

VILLAGE NEWS



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DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Events and activities are planned to take place throughout the weekend of 1-4 June. Everybody is welcome and all offers of help will be gratefully received. In the Village Hall on Saturday, a Barn Dance (with Syzewell Gap); and on Sunday (on our high definition big screen TV) you can watch, live, the Royal Flotilla's progress down the Thames. Tea and cake will be served. On Monday there will be picnics and races on the Green. Competitions will include: '*Best Dressed Front Door*', and '*Best Decorated Crown*' and we hear that plans are afoot to resurrect the old tradition of a Tug O' War over the Blyth! The Common Lands Charity is funding commemorative mugs for the children, among other things. More information in next month's issue of Village News. If you would like to help, please contact me.

Barbara Priestman (723914).

HISTORY GROUP

I have taken over as Archivist to the Walberswick History Group and am at present cataloguing all the items it holds. I have made considerable progress on this project and will try and assist with any enquiries you may have. Equally, if anyone has any item they feel might interest the History Group and its members, or require any further information, please contact me.

Pat Lancaster (724268)

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

The date for the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee was given incorrectly in last month's issue. The date for the meeting is **Tuesday 17 April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Come to the meeting and stay for a drink and nibbles.

Betsy Lemmon

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

News from the February meeting:

The Morton Partnership has very kindly been assisting the Charity in undertaking a condition assessment of the **East Point (crabbing) Bridge**. Prices for remedial works are being obtained and will be used as the basis for transfer negotiations with the Environment Agency. Remedial work will be carried out to collapsed areas of piling around **East Point Bay**.

The Wednesday afternoon volunteers' work on the Common finished at the end of February and will start again in the autumn under the leadership of Barbara Priestman; thank you to everyone for their hard work.

Re-surfacing of the **Went Track** (to the caravan site) will be carried out in March: the use of heavy machinery will require the roadway to be closed for up to two days. The fence alongside the track will also be replaced.

David Webb is continuing as a nominative Trustee until the WPC appoints a successor.

Jayne Tibbles (Clerk)

James Darkins (Chairman)

THEATRE FETE GRAND DRAW

The Southwold Summer Theatre Fete will be held on Sunday 24 June. This year I am organising the Grand Draw, which is drawn at the end of the Fete. I would like one of the main prizes to be a hamper, with items donated from residents. I will put a box in my sunroom and would appreciate it greatly if any items you care to offer (large or small) could be placed there. Of course I would be happy to collect also, if that were more convenient.

Val Anderson

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

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Annex.

DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

This year's Bird Song Walk will take place on **Saturday 5 May**. It will be led as usual by myself. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park. (Contributions will again be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes Project).

Breakfast at the Anchor Hotel

A hearty breakfast or an early brunch after the walk has proved to be a fitting and most enjoyable end to the morning's endeavours: those who wish to partake this year should make reservations with the Anchor Hotel prior to Walk Day.

Tony Lancaster

MORE BIRD NEWS

On Saturday 12 May there will be an evening walk conducted by *Natural England* through Westwood reedbeds, in the hope of hearing the unmistakable sound of the bitterns booming. Meeting place: reedcarts along Lodge Lane, Walberswick at 7.45pm. Approximate finish time 9pm. Please wear warm clothing, sturdy footwear and bring along binoculars. Event free of charge. Booking is advisable: call **Debs Crawford(0758 4475482)**

WALBERSWICK FILM CLUB

The last film for this season will be *Mao's Last Dancer*, the inspiring true story of Li Cunxin and his extraordinary journey from a poor upbringing in rural China to international stardom as a world-class ballet dancer. Based on the best-selling autobiography, the film weaves a moving tale about the quest for freedom and the courage it takes to live your own life. It compellingly captures the struggles, sacrifices and triumphs, as well as the intoxicating effects of first love and celebrity amid the pain of exile. Directed by Bruce Beresford. (2009 rated PG)

Village Hall, Sunday 15 April, 7 for 7.30 Guests welcome.

Film Club Committee

CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Members meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Village Hall from October-May. Unfortunately our membership has fallen so low that unless we can find at least four new members the Club will disband in May. Apart from a little exercise it is a fun evening, so why not come along and see for yourself? All welcome.

Philip Kett (723800)

Maureen Thompson (723755)

WALBERSWICK SEED SWAP

Our fourth annual event was a great success on 18 February, with attendance divided equally between people from the village and visitors from further afield: some enquiries came from as far away as Slovakia! We hope everyone enjoyed the refreshments and browsing through the seeds and potatoes. The wildflower seeds should produce plenty of nectar for pollinating insects in those 'natural' corners of the garden.

We again sent a donation of £50 to the Heritage Seed Library (providers of many rare seeds).

Thank you all for coming along, with or without seeds to swap, and especial thanks to the team who helped to make this event a success.

Betsy Lemmon

Caroline Gilby

TRAIDCRAFT DAY

The Fair Trade Day on 14 March was a great success. About 37 people called in to Hoist Wood House to see the merchandise on display and for sale, and to enjoy coffee, tea and cake. Rosemary Wright, who is the organiser of Traidcraft Days in this area, was very pleased that about £400.00 was raised. Many thanks to all who so kindly and generously supported this event.

Judy Morton

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

LUNCHEON CLUB Friday 13th 12.30pm Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL AGM Tuesday 17th 7.30pm Village Hall

MOBILE LIBRARY Friday 20th 1.55-3.15pm The Green

NORWICH BUS Thursday 19th 9.15 *Note earlier time (Ring 724763 to book)*

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

BLYTH VALLEY FIRST RESPONDERS

We extend a warm welcome to Sue Pearson, who brings our group up to eight persons, covering the three villages. However, we are still anxious to recruit more members, as our long-term aim is to provide cover 24/7. If you are interested please fill in the enclosed slip and return to one of the names listed. Since the beginning of January 2011, members of the group have attended 15 calls in Walberswick.

Vic Popperwell

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

Team Rector

Revd Simon Pitcher (725424)

revsimon@talktalk.net

Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens: Christine Fisher (723023)

Christine Reeves (723351)

APRIL SERVICES

- 1 Palm Sunday 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Heather Turner
 - 2 Service of Compline 1930 Revd S Pitcher
 - 6 Good Friday 1400 One hour devotion
The Revd Brian Fisher
 - 8 Team Easter Vigil 0600 Walberswick Beach
with the Revd Richard Henderson
 - 8 **EASTER SUNDAY 0930 Choral Eucharist**
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
Preacher Revd Simon Pitcher
 - 15 2nd Sunday of Easter 1100 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Peter Trendall
 - 22 3rd Sunday of Easter 0930 Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Brian Fisher
 - 29 4th Sunday of Easter BCP Holy Communion
with hymns Celebrant Revd Joan Lyon
- Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion 1662 (said)
Wednesday (4th) Healing Service with CW (said)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Revd Simon Pitcher will chair the annual meeting of our Church on Sunday 22 April. It will be held in the Church after the 0930 service. Coffee will be available and the meeting will start at 1100. Please arrive early in order to read the reports. If you are not yet on the Church Electoral Roll, ask me for a form. Being on the Roll will give you the right to voice your views and vote at the meeting.

Julia Josephs

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Thursday 5 April is our next meeting at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. Our speaker is Andrew Brogan, owner of *Henstead Exotic Garden*. He will be telling us the story of how he constructed the garden from scratch seven years ago. This garden has been featured in numerous articles in the press and also on BBC TV. I think he will be a very entertaining character: he was in a rock band in the 80s and is now a very accomplished gardener who will give us tips for growing exotic plants in our own gardens. All welcome.

Sue Pearson

LETTER FROM THE OLM

(Retired)

God willing, Christine and I will be on our way home from the adventure of a lifetime (a holiday in Australia) when the current copy of *Village News* goes to print. It will have been strange being away from Walberswick during the season of Lent but, all being well, we shall be home in time to celebrate Easter Sunday at both the beach (6.00am for the Easter Vigil – dog walkers are welcome) and later, in St Andrew's (9.30am.). Do come and join us at either or both of those services as we celebrate and rejoice once again at the resurrection of Jesus Christ and what it means or might mean for us as individuals and as a Christian community.

Just to let you know that as in previous years I will be leading a one hour Meditation in St Andrew's on Good Friday, at 2.00pm. Please feel to join me there as I endeavour to focus our thoughts on Christ's crucifixion and the people who were present - by way of passages of scripture, a few thoughts, appropriate recorded music and short periods of silence.

Our first wedding of 2012 is to take place on Saturday 21 April; please pray for Suzanna Annersley & Robert Jessel as they prepare for their big day. The Luncheon Club for April will be on **Friday, 13 April, at 12.30pm.**

A happy Easter to you all,
Brian Fisher

PARISH REGISTER
25 February 2012 Baptism
Juniper Caroline Calypso Stevens