

# VILLAGE NEWS

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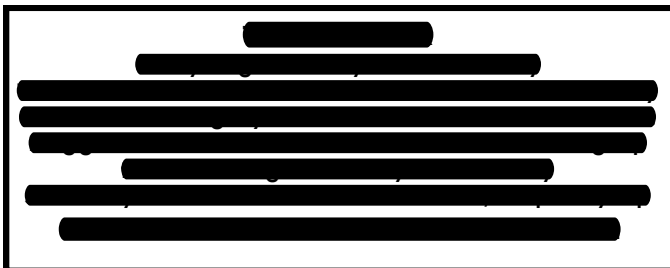


## A MASSIVE THANK YOU.....

As most of you are aware, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014, I received the worst phone call anyone could imagine. I was told that my son, Cory, had been in a near fatal car accident and was in a critical state. After racing to Ipswich Hospital, where I had to formally identify Cory, we were told that he would be moved to the Neuro-Critical Care Unit at Addenbrookes' Hospital. There, he has received the most AMAZING care and on the 4<sup>th</sup> January, after 32 days, he woke up, talked to me and had something to eat and drink. Now, it will be a very slow recovery, via the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and then onto the Colman rehabilitation hospital. Your cards, letters and messages have seen Daren and myself through some very dark times and your gifts have enabled us to stay with Cory every single day – which would have been impossible without them. You will never know how grateful, blessed and loved we all feel. But your kindness would not have reached me without the love of one person – our lovely Rosi, my friend. So, firstly, a massive thank you to dear Rosi and secondly, to all of you – the wonderful people of Walberswick. **Thank you! Carla, Daren and family X**

**WALBERSWICK FETE 2015..will take place on Bank Holiday Saturday, 29 August.** Again, any revenue, will be divided equally between St Andrew's Church and our Village Hall. Ben Cardwell and Clive Brynley-Jones have kindly agreed to join Margreet and me on a small steering committee. We are very grateful to those who have already offered their services, but more help is needed to run activities and events. Contributions and good ideas are most welcome. Please contact me:

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## VILLAGE HALL SURGERIES

### A CHANGE FOR 2015

Dr Naeem and Cathy Ryan (Advanced Nurse Practitioner) aim to run fortnightly clinics in the Village Hall Annexe. Please phone the surgery (01502 722326) to make an appointment and note that these are not 'drop-in' clinics. You will be given a time for your appointment and patients will be seen at that time – it is not first come first served! This month (February) the dates will be 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to phone to cancel any appointment you cannot keep to avoid these busy people attending an 'empty' clinic, and keep an eye open for a notice in The Tuck Shop, in case dates have to be changed.

**Lou Kadan 01502 722000**

### HELPFUL NEW YEAR?

**VOLUNTARY HELP CENTRE** – serving Southwold, Reydon & District)

Thank you to all those already volunteering - as drivers, befrienders or helpers, in our weekly Lunch Club and monthly afternoon teas - to help make life easier for those in our community.

Last year, our volunteer drivers undertook more than 6,500 car journeys, helping people get to hospital/ medical appointments/ business/shopping, hair appointments/ visiting family members or friends at residential homes and many other requests.

It would be wonderful if we had more drivers to help meet all requests made to us. We do not ask for a set period of time. You fit in what you can, when you can. We could also do with a few more volunteers on the lunch club rota, to help out approximately once a month to serve meals to those who come to join us for lunch on a Thursday.

Interested? Please come to our **Open Morning with coffee and cake at the Stella Peskett Hall, Mights Road, Southwold on SAT 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY between 10.30 am and 12 Noon.** Meet some of our volunteers and Management Committee and find out what's involved. We'd love to see you there! For further information, please don't hesitate to call me. **Tricia Scott, Co-ordinator 01502 724 549.**

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

## Parish Clerk Resigns:

**Jeremy Solnick handed in his resignation following January 5th Parish Council Meeting. He wishes to thank the many parishioners and friends who gave him their support.**

The next meeting will be on February 2nd at 7.30p.m. Full details of the Meeting will be published on the Council's website . [www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk)

**(Note from website editors, Kay Ungless & Claire Whittenbury ( below)**

We have had an issue with the Contact Us forms since Christmas. Onesuffolk assure us they are working to resolve the problem, but meanwhile, please use email addresses or [admin@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:admin@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk) .

**The Village Hall Management Committee** has a new treasurer, Bill Willison, and a new hall booking secretary, Jill Willison (725244) We would like to thank Peter Byrne and Irene Prince who, for the past 5 years have given so much of their time and expertise in carrying out these rôles, for the benefit of the village.  
**Jen Cardwell Chairman VHMC**

## THANKS .....!!!

...To all those responsible for the Carols on the Green [and Santa's Grotto] our community express [almost] very sincere gratitude for its [their] organisation, success and huge popularity on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December. I have never seen such great community involvement [with few exceptions] to such a wonderful and enjoyable gathering. **Robin Buncombe**

### ...for VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

You raised £190.85 for Macmillan by signing the list in the Tuck Shop. Many thanks to everyone who signed - and to the shop staff. We hope you saw the list on the Tuck Shop notice board.

**Viv & Alvin Hunt, Pru & Piers Ford-Crush.**

...Thanks to all who donated to my stall at Dutch House and to those who purchased the garden produce: **£594.21** has been sent to **Motor Neurone Disease Association. Mary King**

..To **Uncle Henry**: I walked onto the windy beach with a football. It was my favourite - but then I dropped the football and it rolled away! I was panicking and my heart was pounding. I was very sad and went home. Then Uncle Henry came in ...and he had found it! **Monty Culpin (age 8)**

...to music maestro, **Denis King**, for making both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve go with a swing.

## CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

To Jane and Gareth Wilson, on the arrival of a beautiful daughter (we've seen the picture), Molly Hazel Wilson, born 40 minutes before the New Year, weighing 7lbs 11 ozs. If you're waiting for some building works, you may find Gareth's response is 'Sorry, I'm building a dolls' house.'

## SPOTTED...

...**BEACHED BUOY**. As you gaze out to sea, have you noticed anything missing? Early risers (the swimmers) noticed a large object had been washed up, on the beach, on December 27<sup>th</sup>— the day after the Boxing Night storm. It was the navigational buoy, that is usually bobbing about offshore. A call to the coastguard saw it carried off by teatime that day. Will it be replaced? Watch that space!

...**SIGNS OF SPRING!** Blossom on the tree in the churchyard and birdsong in the morning—which means (as Sarah Eves reminds us) it's time to put up nesting boxes for our local small bird population!

**IDEA FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?** Champagne & roses are so last year. Why not find a heart-shaped stone on the beach and present it to your loved one? Who could resist such a unique gift? (Answers on a postcard!)

### WHAT'S ON

**MOBILE LIBRARY** Friday 13th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

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

**VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB** FRIDAY 13th 12 .30pm £7—Village Hall. All welcome

**NORWICH BUS** Thurs 19th, 09.15. Book with **EVE HASTINGS** on 01502 724702

**DOCTORS' SURGERY— 11th & 25th. Book with surgery on: 01502 722326. SEE PAGE 1.**

**VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: [www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk)**

## CHURCH MATTERS

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

#### Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

[revsimon@talktalk.net](mailto:revsimon@talktalk.net)

#### Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

### FEBRUARY SERVICES 2015

- 1** 4th Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher: Simon Pitcher  
Blythburgh invited to combine as we  
do with them on the 8th at 11am
- 8** 5th Sunday of Epiphany 1800 Evensong  
Preacher: Professor Derek Burke
- 15** Sunday before Lent 1100 Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher: Simon Pitcher
- 18** Ash Wednesday 1000 HC
- 22** 1st Sunday of Lent 0930 Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher  
All services on Sundays are sung  
Weekly services are said  
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer  
Wednesdays 1000 Holy Communion  
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service

### COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- 1st** Pat Atherton  
**15th** Wendy Sinclair for Chris

### EVENSONG - PROFESSOR BURKE

We are delighted to welcome Derek Burke to lead our service of Choral Evensong on 8th February at 6pm. Derek has taken many Services, both in Norwich, when serving as Vice-Chancellor of UEA and in Cambridge as Churchwarden at St Edward King & Martyr. Derek has a house on The Green, where he and his late wife, Mary, enjoyed the company of many residents. **Julia Josephs**

### PARISH REGISTER

17th December Interment of Ashes  
Vivien Joan Finnie aged 100

21st December 2014 Baptism  
Jessica Jacqueline Walker

28th December 2014 Holy Matrimony  
Matthew David Lawley to Hannah Louise Aldous

### Dear Friends,

#### St Andrew's Walberswick News

In December we were granted a faculty to complete some long outstanding repair works to the fabric of the building. The most obvious of these works will be the redecoration of the porch. As soon as we enter warmer, dryer weather we hope to see this work completed. Hopefully the church will look brighter and more welcoming as a result.

The PCC has appointed an Architect, Nick Jacob from Ipswich, to prepare for us some plans for adapting the interior of the church, with a view to making the building more flexible. At present we have nowhere to provide any facilities for a Sunday School for children, and no means of easily and comfortably preparing and serving refreshments. We have asked Nick to look at these things and we look forward to seeing his ideas.

February 17<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day. The word shrove or shriven refers to the practice of confessing one's sins and of being assured of God's forgiveness. It was once common practice to be shriven on the day before entering the season of Lent, and thus being set free of any burden or anxiety of conscience while benefiting from a holy Lent. The eating of pancakes was associated with Shrove Tuesday, eating up all the left over luxury rich foods still in the cupboard in the form of a pancake, and then living a simpler lifestyle during Lent as we remember Christ's temptation in the wilderness.

We will enjoy pancakes in the Vicarage on Shrove Tuesday, but I might hold off on the chocolate sauce and the lemon and sugar, as I am still trying to shift the Christmas excess! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Ash Wednesday is so called because of the tradition that worshippers on this day receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads in ash, the ash being produced by burning the previous year's palm crosses. A few years ago I nearly burned down the Vicarage. I was burning a pile of palm crosses, but then the telephone rang. I was distracted, abandoning my garage based bonfire. When I returned the flames had spread beyond the metal tray I was using and the garage was filled with smoke. I had a great deal more ash to contend with than I had anticipated.

You are all welcome to join us at 10.00 on Ash Wednesday and to receive the sign of the cross. I wish you all a holy Lent, in Jesus name.

**Rev Simon Pitcher**

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** February meeting is on **Thursday 5th at 2.30 pm**. Our guest speaker is Walberswick resident and comedy writer **Jan Etherington** who will entertain us with "Funny Women". Guests, as ever, are welcome to join us. Members who were away in January please remember to pay your annual subscriptions this month. **Jill Willison**