



# Walberswick Village News

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## Janet Simpson 1931 - 2020

The village has lost another familiar figure. Janet and her sister came to Walberswick from London in the late 1980s and lived in Church Field. She was a violin teacher and her love of music soon found her in the church choir. In her early days in the village, Janet also joined the Bythburgh Singers, played with a recorder group, was a member of WATS and joined Tai Chi and art classes. Janet took part in fundraising events and was always a willing helper on my cake stall.



Failing health in recent years saw less of Janet around Walberswick. She was taken ill on 22 January and went from hospital to Priory Paddocks where, shortly afterwards, she died peacefully in her sleep. Janet was my friend and I miss her. Rest in peace Janet. **Ruth Bassett**

## Self-isolating because of Covid-19? We can help

Due to the Coronavirus crisis, we have set up a support group to help villagers in Walberswick. If you are feeling particularly vulnerable and/or are self-isolating and in need of help shopping, collecting prescriptions, walking dogs, running errands etc, please let us know and we will do our utmost to help.

In the meantime, please keep an eye out for your neighbours.

If you need any help, contact **Elizabeth Green** email: [liz.green@mac.com](mailto:liz.green@mac.com) or telephone 01502 724889 (or send text/WhatsApp on 07710 031503) and she will coordinate with those who have offered assistance.

## Here to Help

One of our roles is to help members of the Walberswick community who are in need or hardship, particularly in challenging times like these. If you know of anyone who might need our assistance please contact any Trustee or our Clerk at [clerkwclc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwclc@gmail.com). **James Darkins, Chairman, Walberswick Common Lands Charity**

## New culinary category for the Horticultural Show

It's time to start planning for the Horticultural Show on 18 July this year. We have decided to add a new category to the culinary section. We have been blessed with many fantastic cake creations over the past few years and have decided to give them their own category - Show Stopper Cake. So if you want to pull out all the stops, this category is for you. Or if you prefer to make your cakes without all the trimmings, we have kept the normal cake category. Please enter one or the other, not both. We look forward to welcoming back former exhibitors as well as new entrants. Closer to the Show, look for our posters designed by last year's poster winner, Elliot Aldridge. Please contact any of the committee members if you have any questions. **Betsy Lemmon**

### THE ANCHOR

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**Mother's Day** - Sunday 22 March. Sittings at 12 noon and 2.30pm

**Curry Night** - Tuesday 31 March

**Easter Sunday** - 12 April. Sittings at 12 noon and 2.30pm

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## Local History Group Houses Project

For the millennium - and historical purposes - the History Group (Richard Steward) carried out an exciting project to photograph every dwelling in the village (including outlying and harbour areas). On its 20th anniversary, the History Group (Richard Steward and Claire Whittenbury) would like to carry out a similar project during May to September this year. They will be taking pictures mainly from public access areas but in a few cases from your garden. In these specific cases prior permission will be sought. All owners, family and friends are encouraged to be in the photograph.

If anyone has any objections to their property being photographed, we would be grateful if you would kindly advise the Secretary. **Mischi Verneti, Secretary WLHG**, [wlhg@secretary.net](mailto:wlhg@secretary.net)

## Plant swap

Each spring I have the same problem that any gardener who 'grows their own' has - what to do with all the surplus seedlings and plants I have grown?

If anyone would be interested in holding a plant swap/sale sometime in mid-May, please could you get in touch with me. If enough people are interested then we could take the idea further by fixing a date and a venue. **Diana Wright** 01502 725755 [dianawright26@btinternet.com](mailto:dianawright26@btinternet.com)

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## Growers Wanted for the Fete

I've enjoyed helping Marian and Jill with the garden stall at the village fete over the last few years. Now that they are enjoying a well deserved retirement, I have found myself stepping into their wellingtons and have a request for help. Succulents such as echivera always prove very popular so if anyone is handy at propagating these types of plants, we'd love to have them in late August. Cut flowers and produce are always a hit too. Of course, any contribution and help are very welcome.

Please contact me at [riches90@ntlworld.com](mailto:riches90@ntlworld.com) or on 07532 323944 **Helen Riches**

## Skills for Life with the Scouts

Many of our village children attend Yoxford and Peasenhall Primary School, which is also the base for sections of the 1st Fressingfield Scout Group. The Scouts need new Beaver and Cub Scout Leaders to help on Friday afternoons at the school. If you would like to contribute more and learn new skills, details are available on the village website or contact **Hannah Sutton** at [hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com](mailto:hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com)

## Thank you from the NSPCC

The recent Food from the Levant and Vinyl Night event at the Anchor raised £642.50 for the NSPCC. thank you so much everyone for your support. **Cathryn Simpson**

## Diary Dates

**\*\* EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK. PLEASE CHECK BEFORE ATTENDING \*\***

### Villages by the Sea - Walberswick Thursday, 26 March

**7.30pm on BBC Two** Another opportunity to view the documentary on Walberswick's history. Available on iPlayer afterwards for a limited time. **Editor**

**Art Exhibition - Alan & Jackie Almond**  
**Thursday, 26 March - Wednesday, 1 April**  
10.00am - 5pm at the Aldburgh Gallery, Walberswick resident artists, Alan & Jackie Almond, together with their daughter, Lisa, will be exhibiting work in both acrylic and oil. **Editor**

## Planning applications

At the time of going to print, the following properties were still awaiting a decision on their planning applications:

- Stocks House, Stocks Lane
- Mirna, Manor Close
- Little Chapter, Church Field
- Heathwold, Palmers Lane
- Heritage Hut, The Green
- Land next to Redmay, Lodge Road

For the latest applications and full details on the above, go to the Planning page on the Village Website. For the Planning Advisory Group reports, go to [tinyurl.com/tdbvulf](http://tinyurl.com/tdbvulf)

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

[WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK](http://WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK)

### WI Meeting: Talk by the Suffolk Otter Group, Thursday, 2 April

2.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members welcome. Sheila Parry, WI Committee

**CANCELLED**

### RNLI AGM Friday, 3 April

8pm in the Village Hall Annex. All enquiries to Jonathan Winyard at [jons1925@hotmail.com](mailto:jons1925@hotmail.com)

**CANCELLED**

### Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday, 12 April

From 11am on the back of the Jubilee Oil Farm Road car park. Jonathan Winyard

**CANCELLED**

### Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, 14 April

**7.15pm in the Village Hall Annex.** All enquiries to the **Parish Clerk** at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com)

### Local History Group AGM Tuesday, 14 April

**7.30pm in the Village Hall.** All members welcome. As this is not usually a long meeting, and falls just after Easter, we will be showing a display of Walberswick Art owned by Committee Members and would welcome visitors and members alike to come and enjoy the many and varied views of Walberswick. **Mischi Verneti, Secretary WLHG**, [wlhg@secretary.net](mailto:wlhg@secretary.net)

### Walberswick Children's Club Friday, 24 April

**Doors open at 5.30pm, activities start at 6pm in the Village Hall.** £1 admission on the door. Drinks and snacks on sale on the evening. Contact **Hannah** at [hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com](mailto:hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com) for more details.

### Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday, 6 May

**7pm in the Village Hall.** Everyone is most welcome to attend and hear about the activities of Walberswick's many organisations and groups. We shall also be introducing the start of the process for developing a Walberswick Neighbourhood Plan. Enquiries to the **Parish Clerk** at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com)

### Bird Song Walk 2020 Saturday, 9 May

**5.30am Od Hoist Covert Car Park.** Annual walk led by **Pat Lancaster**, followed by breakfast at The Anchor. Full details next month.

### RNLI Mini Fete Monday, 25 May

12pm - 3pm in the Village Hall. Please support your local RNLI. All enquiries to Jonathan Winyard at [jons1925@hotmail.com](mailto:jons1925@hotmail.com)

**CANCELLED**

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## Easter Message from the Rev Canon Simon Pitcher

Michael Ramsey former Archbishop of Canterbury wrote;

"When Jesus disappeared from the world and vanished from the stage of history, people by and large thought, "well, there he goes; there's one more imposter done to death, one more irrelevant interruption of life put away, perhaps even one more lunatic gone to his own place; anyhow, we are rid of him, and the world sees him no more." That was the average man's verdict on the strange story of Jesus.

The truth was that when Jesus disappeared from the world to die, he was the righteous one, and it was the great act of righteousness, love and faithfulness, and the Father vindicated his righteousness in the Resurrection. The Holy Spirit brings people's hearts and minds round to perceive that the death of Jesus is the true righteousness: that's what righteousness is really like: suffering love."

May we know the risen Christ's love in our hearts this Easter and be willing to show something of his suffering love in our own lives, for his sake. **Simon**

## Hidden beneath the church carpet

We have recently removed a piece of carpet from the east end of the church. The carpet was installed in 1987 and since that date the memorial slabs that were beneath it have been hidden from view and forgotten. Removal of the carpet has revealed three ledger slabs from the 1530s. This decade was one of turmoil in England as King Henry VIII sought his divorce from Katherine of Aragon and broke with the Church of Rome. These memorials, therefore, represent a fascinating piece of English history and can be seen right here in Walberswick.

The inscriptions read:

*Of your Charyte praye for the Sowll of Robt. Hwell, which desesed in yere of our Lord God, Ano 1532, in the Raygn of King Harry the 8th, on whose sowll Jesus have Mercy, Amen.*

*Of your Charyte praye for the Sowle of Thomas Elderton, Maryner, the which Thomas dyssesd the yere of our Lord God, 1534, on whose Sowll Jesus have Mersye.*

*Of your Charyte praye for the Sowle of Robert Hwell, whyche dissesed in the yere of our Lord God, Ano 1535, in the Rayn off Kyng Harry the 8, on whose Sowll Jesus have Mersye.*

It is worth noticing that the words *praye* and *sowll* have been defaced from the inscriptions, reminding us that at the Reformation in the later 1530s the new Protestant values of the English church rejected the idea of purgatory and the value of praying for the souls of the dead. This little act of vandalism is another fascinating insight into our shared history, and teaches us how events of national and international significance impacted at village level. **Simon**

## INK Festival postponed

Many thanks to all those who offered help and spare rooms for actors, directors etc, during INK's 2020 Festival. Sadly, I believe we will be postponing the Festival, possibly until next year. Keep well and keep those beds warm for 2021. Any queries, please contact [tor@inkfestival.org](mailto:tor@inkfestival.org) **Julia Sowerbutts**

### Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday, 3 April, 2.15pm - 2.45pm,  
Outside the Village Hall

**Post Office:** Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm, Thursdays 10am - midday  
Village Hall Annexe

**Norwich bus: Cancelled:** Thursday, 16 April. Departs 9am. Leaves  
Norwich at 1.30pm. Contact Rita Woodcraft on  
07796 475350 or 01502 722958 to book a seat

**Halesworth bus: Cancelled:** Wednesday 8, 15 & 22 April  
Departs 10am. Leaves Halesworth at 11.45am

**Lowestoft bus: Cancelled** Wednesday, 1 April. Departs 10am  
Returns by 1pm

*Bus stops:* the Church, the Tuck Shop and the Village Hall.

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

#### Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher  
01502 725424  
[revsimon63@gmail.com](mailto:revsimon63@gmail.com)

#### Ordained Local Minister

Rev Brian Fisher 01502 723023

#### Church Warden

John Simpson 01502 723384  
[johnsimpson1109@gmail.com](mailto:johnsimpson1109@gmail.com)

### April 2020 Services

#### Sunday, 5 April - 11.15am

Palm Sunday, Parish Eucharist  
Joined by Blythburgh

#### Easter Day, 12 April

**07.30am** on the beach  
Eucharist & Breakfast

#### 11.15am Parish Eucharist

**6pm** Special Festal Evensong  
service. Full choir singing *Thine  
be glory, risen, conquering Son*

#### Sunday, 19 April - 11.15am

Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday, 26 April - 11.15am

Family at St Andrew's. Drinks and  
buns at 10.45 am

#### Tuesdays - 5pm

Evening Prayer (said)

#### Wednesdays - 10am

Holy Communion (said)  
1st Wednesday of the month  
Healing Service (said)

Parish Eucharist services are

Common Worship

Evensong uses the Book of  
Common Prayer

### Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

#### Sunday, 26 April 12.00

All welcome to come and hear  
reports on the activities of the  
church over the past 12 months

### Parish Registers

**11 February** - Burial of ashes  
Helen Petra Duane aged 76

**5 March** - Service and burial  
Janet Simpson aged 88

### Commemorative Flowers

#### 24 April

Sandra Gordon for Adam  
Joanna Saunders for her parents

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