

VILLAGE NEWS



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KEEPING FIT

Our Tuesday morning classes (9.15-10.15/10.30-11.30) will continue through the school holiday period, except on 4 August and 1 September. We really need to keep supporting Mark Nussey and ensure that these classes continue. If you have visitors why not bring them along!?

Jenny Cardwell

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

A scarecrow, a wizard, Dorothy, a tin-man, a lion, two witches (one good), Munchkins and many more are all needed at auditions for **The Wizard Of Oz** on Sunday September 13th at Lilliput. Further dates: Read through Sunday September 27th at 3pm. Performances the last week of January 2010. Rehearsals commence October 2nd and will be predominately at the weekends on Friday nights and Saturday and Sunday afternoons to assist those working or going to school outside the village. "Why, oh why, can't I?" You can, come along, all welcome!

Julia Sowerbutts

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Please remember to support the Walberswick Show on July 25th. Extra show schedules are available from

Betsy Lemmon

WALBERSWICK PC WEBSITE

If you are organising a fund-raising event anywhere in Walberswick, do get it mentioned on our Website www.onesuffolk.co.uk/walberswickpc The website is being read and might well bring you in extra revenue! Just let me know and I'll add it on.

Kay Ungless

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THE HERITAGE HUT

For many years a team of volunteers has run a visitor centre at the former chapel on the village green. They have done this on behalf of Suffolk Heritage Coast Project and, more recently, the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Unit, who still manage the centre today.

It has been a long-held wish to see the centre refurbished, and last year this became possible. The old displays dated from the 1980s and needed to be replaced. As the main purpose of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Unit is to care for and promote the AONB – a nationally-important, legally protected landscape – this was the main focus of the refurbishment.

This has attracted significant criticism, as many people in the village thought that the features that made the centre special and particular to Walberswick have been lost. There have been a number of valuable comments and suggestions, and it is clear from these that the visitor centre volunteers should have had more opportunity to influence changes at the centre.

As the new AONB Manager, I believe the changes to the centre have been positive, but I accept many of the criticisms and I am committed to working with the village. There is still plenty of opportunity to make changes that will promote the AONB, while also providing an interesting Walberswick-specific experience for visitors and volunteers alike. I shall be working with Maureen Thompson to ensure a mutually-acceptable outcome.

Nick Collinson

Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Manager

VELLORE BAZAAR

The committee and friends of Walberswick United Missionary Council (Vellore) would like to express thanks to all those who in any way helped to raise £1,000.00 at the recent Vellore Mission Bazaar held in the Village Hall. We have forwarded a cheque in this amount to the Mission in India, which provides quality medical education and healthcare especially to the poor, the disadvantaged and the disenfranchised. Sincere thanks to all.

Judy Morton - Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST JUNE 2009

Planning Applications – There were no new planning applications received, but approval was received for the erection of a pitched roof over the garage and conversion of garage to studio at **Close Cottage, Manor Close**.

Cycling Proficiency – The Parish Council plans to go ahead with the cycling proficiency course in August. These courses are aimed at local children and second-home owners with children. Details are not finalised yet but please contact the Clerk for further information.

Play equipment on sports field – A substantial donation has been received from two residents in the village ensuring that The Parish Council can now go ahead with the two sets of modular climbing frames for the sports field. It is hoped to get these in place before the end of the summer holidays.

The Marine and Coastguards Agency had written to Councillor Dabbs stating that there would not be a claim on the timber recovered from the beach. However, they did request that anyone in possession of timber from the wreck should make a donation of between 50p and £1 per plank to the RNLi.

The problem of rats in Leveretts Lane has become worse – Residents, as well as second-home and holiday home owners are reminded **NOT** to put out rubbish bags before Sunday night.

Transfer of Clerkship Mrs Vivien Hunt has officially stepped down as Clerk, and the role has been taken by Miss Mischi Vernetti. Please find below details on how she may be contacted.

Mischi Vernetti (Clerk to Council)

NATURE NOTES FROM THE COMMON

Did you know that a cow produces about 7 tons of dung each year?

Well, that would certainly be more than a mouthful for the **Minotaur**, a spectacular dung beetle that can be found on the common. The Minotaur is a shiny black beetle with long prongs on the thorax, and is usually seen with other dung beetles on rabbit or sheep droppings. The Minotaur inhabits heaths, moorlands and mountains (*but there are not many of these in Walberswick*).

David Webb

Volunteer Joint Warden

UNsung HEROES

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the people who bring our prescriptions over from Southwold, sometimes twice a week. They also open up the village hall surgery each Wednesday – so a big “thank-you” to Hazel Church, Grahame Godsmark, Mary King, Ann and Bill Sexton and Jill Whittenbury. We are so grateful to you all.

Ruth Bassett

A BIG THANK-YOU...

...to so many friends for their kindness and good wishes while I was in hospital and since I have been home. Greatly appreciated by us both!

John & Carol Wardell

THE LITTLE STUDIO

We will again be open this summer holidays, selling local craftware and beach supplies. Join us for drinks and nibbles at our opening on Friday 17th July between 5 and 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Patsy Murray

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

GP SURGERY Village Hall Wednesdays 2.30pm (Use it or lose it!)
STRETCHING & TONING CLASS Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am Village Hall
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 10th 12.30pm Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 16th 9.30am The Tuck Shop
LIBRARY Alternate Fridays 3rd, 17th & 31st 1.55–2.55pm at the Green
BECCLES BUS Tuesdays & Fridays 9.25am at the Harbour
HORTICULTURAL SHOW Saturday 25th Village Hall

DON'T FORGET TO RECORD VILLAGE EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE CALENDAR IN THE TUCK SHOP

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Ordained Local Minister

Rev. Brian Fisher Tel.723023

Church Wardens Christine Fisher Tel.723023

Julie Winyard Tel.722178

SERVICES

- 05 4th of Trinity 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd David Eaton
- 12 Sea Sunday 0930 Said Eucharist
also 1800 Choral Evensong
Preacher The Revd Heather Turner
- 19 6th of Trinity 1100 Morning Prayer
Preacher David Alderton
- 26 7th of Trinity 0930 Sung Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
- Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
Wednesday (3rd) Healing Service with CW (said)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEAM VICAR

The Revd Richard Henderson, Curate at St Michael's Beccles, is to be the new Team Vicar and will move into the Reydon Vicarage in August. Richard and his wife Sarah have four children: Ashley, Louise, Hayley, and Maisie. The new Archdeacon of Suffolk, Canon Dr Judy Hunt, Director of Ministry and Mission in the Diocese of Chester will be instituted in October. By training Judy is a vet and has formerly lectured in equine medicine.

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On July 9th in the Village Hall, we will be listening to some music introduced by Caroline Meigh. Caroline will tell us how music can be used to deliver subtle messages. Intrigued? Then do join us at 2.30pm to hear more.

Our June Garden meeting was interrupted by the weather at some points in the afternoon, but when the sun shone everyone got a tour of Vivien's lovely garden. We entertained guests from neighbouring WIs, had a go at some fiendish quizzes and finished up with a delicious afternoon tea.

Irene Prince

LETTER FROM THE OLM

A combination of having written my previous letter for the June edition of *Village News* less than two weeks ago and having little in the way of special events to bring to your notice, it is likely that I will either ramble incoherently (some might say 'what's different?') or that I will not write very much (sighs of relief all round).

By the time you read this Christine & I will have returned from what we trust will have been an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. If you are looking forward to a holiday in this country or farther afield I trust that you will have a great time and will return happily to this wonderful part of God's creation in which we are privileged to live.

Whilst you and I might be spending time elsewhere for a while, there will be many people visiting our lovely village, whether staying here for a week or so or just passing through as day visitors. Let's make a special effort to make them welcome.. Remember that Jesus reminded us that we should love our neighbours as ourselves, and he was not restricting that to the people who live next door to us.

Wherever you spend the summer months, just relax and enjoy – you could do that here at Walberswick Village Hall on Friday 10th July by joining us at 12.30pm on that day for our monthly Luncheon Club; just £6 for a good two-course meal.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

23rd May 2009

Thanksgiving Service
for the life of **Monty Falck**.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM, held on 23rd April, was well attended. Christine Mitchell and Julie Winyard were re-elected as Churchwardens; Diane Dawson was newly elected to the Parochial Church Council together with the re-election of the other eight members. Brian Fisher was given a very big thanks for his work as Ordained Local Minister by The Revd David Eaton, who chaired the meeting. David stressed how overworked Brian had been due to the shortage of clergy in The Team. He also gave an account on the subject of quotas and how it was shared out among The Team. We shall need to boost our regular giving in order to meet the running costs of the church and to continue paying the parish share of the quota. There are now 64 people on the electoral roll; church services continue to be well attended; and an ever-increasing number of people visit the church and the ruins.

Julia Josephs