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Nor would he this thy feared crown from thee tear,
But give thee a better with him above.
Poor jealousy! Why should he wish to prey
Upon thy crown, who gives his own away?

Make to thy reason, man, and mock thy doubts;
Look how below thy fears their causes are;
Thou art a soldier, Herod; send thy scouts,
See how he's furnished for so feared a war.
What armour does he wear? A few thin clouts.
His trumpets? Tender cries. His men, to dare
So much? Rude shepherds. What his steeds? Alas,
Poor beasts! A slow ox and a simple ass.

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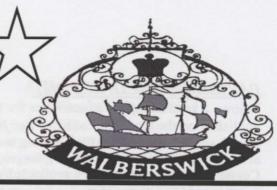
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Trustees acted as facilitator of the agreement, leaving it to individuals whether they wished to donate. Charity is now collecting those donations from everyone who made a pledge and Trustees thank all donors for their generosity.

The next step will be to see whether a similar agreement can be reached for the fields adjoining Lodge Road and at the top of the Village.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk

James Darkins, Chairman

FULL REPORT ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

ALLOTMENTS:

... anyone want to give up the plot?

Rents are now due so if anyone wants to give up their plot, could you get in touch now and not wait until Easter? This will give anyone taking over, time to sort it out before planting time.

Philip Kett on 723800

GUY FAWKES BONFIRE

The gates to Cliff Field will be open from Saturday 25 October to Mon 3 November inclusive from 8:00am to 4:00pm. This is to allow residents and their contractors to dispose of combustible garden waste from the Village on the Cliff Field bonfire. In return the Fireworks Committee would be grateful for donations large and small to help fund the excellent November 5 firework display. Collection tin in the Tuck Shop WCLC

CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET ...10-12 noon...

Saturday, December 6. Any donations of goods is greatly appreciated. I also have Cancer Research Christmas cards, wrapping paper and pocket diaries for sale. If you would like to see a selection, I would be happy to bring them round. Please support this worthy cause. Betsy Lemmon 722384

WILDFOWLERS QUIZ 2014

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING 2014

Just to remind you, this event will been held on the 8th November in the Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. Entrance for adults £2, children free,

Please be generous. Thank you. Alan Walpole (01502 724763)

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT OCTOBER 2014

Below is a brief summary of activities in the month of September. Full details are on the Council's website: www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

Meeting took place on the 6th October 2014 in the village hall annex

Finances:

The clerk reported that the second instalment of the precept had been received. The amount available to the Parish taking into account un-cleared cheques was £19,782. The only large item of expenditure was likely to be the auditor's expenses for the 2013 audit—probably, around £2,000. Copies of the Clerk's report on payments and receipts to date are attached to the draft minutes which will be posted on the website.

Since the meeting, the External Auditors report for the year ended 31st March 2013 has arrived and copies of the Annual Return and the Auditor's Issues Arising Report are available from the clerk on application by e-mail.

Planning:

Planning applications for a rear extension at The Old School, Leveretts Lane and tree surgery at Coopers Thatch, Leveretts Lane and The Gables, Millfield Road, raised no objections from councilors. The Parish Council asked the newly formed Planning Advisory Group (PAG) for its observations on the appeal. These were presented at the meeting. Councillors discussed the issues and decided to object to the appeal.

Traffic Calming Measures: The Parish Council is looking at long term solutions which might take time to implement

.Proposals for the Heritage Hut:

A working party has carried out more work to the fabric of the building. However, there is still a good deal to do. Another working party is planned for the 1st November. ANY **VOLUNTEERS?** contact Esme Richardson.

Correspondence Received:

from Ms Stephanie Harvey, Mr Alan Walpole, Mr John MacCartney and Mr Henry Gilby.

POSTMAN PETE RETIRES

Regular visitors to the twice weekly village post office, in the Village Hall Annexe, will be sad to learn that we will be seeing rather less of charming postie, **Peter Anderson**, as he eases into retirement, by working fewer days a week

We would like to thank Peter for his first class delivery, while he would like to thank everyone for their support, since the service began two years ago.

He urges us all to continue to support the new faces, behind the stamps: **Danny Thorp** and **Anna Higgins**, although Peter will retain his proof of posting and pop up, now and again, as a surprise package!

WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS

Applications are invited for the position of Operations Manager for the 2015 season. **Visit village website below...**

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CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424) revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwarden: Chrissie Reeves (723351)

NOVEMBER SERVICES 2014

- 2 4th Sunday before Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Simon Pitcher Blythburgh invited to combine as we join Holy Trinity on the 2nd Sunday at 11am
- 9 Service of Remembrance 1050 at Blythburgh
 The Revd Malcom Doney
 Choral Evensong for Remembrance 1800
 The Revd Simon Pitcher
- 16 2nd Sunday before Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- 23 Christ the King 0930 Parish Eucharist Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
- 30 Advent Sunday 1100 Team Service
 Celebrant The Revd Joan Lyon
 Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
 Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
 1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

Nov 5th Denise Brentnall for Peggy & Ernest Hughes

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The British Legion's Service of Remembrance will be at Blythburgh and we are delighted to have Nigel Flack, in the uniform of the Royal Artillery, playing the Last Post.

At Choral Evensong at 6pm we will also celebrate Remembrance of the two World Wars with anthems and hymns.

TEAM SERVICE ON ST ANDREW'S DAY

Advent Sunday falls on the same Sunday as St Andrew's this year and The Sole Bay Team are celebrating with a service of Holy Communion at 11am in our church.

Simon Pitcher will preach and Joan Lyon celebrate the Eucharist using the Advent liturgy from the Scottish Episcopal Church. A Team choir will lead us as we sing the ancient setting of Merbecke *Julia Josephs*.

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

On behalf of Simon Pitcher I would like to thank everybody who was involved in anyway in making our Harvest celebrations so successful. You may know by now, if you were not at this year's Harvest Supper, that you missed a real treat both in the fare put before us & by the entertainment provided by Olivia Castle singing, accompanied by Denis King on the keyboard - our thanks to them for their contribution.

As in previous years The Sole Bay Team will be holding a special service at 3.00p.m. on All Saints Day (November 2nd), providing an opportunity for people, from the eight parishes of our team, to remember relatives & friends who have died during the past year. During the service there will be an opportunity, if you wish, to light a candle in memory of your loved one or friend. This year the service will take place at Wangford Parish Church. Anyone is most welcome to that service.

The following Sunday, 9th November, at 10.50 a.m., Walberswick will join with Blythburgh at Holy Trinity Blythburgh for our annual Remembrance Day Service; past & present members of the Armed Services from our village will be taking part. Finally, I am looking for children to take part as readers for our annual Crib Service (4.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve) please let me know (723023) if you know a child who would be willing to do that. Adults who would like to help the children dress up for that service are also needed.

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

PARISH REGISTER
14th September 2014 Baptism
Oscar George Goodchild

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14th November at 12.30 p.m.

12th December Christmas at 12.30 p.m. (Bookings required by end November. Contact Brian & Christine on 723023)

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22nd - 09:56/22:24

29th - 02:46/15:50

VILLAGE NEWS

MALBERSWICH

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VILLAGE FETE - 2014

Many thanks to all who supported the fete, in a multitude of ways but particularly, the members of our Fete Committee and co-opted members, for their tireless efforts in raising £11,200 to be divided equally between St Andrew's Church and the Village Hall.

-VOLUNTEERS?

Most of the 2014 Fete Committee are now retiring, creating vacancies in such vital posts as **treasurer**, **hall catering**, **hall manager**, **hall staff team leader**, **site manager**, **raffle co-ordinator** and **programme compiler**. New incumbents will receive a comprehensive briefing package, outgoing members will act as mentors and I will serve on until February, as a point of contact for volunteers and to give the PCC and Village Hall Committee time to seek a new chairman.

Nigel Walpole (01502-723371; nigel@kermont.plus.com)

FAMILY BINGO...BACK

For those who couldn't get into the sellout summer sessions, eyes down for a full house in the Village Hall during Autumn half term, on Wednesday, 29th October. Doors open at 5.30pm. Cash prizes. Drinks and snacks. All welcome!

SAVE THE CHILDREN
Coffee Morning. Village Hall
Sat October 25th - 10.00am - 12.00noon
Raffle, books, bric a brac, cakes,
Christmas goods. Contributions to:
Faith Blackman -724278
Maureen Thompson 723755

THE ANCHOR Walberswick

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- Halloween Party Fri 31st -Look out for our Christmas events info@anchoratwalberswick.com 01502 722112

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A COFFEE MORNING, to raise money for Service personnel and their families, will take place, in the Village Hall, on Saturday the 8th November—10 am to 12 noon, (the day before Remembrance Sunday). If you can make or donate any items, please CONTACT THE FOLLOWING: Toby Robinson (722526) - BOOKS, CDS / DVDS etc; Susan Walpole (724763) - JAMS / PRESERVES / CAKES / SWEETS (homemade); Sue Ireland-Cutting (478213) - Refreshments (SCONES, JAM AND CREAM / CHEESE, CAKES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS); Val Anderson (724609) - GRAND RAFFLE. Alan Walpole (724763)

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS! Highly acclaimed raconteur and local historian, JIM BLYTHE, will be giving his renowned talk 'FROM TRAVEL TO TROUBLE WITH PLANTS', at the Village Hall, on 4th October at 7.30pm. Jim is an R.H.S. judge and a retired naval officer, who has travelled extensively. His talk is off the cuff, unstructured, spontaneous and very entertaining. Enjoy a feelgood night out—with video illustration. Tickets at £5, from The Tuck Shop or at the door. Bar and refreshments.

AN APOLOGY

Further to my finding some jewellery that I had concluded, after an extensive search, must have been stolen, I should like to take this opportunity to apologise profusely for the distress caused to my cleaning lady, Nicky Thorpe. Her reputation for trustworthiness is now completely vindicated. *Julia Josephs*

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP Sue van der Meulen will give a lecture on the SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST in Walberswick Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm Saturday 11th October 2014. Members free, non Members and guests £5. The talk will be followed by coffee and biscuits. New Members welcome. Alan Walpole Hon. Sec. WLHG

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT AUGUST 2014

This Parish Council report provides a brief summary of activities in the month of August. Full details are set out in the minutes published on the Council's website. *See foot of page:*

FINANCES:

The clerk reported that he had carried out a bank reconciliation with the cashbook up to the 1st September. External Auditors reports for the years ended 31st March 2013 and 31st March 2014 were still outstanding. The clerk had been assured by the auditors that these would be dealt with during September.

PLANNING: Notice of Appeal had been received for The Pump House at the Green. The Parish Council asked the newly formed Planning Advisory Group (PAG) for its observations on the appeal. These were presented at the meeting. Councillors discussed the issues and decided to object to the appeal. Proposals for the **Heritage Hut:** Plans for the continued use of the Heritage Hut were proceeding and a group was meeting to carry out further repair and decoration. A letter had been received expressing concern that this would conflict with the use of the Village Hall and cause a reduction in Village Hall income. Councillors felt

Public Toilets and Washing Facilities:

These had come under pressure because of the influx of visitors during recent warm weather. SCDC were contacted and arrangements were made for the cleaner to visit more frequently, resulting in an improvement.

Correspondence Received:

Luke Jeans had written to the council about problems on the 'Kissing Bridge' which provides access across the Dunwich River from the car-park to the salt marshes. This was being used for crabbing, which was hampering pedestrian access. It was decided to erect a suitable sign.

John MacCarthy had written a long letter to the Chair, Esme Richardson, making serious allegations against past councillors and the way WPC had acted in the past. His letter was read out in full to the meeting by Councillor Goodman. Esme Richardson, on behalf of the Council and all the Councillors, read out her reply in full, which rejected and rebutted all of these allegations.

Jeremy Solnick, Clerk of Council pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

this was not the case as the two facilities served different needs in the community.

ANY VOLUNTEERS?

WALBERSWICK COMMON—MAINTENANCE

Volunteers meet every Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting, to tackle the invasive gorse and birch . First meeting this year will be on Wednesday 22 October . If you would like to join us, be near the Sports Pavilion at the end of Church Lane at 2pm — no need for tools or protective clothing, for first meeting. Contact me with any queries

Barbara Priestman 01502 723914

HOMES WANTED: for Model Boats

Two historic model boats (at least 3ft long each), made by a local craftsman, are offered, on long term loan but will remain the property of the Parish Council.

Please contact Walberswick Parish Clerk by e-mail. (pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk).

BEACH CLEAN: Sunday October 12th Walberswick Wildfowlers are joining forces with Natural England for another beach clean. Meeting at Cliff Car Park at 10am. All are welcome to join in. NE will bring gloves and bags

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 24th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall POST OFFICE Tuesday 1-3 pm. Thurs 10—noon

NORWICH BUS: 16 October— 0915 am.

Please book by contacting EVE HASTINGS on 724702

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK Team Rector

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OCTOBER SERVICES 2014

5 HARVEST FESTIVAL 1100 Parish Eucharist The Revd Simon Pitcher & Brian Fisher Joint service with Blythburgh

12 HARVEST FESTIVAL 1800 Choral Evensong
Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher
18th Sunday after Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
Last Sunday after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Canon Harry Edwards

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said) Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said) 1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

The church would welcome two people to give flower in memory of a loved one on the 19th or 26th October

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would particularly welcome lots of home grown vegetables, fruit and flowers to decorate the church *early* on the morning of Saturday 4th

10th October no Luncheon Club but the Village Harvest Supper at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall after which Olivia Castle will be singing for us. Tickets are available (£8) from Penny Buncombe 4 The Terrace or 722359

PARISH REGISTER

16th August 2014 Baptism
Hannah Jayne Sutton
Nancy Tinkerbelle Sutton
Cherry Blossom Sutton
30th August 2014 Holy Matrimony
David James Brown

Angela Marie Norbury

SAINTS AND ANGELS: CHILDREN'S HALF TERM ACTIVI-

TY AFTERNOONS For children aged 4-11 (under 4s welcome but must be accompanied by an adult).£1 per child per session.

The afternoons will include; games, craft, stories, worship & reflection, as we explore the theme of 'Saints and Angels'. Registration forms are available from Team Clergy, with poster and flyers in all churches.

Thursday 30 October & Friday 31 October 2-4pm at Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh

Revd Richard Henderson Team Vicar The Sole Bay Team Ministry The Vicarage, 45 Wangford Road Reydon, Southwold, IP18 6PZ Tel 01502 722192

DAVID'S OAK TREE The Webb family

thank everyone who braved an August storm to celebrate the blessing and dedication of his oak tree on Palmers Green. It was wonderful to see so many of Dad's friends and family there to celebrate his contribution to village life.

Thank you to the Common Lands Trustees for the dedication of the oak tree, James Darkins for his lovely words and to Rev Canon Harry Edwards for his beautiful blessing. We are very proud to have Dad remembered in such a special way, for generations to come, Thank you all

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd October starting at 2.30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Prison Governor Moore from Hollesley Bay Prison who will give us a personal insight into the prison service. In the Village Hall *Jill Willison*

ED'S NOTE: THANKS TO ALL FOR PROMPT CONTRIBUTIONS, HELP, ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN PRODUCING MY FIRST SOLO ISSUE. **GAVIN**.

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29th - 01:21/13:56

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HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This year's show was a huge success with many first time exhibitors. The results are as follows:

Winyard Cup for the Man: Keith Benham

Iris Blois Memorial Cup for the Woman: Suzzie

Godfrey

Flower Bowl: Debra Shipley CC Gold Cup: Suzzie Godfrey

Whittenbury Victor Ludorum: Suzzie Godfrey Harvey Memorial Trophy: Marian Beard Best in Show: Suzzie Godfrey for red currants And our new trophy, the David Webb Memorial Cup for Dahlias was presented to Jayne Tibbles by Robert and Emma. It was fitting that the dahlias Jayne entered had been given to her by David Webb! He would be proud of how she looked after them! Betsy Lemmon

VILLAGE HALL TREASURER

I've notified the Village Hall Management (WVHMC) that after 5 years as Treasurer the time has come for me to step-down at the end our financial year on 31 December 2014 although I will stay on the WVHMC until the AGM in March 2015. The WVHMC is a joy to be part of. So, any resident interested in being the next WVHMC Treasurer, please give me a call. You will need a working knowledge of MS Excel.

Peter Byrne (01502 723743 or 07769 645580)

DOCTOR'S SURGERY

Following the refurbishment of the Village Hall and the appointment of a new salaried doctor it is intended to recommence branch surgeries atWalberswick after 1 October 2014. This year's flu clinic at Walberswick Village Hall will be held on Wednesday 15 October 2014 between 2.00pm and 2.45pm.

THE ANCHOR Walberswick

"Barbershop" from Mill Hill School Performing 9th September 6-7pm Curry Nights Fridays 5th & 26th

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A NEW EDITOR

This is the last issue of the Village News I shall edit, as I am handing over the job to Gavin Petrie. We are very fortunate that he has volunteered to take over as Editor, as he is a professional journalist. I feel sure that the VN will go forward successfully under his guidance, and wish him all the very best in his new role. Please note that his details are at the foot of Page 1; all communication should be directed to him from now on.

Finally, I thank the residents of Walberswick for giving me this job in the first place: I have very much enjoyed editing the Village News and reading all your contributions – even the ones I have had to reject for reasons of space!

Julia Reisz

PANTO BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday 26 October, 2014 in Village Hall. Sessions will commence at 8.30, 9.30, 10.30 & 11.30. Food to include Smoked Salmon and Scrambled Egg with tea and coffee (£6). Also Continental Breakfast (£4) Muffins, Croissants, Toast etc. Drinks to include Bucks Fizz and Orange Juice. Raffle tickets available with good prizes. Entrance tickets from the Tuck shop and at the door.

Helpers urgently needed: please call me! Val Anderson (724609)

SUMMER THEATRE FETE

The Fete, held on 6 July, was surprisingly successful, considering the appalling weather and the change of venue (Southwold Common) £4500 was raised and the Draw (for which I was responsible) took £2400. Many thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

Val Anderson

POST OFFICE

The Post Office has now resumed its Outreach Service in the Village Hall: Tuesdays 1-3pm and Thursdays 10am-noon. Unless more people take advantage of it, this valuable facility could be withdrawn. Use it or lose it!

Editor

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS 30 JUNE & 4 AUGUST 2014

June:

<u>Planning</u>: The Application for conversion of <u>Cottages at Westwood Lodge</u> was considered. No decision was made due to there not being an adequate quorum. The application for provision of new windows at **24 Manor Close** was approved.

New Councillors: Ray Cameron-Goodman was co-opted as a new councillor.

Heritage Hut: Councillor Hosea appealed for volunteers for a working party on 19 July to help tidy up and repair the Heritage Hut. Decisions about the use of the hut were postponed.

Road Signage: Enquiries were made about putting up "Beware Children" signage before Adams Lane and Church Lane.

Planning Advisory Group: Discussions with the group continued. A report is expected in the autumn. Planning Advisory Group: A Planning Advisory Group was formed to strengthen the Parish Council's assessment of planning applications. The scheme under which the group would operate was discussed. Finances: The clerk reported that the Council had £16,726 available after making allowance for payments made and uncleared chaques.

<u>Communications:</u> All future correspondence should be sent to the Heritage Hut or to the email address <u>pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk</u>

John Lavery resigned as Parish Clerk.

August:

New Clerk: Jeremy Solnick joined the Council as the new Parish Clerk.

<u>Finances</u>: The bank reconciliation showed a surplus of £17,206 subject to the payments of uncleared cheques of £1,543. In the Council's view this is too high and consideration needed to be given, subject to the Council's foreseeable obligations, to reducing the precept. The internal auditors were happy with the accounts. External audit reports were awaited for the years ended 31st March 2013 and 31st March 2014.

<u>Planning:</u> Notice of applications was received for works at Blyth Barton Palmers Lane, The Gables Mill-field Road, The Old School Leveretts Lane, and White Beam 12 Manor Close. No objections were made. <u>Vehicle Activated Speed Sign</u>: This had been discussed on previous occasions and the Council wished to proceed. The Council decided to investigate the shared purchase of one with Blythburgh.

<u>Heritage Hut:</u> The Council proposed a general use by villagers and others including groups for meetings and other leisure activities free of charge except when there was a commercially related activity. Further repair works were needed to the hut and another working party would be organised.

<u>Crabbing Competition</u>: Councillors were investigating the possibility of reviving this.

Jeremy Solnick, Clerk to Council pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH

See villagers perform at The Cut, Halesworth when Sanderlings combines with UEA students for a lively adaptation of Powell and Pressburger's film *A Matter of Life and death*. Music by Denis King. A Second World War bomber pilot cheats death and appeals to a heavenly court for the right to stay on earth.

September 25, 26, 27 at 7.30pm. Tickets from the Tuck Shop or **08456732123**: £9/under 25s £5.

Julia Sowerbutts

HISTORY GROUP ARCHIVES

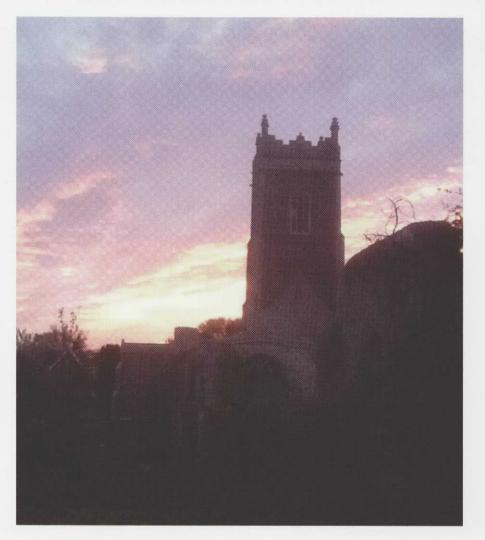
I have been temporarily housing the Archives, but they now need a permanent home. If anyone has any spare space, such as a dry single garage or similar, where these records could be housed on a more settled basis for the Village, would they contact me? Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated, so that our valuable Archives can be safely stored for the future.

Pat Lancaster, Archivist

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 29th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall NORWICH BUS Thursday 18th 9.15am Ring 724763 to book SUFFOLK CHURCHES BIKE RIDE Saturday 13th All day SANDERLINGS AT THE CUT September 25,26,27 7.30pm POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3pm, Thursdays 10-noon Village Hall

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Sunday 28th September 3pm Walberswick Church

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A programme of favourite songs including Elgar's Sea Pictures, Where Corals Lie and Softly Awakes my Heart from Samson and Delilah followed by Refreshments.

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- 21 14th Sunday after Trinity1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Simon Pitcher
- 28 5th Sunday after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Canon Harry Edwards Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said) Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

5th Vera Bowyer in memory of Vida Connick 20th Mary King in memory of her brother John 27th Wendy Sinclair in memory of Chris

HEART & SOLE

This is the Team monthly magazine representing our 8 churches; free copies are to be found in the Church, the pubs and the shops in the village. The inside of the front cover is devoted to photographs of community events and I do urge anyone with a picture to email it to editor@solebaymagazine.org.uk. He requests images should be in high res (500+kbfile)

Julia Josephs

PARISH REGISTER

18th June 2014 Funeral Service (followed by burial) **Mary Elizabeth Burke** aged 89 14th August 2014 Funeral Service (followed by burial) **Kenneth Henry Kerridge** aged 83

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We return after our August break on Thursday 4 September. Our guest speaker, Mr John Dean of the Roundhouse, Thorington, will demonstrate the sweet art of Sugarcraft. Guests are, as ever, welcome to join us at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Do come and join us for the very interesting programme we are planning for the coming year.

Jill Willison

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

I would like to thank Julia Reisz, on behalf of St Andrew's Church, for her work in editing our Village News for the past eight years. Her professionalism, including the way in which she badgered contributors like me to get their copy in on time (!) was first class. Enjoy your retirement, Julia.

In last month's edition of the Village News, Simon Pitcher referred to the Village Fete as an event of importance to our parish church. On 13 September another event will take place, which, hopefully, will be of benefit to our church; some of us will be taking part in the 33rd Sponsored Bicycle Ride for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Please consider sponsoring us for that event; the money raised will be divided equally between the Trust & our own St Andrew's. By the way, if you don't cycle, you can also obtain sponsoring through walking between local churches. Further information is available from Anne Paton (722068).

On Sunday 31st August there will not be a service at St Andrew's. Instead, there will be a Team Eucharist Service, 11.00am., at St Lawrence, South Cove. Please join us for that and, if you wish, bring a picnic lunch with you. If you would like a lift to that event, please let me know (723023). On the subject of services, don't forget the morning service on the second Sunday of each month when we join our Blythburgh friends at their church, Holy Trinity, at 11.00am. They support us well on the first Sunday when they join us at St Andrew's; let us return the compliment.

Our Community Luncheon Club meets this month, in the Village Hall, at 12.30pm on Friday 12th September.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher.

CONCERT

We are delighted that Shirley Keeble (nee Brice) will be performing in St Andrew's on 28 September at 3pm (see flier). It is a long time since we heard Shirley's lovely contralto voice.

Julia Josephs

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22nd - 10.18/23.05

29th - 02.04/14.20

VILLAGE NEWS

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KENNEDY'S FATAL FLIGHT 70 YEARS AGO

At 1820 hours on 12 August, 1944, a great explosion over Blythburgh Fen marked the deaths of US Navy Lieutenants Joe Kennedy Jr and John Willy. Kennedy was at the controls of a B-24 Liberator 'robot' bomber, filled with high explosives. He and his engineer, Willy, were to have bailed out once radio control had been firmly established with an accompanying 'mother-ship', a USAAF Ventura. Their target was the huge concrete bunker in Pas de Calais, which housed the V3 Hochdruckpumpe, Hitler's latest 'retaliation weapon', a battery of multi-charge guns, originally designed to fire 3,000 rounds per day at London, allegedly with more accuracy than the V1s and V2s.

Local man Mick Muttitt witnessed the B-24 'explode in a huge fireball', scattering debris up to 16 miles away, 'the propellers of its engines still turning as they plunged to earth'. Miraculously, no one was hurt on the ground, and the cause of the airborne explosion remains a matter of conjecture.

In 1960 Joe's younger brother, Jack F Kennedy, became the first Roman Catholic to be elected US President. (Mick Muttitt and I will give a talk about the event in the Anchor Stone Barn on Tuesday 12 August at 6pm.) Nigel Walpole

BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

There will be a summer exhibition of paintings pastels, pots and prints in the Village Hall over the August Bank Holiday on **Sunday 24** and **Monday 25 August** 10am-6pm. Guest artists will be printmaker Clare Bailey and Wendy Sinclair, painter and printmaker. Members include Miles Fairhurst, Eveline Hastings, Glynn Hugo, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. All works will be for sale. Everyone welcome. Free entry. **Suffolk Coastal Group**

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DAVID WEBB COMMEMORATION

In recognition of his community service, the Trustees are dedicating the newly planted oak tree on Palmers Green to the memory of David Webb. The ceremony will be held at 12:30 on **Sunday 10 August** followed by a picnic. Revd Canon Harry Edwards has kindly agreed to give the blessing and David's family will be there to mark the occasion. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the contribution David made to our village. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Bring along your picnic, table, chairs, gazebo or whatever else your taste and the weather demands!

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk James Darkins, Chairman Walberswick Common Lands Charity

PIG FARMING UPDATE

The Charity has now received 60 in-principle donations to finance the agreement with Blois Farms: thanks to everyone who elected to support this initiative. Good progress is being made with finalising the terms of the Deed of Covenant with Blois Farms; we are currently awaiting feedback on one clause dealing with Common Agricultural Policy related issues. If the terms of this clause are satisfactory, then we should be in a position to finalise the entire agreement. We will then communicate the terms of that agreement to the donors so that they understand what has been agreed by the Charity; however, you can be reassured that the terms currently remain consistent with our previous communications. You should hear from us within the next four weeks.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk James Darkins, Chairman WCLC

FAMILY BINGO

This popular summer event will be held in the Village Hall on 13 and 20 August. Doors open at 5. 30pm; 'eyes down' at 6.00pm. Cash prizes. Drinks and snacks available. All welcome – children and adults. Proceeds to the Village Hall for maintenance and improvements.

Village Hall Management Committee

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

PARISH COUNCIL

There will be no Parish Council Report this month, while there is a change of Clerk. The new Clerk will provide a double report in the September issue.

Esme Richardson, Chair, WPC

JULIA REISZ

For eight years Julia has excelled in her editorship of the Village News, and our community with few exceptions unreservedly commend her ownership of that role. Her background has a very long association with Walberswick and we must recognise her professional, wise, and friendly commitment to the Village. May I, on behalf of many, very sincerely thank Julia for her magnificent work. She has agreed to 'handover' the task to the successor – but I was not previously aware that the role required expertise in flying solo. Julia, Walberswick thanks you and we wish you all whatever the future might hold.

Robin Buncombe

(Editor's note: You haven't quite seen the last of me yet, but I hope to get the new editor installed over the course of the next two months; meanwhile I will hide my blushes at this undeserved praise)

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We all enjoyed our end-of-season dinner at the Bell Hotel. Sadly, unless we can find at least four new members to join for the new season, the Club will disband. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 -9pm in the Village Hall;. Please contact me if you are interested in joining.

Maureen Thompson (723755)

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

There will be a showing of the Walberswick Scroll in the Village Hall on **Sunday 17 August** from 09.30 – 11.30. There will be 3 viewings (09.30, 10.30 and 11.30) of this 123-ft study of every house in Walberswick - painted in 1931/3 by John Doman Turner. No charge for admission but there will be a collection. Note that numbers may have to be limited.

Richard Scott

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE HALL

Grand Re-opening
Saturday 9 August at 10 am.
All residents invited to come for coffee
To see the improvements.
The WVHMC apologises for the inconvenience
caused while the hall has been closed
but we hope you will enjoy the new facilities.

Village Hall Management Committee

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Don't forget to start planning for the ride, which takes place on **Saturday 13 September**. Sponsorship forms are now available. It is a good opportunity to involve all the family and at the same time raise money to preserve our splendid Suffolk Churches. To register your interest and collect sponsorship forms please ring me.

Anne Paton (01502 722068)

WALBERSWICK FETE

Plans for our Village Fete are well advanced, with all the traditional activities now covered by volunteers, and seven new attractions added, including brief glimpses of our military heritage in sight and sound. Raffle tickets are already selling well, with a first prize of £250, and souvenir programmes will follow shortly. Do join us on 23 August, for the Dog Show starting at 11am, and the main event at 1pm.

Nigel Walpole

ORIGINAL ART STALL

Please look in your attic or cupboards for any pieces of unloved original art (paintings, prints or sculpture) and bring them along to the Village Hall annexe on 23 August around 10.30am to be sold at the Fete on the Original Art Stall. All for a good cause. Any queries please phone me.

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DAVID WEBB TREE DEDICATION Sunday 10th 12.30pm Palmers Green POST OFFICE REOPENS Tuesday 12th Usual times FAMILY BINGO Wednesdays 13th & 20th 5.30pm Village Hall VILLAGE FETE Saturday 23rd 11am onwards Around the Green

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COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

For the Altar and Font

26th Lucy & Sarah Lawrence in memory of Joanna

We should be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to commemorate a loved one or a special anniversary, especially during the summer months when the list is short of names. Please ask me (722828) or Wendy Sinclair (724433) for a form if you wish to join in. Julia Josephs

SOLE BAY HEALTH CENTRE

The Southwold Surgery will be moving over the weekend of 13/14 September 2014 into the new Sole Bay Health Centre, Teal Close, Reydon, (near The Randolph Hotel) where it will reopen for patients on **Monday 15 September.**

As well as the GP practice the Health Centre will soon become home to a range of other services:,

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FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

The annual Village Fete takes place on Saturday 23 August. This wonderful occasion is of great importance for the church and I would like to express my thanks to the Fete Committee for their hard work and dedication in organising the event again this year.

In the July issue of the Village News Nigel Walpole explained how the Fete will this year help us to remember the vital work of our armed forces in protecting the peace of our country, and in securing the freedom that we enjoy. World War I began 100 years ago this month. It is 70 years since D Day and 25 years since the Cold War ended. This year our troops withdraw from Afghanistan. Every time one enters the churchyard at St Andrews the names of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice can be observed carved on the churchyard gates. It is important to remember with thanksgiving the life we enjoy, because our freedom has not been secured without cost to others.

It is therefore good to welcome General Sir Richard Shirreff, who will open the Fete this year, and the historic military vehicles from World War II will provide an interesting spectacle. We are grateful to Debach Military Museum for supplying them. I hope that the Fete is a great success, and that everyone has an enjoyable time, in a spirit of thankfulness

Looking ahead to our harvest celebrations in October, the date of the Harvest Supper will be **Friday 10 October.** Harvest Festival services in church will be in the morning on **5 October**, and Harvest Evensong on **12 October.** We are very grateful to Olivia Castle who has agreed to sing for us at the Harvest Supper. Many of you will remember Olivia from her performance as Dorothy in the village production of *Wizard of Oz* a few years ago.

Finally, a reminder that while on second Sundays of the month we do not have a morning service in St Andrews, we do have a joint morning service at 11.00 in Holy Trinity Blythburgh. People from Walberswick are welcome and encouraged to come and join the congregation at Blythburgh for these morning services. We also have evensong in St Andrews at 6pm on Second Sundays. This is a highly valued service with a good choir, and the perfect way to end a weekend.

Rev Simon Pitcher Team Rector

LUNCHEON CLUB

Note that there will be no Luncheon Club in August, as the Village Hall is being refurbished.

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29th - 01:29/13:31

VILLAGE NEWS

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VILLAGE HALL – GRAND RE-OPENING Saturday 9 August 2014 at 10am

Thanks to your generosity and support, together with the grant from Viridor, the Village Hall loos will be finished by 9 August. Every resident in the village is invited to come for a coffee in the Hall to celebrate the completion of the work and to view other exciting new improvements.

Village Hall Management Committee

OUR 7TH CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

A new adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will hopefully be our Village's next Christmas Show. Performances will be on **January 21st - 25th 2015**. We require a large cast and also a huge team to help with the production. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary, just commitment! If you would like to be involved come and find out further details in the Hall on **Sunday 13 July** at 10.00am. For those interested in performing there will also be a 'group' read at 10.30 (this is instead of auditions). For those unable to attend on the 13th forms will be left in the Tuck Shop until 20 July.

Send queries to juliasowerbutts@hotmail.co.uk

The Pantomime Committee

LOOKING FOR AN EDITOR

After 8 years sterling service as Editor of the Village News, Julia Reisz has decided to call it a day. She took on the post originally as emergency cover! We are now looking for a successor. She is very willing to "sit beside" her replacement until that person feels confident to fly solo. If anyone is willing to sign up for the job (zero remuneration) please contact me.

Ben Cardwell (01502 722611) Chairman, Village News Board

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LEST WE FORGET

Preparations are well in hand for this year's Fete, which will be held on 23 August.

2014 is a very significant year in our nation's military history. It is 100 years since the start of WW1, and 70 years ago there were the many momentous events in WW2, including 'D-Day' and Arnhem, while the RAF and USAAF operated at maximum strength in East Anglia. It is also 25 years since the end of the Cold War, and this year we withdraw from combat operations in Afghanistan. Therefore, your Fete Committee felt it appropriate to offer some fleeting reminders of these milestones.

General Sir Richard Shirreff KCB CBE, until April NATO's Deputy Supreme Commander and whose mother Dione has lived in Walberswick for many years, has kindly agreed to open our Fete. General Shirreff, who served in Germany at the height of the Cold War, in Northern Ireland, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan, will be accompanied by Apache helicopter pilot Lieutenant Colonel Alex Godfrey, who has recently returned to Walberswick from his second operational tour in Afghanistan.

They will arrive at 13.00 hrs, in a convoy of WW2 vehicles from the 493rd Bomb Group Museum at RAF Debach, while Cold War memories may be revived by the RAF Bentwaters Aviation Society.

Surprise attractions are also likely.

Nigel Walpole

WALBERSWICK HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Just a reminder that the Horticultural Show is on Saturday 26 July. It's time to start planning your entries and crossing your fingers that the weather will cooperate over the next month. If the garden is a disappointment, there are lots of culinary and flower arranging categories. We would like to encourage parents to get their children involved as well.

Don't forget we have a new trophy this year for best dahlia. If you need another schedule or any guidance, please contact a member of the Horticultural Committee. Good luck to all!

Betsy Lemmon

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 9 JUNE 2014

Heritage Hut - Volunteers needed!

Cllr Hosea is recruiting a working party to start the refurbishment of the Heritage Hut as a project that all the Village can involve themselves in. It has been decided to recruit a working party of volunteers to start the refurbishment on Saturday 19 July 2014. No experience is required as materials and co-ordination will be provided. If you are willing to help please contact the Parish Clerk at pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

Speedwatch - More Volunteers Needed!

The Clerk has been in contact with Blythburgh Parish Council, who have an established Speedwatch group. They are very keen to work alongside Walberswick residents to establish a joint Speedwatch group covering both villages. This would enable Walberswick to have an active group at less cost and more quickly than 'going it alone'. At this stage we are looking for people who are interested in becoming a Speedwatch Volunteer. Please contact the Parish Clerk at pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk if you wish to volunteer or would like more information.

20 mph Speed Limit

There appears to be increasing support in Walberswick for a 20 mph limit. The Council has therefore decided to ask the County Council to provide an assessment to determine if Walberswick is eligible for a Speed Limit.

After studying several quotes the Council have decided to purchase a set of socketed 9 x 9 goal posts for the playing field. The Clerk will order these shortly.

Beware Children Signs

Councillors felt the there is a case to have more 'Beware Children' signs in the Village, especially near Adams and Church Lanes as drivers come into the village. The Clerk was asked to look into the cost.

Note that the next meeting of the Parish Council has been brought forward to 30 June from 7 July. John Lavery, Clerk to Council (pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk)

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

There will be a showing of the Walberswick Scroll in Now is the time to start planning for the ride, which the Village Hall on Sunday 17 August from 09.30 -11.30. There will be 3 viewings (09.30, 10.30 and 11.30) of this 123-ft study of every house in Walberswick - painted in 1931/3 by John Doman Turner. No charge for admission but there will be a collection. Note that numbers may have to be limited.

Richard Scott

REFLEXOLOGY TREATMENTS

Home visits £30 for 1 hour Call Jo Charles 07876 566 757

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

takes place on Saturday 13 September. Sponsorship forms are now available. It is a good opportunity to involve all the family and at the same time raise money to preserve our splendid Suffolk Churches. To register your interest and collect sponsorship forms please ring me.

Anne Paton (01502 722068)

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

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WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 23 AUGUST 2014

Your Fete Committee is again attempting to make the Walberswick Annual Village Fete a great pleasure for all, while generating revenue for our Church and Village Hall, with the traditional mix of games and stalls, and a little extra. Our approach this year is explained more fully in the July edition of the Village News. To make the best of the contributions already being made by the Committee and co-opted members, we do need your help to fill the stalls with items you no longer need (please see our wish list below), and of course your participation, ideally with extra family members and friends, on the day. The programme will be as follows:

- 11.00 Jane Hamilton's BBQ and Coffee stall opens on the Village Hall Car Park Dog Show Registration begins*
- 11.30 Dog Show
- 12.30 Village Hall opens for lunches and teas
- 13.00 Parade of veteran military vehicles and official opening by General Sir Richard Shirreff KCB CBE
- 13.05 All traditional stalls and static games, giant slide and bouncy castle etc, open
- 14.00 Family games, TOW and refreshments on Village Green
- 15.30 Grand Raffle drawn by 'Mr Blobby'
- 16.00 Fete Ends

^{*} Dog Show Registration Forms may also be obtained from the Walberswick Tuck Shop

Stall/Activity	Responsibility	Contact	Assistance/Items Required
White Elephant	Peter Austin	722836	Anything 'sellable' – but no radios or TVs
Cakes & Preserves	Suzzie Godfrey	724630	Wrapped cakes, biscuits & jams – clearly labelled
Garden Stall	Marion Beard & Jill Willison	724143 725244	Cuttings, plants, garden ornaments and home-grown vegetables
Kitchen Cupboard	Alvin & Viv Hunt	723142	Crockery & glass, cutlery & pans - in good condition.
Bottle Tombola	Philip Kett	723800	Full bottles (by 20 Aug, please)
Nearly New	Pam Webb	722543	Clean outerwear – men and women
Things for Kids	Rita Woodcraft	722958	Clean clothing, toys & games
Original Art Fair	Anne Paton	722068	Original works of art, and assistance on the day
Book Stall	John Weston	722584	Books, magazines & DVDs (no tapes, please)
Finishing Touches	Sue Green	722347	Jewellery, hats, handbags & accessories
Grand Raffle	Erica Donnellan	724845	Help to erect gazebo – AM 23 Aug
Smashing Crockery	Hugh Smiley	07798528740	Urgent need for disposable crockery
Dog Show	Marie Rourke	722595	Marshalls & assistance on the day

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JULY SERVICES 2014

6 3rd Sunday after Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Simon Pitcher
13 4th Sunday after Trinity 1800 Choral Evensong
Sea Sunday Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher
5th Sunday after Trinity1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
6th Sunday after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662
(said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

13th Julia Josephs for her sister Dorothy

EVENSONG on SEA SUNDAY

Each Sea Sunday, we say' thank you' to the brave men and women who work tirelessly, often in difficult weather conditions, so that we can have the goods we use every day. Choral Evensong on 13 July at 6pm will include music and prayers for our seafarers. We shall also sing Charles Wood's wonderful anthem *O Thou*, the Central Orb. I specially enjoy the organ accompaniment!

Julia Josephs

EVENING OF POETRY & MUSIC

On Saturday 12 July we celebrate the work of Iris Birtwistle, who once lived in Walberswick. Poems will be read by her sister and poet Angela Kirby. Sylvia Fairley (flute) and Valerie Shelley (piano) will add to an excellent programme. The evening, which is in St Andrew's, starts at 6pm and should last about an hour. Drinks and nibbles will be included in the £5 entry fee.

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 3rd July is our annual Garden Meeting which, once again, is kindly hosted by Margaret Adkinson. Members and invited guests are requested to arrive at 2.30 pm. If the weather is very bad (hopefully not!) we will meet in the village hall. Members please note there is no meeting in August.

Jill Willison

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

Anyone for a 6 mile pilgrimage? To be precise, walking from Blythburgh to Walberswick and back, using the Angels & Pinnacles trail. The Angels & Pinnacles project was launched in our diocese in March 2012, as part of the diocesan centenary celebrations & as a way to discover the heritage of our many ancient churches. Part of the project was to develop heritage walking and cycling trails in partnership with Discover Suffolk. Christine Mitchell & Bill Ungless assisted in mapping out the trail that we are invited to walk on Saturday 5 July. The walk will begin with prayer in Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh, before moving on towards Walberswick. Arrival time at St Andrews will be approximately 12.30pm., when there will be ample time for walkers to eat their packed lunches before returning to Blythburgh at 3.00pm. The walk will be led by the Dean of our cathedral, the Very Rev Dr Frances Ward and our acting bishop The Right Rev David Thomson. There is ample car parking at Blythburgh church. Please feel free to join us on our mini-pilgrimage, if only to go one way.

This year the Southwold Beach Mission will be running from Monday 28 July to Friday 8 August. There will be morning activities each day for children of school age and young people, as well as Bible studies for adults. There will also be a range of afternoon & evening activities. An annual event that I can warmly recommend for all ages.

The next Walberswick Luncheon Club will take place on Friday, 11 July at 12.30pm.; cost £7. Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

21st May 2014 Interment of Ashes
Jean Patricia Wythe aged 88
23rd May 2014 Interment of Ashes
Elizabeth Gladys Jones aged 94
31st May 2014 Holy Matrimony
Maximo Edralin to Laura Kate Bowyer

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8th - 07:42/19:45

15th - 01:44/13:16

22nd - 08:05/20:23

29th - 01:00/12:51

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BLOIS FARMS - PIG FARMING

As reported in the February Village News, the Charity has taken the lead role in attempting to reach agreement with Blois Farms to prevent pig farming on Track and Manor Fields. Provisional agreement has been reached with Blois Farms, and accordingly both fields have been planted with sugar beet. The remaining issues are; (i) finalising the agreement and (ii) receiving sufficient in-principle donations to cover the cost. The Charity is not putting any pressure on people for donations, but laying out the position so that people can make up their own minds.

So far 47 in-principle donations have been received: 20 of the 23 properties directly in the 'front-line' have donated. These are typically the largest amounts; however, people living some distance away are also making donations large and small. If donations are over-subscribed they will be scaled back. We have also received a generous donation from one business in the Village.

If you would like to be kept updated and are not already on our mailing list please email:

wclc.pigs@btinternet.com

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk James Darkins, Chairman Walberswick Common Lands Charity

A DATE TO REMEMBER!

Our Walberswick Fete on 23 August will be largely traditional, but this year we will add something of historical significance, with appropriate attractions and some surprise items - all to be revealed in next month's Village News. Do keep this date free.

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DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

10 May 2014: no doubt some would-be participants, on hearing the pitter- patter of rain, would have quite sensibly snuggled back into their pillows and dreamed of a far- off place filled with sunshine. However, a brave few steeled themselves and dressed for the elements. The rain was continuous, with unwelcome waves of the more heavy variety, and the accompanying wind just enough to tilt hat brims - so that one not only witnessed nature's cold bath but felt it. The birds were equally unamused: the Robin's melancholy song from deep within the wood matched perfectly the sombre mood. A Marsh Harrier drifted distantly downwind - he too perhaps dreaming of the African sunshine he had so recently left behind, with no pillow for him to cosy-up to. A Bittern boomed defiantly from the grey Phragmites - how dark it must be on such a day in his chosen haunt. Small parties of Swallows worked their way into the wind, while Sedge, Cetti's and Reed Warblers chattered on as if nothing was untoward. No time for them to consider the weather: nests to be built, eggs to be laid and youngsters to rear. Not the kindest of days for those who made it, but one that will not be forgotten, and perhaps we feel all the better for it ...

The hat collection came to a very respectable total of £60.00, to be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project.

Tony Lancaster

TEST PIT DIGGING 2014

There have been 9 successful test pits dug in the village again this year. In one of our gardens it is believed there were the remains of a medieval brick oven. I would like to thank the owners of the gardens for their involvement in the project to further the history of this village, and for the kind way they looked after the young archaeologists. It was a pity that it rained on the second day and caused some mess and mud, but in spite of that there were some valuable finds. Thank you all again for your involvement.

Philip Kett, Chairman Walberswick Local History Group

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. Email: julinka/a hotmail.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 5 MAY 2014

At the recent meeting the Chair was unanimously re-elected to serve again.

Speedwatch and Temporary Vehicle Activated sign and 20 mph limit: The Clerk has been in contact with Blythburgh Parish Council regarding these issues. There is plenty of good will between the Parish Councils regarding traffic problems, and the subject of joint working with Blythburgh around Speedwatch and Temporary Vehicle Activated signs will be on the next Council agenda. An assessment of whether Walberswick qualifies for a 20mph area will be obtained.

Clement Freud Memorial Bench:

This L-shaped bench was placed on the green on Wednesday May. It faces in a Southerly direction overlooking The Green.

<u>Goal Posts:</u> The Council are obtaining competitive quotes for fixed '9 a side' goal posts for the Sports Field. Options for additional smaller moveable posts may be considered in the future.

<u>Heritage Hut:</u> Cllr Hosea is going to conduct a thorough assessment of the Hut's condition and create a tender for the refurbishment work. It was noted that there is an Asbestos Chimney in the hut. The Clerk will check if this has been placed on the Asbestos Register.

John Lavery, Clerk to Council (walberswick.pc@gmail.com)

RON COLEMAN

Many of you will remember Ron, who sadly passed away just after Easter. His funeral was held at Gorleston Crematorium on Thursday 15 May 2014. It was a lovely sunny morning and Ron would have been pleased to see so many of his friends and family, and his beloved dog Hunter, gather together to say farewell. Ron had been part of the village for the last forty years. Originally he lived and worked in the village, with his parents and his son David. More recently, since his retirement, he was often to be seen sitting on the bench outside the Pump House with Hunter by his side, chatting to whoever happened to be passing by. On Mondays he would make his regular walk with Hunter to Southwold to see his friends on the market and in the Nelson. Early mornings he would often be found at the stables in Sandy Lane, helping with the horses and in particular looking after his favourite "Mrs M". I will miss my dear friend and regular cribbage buddy.

Hunter, who has a lovely new home, will be visiting the village at weekends and holidays, and you may even find him now and again sitting with Sophie, his new owner, outside the Pump House.

Jacque Mallender

VELLORE BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us at our Bazaar on 3 May. We raised £983, before expenses, which will go to the Vellore Hospital in India. The money raised at the Bazaar in 2013 went towards the setting up of clinics for the very poorest of the population in various slum areas, helping 953 people during the year, so our donations are very worthwhile.

Sue Walpole

SOUTHWOLD SUMMER THEATRE FETE

FESPA are holding the fete on Sunday 7 July at The Pavilion, Southwold Common. All the usual events for all ages: children's games, face painting, Punch and Judy, bouncy castle; live entertainment with belly dancers and Singing Choir; variety of stalls, including Jill Freud's and Mary Gundry's; homecooked food all day, with soup, strawberries and other delights; a Dog Show. The Grand Draw, the climax of the day, takes place at 4.00pm. (In fact you can watch Wimbledon Men's Final on a large screen!) Car Parking £3. Please support our local theatre. Items for sale can be left in my garage.

Val Anderson (724609)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3pm, Thursdays 10am-12 noon Village Hall NORWICH BUS Thursday 19th 9.15am Ring 724763 to book MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 6th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall KEEP FIT CLASSES Tuesdays 9.15-10.15 & 10.30-11.30 Village Hall

THANK YOU FROM THE WEBB FAMILY

would like to thank everyone for the wonderfully kind words, letters and generous support they have shown us in the sudden loss of our dear Dad, David. We have received an overwhelming number of tributes to Dad, from the village and further afield. It has meant an enormous amount to us all - thank goodness for Walberswick.

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- 8 Whitsunday 1800 Choral Evensong Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher
- 15 Trinity Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Simon Pitcher
- 22 1st Sunday after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- 29 2nd Sunday after Trinity TEAM SERVICE at WANGFORD at 11am Revd Joan Lyon Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said) Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said) 1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

EVENSONG ON WHITSUNDAY

Whitsunday (Pentecost) is another special day in the Church's calendar when there are such beautiful hymns and anthems. We sing Come down, O love divine, and Come gracious Spirit, heavenly dove; and the choir sing Grayston Ives' beautiful anthem Listen Sweet Dove. Join us again for our next Choral Evensong at 6 o'clock on 8 June. Julia Josephs

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

14th Maureen Thompson for Don 19th Jayne & Brian Tibbles for grandson Olley

PARISH REGISTER

15th May 2014 Funeral Service at Gorleston Crematorium Ron Coleman aged 68

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Andrew, Robert, Emma and the extended family Our next meeting on Thursday 5 June will feature guest speaker Mr Andy Malcolm of the Fishermen's Mission. The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen provides emergency and welfare support to UK based fishermen and their families throughout the year. Mr Malcolm will show us some of the recent projects they have been involved in. As always, visitors are very welcome to join us at 2.30 pm in the Vil-

Jill Willison

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Dear Friends.

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 8 June. Traditionally known as Whit Sunday, or White Sunday, this was a day in the year when people were baptised into the Christian faith. The baptismal candidates wore white as a symbol of being washed clean and making a new start. Pentecost is also celebrated as the birthday of the Church as it is the festival at which we celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit, poured out on Christians and equipping disciples for lives of love and service following the example of Jesus. At St Andrews these things will be marked at a service of Evensong at 6pm on 8 June. A summer Evensong is very beautiful and an historic part of our heritage, a reminder that our faith is not a new-fangled thing, but is rooted in the Old Testament as well as the New, tested and proven in every generation.

The following week, 15 June, is Trinity Sunday. This is another important Christian festival, in which we celebrate the Christian understanding of one God who is made known to us in three ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is never easy preaching on Trinity Sunday, saying something simple about the awesomeness of God! Perhaps one way is to contemplate the cosmic God, who is too big to fit into human imaginations, vet who made himself known to us in the person of Jesus Christ, so that we can understand what God is like, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts through love so that we can know God for ourselves, intimately, rather than as far off and remote. We will celebrate Trinity Sunday with Holy Communion at 11.00 on 15 June. There is much therefore to celebrate in June.

Advance Notice: On Saturday 12 July at 6pm in St Andrews there will be an evening of poems and music to celebrate the works of Walberswick poet Iris Birtwhistle. Do come along and join us.

Yours in Christ Simon

The Luncheon Club will take place on Friday 13 June at 12.30. In the Village Hall as usual.

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8th - 07:38/19:25

15th - 00:37/12:47

22nd - 07:36/19:17

29th - 00:45/12:43

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DAVID WEBB

David was born in Walberswick on 3 February 1943 to Winnie and Charlie Webb. The eldest of four, he was followed shortly by Keith (Wally), Penny and Leslie. The family eventually settled at 9 Church Lane. His older cousin Dick Leon recalls being made to wheel baby David around Walberswick in his pram. Fast forward several decades, and the two were seen every morning on their walk together - from babes to village elders.

David attended Walberswick Primary and then Sir John Leman High School. He then won a scholarship to Dartmouth College, the beginning of a long and distinguished naval career: as a hydrographer, he sailed the world making navigational charts. At one time he was the youngest Commander afloat. Upon retiring he was Commander in rank, but the Captain of ships.

He met nurse and midwife Mary McMaking on a blind date in Portsmouth; they were married in December 1966 and had three children: Andrew, Robert and Emma. For two years David worked for the Australian Navy, mapping previously uncharted waters in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, where a reef bears his name. Upon returning to the UK, the family first settled in Kent and moved back to Walberswick in 2000. After 36 happy years of marriage, Mary sadly died in 2002. David's dear brother Wally passed away in 2012.

David was an enthusiastic and passionate volunteer, expressing his love for the village in very practical ways. He was determined Walberswick should remain a real community. He helped to establish the car parks for the Common Lands Trust, chaired the Parish Council for many years, served on a number of committees including the Blyth Estuary Group, the Walberswick Sea Defence Group and the Southwold Harbour Lands Trust. He took on the role of master of tides for the British Open Crabbing Championship for all of its 30 years. Now he is gone, it has become apparent just how much David did for the community, silently and without fuss. It is a great sadness that serving on the Parish Council was to cause him so much stress in the last few years.

He passed away at home on 11 March 2014 after enjoying a lovely Walberswick day: locals' lunch at the Anchor; tending to his beloved allotment (he won the Flower Cup 11 times), and a pint in the Anchor with good friends at their informal 4 O'Clock club.

David died too young and still had much to look forward to. He leaves us - his children - behind, as well as grandson Oscar, sister Penny, brother Leslie, nieces and nephews, cousins Dick and Milly, and many, many friends.

Andrew, Robert & Emma Webb

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Council are seeking volunteers to formulate the Community Emergency Plan. Anyone interested in contributing to this important initiative please contact the Clerk by email at pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk or any Councillor.

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HORTICULTURAL SHOW - NEW AWARD

David Webb was a keen gardener and a loyal supporter of the Horticultural Show. Since 2002 he won the *Winyard Cup for the Man* eleven times and his name appeared on the various cups no less than fifteen times in total. The Horticultural Group unanimously agree that a new Trophy should be introduced entitled *The David Webb Memorial Cup for Best Dahlia*. This would - quite rightly - allow his name to be linked to the Horticultural Group permanently. Item 38 under the Flower section will be deleted as this new trophy will take its place. The same criteria apply: five blooms (one or more colours) and no buds.

Betsy Lemmon

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 7TH APRIL 2014

At the beginning of the meeting a minute's silence was observed in honour of Councillor David Webb, who died on 11 March.

Planning Matters

Poplar Cottage, The Green: permission was granted to fell and replace an Ash Tree suffering from dieback. Cloudcroft, Stocks Lane: permission sought to remove the roof, raise pitch & construct new bedrooms, shower & ensuite at 2nd floor level; Spindrift, Lodge Road: proposed erection of single storey extension & loft conversion; Beach View, The Street: proposal to remove existing stores & erect a single storey extension. The Councillors offered no comment on these proposals. Vine Cottage, The Green: connect garage to entrance hall, with alterations including new bay windows, roof conversion, new dormers, plus demolish annexe & rebuild to two storey; demolish & rebuild conservatory. Cllrs Richardson and Denny objected to this proposal as it would materially alter the frontage overlooking the green. Cllr Gower abstained.

Co-option of New Councillors

The co-option of Lee Sutton and Chris Hosea as Parish Councillors was agreed unanimously. Lee Sutton was present at the meeting and joined the other Councillors after Co-option.

Play Site and Heritage Hut

The council now has quotes for goal posts for the play site; also funding for play and sport is available to the council. A decision regarding these will be made soon. Council has also received quotations for work needed at the Heritage Hut. This work will be ordered shortly and decisions regarding the future use of the building will be taken once more Councillors are in place.

Dangerous planks at Walberswick Quay

The Clerk was contacted by a member of the public concerned about dangerous planks at Walberswick Quay near to the slipway. Those responsible at East Suffolk Council have been informed.

Vehicle Activated Sign and Speed Gun - Update

The Council is still waiting for news regarding the vehicle activated sign. However, we are in contact with the Speedwatch group in Blythburgh and will be inviting a speaker to inform us about setting up a Speedwatch group and the usage of speed guns.

BT Broadband Roll-out

A member of the public objected to the placing of a BT Broadband box on the corner of the Green. The new box will be placed round the corner in Ferry Road instead of on The Green. Another BT box on Stock's Green will be placed behind the bench, which will be moved forward away from overhanging trees. Councillors unanimously gave their support to these new placements.

John Lavery, Clerk to Council (walberswick.pc@gmail.com)

BANK HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

The Suffolk Coastal Group will be exhibiting in the Walberswick Village Hall on Sunday 4 May and Monday 5 May. Exhibitors include: Penny and Hugh Butterworth, Miles Fairhurst, Eveline Hastings, Glynn Hugo, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. On show will be paintings, prints, pastels and ceramics. Open 10am-6pm both days. Entrance free and everyone welcome. Suffolk Coastal Group

WALBERSWICK FETE 23 AUGUST

We need unwanted items to fill our stalls. Please search for unwanted books and magazines, calling **John Weston** (722584) to arrange collection; and for redundant crockery, call **Suzzie Godfrey** (724630). A list of stall holders and game-makers, with their specific requirements, will be published in the next Village News.

Nigel Walpole (723371) nigel@kermont.plus.com

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3pm, Thursdays 10am-12 noon Village Hall VELLORE BAZAAR Saturday 3rd 2-4pm Village Hall BIRD SONG WALK Saturday 10th 5.30am Hoist Car Park NORWICH BUS Thursday 15th 9.15am Ring 724763 to book MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 9th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall KEEP FIT CLASSES Tuesdays 9.15-10.15 & 10.30-11.30 Village Hall

UNITED MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Vellore Bazaar will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday, 3 May 2014. From 2 – 4pm. All the usual stalls, Raffle and scrumptious tea and cakes. Proceeds to Vellore Hospital, South India.

Judy Morton

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424) revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwarden: Chrissie Reeves (723351)

MAY SERVICES 2014

- 4 3rd Sunday of Easter 1100 Parish Eucharist The Revds Rich Henderson/Lizzie Gregory
- 11 4th Sunday of Easter 1800 Choral Evensong Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher
- 18 5th Sunday of Easter 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- 25 6th Sunday of Easter 0930 Parish Eucharist Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said) 1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

WELL-EARNED CROSS

We enjoyed an excellent Church AGM, known as the APCM, on 6 April. Chrissie Reeves was again appointed and willing to stand as St Andrew's Churchwarden. We soon became aware of the large numbers of lay people who give years of service, to the church and to the community, and who are not always recognised. The Bishop of Truro recently instituted an award, the Cross of St Piran: small crosses handcrafted in silver and commemorating the patron saint of Cornwall. Maybe we should do the same in our village for churchwardens; bell ringers; mothers and toddlers groups; PCC secretaries and treasurers; organists; fund raisers; and faithful church cleaners; to name a few the Bishop nominated in Truro!

Julia Josephs

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

7th Sowerbutts family for Joe Josephs 10th Ruth Bassett for Eric Bassett 25th Joanna Saunders for Robert

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The next meeting on **Thursday 1 May** at 2.30pm in the Village Hall is Resolutions Day. We have no guest speaker, but Jen Cardwell will report on her bursary experience. Everyone welcome.

Jill Willison

EVENSONG CONGREGATION

I must apologise for the shortage of printed service sheets for Evensong on Palm Sunday. 15 are usually more than sufficient for the congregation, so it was wonderful to have 27 which, with 15 in the choir stalls, saw 42 scribed in the Church Register. Please join us again on for our next Choral Evensong at 6 o'clock on 11 May.

Julia Josephs

LETTER FROM THE OLM

We are 100 years old this year! No, neither my wife nor I but the Anglican diocese in which we live. The Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich was created on the 23 January 1914, from part of the Norwich diocese & part of the Ely diocese. Special events to celebrate our diocese's centenary are being held throughout this year. If you would like to know what has happened already this year & what is to come, please feel free to ask me or pick up a copy of the East Anglican magazine from the back of St Andrew's.

Of course, another centenary this year will be remembering the outbreak of World War 1 on 23 July 1914. Our thoughts will be with the families whose relatives & friends either died or were seriously wounded during the awful battles that took place during the ensuing four years. Very few families were left completely untouched by the horrors of that war.

Having just celebrated the festival of Easter, we now look forward to celebrating the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. At 7.30pm on **Thursday 29 May** our Sole Bay Team will hold a Team Service at St Andrew's Church, Sotherton, to which all are warmly invited.

The Luncheon Club will take place on **Friday**, 9 May at 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Cost £7.00. All are very welcome.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

4th April 2014

Thanksgiving Service for the life of **David Charles Brian Webb** aged 71

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15th - 11:43/NT

22nd - 05:35/17:19

29th - 11:50/NT

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A WALBERSWICK HEROINE

Sixty years ago, on 28 March 1954, the British troop ship Empire Windrush, once a German cruise liner and famous later for bringing the first big batch of emigrants from Jamaica to England in the 1940s, sank in the Mediterranean, off Algiers. Aboard, the Dillon family were en route to the UK from Hong Kong, where Major Brian Dillon MBE had been serving with the Royal Norfolk Regiment, but it was his wife, Miriam, now a long-time resident of Walberswick, who made the headlines that day.

Early on that morning of high drama, the Dillons were already dressing quickly when the order came to muster at the lifeboat stations. Mother, son and daughter Tipi were soon aboard a lifeboat being lowered into the waves, while Brian remained on board until all the women and children were safely away.

Some of the ship's crew were in their lifeboat, but only four knew how to row and none was able to take the helm as they whirled around the stricken ship, which was now burning fiercely. One very senior lady demanded that they stay behind to recover more survivors, but Miriam, with some knowledge of sailing and the sea, argued successfully that their boat was already full and that they must row away at once, for fear of being pulled down with the ship. She then took command and steered the boat well clear, until rescued by the Norwegian merchantman Hemsefiel.

Amazingly, only four crewmen, in the engine room when a massive explosion started the fire, lost their lives in the epic Windrush disaster. The world's press were quick to pay tribute to all involved for their calm discipline, but reserved a special mention for Miriam Dillon - a 'heroine'.

Nigel Walpole

THE ANCHOR Walberswick **EASTER WEEKEND**

Pizza 3-6pm Good Friday Fish Menu Easter Sunday Lunch 12:15 and 2:15 Curry Nights- 4th & 25th April info@anchoratwalberswick 01502 722112

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

This year's Bird Song Walk will take place on Saturday 10 May. It will be led as usual by myself. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park. Contributions will be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes project.

Breakfast at the Anchor Hotel

A hearty breakfast or an early brunch after the walk has proved to be a fitting and most enjoyable end to the morning's endeavours. Those who wish to partake this year should make reservations direct with the Anchor Hotel (722112) prior to Walk Day.

Tony Lancaster

WALBERSWICK HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Yes, it is time to start planning those award winning fruit, vegetables, flowers and culinary treats! Enclosed you will find the Schedule for the 2014 Horticultural Show which is on 26 July this year. There are some new items in each category. Hopefully we will tempt some new exhibitors to enter and give the current trophy holders some stiff competition! If you have any questions about the rules or presentation of entries, please contact one of the committee members. Get growing!

Betsy Lemmon

WALBERSWICK WALKING

Is anyone interested in joining an informal walking group? If so please call or email:

John & Pat Weston, Hedges, Lodge Road.

Tel: 01502 722584

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WALBERSWICK HISTORY GROUP

On Saturday 5 April 2014, there will be an illustrated talk on "The Alfred Corry" by John Cragie. This coincides with the Alfred Corry's commissioning 121 years ago. Everyone is welcome. Members free. Guests - £5.00

The History Group AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd April, 2014.

Both meetings at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Pat Lancaster, Archivist

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 3RD MARCH 2014

<u>Open Forum Session</u> The County Councillor reported proposals to instigate a New Arts School in Saxmundham; the District Councillor's Report referred to developments at Sizewell C; EDF's option for workers' accommodation is to site 4-storey temporary housing near Eastbridge. The District Council's budget has been agreed and Council tax remains fixed for the fourth year in a row. A member of the public asked that more co-operation take place between the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group.

<u>Resignations and Election of new Chair</u> We have received resignations from Councillors Robin Buncombe and Sarah Eves. The Council therefore elected a new Chair. Esme Richardson was unanimously elected.

Actions Undertaken by the Clerk The new Clerk continues his hand-over from the Temporary Clerk and continues to work though the Action Plan. He has arranged 2 Training days in April so that he can be more effective in the post and was also given permission to buy reference books relating to his role. Available finance at 3 March 2014 was £13119.28

<u>Council Business</u> There are no changes to the **financial regulations**, which were adopted as presented. The only payment was the hire of the Village Hall for meetings, a sum of £104.00. It was agreed that a quote should be obtained for 11- a- side **goal posts for the playing field**. There may also be funding available from SCDC sport/play scheme. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the work required on the **Heritage Hut**. The Council decided not to take forward a proposal to have a **20mph speed zone**, but will further pursue using Vehicle Activated Signs. A position for the **Clement Freud memorial seat** was agreed. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council has been moved from 5 May, which is a Bank Holiday, to 12 May.

<u>Planning Applications</u> There were applications from Poplar Cottage, Saltlick, and Northdale to fell trees on their properties. The tree warden will assess the state of the trees at Poplar Cottage and Northdale. Land to rear of Rosemary Cottage, The Street: redevelopment of existing vacant site to provide 5 residential dwellings (revised scheme to that previously permitted). The Clerk will clarify the revision re the land adjacent to Rosemary Cottage. Tyra, 24 Manor Close: Provision of 3 new roof lights, 3 new windows and ground floor extension to rear. There were no objections to the other proposals

John Lavery, Clerk to Council Walberswick.pc@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Councillor David Webb has died unexpectedly. We hope to carry an obituary and a tribute to him in our next issue.

WALBERSWICK FETE - 2014

As organiser of the 2014 Village Fete, I propose that it be run on similar lines to that of Ben Cardwell's successful event in 2013. The date is **Bank Holiday Saturday**, **23 August**. Clive Brynley-Jones, Suzzie Godfrey and Alan Porter have agreed to join me on a Fete Committee. Many who have served us well in the past are now anxious to retire, and we need volunteers. We can then look for the right balance: pleasure for all on the day and generating revenue for our Village Hall and Church funds. Please send me suggestions and offers of help.

Nigel Walpole (723371) nigel@kermont.plus.com

TEN TIMES TABLE - THE FINAL ACT

The play was enjoyed by 298 people and we are very grateful to all who supported it. The contribution to the hall new loos fund is £2,351 + £645 hall hire charges (£2996). The loo fund was helped enormously by the actors, who paid for costumes & scripts, the construction and backstage teams who begged for wood and other bits to make the set and props, the front of house team who worked so hard to sell tickets, drinks and raffle, and private donations towards costs such as the performing rights fees. The accounts are available.

Pru Ford-Crush (722255).

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THE 2014



WALBERSWICK

HORTICULTURAL SHOW



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VILLAGE HALL, WALBERSWICK
Saturday 26th July, 2014
Open from 3:00 to 4:30 pm
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Exhibits to be handed in at the Village Hall on Saturday, 27th July from 9:30 to 10:45am.

First, Second, Third and Best in Show may be awarded, dependent upon quality and number of entries. The SHAPA Judges' decision is final.

RHS and WI rules apply.

Not more than one entry per class from any Exhibitor.

All exhibits to be made, grown, and displayed in Walberswick by the Exhibitor.

ENTRIES RESTRICTED TO WALBERSWICK RESIDENTS EXCEPT IN JUNIOR CLASSES.

(see overleaf for Schedule of Exhibits)

TROPHIES

Scoring the most points in classes

WINYARD CUP for the man	1-46
IRIS BLOIS MEMORIAL CUP for the woman	1-46
FLOWER BOWL for the Exhibitor	67-71
CC GOLD CUP for the Exhibitor	47-66
WHITTENBURY VICTOR LUDORUM for the Exhibitor	1-66
HARVEY MEMORIAL TROPHY	see Schedule o

BEST IN SHOW

1st Prize - 3 points 2nd Prize - 2 points 3rd Prize - 1 point

COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Betsy Lemmon Secretary: Chrissie Reeves Treasurer: Paul Bradley Irene Prince, John Blakesley, Betty Blakesley, Suzzie Godfrey, Pat Lancaster

SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

(Variety named if possible)

The following should be shown on a white paper plate (available on the day)

- 1. Potatoes five (same variety)
- 2. Peas five pods (same variety)
- 3. Broad Beans five pods
- 4. French Beans five pods
- 5. Runner Beans five pods
- 6. Spinach or Chard five leaves
- 7. Carrots five (leaves trimmed)
- 8. Beetroot three (leaves trimmed)
- 9. Cucumber one (any variety)
- 10. Onions three (not skinned, tops tied)
- 11. Shallots seven (separate, not skinned, tops tied)
- 12. Spring Onions three
- 13. Radish five (leaves trimmed)
- 14. Garlic three bulbs
- **15.** Chilli Peppers three (same type)
- 16. Lettuce two (same type)
- 17. Tomatoes three (calyx still attached)
- 18. Tomatoes Cherry Type five (calyx still attached)
- 19. Courgettes three (10-15 cm)
- 20. Pak Choi three
- 21. Mixed Herbs a tied bunch of five varieties, non-flowering (please label)
- 22. Rhubarb three sticks as pulled (leaves reduced to 2 inches)
- 23. Novelty one odd shaped fruit or vegetable
- 24. Blackcurrants seven strings
- 25. Redcurrants or Whitecurrants seven strings
- 26. Raspberries seven (with stalks on)
- 27. Blueberries seven (with stalks on)
- 28. Any other soft fruit not included above three
- 29. Any other vegetable not included above one or two specimens



HARVEY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Decorative presentation of own grown mixed produce
(May include some fruit)

Maximum 7 varieties (inclusive of decoration)

FLOWERS

(Named if possible)

- 30. Pinks five sprays
- 31. Roses (Hybrid tea) three blooms
- 32. Roses (Floribunda) three sprays (one or more variety)
- 33. Flowers from bulbs three stems (one or more variety)
- 34. Sweet Peas nine stems (without decorative foliage)
- 35. Annuals five stems (one or more varieties)
- 36. Hardy Perennials five stems (one or more varieties)
- 37. Flowering Shrubs five stems (one or more varieties)
- 38. Dahlias five blooms (one or more colours, no buds)
- 39. Hydrangeas three stems (one or more varieties)
- 40. Pot Plant one, any kind: flowering in max. 23cm internal dia. pot
- 41. Pot Plant one, any kind: foliage
- 42. Cactus or Succulent one pot or pan
- 43. Pelargonium one pot (regal or zonal)
- 44. Orchid one pot
- 45. Exotic flowering plant one pot
- 46. Hanging Basket

CULINARY

Food Hygiene:

Exhibits must be placed on white paper plates in an untied plastic bag (not cling film). Paper plates and bags will be available on the day.

- 47. Madeira Cake
- 48. Wholemeal or White Loaf
- 49. Flapjacks-three
- 50. Oatcakes three
- 51. Treacle tart
- 52. Cheese Scones three
- 53. Shortbread Round 18-20 cm
- 54. Savoury Quiche

Culinary cont.

In classes 55-63 use a plain jar of not less than 12 oz. and a new, plain lid, clearly labelled and dated

PLEASE PUT YOUR ENTRY NUMBER ON THE JAR NOT ON LID

- 55. Blackcurrant Jam
- 56. Strawberry Jam
- 57. Raspberry Jam
- 58. Any other Jam (can include mixtures please label)
- 59. Lemon Curd
- 60. Marmalade thin cut
- 61. Marmalade thick cut
- 62. Any type of Jelly
- 63. Jar of Chutney (at least three months old)
- 64. A bottle of Homemade Cordial (undiluted)
- 65. A miniature bottle of Homemade Liqueur
- 66. Hens Eggs three presented in a small basket or bowl



FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

(All to be arranged for effect. Flowers and foliage need not be grown by the exhibitor)

- 67. Floral Arrangement- not exceeding 46 cm. overall
- 68. Miniature arrangement maximum 10cmx10cmx10cm
- 69. An arrangement of foliage in a vase not exceeding 61cm high
- 70. Flower arrangement in an unusual container by a man
- 71. Corsage

JUNIOR CLASSES - 12 and under

(Open to Visitors)

.Children's exhibits should have minimal help from adults, and be individual entries. Please put name and age on Exhibit.

- 72. Drawing of an animal (under 7 years old)
- 73. Drawing of an animal (8-12 years old)

EACH TROPHY WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL SHOW

EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED NOT TO REMOVE THEIR ENTRIES UNTIL AFTER PRIZE GIVING

CHURCH MATTERS

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APRIL SERVICES 2014

6 5th Sunday in Lent 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher followed by APCM at 12 noon

13 Palm Sunday 1600 Choral Evensong Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher

19 Easter Saturday 1930 Easter VigilTeam Service - Lizzie Gregory & Simon Pitcher

20 EASTER DAY 0930 Parish Eucharist

Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher 2nd Sunday of Easter 0930 Parish Eucharist

27 2nd Sunday of Easter 0930 Parish Eucharist Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said) Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662

(said)
st Wednesday of month Healing Sorvice CW

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW

(said)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This usually takes place on a Sunday soon after Easter, and the rules say it must be held before the end of April. With Easter this year being late (20 April) the meeting will have to take place during Lent, on Sunday 6 April, following straight on from a shortened Sung Eucharist.

We shall elect churchwardens; receive a statement of accounts and reports of organisations; elect members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC); review our life together and look to the next 12 months in prospect. Everyone welcome.

If you are on the Electoral Roll (list in porch) you are entitled to vote.

Julia Josephs

EASTER FLOWERS

Contributions towards the cost of the flowers used to decorate the Church for Easter are welcome and would be very much appreciated. They should be given to Wendy Sinclair or put through my letter box if more convenient,

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting on **Thursday 3 April** will feature speaker Mr Douglas Baker, a specialist on the history of wool and silk. Visitors are welcome at 2.30 pm.

Would members who have booked places for our coach outing on 6 May please arrive a little earlier in order to pay the balance of their fares.

Jill Willison

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

The season of Lent is a period in the church calendar that marks the Biblical story of Christ's time in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. The Gospel writers tell us that at the beginning of his earthly ministry Christ spent a period of 40 days & 40 nights fasting and praying, in effect preparing himself for all that is to come. At the end of this period he would have been hungry, and physically and mentally exhausted. At this point he is tempted to pursue three things each of which would separate him from the Father, and distract him from his God given purpose. These temptations are firstly for bread, representing material ease and comfort. Secondly he is tempted to an act of selfish stupidity, jumping off a high tower to see if the angels would catch him. This temptation is about the pursuit of popularity and perhaps reassurance, did God really love him? Finally the devil tempts him with the offer of power and riches. All these Jesus resists as he accepts the ministry of service, love and self sacrifice that is entrusted to him.

If Jesus had to wrestle with temptation and doubt while in the wilderness it is no surprise that we find that we do too. Lent it is an opportunity to wrestle with the questions, doubts and temptations that occupy our own minds and which sometimes serve to diminish our trust in God. Our Lent course in the Sole Bay Team this year is exploring the issue of doubt. It is better to wrestle with the questions that we have rather than to allow those questions to halt our search for answers. It is not too late to spend some time each day in a moment of "wilderness" reading, thinking or praying. Our journey through Lent brings us to Easter, which is a moment of new understanding, of light in the darkness, of new life. I wish you the blessing of a holy Lent and a blessed Easter that this season might help you to discover more of God's love for you at this time.

Simon Pitcher

Luncheon Club will take place on **Friday 11 April** at 12.30pm. in the Village Hall. It costs just £7 and all ages are very welcome. Come and join us!

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VIDA CONNICK

Vida was born on 17 July 1921 at Hill Farm, Westhall, to William and Kathleen Flint. She told me she was christened Vida because her Mother was reading a novel at the time, whose heroine was Vida. She had two brothers and two sisters: they all helped on the farm, and Vida liked helping with the cows. The family moved to a larger farm at Sotherton, but tragically lost everything when farming went into a steep decline in the 30s. The family moved to Brandeston, and then to Sibton Green where Vida won school prizes for essays and hand-writing. She left school at 14 and worked as a nanny on a farm in Westerfield: she loved looking after children. Eventually she arrived in Walberswick as home help and nanny to the Daws family.

When the war came Richard Connick was drafted from the Welsh Valleys to East Suffolk to repair electricity pylons. He and Vida met at a village dance in Bramfield, and were married there on Boxing Day 1941. At first they lived in Walberswick at Norland Cottage (with no mod-cons), where Trevor was born in 1943 and Ann in 1944. The family later moved to Church Lane, where Rita was born in 1951, and in 1955 Vida and her family moved down to Crestholme, The Lea, to look after Vida's widowed Uncle Bob who had had a stroke. Vida's tender care enabled him to live to be 90!

Vida and Richard attended St. Andrews regularly, played badminton and attended dances in the Old Gannon Room. They also joined in many activities and fund-raising events. At the age of 40 Vida learnt to swim, and at 50 started piano lessons. Meantime her days were also filled with caring and cleaning jobs to many people in the village, especially the elderly and vulnerable. She cycled to Southwold and Blythburgh as well as around Walberswick, and at the age of 60 exchanged the bike for a moped which she still rode at the age of 80! Twice a week Vida laid out sandwiches for Robert James, an eccentric and mentally ill man who lived in an isolated cottage; she was summoned to comfort him when his cottage burnt down.

For years Vida cleaned the church every week, sometimes with help from Rita; she also helped Chris Sinclair with the Sunday School, always handing out sweets at the end of the session. The day our youngest was born, Vida, Chris and two young helpers were having a meeting in our sitting room; as my labour progressed Vida took charge, boiling kettles and becoming the midwife's assistant, putting our other children to bed and keeping everything going. There are countless tales of Vida's gift for helping in many situations: she was wonderful with children and had many games, jokes, poems and songs stored in her amazing memory.

My own connection to Vida goes back to 1937 when my father became a GP in Halesworth, and Vida's parents living on Sibton Green were his patients. When my father was widowed and became very frail with Parkinson's disease, Vida insisted on helping, taking my dad for walks, helping to dress him and generally being a tower of strength!

Many older people still living in Walberswick first knew Vida when they were children. In recent years Vida's great pleasure came from visits by her eight grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. We have lost another wonderful character from our village, but she will never be forgotten, as her name is for ever in our hearts.

Wendy Sinclair

THE ANCHOR walberswick

Curry Nights 7th and 21st March

Mothering Sunday Lunch: 30th, 12-3pm
Family Supper 6pm: Roast Chicken
info@anchoratwalberswick
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BEACH CLEAN

Walberswick Wildfowlers are getting together with Natural England on **Sunday 16 March** and holding a joint beach clean to which **all are welcome** .NE will provide some bags and gloves to facilitate the task which starts at 10.00am from The Cliff Car Park.

Mark Waller

Hon Sec Walberswick Wildfowlers

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 3 FEBRUARY 2014

Open Forum Session. County, District & Parish Councillor M Gower presented his County Council and District Council reports. The key messages were: High Speed Broadband is to arrive in June 2014; a £38M cut has been agreed to the SCC 2014/15 budget; up to £4000 is available to the Parish Council for compliant projects. The remainder of the open forum session was dominated by a discussion relating to the agenda item 'Trial ban of dogs on the beach'.

Actions undertaken by the Temporary Clerk. These included: completion of Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Esme Richardson; contacting SCC over Broadband project; updating the Bank mandate; rationalisation of the Parish Council Bank accounts; continuing the process for filling Parish Council Clerk vacancy; goal posts for the playing field; report of faded 30mph sign; updating Utility companies with latest contact details; and ongoing monitoring of financial position. At 3 February 2014 the Parish Council had available finances of £13588.67

Council business. The updated Standing Orders were agreed and adopted; Mr J Lavery has been appointed Parish Council Clerk; repairs, inspections and updates to the play equipment were reported; there was an update on future use and condition of the Heritage Hut; trial of weaners on the allotments; update on the Parish Plan; visitor management; trial ban of dogs on the beach; application for Surfwold to operate on beach; proposed use of Track and/or Manor Field for pigs; memorial seat for Sir C Freud.

Planning Applications. Mallards and Mirna, Manor Close: demolition of two detached properties replacing with three individually styled properties. Todds Cottage, Ferry Road: to fell one silver birch causing damage to wall and building. Dunwich View, The Green: erection of single storey wooden outhouse with pantile roof as reading room/study. The Parish Council discussed these and, although there was a debate about the need for more affordable/social housing in Walberswick, no objections were raised to the above applications.

J Boggis, Temporary Clerk

THE VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

villagers to join the Management Committee. Several members have given many years of their time and expertise to the committee and would now like to step down. We all enjoy working together and would welcome some fresh and energetic new members. If you are interested, please come to our AGM in the Village Hall. on Tuesday March 18 6.30pm. Refreshments will be served.

Betsy Lemmon (722384) Secretary to Committee

QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of Village Hall Loos Appeal. Friday 21 March at 7:30 in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7:00 for registration. £5 per head, teams of 4. Cash bar and raffle, but bring your own food.

Betsy Lemmon

HEALTHWATCH SUFFOLK

We are looking for enthusiastic and hard-working Healthwatch Suffolk is here to listen to your views about health and social care services in the county. It has the power to make your views known to, and acted upon, by the people who are responsible for running the services in Suffolk. . That is why it is calling for your views about NHS health services and publically funded social care services.

> Healthwatch Suffolk was launched in June 2013 and has been working hard since to establish itself as the county's health and social care consumer champion. Its membership base has grown considerably and now has a collective voice of nearly 3,000 people. You can join for free too and be kept up-to-date with all of the latest news and opportunities to improve care services for your community.. More information is available on www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk or by calling a member of the Healthwatch Suffolk team on 01449 703949.

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STEVEN FAIRS

Joan Fairs would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters which she and her family received on the death of her son Steven.

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424) revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwarden: Chrissie Reeves (723351)

MARCH SERVICES 2014

2 Sunday before Lent 1100 Parish Eucharist Preacher/Celebrant:

Simon Pitcher/ Lizzie Gregory Joint service with Blythburgh

5 Ash Wednesday 1000 HC 1662 (said)

Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher

9 1st Sunday of Lent 1600 Choral Evensong Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher

Joint Eucharist service 1100 at Blythburgh

16 2nd Sunday of Lent 1100 Parish Eucharist

Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher 23 3rd Sunday of Lent 0930 Parish Eucharist

Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher

30 Mothering Sunday & Mother's Day 0930 Family Eucharist Celebrant Revd Lizzie Gregory

Tuesdays 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said) 1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

CHORAL EVENSONG

The second Sunday of every month does not now have a morning Eucharist but a splendid Choral Evensong. Many more attended this service last month, and the magnificent choir were so large they ran out of choir robes. The congregation join in reading a prayer from a written list and we are pleased to have more offers. The next Service is on 9 March at 4 pm when we celebrate The First Sunday of Lent. Julia Josephs

MOTHERING SUNDAY

On Sunday 30 March St Andrew's church will be holding a special Mothers' Day service. Do come along to our family-friendly worship as we celebrate and give thanks for mothers everywhere. All are most welcome: mums, dads, children - everyone! Lizzie Gregory

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We meet next on **Thursday 6 March** when we have a guest speaker from Woottens of Wenhaston Garden Centre. Miss Lucinda Skinner will inspire us with ideas for Spring Gardens. As always, visitors are welcome to join us at 2.30 pm in the village hall.

Jill Willison

LETTER FROM THE OLM

Since my last article for the Village News (January), three formerly active members of our parish church have died. I would just like to record my thanks for all the work that Peter Avis, Vida Connick & Pat Wythe did for our church in their various ways. Peter Avis, in particular, was an encouraging & critical (in a positive way) member of my support group during the years that I was preparing for ordination.

On Sunday 9 March we shall be entering the period of Lent in the Church's year, a period when Christians are encouraged to prepare for Easter. Historically, this has been interpreted as a time for giving up something. Personally, I have always found it a period in the year when it seems right to set more time aside to deepen my spiritual journey e.g. by way of prayer or the reading of specifically Christian books. Something else you might well find helpful is the series of Lent Lectures, to be held at the United Reform Church in Southwold, on six consecutive Sunday evenings at 6.00p.m. The series starts on 9 March. This year's theme is the Old Testament, and the first two speakers will be The Revd Dr Sue Woan & Dr Katherine Dell.

On **Sunday 30 March**, at 9.30am., St Andrew's will hold its annual Mothering Day service to which you all are warmly invited.

The Luncheon Club this month will take place on **Friday**, 14 March at 12.30pm. Cost £7. I would like to stress that this lunch is not just for senior citizens; all ages are welcome.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

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28th January 2014 Funeral Service (followed by burial) Vida Christine Connick aged 92 SOUTHWOLD CARPETS CURTAINS & BLINDS Carpets*Vinyls*Curtains*Blinds*Rails & Poles Safety Flooring*Linen*Haberdashery*Wicker Baskets Open Mon-Fri (closed Wed) 9-5, Sat 10-4

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LANT BERSWICH

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WALBERSWICK COMMON REPORT

Real progress is being made in clearing the hundreds of silver birch saplings, as well as larger trees, that have sprung up following the clearance of the gorse: thus making space for heather to regenerate. It is hoped that our experiment with grazing by sheep will also be fruitful. The time available each year to achieve the work is necessarily limited, as we have to avoid disturbing wildlife from March onwards.

An important job for the new year is to clear part of the area known as 'the Fen' – a diverse and valuable wildlife site (down near the old railway station on the Bailey Bridge road). Everybody is invited to come along on Wednesday 5 February any time from 10.00am – stay as long, or as briefly, as you like. We will supply the tools – you just need some strong gardening gloves and stout boots or shoes. The local Natural England team will be there to help us, and to chat about the work we and they do.

Meanwhile, you are cordially invited to join the Volunteers every, or any, Wednesday from 2.00pm. If Wednesdays are not convenient, try to join us on Saturday 22 February from 10.00am, when we can discuss alternative timings for the future. Please phone or email me if you have any comments or questions and to find out where we will be working.

Barbara Priestman, Volunteer Warden barbara@priestman.myzen.co.uk (01502 723914)

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Those who signed the list in the shop raised £196.75 for Macmillan.org.uk. Unfortunately the shop notice board was not weatherproof, so the list could only appear inside the shop, but we hope everyone saw it. Thank you all very much.

Pru & Piers Ford-Crush, Viv and Alvin Hunt

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Curry Night Friday 21

Valentine's Dinner Friday 14/Saturday 15

Sunday Film Club: free entry

23rd 7.30pm Lawrence of Arabia

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TEST PIT DIGGING

This exciting project is again coming to Walberswick, on Wednesday 30 April and Thursday 1 May. We will require access to a piece of lawn in which to dig a hole 1 metre square. At the end of the 2 days the hole will be backfilled and the grass will be relaid. I am looking for 12 sites, so if you wish to offer a piece for excavation we would appreciate it very much. Last year 9 pits were dug with amazing results: in one garden pieces of a Roman plate were found. The hosts all enjoyed meeting the keen young archaeologists, who came from local schools.

Posters will be put up with more information soon. If you are interested in taking part, phone me.

Philip Kett (01502 723800)

PAT WYTHE

Pat was born in 1925 in India and educated at boarding school where she developed her independent spirit. Her early career was in the Women's Auxiliary Service (Burma), and as an army officer in Hong Kong where she met and married Robert. Experience in these early years, seeing deprivation and destruction, combined with her deep religious convictions, contributed to her own strong philosophy of life.

She and Robert moved to Walberswick about 30 years ago, where she became involved in many village activities. Together with Don Thompson she founded the Walberswick Local History Group in 1992. With Richard Steward, she photographed every house in the village with their then owners as part of our Millennium celebrations.

She was an ardent supporter of the Women's Institute and the British Legion's poppy appeal. She must have been the first female member of the old Walberswick Computer Society (qualifying with her much loved Amstrad).

Pat had no relatives, and the village was her family. A kind, loyal, and modest lady, she was always willing to help others . Typically she extended a hand of friendship to me and my family in difficult times. She will be much missed.

Her cremation on 21 January will be followed by a graveside service at St Andrews in the spring.

Judith Hetherington

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 JANUARY 2014

<u>Open Forum Session</u> A representative from Blyth Valley Community First Responders attended, to make an appeal for volunteers. The Parish Council supported this request. The remainder of the open forum session was dominated by a discussion relating to Traffic Management, including a 20mph speed limit.

Actions undertaken by the Temporary Clerk These included: contacting SCC over Broadband project; updating the Parish Council Standing Orders; confirming dates for Councillor training; continuing the process for filling Parish Councillor and Parish Council Clerk vacancies; trial ban of dogs on the beach; checking for projects commenced by previous Clerk; and ongoing monitoring of financial position. On 6 January 2014 the Parish Council had available finances of £14200.99

<u>Council business</u> The co-option of Esme Richardson to the Parish Council was agreed; the updated Standing Orders were agreed in principle but acceptance and adoption were postponed until the next meeting. Also considered were rationalisation of bank accounts; the latest Pine Lodge planning application; repairs/updates to the play equipment; training for new Councillors; agreement of WCLC Nominative Trustee; and the generation of a Community Emergency plan. The Council reviewed the current position with allotments and thanked Philip Kett for collecting the allotment rents. Also discussed were traffic management; trial ban of dogs on the beach; the future of the Heritage Hut; and affordable/social housing.

<u>Planning decisions</u> Applications on behalf of the following were approved: Lu Shan, Millfield Road; Sunningdale, The Street; 3 The Terrace, The Street; and St Francis, Seven Acres Lane.

<u>Planning applications received</u> <u>Old Farm Cottage</u>, The Street: Fell 1 Corsican Pine as too close to property with a risk of structural damage; <u>Pembroke Cottage</u>, The Street: resubmission of application to demolish existing rear extensions, erect new extensions to the rear and add new porch to the front elevation. The Parish Council raised no objections to either of the above applications.

J Boggis,

Temporary Clerk

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Walberswick is an important village within the Blyth Valley CFR volunteer group. At the moment there are no trained responders available in the village. If any person over the age of 18 is interested in training to become a Community First Responder please contact me for more information.

Gus Jones, Blyth Valley CFR coordinator (01502 478085)

TEN TIMES TABLE

13-15 Feb at 7.30, 16 Feb at 2.30, in the Village Hall. Now is the time to get your tickets. Cheer up February by enjoying Alan Ayckbourn's entertaining comedy! Tickets from The Tuck Shop or on the door 30 minutes before each performance.

Pru Ford-Crush (722255)

BLOIS FARMS - PIG FARMING

Blois Farms has written to residents whose property adjoins either Track or Manor Fields to the south of the Village. The letter offers residents the opportunity to rent and manage the fields themselves, thereby giving them the ability to prevent pig farming from moving onto the land. Following consultation with interested parties in the Village, Walberswick Common Lands Charity has agreed to take the lead role in pursuing this matter with Blois Farms, with the intention of reaching an amicable agreement. It is recommended that residents hold off from contacting Blois Farms themselves until the outcome of the Charity's initiative is known. Updates will be provided via the web site and notice boards.

James Darkins, Chairman Walberswick Common Lands Charity

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APPRECIATION

We wish to extend our gratitude for all the kindness and support to our father, and ourselves, received from friends and neighbours over the last year. Thank you so much

The family of Peter Avis

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

A big thank-you to all who donated to my stall at Dutch House and to those who purchased the garden produce. The grand sum of £664 has beeen sent to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Mary King

SALE OF HOLLY

Many thanks to those who bought holly from my gate before Christmas. £26.74 has been sent to the RNLI. **Dione Shirreff**

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FEBRUARY SERVICES

- 2 Christ in the Temple 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant the Revd Simon Pitcher
- 9 4th S before Lent 1800 Choral Evensong Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher
- 16 3rd S before Lent 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant the Revd Brian Fisher
- 23 2nd S before Lent 1930 Parish Eucharist
 Celebrant the Revd Brian Fisher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said) Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

CHORAL EVENSONG

As there will no longer be a Morning Service in St Andrew's on the second Sunday of each month, Choral Evensong will become the Principal Service. This is both exciting and challenging. To produce a Book of Common Prayer Service that so many of us still love, with the choir singing well-loved anthems - this will, we hope, encourage more people from the village and elsewhere to come and join in. The first Choral Evensong Service will start at **6pm on Sunday 9 February**. We also hope to welcome some new choristers.

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 February. Our speaker, historical costume specialist Mrs Jacqueline Norman, will show us *How to dress a Tudor Woman*. As always, visitors are very welcome at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Jill Willison

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Dear friends

This month the 8 churches of the Sole Bay Team are beginning a trial period with a modified pattern of Sunday worship. The intention is to reduce duplication across the team, and to prepare for a probable future with fewer clergy and therefore fewer services. At St Andrews the changes are modest. Experience has shown that when we have monthly choral evensong the morning services on those days, both at Walberswick & Blythburgh, have attracted fewer worshippers. Therefore, when Blythburgh have choral evensong on the first Sunday of the month their morning service will be cancelled and worshippers encouraged to attend St Andrews. When St Andrews has choral evensong on the second Sunday each month the morning service will be cancelled and worshippers encouraged to attend at Blythburgh. Attending each other's evensongs would also be good. This arrangement will hopefully build a closer relationship between two near neighbours, benefitting both.

During 2013 some repair works to the fabric of the building were completed. These included repairs to holes in the floor in several areas of the church, and drainage works to address issues of damp. We also completed some limited amounts of internal repainting. In 2014 we hope to complete the outstanding drainage works and the repair and redecoration of the inside of the porch.

We did not make much progress on plans for a kitchen during 2013, but after receiving helpful procedural advice it is hoped to explore and implement ideas for the tower vestry and west end of the church during 2014. Watch this space!

Yours in Christ Simon

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

PARISH REGISTER

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Oscar William George Flatt 10 January 2014

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Peter George Hobden Avis aged 92

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28th - 09:47/21:43

VILLAGE NEWS

THAT BERSWICH

JANUARY 2014 ISSUE 203

A Very Happy New Year to All Our Readers!

(With Grateful Thanks to our Stalwart Distributors)

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

Working with Natural England, the Charity proposes to trial a new method of managing our beautiful Common. For two months (January & February) sheep will be allowed into a fenced enclosure around the Fen to see if they can help control the growth of silver birch, thereby substantially reducing the need for herbicides. Sheep have been used in this way since the Middle Ages, creating diverse landscapes and rich wildlife habitats. No official footpaths will be affected, the flock will be checked regularly and a contact number will be displayed.

The Trustees have again made Christmas donations to local schools, hospitals, health care organisations and other bodies that serve the Village.

After analysing responses to the questionnaire on the future of the Pavilion, the Trustees concluded that there is insufficient demand to re-build it. However, there may be the case for a permanent shelter for the benefit of parents supervising children.

The Charity owns Robinson's Marshes, which were flooded on 5 December after being breached by the tidal surge in three places. The Environment Agency has said it will repair these breaches but it is not clear whether they will continue to do this in the future. The Trustees are investigating a 'self-help' solution to preserve the Marshes and footpath from the Ferry Hut to Bailey Bridge for the long term, as they are such an important amenity to the economy of the Village and its residents.

Javne Tibbles (Clerk) James Darkins (Chairman)

THE ANCHOR walberswick

Curry Nights Fridays 3, 17 and 31 January
Burns' Night Saturday 25 January
Haggis & Venison
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RECENT FLOOD DAMAGE

The storm surge in the first week of December caused considerable damage to the Village's surrounding environment, but property damage was far less than that experienced by some other communities along the East Coast. The peak water level was higher than that in 2007 but was still 4 feet below the flood defence walls. It was not just the height of water that caused the damage, but rather the speed at which the surge engulfed the area.

Water entered the ground floors of properties at the end of Ferry Road and also the huts by the ferry, leaving behind thick silt that will have to be cleared. Beach huts around the camp site were moved and damaged. The camp site, Cliff Field and the caravan site were covered in reed litter to a depth of 2 feet. The dunes and shingle ridge have been badly eroded and towards Dunwich the ridge has been breached, causing more water to enter the marsh each high tide. The Blyth river wall on the Walberswick side has been breached near the Ferry Road car park, opposite the Harbour Inn and to the west of the Bailey Bridge: as a result the marshes between here and Blythburgh have been flooded, and flood water came within 3 feet of properties at the bottom of the Lea. The marshes of the Nature Reserve between here and Dunwich are badly damaged with bridges and board walks being torn up and reed beds flattened.

Fortunately the Environment Agency moved fast to fill the breaches in the river bank, and had machinery in place to start work less than one week later.

David Webb

AFTER DARK

Most residents in the village support the absence of street lighting. Nobody has yet had a serious accident, but it is important that pedestrians and cyclists wear clothing that shows in the dark. Make sure you are clearly visible!

Working party of the Parish Plan

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2013

Open Forum Session. The Parish Council received questions relating to bank accounts held; the size of precept set for 2014-15; the future of the Heritage Hut; and putting the EELGA report on the Parish Council website.

Temporary Clerk's Report. Actions undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council included: adding updates to the Allotments, ICO decisions and Planning Applications sections of the website; generating and displaying Parish Councillor and Parish Council Clerk vacancy advertisements; contacting Walberswick Groups re the future of the Heritage Hut; the Christmas event on 23 December; trial ban of dogs on the beach; and ongoing monitoring of the financial position. At 2 December the Parish Council had available finances of £14830.12.

Councillors then discussed the budget for 2014-15, with the agreement to accept and approve the updated budget proposal of £14185, a reduction of £4856 over the 2013-14 budget; changes to the Bank Mandate; Annual Return Audit invoice; Broadband (the cabinets were due for upgrade in June 2014); training for new Councillors; interview procedure for the Clerk and Parish Councillor; Christmas event, Carols on the Green; trial ban of dogs on the beach; and the future of the Heritage Hut.

<u>Planning applications received</u>. Sunningdale, The Street: fell Cupressus Macrocarpa with heavy lean for safety reasons. Lu Shan, Millfield Road: reduce crown of Eucalytus by 3-4m to avoid building contact. The Parish Council discussed these and raised no objections to either of the applications. Cllr Haslegrave was appointed the Tree Warden for Walberswick.

Finally, Cllr Gower asked that speeding in the Village be added to the agenda of the next meeting. J Boggis, Temporary Clerk

KEEP FIT GROUPS NEED YOU...

...and you need to keep fit!

On Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall you have a choice of 2 fitness classes:

9.15 - 10.15 Aerobic Class

10.30 - 11.30 Gentler Exercise and Stretching Mark Nussey is an excellent instructor & we need you to make it worth his while to continue with us. Jenny Cardwell

BUS INFORMATION

Walberswick residents and guests only (no charge): Norwich bus - every third Thursday. Leaves 9.15am from Tuck Shop. Departs Norwich 2pm.

Halesworth bus - every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday Leaves 10am picking up from Anchor, Tuck Shop and Church. Departs Halesworth 11.45am.

Lowestoft bus - every first Wednesday in the month. Leaves 10am, picking up from usual places. Returns to Walberswick by 1pm.

<u>Coastlink</u>: To book the service, which is priced at a level similar to bus services, just call **01728 833526** before 12 noon the day before you wish to travel.

TEN TIMES TABLE

A comedy by Alan Ayckbourn

Walberswick Village Hall
13-15 Feb 7.30 & 16 February 2.30
Tickets £8 on sale in the Tuck Shop now
01502 722255

WALBERSWICK HISTORY GROUP

Both Tony and I took some photos on 6 December of the flooding after the storm surge and I plan to put them on a memory stick to keep in the History Group Archives. If anyone has any photos they would like to add to this, just let me know or send them to me by email. Thank you.

Pat Lancaster, History Group Archivist pat@globalchair.co.uk

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3pm, Thursdays 10am-12 noon Village Hall NORWICH BUS Thursday 16th 9.15am Ring 724763 to book MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 17th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

CANCER RESEARCH

Thanks to all who donated time and goods to our Mini Market, and to all who attended and spent their money so generously. We still have some outstanding expenses and a bit more money to come in. On the day we raised £1682.20. With presales and donations the total came to £2009.70. After expenses so far we are left with an amazing £1944.70! Well done Walberswick!!

Betsy Lemmon

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424) revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwarden: Chrissie Reeves (723351)

JANUARY SERVICES

5 Epiphany 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

12 Baptism of Christ 0930 Parish Eucharist Celebrant Revd Lizzie Gregory

Also Choral Evensong at 1800 Preacher Revd Joan Lyon

19 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Parish Eucharist Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher

26 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 0930 Eucharist Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
No Evening Prayer on December 24th & 31st
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662
(said)

100 YEARS, 100 TREASURES

This excellent book (£5) has been produced by the Diocese to mark the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich. An interesting article has been written specially by our friend Roy Tricker, who wrote our Church Guide. If you would like a copy please sign the form in Church, where you can also view the book. £2 from the sale of each book will go to charity. Julia Josephs

SOLE BAY TEAM WEBSITE

The Team Secretary urgently needs some photos of Walberswick Church for our website. A wedding or a baptism or maybe one taken at the launch of the new Guide. Please send any to Tania on email at assistvicar@aol.com. She will be most grateful.

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 2 January. Our guest speaker, Mr Gus Jones, will tell us about the life of "Scott's Forgotten Surgeon". While we all know of Captain Robert Scott, many of us have no idea of the important part played by Dr Reginald Koettlitz in Scott's expeditions. It promises to be a fascinating talk, which any guests are also welcome to attend at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Would members please arrive early on 2 January at 2.00 pm to pay their annual subscriptions!

Jill Willison

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

On 1 December last year, in the Church's calendar, we began the four weeks of Advent when we looked forward to celebrating the first coming of Christ as a little baby & also his second coming as Lord over all. And now, here we are looking forward to a New Year wondering just what it has in store for us. Do you look ahead to happy & joyful events already arranged, or do you look in some trepidation at what might happen? After all, we are aware that for many people in the world as well as some locally, 2013 was not a good year. The very clear message in the Bible, given to us by Christ, is that we should take one day at a time & not be anxious or worry about the future but simply leave it in God's very capable hands. St Paul, in his letter to the young church at Philippi assured his readers (and that includes us) of this when he wrote: 'The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'.

2014 will see our diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich celebrating its foundation 100 years ago as a separate diocese. A souvenir book has been published entitled '100 Years, 100 Treasures' A Celebration of Suffolk Churches. (See left)...

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who attended & helped at what all concerned seemed to think was a memorable Christmas Luncheon Club. The next lunch will take place on Friday, 10 January at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wishing you a happy & peaceful New Year, **Brian Fisher**

A MOMENT OF MAGIC

This is the title of a painting an artist in the village has made of St Andrew's Evensong Choir at practice in the Church this Christmas. The painting has been reduced and printed as a card which may be seen (and purchased) in the Village Shop.

Julia Josephs

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