

VILLAGE NEWS



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THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

A check-suited, boastful, and loose-jointed Toad,
Whose ambitions would make him a hog on the road,
Led an animal team all absorbed in their parts,
Where even the weasels found warmth in our hearts.
The horse was a winner in looks and in actions,
Just one of the many and varied attractions.
The boat across stage was convincingly rowed,
A chase through the village would capture poor Toad.
We all felt so happy we wanted to sing,
The music that thrilled us was fit for a King.
We'd so gladly see it again and again,
The verdict has got to be ten out of ten !

*(All seats were filled for every show,
The Village Hall was bursting;
If there's another on the go,
For tickets we'll be thirsting)*

G.G.

A BIG THANK-YOU

This seems inadequate to express my huge gratitude to all those who contributed so much to making our production of *The Wind In The Willows* run so smoothly and enjoyably. Your help also sparks great community spirit and these extracts from letters highlight just that: "...I have lived in or around Walberswick all my life and I never felt I belonged until now..." "...this has made me into a different person, thank you..." "...I would just like it to happen every year as I love it!" This makes all your hard work so worthwhile.
Julia Sowerbutts

LATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The sale of my Walberswick Christmas cards raised £68 for the Army Benevolent Fund. Many thanks.
Alan Walpole

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

There will be a showing of the 123-foot scroll in the Village Hall on **Sunday 11 March** between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm - enough time to run it through three times. This detailed record of the houses of the village was painted in watercolour in 1931-32 by Camden Town Group member John Doman Turner.
Richard Scott

POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE

The Post Office has found a Sub-Post Master who is willing to operate an outreach service in Walberswick. A representative from the Post Office has visited the village to look at possible locations for this service. Of particular interest was the location in part of the premises offered by a local business couple. The next step is for the Sub-Post Master (who will operate the service) and Post Office technical staff to visit the premises to confirm it is suitable. If all is agreed it is hoped that the outreach service could begin in April. Further details of the preferred location cannot be given until all has been agreed, but I can say that we are very grateful to the owners for their offer to host the outreach service. I hope we can provide more details in next month's issue of the Village News.

David Webb

Chairman, Walberswick Parish Council

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

At the time of the Golden Jubilee the houses round the Green were decorated with crowns. If anyone still has a crown or knows where any are, would they please let me know? Thanks.
Jayne Tibbles (724448)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14 FEBRUARY 2012

Planning matters: Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) has given permission for a single storey side extension and minor alterations at **Redmay, Lodge Road**.

The Parish Council raised an objection to an application for the erection of a rockery barn to the rear of **Anchorlea, The Street**. It did not object to the proposed insertion of dormer windows at the rear of **Anchorlea**. It recommended to SCDC that if the proposal were to be granted planning permission it should be subject to a planning agreement to ensure the rockery barn is never sold, leased or otherwise separated from the main dwelling.

The Council were unable to consider the application to erect a timber garage at **Te Awahou, Millfield Road** as three Councillors declared prejudicial interests and one a personal interest. This meant the Council did not have the required quorum, which is three, to discuss the matter.

Election to fill two Councillor vacancies: This is now to be held on 22 March provided candidates come forward.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council

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WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Our film for Sunday 18 March is *Oranges & Sunshine*. Directed by Jim Loach (son of Ken), this disturbing and moving film is the real-life story of Margaret Humphreys (played by Emily Watson), a social worker from Nottingham, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals in recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom mainly to Australia. Against overwhelming odds Margaret reunited thousands of families, and brought worldwide attention to a terrible miscarriage of justice. Children were promised oranges and sunshine: instead they got a life in institutions and sometimes hard labour. Rated 15.

The Village Hall, Sunday 18 March, 7 for 7.30pm.
Guests welcome

Film Club Committee

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

The AGM for the Village Hall Management Committee is on **Tuesday 27 April at 7.30** in the Main Hall. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend the meeting and stay afterwards for a drink and nibbles.

CURTAINS NEED A HOME

We have 2 pairs of curtains that have hung by the windows in the Village Hall. We are replacing them, so they are yours for a small donation to the Village Hall funds. Ring me if interested.

Jenny Cardwell (722611)

TRADCRAFT DAY

You are invited to a 'Fair Trade From Traidcraft' day on **Wednesday 14 March** at **Hoist Wood House, The Street, Walberswick**. Please do call in between 10am and 4pm and see the wonderful merchandise on display and for sale. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits and cake. Rosemary Wright from Halesworth has recently taken over running the Traidcraft Days from Heather Burroughes who had served for 25 years.

Brian and Judy Morton

HERITAGE HUT – VISITOR CENTRE

Progress is being made towards reopening the Heritage Hut as a **Walberswick Visitor Centre**. The vision is for exhibits and displays to have a very strong Walberswick focus, together with input from Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and Natural England drawing attention to the wider hinterland. To get the project going there is currently a small steering committee consisting of representatives from the Parish Council, The History Group and the Common Lands Charity, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Philip Kett.

The steering committee would welcome ideas of themes for displays and exhibits etc. So if you think you can contribute with ideas and/or exhibits please contact Philip Kett (723800).

David Webb

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 9th 12.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Fridays 9th & 23rd 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 15th 9.15 *Note earlier time* (Ring 724763 to book)

WALBERSWICK SCROLL Sunday 11th 9.30-12.30 Village Hall

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net>

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 1 March Claire Bruce-Clayton from Lawson's Delicatessen in Aldeburgh will be talking to us about "*Cheeses, chutneys and canapes*". She is also bringing products for us to taste, which sounds very tempting! Join us at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Visitors welcome: don't miss out on the excellent speakers and outings we have in this coming year.
Sue Pearson

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

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Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens: Christine Fisher (723023)

Christine Reeves (723351)

MARCH SERVICES

4 2nd Sunday of Lent 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

11 3rd Sunday of Lent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

also **1600** Choral Evensong

Preacher Revd Simon Pitcher

18 Mothering Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall

25 5th Sunday of Lent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Simon Pitcher

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)

Wednesday (7th) Healing Service with CW (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

The forms are now ready for anyone who wishes to name an annual date when they would like to commemorate a loved one or a special occasion by making a donation towards the altar flower arrangement. The allocated dates will be listed in the Village News. Please contact us for a form and further details
Sara Capon (722786) Julia Josephs (722828)

CHURCH CLEANING

We are looking for new people to help with cleaning our Church, to fill the gaps left by those whose circumstances have changed. The task is not arduous and, with enough people on the rota, could be only once in six weeks. If you think you could spare an hour to assist with church cleaning on a rota basis, please contact **Wendy Sinclair (724433)**
The Churchwardens

CHORISTERS

Over a period of eighteen months we have lost four wonderful members of the church choir and, although recently joined by an excellent bass singer, we badly need an alto and a tenor as well as sopranos. The choir meets once every month for a Thursday evening practice before singing the Sunday service (Evensong) so it is only a small commitment. Anyone interested should come to our next rehearsal, March 8 at 5.30pm in church, when we shall be rehearsing The Hallelujah Chorus for Easter Sunday.

Julia Josephs

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

Lent will begin on 22 February. A few years ago I asked my teenage sons what they would give up for Lent. "Church" they replied. Sensing a losing battle, I withdrew.

Giving something up for Lent is an old tradition that has its origins in seeking to live a more simple life, and thereby to identify with Christ during the 40 days and nights that he spent in the wilderness. Forgoing wine, chocolate and meat might help us to achieve this. So might time. Giving up some time and offering it to God can help us to draw near to him and to discover a spiritual overhaul during Lent. Giving time to God might include a quiet time each day spent in prayer or study. Choosing a quiet and comfortable place at home and withdrawing there each day, can help us draw close to God, and him to us. You could consider joining a Lent Bible Study group: there are several to choose from across the Sole Bay Team & the local Churches Together. It might include coming to Church and joining other Christians in praise and worship.

Whatever you choose to give up for Lent, may it be a blessing that helps you to discover the presence of God and his love for you.

Simon Pitcher

The **Luncheon Club** will take place on Friday 9 March at 12.30 in the Village Hall.

PARISH REGISTER

22 December 2011 Burial (following service at Church of the Sacred Heart, Southwold)

Nicholas Adrian Penrhys-Evans aged 75

9 January 2012 Funeral Service at Nacton Crematorium

Henry Mounteney Strachey aged 91

6 February 2012 Funeral Service (followed by Cremation at Nacton)

David Shepherd aged 81