bookstall for 2015 . I have been able to send a cheque for **£1209.30** for Cystic Fibrosis! My garage is now full but when the season begins we would love more. **Toby Robinson**

....the brave swimmers who swam on Christmas Day and all those who came down to watch , enjoy a brief glimpse of sunshine, the mulled wine and kindly donated a total of £220—all of which will be sent to the **R.N.L.I**

.....the singers, the readers, the musicians, the Rev Simon Pitcher, all those who decorated the church with garlands and candles and made the **Festival of Lessons & Carols** quite the most magical way to begin Christmas celebrations.

...to all who donated to the Charity Christmas card list. We raised **£150 for Macmillan Cancer Support**.

ELIZABETH ROOKE—THANKSGIVING

A memorial service and internment of ashes, for Elizabeth Rooke will be held at St Andrew's on Monday 15th February at 2pm, to which all her friends are welcome. Please join us for tea at the Anchor, after the service,

DIARY DATES...

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY OPEN MORNING, Village Hall Annex 10.30am-12noon Sat. **5th March**.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR...

WHEN WE ARE MARRIED by J.B. Priestley
Comedy at the Village Hall—**February 11-14th**.
Tickets £8 Thur/£10 other days , at the Co-op

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting is on **Feb 4th at 2.30** in the Village Hall. Mr Dick Johnson will be entertaining us with 'Tales of a Travelling Cavalryman' . Guests welcome.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY –GUARANTEED!

Does your Valentine have a heart of stone? Would he or she like one? Why not find a heart-shaped stone on the beach and present it to the one you love? So much more original than boring roses or champagne. Also, it's a Leap Year, so here's another irresistible suggestion! Pick up a hagstone and slip it on your loved one's finger, to guarantee the answer is 'Yes!' It's called Wooing the Walberswick Way!

WINTER OPENING HOURS

Wondering what's open and where you can get a croissant, a cuppa or a greeting card this time of year in the village?

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- 7 Sunday next before Lent 1100 Eucharist
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- 10 **Ash Wednesday** 1000 HC said
- 14 1st Sunday of Lent 1800 Evensong
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COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

By tradition , there are no flowers in Lent

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Evensong Choir wish to thank everyone who supported the Lessons & Carols Service in December.

If you would like to hear more of their singing, please come to church on the Second Sunday of the month when they sing the service of Evensong with beautiful anthems, well loved hymns and interesting readings from the King James Bible. The congregation also take part in the prayers. Join us at Six o'clock on St Valentine's Day (14th) for our service..

Dear Friends

By the time you read this, my colleague **Revd Rich Henderson** will have said farewell to Sole Bay and become the new Vicar of Beccles. I know that he will be greatly missed here, and we wish him every happiness in his new post.

Rich's departure means that our search has begun for a new Team Vicar. Meanwhile, our worship will not be affected, thanks to the support of Brian and Harry.

SOUTHWOLD LENT LECTURES

This year's Lent Lectures will tackle some major ethical issues of current concern. While some of the topics are inevitably controversial, the speakers have been asked to introduce relevant biblical and church teaching in an informative way, not just to use the lecture as a soap box for their views. There should be plenty to think about and discuss. All the lectures will be at **6.00 p.m. in the United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold.**

14 February Refugees and Immigration

Professor Hugh Williamson, Emeritus Regius Professor of Hebrew, University of Oxford

21 Feb Just War Theory and British Involvement

The Revd Professor Nigel Biggar, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, University .Oxford

28 February Assisted Dying

The Revd Dr Richard Higginson, Dir of Studies and Lecturer in Christian Ethics, Ridley Hall, Cambridge

6 March The Future of Marriage

The Revd Dr John Bradbury, Vice-Principal and Director of Studies in Systematic Theology and Church History, Westminster College, Cambridge

13 March Human Sexuality

The Revd Dr John Hare, former consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon

20 March Faith Schools and RE in a Modern Educational System

Helen Matter, Schools' Adviser, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese

Yours in Christ,

Simon

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EVERY LITTLE THING THEY DID WAS MAGIC
Walberswick had two major theatrical events, in the Village Hall, recently. ...

It seemed the whole village materialised for the **Magic Show**. The magician, Ian Keable, was 'How did he do that?' brilliant but the highlight of the evening was his 'helpers', plucked from the audience. It swiftly became a comedy show, as none of them had their reading glasses on, so the response to 'Is this the right card?' was 'No idea. Can't see it!' Star assistant was maestro Denis King, who, lacking only spangles and tights, will henceforth be known as 'Debbie', after Paul Daniels missus. Bill Willison reports that profit for the Magic Show is an amazing **£1,424.29!** Well done all, especially the magicians in the kitchen, who conjured up a splendid supper and Julia Sowerbutts for organising the event.

A STANDING OVATION for....

...**When We Are Married**, J.B. Priestley's' play of marital chaos, which played over four days, last month. So professionally performed and presented, it was hard to believe the cast were our friends and neighbours, as their skill and timing – together with authentic Yorkshire accents – made us feel as if we were sitting in a West End theatre. Huge congrats to all the cast, to directors, Clive and Doris Brynley-Jones, producer, Jill Willison and their production team. ***** **Five star review!**

INK FESTIVAL 9-10th APRIL 2016

Our own Julia Sowerbutts is Artistic Director of the Ink Festival, which showcases local writers, in a weekend of new short plays and films, 90 second film school, workshops, kids theatre plus live music, rapping, bar and food. Exciting back-to-back performances. **Tickets - half day £9/full day £18 (U25 concessions). The Cut, Halesworth 9-10 April 11am-9.30pm. Box office 0845 6732123. www.inkfestival.org**

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Curry Night Friday 18th March

Easter Bank Holiday Weekend

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IT IS RISEN! PARISH COUNCIL REVIVED!

Walberswick Parish Council, whose members resigned en masse, is able to make decisions again, with the appointment of three new councillors. The council lost six of its seven members in 2012 after it was "bombarded" with requests for information.

Raymond Catchpole, one of the new councillors, said: "The intention is to draw a line under past problems." It followed a campaign co-ordinated by , he says : A "tiny minority" of residents.

Between 2009 and 2011, the council received almost 500 Freedom of Information Act requests, mainly from a group of four villagers who were unhappy with the way a housing development had been considered and the way the council operated.

This put the council under financial pressure and since the 2012 resignations, the number of councillors has fluctuated between one and six, and stood at two before the new appointments. The parish requires at least three councillors at meetings to make it quorate (able to make binding decisions).

Suffolk Council District Council (SCDC) has overseen the appointment of the three new members to get the parish council functioning again, although none of them lives in the village.

Mr Catchpole is joined by fellow district councillor **Philip Dunnnett** and **Paul Widdowson**, who serves on Halesworth Town Council. Mr Catchpole added:

"The intention is to be temporary councillors, and we need villagers to come forward for this parish council to have a future. If they don't, then replacing it with a parish meeting might be an answer, similar to the one they have in Dunwich." A parish meeting is a meeting of villagers, rather than elected councillors, and has fewer responsibilities and only requires a chairman, treasurer and clerk.

Tasks facing the newly-quorate Walberswick Parish Council include setting a new parish precept and filling the vacancy for a clerk.

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At the time of writing, the first meeting of the Parish Council will be on March 7th.

BEACH CLEAN on Sunday March 13th, 10am, on behalf of Walberswick Wildfowlers' Club and Natural England. Meet at Cliff Car park. Bring stout bags and gloves. All welcome. Please come and help. **Mark Waller**

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Walberswick Local History Group

.....are pleased to announce the following archive material is available on the village website:

Commemorative Benches – 2015: **St Andrews Churchyard Survey** – 2015: **Haite Pictures** (15 sketches by artist George Charles Haite, were donated to Walberswick in 2010): **Flooding 1953** and **Storm Surge 2013**. Our grateful thanks go to Kay Ungless for giving so generously of her time and expertise. Please use the following link to access these very interesting items: <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/home/walberswick-local-history-group/excerpts-from-archives/>. **Pat Lancaster—Archivist**

A word of thanks, from all of us, to **Pat**, for the incredible amount of time and energy she has put into digitising the archives. It is a mammoth task and an amazing achievement. We are all grateful. Ed.

COME AND JOIN US.....!

...at the **WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY** annual drop-in morning, which will be held in the Village Hall Annex from 10:30am to 12 noon on **Saturday 5 March**. The Trustees and Clerk will be there to answer your questions and all are welcome to learn more about the work of the Charity. Plus it is also an ideal opportunity to discuss projects and ideas that you believe would benefit our Village. We look forward to seeing you there.
Michelle Webb (Clerk) James Darkins (Chairman)

...at the **VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM**, on **Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30 pm** in the Annex. Please join us for a glass of wine and nibbles, as we review our year's achievements. We need new members for the committee, so this would be a good chance to see what is entailed.
Betsy Lemmon

CONGRATULATIONS.....!

...to all those who have welcomed a four-legged friend, in recent weeks. Our *lead* story includes Nigel & Margreet Walpole, who have given a home to **Cara**, an 8 year old German Shepherd, with immaculate manners, while Valley Farm Vineyard's Elaine & Vanessa have rescued **Amber**, a one-year old poodle. **Maisie**, a sweet terrier from Spain is now happily settled with Aubrey Pearson and Jane Hamilton & James Darkins have announced the safe arrival of **Clementine**, a black miniature Schnauzer. Local cats refused to comment.

THANKS.....!

...On behalf of the St. Elizabeth Hospice, to everyone who continues to put their used postage stamps in the collecting box at the The Tuck Shop. They continue to provide the Hospice with much needed revenue. Please keep up the good work. **Jill Whittenbury**

GRAHAME GODSMARK 7.4.1924 - 25.1.2016

Mary King and all the Godsmark family would like to give their sincere thanks for all the support and best wishes received from so many people in Walberswick. Grahame had lived in the village for over 32 years and Mary and the family have been touched by all the kind words and were very pleased to see so many at the funeral service. (Tribute on facing page)

IN MEMORIAM GG

A Walberswick poet of our times,
You sing to us melodious rhymes
Of ocean, beach, hagstones and more,
When walking on our shingly shore;

And inland too, you versify
With your keen poetic eye
Gorse and heather, fields and trees,
Nightingales and bumblebees.

The Panto, Fete, Bonfire Night:
You never hesitate to write
Of village doings, great and small;
That poet's eye recording all.

In a good cause you don't refuse
To put your poetry to use:
By mocking bureaucratic folly
You saved a bridge – which honours Wally.

With love we wish to celebrate
Our village Poet Laureate:
The story only you can tell
Has ended now – GG, farewell.

JR

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On **3rd March 2.30** in the Village Hall. Guest, **Mr Roy Tricker** discusses the *Value, Fun and Fascination of Old Churches*. Humorous and inspiring, he has written many church guides, including St Andrews. **Visitors and new members welcome.**

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MARCH SERVICES 2016

- 6 Mothering Sunday 1100
Family Service with Simon Pitcher
*Blythburgh invited to combine as we
join their congregation on the 13th at 11am*
- 13 5th Sunday of Lent 1800 Evensong
Preacher: Canon Harry Edwards
- 20 Palm Sunday 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Brian Fisher
- 25 Good Friday 1400-1500
Canon Harry Edwards
- 27 **Easter Day 0930 Choral HC**
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher

All services on Sundays are sung
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

PARISH REGISTER

- 13th January 2016 Funeral Service
(followed by burial)
Jeltje Stracey aged 91
- 25th January 2016 Funeral Service
(followed by burial)
Joyce Enid Bloomfield aged 88
- 12th February 2016 Funeral Service
(followed by cremation)
R. Graham Godsmark aged 91
- 15th February 2016 Thanksgiving
Service for the life of
Elizabeth Rooke aged 96
(followed by burial of ashes)

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

In the 18th century, Dr Samuel Johnson wrote, 'The prospect of death concentrates the mind wonderfully'. I wonder what your reaction is to those words? (I will understand if you switch off at this stage). It is a statement that has occupied my mind since the article I wrote for the January issue, after a succession of deaths of people either resident in the village, or closely associated with Walberswick. All of them, to a lesser or greater extent, added much to the life & fabric of our community.

One of my favourite sitcoms of all time was *One Foot in the Grave*, involving the grumpy life of the irascible Victor Meldrew. Whatever you may have thought of that series, the title was spot on because from the time we are born that is the situation of each one of us. An American pastor, now living in Canada, Eugene Petersen has written these challenging words, 'Preparing for a good death has been, in every century except our own, an accepted goal in life'. Whatever your thoughts are about life & death may I suggest it is worth thinking about.

With the Easter season fast approaching (earlier than we might expect or appreciate), there are several major services to take place at St Andrew's in the coming weeks.. It would be great to see & welcome families at our Mothering Sunday service on March 6th (11.00am), as well as on Easter Sunday (March 27th at 9.30am). The Good Friday one-hour devotion, at 2.00pm, will be led this year by Canon Harry Edwards.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

TRIBUTE—GRAHAME GODSMARK

We have lost a familiar figure, a man of many parts: WW2 veteran, beach cleaner, BL member, writer of poems & ditties, cook and breadmaker extraordinaire. At any village event - you name it - he was there, giving a hand and more recently just being there.

But we have also lost a dear, wonderful friend and neighbour who, when our respective husbands died, was always "there for us." Indoor, outdoor, car problems, even unwelcome spiders(!) we knew to whom we could go for help. Thank you Grahame, for all you did for us and for Walberswick.
Pat Atherton, Ruth Bassett.

WHAT'S ON

RNLI QUIZ—4th. Village Hall—7pm. £5 pp for team of four. Bring own refreshments

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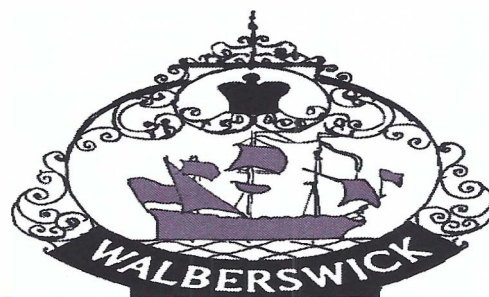
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WCLC BEACH HUT FOR RESIDENTS

...proved so popular last year that Walberswick Common Lands Charity have decided to make it a permanent feature, for villagers. The hut is available from **Good Friday 25th March** with the same hire fee of £5 per day. Booking calendar and beach hut regulations on the website. All enquires to clerkwclc@gmail.com James Darkins (Chairman) Michelle Webb (Clerk)

HISTORY GROUP (WLHG)

Please check the website: - www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk. The History Group now has a more prominent position on the top headers. Please see also, Exhibition Information and updated Archive listing plus additional extracts from archives: Jessie Mabel Browton Pictures, Horticultural Trophies and Winners. **Pat Lancaster**

TWEETING THE NEWS ...

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK ..

..will take place on **Saturday 7th May 2016**. 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. A hearty breakfast or an early brunch, at the Anchor Hotel, 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 direct with the Anchor Hotel (722112) prior to Walk Day. **Tony Lancaster**

COASTAL COLOURS

Please come to an exhibition of oil painting by **Sarah Muir Poland, Helen Riches, David Riches**. From Good Friday to Easter Monday, in the Heritage Hut on Walberswick Green. 10-4 p.m.

The Anchor

...at Easter-time will be open for food all day with a **BBQ on Easter Monday** (weather permitting)
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COMETH THE HOUR, COMETH THE CLIVE...

Nigel and Margreet Walpole are delighted to announce that **Clive Brynley-Jones** has offered to take over the lead in this year's **Walberswick Fete, Saturday, 27 August**. He is ideal for the role, having been deeply involved in many recent fetes, albeit often in the background, and in continuing to be very active in several village activities. However, the fete requires a collective effort, and while many stalwarts have already offered their services, additional volunteers are needed to carry out a variety of tasks, few of which require any particular skills. If you feel able to help, in any way, please ring **Clive on 01502-724592**. Given that help, we can look forward to another truly enjoyable community event. **Nigel Walpole**

COULD YOU WRITE A COLUMN?

Southwold Gazette is looking for someone to write a monthly column for them, on all things Walberswick - news, events etc. Would anyone like to volunteer for this unpaid post? Contact: Laura Boggis - Editor, The Southwold Gazette 07815 152 892 e-mail. southwoldgaz@btconnect.com

BOOK A SEAT IN THE STALLS FOR.....

...**INK FESTIVAL** 9-10th April 2016
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... **JEFFREY HOLLAND** at **Leiston Film Theatre** on **April 22nd @ 7.30p.m.** The *Hi-de-Hi* star, **Jeffrey Holland** is performing his acclaimed one-man show '*And this is my friend, Mr Laurel*', a tribute to his idol, Stan Laurel. Book on 01728 830549 or online at leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk. Tickets from £10.95. Jeffrey is staying in Walberswick, before the show, so be sure to call out '*Hi-de-Hi*' if you see him on the beach!

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TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US....

Last year, Walberswick was high on the SUNDAY TIMES (HOMES) list of the Best Places to live in the UK. Not this year. They say *Walberswick misses out this year, due to a surfeit of second homes; we're looking for places to live, not to spend a few weeks in the summer. It doesn't seem to be the happiest place, either, with a bitter planning feud, resulting in the virtual disbanding of the parish council.*

HOWEVER ...the first meeting of the **newly quorate PARISH COUNCIL** took place last month, in a packed Village Hall annexe, where the mood was positive and supportive. **Chair, Esme Richardson** was applauded when she said the council would now focus on "looking after the needs of our residents" and no longer consider "past criticisms". Other speakers from the floor were also applauded, when they spoke of moving forward and getting on with the practical business of maintaining the village infrastructure, neglected during the hiatus. Planning matters and discussions included a possible 20mph limit in the village. A request was also made for a new **CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**. Council members, dates, planning application, agendas and contact details are on the website: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

The next meeting will be the Parish Council AGM on May 16th at 7.15 in the Village Hall Annex

*****The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on 21 April 2016 19:30 - 21:30 in the Village Hall.**

There will be reports from District Councillors, various groups and a public forum. Every Walberswick Elector can attend. **VERY IMPORTANT! If you have views or concerns, prepare to air them here!!*****

THANKS!!

...to all our friends and neighbours who sent cards and flowers when we moved. We have settled in really well and are very happy. Best wishes **Shirley and Freddie Eade**.

...from Natural England to all those who gave up their Sunday morning and turned out for the beach clean .30 bags of rubbish were collected. It was a fine effort by all concerned. **Mark Waller**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

...to **three Golden couples, celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries** ! Raise a glass (was it Babycham, in those days?) to accomplished thespians, **Peter & Moira** (Austin) and (holding a joint celebration) are **Jen & Ben** (Cardwell) and **Viv & Alvin** (Hunt). We are keen to know what's kept them together, all these years. Love? Or golf? One thing's for sure ... *(segue into next news item)...*

.....IT'S NOT ALL BEER AND SKITTLES

Many of you know the French game of boules (or petanque) used to be a very popular, sociable pastime at **The Bell**. Suitable for all ages and all levels of ability, there is a large and very active league in Suffolk, which the village used to participate in. First, however, we simply want to reinvigorate the use of The Bell's piste and get people enjoying the game again. Are you interested? If so, please contact Craig Baker at craigbake@gmail.com - or **Nick on 723109**. We might even be able to meet over Easter!

RESURRECTION OF THE RUINS UPDATE

Work on restoring the ruins of St Andrews Church is progressing to schedule, helped by the relatively mild weather. The work has also thrown up some questions about the history of the various building phases, especially in the Chancel area, where clear differences have been revealed as the internal plaster has largely fallen off the walls.

Our generous main funder, Historic England, has kindly agreed to fund a local archaeologist to assess the ruins to advise the architect Nick Jacob and Hogs builders how best to carry out the repairs.

It will also help us in our interpretation of the ruins. In case you are wondering, it is too early to say at this stage when the scaffolding will be taken down. But the PCC have some exciting plans for officially celebrating the re-opening (if that is the correct term) of the ruins once completed, so keep an eye out on the notice boards after Easter.

Don't forget—if you would like to join a tour of the ruins while work is in progress

Thanks to those who have already expressed an interest. If you would like to be kept updated on progress by email please also contact **Stephanie Renouf** on this email: renoufstephanie@gmail.com.

WALBERSWICK FERRY TIMES FOR APRIL

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Celebrant & Preacher Harry Edwards
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Join their congregation on the 10th at 11am*
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Evensong is choral and uses the BCP
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

EASTER SUNDAY 27th MARCH 0930

Be sure to join in our praise and worship on Easter morning and sing your favourite Easter hymns in a beautifully decorated church. The choir opens the service with 'O Rejoice that the Lord has Arisen!' the wonderful Easter Hymn from the opera Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni.

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

17th Sandra Gordon for Adam

24th Joanna Saunders for her parents

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Tina Oldfield will be telling us about her "Trek for Life" April 7th meeting. 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome

Dear Friends,

The month of April is the month in which we hold our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. Those who serve as churchwardens, treasurer and PCC members are thanked and elections take place for officers for the coming year. It is an opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved in the life of the church, and to look forward to what lies ahead. The meeting is open to members of the church electoral roll, and if you would like to join the roll there are some available in church. This year our meeting is; **Sunday 24th April St Andrew Walberswick at 12.00, in church.**

New Team Vicar

A meeting was held in Reydon church on Wednesday 9th March at which Bishop Martin and Archdeacon Ian met with the Sole Bay Team Council to consider the process and time-scale for appointing a new Team Vicar. The outcome is that we shall advertise nationally during April, with the hope of holding interviews on 18th and 19th May. If we are successful in appointing a suitable candidate they will probably need to give three months notice from their current position, which means that we might be in a position to welcome a new Team Vicar by the end of August. Please pray for God's blessing on this process, that the right person will be called to join us, and for the future of our team of churches.

Repair to the Ruins

Conservation work continues and we hope that once complete it will be possible to hold a church open day to celebrate. Further news will follow in due course. Please see update on facing page.

Yours in Christ

Simon

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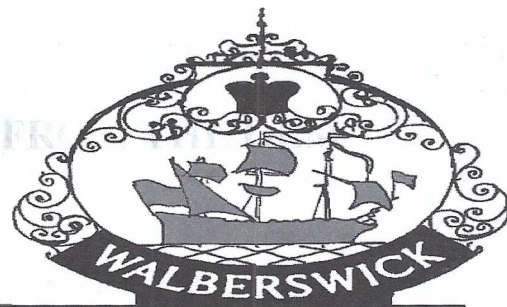
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POLICE COMMISSIONER

Election of Police & Crime Commissioner for Suffolk, takes place on **Thursday 5 May**. Village Hall Annexe. 7am—10pm.

DEFENCELESS?

ROBINSONS' & TOWN MARSHES

The Environment Agency has announced that it is abandoning the project to raise and strengthen the river wall between the Ferry Hut and the Bailey Bridge. This decision has been blamed on increased costs as a result of the clay in the marshes being unsuitable for construction of the banks without expensive treatment. This is bad news for flood protection in The Lea, the long-term preservation of this important access to the Village and the viability of Southwold Harbour. The Blyth Estuary Group and the Charity are working together to persuade the Agency to carry out spot strengthening of the wall in the areas where it is most vulnerable to a breach and to bring the top to a constant level of 2.5 metres OD, the height of the bank at the Ferry Hut. The compound in Ferry Road is being removed, although the fencing will stay in place until the grass has re-established.

James Darkins (Chairman) Walberswick Common Lands Charity
John Nichols, Walberswick representative, Blyth Estuary Group

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On **Thursday 5th May** we will be voting on resolutions for the W.I. National conference in June. Afterwards, we will have a lighthearted quiz. Please join us at **2.30pm in the Village Hall**. Remember to bring your bulb orders as well! New members and visitors very welcome. **Irene Prince**

The Anchor

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BY ROYAL COMMAND

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday the Village Hall and the Common Lands Charity are planning a number of village events. All details in next month's news but please save the date : **Sunday June 12th**. Celebrations will include worship on the green with Harry Edwards plus a village band, a village picnic, children's fancy dress, a jazz band, games, races and even a 'decorate your wheelbarrow' competition! The theme is the Queen's 90th but anything goes, as to what you decorate it with. Wheelbarrows will be displayed on the Green and judged by a Village nonagenarian! Get planning...

Queries? email: juliasower-butts@hotmail.co.uk

Village Hall & Common Lands Charity Committees

CAUSE FOR ALARM?

A plea, from those who have been disturbed by house and car alarms in the village – with no means of contacting the owners.

If everyone who has a security system on house and car (who doesn't?) kindly make sure that an immediate neighbour/s has a) a key b) the security code and c) your phone number, when you are out of the village (and that your other neighbours know this), it would certainly help to keep the peace!

FETE STEPS IN....

Preparations for this year's Village Fete (**Saturday 27th August**) are well under way.

The successful formula of previous fetes will be closely followed but new ideas for games and stalls are always welcome, especially from anyone who has not been involved in previous Fetes .

Specifically—if you have an idea for stall you could run, that will fit on an 8' x 8' site, we would love to hear from you. For inspiration, just think back to the village fairs and fetes of your childhood and remember what you loved best...Please contact me or Doris on 724592, or our fellow organisers, Gary and Di Kingshott on 722991.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council AGM 9th May 7.30pm
The Parish council is pleased to be quorate but in need of a **Parish Clerk** and if anyone is interested please can they email me.
esmerichardson@me.com

Planning applications (below) still being considered at the time of going to press. They are always posted on the website within a few minutes of receipt of any planning application updates from SCDC: Updates once a week. <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-parish-council/planning-applications/pending-consideration/>

THE STREET.

The Stables - construct dual pitched roof over the open bay. DC/16/0369/FUL and DC/16/0370/LBC

The Stables - construct new building adjacent to tennis court. DC/16/0756/FUL

Old Rectory - construction of new dwelling in garden. DC/16/1133/FUL

The Anchor - To reduce Beech behind road frontage outbuilding to 4m DC/16/1475/TCA

THE GREEN

Concorde Cottage - single storey rear/side extension. DC/16/0686/FUL

House on the Green - replacement windows and new canopy. DC/16/1036/FUL

LEVERETTS LANE

Marshway: Land at rear - fell Scots pine. DC/16/1401/TCA

MILLFIELD ROAD

3 Millstones - Porch extension DC/16/1539/FUL

MERRY WALKERS OF WALBERWICK...

....continue to meet, bi-weekly, on Monday mornings. Numbers have grown, since the walks began and we numbered 25 recently! It's not only a great way to keep fit but also, to chat with friends and catch up on village news. Our next amble will be on **May 9th**...Reydon Church to Frostenden Bluebell Walk. More details on <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/home/social-groups-and-activities/walkers-group/> or call **John & Pat Weston 722584**

THANKS.....!!!

to all of you who joined us, or donated to **Walberswick RNLI Quiz** on the 4th March. A fantastic time was had by all, and we raised well over **£550!** We hope you will continue to support our fundraising activities as we try to raise as much money as possible for this incredibly important organisation. **Chris Hosea**

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

....INK MAKES ITS MARK

Last month, a wave of Walberswickians (and other locals) headed to Halesworth Cut for **The Ink Festival**, a wonderful weekend of plays, performances, poets and preposterously good music. Some of us were writing, performing, directing or stage managing and were magnificently supported by our friends and neighbours. Indeed, superlatives were exhausted, as the busy, buzzy, packed atmosphere was matched by the professionalism of the productions. Applause and bouquets must be directed at **Julia Sowerbutts** who, as Artistic Director, pulled it all together with such style. She's now inking in some dates for **Ink 2017! Jan Etherington**

THE SUFFOLK COASTAL GROUP BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

will be held in Walberswick Village Hall on **Saturday 30th April – Monday 2nd May**. Artists include: Miles Fairhurst, Eveline Hastings, Glynn Hugo, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. Guest artists: Jazz Green, Helen and David Riches. On show will be paintings, prints, pastels and ceramics. Open 10am-6pm both days. Entrance free Everyone welcome. **Suffolk Coastal Group**

DO YOU WANT GREEN FINGERS?

A reminder that the Horticultural Committee have arranged a series of free gardening workshops at Darsham Nurseries, by the owner, David Keleel. The talks, on various topics, will last just over an hour. **May 12th** (2pm) – Gardening overview
June 29th/30th (10am) – Roses
August 18th (10am) Annuals.
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MAY SERVICES 2016

- 1 6th Sunday of Easter 1100 HC (CW)
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
*Blythburgh invited to combine as we
join their congregation on the 8th at 11am*
- 5 Ascension Day 1930 at Uggeshall
Hugh Williamson to preach.
- 8 Sunday after Ascension 1800 Evensong
Preacher: Revd Peter Trendall
- 15 Pentecost (Whit Sunday) 1100 HC (CW)
Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher
- 22 Trinity Sunday 1100 HC (CW)
Celebrant & Preacher Harry Edwards
- 29 Trinity 1 - No service at St Andrews
All Services on Sundays are sung
Evensong is choral and uses the BCP
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

1st Julia Sowerbutts for Joe Josephs

8th Ruth for Eric Bassett

22nd Joanna for Robert Saunders

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

Dear Friends,

We are betwixt & between this month, as far as I am concerned. In April our Queen celebrated her 90th birthday & next month she will celebrate her official birthday. On the latter occasion we, in the village, will have an opportunity to celebrate, in various ways. I just thank God for the way in which she has served both God & her peoples around the world.

The advertisement for a new stipendiary priest to join our team was published in Church Times last month. Please pray that there will be candidates who are interested in coming to our part of God's world and that, in due course, the right person (male or female) will be appointed.

Having mentioned the team I would like to make you aware of various services that will be taking place across The Sole Bay Team during the coming month. On Thursday 5th May, at 7.30pm, the team Ascension Day Service will take place at St Mary's Uggeshall. On 15th May we shall be celebrating Pentecost at St Andrew's – that Sunday will also see the beginning of Christian Aid Week. On 19th May, at 7.30pm, the Archdeacon's Visitation takes place at St Edmund's Southwold – this is the service at which the churchwardens, of all eight parishes that make up our team, will be sworn in. On 29th May (it being the 5th Sunday in the month) there will be An All Age Team Service, at 11.00am, at St Edmund's Southwold. I invite you to join with us at any or all of those services.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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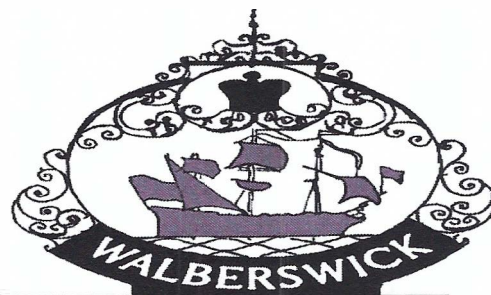
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OUR FETE IS IN YOUR HANDS...

.... So please make sure that Fete Day ..

Saturday 27th August ...is in your diaries and tell everyone you know to be sure to come!

2016 is the year that Her Majesty celebrated her 90th birthday and we are very happy to announce that the Queen of our fete, who will open the proceedings, will be our very own **Julia Josephs**, who will also be blowing out 90 candles, in July. Those who know Julia, Musical Director at St Andrew's Church, can confirm that she shares, with the Queen, remarkable energy and a dedication to community life.

The fete theme will be "Through the Ages" and we are grateful to Nonny Denny, who is recruiting a

Ukulele Singing Group, of local children to entertain us during the afternoon. All children (or parents) who are interested, please call **Nonny on 07748627867** for details of rehearsals. **What can you do to help?**

We really need helpers, to run stalls and generally assist and if you have other useful skills that you can offer (strong arms? Good at adding up?), please contact either **Clive and Doris Brynley-Jones on 724592** or **Di and Gary Kingshott on 722991**

CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS!

A REQUEST, FROM THE FETE BOOKSTALL
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Thanks **John Weston**

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DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD

SONG WALK 2016

May 7th 2016: With a very unseasonal warm sun shining down from a bright Azure sky, on a day devoid of wind, one just knew it would be a day to be remembered, and so it was. East Hill provided Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Blackcap and calling Chiffchaffs - that's when you know that Spring is upon us.

A flyby, northward bound, Hobby Falcon set the pace and pulses racing. Two quite close Bitterns flew in, landing in the all-enveloping reed bed, whilst a Little Egret and lone male Marsh Harrier drifted over. Those denizens of the reed bed - Coot, Moorhen and Water Rail - all called, heard but unseen. Sedge and Reed Warblers vied for attention with their not very musical 'Garry garry gert gert' repertoire, never easy to tell their songs apart.

Bearded Tits and Reed Buntings all adding to the magic of the morning. For those at the rear of the troop (19 of us) a Grasshopper Warbler mesmerised with its dry whirring reel of a song. A Turtle Dove was all too briefly heard by some. Later Nightingales (4 maybe 5) were not only making sure we heard them but actually sat out for all to see. Now that doesn't happen every day. The hat collection came to **£140.00, to be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project.**

Tony Lancaster.

THANKS.... a million, from all of us, who rose, with the lark—and the Lancasters - before dawn and joined Tony and Pat's birdsong walk last month.

Tony's report (above) captures the magic of a perfect morning. Previous years, have seen us leaning into the wind and rain and spotting nowt but a sparrow but this time, the sun was up and the birds came out to put on a show.

The distinctive Bittern boom (like blowing across the top of an empty wine bottle) was exciting enough - but to see them in flight. Wow! Then, on the way back through the woods, we were serenaded by a chorus of nightingales. Strictly for the birds—it's a 10 from me!

Jan Etherington

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish council is *desperately* in need of a **Parish Clerk** and if anyone is interested, please email me: esmerichardson@me.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS :

Three still pending. The following have been determined:

The Stables - construct dual pitched roof over the open bay. Permitted.

The Stables - construct new building adjacent to tennis court. Withdrawn.

House on the Green - replacement windows and new canopy. Permitted.

Rear of **Marshway** - fell Scots pine. Permitted

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

House on the Green - Proposed retention of existing summer house. DC/16/1739/FUL

1 Anchor Cottages, The Street - Creation of new vehicular access DC/16/1791/FU

All planning applications can be accessed via the website. <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/home/planning-applications/>. Updates once a week. <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-parish-council/planning-applications/pending-consideration/>

JUNE IS BUSSING OUT ALL OVER!

For no reason that we can fathom, the memorable 'Suffolk Links' DRT (Demand Response Transport) is changing its name to **Connecting Communities** on June 13th. They say the new streamlined system will be easier to use (let's hope), as you simply call the number that is named after your Council Tax area.

Ours is Suffolk Coastal and our booking number (from June 13th) will be 01728 635938

Otherwise, it's the same rules - you can call and book journeys a minimum of an hour before travel – ideally, much further in advance. Fares are charged like a bus fare and Bus pass holders will be entitled to free travel after 9.30 . If there's no bus available at the exact time, you will be offered an alternative.

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Click on 'Community Transport' link

THANKS.....!!

To all the people who offered their gardens to have a test pit dug in it and to those that offered and did not get a pit dug, I would like to say thank you, we have found Roman again and three different types of pottery that we had not found before so furthering the history of this village.

Philip Kett Walberswick Local History Group

DREAM TICKET

... Globe Theatre, London.

On **Sunday, September 4th** a group of Villagers are travelling in a 16 seater coach to The Globe to see "A Midsummer Nights' Dream" - 6.30pm performance. This is Emma Rice, the new innovative artistic director's, inaugural production and promises to be exciting and different. **2 tickets remain**. If interested please email: juliasowerbutts@hotmail.co.uk .

BEYOND OUR BORDERS....

Some things you might like to know about...

...IF YOU NEED STAMPS ON SUNDAY..

Southwold Post Office is now open on Saturday afternoons until 5.30 and **Sundays, 10-4** (same as the shop) . There is no postal collection until Monday but you can get parcels and letters weighed and ready for dispatch and arrange other transactions, like car tax

...IF YOU WANT FREE PARKING

Halesworth's Thoroughfare Car Park has lost its 'one hour free' deal BUT if you drive round, back towards the exit, you might just be lucky enough to grab one of the 11, clearly marked, '60 min only' free car park spaces. No ticket required.

...IF YOU'RE AN ARCHERS FAN

Fans of Radio 4's *The Archers* might wish to know that the most hated man on radio—Archers villain 'Rob Titchener, emotionally abusive husband of Helen Archer—is opening the village fete at Monks Eleigh (near Lavenham) on June 4th. .

The original plan, to put him in the village stocks, was vetoed, for fears that Tim Watson, the very nice actor who plays evil Rob, might be pelted with wet sponges—or worse—by angry Archers fans !

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JUNE SERVICES 2016

- 5 2nd Sunday of Trinity 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher
Blythburgh invited to join us
- 12 Queen's 90th service at 11.15
On the Village Green. Also,
Queen's 90th birthday Evensong 1800
Preacher: Canon Harry Edwards
- 19 4th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Peter Trendall
- 26 5th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Eucharist
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- All Services on Sundays are sung
Evensong is choral and uses the BCP
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

EVENSONG FOR THE QUEEN

Come and join our praise and worship
at Choral Evensong on 12th June at 6pm.
The choir will sing the anthem 'I love all
Beauteous things' written by Judith Weir
for the Queen's service in St Paul's.

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- 5th In memory of Mary Burke
29th In memory of Ollie Tibbles

From our Team Rector.....

Dear Friends,

The conservation of the church ruins will hopefully be completed in June. The scaffolding is already being gradually removed, and we look forward to seeing the finished results shortly.

The church held its annual meeting at the end of April, and it is pleasing to report that we are in good heart and looking forward to the year ahead. My thanks go to our churchwardens, Chrissie Reeves, Darryl Dawson and John Anderson for their support, and to the whole church council for their hard work in support of the life of St Andrew's.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Clive Brynley-Jones for taking on the leadership of the village fete. This fete is such an important event in the village calendar it is a big relief to know that it is in safe hands.

During May we held interviews for a new Team Vicar to come and join the Sole Bay Ministry team, and whilst at the time of writing it is too early to report on the results of the interviews, it is hoped that we will be able to welcome a new priest in late August.

Yours in Christ.

Simon

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday in true WI style on **Thursday 2nd June at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall. Tea, yummy cakes and a surprise entertainment will be served for members to enjoy.
Irene Prince

WHAT'S ON

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - June 12th - Villagers' picnic Noon

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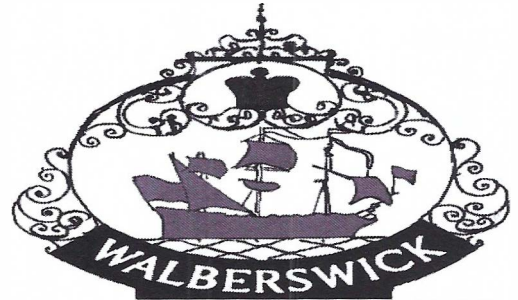
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29th-06:37/18:14

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BLYTHBURGH ESTATE FOR SALE

Just in case you missed the news story, the Blythburgh Estate has come on the market for £18m. Sir Charles Blois is retiring and selling the 2,550 acre estate that has been in his family since the 17C. Shall we have a village whip round?

See EADT story below.

http://www.eadt.co.uk/home/historic_blythburgh_estate_on_suffolk_coast_goes_up_for_sale_with_guide_price_of_18m_1_4557166

CAN YOU HELP? MEMORIES, CIRCA 1914-18

Have you visited <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-local-history-group/world-war-i/>? If not, please take a look. I would like to produce an expanded and revised version of this article for publication by November 2018. For this, I am seeking access to stories, photographs and other artifacts relating to Walberswick people and places and World War One. If you have anything to share, please contact: John English (email johnrenglish@tiscali.co.uk) or the WLHG archivist, Pat Lancaster, (Pat@globalchair.co.uk)
John English

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 7th July at 2.30pm, we will be holding our summer meeting in the Village Hall, rather than in a member's garden, due to the vagaries of the weather. This is for members and invited guests only. There will be no meeting in August. We meet again on September 1st. More info next month.
Irene Prince

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NEWS OF VILLAGE NEWS

The Village News has been produced and distributed consistently throughout the year. Our thanks go to Editor, **Gavin Petrie** who has prepared the copy every month and has responded to requests from residents. We are very grateful to the group of distributors who faithfully push the paper through your letter box every month. There is a close liaison between the editor and the village website. The editor can only report on news that is passed onto him, so do remember that he always welcomes contributions. **Gavin's** e-mail address has changed to gavin@scribe2.co.uk

Village News Board 2015/16 maintains the policy of remaining neutral and avoiding controversial issues and consider it is just the brief of the Board and the Editor to inform residents of what is happening in the village.

Chairman Ben Cardwell; **Treasurer** Kate Goodchild. **Advertising** Lou Kadan; **Distribution** Pat Lancaster. **PCC Representative** Julia Sowerbutts
Parish Council Representative Vacant
Ben Cardwell.

NB: THE EDITOR'S EMAIL CHANGES

As Virgin, inconveniently, abandoned this area, my old ntlworld.com email will now be invalid. I will not be able to receive any messages to that address. From now on, my email (see bottom of page 1) will be

gavin@scribe2.co.uk

Jan's email will also change to

jan@scribe2.co.uk

Please correct your Contact List and do not click 'Reply' on any messages from my old address

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Perk up your peonies, wrench out your rhubarb and polish your potatoes! It's time for Walberswick's own Gardeners' World - The Horticultural Show is on **July 23rd in the Village Hall** If you missed the carrot coloured flyer and need a copy of the schedule, or have any questions, please contact **Betsy Lemmon** on 722384.

Also, see **Roses workshop in What's On p.3**

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All listed on Village website at:

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and click Planning Applications

New:

DC/15/0069/FUL Sole Bay House, The Street. Erection of garage/cycle store, change to approved details.

Pending consideration:

DC/16/1791/FUL 1 Anchor Cottages, The Street. Creation of new vehicular access.

DC/161739/FUL House on the Green, The Green. Proposed retention of existing summer house.

Determined:

DC/16/1539/FUL 3 Millstones, Millfield Road. Porch Extension. Refused.

DC/160686/FUL Concord Cottage, The Green. Single storey side and rear extensions. Permitted

DC/16/1133/FUL The Old Rectory, The Street. Construction of new dwelling. Refused.

Trees:

DC/16/1475/TCA The Anchor, The Street. To reduce Beech. Permitted

CUTTING EDGE

Suffolk Highways will begin grass cutting in our area on the week beginning July 4th.

A programme of works can be found on the Suffolk Highways webpages on the county council's website at www.suffolk.gov.uk/weed-control

If you have any helpful advice i.e... ***Please cut back the vegetation at the Water Tower crossroads, so we can see what's coming!***, please contact Suffolk Council's Communications Team on (01473) 264399 email helen.raven@suffolk.gov.uk

THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED....

BLYTH VALLEY RADIO

- OVER AND OUT

The Blyth Valley Community Radio is no more.

Tony Kohn regularly presented the Jazz Hour and Ben Cardwell presented many shows, over the years. It was a niche audience, transmitting from a spectacular 'lookout' on the top of Southwold's Gun Hill and it will be sorely missed by those who enjoyed its eclectic choice of music and presenters.

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

...to Julia Josephs who, together with Her Majesty, has a 90th birthday this year.

Julia will be blowing out her many candles on July 5th and continues the celebrations by opening our Village Fete on August 27th

THANKS.....!!!

...to all those who contributed to the wonderful success of the Picnic for the Queen on the Green last month. Lots of hard work beforehand, organized by Julia Sowerbutts, Alvin Hunt and Nigel Walpole, made it look relaxed and spontaneous on the day. Nancy Sutton, 6, won the Children's Fancy Dress, as a very regal Queen, John Weston's Union Jack Sailboat won the Decorated Wheelbarrow Competition (with the Sea swimmers' entry 'Britannia Waives the Rules' and Erica Donnellan's Queen in a Rose Garden, 2nd and 3rd). The weather held off and the band played on. As the East Anglian Times said "The whole village has joined together and had a marvellous day, full of fun and laughter". Hurrah!

... to the **Walberswick Local History Group** for their fascinating - and splendidly curated - Anniversary exhibition last May Bank Holiday. Not only wonderful photographs and paintings but also historic, hilarious and (in some cases) revealing DVDs could be enjoyed. Please check the village website for a report and more photographs. There is also news of the recent Test Digging in the village.

...to **BBC Springwatch** for once again, choosing RSPB Minsmere their base, for 3 weeks of high drama, tears and avian antics, right on our doorstep!

EYES DOWN - SAVE THE DATE FOR...

...**Family Bingo at The Village hall.**

Wednesdays August 10th, 17th and 24th 6pm

.....HISTORIC CHURCHES' CYCLE RIDE

Advance notice of this event, Saturday 10 September, for cyclists.

Please be ready to save the date and to get sponsors. Details from Suzzie Godfrey 07539513753 or Julia Josephs 722828

LET THEM SELL CAKE!! HELP!!

Catering helpers and cake sellers urgently required for the fete on **August 27th**. Ring **Lorry** on 724992

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- 3 6th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Harry Edwards
*Blythburgh invited to join us as we join
them on the 10th*
- 10 Choral Evensong & Sea Sunday
at 1800 Preacher Simon Pitcher
- 17 8th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher
- 23 Wedding of Steven & Laura at 1500
- 24 9th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
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Evensong is choral and uses the BCP
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
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A SPECIAL EVENSONG

Now it's my turn! Choral Evensong on 10th July at 6pm will be a thanksgiving for my 90th birthday.

The church will be beautifully decorated and I have chosen the introit '*I give to you a new commandment that you love one another as I have loved you*'. Words: John 13. 34-35
It is also the Sunday designated as Sea Sunday so we shall sing our favourite hymn, '*For those in peril on the sea*'.

Julia Josephs

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

Dear Friends

The last couple of weeks have been a time of celebration for most of us. I write this, having just returned home from the village celebrations to mark Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday. Our thanks must go to all those who did so much to make the day a success. It was great to see our most senior citizens altogether on one table in the Village Hall.

Just over a week earlier I had been present at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, with approximately 250 other friends, for the 50th anniversary of the ordination as priest of a previous vicar of Walberswick, The Revd Canon Geoffrey Smith. Geoffrey was vicar here between 1972 & 1985 and is still taking services in the diocese; he remembers his time here with affection and sent greetings to all who knew him.

Another former vicar & first Team Rector of the Sole Bay Ministry Team, The Revd Canon Barry Naylor, is to be the guest preacher at this year's Southwold Arts Festival service, at St Edmunds Church, on Sunday 26th June, at 11.00a.m.

The next Team Service will take place at Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh on Sunday, 31st July at 11.00a.m. - this will be the annual Blessing of Animals Service at which animals of all shapes & sizes will be welcome (with their owners). The following morning will see the start of the Southwold Beach Mission; running for a fortnight; there will be daily activities for children of all ages, as well as some involving parents as well.

Enjoy your summer.

Yours in Christ's service,

Brian Fisher.

HEAVENS ABOVE!

Climb St. Andrew's Church Tower on July 2nd 1pm-4p.m. A head for heights, no under 12s and sensible shoes (no sandals) essential.

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WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 27th!! PUT OUT THE FLAGS!!

Sign up your pooch for the Dog Show, sign up yourself for the Boules Tournament... and please help fill all the stalls, by taking your "sellables" to the stall holders. (See the blue "flyer" which accompanied your July issue of Village News.) While the fete will be officially opened at 1 p.m, by our own **Julia Josephs**, remember the **Fete fun starts at 11.30 am** with the **Fun Dog Show** and runs right through to the **Boules Competition at 4.30 at The Bell**. Several new arrivals to our village are helping at this year's Fete. If you would like to lend a hand, there's still time to contact your Fete Committee: **Clive and Doris Brynley-Jones on 724592** or **Di and Gary Kingshott on 722991**.

BOULES COMPETITION ON FETE DAY

We are planning to hold a **Boules competition** on fete day at the Bell, starting at 4.30pm, right after the formal closing of the fete. It will be part of the fete's fund-raising activities with an entrance fee of £5 per double. We will design the competition to keep it fast paced and provide scope for as many participants as possible. It is completely open to all comers - including those who have never played before - regardless of age. No equipment is required. It will be a fun way to round off the day. Anyone interested in playing, please get in touch with Craig Baker at craigbake@gmail.com

WALBERSWICK SCROLL—VIEWING

(village houses painted by John Doman Turner in 1931) – **Saturday morning 6th August at 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00 in the Village Hall**. Early attendance recommended to avoid congestion. Showings alongside a display of paintings by Bill Bowyer and other attractions.

The Anchor

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August 6th and 7th—noon to late

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HOLIDAY FITNESS CLASSES :AUGUST

Each Tuesday (except 9th) in the Village Hall. From 09.15 to 10.15, there is a fitness class, followed by a stretch/ tone class from 11.45 to 12.45 p.m. Classes are taken by Mark Nussey and ALL (visitors included) are welcome. Price is £6 per session. **Jen Cardwell**

EYES DOWN

... for Family Bingo

The highly popular summer Bingo sessions will be held on **Wednesdays August 10th, 17th, 24th**. Doors open at 5.30pm; 'eyes down' at 6pm. Cash prizes. Bar and homemade snacks available. All welcome – children and adults. Proceeds to the Village Hall for maintenance and improvements

SEAVIEW GALLERY'S.....

....Summer Pop Up exhibition of paintings, prints, sculpture and hand thrown porcelain tableware by eight noted and established contemporary artists from Suffolk and Norfolk.

Opening hours are Thur/ Fri/ Sat/ Sunday and August Bank Holiday Monday 10am - 5pm (On The Street - the site of the old MG garage)

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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Trustees are monitoring the possible sale of the **Blythburgh Estate**, as it is our largest neighbour. We have registered our interest with the selling agents as a potential conservation partner for prospective purchasers. There are three aims to this move; (i) aligning conservation objectives, (ii) combining flood protection strategies and (iii) encouraging 'friendly' farming practices adjoining the Village. Time will tell if this comes to anything. If it did, we would consult with the Village before taking definitive steps.

In May, land to the rear of Church Lane was entered via the Common by clearance contractors working for the landowner. The contractors had no right to do this and did not obtain the prior consent of the Charity. The landowner has been reminded of the obligation to protect habitat and no further access has been authorised. The boundary is being surveyed, following which we will consider fencing. While this goes against the principle of enclosing the Common, it would prevent unauthorised access.

At the presentation by Village groups, held on 21 April, we explained the increased scrutiny that the Charity was under, not all of it well intentioned. As a consequence the Trustees need to ensure that they protect the Charity by sticking to the rules laid down by our Scheme and the Charities Act. This has highlighted ambiguity over some traditional practices, such as offering advantageous terms to residents. To resolve this ambiguity the Trustees have obtained legal advice and sought clarification from the Charity Commission. Our objective being to retain the status-quo if at all possible. We hope to be in a position to present the outcome of this work in the Autumn, most likely via a public meeting.

Amanda Erlenbach, Trustee, has kindly taken on the role of overseeing the Charity's conservation work under the stewardship agreement with Natural England. Her aim is to ensure that we meet our obligations during the final two years of the agreement. Durrants have been engaged to provide professional advice and support Mandy in this important work. **Michelle Webb, Clerk**.

James Darkins Chairman

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THANK YOU SO MUCH.....!!

... for all the wonderful cards, gifts and greetings I received for my recent 90th birthday—including the spectacular and varied presents from my fellow villagers, ranging from a grape vine, a biography of my heart throb, Roger Federer and so many super flowers and bottles, the house is a cross between a florist and an off licence!

Thanks also, to all my friends who supported my special evensong and shared fizz and a buffet afterwards at the church. I am overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of my family and friends. **Julia Josephs**

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

...to **Huw Brentall**, who was awarded a First Class Honours degree, in Film & Media, from Keele University He was also given the Ken Loach award, for Outstanding Student (named after the legendary Director of *Kes* and *Cathy Come Home*). In September, Huw will begin his Masters in Film Directing at the Met Film School..

..... to **Elaine and Vanessa of Valley Farm Vineyards**, who won a Gold Medal with their Madeline Angeline 2015, at the UK Vineyard Association's English & Welsh Wine Competition. There were over 300 entries and their dry white wine was praised for its 'aroma and length'. Cheers!

...to **Oliver & Tilly Richardson**, on the birth of their daughter, Penelope Veronica on June 28th – a sister for Sebastian and Francesca

BEWARE.. BRACKEN SPRAYING.. !!

...will be undertaken on the Common in late August, early September. Look out for the warning notices. Dogs should be kept on a lead for 10 days following spraying as bracken spores can irritate their eyes.

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- 7th in memory of David & Maggie Shepherd
21st in memory of Sarah Lawrence's sister Joanna

HISTORIC CHURCHES' CYCLE RIDE

Every day cyclists come into Walberswick and visit our lovely old church. On Saturday 10th September please get on your bike and visit other beautiful churches around us and raise money for the upkeep of these historic buildings. Take a picnic or stop at a pub for lunch, but be sure to raise as much money as possible.

Suzzie and Julia now have the sponsorship forms for you to collect.

We will also give you full details of the churches open and ready to welcome you on the day.

Suzzie 07539513753 or Julia 722828

From our Team Rector

Dear Friends,

Weddings

Congratulations to Ryan Bradley & Hannah Payne and to Jay Spencer and Claire Goater, both couples married at St Andrew Walberswick on June 25th

The scaffolding has now been removed from the church, enabling an appreciation of the recently conserved ruins, which now look better than they have looked for many years.

On the evening of Sunday 10th July a special service of evensong celebrated the 90th birthday of our organist Julia Josephs. Many of Julia's family and friends joined the church congregation to celebrate this special occasion. Rev Simon Pitcher led the service, and preached on the story Jesus told of the Good Samaritan. The choir, prepared by Julia, sang the anthem prepared for the 90th birthday of HM the Queen, "I love all beauteous things" written by Judith Weir, and first performed at St Paul's Cathedral just one month ago. We were all pleased to offer Julia our warmest wishes, and together we enjoyed delicious refreshments after the service. Rev Simon Pitcher thanked Julia for all that she has given to St Andrews Walberswick in her years as organist and member of the PCC. She has been and remains a faithful servant of the church, and a vital contributor in keeping the Vicar on his toes. Most recently for example she has supervised the installation of a new hearing loop system in the church, and obtained quotes for a new pa system. Her faithfulness in supporting the music at St Andrews and in preparing the monthly service of choral evensong is appreciated by us all. We wish Julia a very Happy Birthday.

Yours in Christ,

Simon

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29th-08:49/21:42

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The **FETE** full day is upon us...!!!

...on **SATURDAY 27th AUGUST**. (It may already be gone, by the time you read this but we hope not)..... So..have you got your fete programme ? Buy one from the Co-op, or call Di Kingshott on **722991**. **ALSO....**
***John Weston (722584)** is keen to get his hands on your books , CDs and records, for his stall.
***Viv Hunt (723142)** - items for Kitchen Cupboard!!

SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 22 October 10am - 12noon in the Village Hall. Stalls for books, Cards, Raffle, Bric-a-brac, Xmas Cards and decorations. This year, 'Vivien' will be bringing her hand-made jewellery (using sterling silver and semi-precious stones) , which make wonderful Christmas presents. Please support this worthy cause. Call Maureen Thompson 723755 or Faith Blackman 724278, for stall contributions.

FERRY GOOD NEWS

On Saturday 23rd July an informal barbecue was held at Walberswick Quay and Slipway to celebrate their restoration after 25 years use. The weather was perfect and brought back memories of those early days of pioneering and of friends departed. The restoration would not have been possible without the financial assistance of the Walberswick Slipway fund, the Walberswick Common Lands charity, Waveney District Council and local donations. I have handed over to Dani Chalker(07900 560217), whose family own the ferry and who will be the point of contact for the slipway. Thanks must go to R and D. Marine. **Toby Robinson**

BLYTHBURGH ESTATE UPDATE

While rumours are flying round the village of the possible new owner of the estate- Donald Trump? Beyonce?- the truth is that 'best bids' were in by 2 August with completion not expected until about 6 weeks later. You'll know as soon as we do....

The Anchor

August Bank Holiday weekend

Artist Mary Spicer exhibiting in our Flint Barn

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IT REALLY IS THE LIMIT!

Speeding in the village has been an issue for as long as I have been involved in Walberswick.

Village Plans have noted the need for a 20mph limit-it has frequently been discussed at parish council. Now, approval has been given, in principle, by Suffolk County Council. Funding is in place and the "design" and legal orders have been prepared. The final step in the process is the opportunity for the village to make comments on the scheme up until 2nd September. Given the fact that the scheme has been widely discussed, we hope that comments will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Bob Clench, from Suffolk Highways will be available at the next parish council meeting on **22 August** to answer any questions. The plans/design can be viewed in Walberswick Co-op til Sept 2nd.

A 20mph zone will not solve all our traffic problems but is the first building block needed to make our roads safer for cyclists, children, horse riders and walkers. I attach great importance to delivering this project for the village and if there are any concerns please feel free to contact me **on 01502 478267**.

Cllr Michael Gower. Details on website:
www.walberswick.suffolk.co.uk

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

On Saturday 10th September. Cycle round our beautiful county, visiting amazing churches, raising much needed funds to keep them warm, welcoming places for all to enjoy. **BUT..we need people:....**
- to sit in the front porch of St Andrews and sign in visiting cyclists, in hourly (or more) slots, from 9-5.
- cyclists to go forth and raise money for our church here in Walberswick.

AND we would like to invite everyone involved to the church, for tea and cakes at 4pm to say 'thanks' Sign up sheets/sponsor forms available from **Suzzie 724630** or **Julia 722828**

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thurs September 1st, at 2.30pm in the Village Hall we will welcome **David Keleel from Darsham Nurseries**, who will talk about how he came to Suffolk from California, by way of music and plants. Those who ordered WI bulbs should be able to collect them **Irene Prince**

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Gavin Petrie at Millstones, Millfield Road, Walberswick IP18 6UD
Email: gavin@scribe2.co.uk Telephone 01502 723916

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS!

The Horticultural Committee was pleased at the wonderful turnout at the Show, despite a challenging growing year. There were 39 exhibitors (several new to the show) and 234 entries. Thanks to all who entered and all those who came to marvel at their results. The Cups were won by the following:
Winyard Cup for the Man--Gordon Beard
Iris Blois Memorial Cup for the Woman--Suzzie Godfrey
Flower Bowl--Cathryn Simpson
CC Gold Cup--Suzzie Godfrey
Whittenbury Victor Ludorum--Suzzie Godfrey
Harvey Memorial Trophy--Marian Beard
David Webb Memorial Trophy--Marian Beard
Best in Show --Marian Beard
Cups For Children ---
Flower Drawing (under 7)--Molly Long
Flower Drawing (8-12)--Blake Aldridge
Fruit or Vegetable Grown--Linus Aldridge
Flower Arrangement--Elliott Aldridge

WALBERSWICK WALKERS

After putting our feet up in August, the village walking group sets off again on **5 September**. Meeting at the church at 9.30a.m.
Walks take place on alternate Monday mornings.
All welcome: Provisional diary dates: 19 Sept/3, 17 & 31 Oct/14 & 28 Nov/12 December

VILLAGE SURGERY TO CLOSE?

Sole Bay Health Centre have ended the consultation period on their plans to stop weekly GP clinics in the Village Hall. **See village website.** It may be news to many people—including Village News - as there has been very little publicity or invitation for comments, except for a questionnaire in the Co-op. We understand that, at the time of going to press, there will be no September clinics here. Home visits can always be requested.
Call the Practice Manager for details. 722326

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please would all contributors ensure that the 'Subject' in emails relating to Village News is **VN—Sept** (or relevant month)
Also, profuse apologies for a misprint which meant that my email was incorrectly printed in the last two issues. The email address on page 1 is now correct. gavin@scribe2.co.uk

THANK YOU.....!!

.... TO THE PARISH COUNCIL....

Is that BOATY MCBOTFACE, who has washed up on the sports field?

Perhaps the only place you would NOT expect to see a boat in this village, is in the middle of the common but one has appeared in the corner of the sports field. After a report said that the old play equipment needed expensive repairs, Geoff, the contractor, (of Marriott Play & Leisure Services), had the inspired idea to 'upcycle' the equipment, rather than scrap it and create a fun, new 'playboat' for local children and visitors. A combined contribution from the WCLC, Parish Council and a generous anonymous donor, plus the hard work of Hannah Sutton and the clerk to the charity, Michelle Webb, got the project afloat. A wonderful idea from our council, for the benefit of the village, as always—but they can't promise a sail-past.

...for the **new bench**, which has replaced the previous bench on the green, funded by a group of anonymous, generous well wishers in the village, who have asked for suitable inscription suggestions to be sent to the Parish Council for consideration. Thanks also to Nigel Fisk for fitting the bench.

...to everyone, for their cards, letters, calls and prayers which are helping me to recover from a very sore leg and 8 days in hospital. Thank you all, for supporting Ian and me and my love to you all. **Jackie Bruce-Jones**

... to Halesworth Town, who have re-instated FREE PARKING for the first hour at the town's central car park. This is guaranteed until the end of March 2017.

...to all the summer beach litter pickers-swimmers, strollers, dog walkers—whose motto is 'never leave home without a bin bag'.
Official beach clean—**OCTOBER 9th!**

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

.... And double celebrations, for the Tibbles Family this month! Brian and Jayne celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary and no sooner is that party over, than Brian reaches his three score years and ten (although he doesn't look a day over 69) and will, no doubt, be pushing the boat out, with an early night and a cup of tea (!)

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Preacher Brian Jolley-Reader
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Service & Priest to be confirmed
- 25 Service in Blythburgh Priory Ruins 100
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COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- 4th Vera Bowyer in memory of William
11th Mary King in memory of her brother John
18th Barry Ludlow in memory of his wife Ruth
25th Wendy Sinclair in memory of Chris

UP ON THE ROOF!

St Andrew's church tower will be open for visitors—with sensible shoes and a head for heights—on **Saturday 10th September from 10-4p.m**

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

Dear friends,

How quickly the year seems to pass, as you get older – or is that just my impression? Whether or not that is the case, we are now rapidly approaching the season (as the poet John Keats described it) '*of mists and mellow fruitfulness*', although it is possible that we might yet enjoy an Indian summer. Whatever the weather to come I trust that you have enjoyed the summer that has past and feel invigorated for the months ahead.

Autumn has traditionally been the time of year for new starts, especially in respect of our education system, when schools & colleges begin a new academic year. Let's pray for all those in our community who will be part of that 'new year', whether students, teachers, lecturers, or ancillary staff. In the team, we too are looking forward to new beginnings, in that we shall be welcoming The Revd Alan Parry who is joining the team as a Team Vicar based in Reydon; he is to be licensed on Friday 14th October. Alan & his wife, Sue, will be moving into the new vicarage in Reydon. If you want to learn more about Alan, pick up a free copy of the August issue of our Team magazine '**Heart & Sole**' from either St Andrew's or The Anchor.

Although, at the time of writing this article, the Village Fete has not yet taken place, I would just like to thank everyone concerned for the hard work that has already gone into the preparation for the event. We are looking forward to this important day in the life of our village and are very grateful for the funds it generates for St Andrew's.

Yours, in Christ's service,

Brian Fisher.

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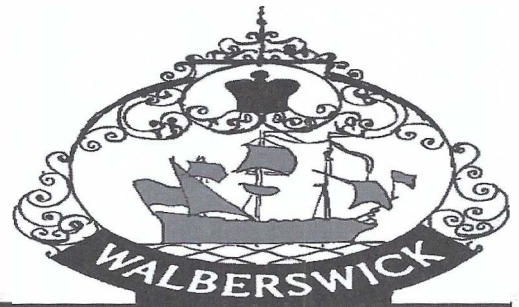
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TO THE ELECTORATE OF WALBERSWICK

At an Extraordinary-meeting, the Parish Council agreed to set up a Petition for a Community Governance Review, with a view to dissolving WPC and moving to a Parish Meeting. If you are registered on the Walberswick electoral roll, you can sign this petition in **The Tuck Shop (Co-op)**.

For full explanation see the Parish Council website: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk.
(Report attached to 12th September Agenda)

COULD YOU BE A FIRST RESPONDER?

The Community First Responder (CFR) initiative is an important link in the response to medical emergencies, co-ordinated by the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS). Walberswick is part of the Blyth Valley Group and needs to recruit community first responders to keep the initiative viable.

Full training is provided by the EEAS with monthly training sessions at Saxmundham Ambulance Station. If you are aged between 18 and 65 years of age and interested in assisting the community in this important role **please contact Gus Jones (CFR Coordinator) 01502 478085 or email – gus5644@gmail.com**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ADVANCE NOTICE BAZAAR and COFFEE MORNING in the Village Hall on Saturday morning the **12th November**. To donate, or make, items, please contact the following: **BOOKS/ CDS /DVDS** Ray Wortley (724443); **JAMS / PRESERVES / CAKES /SWEETS** (homemade) Susan Walpole (724763) & Catherine Simpson (723384); **RE-FRESHMENTS** (scones, jam / cream / cheese, cakes and sausage rolls), Sue Ireland-Cutting (478213); **GRAND RAFFLE** Val Anderson (724609). **Small BRIC-A-BRAC** Alan Walpole (724763). **Thank you.**

The Anchor

STEAK NIGHT : 28 Oct

5 Nov: Please book post-fireworks meals!

BBQ Sundays (weather permitting)

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HAPPY FETE!

27th August dawned warm and sunny and so it stayed almost throughout the day. By late morning, huge crowds were enjoying the Fun Dog Show, with many more on the Green itching for the stalls and games to open and sampling the irresistible food on offer. Julia Josephs opened the proceedings in regal style and the wonderful efforts of all who contributed, in so many ways, raised nearly **£14,000** towards the running of our church and village hall, so thank you all, again, for working so hard. The Fete Committee of this year has been invited to run next year's event - and accepted—so here's to 2017!!
Di & Gary Kingshott: Doris & Clive Brynley-Jones.

BLINKERS FOR TINKERS!

Sarah Lawrence's shop, Tinkers, a wonderfully eclectic mix of antiques and interesting collectibles, has been a familiar sight on the village green for the last 16 years. Sadly, Sarah finally closed the doors, after the fete, although, she says 'I plan to do pop-up shops from home next summer but I'll miss my wonderful customers and passing friends.' We'll miss you, too, Sarah!

BEACH CLEAN—OCTOBER 9th at 10am

Natural England and Walberswick Wildfowlers are holding another beach clean starting at **Cliff Car Park behind the beach huts**. Natural England usually provide a quad bike and trailer - but flimsy bags and gloves. Therefore, it's best if participants bring their own gloves and bags. All are welcome. **Mark Waller**

VILLAGE HALL CLINIC CLOSURE

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DANCING WITH DAFFODILS

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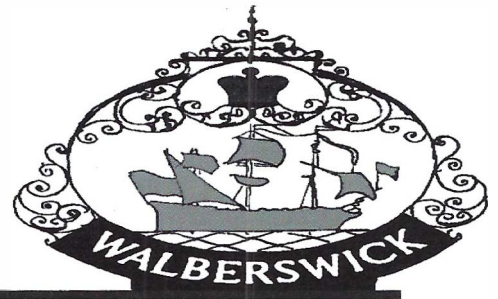
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On **Tuesday, 25th October at 9 pm** on **MORE4** TV channel, **HOMES BY THE SEA** features the Suffolk coast - and highlights Luke Jeans house, Tow's Cottage, in Walberswick! Fame at last!!

****CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Rehearsals start for choristers on **Oct 27th**. New voices welcome. See P. 3.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

Bonfire & Fireworks November 5th 7pm.

The Cliff Field gate will be open from October **21st** for residents to dispose of combustible material on the bonfire site. This annual event relies entirely on donations. There is a collection tin in the Tuck Shop. If you would like to see this village event continue please be generous. Thank you. Bonfire Committee

SANDY LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Common Lands Charity will be closing the bridleway known as 'Sandy Lane' (BR9), between Leverett's Lane and Palmer's Lane for approx one week commencing **Mon 14 November**, so that contractors can cut back a number of dead elm trees. Where practical, trees will be reduced to head height, rather than clear felled, in order to maintain as much of the 'green tunnel' appearance of Sandy Lane as possible.

Michelle Webb Clerk **James Darkins** Chairman

The Anchor

Sherry & Tapas - Thu 10th Nov @ 7.30

21st Dec - Pre-Xmas Disco + turkey dinner, 7 p.m £20

Boxing Day - Drinks all day. Food til 6 p.m.

Charity Race night :8.30

Dec 28th - Bingo 6p.m. Frankfurters & Crepes

Open Mic night from 8 p.m. with Street Food

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAZAAR and COFFEE MORNING

In the Village Hall on **Saturday the 12th November** from 10 am to 12 noon. Entrance (including refreshments) - adults £2 (children free). Please remember those who have given their lives, and help those who have been injured in the service of this Country. Proceeds will be added to the Poppy Appeal. Please be generous. If you have items that you would be prepared to donate or to make, details are in the October Village News - or give me a call. Thank you. Alan Walpole (724763).

A VILLAGE AFFAIR

A new play that had its premiere at last year's Ink Festival, in Halesworth, is going into a London theatre this month.

DAUGHTER written by **Bill Cashmore** is at the Pleasance Theatre, Islington, **November 16th-19th**. The production relies heavily on Walberswickians - Julia Sowerbutts directs, her son Joe, is performing in it. Music is by Denis King, Astrid King and Mark Aldridge are set designers and Denise Brentnall is stage management and props.

If you would like to see it - and support your neighbours - book tickets from :

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Full training is provided by the EEAS with monthly training sessions at Saxmundham Ambulance Station. If you are aged between 18 and 65 years of age and interested in assisting the community in this important role **please contact Gus Jones (CFR Coordinator) 01502 478085 or email – gus5644@gmail.com**

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STEAK NIGHT : 28 Oct

5 Nov: Please book post-fireworks meals!

BBQ Sundays (weather permitting)

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BLINKERS FOR TINKERS!

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Simon

Rev Simon Pitcher

DON'T BE ALARMED! Clocks go back on 29th!!

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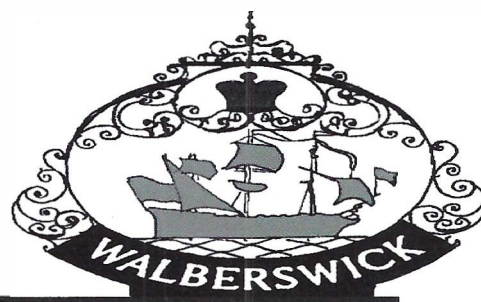
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HAPPENING THIS WEEK !! DON'T MISS Last week of OCTOBER!!

****SEA WORDS...** songs, poetry, stories
A celebration of 100 years of seafaring, in aid of the Mission to Seafarers, takes place on **Oct 28th**, in the Village Hall, 7-9 p.m. Tickets £7 from Co-op. Programmed by **Libby Purves** and presented by **Paul Heiney**, with surprise guests! Drinks and fish finger wraps for sale.

**WALBERSWICK ON TV!

On **Tuesday, 25th October at 9 pm** on **MORE4 TV** channel, **HOMES BY THE SEA** features the Suffolk coast - and highlights Luke Jeans house, Tow's Cottage, in Walberswick! Fame at last!!

****CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Rehearsals start for choristers on **Oct 27th**. New voices welcome. See P. 3.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER...

Bonfire & Fireworks November 5th 7pm.

The Cliff Field gate will be open from October **21st** for residents to dispose of combustible material on the bonfire site. This annual event relies entirely on donations. There is a collection tin in the Tuck Shop. If you would like to see this village event continue please be generous. Thank you. Bonfire Committee

SANDY LANE - TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The Common Lands Charity will be closing the bridleway known as 'Sandy Lane' (BR9), between Leverett's Lane and Palmer's Lane for approx one week commencing **Mon 14 November**, so that contractors can cut back a number of dead elm trees. Where practical, trees will be reduced to head height, rather than clear felled, in order to maintain as much of the 'green tunnel' appearance of Sandy Lane as possible.

Michelle Webb Clerk **James Darkins** Chairman

The Anchor

Sherry & Tapas - Thu 10th Nov @ 7.30

21st Dec -Pre-Xmas Disco +turkey dinner, 7 p.m £20

Boxing Day- Drinks all day. Food til 6 p.m.

Charity Race night :8.30

Dec 28th- Bingo 6p.m. Frankfurters & Crepes

Open Mic night from 8 p.m. with Street Food

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAZAAR and COFFEE MORNING

In the Village Hall on **Saturday the 12th November** from 10 am to 12 noon. Entrance (including refreshments) - adults £2 (children free). Please remember those who have given their lives, and help those who have been injured in the service of this Country. Proceeds will be added to the Poppy Appeal. Please be generous. If you have items that you would be prepared to donate or to make, details are in the October Village News - or give me a call. Thank you. Alan Walpole (724763).

A VILLAGE AFFAIR

A new play that had its premiere at last year's Ink Festival, in Halesworth, is going into a London theatre this month.

DAUGHTER written by **Bill Cashmore** is at the Pleasance Theatre, Islington, **November 16th-19th**. The production relies heavily on Walberswickians - Julia Sowerbutts directs, her son Joe, is performing in it. Music is by Denis King, Astrid King and Mark Aldridge are set designers and Denise Brentnall is stage management and props.

If you would like to see it - and support your neighbours - book tickets from :

www.pleasance.co.uk 020 7609 1800

PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

A REMINDER TO THE ELECTORATE OF

WALBERSWICK At an Extraordinary-meeting, the Parish Council agreed to set up a Petition for a Community Governance Review, with a view to dissolving WPC and moving to a Parish Meeting. If you are registered on the Walberswick electoral roll, you can sign this petition in The Co-op.

For full explanation see the Parish Council website: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk. (Report attached to 12th September Agenda)

ANOTHER REMINDER that the **PARISH COUNCIL** are still **URGENTLY** in need of a **PARISH CLERK**. For details, contact : chairman@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

NB: At the time of writing, a meeting of **THE PARISH COUNCIL** is scheduled for **November 21st (7.30)**, in the Village Hall Annexe (Preceded by a Public Forum at 7.15 pm)

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Gavin Petrie at Millstones, Millfield Road, Walberswick IP18 6UD
Email: gavin@scribe2.co.uk Telephone 01502 723916

KEEP FIT NEWS***

****Tuesday Fitness Classes - YES OR NO?**

Every Tuesday, for the last 16 years, a Keep Fit class has been held in the Village Hall. Mark Hussey, the present instructor, has run those classes for the last 10 years. Sadly, they may now be coming to an end. With an average of only 4 people at both sessions, there is hardly enough money to cover his expenses. This is a final appeal for support. There are two sessions -9.15 - 10.15 and a gentler one from 10.30 - 11.30. Please come. If we don't use it, we lose it. **Jen Cardwell**

****Friday Pilates in Village Hall**

10.30 - 11.30 am Fitness Based Pilates £5
11.45 - 12.15 pm Intensive core with Pilates Balls £5. Beginners welcome. Book for second class with Clare: 07554881670

****ANOTHER WAY TO STAY FIT...??**

Volunteers required for Commons clearance
Join the volunteers every Wednesday at 2.00pm by the Sports Pavilion. Starting on Wednesday, 2nd November. Tools, gloves and refreshments supplied. No previous experience needed. Come when you can.

For more details contact **Mandy Erlenbach**
(Volunteer Common Warden) 724013

>>DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER <<

**>>WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
Saturday 3rd December**

Libby Purves will speak in the Village Hall about her experiences in the 50s, starting at 7.30 pm., followed by a Raffle and a stand up Buffet with wine. Members and non-members welcome.

>> The CANCER RESEARCH Mini Market is on Saturday Dec. 3rd. If you have any goods to donate, please contact me or the stallholders on the enclosed insert. I have a selection of Cancer Research Christmas cards, available for sale, before Dec. 3rd, please call me :722384. **Betsy Lemmon**

>>BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Bell Christmas quiz in support of the Sole Bay Care Fund is on **Friday 2 December** at The Bell, registration at 7 p.m. **Ben Cardwell**

THANKS.....

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...to everyone who made the **HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE** such a success.. !!

- 10 church volunteers
- 7 riders
- 45 hours in the saddle
- 193 churches visited
- 350 mile cycled
- £1250+ raised!!**
- A massive 'Thank you' **Suzzie Godfrey**

WELCOME.....

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...to the **Village Green, to Di Church**, who has opened a new shop, called **RISING SUN**.

Di (who plans to sell Bric a Brac, old and new) and her husband, builder, Adrian (Butch) are well-known Walberswickians and we wish her every success.

CONGRATULATIONS.....!

...to **Izzy Simmonds & George Brentnall** (son of Denise & John Brentnall), who have just announced their engagement. Izzy and George are both accomplished chefs and former owners of the Black Dog Deli, so the wedding feast should be magnificent!

...to **Wayne Haslegrave**, who has created a HUGE, leafy, topiary dog, on the path through the allotments. Multi-talented Wayne says he spent three years shaping the hound, which is yet to be named. How about 'Lottie', as it lives on the allotments? Just one problem, Wayne, dogs have to be under control, along that path. How long will it take to grow a privet collar and lead?

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

On **Thursday November 3rd at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall we welcome Mr Robert Halliday who will talk about Murder and Hauntings most Foul. This will be followed by the AGM, as part of the meeting. Visitors welcome. **Erica Donnellan**

POST OFFICE FAILS TO DELIVER

To all who have found the Post Office services, in the Village Hall annexe, rather unreliable, on a number of occasions recently. It's all BT's fault, apparently, due to dodgy connections. However, they claim it's fixed and a first class service will resume post haste.

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

- 6 3rd Sunday before Advent 1100 HC (CW)
Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher
Blythburgh invited to join us
- 13 British Legion Service of Remembrance
at Blythburgh 1050
Preacher Malcolm Doney
Remembrance Service Choral Evensong
at 6pm. Preacher Simon Pitcher
- 20 Christ the King 1100 HC (CW)
Celebrant & Preacher Harry Edwards
- 27 Advent Sunday 1100 HC (CW)
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
Evensong is choral, with the BCP service
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wed at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The British Legion Service of Remembrance, this year, will be at Blythburgh at 1050. At St Andrew's we will celebrate Remembrance of the two World Wars with anthems and hymns at our 6pm Choral Evensong

CHRISTMAS SERVICE CHORISTERS

Rehearsals for this year's Lessons & Carols Service begin on **27th October**. New choristers are always welcome although an ability to read music appreciated! *Julia Josepha* 722828

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

6th Denise Brentnall for Peggy & Ernest Hughes

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

Dear friends,

I recently read a quotation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta that I had not come across previously; she said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." During the course of my life I have come across many people of whom I could say that saying has been applied, in their lives. Among those locally who have crossed my path was **Dione Shirreff**, who died on the 8th October in her own home. She was someone who showed, ceaselessly, that she was prepared to do small things with great love – thank you Dione.

As in recent years, St Andrew' together with the other parishes in the Sole Bay Team, is going to be involved in the Operation Christmas Child appeal organized by Samaritan's Purse (an international Christian relief organization), whereby shoe boxes containing small gifts are sent to needy children around the world, regardless of their background or religious belief. If you are interested in taking part in this venture, please contact Christine or myself (723023); alternatively, ready printed boxes & leaflets about the project are available in St Andrew's. I don't often make appeals for money for the work & maintenance of our parish church but as we approach the end of another year, and give thanks to all who give regularly, it is probably the right time for me to remind those of you who are considering giving (regularly or occasionally) to St Andrew's that it is possible for you to agree to our church applying for tax relief on your gifts. If you are interested in taking this step, please contact me (723023).

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

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A Happy and Healthy Christmas to all our readers!

GET IN THE FESTIVE MOOD...!!

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Libby Purves will speak, in the Village Hall, about her experiences in the 50s, at 7.30 pm. followed by a Raffle and a stand up Buffet with wine. All welcome.

MINI MARKET FOR CANCER RESEARCH

is on Dec. 3rd. 10-12 noon Village Hall. Cakes, fancy goods, books, tombola, bric a brac Christmas gifts and Cancer Research Christmas cards. **Betsy Lemmon**

SIGN UP FOR THE BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

Friday 2nd December, Registration 7 p.m.
In support of Sole Bay Care Fund. **Ben Cardwell**

WOMENS' INSTITUTE On Thursday Dec 1st at 2.30 in the Village Hall. Members and invited guests will enjoy afternoon tea in high style - entertained by Mrs Hattie Bennett with her cello. A relaxing but entertaining start to the Christmas Season. **Irene Prince**

BOXING BOULES After the success of our post-fete boules competition, we are planning a boules match on **Boxing Day, again at The Bell, starting 11am**. It will be a doubles competition again, but at a more leisurely pace as we will have more flexibility over timing - weather permitting! Although you can just turn up on the day, advance booking is helpful so please let Craig know at craigbake@gmail.com. All ages and capability levels equally welcome!

DRIVERS -LOOK OUT FOR MEANDERING MERRYMAKERS THIS FESTIVE SEASON!

Please dress yourself/your dog/bike/horse/ pushchair ***bright at night*** for safety's sake!

TREE CHEERS!!

Once again, this year, we will have a splendid Christmas tree on the green - with lights - thanks to an anonymous benefactor. **But again, we need your help to decorate it and make it extra special!**

I'm inviting present and past residents-wherever you are in the world- to send a decoration (which we will attach with strong cable ties) to the tree. Make one or buy one. Add your name, your children's names or send one in memory of a loved one. Please make sure it's robust and can be tied on. I'll take pictures for the Village website and post them on Facebook. They will be treated respectfully, as valued heirlooms and I'll keep them safe. There will be a box of wooden Christmas tree decorations in the Tuck Shop (Co-op), where children can pick one to decorate, or you can perhaps choose one for a housebound or elderly neighbour.

Weather permitting, the tree will go up over the first weekend in December - so our overseas family and friends may wish to send something soon! It was lovely to see how well received the tree was, last year. People took time to stop and look at the beautiful decorations and remember our loved ones near and far. Please address your contribution to:

Ray Goodman, Ryefield, The Street, Walberswick, IP18 6UX. **There's a box by my door.**

CAROLS ON THE GREEN 19th DEC 7 PM.



The Anchor

21st Dec Pre-Xmas Disco+turkey dinner @ 7pm £20

24th Dec Christmas songs with Denis King from 9:30pm

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DECEMBER SERVICES 2016

- 4 2nd of Advent: Parish Eucharist 1100
Celebrant The Revd Peter Trendall
*Blythburgh invited to join us as we
join them on the 11th*
- 11 3rd of Advent: Choral Evensong 1800
Officiant: The Revd Simon Pitcher
- 18 4th of Advent: Parish Eucharist 1100
Celebrant: The Revd Brian Fisher
- 23 **Service of Lessons & Carols 1800**
Officiant The Revd Simon Pitcher
- 24 **Crib Service for Children 16.30**
with The Revd Canon Harry Edwards
- 25 **Christmas Day Family Eucharist 0930**
Officiant: The Revd Simon Pitcher

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

Joy, joy, joy; glad tidings of great joy!

This year's Lessons & Carols includes John Rutter's lovely, *a capella* arrangement of this old German carol. The service also includes a vivacious setting of 'I saw three ships'.

A reading of Dylan Thomas's 'Ghost Story' leads to us all singing 'Good King Wenceslas'.

Friday 23rd Dec at 6 o'clock in our candlelit church.

Dear friends,

We are facing a time of great change on the international scene with Brexit and with the new President of the USA. Both events have provoked uncertainty and a degree of anxiety. Within this context, it is helpful to hear again the story of Christmas. We hear the words of the angel, "Do not Fear", the truth that in his birth we celebrate the incarnation, "Christ is with Us", and the worship of the angels "Peace on Earth". We remember that in his birth, Christ was born in poverty, and that after his birth, local politics caused him to become a refugee in a foreign land. His mother was a teenage, single mother, whose partner had a crisis of confidence. Yet in this very real human story, we can all find our place, and this is how God chooses to show us that, in his eyes, there is no "them" and "us". We are all loved, and for each of us, Christ is born.

The Christmas Carol service will be on Friday 23rd December at 6pm. On Christmas Eve there will be a crib service at 4.30pm and on Christmas Day a service of Holy Communion at 9.30

Christmas is a time when we look forward to welcoming many people from the community into St Andrews and we hope you will join us.

I would like to thank those who help with leading services and with music, flowers and church cleaning during this very busy time.

New Year's Day falls on a Sunday and there will be a Sole Bay Team service at Reydon at 11.00

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Simon

Thank you to everybody who has embraced the '**Shoebbox Appeal**' with such love, generosity and enthusiasm. At the time of writing there are already 15 shoeboxes in Church and with almost week to go there are more promised. Thank you so much.

Christine Fisher

WHAT'S ON

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