

VILLAGE NEWS



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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Work to maintain and improve the Common starts again at the end of September. A group of volunteers will meet every Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting, to tackle the invasive gorse and birch that would otherwise colonise the whole 33 hectares. The first meeting this year will be on **Wednesday 26 September** when our Natural England Reserve Manager, Will Russell, will walk round with us and discuss what we need to do by the end of February. If you would like to join us, please be in the car park at the end of Church Lane at 2 00pm – no need for tools or protective clothing on this first meeting.

Barbara Priestman, Volunteer Warden

HORTICULTURAL SHOW:

A big thanks to all the exhibitors who took part this year, and everyone who came to admire their hard work. Congratulations to the trophy winners!

Winyard Cup-David Webb

Iris Blois Memorial Cup-Betsy Lemmon

Flower Bowl--Joint winners Chrissie Reeves, Debra Shipley

CC Gold Cup-Suzzie Godfrey

Whittenbury Victor Ludorum- Joint winners David Webb, Betsy Lemmon

Harvey Memorial Trophy--Emma Freud

Best in Show--Chrissie Reeves.

Betsy Lemmon

WEBSITE ADDITION

The Village Hall now has its own pages on the Walberswick Website, with full information about upcoming events, hiring the hall, the management committee members and annual accounts

<http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net>

THE JONESES

Some 15 years ago Nick and Gill acquired the Village Shop at a time when its future seemed very uncertain. They took on the herculean task of reinvigorating this vital facility and joining our community. That they did so with relish, with two (at the time) sproglettes, with commitment (and with a motor bike) deserves the deepest gratitude of our entire community as well as the many thousands who over the years have used the Tuck Shop.

The family have been our friends, active in so many areas. During their stewardship Nick and Gill have nurtured and grown the shop, which they now hand over to new custodians. In the middle of August they said farewell. Goodbye, Nick, Gill, Katrina, Rebecca: we wish you the very best for the future.

Robin Buncombe

THE TUCK SHOP

We are all delighted that the East of England Co-operative Society has now taken over the Village Shop, and we wish them every success. It is important that we all support this valuable local amenity which we were in danger of losing. There will still be some familiar faces behind the counter!

Editor

WALLY WEBB – BUILDER

Following the sad death of Wally, the team who have worked with him over the past decade announce their intention of continuing to build on the great reputation Wally worked so hard to achieve. Please see advertisement on the back page.

Adrian Church (07986982195)

Gareth Wilson (07717507412 or 01986 875658)

NORWICH BUS

Recently the bus has been carrying only a few passengers, possibly because it is summer. It is important that we continue to use this facility or we may lose it. **For this month only** contact Eveline Hastings (724702) to book a seat.

Sue Walpole

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@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

KEITH 'WALLY' WEBB (1946 – 2012)

A pall of sadness settled over the village as news of Wally's death spread. He had been a prominent figure (perhaps *the* prominent figure) in the village he loved for as long as most of us could remember, and was actively and generously involved in many of its activities. Wherever he was, wicked leg-pulls and laughter were never far away. Wally was born on March 6, 1946 in the family home of Tow's Cabin. A move to Church Lane came later, when the family had grown and needed more space. Wally had two brothers, David and Leslie, and a sister, Penny, and like most village children he attended the village school in Leverett's Lane, before moving on at secondary level to Reydon.

When the time came to decide on an occupation, his first love was the sea. In this he was thwarted by colour-blindness, but he continued going to sea in his spare time, usually returning with catches of herring which, with typical generosity, he frequently gave away. His second career choice was building: he became an apprentice bricklayer with Denny's of Southwold, where he acquired his nickname (his mother Winnie persevered with 'Keith', perhaps hoping that we would all take the hint). From then on, his working life was in building, mostly nearby - but at various times he worked on projects in France, Nova Scotia and Ireland. He later became 'outside foreman' for Duncan's of Southwold. Later still, he realised that he could do this kind of work on his own: he announced that it seemed crazy to drive out of the village he loved every day while meeting builders' vans driving in -and so he set up his own business. We can now appreciate the excellence of his work in the village.

In 1973 he married Pamela Edwards and they had two children: Michelle, born in 1974, and James in 1976.

From the late 1960s Wally was involved in a large number of village events and organisations. He served with distinction on the Parish Council (for some time as chairman) and on Walberswick Common Lands Charity. He was a founder member of Walberswick Wildfowlers, and around this time enjoyed several fishing trips with friends to Scotland. In the 1970s he ran the Youth Club with Lesley Scott; at this time village organisations had been asked to raise funds for Blythburgh Hospital, and the Club's response was a one-off spoof event in aid of this cause. So the British Crabbing Federation was formed, and the first British Open Crabbing Championships took place in 1981. It was extremely successful and continued for three decades.

Other village events with which Wally was involved included the November 5th Bonfire and Fireworks; and the annual boat-burning on the river bank, which raised funds for a team of volunteers to rebuild the old steam ferry slipway. He also started the Easter Egg Hunt on the dunes. All these events were greatly enhanced by Wally's energetic presence and his particular brand of humour.

It seems fitting that the last task he undertook for the village was the careful application of black paint to the lettering of the original village sign, reinstalled on 'Jubilee Saturday' opposite the church.

His Memorial Service on August 19 was attended by over 500 people.

Richard Scott

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 7th & 21st 1.55-3.15pm The Village Hall
NORWICH BUS Thursday 20th 9.15am (Ring 724702 to book)
SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE Saturday 8th
LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 14th 12.30pm Village Hall

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

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our first autumn meeting is on Thursday 6 September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The subject is *The Gardens of Somerleyton Hall*, and the speaker is Mr. Bob Coutts, the Head Gardener. I am sure he will be able to advise us on any gardening problems we have. All are very welcome.

Sue Pearson

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwarden: Christine Reeves (723351)

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

2 12th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

9 13th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Also Team Choral Service 1800

Celebration of 350th Anniversary of the BCP

16 14th Sunday of Trinity 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher

23 15th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall

30 16th Sunday of Trinity 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662
(said)

1st Wednesday of month is Healing Service with
CW (said)

350TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

There will be a Team festival service on 9th September at 6 pm to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer 1662. This is a compilation by the Precentor, York Minster, of words and music taken from services of Morning and Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. The hymns and chants chosen are all familiar and well-loved and the service *At All Times and in All Places* will be led by Simon Pitcher and the Evensong Choir.

Julia Josephs

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Please could we have some volunteers to greet and sign in the cyclists who will be visiting St. Andrews on Saturday, 8 September? We would also be happy to enlist any cyclists willing to participate in the day. It's a wonderful way of exploring our lovely countryside and its historic churches. We have forms and information.

Margot & Maurice Godbold (01502 722439)

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

While speaking of the Olympic Games, former Prime Minister John Major enthused that the Games had given the whole country a lift. The opening ceremony presented a festival feel and demonstrated a British sense of humour. The crowds watching appreciated talent and skill from all athletes whilst displaying an appropriate level of patriotic bias. The athletes showed the fruits of their hard work, and were supported and encouraged by team mates and rival competitors. The Olympic flame was intended as a symbol of the best aspects of the human spirit, and there was a sense that everything lived up to our collective expectations.

Politicians have spoken about the legacy of the Games. In all our communities the best legacy would be to celebrate and retain a level of community spirit. St Paul had such a vision for the church, as a family that recognises and embraces difference, without any fear or sense of unease. Each person has God given gifts that can be offered to build up the whole. The Olympics showed that such a vision is achievable on a grand scale for a period of two weeks. In our churches and communities this vision is possible as a way of life.

Simon Pitcher

The Luncheon Club will take place on Friday 14 at 12.30pm in the Village Hall.

PARISH REGISTER

11th August 2012 Holy Matrimony

Daniel Garth Flatt to

Emma Louise Webb

19th August 2012 Thanksgiving Service
for the life of Keith (Wally) Webb aged 66