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WALBERSWICK ARCHAEOLOGY

The results of the test pit digging on the 1st and 2nd of May were as follows: 9 pits were dug by 32 school children at Coronation Cottage, Walber House, The Dutch House, Elfinston Corner, Long Meadow, The Rectory, Jove Cottage and The Stables. One pit contained pottery dating from the 1st - mid 5th century AD and another from 9th to11th centuries; seven pits contained items from 11th-14th centuries, and nine from the 15th – mid 16th. Finally eight pits yielded up pottery from the mid 16th to end of 18th century. A very exciting result, confirming that we in Walberswick are living on centuries of history. Further information can be found at
www.arch.cam.ac.uk/excavation.

Philip Kett, Chairman
Walberswick History Group

PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

Conservation Area Appraisal: At the end of June, Suffolk Coastal District Council will be writing to every household in the village announcing publication of the draft appraisal of the Walberswick Conservation Area. This will mark the beginning of a three-month period of public consultation during which time residents will be encouraged to submit their comments on the draft to SCDC. The letter will indicate how to view the document on line, how to order printed copies, where to send comments, and the process to be followed by SCDC after the close of the consultation period. The Steering Group hopes to arrange a public presentation of the appraisal by SCDC's Conservation Officer and a meeting of the village during August to discuss the issues raised. The arrangements will be confirmed shortly.

Vivien Hunt, Secretary

WALBERSWICK HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Don't forget the Horticultural Show on Saturday 27 July. Entries should be handed in at the Village Hall between 9.30 and 10.45 am. Considering the poor start to the growing season, we hope everyone will make an effort to find something in the garden or allotment to enter. Why not try your hand in the culinary classes? If you need another show schedule or have any questions, contact one of the committee members or me. All are encouraged to come along to see and admire the results and have tea and cake from 3.00-4.30pm.

Betsy Lemmon (722384)

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

There will be a showing of the Walberswick Scroll in the Village Hall on **Sunday 28 July**, from 09.00 – 12.30. There will be time for three viewings of this 123-foot watercolour study of every house in Walberswick (painted in 1931/32 by John Doman Turner) starting at 09.00, 10.00 and 11.00 hrs. There is no charge for admission, but there will be a collection for Village Hall funds.

Richard Scott

FESPA SUMMER THEATRE FETE

At The Stables, Walberswick, on **Sunday 7 July**: 1.00-5.00pm. Parking £3 from12 noon. Entrance £1; free under 10. Jill Freud will open a hugely exciting programme for all. Children can enjoy Punch and Judy, face painting, pony rides, bouncy castle and The Childrens' Dog Show (only 50p entrance). Tarot cards and Belly Dancers are amongst many adult treats, plus the Grand Draw. Any unwanted toys, bric-a-brac, plants etc.will be welcome. Leave in my garage or ring for collection.

Val Anderson (724609)

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. Email: julinka@hotmail.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY, ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20 MAY AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2013

The Annual Parish Meeting: was chaired by the interim chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Gower and attended by approximately 35 electors. Reports were received from the Police, Yoxford Primary School, the Suffolk County Councillor and Suffolk Coastal District Councillor (both now Councillor Gower) and from a number of village organisations. Of particular interest in the report from James Darkins, chairman of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity was the intention of the Trustees to consider the restoration of the sports pavilion and the two new trustees appointed this year – Rita Woodcraft and Michelle Webb. In September, Yoxford Primary School, which a number of our children attend, is to be federated with three other primary schools with a joint head who is currently head at Bramfield School.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: is required to consider a number of issues by virtue of its standing orders which later in the financial year feed into the audit of the Council's affairs. Councillor Gower was elected as interim chairman for the Council year. The Council's draft records management policy was agreed. Walberswick Councillors raised concerns over the state of Lodge Road in the vicinity of the building works. The Clerk had already raised this both with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Parish Council meeting of 3 June: Councillors discussed the present position on requests, reviews, complaints to the Information Commissioner and appeals to the Information Tribunal, but no decisions were taken.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council
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HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Have you thought of taking part in the Suffolk Churches Cycle Ride? Or are you a regular rider? It is a brilliant opportunity to raise money to preserve the fabric of our splendid Suffolk Churches and have a good day's exercise at the same time! It takes place on Saturday 14 September this year and entry and sponsorship forms are now available. To register your interest or request more information, please ring : **01502 722068** or email me at annpannie@tiscali.co.uk

Anne Paton

UNDER MILK WOOD

Thanks to everybody who contributed to this production to make it such a success. Apart from the 26 excellent actors (several of whom had not performed before) there were many others who provided help in terms of publicity, music, set, sound, tickets and of course the bar. Thanks also to the audience for their lovely response. It was a joy to stage the play and to be able to give a generous donation to St Andrews Church.

Val Anderson
Sanderlings

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3pm, Thursdays 10am-12 noon Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 18th 9.15am Ring *Eveline Hastings* (724702) to book
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 12th 12.30pm Village Hall
MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 5th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall
HORTICULTURAL SHOW Saturday 27th 3-4.30pm Village Hall

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

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK
Team Rector
Revd Simon Pitcher **(725424)**
revsimon@talktalk.net
Ordained Local Minister
Revd Brian Fisher **(723023)**
Churchwarden: Chrissie Reeves **(723351)**

JULY SERVICES

7 6th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
14 7th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
Also 6pm Choral Evensong BCP
Preacher Revd Simon Pitcher
21 8th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
28 9th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
Wednesday (1st) Healing Service CW (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS
13th July – Julia Josephs
For her sister **Dorothy Dekany**

NEW GIFT AID RULES
The Government has given us something back. New Gift Aid rules (which should apply to all charities) mean that St. Andrews may now reclaim from the Inland Revenue the tax paid on loose cash donated in collections at services. This applies even when no Gift Aid form has been completed and it is not known whether the donor is liable to pay tax. In effect, every such donation will be increased by 20%, up to a yearly maximum of £5,000. We are hoping to find this maximum problematic!
Joanna Saunders

ARCHBISHOP AT ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL
The Most Revd Justin Welby was the guest of honour at the opening Festival Service. The Archbishop preached a sermon revealing his knowledge and love of Benjamin Britten's music; he also referred to Britten's pacifism. We were delighted to participate in a service with the Archbishop who was very informal and friendly.
Julia Josephs & Anne Paton

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Our next meeting on Thursday 4 July is our Garden Meeting. This is being held by the kind invitation of Judith Hetherington in her garden at Bentles in Churchfield at 2.30 pm. Please try to bring any produce, plants or small items for the "Bring and Buy" stall, as proceeds will be going to ACWW. Please also bring a garden chair if possible. We hope summer will have decided to arrive by then, but in the event of bad weather the meeting will be held in the village hall.
Sue Pearson

'ROS' JACKSON
We would like to thank everyone for the kind words, cards and letters we received following the sudden death of 'Ros'. Words alone cannot express our feelings.
Mel, Zoe, Dan and Pete

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

The churches of East Anglia constitute the densest collection of medieval buildings anywhere in the world. John Betjeman eulogised them, delighting in the way that each tower or spire defined its town or village and seemed to complete the landscape. Every parish church tells within its walls the story of its community; from the vision of the original pious builders, to the impact of the Reformation, the Victorian restoration, the list of war dead, and the memory of previous Vicars written out on the Board of Perpetual Curates. The churchyard may be the resting place of family and friends. These are places of prayer, worship and peace, not just for the regular church goer, but for every resident and visitor alike.
Our Parish Church of St Andrew stands like a welcoming beacon at the entrance to the village. Once as large as Southwold Parish Church, but reduced in scale when the village fell on hard times, it has a story to tell that is as interesting as any other. That story is now told in a splendid new guide book that is now on sale in the Church. The interesting script is accompanied by beautiful photographs, including a spectacular aerial shot. The guide book was launched recently with a drinks reception in Church on Thursday 13 June, to which 50 people came, and at which I was pleased to thank everyone who has worked hard to produce it. We hope the new guide will enable our many visitors to enjoy their time in Walberswick even more than they do already.
Simon Pitcher

The **Luncheon Club** will be held on **Friday 12 July**, at 12.30pm in the Village Hall as always.
Come and join us for the usual warm welcome.