

VILLAGE NEWS

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A VERY HAPPY 'NEWS' YEAR TO ALL!!

PEDESTRIANS—BE VISIBLE! There have been a few near misses of walkers, in the street. Please dress yourself/your dog/bike/horse/pushchair '**bright at night**' for safety's sake!

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

Annual drop-in morning in Village Hall Annex from **10:30am to 12 noon on Saturday 31 January**. All are welcome to learn more about the work of the Charity. Plus, we'd like to hear if you have any ideas that you believe would benefit our village.

James Darkins (Chairman) **Jayne Tibbles** (Clerk)

SUFFOLK PUNCH TRIP IN JUNE

Further to our very successful lecture by the Suffolk Punch Trust, I am collecting names of those who may be interested in going down to Hollesley in about the middle of **June 2015**. That falls between the Suffolk and Norfolk shows and as they attend both, the harness, wagon and horses will be immaculate. It is also a good time for offspring, lambs, foals etc.

Travel time is about 55 mins, either by coach (depending on numbers), or by car. There is a cafe on site that does lunches. The Trust is open Wed to Mon. If, in theory, you would like to go, please let me know asap and a date can be fixed. **Philip Kett 723800**

WALBERSWICK R.N.L.I COMMITTEE

The local RNLi has not been active for some time and there is a need for committee regeneration. We are urgently seeking new members. The tasks are not onerous. If you are interested please contact Branch Treasurer **Robin Buncombe (722359)**



NEW YEAR "KEEP FIT" RESOLUTION?

THREE SUGGESTIONS BELOW

***WALBERSWICK WALKING GROUP**

What could be nicer than a bracing stroll with a group of friends from the village?

We meet about 9.30am, on the dates below, usually, at the church but call **John or Pat Weston on 722584** for specific details.

January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9 & 23 April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18 June 1, 15 & 29.

***COMMONS CLEARANCE VOLUNTEERS**

Walberswick Common is a precious asset and a group of dedicated and sociable residents are working hard to improve and maintain it. If the idea of a few hours moderate exercise, in the winter sun (we don't go if it's raining), appeals to you, please phone me to discuss ways you could help:

Barbara Priestman Volunteer Warden 723914
VOLUNTEERS – TASTER DAY will be **Tuesday 13 January** when part of the Common gets a special clear-out. Natural England Site Manager, Will Russell and his team, come over for the day and we work together. Meet by the **Sports Pavilion at 10 00 am**. Tools are provided. Wear thorn-proof gloves and stout boots, please.

***FREE FITNESS FOR YOU**

Every **Tuesday Mark Nussey** takes 2 fitness sessions in the **village hall: 9.15 - 10.15 & 10.30 - 11.30** (tone and stretch). If you've never been before and would like to try it, you're very welcome to come for a **FREE session (which normally costs £6.)** This is Mark's 9th year with us but we do need MORE members to keep classes going. It's good fun & very sociable. You've nothing to lose—except a few pounds! **Jen Cardwell**

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

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT DECEMBER 2014

This is a brief summary of activities in the month of **November**. **Full details of the Meeting of the 1st December is published on the Council's website ... See Below:**

Clerk's Report and Finances:

Allotment rents have been collected by **Philip Kett**, who has been assisting the parish for many years performing this function and the clerk offered his thanks. Rents totalled **£226.00**.

The amount available to the Parish, taking into account un-cleared cheques, was **£16,594**. Copies of the Clerk's report on payments and receipts to date, are attached to the draft minutes, posted on the website.

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

The Council resolved to nominate **James Darkins** for a further term as representative Trustee on the Charity. Councillors resolved to request a precept of £8,000, a substantial reduction from the previous year's precept of £12,000.

The Heritage Hut

A number of Villagers had come forward to help with refurbishment works on the Heritage Hut and Councillor Richardson particularly wanted to thank: **Whisk, Nigel Walpole, Brian Tibbles and Sebastian**.

DOG ALERT; Dognappers, in a white van have been seen locally--Leiston, most recently. Young guy in white butcher's/fishmonger's coat rings doorbell. Don't know what is said, but hang onto your dog!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.....!!!

....on Bonfire Night, to everyone who helped on the fifth of November and all the brave spectators who turned out despite the foul weather. Let us hope for better weather next year.

The Walberswick Bonfire Fund Committee

.....**BOOK SALE SUCCESS!** I have today sent a cheque to the **Cystic Fibrosis Trust** for **£1108.36**, which is the sum total of my sale of books outside Ferry Cottage during the summer. Thanks to all who bought so many books during this time. The money raised will help us conquer this debilitating condition. **Toby Robinson**

... to all those who participated in the **BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ**. It was a good evening and we raised **£270** for Sole Bay Care Fund.

Ben and Jen Cardwell, Nick Attfield

...to everyone who contributed so generously and to all who gave up their time, to collect and to assist with the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** coffee morning. **£1977** was raised jointly by Blythburgh and Walberswick this year, to care for and support injured service personnel and their families. **Judith Hetherington**.

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

..to **Julia Sowerbutts, who is now a Master of Arts**.

Julia was awarded a 1st, for her M.A. from U.E.A.

*Please let Village News know if you are celebrating a **BIG anniversary/ birthday (those with an O at the end) or have some special news that we can share with you (space permitting!)** Gavin*

FASTER THEN A SPEEDING BULLET?

Suffolk Coastal's MP, Dr Therese Coffey, has sent VN a helpful note to say that Faster Broadband is available here now and residents should contact their own service provider to upgrade.

EDITOR'S REQUEST: When emailing, would contributors kindly label Subject as **VN for FEBRUARY** (or relevant month)? It helps to pinpoint items in a crowded Inbox. Thanks Gavin

WALBERSWICK PRESENTS ...An intimate and atmospheric adaptation of Charles Dickens's '**A Christmas Carol**' with very many familiar faces popping up in 19th century London!

Tickets from Tuck Shop or Jean Waller (722120)

January 22nd, 23rd, 24th at 7.30pm and 24th & 25th at 3.00pm. Village Hall opens half an hour before start.

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 16th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

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

NORWICH BUS Thursday 15th January 0915. Please telephone 724763 to book a place

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

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 2015

4 2nd Sunday of Christmas 1100 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Malcolm Doney

11 1st Sunday of Epiphany 1800 Evensong

Preacher: Simon Pitcher

18 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: Simon Pitcher

25 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 0930 Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher

All services on Sundays are sung

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

***please note that there will be no midweek services from 22 December to 5 January**

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

4th Denise & John Brentnall in memory of Margaret & Ralph Erskine

18th Judy Morton in memory of her parents Bill & Olive Quenzer

At the time of writing, young **Cory Godbold** is in Addenbrooke's Hospital, receiving treatment for the injuries received after his car crash, on the road into the village. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, Carla and the family.

WALBERSWICK BUILDING REPAIRS

We have received the necessary permissions to undertake some repairs to the fabric of St Andrews. The most obvious work will be the redecoration of the interior of the porch. Other repairs will include guttering and drains.

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

Earlier in December 49 people sat down in the Village Hall to enjoy, what participants described as an excellent Christmas meal (a further seven people shared the same meal in their own homes).

The work of **Christine Mitchell** and her hard-working group of helpers was recognized at the end of the meal by the presentation of gifts. If you have never attended one of our monthly community lunches, why not come along? They take place on the second Friday of each month (except October) in the Village Hall at 12.30 p.m. The lunches provide a great opportunity to meet and chat, as well as enjoy a good quality two-course meal for just £7; they are quite informal and there is no need to book.

You may have heard or read the good news that a new diocesan bishop has been appointed for our Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich. The Reverend Canon Martin Seeley is currently principal of Westcott House Theological College, Cambridge. Bishop Martin will take up his new role sometime after Easter. This will allow Bishop David, who has been acting as our diocesan bishop since October 2013, to return to his post as Bishop of Huntingdon; our thanks go to him for all his hard work whilst serving our diocese.

On the final Sunday of 2014 there will not be a service at St Andrew's; instead, we will join with the other seven churches of the Sole Bay Team for a Team Service at St Margaret's Church Reydon at 11.00 a.m. This will give us an opportunity to see & enjoy the work that has recently been carried out to re-order the interior of that church. What has been done is well worth a visit.

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

WOMAN'S INSTITUTE...

Celebrates its UK centenary this year. We start our Walberswick programme on **Thursday 8th January at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall**, with Debenham jewellery designer Michael Carpenter, who will bring examples of his silver and precious stones and explain how he produces his designs. Existing and new members please arrive at 2.00 pm, your annual subscriptions are due!