

VILLAGE NEWS



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VILLAGE NEWS BOARD

Statement of Policy. This policy was adopted when the Village News was first established in its present form in 1997, and has been endorsed by the current Board. Contributions are welcomed from Village organisations and individuals with the following exceptions:

No material of a political nature, apart from notice of meetings and functions.

No material that might be interpreted as defamatory.

No controversial material that might cause offence to individuals or organisations.

The Editor shall be granted full editorial control over the contents and layout of the Village News. Priority will be given at all times to articles of direct relevance to the benefit of the village and its inhabitants. Personal thanks/acknowledgments that are submitted will be included if space permits.

Finance. The current advertising revenue is sufficient to pay for the running costs of the publication..

Annual report. This will be published regularly in the Village News.

Ben Cardwell, Chairman

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The finale to our weekend of celebrations will be the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon at 10.00pm on Monday 4 June. This will now take place on the Village Green and not on Cliff Field as advertised. The RNLi will be running a "sausage sizzle" during the evening. Bring the family, something to sit on or under and enjoy this memorable event.

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk)

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRDSONG WALK

On May 5 fortune favoured the brave: following a week of inclement weather, anticipation of a wind - buffeted, squall-dodging morning was high - but we enjoyed as pleasant a morning as one might expect for the time of year. A total of 51 species were heard or seen. A splendid Nightingale was captured on a mobile phone by one enterprising participant, to be played back later while tucking into our Anchor breakfast. From deep within the reed beds a Bittern boomed twice so one had to be quick to catch him; and unseen Reed and Sedge warblers recited their very similar songs. Pairs of flirtatious Gadwall and Mallard ducks zoomed overhead, while a small but eager northerly passage of Swallows and Sand Martins was in progress, destination unknown. Despite the low turnout (7) a very generous £70.00 was collected in the hat, this to be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project. So a big thank you to all.
Tony Lancaster

WALBERSWICK HISTORY GROUP

The Heite Pictures. At a meeting of the History Group Committee on the 3rd May 2012, it was unanimously agreed that the thirteen Heite pictures of Walberswick scenes should not be sold but should remain as part of the History Group Archives, joining the Scroll to form the basis of a *Walberswick Heritage Collection*. It was agreed that the pictures should be made available for the public to see at the earliest opportunity.

Alan Walpole, Hon. Sec. (724763)

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 MAY 2012

Our Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year: Councillor David Webb was elected as Chairman and Councillor Brian Tibbles as Vice-Chairman.

Resignation: It is with great sadness that I report that Alvin Hunt has resigned from the Council due to the constant pressure of unpleasant letters and emails from a small group of people. He has been a Parish Councillor for 12 years, many as Chairman or Vice-Chairman. He has always been absolutely dedicated to the good of the village, worked diligently, held balanced views and been a great support to all the Clerks. He has also represented the Council on a variety of important other bodies and has carried out that work with equal dedication. It is a real loss to the whole village.

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has given permission for an extended close boarded fence and oil tank at **Little Meadow, The Street**; and for replacement cladding and the erection of a weather vane on the **Village Hall**.

Jubilee Celebrations: The unveiling of the Village Sign on 2 June will be followed by refreshments in the Church. Please bake a cake and bring it to the Clerk on Friday 1 June during afternoon or evening to add to those being provided by the Councillors and Clerk.

Volunteers to close the flood gates: The Council have reviewed the key holders to the flood gates. At present they are **Wally Webb, Brian Tibbles** and **Barbara Priestman**: they are telephoned by the Environment Agency when necessary to ensure the gates are closed. This is not a one-person job, and we need volunteers. Please contact the Clerk at the email address set out below or by telephone if you are willing to join the list of those responsible for closing the gates.

Draft minutes: The Council has agreed for a trial period to place draft minutes of meetings on the website before they are approved by the Council.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Walberswick Parish Council

(wpcclerk@btinternet.com 01502 723294)

PERFORMING ARTS BURSARIES

Young people who seek to pursue a career in the performing arts face huge challenges. Not only is there fierce competition for places in recognised colleges, but the costs of travel, living and accommodation can represent a daunting obstacle. In a bid to help home-grown talent, the local charity, **Friends of East Suffolk Performing Arts (FESPA)** awards one-off bursaries to a few selected students each year.

These are designed to provide financial support and encouragement to deserving students of the performing arts who either live in the area or have strong local connections, and who have already obtained a place at a recognised school, college or university. If you are hoping to start a specific performing arts course in the autumn this year, now is the time to apply. You can let **FESPA** know later if and when you receive a definite offer of a place. The closing date for completed applications is 1 August 2012.

For full details and an application form, please email FESPA@btinternet.com.

GEORGE TODD DESCENDANTS

I am trying to find out if there are any descendants of George Todd (the Southwold-Walberswick ferryman in the mid-1800's) still living in Southwold. Thanks for any help you can give.

Joan Newbold (joanienewbold@hotmail.co.uk)

WALBERSWICK CAR PARKS

I have been Company Secretary of Walberswick Car Parks Limited for just over 10 years and for family reasons now have to resign. This voluntary position is for a Secretary not a Company Secretary. Meetings are usually once a month (sometimes more). If you are interested please email angiewcp@googlemail.com and I will give you a job description.

Angie Vaughan

THEATRE FETE GRAND DRAW 24 JUNE

3rd prize: hamper. A reminder that I have a box in my sunroom at Hedgeley, awaiting your gifts to make this a luxurious prize. Please phone if that is easier.

Val Anderson (724609)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Friday 1st to Monday 4th

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 8th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 1st, 15th & 29th 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 21st 9.15am (Ring 724763 to book)

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)

Churchwardens: Christine Fisher (723023)

Christine Reeves (723351)

JUNE SERVICES

3 Trinity Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist
& Baptism

Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher

10 1st after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Also Jubilee Choral Evensong at 6 o'clock

Preacher Revd Peter Trendall

17 2nd after Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall

24 3rd after Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

Wednesday (6th) Healing Service with CW (said)

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE

This will include a new anthem, *The Call of Wisdom*, composed by Will Todd. It is written mainly for children to sing but with parts for a full SATB choir. We propose adapting Evensong on Sunday 10 June to a similar service chosen by Her Majesty for this special occasion in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Revd Peter Trendall will be preaching and the service begins at 6pm.

Julia Josephs

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

This took place on 22 April in the church, after refreshments, and 27 attended. Officers were elected, including the Churchwardens, Christine Mitchell and Chrissie Reeves. As a result of discussion, our worship, finances, and the regular (5 yearly) survey of the church will be considered further at the next church council meeting on 14 June.

Joanna Saunders

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7 June in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We will be listening to the very interesting story of Edith Cavell told by our speaker Richard Mann. Edith was born in Swardeston, Norfolk, the daughter of the rector there. She nursed in Belgium in World War I and was executed by a German firing squad. A true British heroine. New members warmly welcomed.

Sue Pearson

LETTER FROM THE OLM

(Retired)

By the time you receive this copy we shall all, hopefully, be looking forward with anticipation to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of our Queen, Elizabeth II. During the years of her reign, the Anglican churches throughout our land will have prayed for her week by week, sometimes in the ancient words of the Book of Common Prayer, sometimes in more modern language. However we have prayed, I have always been aware, as a leader of services, that the Amen response to those prayers has come from the hearts as well mouths of the congregation. In this her special year we shall continue to bear her up week by week before God our heavenly Father. In the meantime enjoy the celebrations that have been arranged for our village by a splendid & hard-working crew.

A big thank you to all those who have been involved in making recent events in our church life such a success. I think of our Easter services and the people who were involved in so many ways; I think of those women who knitted woollen bonnets for babies in East Africa, and I think, too, of everyone who arranged another successful Vellore Bazaar for the hospital in South India.

We look forward at St Andrew's to a wedding on 16 June, when Marc Cowley is to marry Victoria Minnie: please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for married life together.

Our Luncheon Club will take place on Friday, 8 June at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

21 April 2012 Holy Matrimony

Robert Jessel to Suzanna Annesley