

VILLAGE NEWS

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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Charity is seeking applications for a new Trustee, ideally someone with professional qualifications and experience in land management and conservation. It could equally suit someone with passion and energy, who was willing to take a particular interest in management of our Common and marshland. Please contact the Clerk for more details via email at: clerkwclc@gmail.com

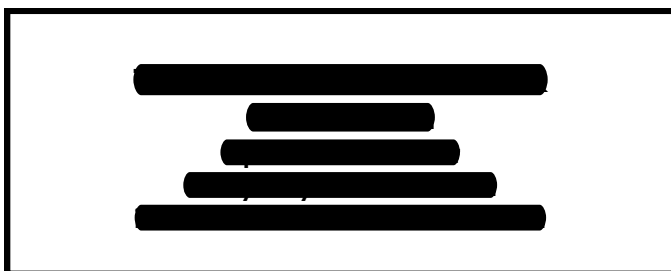
For 2015, the Charity will be trialling a Community Beach Hut, available for booking by Walberswick residents at £5 per day. We hope this will enable more people to take advantage of the Charity's facilities. Details on booking and hiring, to follow soon. Michelle Webb(Clerk) James Darkins(Chairman)

OPEN GARDEN VOLUNTEERS?

The Village Hall Management Committee are asking local gardeners if they would like to open their garden gates for the Open Gardens weekend **next** summer – say, June 2016. The Committee is planning its fund-raising programme for 2015/16. Previous Open Gardens weekends have proved popular with the public and gardeners alike. Want to take part or know more? **Contact Barbara Priestman on 01502 723914 or barbara@priestman.myzen.co.uk**

BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

Suffolk Coastal Group spring show is on **May 23-25th from 10-6pm** in the Village Hall. Free entry. Paintings, pastels, pots and prints for sale. Guest exhibitors Bill Ungless, Elaine Nason join members Anne Paton, Miles Fairhurst, Ray Burgoyne, Glynn Hugo



LOCAL VIPs OPEN FETE

Libby Purves, who, as a child, lived in Leverett's Lane and attended the village school for three years in the late 50s, moves back to the village this year with her husband, **Paul Heiney**, familiar for his farming times nearby, with Suffolk Punches. Equally well known, as writers and broadcasters, they have kindly agreed to join forces and open the **Summer Fete** together on **29TH AUGUST AT 1PM**

WILLIAM BOWYER RA (1926-2015)

One of Walberswick's most distinguished painters of recent decades, William Bowyer, has died, aged 88. Visits began in 1959, camping in a bivouac tent on what later became the camp-site. With his family he graduated to a caravan, and in 1993 bought The Knapp in Lodge Road and added a large garden studio.

Born in Leek, Staffs., he attended classes at Burslem School of Art. When called up for military service he became a 'Bevin Boy' (by 1944 many recruits were drafted into coal-mining) working at a nearby colliery. When peace returned he studied at the Royal College of Art before teaching in art schools for some thirty years, latterly as head of fine art at Maidstone College.

Elected RA in 1981, he retired from teaching to paint full-time. Known for his painterly studies of the Thames near Chiswick and the Blyth at Walberswick, he is represented in several public collections including the RA, Tate Britain and the Arts Council, while the National Portrait Gallery holds his studies of Arthur Scargill and Viv Richards.

William brought his passion for cricket to Walberswick, and organised many summer matches. He is survived by his wife Vera, daughter Emma and his artist sons Francis and Jason.

Their tribute, photos and poems are on the village website.

Richard Scott

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...

..will not be carried this month, because of forthcoming elections.

Check village website . www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk for latest.

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

.... To **Denis King** - Walberswick's very own musical maestro, mad sea swimmer and member of Britain's first boy band (The King Brothers) - on the multi media launch of his works . His memoir, **KEY CHANGES** is soon to be available in paperback, ebook and audio book (narrated and musically scored by Denis). Meanwhile, 14 of his favourite TV themes compositions are out on a CD - **Black Beauty**. And if that isn't enough, another new CD featuring remastered tracks, **Britain's First Boy Band**, is also hitting the shops soon. (Did you know that you can watch The King Brothers singing one of their hits - *Standing on the Corner*, filmed outside our Village Hall, on Denis's website - with guest appearances by many of our glamorous ladies?) www.deniskingmusic.com

Both **Black Beauty** CD and **Key Changes** will be available from Amazon and iTunes, **Key Changes** will also be on Kindle and Audible

...to **Mark Nussey**, for running the toughest foot race in the world - the Marathon Des Sables, across the Sahara desert. Mark (Keep Fit Instructor, in the weekly Village Hall classes) ran a marathon a day for 6 days. If you've ever tried running across sand, you'll be impressed!

THE BOARD OF VILLAGE NEWS

Chairman Ben Cardwell

Representing WCLT/Treas: **Kate Goodchild**

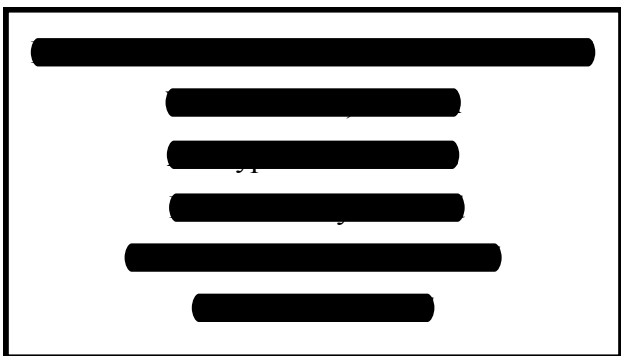
Representing PCC **Julia Sowerbutts**

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The Board will invite the **Parish Council** to nominate a representative after May elections.

Editor **Gavin Petrie**



THANKS!!!

...TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN COMMON CONSERVATION WORK, WINTER 2014/15

Paul Denny – Operations Manager and the Volunteers have completed the work, agreed with **Emily Deacon** from Natural England.

Bracken sprayed, expect to see results this year. **Silver birch** felled in several places and wood has been cut and stored and eventually distributed to those who can benefit from it most. **Sycamores** removed and a fire-break created around Gorse View. Fire-breaks have been cut in some places. Large areas of scrub and grass removed, so that heather can eventually grow.

FEN'S MARGIN Well-over half the Fen has now been cleared as part of the ESA. Natural England Volunteers spent a day clearing the fen this year and achieved a huge amount in a short time.

RAILWAY CUTTING. Work was begun again on foot and bridle paths.

SHEEP PLANNED. Natural England want to introduce a small flock of sheep to help manage the Common along traditional lines. They will take out the young shoots of birch and gorse. WCLC, some time ago, agreed to a limited trial of grazing. The Charity's Scheme allows **temporary fencing** to help in land management. Flock will be protected by electrified sheep netting, so dog owners and sheep will be safely separate.

Many people deserve special thanks: **Paul Denny - Operations Manager; Will Russell, Natural England's Site Manager; Jayne Tibbles, Administration and Liaison for WCLC and many volunteers, who are named on the website:** Please contact me again in time for next season which will start in October 2015. **Barbara Priestman - Volunteer Warden** Full details and pictures-<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/news/news-2/interim-report-on-common-conservation-work-completed-over-2014-2015-winter/?stage=Live>

POLLING STATION

The Village Hall Annexe is a polling station for the General Election, District, Town and Parish Council Elections: **7th May from 7am -10pm**

FERRY TIMES- 10-5, weekends only, until Whitsun

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)

MAY SERVICES

3 Easter 5 1100 Eucharist
Canon Harry Edwards
*Blythburgh invited to attend as we are
at their 11am service on the 10th*

10 Easter 6 1800 Evensong
The Revd Simon Pitcher
*Ascension Team Service 1930
St Mary's Uggheshall*

17 Easter 7 1100 Eucharist
The Revd Simon Pitcher

24 Whit Sunday 0930 Eucharist
The Revd Brian Fisher
*Team Service 1100
Holy Trinity Blythburgh*

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

3rd Sowerbutts family for Joe Josephs
10th Ruth Bassett for Eric Bassett
24th Joanna Saunders for Robert

CHOIR NEWS

The Evensong choir are very sad to lose their solo soprano, as Pru Ford-Crush moves to Norwich this month. She has delighted the Evensong congregation with her lovely voice, for many years and she will be sorely missed. *Julia Josephs*

LETTER FROM THE OLM (Retired)

I trust that you all had an enjoyable Easter. On behalf of our Team Rector I would just like to thank everyone who had any part in making our church look so beautiful over the Easter period. Thanks, also, to those who had any part to play in our services during Holy Week and Easter.

Two more major festivals quickly follow Easter in the Church's year. On Thursday 14th May, the Sole Bay Ministry Team will celebrate Ascension Day – this is the day when we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven. This year's service will take place at 7.30 p.m. at St Mary's Church Uggheshall. All are welcome.

Ten days later, at St Andrew's (9.30 a.m.), we shall celebrate Pentecost (you may recognize it as Whit Sunday), the day recognized as the birth day of the Church when the early disciples received God's gift of the Holy Spirit. As with all our services please feel free to join us.

The final Walberswick Luncheon Club is due to take place on Friday 8th May, 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. If anyone is interested in taking on a further similar event, please feel free to contact either Christine or me on 723023.

Yours in Christ's service
Brian Fisher.

PARISH REGISTER

10th March 2015 Funeral Service
(followed by burial)

Maurice (Mike) Alfred Kelly aged 94

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the next meeting on **Thursday May 7th** we have guest **Mr. David Pryn** who will talk about "China, its history from ancient culture to industrial giant". We start at **2.30 pm** in the village hall and visitors are welcome to join us.

Jill Willison

WHAT'S ON

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK—Sat May 9th 5.30am. Hoist Covert Car park

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 8th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

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

LAST VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB: FRIDAY 8th 12 .30pm £7—Village Hall. All welcome

NORWICH BUS Thurs 21st. 09.15. Book on 01502 724763

DOCTORS' SURGERY— Weds 6th and 20th. Book with surgery on 722326