

# VILLAGE NEWS

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BAZAAR & COFFEE MORNING

Just to remind you that this event will again be held in the Village Hall on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> November from 10 am to 12 noon. Entrance (including refreshments) - adults £2 (children free). Please remember those who have given their lives, and help those who have been injured in the service of this Country. Proceeds will be added to the Poppy Appeal. Please be generous. If you have items that you would be prepared to donate or to make, please see the last issue of the Village News for details or give me a call. Thank you. **Alan Walpole (724763.)**

## WALBERSWICK RNLI BRANCH

For a year we have tried to seek members willing to be part of a newly formed Committee of the Branch. To date we have only received three offers of assistance but no volunteers willing to be part of the Branch organisation. I have not without difficulty maintained the current RNLI status of a fundraising Branch originated by Ruth and Leslie Goodwin, and others, very many years ago. Unfortunately unless more willing volunteers quickly come forward there would be no alternative but to close the Branch due to lack of community support.

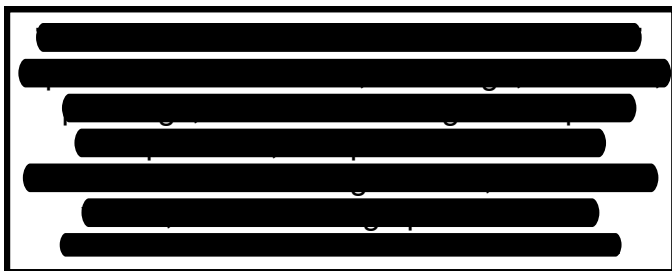
Robin Buncombe (01502) 722359

**Hon Treasurer, Walberswick RNLI."**

## NOVEMBER 5TH BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 7PM!!

The Cliff Field bonfire site will be open from Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> for residents to dispose of their combustible material. This event is run entirely on voluntary contributions, please put a donation in the collection box in Tuck Shop.

**Bonfire Committee**



## BLYTH ESTUARY GROUP:

Public Meeting with  
the Environment Agency

**More** than a dozen Walberswick residents attended the Environment Agency's drop in session at the Southwold Sailing Club to hear about the revised scheme for the reinstatement of Robinson's Marsh wall.

EA had originally intended raising the wall from its present uneven height of 2.2m to 2.7m, to a constant level of 2.8m, the height of the 2013 surge at the Boat House. However, this was opposed by Blackshore residents and businesses who feared that raising the bank would increase their flood risk.

To meet these concerns, EA now proposes incorporating into the bank opposite the Harbour Inn a 100m long spillway with a reduced height of 2.5m, to allow the controlled flooding of Robinson's Marsh under surge conditions to a depth of about 1m.

After discussion, the meeting agreed that EA will proceed with the spillway proposal, subject to computer modelling of the revised scheme to determine anticipated flood levels.

The wall from the ferry crossing to Old Vicarage Cottage will be raised this October. Construction of the new wall and flood gate across Ferry Road and reinstating the river wall from the ferry crossing to the Bailey Bridge, will commence next May. During the works the riverside footpath will be diverted across the Marsh.

When completed, the works will protect Robinson's Marsh and property at risk in The Lea and Ferry Road from a 1 in 20 year storm surge. To maintain this level of protection against future sea level rise, it will be necessary to raise the banks again within the next half century.

**J. NICHOLS** (Blyth Estuary Group Representative)

## ALLOTMENTS:

...anyone want to give up the plot?

Rents are now due so if anyone wants to give up their plot, could you get in touch now and not wait until Easter? This will give anyone taking over, time to sort it out before planting time.

**Philip Kett on 723800**

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](mailto:gavin.petrie@ntlworld.com) Telephone 01502 723916

# PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

The Planning Advisory Group was established in 2014 at the request of the Parish Council, following a recommendation of the Parish Plan aimed at strengthening the Council's response to planning applications referred for consultation by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The group comprises members of the Planning Working Party with professional knowledge and experience of planning and architecture.

The group's brief has been to assess planning applications against national and local planning policy and to report to the Parish Council. The reports are published as appendices to the Council minutes.

In the period from September 2014 to the suspension of the Parish Council in June 2015, PAG examined eleven applications. In every case the group's comments were incorporated into the Council's response to SCDC.

In addition, at the request of the Parish Council, PAG also participated in SCDC's Local Plan Review. Its reports can be found on the Council's website.

The work of PAG ceased in June when the Council became inquorate. To date, 17 planning applications have been referred, including eight relating to buildings, which have been or will be determined without comment from the Parish Council. Nor, until the position is reversed, can the Council participate further in the Local Plan review or the intended review of the Conservation Area boundary in 2016.

## J NICHOLS (Chairman Parish Plan Steering Committee)

<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/>

### MICHELLE WEBB

Clerk to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity has a new phone number from 20th October: **01502 349070**

## HELP.....!!

### .....ON WALBERSWICK COMMON

Work begins now to maintain and improve the common. Volunteers will meet regularly at times to suit themselves and weather permitting to tackle the invasive gorse and birch. Tools can be provided - stout footwear and gloves recommended. For more information contact **barbara@priestman.myzen.co.uk or 01502 723914**

### VILLAGE HALL SUPPER

Keep **30th January 2016** free for our winter entertainment—a supper and intriguing Magic Show.

### Village Hall Management Committee—NEWS

On **Sunday 12 June** with other village organisations we are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a picnic on the green, a jazz band and lots of activities and competitions

We have decided not to hold an Open Gardens weekend in June, due to insufficient support

## CONGRATULATIONS.....!!!

..to **Huw Brentnall**, who has accepted a place to study for an MA in Directing at the Met Film School in London, which is based on the famous old Ealing Studios site.

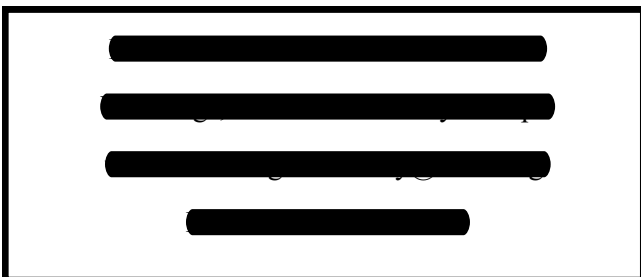
There is no truth in the rumour that Huw's first project is an expose of the Wild Side of Walberswick!

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting, the AGM, is on **Thursday 5th November** at the usual time - 2.30 pm in the village hall. We follow this with our social afternoon, to which we have invited florist Sue Green who will show us some exciting ideas for Autumn flower decorations. **Jill Willison**

**BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ ...** in aid of Sole Bay Carers will be held in the Bell on **4 December**. Ben and Jen Cardwell,

**PRAISE BE!** Your Parish Church Council is delighted to announce it has been awarded grants of £175,000 to restore the ruins of St Andrew's Church. ( see insert)



## CHURCH MATTERS

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

#### Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

[revsimon@talktalk.net](mailto:revsimon@talktalk.net)

#### Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

**Churchwardens:** Chrissie Reeves (723351)  
Darryl Dawson (723231) John Anderson (726172)

### NOVEMBER SERVICES 2015

- 1 All Saints' Day** Parish Eucharist 1100  
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher  
*Blythburgh invited to join us as we are  
to the 11am at Holy Trinity on the 11<sup>th</sup>*
- 8 Festival of Remembrance 1050**  
Preacher Canon Harry Edwards
- 15** 25<sup>th</sup> after Trinity Parish Eucharist 1100  
Celebrant the Revd Brian Fisher
- 22** Christ the King 1100 Parish Eucharist  
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher
- 29 Advent Sunday – Team Service at Reydon**  
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)  
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month Healing Service CW (said)

### COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

1<sup>st</sup> November flowers given by:

**Denise Brentnall in memory of her parents  
Peggy and Ernest Hughes**

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

The British Legion's Service of Remembrance will be in our church this year and you are requested to be in your seats by 10.50. We remember the men & women who gave their lives in the two World Wars. The choir will sing Deep peace by John Rutter and For the fallen by Douglas Guest and we shall all join in *O valiant Hearts, I vow to thee my country & O God our help in ages past.*

## LETTER FROM THE OLM (retired!)

### Dear Friends

ON BEHALF OF Simon Pitcher & myself, I would wish to congratulate & thank all those who were involved in making our Harvest Supper so memorable this year, not least our entertainers, Olivia Castle & Denis King. I'm so sorry if you were unable to obtain a ticket for what I felt was quite an amazing evening. I just trust that those who were present felt grateful for the blessings of harvest that we receive from God when those less fortunate in the world suffer as the consequences of man's inhumanity to man.

I realise when I started this letter that I wrote my first such letter for the Village news in November 2002, when the article was headed Letter From the 'New Boy'!! I have to say that I feel nothing like a new boy now, far from it!

Every year, on or near All Souls Day (2nd November), churches up & down the land hold special services to remember those who have died. Our Team service will be held at St Margaret's Church Reydon on Sunday 1st November at 3.00 p.m. It is a service that is equally appropriate for those who have lost a loved one or friend in recent months or in years gone by.

Another opportunity to remember the past will take place at St Andrew's; it will be our turn to host Blythburgh & Walberswick Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, 8th November. Please arrive promptly for a 10.50 a.m. start, so that we are able to observe the national silence at 11.00 a.m.

Yours in Christ's service

**Brian Fisher.**

### WHAT'S ON

**MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 20th 2.20-2.50pm Village Hall**

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

**NORWICH BUS: Thursday 19th at 0915. Please telephone 01502 7247**

**DOCTORS' SURGERY— 18th only . Book with surgery on: 01502 722326.**

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: [www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk)