

VILLAGE NEWS

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A HAPPY AND HARMONIOUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

SAVE ON HEATING OIL ...

Buy through a community bulk buying scheme! Community Action Suffolk (CAS) can offer domestic households an average yearly saving of £74 on heating oil, and higher volume users, such as community groups and rural businesses, an average yearly saving of £181. The heating oil is purchased in bulk twice a month (once in December) and deliveries are planned to provide an environmental benefit, with one tanker making a single trip to several customers in a village on the same day. Individual orders can also be made if a bulk deadline is missed. The scheme provides a hassle free process and membership is open to all, starting at just £20 per year with the option to place orders online, by email, by post or by phone. Visit www.communitybuying.org.uk or call 01473 345400 for details.

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

From this January, the Charity will be providing support for High School pupils who are permanently resident in Walberswick. There will be a one-off award in January 2016 for the reimbursement of academic expenses of up to £100. Following which, there will be annual award at the start of each academic year, reimbursing expenses of up to £100 per pupil, per annum. **Please contact the Clerk (clerkwlc@gmail.com)** for a list of qualifying items, or visit the Charity's webpage at walberswick.onesuffolk.net.

The Charity will be continuing to support Primary School education via donations directly to the schools, as well as supporting students in Higher Education, on an individual basis.

James Darkins:Chairman.

Michelle Webb:Clerk



AS IF BY MAGIC....

...an internationally renowned, charismatic magician will appear at the **Village Hall on Saturday January 30th at 6p.m.**, to entertain us with A Spectacular Magic Show - an evening of 'mirth, marvels and the mysterious - with a spooky Victorian twist'. **Ian Keable is a winner of The Magic Circle Comedy Award.** An acknowledged expert on Dickensian magic, he claims that Charles Dickens was a clandestine conjuror. Mind bending sleight-of-hand mysteries and reveals are promised. The magic will begin as guests enjoy a stupendous 3 course dinner, with waitress service. There is a glass of fizz on arrival and a cash bar. Why not bring your friends and book a table for eight? **Tickets are £25 each from the Tuck Shop or ring 723142.**

Wands & white rabbits must be left at the door!!

THEATRICAL TREAT

Walberswick Proudly Presents J.B. Priestley's comedy "**When We are Married**". Set in 1900, 3 Yorkshire couples, married on the same day, 25 years before, meet to celebrate—but make a shocking discovery!

February 11th to 14th in the Village Hall

Tickets from the Tuck Shop.

£8 Thursday, **£10** Friday, Saturday, Sunday

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on Thursday 7th January at **2pm**. Our speaker will be Mr Jonathan Hunt, with tales of "**Good old times at the BBC**". Please note the earlier start today, because members subscriptions are due. Visitors and new members welcome

BEST FOOT FORWARD IN 2016

Village Walks commence January 11th. Once a fortnight. Join us! Phone 01502 722584.

BRIGHT AT NIGHT! Remember to wear something reflective and carry a torch if you're walking, cycling or riding a horse, around the village, this festive season! Drivers, please be alert for meandering merrymakers!

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 - for, against, or neutral.

Kay Ungless, admin@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

ARE YOU A CARER WHO NEEDS SUPPORT?

Suffolk Family Carers offers support and information to anyone caring for a friend, family member or neighbour, suffering from illness, disability or frailty. If that includes you, then you are a Family Carer and are able to access our free Caring With Confidence courses. You'll gain information and tips on the carer's role and learn how to communicate effectively, so your needs are met, find ways to manage your emotions, look after yourself and balance caring with other commitments and day to day challenges. We also have a wealth of resources to assist you and your concerns. If you care for someone with Dementia, you could also access our specifically designed Caring for Dementia with Confidence course. Our sessions are both informative and supportive and many attendees have said that they feel afterwards "that I am not alone", that they've gained friendship and knowledge and know "that there is help out there". These sessions run regularly, so to find out more about either Caring with Confidence or Caring for Dementia with Confidence please contact us on **01473 835446** or cwc@suffolkfamilycarers.org.
Reception 01473 835400 Website www.suffolkfamilycarers.org

GUIDING LIGHTS

Prompted by the welcome request from a Lowestoft local history group for a guided tour of St. Andrew's this summer, the church has decided to train some enthusiastic volunteers who will be able to take any such tours or to answer visitors' questions, when we are open for special events. I am happy to provide further details to anyone who might be interested, whether or not they are churchgoers. **Joanna Saunders (722413)**

THANKS.....!!

...to the **Christmas Elves**, who took a day off from helping Santa load up his sleigh, to plant a beautiful Christmas tree on the village green – and add lights and decorations, donated by us all. Take the rest of the year off, lads!

...to all those who so generously gave of their time and donated goods in support of the Cancer Research Mini Market in December. The success of the event was also due to the many people and attended to purchase items from the stalls, have a drink and homemade biscuits, and most importantly have a good chat with friends and neighbours. After expenses, we will send a check to **Cancer Research UK for £2400!** What an amazing result--thanks again! **Betsy Lemmon**

.... to all who donated to my stall at the Dutch House and who bought my garden produce: **£828.31** has been donated to Motor Neurone Disease Assc. Well Done! **Mary King**

CONGRATULATIONS.....!!

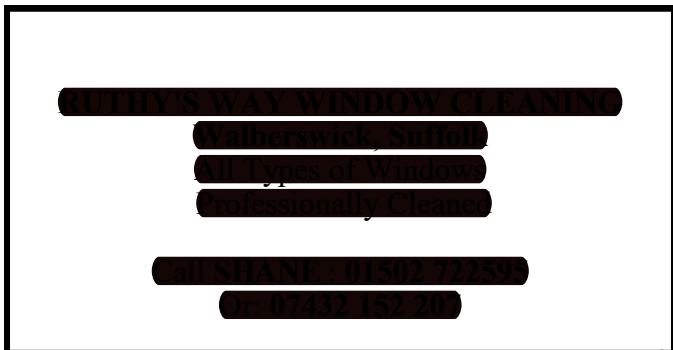
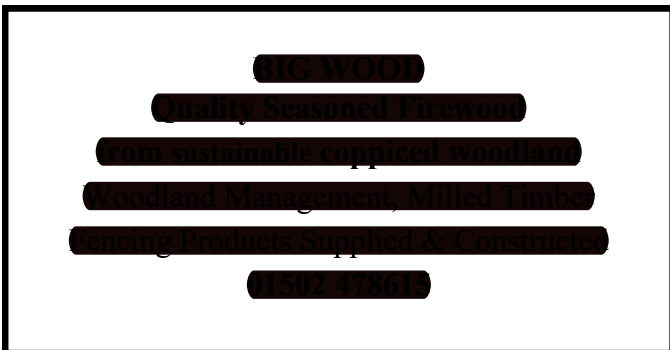
...to winning Will! Golfer Will Morcombe, who lived in Millfield Road, played a significant part in Suffolk juniors win of the England Golf South East Group Under 18 League trophy. Will plays off a handicap of three.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!!

The Village Hall Management Committee is looking for several new members, including Secretary from March onwards. If you would like to be involved with this energetic, dedicated group please contact one of the members or the **Secretary (Betsy Lemmon 722384) for more information**

STOP PRESS! Village News Editor's team wins Bell Christmas Quiz! (*It wasn't a fix! Ed.*)

13 teams played a closely-fought quiz, with the top three scores 91, 90, 89. Sausage & mash completed a perfect evening. A cheque for **£270** will be sent to **Sole Bay Carers**. Ben Cardwell



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)

JANUARY SERVICES

- 3 2nd Sunday of Christmas 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Brian Fisher
*Blythburgh invited to combine as we
join their congregaion on the 10th at 11am*
- 10 1st Sunday of Epiphany 1800 Evensong
Preacher: Revd Simon Pitcher
- 17 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: Brian Fisher
- 24 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 1100 Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher Simon Pitcher
- 31 Candlemas Team Service at Reydon 1100
Rich Henderson & 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)
*Please note there will be no midweek services
from 21 December to 4 January

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- 10th Denise & John Brentnall in memory of
Margaret & Ralph Erskine
- 24th Judy Morton in memory of her parents
Bill & Olive Quenzer

REMINDER: CAROL SERVICE—December 23rd
A packed church, flickering candles, then voices
open this year's Readers & Carols Service. 6 of the
7 readers have not read before in our church and the
youngest, aged 12, has a poem to perform. A young
boy also plays the side drum, which, with the organ,
accompanies the choir in Tomorrow shall be my
Dancing Day. The rhythm is very tricky. Don't be
late! Starts at 6pm!!

LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired)

Dear Friends,

Another year has passed. I wonder, do you look
back with feelings of sadness or joy, or a mixture of
both? I suspect that for most of us it will be a mix-
ture of both and we also wonder if 2016 will be any
different? Or do we look with expectation as Alfred,
Lord Tennyson did in his poem In Memoriam:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

In truth none of us really knows what 2016 will
bring us. St James in his New Testament letter tells
his readers, 'you do not know what tomorrow will
bring', let alone for a whole year! Anxious about
what lies ahead? I commend to the words of the Old
Testament Psalmist, 'Trust in the Lord with all your
heart...and he will make straight your paths.'

One thing that the Sole Bay Ministry Team knows
already about 2016 is that one of our two remaining
stipendiary (the paid variety) priests, The Rev Rich
Henderson will be leaving us at the end of January to
take up the current vacancy at St Michael's & St
Luke's Churches in Beccles. His farewell service
will take place on 31st January 2016, at 11.00a.m.
Please join us there to thank Rich for his ministry
among us here.

Bishop Martin has said that we will be able to adver-
tise for a replacement early in the New Year but until
then the retired clergy and lay members of our eight
churches will be supporting our Team Rector, Si-
mon. Please pray for us all.

Every blessing for 2016

Brian Fisher.

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 15 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall

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

NORWICH BUS: Thurs 21 0915. Telephone Rita Woodcraft on 722958 to book a seat

DOCTORS' SURGERY — Wed 13 and Wed 27 Book with surgery on: 01502 722326.

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