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*** *A Happy and Healthy Christmas to all our readers* ***

!!TREE CHEERS!!

CAROLS!

ON THE GREEN!

18th DECEMBER 7 pm.

Again, this year, we will have a splendid Christmas tree on the green - with lights - thanks to an anonymous benefactor. But we need your help to decorate it and make it special!

I'm inviting present and past residents-wherever you are in the world- to send a decoration (which we will attach with strong cable ties) to the tree. Make one or buy one . Add your name, your children's names or send one in memory of a loved one. Please make sure it's robust and can be tied on. There will be a **box of wooden Christmas tree decorations in the Tuck Shop (Co-op)**, where children can pick one to decorate, or you can perhaps choose one for a housebound or elderly neighbour .

Weather permitting, the tree will go up over the first weekend in December - so our overseas family and friends may wish to send something quite soon!

It was lovely to see how well received the tree was, last year. People took time to stop and look at the beautiful decorations and remember our loved ones near and far. **Please address your contribution to: Ray Goodman, Ryefield, The Street, Walberswick, IP186UX . THERE'S A BOX BY MY DOOR.**

****DRIVERS -LOOK OUT FOR MEANDERING MERRYMAKERS THIS YULETIDE!**

Please dress yourself/your dog/bike/horse/pushchair ***Bright at Night*** for safety's sake!



STOP PRESS - WCLC - *TONY'S HIDE*

At the Parish Meeting in April we announced that a bird hide was to be constructed in Bennett's Drift, dedicated to the memory of Tony Lancaster. The project was first put forward by a resident who suggested that a hide would complement the environmental and educational benefits provided by the Charity. Tony kindly assisted in the selection of a site and settled on an elevated hide in Bennett's Drift, to provide an excellent aspect across the Town Marshes. After a protracted planning process, the application was submitted by our consultant in November but regrettably, parking was added, to comply with planning policy, without the Trustees being consulted. Once this was discovered, agreement was immediately reached with the planning authority to remove the parking. The Trustees apologise to any residents who were distressed by the prospect of increased traffic in Leverett's Lane and we can assure you this was never our intention. **James Darkins, Chairman**

****BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ** is Fri **8th DEC.**

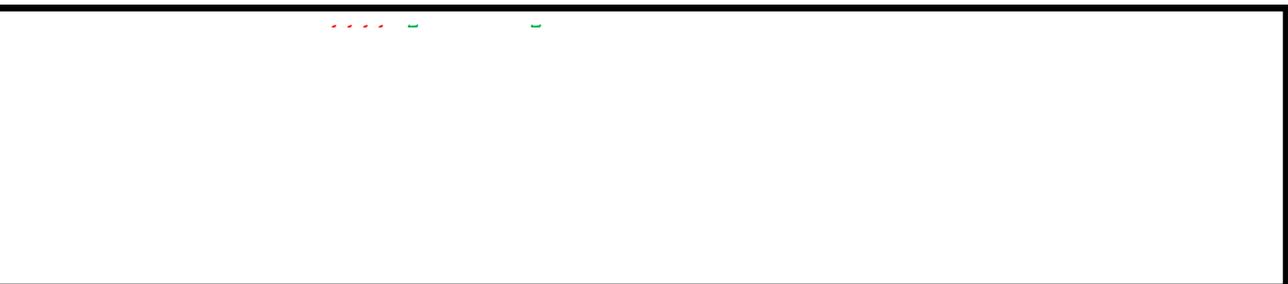
Please register from **7pm. £10** per head. Give question masters your team name which has to be put at the top of each answer sheet. Usual format of 2 sets of 4 rounds of questions in each half with 2 table quizzes. **Sustenance will be provided at half time.**

****LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

VILLAGE HALL. **7.30 pm SAT 9th DECEMBER**

will include a talk by Pip Wright on "*Frolic, Fervour and Fornication* - tales from the Parish Register" ...followed by a Raffle and Refreshments with wine. Members (free) Non members/ guests £5. Please come. It will be interesting and fun!



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WALBERSWICK PANTO-IT'S BEFORE YOU!

Will the evil Sir Titus succeed with his fiendish plan? Will Mother Goose be able to pay her taxes? These and many other questions will be answered in the Walberswick Village production of *The Adventures of Mother Goose*, staged in the **Village Hall on January 25th, 26th, 27th at 7.30pm and at 2.30pm on 28th January**. Tickets priced £12 for Saturday's performance and £10 for the other days will be on sale in the Village Co-op Shop from Christmas week. Buy your tickets early, to avoid disappointment. **Peter Austin (Director)**

W.I CHRISTMAS MEETING

...will begin at **2.30pm on Thursday December 7th**. We will be entertained by Mrs Joyce Kimber and "Life on the wicked Stage". Expect a lively afternoon with a light tea.
Irene Prince

CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET

In the Village Hall, on **Sat 2nd Dec from 10-12**. Entry includes tea/coffee and biscuits **£2**. I have Christmas cards for sale now. **Betsy Lemmon 722384**

WALBERSWICK CHILDREN'S CLUB

The next meeting is on **8 December** at 5:30pm in the Village Hall. Details about this new monthly club from Marie marierourke@btinternet.com

'GOOD GIVING' IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS

Last year's Christmas donations to charity, were such a success, we're doing it again i.e. "We love our friends and neighbours in Walberswick but have decided not to send Christmas cards. Instead, we will make a donation to charity". If you would like to do the same, please sign the list in the Tuck Shop. It will be displayed, in the window, two weeks before Christmas, so your friends know you send them greetings. Make your donation in the collecting box, when you sign. Nominated charity: **Dementia UK**. Or deliver it to 7 Manor Close or St Francis, Seven Acres Lane, or send to your own charity. **Vivien Hunt** 723142. alvindhunt@btinternet.com or **Irene Prince** - 723743 irenemp@btinternet.com



THANK YOU SO MUCH.....!!

...for donations to MARY KING'S MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE CHARITY. A big thank you from Mary to all those who brought produce etc this year from outside her house on The Street, totalling £791, and to those who took a holey stone (hag stone) in the Bell or Anchor Hotels over the last two months, donating £70. A total of **£861** has been forwarded to the **MND Charity Appeal**. Strangely, there was only 13p difference between the donations given for the stones in each hotel. If you find a hagstone on the beach, you are welcome to give it to the staff at the Bell or Anchor to add to their collection.

... from **SAVE THE CHILDREN** to all supporters This year we have taken **£3520** - £550 from the Walberswick Coffee Morning; £700 from Val Anderson's book sales; £2270 from **SOUTHWOLD**, from various donations (coffee mornings; collecting boxes etc.) If you would like to join our committee, please contact Anita Barbrook (Chairwoman Southwold) **724444** Maureen Thompson (Walberswick) **723755**

Congratulations to Val Anderson who has received a letter of thanks, and a certificate, from **Save The Children**, stating that she has raised over **£6000** in 6 years. Quite a feat, with only 50p for a paperback and £1 for hardback!!

..... to everyone involved in making our **Fireworks Display** such a success...The Bell and The Anchor for supplying superb, warming soups and jacket potatoes; the outstanding team involved with lighting the fireworks and bonfire management; Pam's lovely team of serving ladies; the marshals and parking management crew; the bucket shakers, and everyone who helped. It is sad but this brilliantly explosive village tradition has, in the past few years, made a considerable loss, due to rising costs, threatening its future. With this in mind, we would encourage anyone still to donate, to pop into the Co-op and use the donation box which will be there until the 1st of December. Thank you all, for your support...**Fireworks Committee**

....On behalf of the committee and members of **WLHG**, I would like to thank **Alan Walpole** for his services as our secretary for many years. He has decided to retire, in preparation to moving and his services will be greatly missed. Alan took up the position at short notice after Pat Wythe had suffered a major stroke. He told me 'I know nothing of village history, but I can produce some minutes for the group' and nine years, I'm thanking him for not only writing the minutes but lending a hand and his expertise in any way that would benefit the History Group.

Thank you, Alan. **Philip Kett, WHLG**

***PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Dec 11th 7.15pm**



CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon63@gmail.com

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens:

Darryl Dawson (723231) John Anderson (726172)

DECEMBER SERVICES 2017

- 3 1st of Advent: Parish Eucharist 1115
Celebrant The Revd Peter Trendall
- 10 2nd of Advent: Choral Evensong 1800
Officiant: Canon Harry Edwrads
- 17 3rd of Advent: Parish Eucharist 1115
Celebrant: Canon Simon Pitcher
- 22 Service of Lessons & Carols 1800
Officiant Canon Simon Pitcher
- 24 Crib Service for Children 16.30
with Canon Harry Edwards
- 25 Christmas Day Choral Eucharist 0930
Celebrant: Canon Simon Pitcher
- 31 1st Sunday of Christmas Eucharist 1100
Team Service with Simon & Alan
- Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)
There will be no weekday services between
Christmas and New Year.

What sweeter music can we sing than a carol

John Rutter's beautiful setting of Herrick's words, and Suo Gan, a Welsh traditional are among the carols the choir will sing in this year's Festival of Lessons, Poems and Carols in our candlelit church at 6 o'clock

on Friday 22nd December. There are also many popular carols for all to enjoy before a striking finale of 'We wish you a merry Christmas'.

St Andrew's Evensong Choir.

LETTER FROM THE REVD CANON

Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated a shoebox gift for Operation Christmas child. These gifts will be reaching children in poverty in many parts of the world, bringing a smile to their faces. The boxes are a symbol of hope and a reminder that there are in the world others who do care.

Christmas is a celebration that in Christ Jesus God is with us. He is not remote and far off, but in the person of Jesus, God has walked among us, shared our lives, concerns, hopes and experiences. The Church of England is, this year, promoting a "God With Us" resource that can be purchased in booklet form, or downloaded in various electronic forms. There are a number of readings and reflections to consider, that will help to deepen our understanding of the message that God is with us. Please do look on the Church of England website for details.

Christmas in Walberswick is always beautifully celebrated at St Andrew's. Please, therefore, may I extend a warm welcome to our services over the Christmas and New Year period? These include the Carol service on Friday 22nd at 6pm, Crib service on Christmas Eve at 4.30 pm and on Christmas Day at 9.30 there is a Eucharist. On 31st December at 11.00 St Andrew's hosts a Sole Bay Team Eucharist.

May I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Simon

CHRISTMAS LEAFLET

Be sure to look for the special leaflet delivered with the **January** edition of the Village News. All the Christmas services and events are included, and there is a greeting from St Andrew's Church.

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 15 Dec 02.15—0245 Village Hall

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

NORWICH BUS: Thurs 21 0915. Phone Sue and Alan Walpole on 724763 to book.

CHILDREN'S CLUB: DECEMBER 8th 5.30pm Village Hall

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