

VILLAGE NEWS

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Goodbye Snow, Hello Spring! Easter Greetings!

ONE FINE DAY IN MAY....!!

There's the ...BIRD SONG WALK - 2018

This year's Bird Song Walk will take place on **Saturday 5th May 2018. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park.** Contributions will revert to being 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. Pat Lancaster**

And later, that same fine day, there's an ... OPEN HOUSE EVENT.

On **Sat May 5th**, there will be a 'mini-retrospective' exhibition of small paintings by Richard Scott, spanning 65 years, in the Samphire Cottage Annexe, between **Noon and 4pm**. Nothing for sale but refreshments provided. All are welcome. This date is also **Richard Scott's 80th Birthday!**

TRAFFIC & PARKING REVIEW

The review team is now meeting every two-weeks. Their initial focus is gathering data on traffic patterns and parking, including automated vehicle counting and visitor surveys. This will be alongside consultation with residents and businesses. Two new members have joined the team, John Nichols as chair of the Parish Plan steering group and Robin Buncombe who was a member of the previous Visitor Management Review in the 1990s. There will be a brief presentation on the review at the **Annual Parish Meeting on 19 April.**

WALBERSWICK ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

... is to be held on **April 19th at 7.30 in the Village Hall.** This is your opportunity to raise and discuss any issue that is important to you, as long as it is relevant to the village. Any elector may speak and it is a great chance to hear what your local associations are doing in the community. An important topic will be the Heritage Hut and Scroll and the Parish Councillors will be interested in your views on how the Hut is to be used and the Scroll exhibited in the future.
(NB This is different from the Parish Council meeting on April 9th!!)

LADIES IN LAVENDER –WED 4th APRIL

Get your tickets now from the Tuck Shop. **£9 !!**
The Seagull Theatre presents Ladies In Lavender. by Shaun McKenna, in the **Village Hall**
Doors open 7.00 pm for 7.30 performance.

ANY ROOM AT THE INK?

If you have a spare bed or two and could accommodate one or more of our actors or contributors to the Ink Festival, for April 5-8th, please contact emi-ly@inkfestival.org or me if prefer julia@inkfestival.org
No food required. Just a bed for the nights.

ROYAL WEDDING—YOU'RE INVITED!

We would like villagers, of all ages and abilities, to join in with the Royal Wedding celebrations, of Prince Harry and Megan Markle, on the **19th May.** We are organising Maypole Dancing on the day and would like volunteers to come and join us for practice at the back of the village hall— probably Fridays at 4.30p.m. TBC.

Those keen to be in pole position, please contact Hannah Sutton at Hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com and Marie Ruth at marierourke74@gmail.com
Many thanks to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity and Walberswick village hall committee for purchasing the brand new pole and supporting the merry dance!!

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

SUMMER IS ACUMEN IN!

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

It's time to start planning your entries for the **Horticultural Show which is on Saturday, July 28th this year.** The committee has made a few changes, mostly in the culinary categories, hoping to inspire more of you to enter this year! We were very impressed with the turnout last year but would love more villagers this year. Don't forget that the children's categories all have a mini trophy, for first place. If you have any questions about the categories or what is expected, contact any of the committee members who will be delighted to help! Good luck to all! **Betsy Lemmon**

PIECES OF FETE! PIECES OF FETE!

Our fete is in your hands! The fete committee are looking for a Long John - and **Jane** - Silver, Captain Flint, Billy and **Bonnie** Bones to run new games related to the theme of this year's fete, **Treasure Island.** Do you have any ideas, for games or events? Or perhaps you would like to help on the day, **Saturday, 25 August?** Whether Walberswick is your permanent, or holiday home, you're still needed! Treasure Island costumes are the order of the day, so start buckling your swash and shivering your timbers. For more information, contact Sheila Parry on walberswick.fete@gmail.com or 01502 723103.

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Charity will be presenting its annual report at the Annual Parish Meeting on 19 April. The nature of the Charity's activities means that our meetings are held in private. So, this is an excellent opportunity each year to learn more about the work of the Trustees and our future plans. Over the past two years we've reported on the ongoing review of the Charity's policies. This year there will be a further update, including a report on a challenging legacy issue with significant financial consequences, which has emerged. In addition, we will provide our customary reports on conservation of Walberswick Common, annual accounts and our charitable activities. The Trustees would love to see you and hear from you.

James Darkins, Chairman

SOLE BAY Health Centre are hosting The Hearing Care Centre's **FREE hearing checks** on 27th April (9-5pm). Book: 01473 230330

THANK YOU!

.... To the beach cleaners. On the day, the snow melted, the sun came out and so did a good crowd of enthusiastic beach cleaners. We filled the Natural England truck to the brim and still left two piles along the beach, towards Dunwich which NE will collect when they rope off the marsh at Easter(to protect nesting birds). Adam Burroughs, from NE was very pleased with the result. There's another joint beach clean on **7th October**. Our thanks to all who took part and those who regularly 'pick up' rubbish, without waiting for organised events such as this one. **Mark Waller**

COMMUNAL BEACH HUT HIRE

The Walberswick Common Lands Charity is happy to announce that the communal beach hut will be available again this season, from April 1st to end of September. The daily charge remains at £10. How to book, availability and booking conditions are all on the village website. Click on WCLC link.

FUTURE FLYING MISSIONS...

....WALBERSWICK HISTORY SOCIETY VISIT TO BENTWATERS COLD WAR MUSEUM

To mark the Centenary of the Royal Air Force, the Walberswick Local History Group has arranged a visit to the Bentwater's Cold War Museum, near Woodbridge, on **Sunday, 17 June 2018, leaving Walberswick at 0900 hrs.** The museum records the airfield's use by the RAF during WW2, and by the USAF throughout the Cold War, displaying RAF and USAF aircraft and weapons, models, uniforms and artefacts, within and around a unique, fully equipped Combat Operations Centre, the only one open to the public in the UK. Subject to other activity on the day, there may be a tour of the huge airfield, some aircraft restoration projects and a Hardened Aircraft Shelter. If you are interested, please call **Nigel Walpole** on 723371; nigel@kermont.plus.com

.....PER ARDUA AD ASTRA

To celebrate the **RAF's Centenary Year**, Libby Purves and Jan Etherington will launch you into the air with an evening of memories from airmen past and present, tales of derring do, fact, fiction and humour, in the Village Hall, on Tuesday 29 May, at 7 pm. Further details in the next Village News.

WI

"I lift my lamp beside the golden door": Join the WI on **Thursday, 4 April 2018, at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall, to learn the history of the statue of **Lady Liberty**, from Dr Geoffrey Kay. All Welcome.

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon63@gmail.com

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens:

Darryl Dawson (723231) John Anderson (726172)

APRIL SERVICES 2018

- 1 Easter Sunday**
Choral Eucharist 0930
- 8** No service
- 15** Third Sunday of Easter
Parish Eucharist 1115
- 22** Fourth Sunday of Easter
All Age Service 11.15
- 29** Team Eucharist Service 11.15
At Holy Trinity Blythburgh

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)
There will be no mid week services 3 & 4 April

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 15 April at 12.15 in Church.

This is an opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved in the life of St Andrew's and to look forward to what lies ahead. Elections take place for officers for the coming year.

PARISH REGISTERS

3rd March 2018 Service of Celebration
for the life of Vera Bowyer aged 91

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

13th Sandra Gordon for Adam Gordon
20th Joanna Saunders for her parents

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

I guess by the time the current copy of Village News drops through your letter or post box, Easter will be nearly upon us. I wonder what thoughts would be in your mind when Easter is mentioned? Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, Easter egg hunts? Or will you give a moment's thought to the fact that Easter is the major Christian festival?

To jog your memory as to what the festival is really about, I would like to quote below words written by a Dutch Catholic priest, Henri Nouwen, the kind of thoughts that have been much in my mind in recent weeks whilst preparing to preside at funeral and thanksgiving services, of friends, in the village.

"The friends of Jesus saw him and heard him only a few times after that Easter morning, but their lives were completely changed. What seemed to be the end, proved to be the beginning; what seemed to be a cause for fear, proved to be a cause for courage; what seemed to be defeat, proved to be victory; and what seemed to be the basis for despair, proved to be the basis for hope. Suddenly, a wall becomes a gate, and although we are not able to say with much clarity or precision what lies beyond the gate, the tone of all that we do and say, on our way to the gate, changes drastically"

Perhaps I should have called the above, Thought for Easter! I hope that you will enjoy a happy Easter and that you will give some thought to what this period of our Christian faith is really all about

Yours in Christ's service,

Brian Fisher

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday April 6th 14.15—14.45 Village Hall

POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3; Thursday 10am-Noon

NORWICH BUS: Thurs 19th - 0915. To book a seat phone Rita Woodcraft on 722958

**** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** -9th April 7.15pm Village Hall Annexe

****CHILDREN'S CLUB**— Friday 13th April. 5.30pm at the Village Hall

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