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DAVID WEBB

David was born in Walberswick on 3 February 1943 to Winnie and Charlie Webb. The eldest of four, he was followed shortly by Keith (Wally), Penny and Leslie. The family eventually settled at 9 Church Lane. His older cousin Dick Leon recalls being made to wheel baby David around Walberswick in his pram. Fast forward several decades, and the two were seen every morning on their walk together - from babes to village elders.

David attended Walberswick Primary and then Sir John Leman High School. He then won a scholarship to Dartmouth College, the beginning of a long and distinguished naval career: as a hydrographer, he sailed the world making navigational charts. At one time he was the youngest Commander afloat. Upon retiring he was Commander in rank, but the Captain of ships.

He met nurse and midwife Mary McMaking on a blind date in Portsmouth; they were married in December 1966 and had three children: Andrew, Robert and Emma. For two years David worked for the Australian Navy, mapping previously uncharted waters in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, where a reef bears his name. Upon returning to the UK, the family first settled in Kent and moved back to Walberswick in 2000. After 36 happy years of marriage, Mary sadly died in 2002. David's dear brother Wally passed away in 2012.

David was an enthusiastic and passionate volunteer, expressing his love for the village in very practical ways. He was determined Walberswick should remain a real community. He helped to establish the car parks for the Common Lands Trust, chaired the Parish Council for many years, served on a number of committees including the Blyth Estuary Group, the Walberswick Sea Defence Group and the Southwold Harbour Lands Trust. He took on the role of master of tides for the British Open Crabbing Championship for all of its 30 years. Now he is gone, it has become apparent just how much David did for the community, silently and without fuss. It is a great sadness that serving on the Parish Council was to cause him so much stress in the last few years.

He passed away at home on 11 March 2014 after enjoying a lovely Walberswick day: locals' lunch at the Anchor; tending to his beloved allotment (he won the Flower Cup 11 times), and a pint in the Anchor with good friends at their informal 4 O'Clock club.

David died too young and still had much to look forward to. He leaves us - his children - behind, as well as grandson Oscar, sister Penny, brother Leslie, nieces and nephews, cousins Dick and Milly, and many, many friends.

Andrew, Robert & Emma Webb

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Council are seeking volunteers to formulate the Community Emergency Plan. Anyone interested in contributing to this important initiative please contact the Clerk by email at pc@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk or any Councillor.

THE ANCHOR, Walberswick
Curry Nights Fridays 9th & 30th May
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HORTICULTURAL SHOW – NEW AWARD

David Webb was a keen gardener and a loyal supporter of the Horticultural Show. Since 2002 he won the ***Winyard Cup for the Man*** eleven times and his name appeared on the various cups no less than fifteen times in total. The Horticultural Group unanimously agree that a new Trophy should be introduced entitled ***The David Webb Memorial Cup for Best Dahlia*** . This would - quite rightly - allow his name to be linked to the Horticultural Group permanently. Item 38 under the Flower section will be deleted as this new trophy will take its place. The same criteria apply: five blooms (one or more colours) and no buds.

Betsy Lemmon

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

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT 7TH APRIL 2014

At the beginning of the meeting a minute's silence was observed in honour of **Councillor David Webb**, who died on 11 March.

Planning Matters

Poplar Cottage, The Green: permission was granted to fell and replace an Ash Tree suffering from dieback. **Cloudcroft, Stocks Lane**: permission sought to remove the roof, raise pitch & construct new bedrooms, shower & ensuite at 2nd floor level; **Spindrift, Lodge Road**: proposed erection of single storey extension & loft conversion; **Beach View, The Street**: proposal to remove existing stores & erect a single storey extension. The Councillors offered no comment on these proposals. **Vine Cottage, The Green**: connect garage to entrance hall, with alterations including new bay windows, roof conversion, new dormers, plus demolish annexe & rebuild to two storey; demolish & rebuild conservatory. Cllrs Richardson and Denny objected to this proposal as it would materially alter the frontage overlooking the green. Cllr Gower abstained.

Co-option of New Councillors

The co-option of Lee Sutton and Chris Hosea as Parish Councillors was agreed unanimously.
Lee Sutton was present at the meeting and joined the other Councillors after Co-option.

Play Site and Heritage Hut

The council now has quotes for goal posts for the play site; also funding for play and sport is available to the council. A decision regarding these will be made soon. Council has also received quotations for work needed at the Heritage Hut. This work will be ordered shortly and decisions regarding the future use of the building will be taken once more Councillors are in place.

Dangerous planks at Walberswick Quay

The Clerk was contacted by a member of the public concerned about dangerous planks at Walberswick Quay near to the slipway. Those responsible at East Suffolk Council have been informed.

Vehicle Activated Sign and Speed Gun – Update

The Council is still waiting for news regarding the vehicle activated sign. However, we are in contact with the Speedwatch group in Blythburgh and will be inviting a speaker to inform us about setting up a Speedwatch group and the usage of speed guns.

BT Broadband Roll-out

A member of the public objected to the placing of a BT Broadband box on the corner of the Green. The new box will be placed round the corner in Ferry Road instead of on The Green. Another BT box on Stock's Green will be placed behind the bench, which will be moved forward away from overhanging trees. Councillors unanimously gave their support to these new placements.

John Lavery, Clerk to Council (walberswick.pc@gmail.com)

BANK HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

The Suffolk Coastal Group will be exhibiting in the Walberswick Village Hall on **Sunday 4 May and Monday 5 May.** Exhibitors include: Penny and Hugh Butterworth, Miles Fairhurst, Eveline Hastings, Glynn Hugo, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. On show will be paintings, prints, pastels and ceramics. Open 10am-6pm both days. Entrance free and everyone welcome.

Suffolk Coastal Group

WALBERSWICK FETE 23 AUGUST

We need unwanted items to fill our stalls. Please search for unwanted books and magazines, calling **John Weston (722584)** to arrange collection; and for redundant crockery, call **Suzzie Godfrey (724630).** A list of stall holders and game-makers, with their specific requirements, will be published in the next Village News.

Nigel Walpole (723371) nigel@kermont.plus.com

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

POST OFFICE Tuesdays 1-3pm, Thursdays 10am-12 noon Village Hall
VELLORE BAZAAR Saturday 3rd 2-4pm Village Hall
BIRD SONG WALK Saturday 10th 5.30am Hoist Car Park
NORWICH BUS Thursday 15th 9.15am Ring 724763 to book
MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 9th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall
KEEP FIT CLASSES Tuesdays 9.15-10.15 & 10.30-11.30 Village Hall

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

UNITED MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Vellore Bazaar will take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 3 May 2014**. From 2 – 4pm. All the usual stalls, Raffle and scrumptious tea and cakes. Proceeds to Vellore Hospital, South India.

Judy Morton

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)**

MAY SERVICES 2014

4 3rd Sunday of Easter 1100 Parish Eucharist
The Revds Rich Henderson/Lizzie Gregory

11 4th Sunday of Easter 1800 Choral Evensong
Preacher the Revd Simon Pitcher

18 5th Sunday of Easter 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

25 6th Sunday of Easter 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

WELL-EARNED CROSS

We enjoyed an excellent Church AGM, known as the APCM, on 6 April. Chrissie Reeves was again appointed and willing to stand as St Andrew's Churchwarden. We soon became aware of the large numbers of lay people who give years of service, to the church and to the community, and who are not always recognised. The Bishop of Truro recently instituted an award, the Cross of St Piran: small crosses handcrafted in silver and commemorating the patron saint of Cornwall. Maybe we should do the same in our village for churchwardens; bell ringers; mothers and toddlers groups; PCC secretaries and treasurers; organists; fund raisers; and faithful church cleaners; to name a few the Bishop nominated in Truro!

Julia Josephs

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

7th Sowerbutts family for Joe Josephs

10th Ruth Bassett for Eric Bassett

25th Joanna Saunders for Robert

WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The next meeting on **Thursday 1 May** at 2.30pm in the Village Hall is Resolutions Day. We have no guest speaker, but Jen Cardwell will report on her bursary experience. Everyone welcome.

Jill Willison

EVENSONG CONGREGATION

I must apologise for the shortage of printed service sheets for Evensong on Palm Sunday. 15 are usually more than sufficient for the congregation, so it was wonderful to have 27 which, with 15 in the choir stalls, saw 42 scribed in the Church Register. Please join us again on for our next Choral Evensong at **6 o'clock on 11 May.**

Julia Josephs

LETTER FROM THE OLM

We are 100 years old this year! No, neither my wife nor I but the Anglican diocese in which we live. The Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich was created on the **23 January 1914**, from part of the Norwich diocese & part of the Ely diocese. Special events to celebrate our diocese's centenary are being held throughout this year. If you would like to know what has happened already this year & what is to come, please feel free to ask me or pick up a copy of the East Anglican magazine from the back of St Andrew's.

Of course, another centenary this year will be remembering the outbreak of World War 1 on **23 July 1914**. Our thoughts will be with the families whose relatives & friends either died or were seriously wounded during the awful battles that took place during the ensuing four years. Very few families were left completely untouched by the horrors of that war.

Having just celebrated the festival of Easter, we now look forward to celebrating the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. At 7.30pm on **Thursday 29 May** our Sole Bay Team will hold a Team Service at St Andrew's Church, Sotherton, to which all are warmly invited.

The Luncheon Club will take place on **Friday, 9 May at 12.30pm** in the Village Hall. Cost £7.00. All are very welcome.

Yours in Christ's service

Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER

4th April 2014

Thanksgiving Service for the life of

David Charles Brian Webb aged 71