

VILLAGE NEWS

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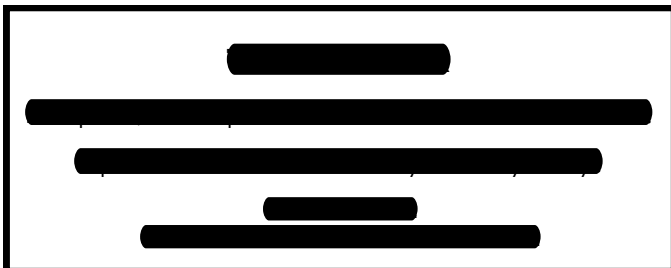
BIRD SONG WALK *MAY 9th 2015*

A bright but breezy morning confronted our small but willing group. The later date than normal reducing the number of participants, however, the upside to the later date should be more birds. Certainly Swift numbers were good and four exceedingly voluble Nightingales were exceptional, but generally things were, on the whole, rather quiet, the windy conditions continually working against us. A Sparrowhawk, an unusual sighting on the walk, was fleeting as it rapidly disappeared downwind; a Bittern finally boomed long after we had left its waving reed bed home.

Some Bearded Tits missed their way across the reed bed whilst the songs of Sedge and Reed Warblers drifted and faded against the prevailing wind. Back in amongst the more tree sheltered spots both Whitethroat and its close relative the Lesser Whitethroat vied with noisy Cettis and the more subdued Chiffchaffs. From the newly sown sugarbeet fields Lapwings performed their ariel duets whilst Redshanks trilled from the shore pools. Windy it may have been but the pulse of Spring was most certainly all around us. The same could perhaps be said of our own pulses as we headed to the Anchor and a most welcome breakfast.

The hat collection came to a very respectable total of £80.00, so a huge big thank you to one and all. This will be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project
Tony Lancaster

WALBERSWICK FERRY TIMES—JUNE
Ferry operates 10-5 every day
WEEKENDS :No breaks.
WEEKDAYS: 12.30-2p.m break
£1 per crossing.



STYLISH ARRIVAL AT FETE FOR VIPs!

We believe in welcoming our VIP guests to our Village Fete, on August 29th, in style, and this year we are fortunate to have the help of Dudley Watts, the proud owner of a 1921 American Stanley Model 735A, steam-driven car. This unusual vehicle can carry a driver and four passengers; it uses kerosene to heat the water and generate steam, enabling it to achieve speeds of 50 mph. You can look but don't touch – this car is hot!

The VIPs will be escorted by two other vintage beauties, a 1935 Alvis Silver Eagle, driven by ex-RAF fighter pilot, Ernest Constable and an ominous 1947 Wolseley police car, complete with bell, owned and driven by our own Derek Muttitt.

Also new to Fete '15, will be the 'Walberswick Militia', suitably dressed and equipped to hunt down any miscreants who are failing to have fun and spend their money. The culprits risk immediate transportation to the new Penal Stocks on the Village Green..

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Nigel Walpole. Chairman

A COMMUNAL BEACH HUT....

.....is now available, for the exclusive use of Walberswick Residents (Council Tax payers in Walberswick) together with their family and friends. The beach hut is fully fitted with crockery, cutlery, gas hob, water container, seats, windbreak, etc.

Booking fee of £5.00 per day via email to Clerk: clerkwclc@gmail.com

Booking calendar and Communal Beach Hut regulations on the WCLC web pages at www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk
Michelle Webb, Clerk

CEREAL FILLER

Debate rages as to exactly what the Environment Agency has sprinkled on the road, to re-surface the bridge to the car park. Suggestions range from bulgar wheat, to cous-cous or even quinoa! Did the workmen drop their lunch? Further enquiries reveal it is a very fine shingle. So no more jokes, please...

Parish Council Report:

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 23 April – thank you to all those who attended.

Three candidates were nominated for 7 seats in the Parish Council election meaning we had an uncontested election of Councillors Richardson, Sutton and Goodman.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 12 May 2015. A large number of items required discussion and review as set out in our Standing Orders. Full details can be found in the minutes on the village website however the following are some highlights:

The future of WPC – WPC is extremely thankful for the support expressed by individual members of the public however, as Cllr Richardson stated in her report to the APM and demonstrated by the outcome of the recent election as well as turnover of Clerks over the last year, WPC is struggling to attract and retain Councillors and Clerks, the Council must therefore consider how it can continue to function.

New Clerk – We need an experienced Clerk to work 25 hours per month.

Co-Option – there are 4 Councillor vacancies.

To find out more about becoming a councillor or Clerk, please contact Esme Richardson at chairman@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

Quarterly meetings – WPC meetings will take place quarterly, following the next meeting on **1 June**.

Heritage Hut – WPC is inviting tenders for the rental of the Heritage Hut. Detailed tenders for use should be sent to pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk. Tenders must be received by midnight on 30 June 2015.

THANKS!!

...to everyone who has encouraged and supported the **LUNCHEON CLUB**. The last Village Lunch, that will be run by us, was a happy but poignant affair, last month. Our sincere thanks go to all our helpers, both past and present and all those of you who regularly came and enjoyed the company. Thank you all for your good wishes and generous contributions to the wonderfully thoughtful gifts that were presented to us both. **Brian & Christine**.

... to everyone who helped and supported us, at the **Vellore Sale**, on Sat 2nd May. We raised the great sum of **£975 (before expenses)** during the afternoon, so we will be sending another large donation to help with the very worthwhile work of the Vellore Hospital in India. **Sue Walpole Treasurer**

... to **villagers** who kindly let us dig up their gardens, in the quest for village history.

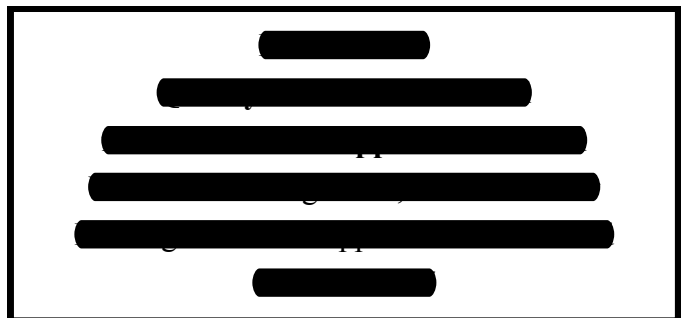
Twelve test pits were completed on the 6th/7th May. I have not yet had a breakdown of what has been found but there have been some interesting items, including Roman pottery in Seven Acre Lane, a 1980s 2p piece at the Anchor (our first coin) and two pipe bowls, of the Church Warden type, in separate pits. More to be confirmed later.

Philip Kett, Walberswick Local History Group

...AND MORE THANKS!!

..... to **Rebecca Whiting**, who took over as Parish Clerk, after I resigned - and unfortunately, resigned herself, at the first meeting of the new council. The job of parish clerk has become difficult and time-consuming but the peculiar circumstances which prevail, in Walberswick, make it exceptionally onerous. It was brave of Rebecca to take it on, especially as she has a new baby. I am truly sorry she found herself unable to continue. I am sure the village will join me in offering her and her family our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future.

Jeremy Solnick (former Parish Clerk)



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)

JUNE SERVICES

7 Trinity 1 1100 Eucharist

Revd Simon Pitcher

Blythburgh invited to attend as we are at their 11am service on the 14th

14 Trinity 2 1800 Evensong

The Revd Simon Pitcher

21 Trinity 3 1100 Eucharist

The Revd Simon Pitcher

28 Trinity 4 0930 Eucharist

The Revd Brian Fisher

All services on Sundays are sung

Weekday services are said

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer

Wednesdays 1000 Holy Communion

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

1st Derek Burke for his wife Mary

2nd Maureen Thompson for Don

3rd Jayne & Brian Tibbles for grandson Olley

PARISH REGISTER

3rd May 2015 Baptism **Ethan Robert Hitcham**

WI NEWS

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 4th June**. Miss **Pauline Baker**, our guest speaker, will entertain us with "Frock Horror! Confessions of a costume designer", a light hearted look at her work for TV and theatre productions. We start at 2.30 pm in the village hall and guests are most welcome to join us. **Jill Willison**

DEAR FRIENDS

On 23rd April I attended the Parish Meeting in Walberswick Village Hall. What soon became apparent at the meeting was the sense of hurt and division that has been present within community life during the past few years. Any community of human beings, a family a village or a church, can experience the stresses and strains of broken or strained relationships and discovering a healthy way of reconciliation is vital in order that life can move on and past hurts be healed. Reconciliation requires the coming together of both sides, openly and honestly recognising that a breakdown in a relationship is never only one sided, and with both parties allowing the past to become the past. Eva Kor was a child victim in Auschwitz of the evil experiments of Dr J Mengele. At the trial of the SS camp guard Oskar Groning, Eva Kor was able to say that she had forgiven her tormentors. She and Groning, in an extraordinary act of reconciliation, exchanged a handshake and a kiss. Nelson Mandela told a football stadium full of angry victims of apartheid "if I can forgive them so can you." Jesus Christ, at the last supper said to his disciples "love one another as I have loved you", and as he died said "father forgive them for they know not what they do." Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts of grace that lead to new life. I pray that that grace may now be a blessing for all the community of Walberswick. It is time to move on.

Yours in Christ

Simon

SEARCH FOR CHORISTER

The Evensong Choir are looking for a high soprano to join them for their monthly services. We rehearse once a month (Thurs 5.15pm – 7pm). The Lessons & Carols Service at the end of year is our most rewarding challenge. Please contact me if you are willing to join us. Julia Josephs juliajos@metronet.co.uk or 722828

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 5th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

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

NORWICH BUS Thurs 18th, 09.15. Book on 01502 724763

DOCTORS' SURGERY— Weds 3 & 17th. Book with surgery on: 722326.