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DIGGING UP OUR ROAD...

Many of you will have seen the signs (work may already have begun by the time you read this) that road re-surfacing works will be taking place in the village, from **25-29th January**, all the way from Adam's Lane to the Harbour.

Suffolk Coastal reassure us that the work will be done in stages, with Stop/Go signs and that there will always be access to our homes and businesses. However, if you have any queries or major concerns – perhaps you're moving house? – call the council's roadworks line on: **0345 6066171**

...AND DIGGING UP OUR PAST

We will be doing four sessions of test pit digging here, for the last time. This will give us a good overall picture of the development of our village over the centuries. Unfortunately, we can't go onto farmland, where the oldest parts of the village once stood but several gardens overlap the old village boundaries.

On Wed/Thur April 27th/28th, we hope to dig some 15 test pits, with the help of school children (and a responsible adult), from local schools. If you would like to offer your land this year, please phone me on **723800**. I may also knock on your door, to see if it is possible and convenient to excavate a pit in your garden! **Philip Kett**

RNLI REVIVED! QUIZ-MARCH 4th!

The Walberswick branch of the RNLI has been reinvigorated and is marking the occasion with a fund raising Quiz Night. Doors open at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Quizmaster is Mr James Darkins, who promises a combination of fun questions and intellectual challenge.

Entry £5 pp for a team of four. 5 point deduction per additional team member up to 6 max. Tickets at the door. Bring your own food and drink. Grand Raffle. We are looking forward to seeing you there.
Jonathan Winyard Chairman Walberswick RNLI



IS OUR FETE IN YOUR HANDS?

The Village Fete is scheduled for **Bank Holiday Saturday, 27 August, 2016**. I now hand over the organisation to the two worthy beneficiaries, our Church and Village Hall, recommending that they seek volunteers to head a 2016 Fete Committee.

With the accent on fun, as well as earning worthwhile revenue, past incumbents have found few difficulties in the preparation for the fete, which, if begun early in the spring, can be an enjoyable and satisfying experience.

This year, we have prepared a 5,000 word, 24 annex, step-by-step guide to running our fete, and I would be happy to provide any further clarification, should that be needed.

To get the ball rolling, will anyone who might feel able to take the lead this year, please contact me?

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WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP – 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

It is a quarter of a century since Walberswick Local History Group (WLHG) was formed and an exhibition of its archives and other memorabilia, including videos, photographs and pictures, will be held on **Sat/Sun/Mon 28th, 29th and 30th May 2016** in the Village Hall from 10 – 4 pm daily.

The Committee is seeking additional interesting items to display - objects, photographs and paintings of local interest etc. If you are willing to loan items, or have any queries, please contact either Pat Lancaster (724268) or Jayne Tibbles (724448). Please come along and see what your History Group has to offer. Entrance is free.

The Chairman, WLHG

LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS IN VN

Unless otherwise stated, the prefix (01502) will not be printed before local phone numbers, in the Village News. If there is simply a 6 figure contact number, please assume it is a Walberswick area number, with the 01502 prefix.

CAN YOU HEAR ME AT THE BACK?

The audio and video equipment in the Village Hall is being updated. If you are planning to hire the hall and need the equipment, please contact a committee member.

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 : Walberswick website

The website continues to publish all planning applications which concern Walberswick. Whilst our Parish Council remain inquorate and can therefore make no comments, any resident may do so. Just go to the Parish Council page on the website and click Planning Applications in the left-hand margin to keep up to date (<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/planning-applications/>). To view all the documents lodged with SCDC, just click the green link under "description". You can even use this site to submit your comment online - admin@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk.
Kay Ungless

THANKS TO ...

...all those who donated so generously, during caroling on the green and carol singing around the village on Christmas Eve. We raised an astonishing **£414 for EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice) !**

I hope you agree that the tree was fantastic this year, with many more decorations (thank you), which I have wrapped up safely for Christmas 2016.

Thanks to Harry Edwards and John Flack for leading the celebration around the tree and providing the fantastic brass band; and to everyone contributed decorations. Also, to all the lovely people who served gallons of mulled wine at the village hall after the caroling and everyone who came to sing and celebrate.

Ray Goodman

....to all who purchased holly, from my front gate. The sale realised £33.97, which has been donated to the R.N.L.I. **Dione Shirreff**

.....to all who donated and purchased books for my summer bookstall for 2015 . I have been able to send a cheque for **£1209.30** for Cystic Fibrosis! My garage is now full but when the season begins we would love more. **Toby Robinson**

....the brave swimmers who swam on Christmas Day and all those who came down to watch , enjoy a brief glimpse of sunshine, the mulled wine and kindly donated a total of £220—all of which will be sent to the **R.N.L.I**

.....the singers, the readers, the musicians, the Rev Simon Pitcher, all those who decorated the church with garlands and candles and made the **Festival of Lessons & Carols** quite the most magical way to begin Christmas celebrations.

...to all who donated to the Charity Christmas card list. We raised **£150 for Macmillan Cancer Support**.

ELIZABETH ROOKE—THANKSGIVING

A memorial service and internment of ashes, for Elizabeth Rooke will be held at St Andrew's on Monday 15th February at 2pm, to which all her friends are welcome. Please join us for tea at the Anchor, after the service,

DIARY DATES...

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY OPEN MORNING, Village Hall Annex 10.30am-12noon Sat. **5th March**.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR...

WHEN WE ARE MARRIED by J.B. Priestley
Comedy at the Village Hall—**February 11-14th**.
Tickets £8 Thur/£10 other days , at the Co-op

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting is on **Feb 4th at 2.30** in the Village Hall. Mr Dick Johnson will be entertaining us with 'Tales of a Travelling Cavalryman' . Guests welcome.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY –GUARANTEED!

Does your Valentine have a heart of stone? Would he or she like one? Why not find a heart-shaped stone on the beach and present it to the one you love? So much more original than boring roses or champagne. Also, it's a Leap Year, so here's another irresistible suggestion! Pick up a hagstone and slip it on your loved one's finger, to guarantee the answer is 'Yes!'
It's called Wooing the Walberswick Way!

WINTER OPENING HOURS

Wondering what's open and where you can get a croissant, a cuppa or a greeting card this time of year in the village?

BLACK DOG DELI—Open Thur-Sun

PARISH LANTERN—Open Fri, Sat, Sun

TINKERS— Closed until March 23rd.



CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

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

FEBRUARY SERVICES 2016

- 7 Sunday next before Lent 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Simon Pitcher
Blythburgh invited to combine as we
join their congregaion on the 14th at 11am
- 10 **Ash Wednesday** 1000 HC said
- 14 1st Sunday of Lent 1800 Evensong
Preacher: Revd Peter Trendall
- 21 2nd Sunday of Lent 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Brian Fisher
- 28 3rd Sunday of Lent 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
- 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)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

By tradition , there are no flowers in Lent

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Evensong Choir wish to thank everyone who supported the Lessons & Carols Service in December. If you would like to hear more of their singing, please come to church on the Second Sunday of the month when they sing the service of Evensong with beautiful anthems, well loved hymns and interesting readings from the King James Bible. The congregation also take part in the prayers. Join us at Six o'clock on St Valentine's Day (14th) for our service..

Dear Friends

By the time you read this, my colleague **Revd Rich Henderson** will have said farewell to Sole Bay and become the new Vicar of Beccles I know that he will be greatly missed here, and we wish him every happiness in his new post.

Rich's departure means that our search has begun for a new Team Vicar. Meanwhile, our worship will not be affected, thanks to the support of Brian and Harry.

SOUTHWOLD LENT LECTURES

This year's Lent Lectures will tackle some major ethical issues of current concern. While some of the topics are inevitably controversial, the speakers have been asked to introduce relevant biblical and church teaching in an informative way, not just to use the lecture as a soap box for their views. There should be plenty to think about and discuss. All the lectures will be at **6.00 p.m. in the United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold.**

14 February Refugees and Immigration

Professor Hugh Williamson, Emeritus Regius Professor of Hebrew, University of Oxford

21 Feb Just War Theory and British Involvement

The Revd Professor Nigel Biggar, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, University .Oxford

28 February Assisted Dying

The Revd Dr Richard Higginson, Dir of Studies and Lecturer in Christian Ethics, Ridley Hall, Cambridge

6 March The Future of Marriage

The Revd Dr John Bradbury, Vice-Principal and Director of Studies in Systematic Theology and Church History, Westminster College, Cambridge

13 March Human Sexuality

The Revd Dr John Hare, former consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon

20 March Faith Schools and RE in a Modern Educational System

Helen Matter, Schools' Adviser, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese

Yours in Christ,

Simon

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 12th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

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

NORWICH BUS: Thurs 18th 0915. Telephone Rita Woodcraft on 722958 to book a seat .

DOCTORS' SURGERY— Wed 24th only. Book with surgery on: 722326.

MAGIC SHOW—SATURDAY JANUARY 30th—Village Hall 6p.m. Tickets from Co-op

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