

VILLAGE NEWS



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STOP PRESS

There will be a special exhibition of work by **Artists of Walberswick** the weekend of **29 and 30 October** in the Village Hall. Paintings by the late William (Terry) Ball will be shown to celebrate his life and work. Entrance is free, and artists include: William Bowyer RA, Julie Cronin, Eveline Hastings, Jo Lowrie, Anne Paton, Richard Scott, Chris and Wendy Sinclair and Bill Ungless.

Anne Paton

EAST POINT BRIDGE

Horatius kept the bridge in Rome
When facing overwhelming odds.
We have a problem nearer home
With threats from bureaucratic bods.
From ferry stage to sandy shore
The path must cross the tidal creek;
The bridge is used by kids galore
When catching all the crabs they seek.
No East Point Bridge, and then we'll see
The Kissing Bridge soon over-used,
A crowded footpath to the sea,
And crabbers' safety much abused.
Our heritage we must preserve,
Our artists' paradise secure,
For generations who deserve
The pleasures that today we share.
Don't take decisions that you may repent,
Do what is best for the environment ! **G.G.**

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

Members voted overwhelmingly to see the recent film *The King's Speech* starring Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush. It's a treat in store! Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm, Sunday 20 November.

Film Club Committee

THE ANCHOR walberswick
Friday Curry Nights 11 & 25 November
Sophie & Mark's 7th Anniversary
at the Anchor Saturday 5 November
Thursday Nights, Pudding Night, 8 till Late
01502 722112
info@anchoratwalberswick.com

THE HERITAGE HUT

Brief History

Built as a Congregation Chapel on Parish Council land, it has also been used as the Village School, a Workingmen's Club, an antiques store and the local HQ of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade before becoming a Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Visitor Centre. In 1956 the St. John's Ambulance Brigade signed a 99-year lease (to occupy the land) with Walberswick Parish Council and the balance of this lease was transferred to Suffolk County Council (SCC) when it purchased the building from the St. John's in 1979. Until recently the building has been used as a Visitor Centre by Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, manned by local volunteers.

Current Position

Suffolk Coasts and Heaths are no longer able to operate the visitor centre and as part of SCC's proposals to divest parks and recreational sites to local communities, SCC has agreed to transfer ownership of the building to the Parish Council or another local community organisation. It has been decided to ask SCC to transfer ownership to Walberswick Common Lands Charity; the reasons for this are (a) the Charity already has experience of buildings ownership, and (b) it maintains a double lock on the future use of the building (the Parish Council owns the land and the Charity will own the building).

The future

Following transfer of ownership it is proposed the building continue as a visitor centre, but with a more local focus than has been the case recently. A Visitor Centre Management Group will be established, initially consisting of 2 representatives each from the Parish Council, the Common Lands Charity and the Walberswick History Group. Both Suffolk Coasts and Heaths and Natural England desire to have some exposure within the remodelled visitor centre and have offered assistance. The aim is to have the visitor centre re-opened in time for next year's holiday season, once again manned by local volunteers.

David Webb

Chairman, Walberswick Parish Council

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Julia Reisz at the Old Tea Room The Green Walberswick IP18 6TU. E-mail: julinka@werthimer.fsnet.co.uk Telephone: 01502 723275

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2011

Planning matters: The Council did not object to a planning application to construct a small wall outside Fishers Garage.

The Post Office has started to consult on plans for mutualisation which the Council will make comments on at its next meeting. If you wish to comment details can be found at <http://discuss.bis.uk/pomutualisation/>

The mobile library service is being reviewed by Suffolk County Council and it has suggested reducing its fortnightly visit to the village to a monthly or four-weekly visit and reducing the number of stops made to one in the village. The Council accepted a four-weekly visit which would retain the visit on the same day of the week, but objected to the number of stops being reduced to one as this would mean many people would have to drive to the library stop and in the summer would find it difficult to park.

The Government's Draft National Planning Policy Framework was considered and comments were made to the Secretary of State concerning the definition of "sustainable" in the document and expressing concern over the apparent dropping of the current presumption in favour of conservation and concern that countryside not covered by specific designations such as Heritage Coast or National Park will become more vulnerable to development.

Footpath 36 between Tinkers House and 900m west of the Bailey bridge is being closed for up to six months to allow flood defence work to proceed.

Freedom of Information Act Requests for Information: During the course of August the Clerk had worked approximately 83 hours (that is, 43 hours more than her contracted time) of which 45 hours were spent dealing with requests for information from a small number of people in the village. During September she spent about 30 hours in dealing with requests for information, again requiring her to work many hours over her contracted time. In September she dealt with 65 requests and she is also dealing with the Information Commissioner's Office on eleven outstanding complaints from the same group of people. Many but not all the requests have been outstanding for some time and it is hoped that new requests will reduce in number in the future.

Jane Gomm, Clerk to Council
(01502 723294, wpcclerk@btinternet.com)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Bazaar And Coffee Morning will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 12 November from 10am to 12 noon. Admission: adults £2, children free, which includes coffee and snacks. Money raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, providing financial support and help for Servicemen and women and their families. If you have items that you can give or make for the stalls or for refreshments please contact the following: **Grand Raffle** – Maureen Thompson (723755); **Books, Cds/Dvds Etc** - Toby Robinson (722526); **Jams/Preserves/ Cakes/Sweets (Homemade)** – Suzzie Godfrey (724630); **Gifts/Bric-A- Brac** – Linda Dudley (items to Alan Walpole to store before the day - 724763); **Scones, Jam And Cream /Cheese, Cakes And Sausage Rolls** – Sue Ireland-Cutting (478213).
Alan Walpole (724763)

THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Our website is a way of keeping people in touch with Walberswick. We are changing to a more modern and far more comprehensive format. Are you interested in helping to run it? We shall particularly need help keeping the **What's On** page up to date. It needs no technical knowhow, just a computer with access to the internet. If you are interested, please email me at ungless@aol.com
Kay Ungless, The Village Website

NORWICH BUS

The bus will run on Thursday 17 November, leaving from the Tuck Shop promptly at 9.30 as usual. Please book as early as possible, as spaces are limited.
Sue and Alan Walpole (724763)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 11th 12.30pm Village Hall
BRITISH LEGION BAZAAR Saturday 12th 10am-noon Village Hall
MOBILE LIBRARY Fridays 4th & 18th 1.55-3.15pm The Green
NORWICH BUS Thursday 17th 9.30 at the Tuck Shop
KEEP FIT Tuesdays Stretch 9.15-10.15, Tone 10.30-11.30 Village Hall

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/walberswickpc

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Thursday 3 November we will be hearing from Dianne Hurn of Hughes Electrical in Southwold. She will be getting us up to speed with the digital changeover happening here in November. If you need some guidance with this too, you should be there!

We will be following the talk with our AGM, when we elect our committee for the next year. We have an exciting programme lined up for 2012. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please join us in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

Irene Prince

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Church Wardens: Christine Fisher (723023)
Christine Reeves (723351)

NOVEMBER SERVICES

6 3rd before Advent 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Simon Pitcher
Remembrance Sunday
13 2nd before Advent 1050 Remembrance Service
Preacher The Revd Joan Lyon
20 Christ the King 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Brian Fisher
27 1st Sunday of Advent 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant The Revd Joan Lyon
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
Wednesday (2nd) Healing Service with CW (said)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

This year it is our turn to hold the annual Service of Remembrance on November 13 in St Andrew's, with parishioners from Blythburgh joining us. It will be conducted by The Revd Joan Lyon making her first visit to St Andrew's, and sung by the Church Choir accompanied by the band. The service starts promptly at 1050.

The new Church Gates should be in place by this Sunday and will be dedicated after the service. They are a replica of the old gates incorporating the names of the fallen in WW2. Coffee will then be served.

Julia Josephs

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This year we have been able to send £1460 to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust as a result of the efforts of all of you sponsors and the seven cyclists who did the pedalling. Thank you all for this great response..
Margot and Maurice Godbold.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all those who took part in decorating the Church for Harvest Festival. The generous donations of groceries have been delivered to the St John's Housing Trust in Lowestoft.

Sara Capon

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

November is a month for remembering, and remembering can be used constructively.

"Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot", could be celebrated helpfully by encouraging us as a nation to understand that we should have left behind centuries ago the notion that differences of religion can ever justify acts of violence. Also in early November we remember before God those who have died. All Souls Day is the occasion for the commemoration of the faithful departed. To mark this church festival on Sunday 6 November at 6pm, at Reydon Church, there will be a special service to which everyone is welcome. There will be an opportunity to read out the names of those we remember and a chance to light a candle in their memory.

Sunday 13 November is Remembrance Sunday when we hold before God those who have laid down their lives for their country in war. This year we will hold our services against the background of the continued struggle in Afghanistan, and of the cuts imposed on our armed services during these difficult economic times. It is very important therefore to pray for and to remember the men and women of our country who have served us all so bravely. Our service on Remembrance Sunday will be at 10.50 when we will be joined by the church congregation from Blythburgh.

In all our remembering we can seek God's guidance in learning from the past in order to build a peaceful future, and we have his assurance that those entrusted to him are safe in his keeping and at peace.

Yours in Christ

Simon Pitcher, Team Rector

The Luncheon Club will take place on Friday 11 November at 12.30 in the Village Hall.

PARISH REGISTER

24th September 2011 Holy Matrimony
Oliver Marcus Alan Richardson
to Kelly Louise Goddard