

VILLAGE NEWS

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HUT! HUT! HURRAY!!

The Walberswick Parish Council has recently appointed an advisory Heritage Hut and Walberswick Scroll Committee.

Both the Heritage Hut and the Walberswick Scroll are

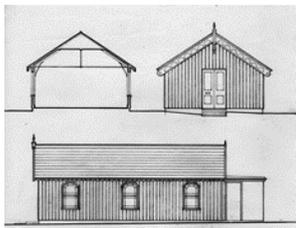
owned by the WPC and our aim is to improve the accommodation within the Hut to make it fit for communal use and to house the Scroll. To achieve this, we need to raise funding for the necessary works, the estimated cost is around £13,000.

The Committee members are delighted to announce that they have been successful in two of their applications for funding. We have just been granted a £6,000 award from Suffolk Coastal District Council's Enabling Fund—a major leap forward. Also, you may have noticed the East of England Co-Op has allocated one of its charity boxes to us, in The Tuck Shop. Please add your tokens when you shop. This means, including donations which we have already received, we are about halfway there. With the Village behind us we are sure that we shall succeed in our aim. If you have any further practical ideas to help, please let us know.

Bill Ungless, Chair Heritage Hut/Scroll Committee

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE AND STRIDE.

SATURDAY 9th September we hope to have a posse of riders, from Barbie Bike beginners to professional speedsters, cycling to raise money for our beautiful village church; St Andrew's. The more the merrier, and if the knees protesteth, we need help in the church on the day. Tea and cake for all involved. 4pm church foyer. **Suzzie 724630**



****FETE** AND SO MUCH MORE, IN THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST!!**

***SAT 26TH -FETE! 'WE ARE SAILING'**

Make sure you have your PROGRAMME (from the Co-op) & RAFFLE TICKETS. Please dress up, 'with a nautical theme' and remember to make a bid for our fantastic sailor cut-outs! S.O.S! Save Our Sailors! It would be nice to keep them in the village—and pop them up next year!

* You will be delighted to know that PENELOPE KEITH will be visiting the Fete, as Walberswick will be featured in her HIDDEN VILLAGES, C.4 series. For those concerned that we'll be overwhelmed by a multi-camera film crew, we can reassure you that Reef Television will be bringing one hand-held camera and a very charming director. With all the photos being taken on the day, it's doubtful you'll even notice them. We think you'll agree it is a wonderful chance to celebrate our fantastic village 'in the best possible taste' (as Kenny Everett would say)!

***SUN 27th—6 pm -CONCERT**

in ST ANDREW'S CHURCH RUINS!

Our own music maestro

DENIS KING & singer, SARAH EYDEN

present an evening of songs and swinging jazz, with selections from their forthcoming album

LOVE IS IN THE ROOM

Bring a picnic and garden chair (if wet, in the church) £5 pp. All profits to St Andrew's Church

***SUN 27TH/MON 28TH—ALL DAY**

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY EXHIBITION

Paintings, prints and collages by Miles Fairhurst, Jazz Green, Julie Noad and Anne Paton in the Village Hall 27/28th. Open from 10am – 6pm both days. All welcome. Entry free.

APOLOGY & CORRECTION

Last month, in our eagerness to solve the summer rubbish problem, we stated 'the bins behind the Village Hall are for everyone to use.' In fact, the bins are beside the PUBLIC LAVATORIES next to the Village Hall. Dog waste bags must NOT be put in the large rubbish bins but in the clearly marked DOG WASTE bins provided around the Village.

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Gavin Petrie at Millstones, Millfield Road, Walberswick IP18 6UD
Email: gavin@scribe2.co.uk
Telephone 01502 723916

CONGRATULATIONS...!!

...to **NIGEL WALPOLE**, on being appointed a Fellow Of The Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS).
Per Ardua Ad Astra !!

.....JOLLY GOOD SHOW!...

...The Horticultural Committee would like to congratulate and thank everyone for the amazing support at the Horticultural Show this year! Many felt it was the best ever! We certainly had terrific participation with 48 exhibitors and 301 entries. We were pleased to welcome new exhibitors this year (including record children participation) along with our loyal return exhibitors. From comments overheard, we can expect even more new participants next year--hurrah!

The cups were awarded as follows:

Winyard Cup--Gordon Beard

Iris Blois Memorial Cup--Betsy Lemmon

Flower Bowl--Margaret Adkinson

CC Gold Cup--Suzzie Godfrey

Whittenbury Victor Ludorum--Betsy Lemmon

Harvey Memorial Trophy--Marian Beard

David Webb Memorial Trophy--Marian Beard

Best in Show--Emma Freud

Decorated Weetabix (under 7)--Cherry Sutton

Miniature Garden--Molly (and Charley) Long

Flower Arrangement by a child--Cherry Sutton

Betsy Lemmon

WI

Walberswick WI starts its Autumn season on **Thursday 7th September at 2.30pm**, in the Village Hall. with a talk by George Fradgley on artist John Constable. Visitors and new members welcome. **Irene Prince**

UP A LAZY RIVER, ON DANI'S DAYBREEZE

The current was running strongly but Dani was at the helm and happy to let us take a turn at steering. Three generations of the Church family guided us through the river's history and pointed out a family of egrets and a heron fledgling, on the river bank. A wonderful, hour long trip for all the family. Highly recommended. **Ben Cardwell**.

CHILDREN'S CLUB Friday 29th SEPT!

Come to the Village Hall at 5.30p.m. for our new children's event. Entrance is free. Refreshments for sale. Details in the Co-op and from Marie on marierourke@btinternet.com. **Village Hall Committee**

BLYTH ESTUARY GROUP

Walberswick has three representatives on the Blyth Estuary Group; Richard Steward, John Nichols and myself. The group represents Parish Councils, land-owners adjoining the estuary and harbour users. Its objective is to maintain viability of the estuary and harbour by strengthening flood defences. It is not a protest group but instead aims to engage constructively with central and local government.

From Walberswick's perspective there are two priorities; (i) raising and strengthening the bank from the Ferry Hut to the Bailey Bridge and (ii) a new flood gate across Ferry Road linked into the re-built bank by Old Vicarage Cottage. The latter to reduce flood risk to adjoining properties and The Lea.

In order to raise public awareness of flood risk, signs showing past flood heights are now on one of the fishing huts by the Ferry. In addition we will be installing a people counter on the Bailey Bridge footpath to demonstrate the importance of this route to the economy of our Village. This data will support the case for public funding. **James Darkins**, Vice Chairman

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Charity will have shared storage space available at Bennett's Drift, from early December. The Trustees wish to make this available to groups who support our community. For example, we have been asked to store the Village Fete games. Please contact our Clerk, Matthew Wetmore at clerkwclc@gmail.com for details.

Last year the Charity donated over £30,000 to groups and charities. Each December the Trustees consider applications for grants and projects, the proviso being they benefit Walberswick residents. For example, over the past year we have assisted the excellent Sole Bay Care Fund, who provide end of life care for residents. Please contact our Clerk with any suggestions.

Gradual progress is being made on an extension to the Cliff Field walkway, to provide beach access for those with limited mobility. We are working in conjunction with the Parish Plan steering group on this project. Our current goal, is to enlist the support of Waveney District Council, who own this section of beach.

Finally, for those of you who missed the Annual Parish Meeting, the Charity's annual report for 2016 will be found on the Village web site, from September.

James Darkins, Chairman

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens:

Darryl Dawson (723231) John Anderson (726172)

SERVICES for SEPTEMBER 2017

3 12th after Trinity: Eucharist 11.15

Blythburgh are invited to join us

10 13th after Trinity: Choral Evensong 1800

We are invited to join Blythburgh at 1100

17 14th after Trinity: Eucharist 11.15

24 15th after Trinity: Eucharist 11.15

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

Eucharist services are Common Worship

Choral Evensong uses the Book of Common

Prayer

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

3 Vera Bowyer for Bill Bowyer &

Jean Pappworth

10 Mary King in memory of her brother

17 Barry Ludlow for Ruth

24 Wendy Sinclair in memory of Chris

PARISH REGISTERS

19th July Burial

Reginald Stanley Potterton aged 81

CONCERT - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Sunday 24 September, 3.00pm

John Duane & Friends

SHUBERT QUINTET, DVORAK

'AMERICAN' QUARTET

Collection for expenses &

St Andrew's Restoration Fund

TO RESERVE PLACES, PLEASE CALL

07768953664

Letter from the Revd Canon

Dear Friends,

The summer months bring many extra visitors to Walberswick, many of whom visit the parish church during their stay. The building is appreciated for its history, the ruins, perhaps the opportunity to climb the tower, but most importantly for the stillness and quiet that people find there. Stillness and quiet are precious commodities in a busy world, and we all need the opportunity to be still.

I have recently enjoyed a retreat on the island of Iona in Scotland where the moods of the sea and sky, the absence of modern technology demanding my attention, the hills and views of Scotland's west coast all provided the opportunity to be refreshed and renewed in body and spirit.

The word 'holiday' derives from holy day, days of Sabbath, rest, in which to enjoy life and to reconnect with God.

Jesus observed his weekly Sabbath day of rest and sometimes went away by himself, to pray and reflect. This was particularly so, after a busy and demanding experience, or prior to a situation that he knew would be difficult. Sometimes the places Jesus chose were up a mountain, sometimes in a garden or wilderness. The natural world, peace and quiet and the opportunity to be still were all essential to his well being.

If that is so, then these things are inevitably important to us too. The church of St Andrew's and its surrounding churchyard and ruins, provide a place where, even for a few minutes, we can rest, reflect and think. They are there for the whole community to enjoy and I hope you will take advantage of the rest and welcome that being in a spiritual place can bring.

*Yours,
Simon*

WHAT'S ON

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 22nd 02.15—0245 Village Hall

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

NORWICH BUS: Thurs 21 0915. Sue or Alan Walpole on 724763 to book a seat.

CHILDREN'S CLUB Fri 29th at 5.30p.m. in the Village Hall. Free entry!

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