

# VILLAGE NEWS

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## WCLC BEACH HUT FOR RESIDENTS ....

...proved so popular last year that Walberswick Common Lands Charity have decided to make it a permanent feature, for villagers.

The hut is available from **Good Friday 25th March** with the same hire fee of £5 per day. Booking calendar and beach hut regulations on the website. All enquires to [clerkwclc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwclc@gmail.com)  
James Darkins (Chairman) Michelle Webb (Clerk)

## HISTORY GROUP (WLHG)

Please check the website: -

[www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk). The History Group now has a more prominent position on the top headers. Please see also, Exhibition Information and updated Archive listing plus additional extracts from archives: Jessie Mabel Browton Pictures, Horticultural Trophies and Winners . **Pat Lancaster**

## TWEETING THE NEWS ...

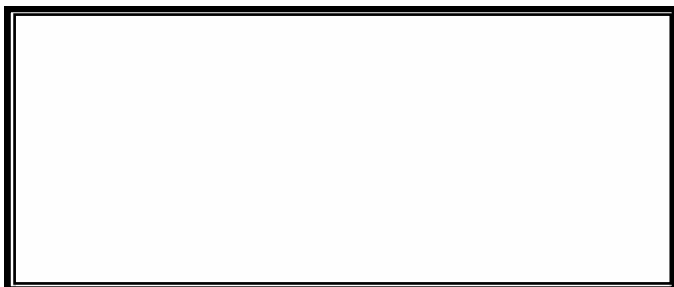
### DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK ..

..will take place on **Saturday 7th May 2016**. It will be led ,as usual ,by myself. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park. Contributions will again be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes project.

A hearty breakfast or an early brunch , at the Anchor Hotel, 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. **Tony Lancaster**

## COASTAL COLOURS

Please come to an exhibition of oil painting by **Sarah Muir Poland, Helen Riches , David Riches**. From Good Friday to Easter Monday, in the Heritage Hut on Walberswick Green. 10-4 p.m.



## COMETH THE HOUR, COMETH THE CLIVE...

Nigel and Margreet Walpole are delighted to announce that **Clive Brynley-Jones** has offered to take over the lead in this year's **Walberswick Fete, Saturday, 27 August**. He is ideal for the role, having been deeply involved in many recent fetes, albeit often in the background, and in continuing to be very active in several village activities. However, the fete requires a collective effort, and while many stalwarts have already offered their services, additional volunteers are needed to carry out a variety of tasks, few of which require any particular skills. If you feel able to help, in any way, please ring **Clive on 01502-724592**. Given that help, we can look forward to another truly enjoyable community event. **Nigel Walpole**

## COULD YOU WRITE A COLUMN?

Southwold Gazette is looking for someone to write a monthly column for them, on all things Walberswick - news, events etc. Would anyone like to volunteer for this unpaid post? Contact: Laura Boggis - Editor, The Southwold Gazette 07815 152 892 e-mail. [southwoldgaz@btconnect.com](mailto:southwoldgaz@btconnect.com)

## BOOK A SEAT IN THE STALLS FOR.....

### ...INK FESTIVAL 9-10th April 2016

Please come and support your neighbours, as many Walberswickians are involved in the Ink Festival—as directors, writers, performers and crew—which showcases local writers, in a weekend of new, short plays and films, live music, bar and food. Exciting back-to-back performances. **Tickets - half day £9/full day £18 (U25 concessions)**. **The Cut, Halesworth 9-10 April 11am-9.30pm. Box office 0845 6732123.** [www.inkfestival.org](http://www.inkfestival.org)

... **JEFFREY HOLLAND** at **Leiston Film Theatre** on **April 22nd @ 7.30p.m** . The *Hi-de-Hi* star, **Jeffrey Holland** is performing his acclaimed one-man show '*And this is my friend, Mr Laurel*', a tribute to his idol, Stan Laurel. Book on 01728 830549 or online at [leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk](http://leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk). Tickets from £10.95. Jeffrey is staying in Walberswick, before the show, so be sure to call out '*Hi-de-Hi*' if you see him on the beach!

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

## **TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US...**

Last year, Walberswick was high on the SUNDAY TIMES (HOMES) list of the Best Places to live in the UK. Not this year. They say *'Walberswick misses out this year, due to a surfeit of second homes; we're looking for places to live, not to spend a few weeks in the summer. It doesn't seem to be the happiest place, either, with a bitter planning feud, resulting in the virtual disbanding of the parish council.'*

**HOWEVER** ...the first meeting of the **newly quorate PARISH COUNCIL** took place last month, in a packed Village Hall annexe, where the mood was positive and supportive. **Chair, Esme Richardson** was applauded when she said the council would now focus on "looking after the needs of our residents" and no longer consider "past criticisms". Other speakers from the floor were also applauded, when they spoke of moving forward and getting on with the practical business of maintaining the village infrastructure, neglected during the hiatus. Planning matters and discussions included a possible 20mph limit in the village. A request was also made for a new **CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**. Council members, dates, planning application, agendas and contact details are on the website: [www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk)

**The next meeting will be the Parish Council AGM on May 16th at 7.15 in the Village Hall Annex**

**\*\*\*The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on 21 April 2016 19:30 - 21:30 in the Village Hall.**

There will be reports from District Councillors, various groups and a public forum. Every Walberswick Elector can attend. **VERY IMPORTANT! If you have views or concerns, prepare to air them here!\*\*\***

## **THANKS!!**

...to all our friends and neighbours who sent cards and flowers when we moved. We have settled in really well and are very happy. Best wishes **Shirley and Freddie Eade**.

**...from Natural England** to all those who gave up their Sunday morning and turned out for the beach clean .30 bags of rubbish were collected. It was a fine effort by all concerned. **Mark Waller**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

...to **three Golden couples, celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries !** Raise a glass (was it Babycham, in those days?) to accomplished thespians, **Peter & Moira** (Austin) and (holding a joint celebration) are **Jen & Ben** (Cardwell) and **Viv & Alvin** (Hunt). We are keen to know what's kept them together, all these years. Love? Or golf? One thing's for sure ... *(segue into next news item)...*

## **.....IT'S NOT ALL BEER AND SKITTLES**

Many of you know the French game of boules (or petanque) used to be a very popular, sociable pastime at **The Bell**. Suitable for all ages and all levels of ability, there is a large and very active league in Suffolk, which the village used to participate in. First, however, we simply want to reinvigorate the use of **The Bell's** piste and get people enjoying the game again. Are you interested? If so, please contact **Craig Baker** at [craigbake@gmail.com](mailto:craigbake@gmail.com) - or **Nick on 723109**. We might even be able to meet over Easter!

## **RESURRECTION OF THE RUINS UPDATE**

Work on restoring the ruins of St Andrews Church is progressing to schedule, helped by the relatively mild weather. The work has also thrown up some questions about the history of the various building phases, especially in the Chancel area, where clear differences have been revealed as the internal plaster has largely fallen off the walls.

Our generous main funder, Historic England, has kindly agreed to fund a local archaeologist to assess the ruins to advise the architect **Nick Jacob** and **Hoggs** builders how best to carry out the repairs.'

It will also help us in our interpretation of the ruins. In case you are wondering, it is too early to say at this stage when the scaffolding will be taken down. But the PCC have some exciting plans for officially celebrating the re-opening (if that is the correct term) of the ruins once completed, so keep an eye out on the notice boards after Easter.

Don't forget—if you would like to join a tour of the ruins while work is in progress

Thanks to those who have already expressed an interest. If you would like to be kept updated on progress by email please also contact **Stephanie Renouf** on this email: [renoufstephanie@gmail.com](mailto:renoufstephanie@gmail.com).

## **WALBERSWICK FERRY TIMES FOR APRIL**

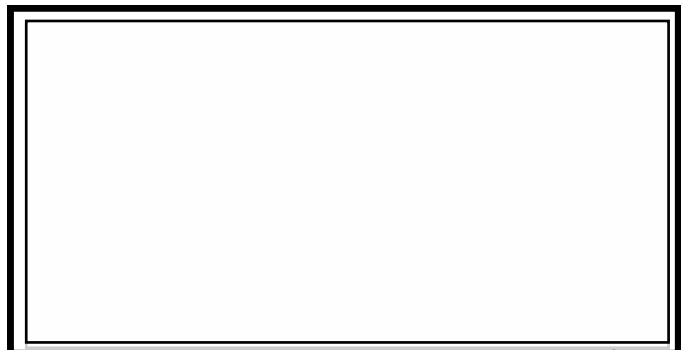
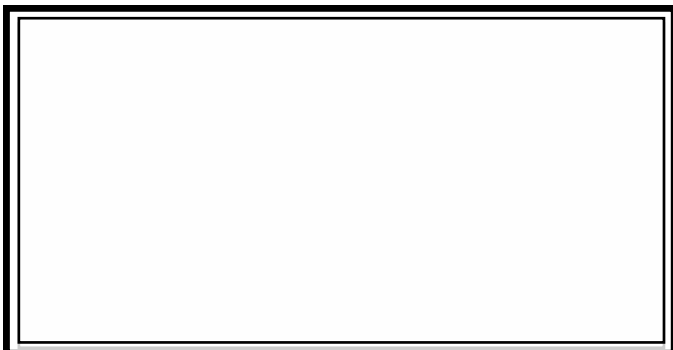
**EASTER HOLIDAYS** 19th March-10th April

**WEEKDAYS:** 10 - 5pm (Break 12.30-2p.m)

**ALL APRIL WEEKENDS:** 10-5p.m. No break

£1 crossing per Adult/Children /bike.

Children under 5 and dogs go free.



## 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)

**Churchwardens:** Chrissie Reeves (723351)  
Darryl Dawson (723231) John Anderson (726172)

### APRIL SERVICES 2016

- 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 1100 Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher Harry Edwards  
*Blythburgh invited to combine as we  
Join their congregation on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am*
- 10 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 1800 Evensong  
Preacher: Canon Harry Edwards
- 17 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 1100 Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher Brian Fisher
- 24 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 1100 Eucharist  
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
- All Services on Sundays are sung  
Evensong is choral and uses the BCP  
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)  
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

### EASTER SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 0930

Be sure to join in our praise and worship on Easter morning and sing your favourite Easter hymns in a beautifully decorated church. The choir opens the service with 'O Rejoice that the Lord has Arisen!' the wonderful Easter Hymn from the opera Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni .

### COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

17th Sandra Gordon for Adam

24th Joanna Saunders for her parents

### WOMENS INSTITUTE

Tina Oldfield will be telling us about her "Trek for Life" **April 7th** meeting. 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome

### Dear Friends,

The month of April is the month in which we hold our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. Those who serve as churchwardens, treasurer and PCC members are thanked and elections take place for officers for the coming year. It is an opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved in the life of the church, and to look forward to what lies ahead. The meeting is open to members of the church electoral roll, and if you would like to join the roll there are some available in church. This year our meeting is; **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April St Andrew Walberswick at 12.00, in church.**

### New Team Vicar

A meeting was held in Reydon church on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at which Bishop Martin and Archdeacon Ian met with the Sole Bay Team Council to consider the process and time-scale for appointing a new Team Vicar. The outcome is that we shall advertise nationally during April, with the hope of holding interviews on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May. If we are successful in appointing a suitable candidate they will probably need to give three months notice from their current position, which means that we might be in a position to welcome a new Team Vicar by the end of August. Please pray for God's blessing on this process, that the right person will be called to join us, and for the future of our team of churches.

### Repair to the Ruins

Conservation work continues and we hope that once complete it will be possible to hold a church open day to celebrate. Further news will follow in due course. Please see update on facing page.

*Yours in Christ*

*Simon*

### WHAT'S ON

**MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 8th- 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall**

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

**NORWICH BUS: Thurs 21: 0915. Telephone: 724763 to book a seat**

**DOCTORS' SURGERY — Wed April 6 & 20. Book with surgery on: 01502 722326.**

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