

VILLAGE NEWS

January 2019
Issue 263



Wishing you a wonderful Walberswickian Two Thousand and Nineteen!!

FINAL CURTAIN, FOR TWO ENTERTAINERS

MIKE KING, OF THE KING BROTHERS

Our condolences go out to our neighbour - composer, Denis King - who lost his eldest brother, Mike, in November. Mike, Denis and Tony formed the hit 50s pop group THE KING BROTHERS. Guitarist, Mike, a regular visitor to Walberswick, was always entertaining company, with a fund of showbiz stories. His greatest pleasure was swimming in Hampstead Ponds - and Walberswick beach - with his brother, Denis. There is a Daily Telegraph obituary online

SIDI SCOTT

As many of you know, Sidi Scott died on the 15th November. She was a tireless contributor to the arts, a dancer and choreographer and enormously helpful with theatre productions here and in Southwold, Sidi's funeral took place in Amersham but there will also be a Service of Celebration at 2.30pm on **Saturday the 12th of January** in the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul in Wangford, Suffolk NR34 8RW. The family would love everyone to be there (please note there is no dress code) but it would be great to know rough numbers so please email nikkijscott@outlook.com if you can come. *To remember Sidi, donations can be made to the planned "East Coast Hospice" (Registered charity 1129631). Margaret Chadd was one of Sidi's great friends and Margaret Chadd House, as the hospice will be called, will provide a peaceful, supportive and holistic environment, locally, for both patients and their families. www.eastcoasthospice.org.uk. Details for contributions: Co-operative Bank / Sort Code: 08-92-99/ Account No: 65354487/Ref S Scott*

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

SID NEEDS YOU! The Council and the WCLC would be most grateful for volunteers to help with the regular moving of the SID device in order to improve compliance with the 20 MPH speed limit. A roster of volunteers will be drawn up so that the task will be easy and quick! Please contact either Cllr. Jon Winyard at jonwalbers@gmail.com or text him on [07865659510](tel:07865659510) or Cllr. Lee Sutton at lee.sutton@walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk.

SUM HELP

The Council are seeking to hire a RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER to take over the financial responsibilities currently undertaken by the Clerk. Non-financial responsibilities will continue to be handled by the Clerk. Details for those interested in applying can be found at Walberswick.onesuffolk.net/Walberswick-parish-council.

VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL VILLAGERS PLEASE READ THIS STATEMENT ONLINE

In response to the request of many villagers, a copy of the recent STATEMENT BY THE WPC CHAIR, relating to the Budget and Precept can be viewed on the Walberswick website <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net> under *What's New*.

Next meeting **Monday, January 14th** at 7.15pm. Information about PC activities is on the website.

WI January's WI meeting is on Thursday the 3rd in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm. A quiz will follow the payment of annual subscriptions.

****NORWICH BUS**

NB: New departure and arrival times. Check What's On, on page 3.

THE ANCHOR at CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve - Sing, with Denis King on the piano 9.30pm* Boxing Day - Drinks all day. Food til 6 p.m. Thu 27th Dec - 'Open Mic' from 8:30pm. Free entry, but performers, please book in. Fri 28th Dec - Cabaret Evening with Iestyn Edwards. Tickets available Saturday 29th - Gin tasting with tapas ***Sun 30th Dec - Curry Buffet & Pub Quiz from 6:30pm New Year's Eve: 6pm family-seating or from 8:30pm serving a 4 course dinner, disco & fireworks @ £68pp. New Year's Day - Drinks all day. Food til 6 p.m. BBQ 12-3pm (weather permitting) 01502 722112 or info@anchoratwalberswick.com**

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WILD ABOUT HARRY

At the History Group's Christmas Event, in a packed Village Hall, **Harry Edwards**, generously shared his Walberswick memories. Delightful photographs, curated by Mishi Verneti covered the decades whilst Harry's mellifluous voice led us through story after story. How Arabella, the donkey, travelled to Walberswick along the A12 in a wooden-slatted, open-topped trailer; how young Harry, his head full of poetry, failed to notice a hole, on Wally's Bridge and fell into the water. Later, Harry, the curate, used his knowledge of the submerged seawall to impress onlookers when escaping a sinking boat – the vicar appeared to walk on water! A three-dimensional portrait of his family and the community he so clearly loves. One enchanted evening. Thank you, Harry. **Kevin Murphy**

A VILLAGER'S POLITE REQUEST.....

'Could I make a request, of my fellow villagers? Please turn your outside lights off after midnight. Lights left on all night are very disturbing to the local wildlife and stargazers like me, who love the dark skies. It is also a waste of power.'

Our correspondent wishes to remain anonymous as 'I don't want to fall out with my neighbours.'

BBC1's COUNTRYFILE, on November 25th, should have been re-titled DANI-FILE, as our ferry queen, Dani Church starred in a Suffolk edition, which prominently featured Walberswick. Dani rowed presenter John Craven across the Blyth and explained the mysteries of 'ferry gliding' – rowing up in the slack water and then using the tide to carry the boat across. Dani's son, Charlie, a TV natural, announced, rather than following in his mum's wake, he wanted to be a Lego designer. John Craven suggested he could consider making a ferry out of Lego. 'Could do. Plastic floats,' Charlie decided and Dani was enthusiastic. 'A plastic ferry! Fantastic.' So don't be surprised if a Lego ferry appears in the not too distant future. If you're quick, you can catch the edition on BBC iplayer.

BRIDGE (back) on the RIVER BLYTH

By the time you read this, we hope the Bailey Bridge will have re-opened. There's a wire mesh covering to prevent slipping! Don't all rush!!

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MANY, MANY THANKS

.. to the Village News Management Board for electing me as Chairman, on **Ben Cardwell's** retirement from the post. The constitution says that the Chair must be resident in the village, so Ben and Jen's move means that he must stand down. Ben has been Chairman since 2012 and I know that everyone involved with the Village News joins me in thanking him wholeheartedly for his work. He always brings enthusiasm and good cheer to everything he does and the board will miss him greatly. Ben and Jen have given tremendous help, support and encouragement to so many of our village clubs, organisations and Residents and a proper thank you to them would fill this entire edition. They are not moving far, so we hope they will continue to be closely involved in Walberswick life **Edward Wright**

..... to everyone who supported the **Royal British Legion Poppy Tins Bazaar and Church collection in November**. Walberswick and Blythburgh raised **£2,842.96**. Our best ever total and very fitting for the centenary year. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated. **Erica Donnellan**

...to all who donated to the **CANCER RESEARCH** fete this year . We raised an astounding **£3021.23!!** That includes £450 given to us by Trevor and Margaret, from plants they sold this summer-thanks very much! Our expenses are under £50 so we will be sending Cancer Research UK a large cheque in the new year. I want to thank all the committee members who work so hard to make this event a success, as well as those donating goods, money, and their time - making wreaths, potting bulbs, baking biscuits for teas and coffees, growing and selling veggies or running stalls. It is truly a team effort. I am also very grateful for how well supported this event is by villagers and struck by what a wonderful social occasion it was, as neighbours and friends met up. Walberswick at its best! Thanks to all **Betsy Lemmon**

..... from **The Walberswick Bonfire Committee** to everyone involved with making the November 5th celebration a massive success! Special thanks to Hannah and Pam with their "super soup and hot chocolate station", Wayne, Lee and Keith as the "Perfect Pyrotechnic crew" and the "Magnificent marshals!" Sadly, this will be Pam Webb's last year as a volunteer and Tony Kohn and Robin Buncombe's last year as "bucket shakers". We thank them all for everything they have done, over many years of service! Despite raising an amazing **£786** this year this event made a loss of £203 due to rising costs year on year, so you'll see us fundraising for this event in future! **Jon Winyard**

..... to everyone who supported the **Pudding Fest** - the fabulous pudding makers; the patient queue of pudding buyers; the kitchen staffers and hall clearers- and special thanks to Marie and Hannah for organising a brilliant afternoon, raising nearly **£400 for Village Hall funds**. **Village Hall Committee**

CHURCH MATTERS

FROM THE VICAR

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

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Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens:

John Simpson (723384) John Anderson (726172)

Dear Friends

At Christmas we celebrate that Christ was born as a baby, and became part of a human family. In later life, he blessed children when they came to him, and he said that his followers would enter the kingdom of heaven when they became like children. He meant living lives of trust, love, forgiveness and enthusiasm. Children and families should therefore be part of the DNA of the church, because children and families are dear to Christ. Families include people of every generation, young and old together.

At St Andrews we have been rediscovering what it means to be a family. During 2018 we have held several family services that have attracted children and their parents, and it has been a joy and delight to welcome them. The PCC has therefore decided that on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11.15, during 2019 there will be a family service. There will be a welcoming cup of coffee and Danish pastries, a mix of familiar and newer music, a Bible reading, a story, prayers and sometimes, a craft.

We hope that people of all ages will feel welcome. They are intended to embrace the young and the old - those familiar with church and those who are not. The aim is to grow together, in the love of Christ and to be one family, in His service.

Simon

JANUARY SERVICES 2019

The Season of Epiphany

- 6 Epiphany 1
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 13 Epiphany 2
'Gin & Sing' Festival of Lessons
and Carols for Epiphany
- 20 Epiphany 3
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 27 Family at St Andrew's 11.15

No Tuesday 5pm Evening Prayer 1st January
No Wednesday 10am service on 26 December
or 2 January 2019

Epiphany Festival of Lessons & Carols at six o'clock on Sunday 13th January

The congregation are invited to join the choir for 'Gin & Sing' Epiphany Hymns with Carols: Including 'In the bleak midwinter' & 'The First Nowell'. Enjoy a drink as we celebrate the New Year 2019

Gin donated in aid of Bradford Cathedral.

Commemorative Flowers

- 4 Denise and John Brentnall for
Ralph & Margaret Erskine
- 11 Judy Morton's parents
Bill and Olive Quenzer

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

MOBILE LIBRARY: FRIDAY JAN 11 14.15—14.45 Village Hall

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

**NORWICH BUS: 17th Leave: 08.45. Return: 13.30. Phone Rita Woodcraft on 722958

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—14th. 7.15pm Village Hall Annexe

WALBERSWICK CHILDREN'S CLUB— 4th—5.30-8pm Village Hall

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15th- 04:11 / 17:46

22nd- 11:14 / 23:26

29th- 04:31 / 17:59

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TRAFFIC & PARKING REVIEW

The review team made good progress during 2018. Many thanks to the 144 of you who completed the questionnaire. The results have been analysed, thanks to sterling work by Kay Ungless. A separate questionnaire was provided to businesses in the Village, plus we held a consultation meeting with the four largest employers. Meetings were also held with stakeholders around the church and The Green. A traffic specialist, Civic Engineers - chosen for their experience in the design of shared space environments, which give greater precedence to pedestrians and encourage more considerate driver behaviour - is helping to analyse the issues we face and suggest possible solutions. Thanks to the Common Lands Charity for funding this cost. The next step is to work with our consultants on solutions for three 'hot-spots' - Adams Lane junction: the area outside the Church; the dangerous corner opposite the Village Hall. Once these proposals have been evaluated, a special Parish Meeting for all will be called. A timeframe will be in March Village News.
James Darkins, Review Team Chairman

TUESDAY KEEP FIT—VILLAGE HALL

Stretch and Glow, Pilates, Zumba Gold classes on Tuesday mornings, from February 12th. Details from **Coral Stebbings 07967 808561** -or see poster at Hall

STILL WILD ABOUT HARRY?

Those of you who missed Harry Edwards' engaging talk about Arabella the donkey, and Harry's formative years in Walberswick will be delighted that, by popular demand, he is repeating himself, at the Anchor, on **Feb 15th at 7.30pm**. Entrance is £5.00 without food, or £12.50 to include fish & chips. (Supper from 6pm) Booking is essential. All profits to The Heritage Hut.

THE ANCHOR -01502 722112

14th Valentine Supper - with friend/s? Please Book
Friday 15th Harry Edwards - Talking Heads at 7.30-
preceded by Fish & Chips Supper at 6.30 (£12.50)

Curry Night **Wed 20th** /Pizza Night **Thur 21st**
7th March - NSPCC Fundraising Evening with

Thai Food & 'Jippi Jappa' Legends
Booking Through John Simpson £25

Hire the Barn for a Film Night or a Family Celebration
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BARBARA PRIESTMAN died peacefully on 9th January at James Paget University Hospital. Prior to being afflicted with Parkinson's disease and osteoporosis, Barbara was one of the most quietly active and engaged members of the community. Her altruistic work for both the Parish Council as Clerk and Walberswick Common Lands Charity, as Clerk and then Chair, is recognised as fundamental. She was on the Affordable Housing Committee, part of the Village Plan, as well as the Village Hall Committee. Her love of nature and encyclopaedic knowledge of the natural world led her to become the official Common Warden and she established volunteer groups and regular drop-in mornings to keep everyone informed. She spent many happy hours working on Walberswick conservation, liaising with land owners and Natural England. Born in 1946, Barbara's family first came to the village in 1951. She always dreamt of living here permanently, with her dogs, and in 1980 she left her teaching role in Birmingham and moved into what was then a shed on the side of Creek Cottage. In the early days, she worked at The Bell but returned to her love of education in 1986 to lead management and teacher training courses at Lowestoft College. Highly respected as a lecturer, by both staff and students, she retired in 2006 and worked tirelessly for the community until failing health prevented her from being active on The Common or committees. She always recognised the support she received, in later life, from the village and often expressed gratitude at being able to continue living here, till the end, because of that support.

Barbara's funeral will be held at St Andrews on 11am on January 29th. No mourning or flowers please, but donations to Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

EVELINE HASTINGS. The accomplished and much loved local artist, died on January 4th. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday January 30th** at **11.30** in **St Andrew's Church** and afterwards at Eveline's House. More about her life and paintings can be found on the village website

WI Meeting: 7th Feb. 2.30. Village Hall

Our speaker is from the Lighthouse Women's Aid charity, in Ipswich, providing support to women and children suffering domestic abuse. Visitors welcome.

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**ON BEHALF OF THE WPC, A STATEMENT FROM THE
CHAIRMAN ON THE BUDGET, PRECEPT AND AUDIT**

At its meeting on 14 January 2018, the Council approved a budget and precept for 2019/20. Under normal conditions, this would have been a straightforward and happy process. We accomplished well what we set out to do last year. We are looking forward in 2019/20 to working together with the Scroll historians, the History Group and the WCLC to get the Heritage Hut renovated and operational. The playground on the Green is being repaired with a grant from SCDC and a comprehensive, multi-year plan for playground renovation has been created, thanks to our new Safety Committee. We have sorted out nearly all our administrative and financial policies and procedures and have an excellent website, where all this information is publicly available.

We set the precept last year at £23,000 to cover the budget and begin the process of rebuilding the reserves which had become depleted over many years, closer to the level recommended by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) of 6-9 months of expenditures.

We were 100% on track to do this, without any increase in the precept. Unfortunately, this was derailed because of the actions of three individuals, who chose to lodge well over 100 objections to the Audit. The background to this is available in the Chairman's Statement from November 2018 posted on the Walberswick website. It is the view of the Council that these objections do not meet the criteria for acceptance by the external auditor and in the closed agenda item, the Council agreed to send documentation to the Auditors that provides ample evidence of this. Nevertheless, the outcome of the objectors' activity will be to run up a potentially large external auditor bill that has to be paid from the precept and reserves. We continue to do everything possible to limit this, including spending many days preparing a detailed response to the auditor and making the arguments for proportionality in terms of the auditors' time and cost as compared to any public benefit from responding to these objections. We hope through these actions to keep the situation manageable. We will not know, however, until the Auditor finishes, hopefully in February. We would never make any pretence of being perfect as a Council, but there is nothing, in our view, that justifies what is happening in terms of the vexatious objections and disproportionate costs that three individuals are putting on the Village. We believe that any fair-minded person would understand that subjecting a parish council to ceaseless interrogation and a litany of petty criticism cannot be a sensible way of either improving public service or using public resources.

At the meeting, a 2019/20 budgeted expenditure of circa £24,000, broken down by line item, was approved. It is available on the website. This includes a potential cost of £5000 for the external auditor, should the objectors choose a similar approach next year. Without objections, the cost of the external audit is less than £300. Faced with this and the potential that the auditor's bill this year could erode the current reserves held by the Council, a precept of £27,000 (an increase of £4000) for 2019/20, was agreed. Every Councillor expressed dismay at having to take such an action, keenly aware of the injustice of having to raise the council tax bill for every family without any public good. Nevertheless, the Councillors accepted that it is our responsibility to set a precept to cover costs and deal responsibly with the situation with regard to the Council reserves. We also agreed to look at the situation again in the first half of February. If, by that time, we have clarity on the audit cost, and particularly if the auditor agrees with our arguments regarding the need for proportionality in their costs, compared to any public benefit, we may be able to reduce the precept back to the 2018/19 level. But this is currently a big unknown.

This update is provided in response to requests from many villagers. If it is allowable, we will make public the content of the objections and the Council responses once the auditor finishes its work. We will also make public the final cost of the audit.

Finally, the Council deeply appreciates the support that so many people in the Village have given us. We could not do it without you. Thank you!

Sizewell C – EDF public meeting in Walberswick

As part of the Stage 3 consultation process for Sizewell C (currently underway and running til the end of March), WPC has arranged for EDF to visit Walberswick, in the Village Hall on **Mon 4th February at 19.30**. There's a presentation by EDF, Q&A session with their staff. It's, effectively, the last chance to have your input, with views and concerns, before EDF finalise their proposals. Individually, you can make submissions to the consultation but the Parish Council are also making a submission on behalf of the village, so your views will shape the PC submission.

!!URGENT SOUTHWOLD HARBOUR CONSULTATION
Access this link for meetings regarding the sea defences.

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-future-management-of-southwold-harbour/>

THANKS ALL ROUND to all who donated to recent events

****CHRISTMAS SWIM. The splendid sum of £375 was donated to the RNLI by the swimmers and spectators. Janet and I have served the mulled wine for 15 years and we cannot remember a more delightful day and attendance. **Tony Kohn** **CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD. Thanks to all those who subscribed to the Village Christmas card. We were able to send £208.00 to Macmillan Nurses. Thanks to the staff in the Co-op who kindly displayed the list. **Viv Hunt and Irene Prince**

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FEBRUARY SERVICES 2019

- 3 Candlemas
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 10 4th Sunday before Lent
Choral Evensong 1800
- 17 3rd Sunday before Lent
- 24 Parish Eucharist 11.15
Family at St Andrew's 11.15

Commemorative Flowers

- 3 Shirley-Ann Humphries in memory of Eric
10 Pat Lancaster in memory of Tony
17 Wendy Sinclair in memory of Chris

Gin & Sing Epiphany Service

This was an extremely high calibre evening, with virtuoso performances from soloists, choir and readers. St Andrew's is grateful to all -the congregation and the suppliers - Cathedral Gin, donated in aid of Blackburn Cathedral.

CAROLS ROUND THE TREE. Harry Edwards blessing, Jon Flack's band and the village children made the evening special and we were given donations to charity of **£86.15** -divided equally between **Walberswick Bonfire committee** and **EACH.** Thank you. **Hannah Sutton**

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,
Thursday 14th February is Saint Valentine's day. It is important to remember that he was a saint, as that detail tends to be dropped from the commercial hype. The real Saint Valentine was probably a Christian priest, martyred in the year 269 in Rome.

Nobody is sure why this date is associated with lovers, but the tradition is an ancient one. The Paston letters from 15th century Norfolk include reference to choosing a Valentine. In the writings of Chaucer, birds were believed to choose a mate on 14th February. In pre Christian tradition, the Romans celebrated the festival of Lupercalia in mid February, so maybe the roots of the Valentine tradition go back to ancient Rome.

Whatever the origins, it is good to celebrate the gift of love, and to rejoice that we can offer our love to another, and hopefully, receive theirs in return. Christians celebrate a God of love, whose nature is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a life of love, love of God and love of neighbour, and he gave his life on the cross for the sake of love. Saint Valentine knew the love of God, and held onto his faith until the end.

One of the best known passages from the Bible comes from 1 Corinthians 13, often read at weddings. "Love is patient, love is kind, love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." May you know and share the gift of love this February. Yours in Christ

Simon

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IT'S BEFORE YOU!!

I am Chair of the Panto committee. Christmas shows/ pantomimes take place every 2 years. We need a director for 2020. Past shows include: A Christmas Carol, Wizard of Oz, Wind in the Willows, Aladdin, Babes in the Wood, Peter Pan, Snow White, and Mother Goose. Anyone who might be interested in directing the next Walberswick Christmas Show do get in touch and come and chat with me! (juliasowerbutts@hotmail.co.uk) It will be performed in January 2020 at the Village Hall. Auditions in either summer or autumn 2019 and rehearsals start in September 2019. It seems ages away but these things take a lot of finding and planning! Oh, yes they do! **Julia Sowerbutts**

WALBERSWICK'S MAGICAL MYSTERY TOURIST

It was 50 years ago that The Beatles went to see the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in India. We've learned that the Indian guru returned the favour. He flew into the UK and visited..... *Walberswick!* He was invited by villager, Mrs Gill, and his helicopter landed in her garden, at Longshore, back in the 60s. We have no further information on the Maharishi's time with us but perhaps you know more? Were you there? Did you take a photograph? Do you know the Gill family? All we need is love – and a little more information. Email The Editor. gavin@scribe2.co.uk

HATS OFF TO HARRY!!!

Once again, our friendly, neighbourhood Canon, Harry Edwards, entertained us with an evening of hilarious and touching stories of his Walberswick childhood last month, in a sell-out evening at The Anchor, with profits to the Heritage Hut. Thanks, Harry - storyteller supreme. Can a podcast be far behind?

THE ANCHOR

NSPCC Fundraising Event Thursday 7th March

(Thai food. Bookings through John Simpson £25)

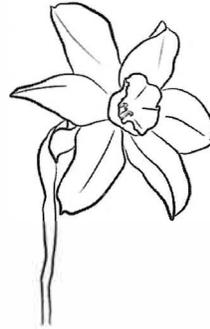
Mothers' Day Sun 31st March. Two sittings (below)

12noon: Family-style roasted free-range chicken & the trimmings, following by pudding.

£22 per adult, £12.50 per child under 10 yrs.

2:30pm: A la carte menu plus our daily specials.

01502 722112 or info@anchoratwalberswick.com



*HELLO,
SPRING!!!*

BEACH CLEAN

To be held on Sunday, March 3rd at 10.00 am at Cliff Field Car Park. Please bring stout bags and gloves. Jointly sponsored by Natural England and Walberswick Wildfowlers.
Mark Waller

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Please join us on **Tuesday 26th March at 6.30pm** for refreshments before our AGM which commences at 6.45pm. We will be reviewing the events run by the Management Committee and the improvements completed over the past year. Audited accounts will be presented as well. Come and hear what our projects are for the year 2019. We look forward to your input. **Viv Hunt. VHMC**

**WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
Saturday 30th March, Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

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By ferry and bridge, George Orwell came to Walberswick – hear all about it from Orwell expert Ronald Binns. Free for members of WLHG. £5:00 non-members

WALBERSWICK WI

March meeting takes place on 5 March 2019 at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Sue Green and Mrs Sue Ireland Cutting will be demonstrating how to make Easter decorations. Visitors and new members welcome.

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

JOIN A SPRING CLEAN – HELP WIN £200!

Every year, hundreds of volunteers across East Suffolk mobilise, to give an area they love, a well-deserved “Spring Clean” and Suffolk Coastal and Waveney are keen to help support all community litter-picking activities, providing sacks and arranging for the collection and disposal of litter after clean-up events. To show our appreciation to all the communities that undertake a litter pick this Spring (1st March to 31st May 2019), Suffolk Coastal Norse and Waveney Norse will again be giving **£20 to all participating groups, for them to spend on their local community**, or a charity of their choice. Also, all groups will be entered into a prize draw—a chance to win one of five prizes of £200 towards their community or chosen charity.

You may be aware of the national “Great British Spring Clean” being promoted by Keep Britain Tidy during 22 March – 23 April 2019 and some communities may intend to link their events to this. However, please be aware that during periods of high demand, any equipment loans will be on a first come, first served basis. If requesting the loan of equipment, then to assist us with the logistics of distribution, we would also request at least one week’s notice of your planned event. If equipment can’t be delivered to you, you can collect and return it to our depot.

To register your community litter pick, please complete the form enclosed or register your activity online by visiting www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/love-east-suffolk, or call us on 01394 444000 (in the district of Suffolk Coastal) or 01502 527100 (in the district of Waveney). Whatever you can do to keep East Suffolk clean and green is appreciated. In order to be eligible for these awards, the terms and conditions (online) must be fulfilled – in particular, we would request submission of a photograph taken of the volunteers in the course of the activity, for use in related publicity, to raise the profile of the work that the volunteers do and inspire more communities to get involved. Whilst the awards are only available for communities carrying out their litter picks during March, April and May, the support we offer is always available to anyone who wishes to carry out a litter pick at any time of the year.

The INK Festival 12/13/14th April at The Cut Halesworth.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council reluctantly reconfirmed at the 11th February meeting that the precept for 2019/20 would have to be increased to £27,000 to cover the expected cost of the external auditor resulting from their handling of the **voluminous objections of three individuals**. This increase will be reflected in the next Council tax bill. Details of the situation were included in the February version of the Village News and posted on the Walberswick website.

IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS:

February 28th marks the end of the SOUTHWOLD HARBOUR Consultation period. Decisions made are likely to have an important impact on us, here, on this side of the estuary. It’s a last chance to express your views on the proposals to Waveney District Council by completing the survey on <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WTF5PFR>.

SIZEWELL C PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The third and final period ends on March 29th. Following the Council’s invitation to EDF to hold a meeting in the Village Hall recently, the Council will now prepare their own submission to include and reflect views expressed by villagers. There is still an opportunity to email the Clerk before the next Council meeting on March 11th to share your views with us AND/OR make your own submission by emailing your comments directly to EDF at info@sizewell.co.uk or completing their on-line or hard copy questionnaire - details on the EDF website edfenergy.com. Sizewell C will have an enormous impact on our area for a period of nearly 15 years of construction. It is essential that everyone makes his or her voice heard.

PARISH MEETING

In response to a request from 12 electors, a PARISH MEETING has been organised for Tuesday 5th March at 7.15 in the Village Hall to discuss the operations of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. (WCLC). All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING has now been arranged for **Thursday April 18th** at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. Definitely a date for your diary! This is an open meeting with a Q&A session where all are warmly welcome. Come and hear from our varied village organisations as to what they have to offer and maybe there’ll be something you might like to join. Learn what’s really been going on in the village and what people have been up to over the last year!

Next meeting of the WPC **March 11th**

All correspondence should go to the Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

CHURCH MATTERS

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MARCH SERVICES 2019

- 3 The Sunday next before Lent
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 6 Ash Wednesday on the Pier
in Southwold at 9am
- 10 1st Sunday of Lent
Choral Evensong **16.30**
- 17 2nd Sunday of Lent
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 24 Family at St Andrew's 11.15
Drinks & pastries at 10.45
- 31 Mothering Sunday
Parish Eucharist 11.15

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING Sunday 24 March at 12noon in Church

This is an opportunity to celebrate what has been achieved in the life of St Andrew's and to look forward to what lies ahead. Elections take place for officers for the coming year.

CHORAL EVENSONG 10 March at 4.30pm

Our Evensong Sunday coincides with the first of the Lent Lectures in the United Reform Church in Southwold, given by Dr. Philip Johnston, University of Cambridge. We shall therefore sing a shortened Evensong, starting at 4.30pm.

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March. The season of Lent continues until Easter Day on 21st April. Our observance of Lent this year begins on Southwold pier. Our Bishops, Martin and Mike, will lead a service at 9.00am, on the pier on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. All are invited to join them. After the service they will begin their Lent pilgrimage. Over the next few weeks they will walk towards Stowmarket, visiting churches, homes, businesses and schools, learning more about life in Suffolk and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

During Lent our churches will be raising money to help our twin Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania. Kagera is one of the poorest parts of the country and money raised in Suffolk will help provide a new primary school, support children in secondary education, which has to be paid for in Tanzania, and to support a local church fund. that helps communities in becoming sustainable.

Our next family service in March will be on 24th We will be telling the story of the Angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary, telling her that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus. The service begins at 11.15. Refreshments are served from 10.45. All welcome.

The annual parochial church meeting will be held in St Andrews at 12.00 on Sunday 24th March. All are welcome to come and here reports on the activities of the church during the past 12 months.
Yours in Christ

Simon

PARISH REGISTERS

29 January 2019 Funeral Service

Barbara Priestman aged 72

30 January Thanksgiving Service & Burial

Eveline Dorothy Hastings aged 85

6 February Burial of ashes

Anderson Richard Horsburgh aged 73

Anderson

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING— March 11th. 7.15pm Village Hall Annexe

WALBERSWICK CHILDREN'S CLUB— 1st—5.30-8pm Village Hall

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“SAFE SPACE”

The Traffic & Parking Review now has the working title ‘Safe Space’. Many urban and rural communities are trying to create ‘shared space’ where vehicles can live successfully alongside cyclists and pedestrians. In Walberswick we already have shared space, our goal is to convert it into a ‘Safe Space’.

The team has engaged an additional traffic specialist company, Urban Movement, who will be visiting the Village at the end of March to assess the opportunities and meet stakeholders. We hope to try out some possible solutions this summer.

Depending upon progress, we plan to host a Parish Meeting in June for all to attend. **Safe Space Team**

JASON BOWYER 1957-2019

Jason Bowyer died suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday 17 February 2019.

He was the son of Walberswick residents, artist William Bowyer and sculptor Vera Bowyer. Despite Jason’s childhood desire to be ‘centre-forward for Fulham and England and to have lifted the World Cup’, football’s loss was most definitely the art world’s gain, as Jason became a full-time painter but remained an avid sports fan. Claire Ireland, Jason's wife says 'I'd like to thank everyone for all their messages and kind words it means so much to Leo and me. We will have a gathering in Walberswick in the summer but Jason's Funeral will take place on **Wednesday 20th March at 3.20pm** at Mortlake Crematorium, Townmead Rd, Richmond, TW9 4EN More details of Jason’s life and work and the funeral arrangements are on the village website.

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

An invite for all our members to join us at 7pm on **16th April** in the Village Hall for the **AGM**; reviewing our activities in 2018/19 and looking forward to 2019/20.

THE ANCHOR -Easter Sunday 21st April

Two sittings – 12 noon and 2:30pm

A la carte menu, plus two roasts plus specials.

Bank Holiday Monday BBQs

22nd April, 6th May, 27th May 12-3pm

Quiz & Curry Night - Wednesday 29th May

Book: Adults: £15 Children 10 or under: £7.50

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BIRD SONG WALK - 2019

This year’s Bird Song Walk will take place on **Saturday 11th May 2019**. I shall do my best to lead the walk. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park. Contributions will be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes project. Afterwards, 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 direct with the Anchor Hotel (722112) prior to Walk Day. **Pat Lancaster**

BEST FETE FORWARD!!

Walberswick Fete will be held, as usual, on **August Bank Holiday Saturday, 24 August 2019**. Our Chair this year is Alex Godfrey. Huge thanks to Clive Brynley-Jones, for three years' service as chairman, who is stepping down, but remains on the Committee, with Doris Brynley-Jones, Guy Parry, Lorry Haselgrave, and Pete & Liz Wagstaff. Proceeds to St Andrew’s Church and the Village Hall. This year, especially, we will be seeking donations of good quality items for the White Elephant and Kitchen Cupboard stalls. More news and announcements will follow!

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

With Spring in the air, It's time to start thinking about the 2019 Horticultural Show. This year it is on **Saturday, July 20th**. Have a look at the enclosed schedule to see which categories might tempt you. There have been a few changes, mostly in the culinary and junior classes. We are hoping our young entrants will be as excited about making their signature smoothie as they were last year, with their sandwich! We are also looking for a budding (!) artist to design a poster for the show next year. There is something for everyone in the schedule, so start planning! If you have any questions about the categories or how to exhibit them, please contact one of our committee members.

Betsy Lemmon

WI NOTICE

There has been a change of date for the WI meeting in April. The **monthly meeting** will now take place on **Thursday, 11 April 2019**, and NOT on 4 April 2019 as advertised in the WI programme. Visitors and new members are welcome to attend our special quiz afternoon.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council are seeking to employ a part-time CLERK to take over from **Mary Mitson-Woods**, who has decided to retire from her duties as Clerk, in both Walberswick and Brandeston Parishes, once successors have been appointed and a handover takes place. As the Council has now employed a part-time Responsible Finance Officer to handle all financial matters, the new Clerk will be expected to work approximately 5 hours a week. Details for applicants can be found at: Walberswick.onesuffolk.net/Walberswick-parish-council.

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to Mary for her excellent, stalwart and valued service to this Council over the past 2.5 years and wish both Mary and husband, Richard, happy travels on their long-planned trip in their motorhome later this summer!

Meanwhile, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Simon Ashton** as our new Responsible Financial Officer, effective March 1st.

GET DIGGING....

There are now two vacant allotments, one of which is caged. In line with our Allotment Policy (details on our website) we are offering these first to village residents. An application from a non-resident has already been received. Please contact the Clerk by April 15th deadline if you are interested.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All seven Councillors are standing for re-election on May 2nd. If anyone else wishes to stand and contest a seat, please contact the Clerk for a Nomination Form which must be completed and returned to her before the April 1st deadline.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A reminder not to forget this informative annual get-together of all our village organisations on Thursday, April 18th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

All enquiries to the Clerk walberswickclerk@gmail.com please.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, April 8th, 7.15pm, in the Village Hall Annexe.

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Trustees very much appreciate the excellent turnout for the Parish Meeting on 5 March and for the high level of engagement. They hope that residents now have a better understanding of the distinction between the Charity's more 'commercial' role as a landlord and its charitable role in support of the community. The Trustees will consider all the feedback they received, particularly regarding transparency, and provide an update at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 April. **The Trustees**

DIP INTO THE INK FESTIVAL!!!

Half the village are involved in this festival (as actors, writers, behind-the-scenes) to celebrate East Anglian writers 'from pen to performance' and Artistic Director Julia Sowerbutts hopes everyone will support the three day festival at the Cut in Halesworth from **April 12-14th**.

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....to **Robin Buncombe**, for placing the New Zealand flag at half mast, at the Village Hall, after the terrorist attack in Christchurch. A swift reaction and a moving gesture of support.

... to all who attended the NSPCC Thai Night at the Anchor. We were very pleased to have a brilliant night and raised **£695** for the NSPCC. Our thanks to Sophie and the team for ensuring we had such a good time. **Cathryn & John Simpson.**

BEACH CLEAN THANKS

... to the 15 public spirited souls who turned out for the March 2019 beach clean, despite atrocious weather. A quantity of plastic and other waste was collected, for Natural England to remove. Many thanks to all who took part. **Mark Waller**

B1387 ROAD CLEAN THANKS

...It is thanks to the single handed action of **Guy Parry**, that the Road from the water tower to the village is now **CLEAN OF RUBBISH (9 FULL BAGS, SINCE IT WAS LAST DONE!)**. An amazing effort which is much appreciated. Please encourage your contractors to bag their rubbish and not throw it out of the vehicle window!

CHRIS JACKSON, son of Nikki and Clive Jackson is running the Tenzing Hillary Marathon on Mount Everest in May 29th (one of the highest and toughest races in the world) and is fund-raising for Cancer Research. Details in May issue of VN –and on village website.

CHURCH MATTERS

FROM THE VICAR

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APRIL SERVICES 2019

- 7 5th Sunday of Lent
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 21 **Easter Day**
Eucharist & Breakfast – beach 7.30
Parish Eucharist in Church 9.30
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Drinks & Buns 10.45

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

April in memory of Adam Gordon
and the parents of Joanna Saunders

CHORAL EVENSONG

As so many of us are taking part in the INK
Festival in Halesworth 12-14 April, there will
not be a service on 14 April. **May 12th** at 6pm
is the next choral evensong, with MusiC Sunday
in June and Sea Sunday in July.

Easter falls on April 21st. In the week before Easter, which Christians celebrate as Holy Week, we remember that Christ was falsely accused, by wicked people who sought to manipulate him for their own purposes. He endured a mockery of a trial, at which justice was absent. Then after a flogging, until nearly dead and a ritual humiliation, he was crucified, dead and buried. In this sequence of events God, in the person of Christ, received all the cruelty, unkindness, and violence that humans are capable of imposing on one another. In response to his tormentors Christ was silent and then prayed for forgiveness.

On Easter Day we celebrate the victory of life over death, love over hate, forgiveness over vengeance, generosity over selfish greed.

This pattern of suffering being defeated by new life is woven into the fabric of creation, as spring follows winter. It is a pattern woven into human relationships, between individuals and nations, in cases where we see peace following war, unity following division. The character of life infused with the Easter Spirit of Christ is described by St Paul in his letter to the Galatian church. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. I pray that these blessings of Easter may be ours.

Yours in Christ

Simon

AN APOLOGY

We offer sincere apologies to Anne Horsbrough, for the mis-spelling and incorrect name of her late husband, Andrew, in last month's Parish Register. Understandably, she found this most upsetting. The notice should read

PARISH REGISTER

6 February. Burial of ashes

ANDREW RICHARD HORSBROUGH

BRIAN AND MIRIAM DILLON.

A Service of Committal and Burial of Ashes for Brian and Miriam will take place at St Andrew's Church on **1 May 2019 at 1300**. Anyone who knew them and would like to attend is cordially invited.

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

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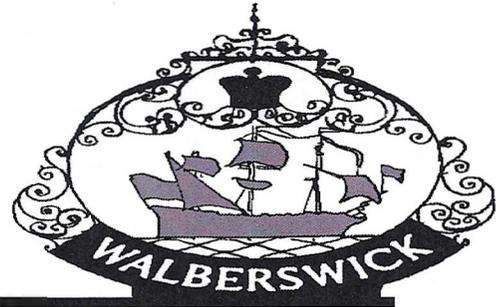
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Happy
Easter

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Easter Sunday from 11am with two age groups
0-7 years and 8-13 years.

It takes place, by the sand dunes at the back of the beach, by Ferry Road car park. All welcome!

If you would like to volunteer and help out with this event please contact **Jon Winyard** by email at jonminifete@outlook.com or call 07865659510



BEACH HUT

Once again the Communal Beach Hut (Number 8) is available to rent to villagers on a daily basis until the end of September. The cost remains the same at only £10.00 a day. The hut is fully equipped with table, chairs and a gas stove etc. Bookings are taken online at <http://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-common-lands-charity/communal-beach-hut-site-2/>

RNLI FUNDRAISING BRANCH

Our long serving **Hon Treasurer** is retiring at the end of this year and Walberswick Branch is looking for committee members to fill this role and others to help with its running and already successful fundraising activities! Please contact Jon Winyard by email at jonminifete@outlook.com

WI

May meeting takes place on **Thursday, 2 May 2019, at 2.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Mrs Val Carse will be demonstrating emergency first aid and resuscitation. New members and visitors welcome

WALBERSWICK SCROLL VIEW- 26 MAY

Another opportunity to see the unique Walberswick Scroll, with commentary. Showings at 10am, 11am and 12pm. Each showing lasts about 55 minutes in **Heritage Hut** - unless notified. Free entry.

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Bank Holiday Monday BBQ

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FETE UPDATE.. ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

The village children have come up with a fabulous theme for this year ... **CIRCUS BY THE SEA!**

(We're juggling ideas at the moment!)

WE'RE WILD ABOUT HARRY

EDWARDS, long-time Walberswickian, and everyone's favourite storyteller, who has kindly agreed to open this year's Fete!

Could we remind you of the need for quality donations of **ITEMS FOR SALE?** (kitchenalia, books, 'fancy goods' etc) and also for volunteers to help on stalls and in the Walberswick Cafe -even an hour or so would be appreciated, leaving you time to enjoy the rest of the Fete!

VILLAGE HALL Management Committee

A vacancy has arisen on the VHM. If you are interested in becoming a member of this friendly, dedicated committee, please contact the Chair-Clive Brynley-Jones on 724592, who will inform you of the duties and commitments of being a member. No previous experience necessary, just a desire to help with the running of this village asset. **Viv Hunt (Sec)**

BIRD SONG WALK - 2019—A REMINDER

This year's Bird Song Walk will take place on **Saturday 11th May 2019**. I shall do my best to lead the walk. Please meet at 5.30am in the Hoist Covert Car Park. Contributions will be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes project. Afterwards, a hearty breakfast, or an early brunch, after the walk has proved to be a fitting and enjoyable end to the morning's exercise. Those who wish to partake this year should make reservations direct with the Anchor Hotel (722112) prior to Walk Day. **Pat Lancaster**

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Council Elections: At the close of nominations, and as there were no contested seats, the current 7 Councillors – *Josie Bassinette, Andrew Lewis, Joanna Mackay, Esme Richardson, Jane Sutherland-Rogers, Lee Sutton and Jon Winyard*, will continue for the next four years.

Heritage Hut: The Council is pleased to have concluded the arrangements with the WCLC for the renovation of the Heritage Hut, as a focal point for the Community. When the work is complete, the Walberswick Scroll will have a secure home for storage and display, village organisations will have another meeting place, besides the Village Hall and space will be available to learn about the village's history and for exhibitions of local artists..

Playing Fields: Also in coordination with the WCLC, the WPC has renewed its 10 year peppercorn license of the playing fields so that the children's play area and sports field will continue. The Council is looking to improve the facilities over the coming year. Watch this space.....

All enquiries to the Clerk please at:

walberswickclerk@gmail.com

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, May 13th 7.15pm, in the Village Hall Annexe.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

... to **CHRIS JACKSON**, son of Nikki and Clive, who completed the Rotterdam marathon in 3hrs13mins!! Next is the **Everest Marathon**, a massive challenge on **May 29th**. Fingers crossed for a safe and successful race!! Chris is funding this challenge himself, all proceeds go to Cancer Research. More information about Chris on the **Walberswick website** with details of the Just Giving page - or Nikki will be going round the village. with a sponsor form! Thanks everyone .

...to Artistic Director, **JULIA SOWERBUTTS** and her team, for the biggest and best **INK FESTIVAL** ever. The feast of plays, poets, performances and music ran over three days from April 12-14 at Halesworth Cut and closed with a wonderful Q&A with Richard Curtis, who talked about his new Suffolk-based film, **Yesterday**. As half the village was involved in INK, as actors, writers, crews and helpers, we wonder if INK FESTIVAL should be re-titled **WalberswINK Festival**, Julia??

BIN THERE – MOVED THAT

In this month's '*The world has turned on its axis*' news, the lead (!) story is that they have moved the two Dog Mess bins from the bridge, to the main beach car park. More convenient (!?) But what next? Lamp posts?

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THANK YOU...

Heartfelt gratitude for the love and support we have received during Jayne's recent surgery and recovery. The cards, flowers, gifts and meals are testament to the wonderful community we are proud to be a part of. Special thanks to James for taking care of Brian and to Hazel for taking care of "the girls".

Brian and Jayne Tibbles.

MEET AND GREET THE KETTS

Pat and Philip Kett are holding a meet and greet afternoon at Walberswick Village Hall on **Saturday 18th May** from twelve noon to 4pm to celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary**. This is an open invitation to our friends in the village to come along and help the family celebrate the occasion. Strictly no presents, but there will be a collection for the East Anglia Air Ambulance (EAAA) if you wish.
Philip Kett

OBITUARY

Our dear friend, **John Capon**, sadly died on Monday 8th April 2019 at Ipswich Hospital. John had battled with many health problems over the last three or so years. John and Sara bought "Short Lane House" in 2002 and Sara came to live there, whilst John was still farming. John retired to live in Walberswick in 2004. He grew up in Wilby and farmed there all his life. A founder pupil at Brandeston Hall, John went on to Framlingham College. He played rugby there and at Ipswich, becoming captain and later president of Diss Rugby Team.

John loved hunting with the Easton Harriers, and both he and Sara bred and competed with their show ponies. A warm and delightful friend, John combined time spent on his farm, with helping with Village events and enjoying meals out with friends. For many years, John cycled to the Tuck Shop to collect his newspaper each morning, later, walking down and most recently needing to be accompanied down the street. Dog walkers will remember meeting John, on his daily walk, with his two dogs, on the common.

John will be much missed by all who knew him. We send Sara and her family our deepest sympathy at this sad time for them all.

John's funeral will be at Walberswick church on Monday 29th April at 11.30 a.m. Judy Morton

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL Voting

You can vote for councillors to the Southwold Ward. Polling day is **Thursday 2nd May. Voting Hours 7am to 10pm in Village Hall Annexe.**

ADDER AWARE

As the ground warms up, adders venture forth. They need to warm their bodies in the sun but because they are cold, they are dozy and defensive. Be adder aware and keep an eye on pets and children. Adders are far more dangerous to dogs than humans. If you, or your dog are bitten, head for the hospital or the vet.

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- 5 3rd Sunday after Easter
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 12 4th Sunday after Easter
Choral Evensong 1800
- 19 5th Sunday after Easter
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 26 Family at St Andrew's 11.15
'Jesus's Death & Resurrection'
Drinks & pastries at 10.45

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

- 5 Joe Josephs- father of Julia Sowerbutts
- 10 Eric Bassett - husband of Ruth
- 17 Robert Saunders - husband of Joanna

PARISH REGISTERS

11th April Funeral service & burial of
Professor Derek Burke CBE aged 89.

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

The annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council took place in St Andrew's on Sunday 24th March. We were all very pleased that John Simpson and Johnnie Anderson were elected as churchwardens for the next 12 months. We were able to give thanks for the life of the church in Walberswick. The new monthly family service is going well, attracting around 10 children and 30 adults on the fourth Sunday of each month. We would be delighted to welcome others to join us. We also celebrated the quality of our other worship, with a good choir and high quality music at evensong on the first Sunday of each month and dedicated congregations each week. Church members expressed their gratitude to everyone who helps keep the church in a good condition, those who clean and arrange flowers. Our churchyard is maintained to an excellent standard by a supportive hard working group. We keep the church open each day, as a place where residents and visitors can find peace.

Looking ahead we hope to undertake some expensive repairs to the porch later in the year. The PCC needs to raise about £40k to complete this necessary maintenance. Historic buildings are beautiful but expensive, and the PCC undertakes this work on behalf of the village, the nation and future generations.

The church family is in good heart, made up of loyal, loving and willing members who commit hours of generous service on behalf of the whole village. Please pray for us, as we pray for you, that our church may continue to be a happy place of welcome for all.

Yours in Christ

Simon

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BIRD SONG WALK REPORT -11th May 2019

We were greeted this year with a lovely sunrise. Sadly, Natural England has not been able to renew its agreement with the landowner, so the car park is now closed but I am pleased to say that all public footpaths remain open. I was delighted that this year we had some distinguished birders with us: Nigel Redman – tour leader with Rockjumper and our trip to Somaliland in 2012, Nik Borrow – tour leader with Birdquest. including our trip to Tanzania in 2006, and Leio and Jen de Souza of India Nature who, respectively, led and organised the trip that Mandy and I did to Bhutan this April. Their expertise meant that we had an admirable 62 species including excellent views of Bearded Reedlings, Marsh Harriers, Bittern (in flight, for two of our number) and Nightingales (photographed by Nik – see the website). Happily, the Cetti's Warblers' explosive song was present once again. We had two very good scribes in Jasmine and Ellie who kept the list in order, as well as our youngest participants, Basil and Jacob, who enjoyed the morning and were looking forward to hot chocolate after the walk. Towards the end, the rain made its unwelcome appearance and so we made our way to the Anchor where breakfast was enjoyed by the majority of the group. Afterwards, the dedicated few made their way to the Bird Hide to complete the morning's birding.

A total of £170.00 (including donations from those who could not attend the walk) was collected, shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes Project which is still progressing, organised by Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Thank you all for your continued support. **Pat Lancaster**

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DI KINGSHOTT

After two years of ill health, Di Kingshott, very sadly, died on Good Friday (April 19th), in hospital, with her husband, Gary, at her side. Di and Gary moved to Walberswick 6 years ago, when they retired, after 40 years working together in the hotel business and were extremely happy here. Often seen cycling round the village – dogs in baskets - Di and Gary, joined the early morning sea swimmers and contributed to village life in many ways, taking over the running of the Village Fete in 2017, when Clive Brynley Jones became unwell. Di will be much missed by her many friends and Gary expresses his thoughts below:

I would sincerely like to thank everyone who has sent wonderful cards, messages and who have supported me and Di's mother, Mrs Sylvia Hancox, at the church service to celebrate Di's life

I have had such amazing help and kindness and I am so glad that Di and I came to live here, in Walberswick, amongst friends.

Gary Kingshott

The funeral service took place on May 2nd and there are eulogies on the village website:

www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

WI

The June meeting of the WI takes place on Thursday, 6 June 2019, at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. We are delighted to welcome local resident, **Josie Bassinette**, who will be sharing memories of her time working in Afghanistan. New members and visitors welcome.

CHARITY GAINS FROM ART SALE

At a pop-up exhibition of her work, at home, in Walberswick, artist **Sarah Muir Poland** sold out her paintings and raised **£5500** for the breast cancer charity, **ARTFORCURE**.

BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION.....

...of drawings, prints and collages, in Walberswick Village Hall over Bank Holiday **25th May –27th May**, from 10am-6pm each day. Artists include Brian Seabon, Miles Fairhurst, Anne Paton and Julie Noad. Everyone welcome-free entry. We look forward to seeing you. **Anne Paton**

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PICTURE THIS! AND OTHER FETE NEWS

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before **Friday 7 June** and the Fete Committee will choose their favourite to be published, crediting the winner, in this year's Walberswick Fete Programme

A belated welcome to **David Neeves who is also on the fete Committee and in addition to other tasks, is helping with the creative elements of this year's **Circus By The Sea** theme.

**The White Elephant stall will be taking electrical items this year - full details to follow of where to donate these and other quality items.

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MEET THE (NEW) NEIGHBOURS

I have recently moved into Dunelm, on Lodge Road, (Ben & Jen Cardwell's old house) - and as a nod to my father's Norwegian roots, I have renamed the house 'Nôrs Lodge'. My children - Imogen 21 (who you may have seen, working at the Anchor); Flores 19; Felix 17; and Otto 13— all know Walberswick well, as my Father moved here, in 1933 when his Dad, Hal Wigdahl bought what was then the Old Vicarage (on the current site of Marsh End, opposite the car park) and ran it as a 12 bedroom hotel. It was badly damaged in the war, by a stray bomb drop and had to be knocked down but then, my grandfather built Marsh End on its site.

After the War my mother, lived in Jove Cottage, on Lodge Road, with her parents Frank and Molly Holl, and her sister Alison and brother John. I'm now living opposite! In the mid-50s, my Dad spotted Pat, in St Andrews Church, one Christmas Day and a couple of years later, they were married in St Andrew's in November 1959. Now living in King's Lynn, my parents - Jimmy 92, and Pat 85 - will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in Walberswick, later this year!

I am an Aviation business consultant, which means frequent travel but Walberswick is my new home.

I'd love to get involved in some of the village activity and look forward to getting to know everyone, and for you to meet my kids and girl-friend, Lizzie too. Kindest regards, **Oliver Wigdahl**

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THANK YOU.....

....Superb singing, church full of flowers and a packed congregation helped to make 29th April, John's Funeral, a memorable day. So a huge thank you for all the support and for the many letters and cards I have received. Also for the tremendous kindness and practical help shown to me over the past month, it has been amazing. **Sara Capon**

..... and congratulations, to Lee Sutton, Jon Winyard Chris Hosea. On 13th April, they all rode the Southwold Roubaix 75 mile bike ride, with on-road and off-road sections. They raised over **£300**— and counting - for the **Walberswick Bonfire** committee, which needs extra funds. They would like to thank everyone who sponsored them and cheered them along. A massive '**well done**' to those who finished, in the amazing time of 4 hrs 38 minutes.

...from **SOLE BAY CARE FUND**. We would like to thank the Co-op and all those who supported the 'token' scheme. **£500** is an amazing amount to raise and we are so grateful for all the support we get from Walberswick residents. **Cathy Ryan**

...from **SAVE THE CHILDREN**.

50 years ago, Southwold, Walberswick and Reydon local people started the Southwold Branch and it is, with regret, that our Save the Children committee have decided to close down the branch. We would very much like to continue but having served 30-40 years, our ages now run from 75-90 years. We have raised thousands of pounds for underprivileged children, here and abroad. We have enjoyed our time together over the years, although jumble sales were hard work but always successful. We have also held coffee mornings, cream teas, collections on the Pier, lunches in the Village Hall, etc. We would not have managed without our many friends, who have willingly helped, at these events. Thanks, also, for the very kind support, from local people who have come along to our functions. A big thank you to our committee members, who have worked hard over the years, especially **Janet Dent**, our Secretary, for all the good work she has done and Walberswick members **Maureen Thompson** and **Faith Blackman**, who each year organised a popular October Coffee Morning. **Val Anderson** has sold many books, outside her home and raised a lot of money - thank you so much. **Jean Harrison** has been our 'Book Lady' and has done a great job. **Milly Huggins** has organised many tombolas and **Iris Mortlock** has made lots of tea and coffee in the kitchen! Thank You.

Anita Barbrook -Chairperson Southwold Branch of Save the Children.

....so much for purchasing so many books, from the book stall outside my house, on the Village Green. The total raised was **£700** from Easter-October last year! All the money goes to **Save the Children**. More books needed and gratefully received. **Val Anderson**

CHURCH MATTERS

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Ordained Local Minister

Revd Brian Fisher (723023)

Churchwardens:

John Simpson (723384) John Anderson (726172)

JUNE SERVICES 2019

- 2 7th Sunday after Easter
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 9 Pentecost (Whit Sunday)
Choral Evensong 1800
- 16 Trinity Sunday
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 23 Family at St Andrew's 11.30
'John the Baptist'
Drinks & pastries at 11am

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship

Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer

STOP PRESS:

Family at St Andrew's will be at a revised time of 11.30 for the Summer months of May, June & July - Drinks & Pastries at 11.00 service starts at 11.30

PARISH REGISTERS

18th April Burial of Ashes

Robert Charles Michael Cronin aged 72

29th April Funeral Service and Burial

Curtis John Capon aged 80

1st May Burial of Ashes

Brian Edeveain Dillon aged 84

Miriam Inett Dillon aged 96

2nd May Funeral Service and Burial

Dianne Catherine Kingshott aged 63

Dear Friends

The Easter season at St Andrews was characterised by several well attended funerals and burials. Many from the community packed into the church, during May, to say goodbye to much loved family members and friends.

A funeral service is an opportunity to celebrate a life well lived, and to give thanks for love and friendship that has been shared. But it is more than that. It is also an opportunity to find closure and to say goodbye. A funeral is an important step in the grieving process. A person attending a burial in St Andrew's churchyard, for the first time in their experience, remarked on how significant it was for them to see the coffin lowered into the ground. Standing at the graveside, in the company of friends and family, was an emotional experience, but also a moment of acceptance and letting go.

Having a grave to visit is important in providing a place in which to remember and to find peace.

The Christian context for a funeral service in church is one of hope. Our Easter faith is that Christ has conquered death and is risen, and that he invites us to share in his risen life. A person attending a funeral in St Andrew's this month "felt" this truth. While struggling to find the right words the person said that somehow being in church it felt that death was not pointless.

I sometimes use this prayer;

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for all those whom we love but see no longer, as we remember *N* in this place, hold before us our beginning and our ending, the dust from which we come and the death to which we move, with a firm hope in your eternal love and purposes for us, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Simon

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

7 Don Thompson husband of Maureen

14 Ollie Tibbles grandson of Brian & Jayne.

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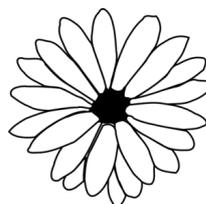
PARISH COUNCIL -IMPORTANT NEWS

At its meeting of 10 June, WPC was finally able to close the 2017/18 audit. As we have explained in earlier statements in the VN, the delay was caused by an extraordinarily large volume of objections submitted to the external auditor by three individuals in the village. The outcome of these actions was the production of three letters – one to each of the objectors. These letters have now been published on the WPC website with the names of the individuals redacted. The auditor (PKF Littlejohn) either rejected the objections as ineligible or, for those that were allowed to be considered, the auditor found, after review, that no further action by them was warranted, on any of the objections. Having disposed of the objections, the auditor was then able to issue to WPC a final report and audit certificate. These are also published on the village website. (Links can be found under WPC, Notices, 29 May 2019). The report provided the WPC with some useful points on process, which we will utilise in the coming year and provided the clarifications the Council itself had sought from the auditor on how to restate past accounts in order to ensure that our 2018/19 audit could be properly reconciled. Unfortunately, just as we had warned, the cost of the auditors' handling of the objections of the three has led to an enormous bill. Along with our certification, the auditor presented the Council with an invoice in excess of £14,000. This is actually MORE than the entire 2017/18 precept of £12,000! It is also almost 60 times greater than the base audit cost of £240 which would have been our cost, were it not for the complaints lodged by the three villagers. To cover such a bill would mean not only emptying the Village's Council reserves, but also, potential increase of the precept yet again next year, for the sole purpose of paying the external auditor's invoice. The Council believes that the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 have been clearly misused in this situation. Although the situation arose from the actions of the 3 villagers, we believe that the auditor did not appropriately take into account the requirements of proportionality and the public interest in its approach, that resulted in this wildly disproportionate cost to the Village. We will be taking this up directly with PKF Littlejohn and the National Audit Office, with support from the Suffolk and National Associations of Local Councils and the East Suffolk District Council. At the 10 June meeting, the WPC also concluded its financial business for 2018/19 by completing the Annual Governance Statement and approving the unaudited Accounts for 2018/19. These are available on the website and for public inspection. **We thank the villagers who joined us at our meeting on 10 June and others who have given their strong support and encouragement to the Council.**

All enquiries to the Clerk please at: walberswickclerk@gmail.com

The next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday, 8th July at 7.15pm** in the Village Hall Annexe

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY are holding a drop-in morning on **Saturday 13th July 10.30 to 12 noon** in the Village Hall annexe. All are welcome to come and discuss, with the Charity's Trustees, any WCLC matter that concerns them.



IT'S THE BLOOMING HORTICULTURAL SHOW!!!!

Pluck your petunias and rinse your rhubarb for our annual floral fiesta.

The **Horticultural Show on Saturday, July 20th** There's still time to create that award winning cake, or flower arrangement! Let's hope the sun shines, so our flowers and veggies reach their prime in time. Please encourage children to get involved as well. Any questions -or if you need another schedule- please contact:
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BEST FETE FORWARD –AUGUST 24th! INFO!

****Next month's Village News will have full FETE details and where to take donations for stalls**

**** We have a Silent Disco & new Mystery Game**

**** Art for Art Sale goes to Hilary & Vincent Watts.**

**** The Rumpus Ukulele Band return!!**

****Green on The Green– Keep our village beautiful and use the recycling bins, on Fete Day.**

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING.....

.. in the ruins of St. Andrew's Church, Walberswick on **Saturday, 20th July at 6 p.m.** A joint concert with the **Military Wives Choir** (Wattisham) and **Waveney Windband**. Please bring your own picnic (drinks available), whilst we treat you to an exciting and varied programme of light music. Profits from the concert go to The Military Wives Charity-SSAFA. Tickets available from The Tuck Shop, or on the day for £8.00 each (under 16s FREE). **John Flack**

D-DAY ANNIVERSARY—NOVEMBER DATE

We commemorated the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on 6 June, the day in 1944 that began the end of World War 2 but cost the Allies some 10,000 casualties. On **Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2019**, Libby Purves, Jan Etherington and local thespians, supported by the Walberswick History Group, will present a programme of personal memories of **D Day**. Can you help? **Nigel & Margreet Walpole (723371)** would welcome input from our residents, past or present, who have tales, to tell of that memorable day.

ANNE EASTERBROOK 1/6/28 - 14/6/19

Anne died peacefully at Priory Paddocks nursing home, after a long and happy life, aged 91. Her long association with the village began when her parents, Percy and Doris, settled here in the 1950s. Her father was the founder member of WATTS and Anne continued this interest in theatre, taking part in many play readings and later, as WATTS President. Anne and her husband Ray moved to the village in 1988 and enjoyed and contributed to village life. Noted for her glamour and elegance- never without red lipstick and matching nails - Anne's collection of hats was unique - many with a jaunty feather. She was friendly, kind, a good listener and the family would like to thank everyone in the village for their love and friendship and for visiting her, over the past year and lifting her spirits. Funeral service: **Friday 5th July 2.30pm at St Andrew's Walberswick Caroline Wright, Hugh & Philippa Easterbrook**

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....to all those that came to make our Meet and Greet day such a huge success. Everyone that we have spoken to since thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. . Donations to the East Anglian Air Ambulance raised a total of **£450**, which has been forwarded on to them Thank you also for that. **Pat and Philip Kett**

CONGRATULATIONS....

... to **Chris Jackson** for an amazing result running **the Everest Marathon!** He was the 2nd British and 11th International male, finishing 56th overall in a time of 7hr29min10secs!!! And has raised **over £5,000 so far for pancreatic cancer, £2,000 from our village!!!** Such generous villagers! The giving site is still open if anyone else wants to help. Thank you all. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/chris-jackson-everest-marathon>

KIM STEBBINGS

Many of you will know that, Kim, one of our favourite tree surgeons, had a terrifying fall, from the top of a tree, in the village recently and sustained multiple serious injuries.

Ambulance, police and air ambulance arrived within 12 minutes and Kim was airlifted to hospital. Remarkably, after a fractured spine, 5 broken ribs and a 6 hour operation to put a titanium plate in his arm, Kim is lucid, sitting up and has even managed a few steps, although he has been told by his consultant that he's not allowed to pick up a chainsaw for three months! Our thoughts are with Kim and his family and we wish him a full recovery.

20MPH (EVEN WHEN NO-ONE'S LOOKING)

It's summer and we have no pavements. The Street is filled with children, dogs, pushchairs, bikes, horses. Many are meandering, few are walking in a straight line and hugging the hedges. **SLOW DOWN!!**
20 MEANS 20 ... even when no-one's looking!

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE NEWS BY EMAIL

The Village News is now available in electronic form. To receive an emailed copy, go to the **Village website**, select **Local Information** link on the home page, scroll down to **Village Newsletter Subscription** and complete the form. This does not replace the paper copy of the Village News, which continues to be delivered by our dedicated team of volunteers, to each household in the village. **Sheila Parry**

WI SUMMER MEETING

The July garden meeting of the WI will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday, 4 July**, at the Yoxford Antique Centre & Gardens. Registration required and lifts provided. **Members only. Sheila Parry**

CHURCH MATTERS

Dear Friends

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- 12 Graham Godsmark
19 Tony Lancaster
26 Wendy Sinclair's parents

SEA SUNDAY

The second Sunday in July is designated as Sea Sunday when we recognize, support and pray for those 'in peril on the sea'. Do come early on 14 July and join the choir singing sea shanties before the service begins as usual at 6 o'clock.

The church celebrates Trinity Sunday on 16th June, and the Sundays thereafter, until November, are observed as Sundays after Trinity. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is unique to Christianity. It is a doctrine that sometimes is a stumbling block to faith, because it is not easy to grasp.

In summary, the Christian understanding of God is that there is one God who has made himself known to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Anglican spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill said "if God were small enough to be understood he would not be big enough to be worshipped." Understanding the Trinity is probably therefore beyond my brain. But I appreciate that the nature of God is Relationship - three beings at one through the dynamic of mutual love. That relationship of love is open so that it can embrace others. Perhaps the concept of a human family offers us a glimpse of this. One family, that includes several individuals, living together in a relationship of mutual love.

As we enter the Trinity season it is good to grasp the faith that God is love, that love is life giving and that the love of God is offered to us.

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher

Team Rector of the Sole Bay Team

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH TOWER OPENING

We are delighted that, due to popular demand, an extra date has been added. The tower will be open on **Saturday 13 July from 2-5pm**
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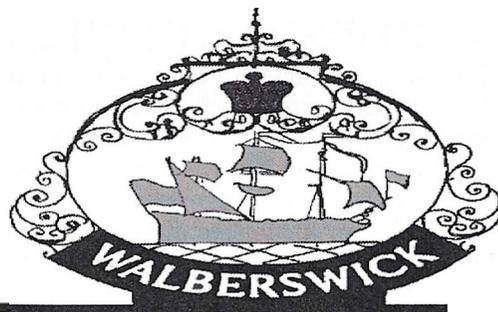
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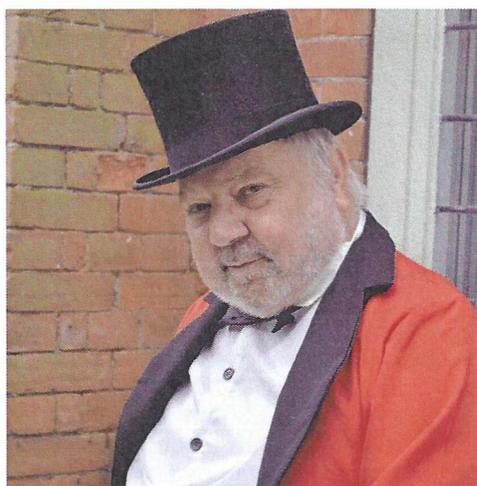
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Following the Stage 3 Public Consultation on Sizewell C, during which there was both a public meeting in Walberswick hosted by EDF and the Parish Council, and to which we made an official submission (which can be viewed on our website), it has now been announced that there will be a Stage 4 Public Consultation, which begins on 18th July and closes on 27th September 2019, which will focus on management of freight deliveries and some changes to previous proposals. EDF have indicated, however, that they will also accept further feedback on Stage 3 proposals as well as Stage 4. The Parish Council are planning on making another formal submission to the Stage 4 consultation, but all villagers are also urged to make their own views known, as submissions from individuals are also sought. As part of the Stage 4 consultation there will be a series of 6 exhibition days; the nearest one to Walberswick is in Yoxford Village Hall on 24th July, 1-6PM. Further details and all documents can be found at: www.sizewellc.co.uk
All enquiries to the Clerk please at: walberswickclerk@gmail.com

There is no currently planned Parish Council Meeting in August and the next Meeting is Monday, **Sept 9th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall Annexe.**

ALPACA MA BAGS...And go and see ... the alpacas in Hilary and Vincent's field, behind the allotments and caravans! Passers by are welcome to admire from the fence but alpacas are not keen on contact. They are three handsome boys called Washington, Harley and Peregrine and if you are able to give one a home, they're for sale!



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Wednesday 7th, 14th and 21st, in the Village Hall.

Doors open at **5-30pm**, eyes down at 6 o'clock sharp.

There will be the usual great selection of cakes, cookies and pizza, plus a selection of drinks to buy.

WANT TO SEE A FILM, SET IN OUR VILLAGE, ABSOLUTELY FREE???

"IN ONE END" is the first film that Walberswick's own movie man, **Luke Jeans**, made professionally.

It is now available to view, for free, on the BFI Player. It

was first aired in the cinema in 1977 and is a

documentary featuring Southwold and Adnams brewery.

The film opens with legendary Walberswickians, **Wally**

Webb and **Nigel Hunt** (both looking very young) duck-

shooting on the marshes. It also features **Dinks Cooper**

with his memories of the 1953 floods, a mini

re-enactment of the **Battle of Sole Bay** and **Fairport**

Convention (who wrote and performed all the music in

the film) playing in the Harbour Inn. The cameraman was

Nic Knowland, another Walberswickian, back then.

BOOKS, GLORIOUS BOOKS!!

Val Anderson can never have enough books to meet the

demand, for all those who rummage through the book

boxes, outside her home, Hedgeley (with the Greek flag

above), on the Village Green. All the money from sales

goes to **Save the Children**. More books needed and

always gratefully received. **Val Anderson**

ROY STRUTS HIS STUFF!

Congratulations to **ROY STRUTT** who has

won the Competition for the best photograph

of St Andrew's Church. You can see the

winning picture in the **Fete Programme**.

CHURCH MATTERS

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

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AUGUST SERVICES 2019

- 4 7th Sunday after Trinity
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 11 Choral Evensong 1800
with Jippi Jappa Trio Guitar Group
- 18 9th Sunday after Trinity
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 25 Family at St Andrew's 11.30
Drinks & pastries at 11.00

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)
Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)
1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)
Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship
Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

16th Christine Fisher's parents
23th Rita Woodcraft's parents

PARISH REGISTERS

29th June Holy Matrimony
Paul Anthony Walsh and
Zoë Viola Penrhys-Evans
2nd July Memorial Service
Sue Hertel
5th July Funeral & Burial
Anne Moyra Easterbrooke aged 91
6th July Holy Matrimony
Benjamin Jack Crawford Abbott and
Karla Victoria Gardner

FROM THE REV CANON

Dear Friends,

On the afternoon of **August 24th** I shall be wearing a red tail coat, top hat, and carrying a silver topped cane.

My persona will be that of a Circus Master, a role I never expected to play, as I open the Village Fete. Opening the Fete is a huge honour, and one which I never expected in 100 years!

The editorial team of the Village News asked me to write the 'Church Matters' column, I think in the hope of somehow linking the theme of The Circus with the Church, as a kind of theological parallel process. Where does the Bible mention the word 'Circus'? It doesn't.

I suppose the nearest visual image is that of Noah shepherding the animals two by two into his Ark. Surely rather a tangential linkage.

And how do I, as a rather shy, retired Canon in the Church of England morph into a rather bumptious and grandiose Circus Master?

Perhaps the clue might be to try to link the word 'holiday' with the Greek word 'Ecclesia'. Here goes. The word holiday comes from the Old English word 'Haligdaeg' .. 'Holy Day', and the word 'Ecclesia' means the 'community of the Church'.

So the Fete happens on a Bank Holiday, and the whole Community can gather together and celebrate what being a Community means.

And what better way to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in the building up of Community than the friendliness and neighbourliness we experience when we gather on The Green on August 24th?

See you there!

I will conduct the Circus, but please don't ask me for anymore theological insights. Just enjoy the day!

The Revd. Canon Harry Edwards

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH TOWER OPEN

The Church Tower will be open on
Saturday 3rd August from 2-5pm.

Climb to the top—what a view!

No sandals or under 12s

WHAT'S ON:

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15th- 11:26 /

22nd- 03:22 / 15:28

29th- 10:13 / 22:55

Walberswick Village Fete

Saturday, 24 August 2019

Preparations for this year's 'Circus by the Sea' themed Fete are well underway, your Fete Committee this year consisting of Alex Godfrey (724630), Clive & Doris Brynley-Jones (724592), Pete & Liz Wagstaff (724889), Lorry Haslegrave (724992), David Neeves (722556) and Guy Parry (723103). The traditional stalls, wonderful food and refreshments, and games for all ages, will be joined by several new attractions, including a circus skills workshop and silent disco.

The event gets under way with the Fun Dog Show (never to be missed) at 11.30, and this year we welcome Harry Edwards, to open the Fete at 13.00.

Profits from all Fete activities will, as in previous years, be divided equally between St Andrew's Church and our Village Hall.

11.00	BBQ and coffee stall opens on Village Hall car park Dog Show registration begins behind the Hall
11.30	Fun Dog Show*
12.30	Village Hall opens for refreshments BBQ moves to the Village Green
13.00	Fete Opening on the Village Green
13.05-16.00	Fete in full swing
14.00	Family Games, including Tug O' War, on the Village Green
15.30	Grand Raffle prizes drawn on the Village Green
16.00	Fete closes, but tea available in the Village Hall until 16.30

*Dog Show registration forms will be available before the day from the Walberswick Tuck Shop (Co-op). Dogs entered at their owners' risk.

Volunteers are still urgently needed to assist on the day helping or running a game or stall for an hour or two. Please contact one of the committee members or email walberswick.fete@gmail.com.

If you have a gazebo that could be used in the event of bad weather, please contact Clive Brynley-Jones (724592).

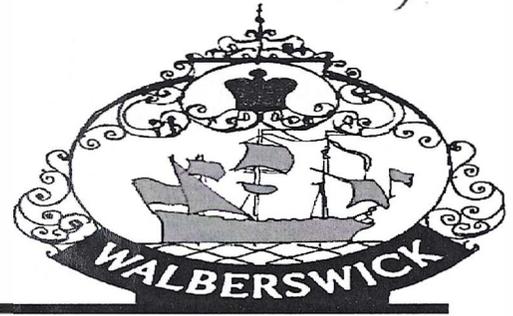
Please help us fill the stalls:

Stall	Holder	Contact	
Dog Show	Marie Ruth	722595	Dog Show marshals and assistants needed
White Elephant	Peter Austin	722836	Anything 'sellable', but no radios or TVs
Original Art Fair	Anne Paton	01728 633074	Original paintings & prints; contact Vincent Watts on 724371 to deposit pictures prior to Fete day
Kitchen Cupboard	Carol Wardell	722955	Crockery, glass, cutlery and pans – in good condition
Bottle Tombola	Sue Wood	07577 816564	Full bottles to Sue by 22 August please
Lunches & Teas	Lorry Haslegrave	724992	Help needed in Hall and Kitchen; cakes to Hall on Fete day
Nearly New	Pam Webb	722543	Clean outerwear for ladies and gentlemen
Cakes & Preserves	Suzzie Godfrey	724630	Wrapped cakes, biscuits and jams - clearly labelled
Finishing Touches	Sue Green	722347	Jewellery, hats, handbags and accessories
Garden Stall	Jill Willison	725244	Cuttings, plants, garden ornaments and home-grown vegetables
Book stall	John Weston	722584	Books
Things for Kids	Rita Woodcraft	722958	Clean clothing, toys and games

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AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAY means.....?

IT MUST BE FETE!!!

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST - WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE AND THE THEME IS A 'CIRCUS BY THE SEA'

Donations are needed, as outlined in the flyer in the August Village News, and especially freshly baked cakes, as well as bottles (wine, cordials, spirits) for the Bottle Tombola.

DON'T FORGET; To buy the programme, raffle tickets and observe the dress code; 'CIRCUS'!

Look out for villagers selling raffle tickets; there are some fantastic prizes, which are listed in the Fete programme - now available for just £1 from the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern and the Tea Shed.

Any questions? Please contact Guy Parry on 723103.

SUMMING UP THE SUMMER

We had the good the bad—and windy. Hot sun, tropical rain and big seas—one boat smashed into the harbour wall - and the campers, by the beach huts, showed stoicism and resilience, as their tents were bombarded by thunder, lightning, downpours— and local dogs, stealing bacon sandwiches and chicken drumsticks. As always the car parks were full, the dog waste bins were overflowing and there were many happy visitors, all repeating the mantra '*You are so lucky to live here*'. We know!

Our annual events were very fortunate with the weather and the sun shone on:.

****LATITUDE FESTIVAL**, just up the road, in Henham Park, proved, once again, that it is a fantastic day out for all the family, with music, entertainment and great food for all ages. Our friend and neighbour, **Richard Curtis**, screened his hilarious, feelgood film, **Yesterday**, which was filmed in Suffolk, at the Festival and the queues, to see it, stretched almost to Norfolk. Yes, the traffic was busy and yes, we could hear the music some nights but what a joy, to have such a wonderful event on our doorstep.

****THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

The Horticultural Committee would like to thank all those who attended the Show. either as an exhibitor or observer. It was very successful, with a high standard of entries. The cups this year were presented as follows.

Winyard Cup for a Man--Gordon Beard
Iris Blois Memorial Cup for a Woman--Suzzie Godfrey
Flower Bowl--Erica Donnellan
CC Gold Cup--Suzzie Godfrey
Best in Show—Mary Godfrey (for Chocolate Cake)
Whittenbury Victor Ludorum--Suzzie Godfrey
Harvey Memorial Trophy--Marian Beard
David Webb Memorial--Irene Prince

Favourite Smoothie (under 7) Elliot Aldridge
Favourite Smoothie (8-12) Nancy Sutton
Horticultural Poster for next year-Elliot Aldridge
Miniature Flower Arrangement--Grace Lee

EDITOR

After five very successful years, our editor **Gavin Petrie**, has decided to retire in December. Thank you, Gavin, for your hard work in giving the village a newsletter that has always been informative and fun.

We now need someone to fill Gavin's shoes! If you are interested, please contact me:

Edward Wright
(Chair, Village News Committee)
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

*The Parish Council is in recess in August and will resume monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month from September.

*As many will have noticed, the slide on the Green has deteriorated from corrosion and has been closed off for safety reasons. We are obtaining quotes for its replacement and hope to be able to take a decision in September, funding permitting.

*In terms of the audit, as mentioned in the June VN, the Council continues its efforts to have Accountants PKF reconsider their charges of £14,070 that resulted from their handling of the objections of three villagers.

*In better news, the Public Rights period for the 2018/19 accounts closed on 26 July 2019 and we are happy to announce that no objections were submitted. This should now allow the external audit to be handled normally, this year, with an expected cost of around **£240**.

*The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday **Sept 9th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall Annexe**. All enquiries please to the Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

HISTORY GROUP

'Daniel Defoe in the Eastern Counties'

Saturday 28th September, 7pm in the Village Hall.

Sarah Doig will be giving us a talk on Defoe's travels in the Eastern Counties. Defoe, a merchant, journalist and spy, visited the Suffolk coast in 1722 and his writing provides a fascinating 18th Century view of our region.

Sarah is a well-known local historian and author.

She is a council member and trustee of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History. (see next item below). It is sure to be a fascinating evening.

After Sarah's talk there will be a chance to chat over a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink.

WLHG members free, others £5 on the door.

SUFFOLK BY THE SEA A DAY'S CONFERENCE

The Suffolk Institute of Archaeology & History are holding a one day conference on **Saturday September 21st** at St Edmund's Hall, Southwold., to discuss the role of the coast on Suffolk's heritage. Expert and entertaining speakers include **Dr Brian Ayres on Medieval Suffolk** and **Simon Loftus on History of Southwold in 10 Museum objects**. Tickets to non society members £20 (includes tea and coffee) More details and tickets on : www.suffolkinstitute.org.uk

LUKE JEANS FILM 'IN ONE END'

In reponse to those having problems accessing this film about Walberswick, try this:

Go to: <https://player.bfi.org.uk/>

Click on FREE and then on the SEARCH button, in the RH corner, type in the name of the film IN ONE END and it comes up. Fingers crossed!

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ART EXHIBITION

There will be an exhibition of paintings, prints and collages in **Walberswick Village Hall over the August Bank Holiday**. Artists include Miles Fairhurst, Patricia Lomax, Julie Noad and Anne Paton. The exhibition is open on **Sunday 25th August and Monday 26th August. From 10-6pm both days. Everyone welcome and free entry.**

WI MEETING: SOLVING LOCAL CRIME

Retired Detective Superintendent, Roy Lambert, a member of the Suffolk Police for nearly 40 years, whose career spanned high-profile incidents such as the Ipswich serial murders in 2006, armed robbery, drug peddling and even a bombing campaign will be sharing his vast experience with the ladies of the WI on **Thursday, 5 September at 2.30pm** in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members welcome. **Sheila Parry**

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Come and join the team of volunteers and cyclists on **SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**. Whether you want to ride solo, or join up with others from Walberswick, there are plenty of Suffolk churches to explore. We round the day off with tea and cake for all participants in our own church St Andrew's.

We also need volunteers to 'man' the church throughout the day.

Sponsorship forms available from **Suzzie Godfrey**.

OPEN INVITATION TO ALL VILLAGERS!!

Some of you will have noticed the steady growth of Betty's belly, behind the counter, in the Co-op. Don't worry she hasn't been eating all the cakes, but she does have a "bun in the oven" and will be leaving us very shortly. So to celebrate her good news and to send her on her way, we will be having a leaving baby shower for her on **15th September 4-6 p.m. in the Village Hall Annexe**. All are welcome to come and celebrate, have some cake and a giggle.

From The Hens in the Coop (The Tuck Shop)

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- 22 Family at St Andrew's 11.15
David and Goliath, *1 Samuel 17*
Drinks & pastries at 10.45
- 29 Team Eucharist Service at 11.15
St Margaret's Church Reydon
Deanery Evensong at Wissett 3pm

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

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COME TO THE POPULAR FAMILY SERVICE!

The monthly all age service at St Andrew's has reverted to the normal time of 11.15 from Sunday August 25th. You will be assured of a warm welcome with pastries & hot & cold drinks available from 10.45. This is an informal service; the theme on August 25th is Daniel in the Lions' Den and on **September 22nd** will be **David & Goliath**. We look forward to welcoming you.

LETTER FROM THE REV CANON

Dear Friends,

I came across this poem by Philip Soar:

*The village flocked to the summer fete
Some there early, some there late
Stalls of food and stalls with crafts
Candy floss on wooden shafts
People mixing, sharing tales
Lots of fruit, weighed on scales
Children on the funfair rides
Crazy clothes and strange hair styles
A typical summer Village fete,
You should have one too, it's not too late.*

I thought the poem captured something of the spirit of the Walberswick Fete which will be held on August 24th. The fete is a joyful occasion which brings the community together and draws many visitors to Walberswick. Fetes do not just happen, but are the result of much hard work. I would like to thank the fete committee for all that they have done for us, and we rejoice that the fete remains a highlight of the summer.

I am sure that it will be a happy day.

Yours in Christ

Simon

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

13th Wendy Sinclair for Chris

27th Mary King for Peter

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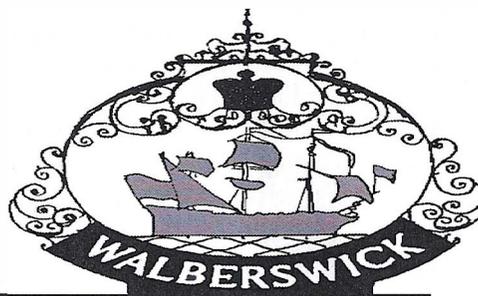
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SHOEBOX—WE CAN ALL FILL ONE!!

As in recent years, St Andrew's, together with other parishes in the Sole Bay Team, will be involved in the **Operation Christmas Child** appeal, organized by Samaritan's Purse (an international Christian relief organization), whereby shoe boxes containing small gifts are sent to needy children around the world, regardless of their background or religious belief. Ready printed boxes & leaflets can be collected from St Andrew's and should be returned to the church by Sunday November 10th. If you would like more information, or if more boxes and leaflets are needed, please contact **Christine or Brian on 723023**

BEACH CLEAN! SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH

Organised by Walberswick Wildfowlers in conjunction with Natural England. **Meet at Cliff Field car park at 10 am. If poss, bring own bags and gloves** Everybody is welcome. Mark Waller

BONFIRE NIGHT:NOVEMBER 5th:Display7pm

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FETE ACCOMPLI!! APPLAUSE!!

Very many congratulations to all those who made the 2019 Fete such a sensational success. This year we raised **£13,898** - shared between the Church and Village Hall. Canon Harry Edwards made a terrific ringmaster, accompanied by our enchanting hula hooper, the exuberant village children and the joyful Rumpus Ukulele Band. The Fete Committee thanks all volunteers, stallholders, poster designer, advertisers and sponsors, and all who made generous donations to the raffle, white elephant, bottle tombola, cake stall, Walberswick Café etc..... The fete programme editor produced an exceptional edition this year – a great read, great artwork, lucrative advertising and record sales of **£1356**.

THE DEBT WE OWE—A D-DAY EVENT

The recent anniversary of the Battle of Britain, which led Adolf Hitler to postpone and eventually cancel Operation Sea Lion (the invasion of Britain), reminds us of the 75th Anniversary of that other momentous turning point in World War Two, 'D-Day', the Allied invasion of Normandy. On Remembrance Weekend, 9/10th November, Walberswick will remember, with red poppies, the traditional Royal British Legion Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on the Saturday, 10.00 -12.00 and the Remembrance Service in church on Sunday morning. At **6 pm on November 10th, join us for MEMORIES OF D-DAY IN SIGHT AND SOUND, in the Village Hall**. Tickets for this event are on sale for **£5, in the Tuck Shop from 10 October**, all proceeds go to the military charity 'Combat Stress'.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

... needs new members. If you would like to Offer your services, please contact **Clive Brynley-Jones, Chairman (Tel: 724592)**. The committee maintain, fund-raise and manage the Hall and its car park. We are a friendly and very welcoming group. Contact **Viv Hunt (Sec)**

PIANO NEEDED FOR SWEENEY TODD!!

A village production of the musical, directed by Clive Brynley Jones, needs an upright piano, to be used in the Village Hall from late January through the performances **February 13 - 16th**. Spare piano? Please contact **Clive on 01502 724592**.

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Gavin Petrie at Millstones, Millfield Road, Walberswick IP18 6UD
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

After a survey of all memorial benches around the village, a bench dedicated to a 'Mrs Neame' (located in the hollow near Squires Hill at the junction with Palmers Lane) is now in disrepair and will be removed - unless someone comes forward in the next few months, to pay for the repairs. We are also seeking to compile and publish short histories about all the interesting people who have benches in Walberswick, donated in their memory. The complete list of current benches can be seen at: walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-local-history-group/archives-database/excerpts-from-archives/commemorative-benches-2/ . Contact Cllr. Lewis at andrew.wpcouncillor@gmail.com if you have any information. Next PC Meeting is **Mon October 14th at 7.15pm in the Village Hall Annexe**. All enquiries please to the Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Trustees are sorry to report that **Jeremy Solnick** was forced to retire as a Trustee in July on health grounds. This has been a great loss to the Charity as Jeremy has made an outstanding contribution over the past five years. In particular dealing with some tricky legacy issues that have generated an extraordinary amount of complex work. We wish him all the best in his retirement!

Adam Cooke has been appointed by the Parish Council as Jeremy's successor. Adam has a strong legal background having worked at partner level with major firms. In addition he has considerable charity experience, including as chair. Adam was married in St Andrews church in 1985, he and his wife divide their time between London and Walberswick. The Trustees are delighted to welcome him on board. The 2018 Annual Report of the Charity will be available on our section of the Village web site from 1st October. The Trustees have responded to requests for greater transparency by producing their most comprehensive report to date. Please take time to read it and let us have any feedback, particularly suggestions for charitable support we can provide to the community. **James Darkins – Chairman**

HISTORY GROUP

Daniel Defoe in the Eastern Counties

Saturday 28th September, 7pm. Village Hall.

Sarah Doig will be talking on Daniel Defoe's travels in this area. Defoe, a merchant, journalist and spy visited the Suffolk coast in 1722 and his writing provides a fascinating, 18thC view of our region. Sarah is a well-known local historian and author. She is a council member and trustee of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology & History. After Sarah's talk there will be a chance to chat, over a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink. **WLHG members free, others £5 on the door**

CHRISTMAS TALK, on **Saturday 30th November**, will be given by **Paul Heiney**

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FAREWELL VAL ANDERSON

ONE OF WALBERSWICK'S GREAT LADIES

Val Anderson died on 26th August at Priory Paddocks Nursing Home - where she had been for just five days . She slipped away peacefully, at the end. Her funeral is on **Monday 23rd September, at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Walberswick** and afterwards at The Anchor. We send our condolences to her family, who say all are welcome and there is no need to wear black.

Below, are some memories of Val....

As a neighbour... Riq and Val were lovely neighbours and friends – not just to us but also to the many family and friends who stayed at their flat, over the years. Val was generous and kind to us, our children and grandchildren. She loved having the little ones to visit and would often sit in her sunroom and chat to us as we walked by. Many happy memories of cups of tea, glasses of wine and the best Irish stew ever...and being put through our paces as both cast and crew in village productions! **Denise and John Brentnall & family**

As a drama queen... I first met Val nearly 20 years ago, when she was the Wicked Queen, in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs - the 2nd Walberswick pantomime. She was very good and I was rather scared of her! I had a tiny part so I was surprised when she asked if I would run a Village Drama Class with her. In return I requested she help me direct a play. And therein started a long lasting and - at least from my side - hugely welcome and beneficial friendship. We directed many plays together and Val generously pushed and encouraged me. Val was certainly tough and would roar at an actor who put a foot wrong but was equally kind. She would happily do the washing up, or coach a nervous actor for hours. Val was supportive of all local drama; working hard for years for WATS, Southwold Summer Theatre and FESPA and you always knew when she was in the audience! She would laugh long and loud! **Julia Sowerbutts**

As a landlady.... Gavin and I asked Val if we could rent her flat, while our house was being restored. 'Yes,' she said 'As long as you agree to be in Under Milkwood..' which she was staging in the church. Gavin declined, on the grounds of being Scottish but I was Mrs Dai Bread and thanks to Val, we were instantly, involved in village life. We loved our months 'under the Greek flag', with a seagull's eye view of the village green and remember her kindness to us 'newbies' **Jan Etherington**

WI MEETING - TRULY TRACEABLE

Mrs Lynn Tricker, part of the husband and wife team behind the award-winning range of handmade venison and game pies, will be chatting to the ladies of the WI about the family business of deer stalking, butchering and beautifully encrusting fully traceable meat. Visitors and new members welcome. **Thursday, 3 October at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. Sheila Parry.**

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OCTOBER SERVICES 2019

- 6 16th Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 13 17th Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festal Evensong 1800
- 20 18th Sunday after Trinity
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 27 Family at St Andrew's 11.15
Drinks & pastries at 10.45

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship

Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.

Come and sing hymns with us to celebrate harvest on Sundays 6th and 13th. The Church will be full of flowers and the fruits of the harvest. Our Team Rector will join us as we celebrate this year's harvest at the Parish Eucharist and Choral Evensong. (*times above*)

HARVEST SUPPER, with entertainer, **Denis King**, is on **Friday 4th at 7pm, in the Village Hall. Tickets at £10 from Penny Buncombe at 4, The Terrace. (opposite Anchor).**

LETTER FROM REV CANON

Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to the 2019 Village fete. It was a wonderfully hot day, and there appeared to be many people enjoying themselves. My daughter and I enjoyed browsing the stalls and had a very tasty lunch in the village hall.

In August our monthly evensong had a different flavour as the choir, supported by musicians and solo vocalists led a Jazz evensong. I have not experienced an evensong like that before and it is good and refreshing to try new things. Thank you to everyone who helped with this service.

In October we celebrate harvest. At 11.15 on Sunday 6th October it is our harvest festival service with Holy Communion. Evensong on 13th will also celebrate a harvest theme. **The ever popular annual harvest supper will be at 7pm on Friday 6th October.** Information and tickets - see opposite column. Look out for the posters.

Our monthly family service on the fourth Sunday of each month has been going really well. On September 22nd the story will be David and Goliath and on October 27th the beautiful story of Ruth. Congratulations to James Buncombe and Megan Clements on their wedding in St Andrews on 31st August. It was another sunny summer day and the church was filled with happy worshippers. We already have 16 church weddings booked in the Sole Bay Team of churches for 2020. An encouraging number, in this so called secular age.

Simon

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31st August Holy Matrimony
James Buncombe and Megan Clements

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HARVEST SUPPER Friday 4th October 7 pm (see above)

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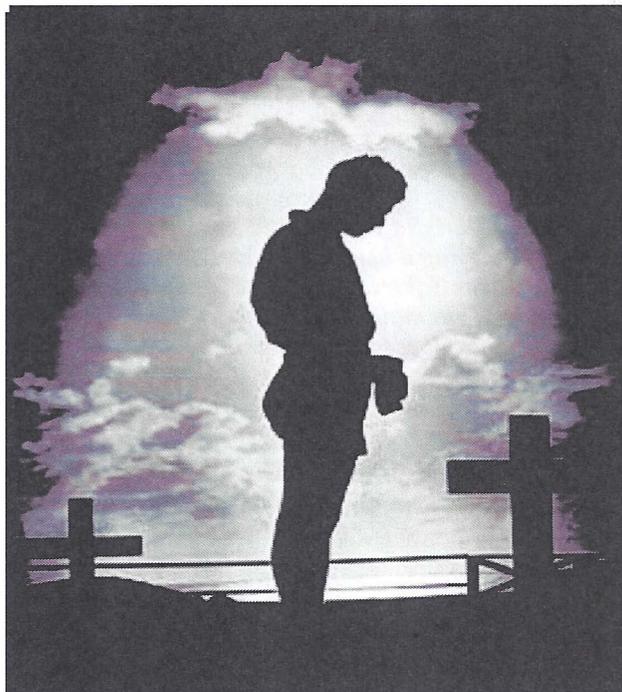
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MEMORIES OF D DAY IN SIGHT AND SOUND FINAL CALL ! At 6 pm on Remembrance Sunday 10 November in the Village Hall

A programme of vivid personal memories, from D Day, some from Walberswick residents who were involved in that massive air and seaborne invasion of Normandy, on 6 June 1944. **Tickets for the event, price £5, are now selling fast in the Tuck Shop and from Nigel and Margreet Walpole (01502-723371).** All proceeds go to the military charity 'Combat Stress'. Anyone with hearing or other difficulties, who needs priority seating, should contact Nigel or Margreet.

The Anchor Christmas FUN!

Christmas Eve: Serving as normal. Songs with Denis King on the piano from 9:30pm

Boxing Day: Drinks all day. Food until 6 pm

New Year's Eve: 6pm family-seating or 8:45pm serving a 4 course dinner, disco & fireworks @ £65pp
Check website for events inc Open Mic Night

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BONFIRE NIGHT **NOVEMBER 5th DISPLAY 7PM

Cliff Field bonfire site is open from **Saturday 26 Oct to Monday 4 November** inclusive, for combustible household waste

On **5th November, from 6.45, soup and hot chocolate will be available.**

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY, AS THIS EVENT IS RUN ON DONATIONS!!

HISTORY GROUP CHRISTMAS TALK

Saturday, 30th November @ 7pm in the Village Hall. An illustrated talk by **Paul Heiney** WLHG members free, others **£5 on the door.**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COFFEE MORNING AND BAZAAR.

9th November 2019 10am-12noon Village Hall
Your donations and support are greatly appreciated. **Erica Donnellan 724845**

CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET

will be on **Saturday, December 7th in the Village Hall from 10am - 12 noon.** We will be extremely grateful for any support or donations you can give us. Come along on the day to kick off the holiday season and purchase gifts, decorations, and eats! I also have Cancer Research Christmas cards for presale; just contact me on **722384. Betsy Lemmon**

WI MEETING

MEMORIES OF AFGHANISTAN

Thursday, 7 November at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall. **Josie Bassinette**, village resident and former operations manager of the World Bank in Jakarta and acting country director in Afghanistan, will be treating the ladies of the WI to a talk about her times in Afghanistan. This will be followed by the AGM.

BEACH CLEAN RE-SCHEDULED –NOV 17th

After torrential rain forced us to abandon last month's beach clean we hope for better weather on **Sunday November 17th at 10 –12noon.**

Meet at Cliff Car Park and bring your own gloves and sturdy bags. Everyone is welcome. Jointly sponsored by Natural England and Walberswick Wildfowlers. **Mark Waller**

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FLU CLINIC DATES 2019

***13th November in Walberswick
Village Hall 2- 3 pm (Over 65 yrs only)
*4th December at Sole Bay Health Centre
2- 6pm (18-64 YEARS at risk only)**

SUFFOLK CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

14th September saw the annual Suffolk churches Ride and Stride and St Andrew's was open to host riders and walkers alike. Our cycling team of 9 riders visited 30 churches, whilst the home team of 11 helpers gave all our visitors a warm welcome. We finished the day with a celebratory pot of tea and a large platter of cakes and biscuits. Thank you all who made the sunny day such a success!

SHOEBOX APPEAL REMINDER

There has been a really encouraging amount of interest in the shoebox appeal. There is still time to fill one and there are still resources and leaflets at the back of the church. **THE LAST DATE FOR RETURN OF THE SHOEBOXES IS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH.** Call me for more information **Christine 723023**

KATHLEEN PATTERSON

The family of the late Kathleen Patterson sincerely thank all the people who have sent letters and cards of sympathy and those who have expressed condolences in person, following the loss of a much-loved and now, greatly missed wife, mother and grandmother. Many letters reference the scale of the voluntary work Kathleen, did in support of St. Andrew's Church and Guild, the Womens' Institute and in supporting the plethora of village functions and fund-raising events, during her 45 years residency here. The family wish to record their gratitude to Canon Simon and servers Penny and Joanna. The compilation of the service embodying his address, readings and Eucharist Prayers, Commendation and Farewell and the placing of the bier in the Chancel, enfolded the coffin among those attending the service and provided an intimacy of great beauty, on such a sad occasion.

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EDITORSHIP

We are delighted to announce that **Sheila Parry** has agreed to take on the editorship of the Village News when Gavin retires at the end of this year. Sheila and her husband, Guy, moved to the village three and a half years ago; she sits on the WI and Village News Committees. Sheila's first issue of the Village News will be January 2020 so please continue to send Gavin your material for December.

Please send Sheila material for the January issue by 15th December. Her contact details are:

walberswicknews@gmail.com. Tel: 07500 292148.

We wish Sheila every success in her new role and once again, thank Gavin for his sterling work.

Last month, the Parish Council asked the Village News for help in identifying a bench dedicated to a 'Mrs Neame', near Squires Hill and Palmer's Lane junction. It turns out many villagers knew her well. Here, John Brentnall recalls a formidable lady....

Yes I remember Mrs Neame! She lived in the railway cottages down Palmers Lane, she was small and sturdy and wore tweeds and a woollen hat. I remember she had a small dog, perhaps a Norfolk terrier. But what you need to know about Mrs Neame is that she kept The Sole Bay Bookshop in Southwold. It was a wonderful old-fashioned bookshop, stuffed with books in every corner. And upstairs, so Mrs Neame told me, was a poltergeist. A quick search on the Internet will reveal that the author Penelope Fitzgerald had a part-time job working for Mrs Neame in the 1950s. The experience was turned into a novel *The Bookshop*, which in turn has been made into a film starring Bill Nighy and Emily Mortimer. There is a picture of the interior of the bookshop, as it was in 1985 (after Mrs Neame had retired), in *To the Town* by Stephen Wolfenden. In her old age Mrs Neame played chess with my father. The game filled whole afternoons The moves were long and ponderous and sometimes she forgot it was her turn. She used to ask my mother to drive her out on expeditions around Suffolk and on one occasion I went with them. Mrs Neame had heard about the TM centre at Badingham. She wanted to see the garden. As we wandered through the hall, she spotted a picture of the Maharishi, with his beads and beard and white flowing robe, she poked it with her stick and looking at me she said "That's the villain of the piece!" They don't make them like Mrs Neame any more and I'm sure others in the village will remember her. **John Brentnall**

BIN THERE – MOVE THAT (please!)

Many villagers are concerned that rubbish bins are remaining in the street, sometimes for many days, after collection – possibly because their owners are not here on Mondays. Because we have no pavements and no street lighting, the bins can be a hazard and there have been swerves and near accidents, on our roads and The Green. They are also unsightly. If you are away, please arrange for someone to place your bins back inside your property each Monday.

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NOVEMBER SERVICES 2019

3 4th Sunday before Advent

Parish Eucharist 11.15

Joined by Blythburgh

10 Remembrance Sunday

Service with Blythburgh 1050

17 2nd Sunday before Advent

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24 Family at St Andrew's 11.15

Drinks & pastries at 10.45

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On **Sunday 10 November** we in St Andrew's, together with Holy Trinity Blythburgh, pay tribute to all those gallant men & women who gave their lives in our two World Wars that we might live in peace. **Please be seated by 10.50am**

FESTIVAL of Lessons & Carols

Monday 23 December at 6pm

The augmented Evensong Choir meet for their first

rehearsal in church on Thursday 24 October at 5pm

New choristers always welcome. *Julia 722828.*

CELEBRATION/MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you have celebrations or memories to cherish and would like to say it with flowers, why not contribute to floral displays in St Andrew's Church? **If interested please contact Cathryn Simpson 723384 or Erica Donnellan 724845**

LETTER FROM THE REV CANON

In October we have been celebrating harvest. The Bible records how in ancient times the people of Israel celebrated the harvest with a sense of gratitude. Because they had been slaves in exile, they knew what it was to be people without land. Therefore, they received the gift of a home in the land that God had given them, as a gift that was precious, and not to be taken for granted. Our harvest celebrations have coincided with the protests by extinction rebellion and the powerful testimony of Greta Thunberg, drawing our attention to the fragility of the earth. If we regard the earth, and our life within it, with gratitude and wonder we will be inspired to care of it.

Our harvest supper on 4th October was very well attended and we all enjoyed the excellent food provided by Sue Flack and her team. After dining we were entertained by Denis King who shared stories from his musical career. On Sunday 6th our morning worship was a service of thanksgiving for harvest, and our celebrations concluded with harvest evensong on 13th. The church was beautifully decorated for our harvest season.

Looking ahead, on Remembrance Sunday Rev'd Malcolm Doney will lead the service at St Andrew's, starting at 10.50. We hope you will feel welcome to attend the service.

Yours in Christ

Simon

PARISH REGISTERS

9th October Funeral Service

Kathleen Lilian Patterson aged 91

12th October Holy Matrimony

Robert Harry Dacre and

Laetitia Helen Evangeline Cooke

COMMEMORATIVE FLOWERS

1st November Denise Brentnall's mother

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***** A Happy and Healthy Christmas to all our readers *****



CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Monday 16th December, 7pm, with John Flack's band and Canon Harry Edwards
Refreshments after, in Village Hall.

Donations towards the mince pies and mulled wine are gratefully received. Contact: Hannah Sutton 8 Church Lane 01502722072

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Sun 22 Dec – Magic & Thai Buffet - 6:30pm.

Boxing Day – Drinks all day. Food until 6pm.

Fri 27th Dec – 'Open Mic' & Greek Buffet from 6:30pm. Free entry, but acts must book in.

Sat 28th Dec – Pizzas 5-7pm, Bingo 6-7pm, Vinyl Night from 8pm.

Sun 29th Dec - Curry & Quiz from 6:30pm

New Year's Eve – 6-8pm Family or 8:45pm

4 course dinner, disco & fireworks £65pp

New Year's Day – Barbecue 12-3 (if dry)

HISTORY GROUP CHRISTMAS TALK

Saturday 30th November 7 pm in the Village Hall

An illustrated talk by **PAUL HEINEY** - 'Canoeing down the River Blyth' - a journey Paul made as part of his TV series "Secret Rivers". Afterwards, complimentary drinks and snacks. **WLHG Members free. Others £5 on door.**

'GOOD GIVING' IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas donations to charity have been such a success in the past, that we're doing it again i.e. *"We love our friends and neighbours in Walberswick but have decided to donate to charity, instead of sending Christmas cards"*. If you would like to do the same, please sign the list in the Tuck Shop. It will be put in the window, two weeks before Christmas, so your friends know you send them greetings. Donate in the collecting box, when you sign. Nominated charity: **Sole Bay Care Fund** (Charity 1144108) or send to your own charity. Or deliver to 7 Manor Close or St Francis, Seven Acres Lane, **Vivien 723142 or Irene 723743**
alvindhunt@btinternet.com or irenemp@btinternet.com

WI CHRISTMAS on Thursday, 5th December

in the Village Hall, at the earlier starting time of **2pm**.

The festive theme is all things chocolate, with an entertaining talk on chocolate by Mr Tony Diamond. Members and invited guests only. **Sheila Parry**

THE BELL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

... will take place at **the Bell pub, on Friday 6 December, 7 for 7.30**. Usual format: Teams to register with quiz masters, two rounds, 4 rounds in each half, table quiz, meal at half time. **Ben and Jen**

CANCER RESEARCH MINI MARKET

Saturday, December 7th in the Village Hall, 10-12 noon

Support and donations welcomed. Kick off the holiday season and purchase gifts, decorations, and eats! I have Cancer Research Christmas cards for presale; **Betsy 722384**

A PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS Sunday 22nd December.

The Keeper's Daughter Company will present their fast, family friendly interpretation of **A Christmas Carol**. Doors open at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall. Start celebrating with puddings, pies and drinks on sale before the show starts at 3.30 pm. **Tickets at the Tuck Shop, £8/£5 under 12s.**

All copy by 8pm on the 15th of each month to Sheila Parry. Telephone 07500292148
Email: walberswicknews@gmail.com

VILLAGE NEWS *NEWS....* *OUT WITH THE AULD*

After more than 5 years (62 issues), this is my final edition as Editor of Village News. Jan and I moved here in 2013 and my editorship began the following year - a great entry into village life. I would like to thank the readers, contributors, advertisers, my Chief Sub and Deputy, Jan and all those who have said nice things about the News, over the years. Going back to the day job, of writing for radio and television, I know Village News will thrive under Sheila's editorship - even though she declined the offer of my old Fleet Street eye shade and shirtsleeve armbands. My last issue is now 'off stone' - off to the printers! Good luck, Sheila! **Best Gavin**

IN WITH THE NEW...

We are delighted to announce that **Sheila Parry** has agreed to take on the editorship of the Village News and her first issue **will be January 2020. Please send Sheila material for the January issue by 15th December. Her contact details are at the bottom of Page 1. walberswicknews@gmail.com.** If anyone wishes to submit hard copy (ie. No email) contact Sheila on **07500 292148**.

ADVERTISING MANAGER REQUIRED FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS

As our advertising manager, Sheila Parry, is now Editor, we are looking for a volunteer to fill her former role. The Village News has very loyal advertisers, and the job entails renewing the annual advertisements and confirming one advertisement a month from a regular pool of suppliers. Without the support of our advertisers there would be no Village News, so this is a vital role. If you can help, contact Edward Wright: ewright123@btinternet.com, 07867 548893

INK and Joe Kennedy Junior

Were you here during the 2nd WW? Do you have a story to share? INK is looking for volunteers for a new local Heritage project. If you would like to take part or know more please contact: helenh@inkfestival.org or 07917 799456.

PARISH COUNCIL The next PC Meeting is on **Monday December 9th in the Village Hall Annexe at 7.15pm. All enquiries please to the Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com**

THANKS AND CONGRATS..

AFTER OUR D DAY EVENT....I have transferred **£700 raised, to 'Combat Stress'**, and received a prompt acknowledgement of thanks. A further £500 has since been donated by two generous villagers. Our D Day event was a wonderful and heartening experience and for this we thank all who contributed and supported us. **Nigel & Margreet**
..**Congrats to Nigel and Company** - As nothing but an audience member (and the proud spouse of "General Eisenhower") can I give you all my heartiest congratulations? It was a brilliant performance and all the more amazing for having all this talent in one small village. The huge effort that **Nigel and Margreet** put in was not lost on any of us who had the pleasure of the evening. Moving, funny, informative, bitter-sweet. Am sure the Royal Albert Hall couldn't compete! **Best, Josie**

IT WENT WITH A BANG...!Thanks to everyone who contributed to the final Bonfire night total of **£765** from collection boxes, food sales, generous private donations, the 3 lads who completed a 65 mile sponsored cycle ride and those who volunteer to help, year after year. The event still runs at a loss, so more fundraising needed! **Jon Winyard**.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We raised an amazing **£2104.03**, from donations, church collections and the Coffee Morning Bazaar. A sincere thanks to everyone who so generously supported us. **Erica Donnellan** Hon Poppy Organiser for Blythburgh and Walberswick.

SIZEABLE SUCCESS FOR SHOEBOXES

Walberswick folk have been very generous as usual and we have sent 37 shoeboxes to the Samaritans Purse Appeal. **A very big thank you. Christine**

Thanks to all who have bought books from my stall, I have raised **£840 for Cystic Fibrosis**.—and NICE has agreed to allow the NHS to provide two new drugs for C. F! **Toby and Kate Robinson**.

THE TIE THAT BINDS. A big thank you to the kind person who found my lanyard and tied it to my car, a life saver. Regards. **Adrian Mallender**

CONGRATS to Vivien Hunt, whose spectacular photo of storm waves breaking in our harbour is featured in the December **Suffolk Magazine**



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DECEMBER SERVICES 2019

- 1 Advent Sunday
Parish Eucharist 11.15
Joined by Blythburgh
- 8 2nd Sunday of Advent
Choral Evensong
- 15 3rd Sunday of Advent
Parish Eucharist 11.15
- 22 Family at St Andrew's 11.15
Drinks & pastries at 10.45
- 23 **Festival of Lessons & Carols 6pm**
- 24 **Crib Service 4.30**
Dress up as character from nativity story
- 25 **Christmas Day**
Family Eucharist 0930

Tuesdays at 1700 Evening Prayer (said)

Wednesdays at 1000 Holy Communion (said)

1st Wednesday of month Healing Service (said)

Parish Eucharist services are Common Worship

Evensong uses the Book of Common Prayer

Hark! The herald angels sing

Monday 23 December at 6pm by Candlelight

Tuesday 24 December at 4.30pm traditional

Christmas Eve Crib Service Nativity Play with carols. NB: There are plenty of dressing up clothes at the back of the church!

Church Calendars

These will arrive around the 20th December -too late to include the ever popular Carols round the Tree, on the Village Green on Monday 16th at 7 o'clock.

Refreshments available in the Village Hall.

Dear Friends,

During the recent Rugby world cup, one of the commentators said that it would be a real boost for our country to win because we have had such a difficult year. And then we lost.

As 2019 draws to a close, we will be hoping and praying that the General Election opens the door to a brighter 2020, but only if there is a fundamental change in the way we treat each other and can learn to 'disagree well'. A troubled outlook for the nation and a hope for a brighter future were features that loomed large in the public consciousness when Jesus was born in Bethlehem 2000+ years ago. The people of Israel felt lost in their own land because of the Roman occupation. The poor struggled with low incomes and punitive taxes. There was religious tension between peoples of different faiths and a fear that God was absent.

Into this very human melting pot of hopes and fears, the Christ child was born. He did not come as a new, powerful force either in politics or in military terms. He did not make promises that could not be kept. He did not come in a big display of self importance. Instead, Jesus was born unnoticed, in poverty, as a vulnerable baby. God offered himself to those who might love him, and took the risk of not being loved at all. Embraced first by his mother, then by Joseph, then by his disciples and friends, the love of God began to bring new hope, new life, one heart at a time.

In our generation, that invitation is renewed. Winning the world cup would not have changed us much, in the long term. Love might, because it has the power to inspire us.

As we celebrate his birth may the love of Christ bless you this Christmas. May we walk together in the light of his love and share together in a bright new year.

Yours in Christ

Simon

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

NORWICH BUS: 19th Leave: 09.00 . Return: 1.30p.m. Phone Rita Woodcraft on 077964 75350

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—9th. 7.15pm Village Hall Annexe.

FLU CLINIC—4th December 2-6pm for 'At Risk' patients aged 18-64 at Sole Bay Health Centre

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