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WALBERSWICK

On a magical island
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and salty marshes;
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and blow away the seeds
of discontent.

The grey waves roll,
and the wild geese pass near by
look up, look up!
Too late - they're gone
but their melancholy cries
tell us they are coming home.

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gardens, fields and space,
sand dunes and the sea
All weave a web of magic
that binds us to this place
and makes us feel
home at last.

Pru Ford Crush

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David. Friend of reconciliation between Britain & Japan-author, and much more remembered.



Violet. Centre forward of the shop team.



Julie. Their future in her hands



Their dawn
Our hopes.

Back

Amy Rose
Amelia
Oliver
James
Katrina

Front

George
Rebecca
George

THE LOVE AFFAIR

'Tell me again, how the gorse smelt that mom When you got up so early, and crept over the lawn, And down to the marshes with bucket and jar, And the corn seemed so high and the way seemed so far.'

It's a long time ago now, and I was quite small, But still the sounds and the smells I can clearly recall. There were thrushes and blackbirds who chorused along, And the sea-gulls loud mewling, and the cuckoo in song.

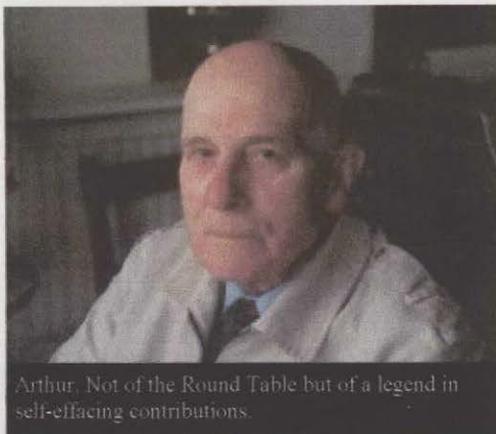
And the sea .. sometimes rushing, and crashing to shore,

So often, just sighing with ripples before.
The crunch of the pebbles, and cool of the sand,
A world I could hold in the palm of my hand?

A world that was humming and vibrant in heart, The creatures of land, sea and sky, play their part, In marshes, and heathland, seaside, woodland and river, My mind drifts, and watching, 'How wondrous the giver'.



Merle. Historian with a voice.



Arthur. Not of the Round Table but of a legend in self-effacing contributions.

All Things Considered.

Back: Nicholas, Elvin, Keith, Vivien, John, Christine

Front: Robin, Brian

Inset: Philip



Freddie. Endangered species in this time and place.



Barbara.

Uncommon manager of Walberswick welfare

6/11/99
R. L. E.



Wendy & Chris.

Persistent artists and people for all seasons.

The Church as the frame to encircle and crown, The joys and the sadness with love does surround The comings and goings of life day by day; Remembering the faithful who there knelt to pray.

The canvas and paintbrush in rich colours convey Each unique soul as they pass on their way: The comic, outrageous or crude; their infamy spreads; Kaleidoscope pieces and tapestry threads.

It's a scent on the wind, it's a sunrise of rose, The chorus at daybreak, the clamour of crows, The mist on the meadow in the early dawning. This, my child, is a Walberswick morning!

Judith Morton



CHURCH EVENTS *The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192*
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - DECEMBER

Churchwardens Bob Trevelyan 722478 Paddy Kelly 724447

- 5 Sunday Second of Advent 09.30 Sung Eucharist
 12 Sunday Third of Advent 09.30 Family Eucharist
 18.00 Evensong
 19 Sunday Fourth of Advent 09.30 Said Eucharist with hymns
 18.00 Carols and Readings
 25 Saturday Christmas Day 09.30 Family Eucharist
 26 Sunday after Christmas 11.00 Eucharist at BLYTHBURGH
 31 Friday New Year's Eve 23.30 Watchnight at Southwold Methodist
 1 January New Year's Day 12.00 Millennium (St Andrew's)
 2 January Second of Christmas 15.00 Ecumenical Millennium St Edmund's Southwold

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School meets 5th December in the Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30

FLOWER ARRANGERS

No altar flowers until Christmas

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son so that all who believe in him might not perish but have eternal life."

This is the wonderful good news that we celebrate at Christmas, when we recall the birth of Jesus Christ of the Blessed Virgin Mary. God loved us so much, and cared for us so much, that he revealed the depth of that love by giving us his only Son to live among us, as one of us. He became a human being exactly like you and me. He did not cling to his equality with God but assumed our human condition so he could demonstrate that there were absolutely no limits to his love. His humbling of himself in the womb of His Mother finds its fulfilment, of course, in the ultimate self-offering on the Tree of Calvary. There is an inextricable link between the Incarnation and the Passion and Death of Jesus of Nazareth.

Christmas is a time to celebrate and to rejoice as we revel in all that God has done for us and that he continues to do for us in this day and age. It is important that we should try and sort out what our faith teaches us about the events we recall this season from all the consumerist trappings that we are already surrounded by.

We should make good use of the days of Advent, leading up to Christmas, just as we make good use of the days of Lent leading up to Easter. This is especially difficult when we find ourselves caught up in the singing of Christmas carols, and Christmas jingles in supermarkets and elsewhere, many days before the event itself. It is, however, vital, if we are to enter as fully as possible into what the season of Christmas is all about. It is about God becoming one of us and living in our midst so that we might share in his Divine life and live with him for all eternity.

This message is so wonderful what can we do but rejoice? One thing we can do is to ensure that we show forth and reveal in our own lives that same love that manifests itself in the birth of Jesus Christ of the Virgin Mary in that backyard in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago. This means ensuring that we do all in our power to reach out in love to the broken and wounded. It means seeking to build households, communities and nations which reflect that love and we can only do that if we know the power of that love at work in our own individual lives. May you know the peace, the gentleness and the power of that love, revealed at Christmas, all the days of your life.

With every blessing and my prayers that you and your loved ones may have a joyous Christmas and a richly blessed New Year.

Barry Naylor, Team Rector.

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CHURCH MATTERS

PARISH REGISTERS

October 23rd

Holy Matrimony

Mark Josey to Lucy Adkinson

November 12th Interment

Joanna Sheldon aged 85

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

This year's service of Lessons and Carols is on December 19th at 6 o'clock when the church will be candlelit. Barry has selected the Bible readings, also poems by Richard Crashaw and Gerard Manley Hopkins. Two of our excellent readers will be teenagers and the augmented choir will include some lighter carols including Deck the Hall arranged by the indefatigable Mr Rutter.

Julia Josephs

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone dear Lord

Stay by my side

In all my daily needs

Be thou my guide.

Grant me good health

For that indeed I pray

To carry on my work

From day to day.

Keep pure my mind

My thoughts my every deed.

Let me be kind, unselfish

In my neighbours need.

Spare me from fire, from

flood, malicious tongues,

From thieves, from fear

And evil ones.

If sickness or an accident befall

Then humbly Lord, I pray,

Hear my call.

And when I'm feeling low

or in despair

Lift up my heart

And help me in my prayer.

I live alone dear Lord

Yet have no fear

Because I feel your presence ever near.

Anon

Sent in by Merle Rafferty

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Carols around the tree on Walberswick Green will be on the evening of 20th December this year. Coffee and mince pies will be served in the Village Hall afterwards. All welcome.

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What a fine Christmas present the Council could give us! Or perhaps, as in other areas, they could arrange for our papers to be collected. What a dream! No more stuffing it in boxes and carting it off to Wenhaston, to Halesworth, or even to Norwich.

Julia Josephs and friends

BE CRAFTY AT CHRISTMAS

Saturday December 4th a Christmas Craft Fair at Walberswick Village Hall. Toys, jewellery, crafts, knitwear, preserves, cards, decorations, and much more. Do your Christmas shopping the easy way!

Patsy Murray

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SAVE THE CHILDREN

A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning on October 23rd - either by making cakes or by bringing Christmas cards or 'goodies' to sell.

The excellent net result of the occasion was £620!

The committee is delighted to welcome a new member, Val Anderson, and hope she will enjoy being a part of our team.

Maureen Thompson

THANK YOU

Marjorie Jones and her family wish to thank their friends in the village who so kindly sent letters and cards with their best wishes at the time of Frank's death.

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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

1) The Trustees accepted the following recommendations from the Land and Property and Incomes Distributions Sub-Committees:

- A. All Trust land and property would be inspected annually to ensure proper management and to identify the need for repairs and improvements.
- B. The boundary between Cliff Field and the Campsite would be defined with two concrete posts and paving slabs.
- C. Additional publicity regarding the Trusts work would be put on Village noticeboards and in the Village News.
- D. A policy for the repayment of loans would be drawn up.

2) Mr Tooley (Chairman of Walberswick Car Parks) reported a good year for the car parks. Bonuses had been paid to staff. An audit of the company's accounts would be carried out shortly. The grass verge alongside Cliff Field approach road had been tidied up.

3) The annual inspection of the common had been carried out, with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Mr Horsey the volunteer warden. S.W.T would produce work plans for the Winter months.

4) A revised quote for much larger bird scrapes on Old Town Marshes was discussed. However, as the quote was £2200.00 higher than the original quote of £800, it was felt that it would be hard to justify the expenditure. Alternative quotes would be sought.

5) The Trustees plan to meet with a representative of the Charities Commission in December to discuss the distribution of profits from the car parking. They are anxious to ensure that the distribution meets statutory requirements.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees

JOANNA SHELDON

Joan Margery Sheldon, who was always known as Joanna, died at the age of 85 on the 6th of November. After a Requiem Mass at Halesworth, Joanna was buried in St Andrew's churchyard at Walberswick - the village she loved.

Joanna was a Froebel-trained teacher whose special interest was the education of disadvantaged children. She taught at a special school at Broadstairs. At the outbreak of war in 1939 the school was closed and Joanna subsequently taught at schools in Cheshire, the Isle of Man and Winchester before retiring in 1975. With her friend, Miss Vivien Finnie, she came to East Anglia. They settled in Walberswick where Joanna was a staunch supporter of the W.I for many years.

Joanna was a woman of great compassion who truly loved her neighbours as herself. She will be much missed by her friends.

Mary Staney.

THANK YOU

To all my kind friends, I extend warm and very sincere thanks for the sympathetic and uplifting thoughts and prayers you have sent my way as I rejoice for Joanna's life and friendship.

Vivien Finnie

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Due to the Christmas/New Year/New Millennium period at the end of this month there will be no January issue. We hope that this doesn't cause any problems and that we have managed to catch up with most people who had entries for What's On for January as well as December.

We hope everyone in Walberswick and all their families and friends have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! Eds.

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Walberswick Local History Group will hold its Christmas Celebration on Friday December 10th at Walberswick Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

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BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

This month's meeting took place on Friday November 10th. Hedley Griffin, a professional creator of animated films and a member of the Society, gave a fascinating talk on his work and his use of computers.

Our next meeting is at 7 pm on December 10th on the subject of "Rapid Prototyping - 3D CAD/CAE/CAM" and will reveal how a computer can turn a 3D image of an object into a physical model. Once again this promises to be a memorable evening. For details of the venue for the meeting and to join this exciting and stimulating group contact the Blyth Valley Computer Society via Frank Scoble on 01502 723519. Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month and future topics will include the National Lottery (hopefully with clues how to win!) and "Computers in Schools", a subject of interest to all. "

Piers Ford-Crush

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Future improvements under consideration by the committee are the provision of a toilet for the disabled, heating to the annexe kitchen and a non-slip floor to the kitchen, all of which are dependent on sufficient funds being available.

The barrier is to remain open during the winter months; it is pointed out that Walberswick car parks concessionary tickets are not valid for the village hall car park. A noticeboard will be erected in the main hall for the use of all organisations. It must be emphasised again that all fire exits must be kept clear. The sack barrow recently purchased has made the movement of chairs a lot easier.

Nigel Hunt and Alvin Hunt have joined the committee as the representatives of the Common Lands Charity and the Parish Council respectively.

The position of secretary is vacant again. Any person interested should contact Judy Morton on 724572. Judy has generously agreed to be acting secretary in the meantime. Ronnie Coleman is retiring as booking manager. It is hoped that he will remain on the committee.

Bookings for the year 2000 should be made with Ron Horsey on 723910. Keys for access will be available from Don Thompson on 723755.

Ron Horsey

WI - CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH PEARLY KING & QUEEN

We welcome all ladies in Walberswick to our Meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday December 8th at 14.30. The Pearly King and Queen will appear in their magnificent finery and tell us how it all began. Regular members should arrive early, about 2 o'clock, when Mark Beuchet will photograph our group, one of which will go the Suffolk Record Office and another for our own photo archive.

We were very impressed with Mrs Harman's flower arranging last month, and four lucky members won arrangements with their raffle tickets and are still enjoying them at home.

Julia Josephs

WHAT'S ON

LIBRARY BUS - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. December 3rd and 17th.
BUSES - *Halesworth* Weds mornings. *Beccles* Tues and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).
CIRCLE DANCING - Sunday 5th 2-5pm Village Hall. Tel.725070 for details.
LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm(not 21&28/12 & 4/1)
BRIDGE - 6th and 20th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe.
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
BOWLS - Every Wednesday Village Hall 7.30pm
December 4th - Images of Walberswick by Philip Kett. Village Hall 7.30pm.
December 6th - Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.
December 8th - W.I Christmas Party. Village Hall 2.30pm.
December 10th - Local History Group. Village hall 7.30pm
December 12th - Computer Society (See above)
December 17th - W.I Christmas Lunch - Southwold.
December 19th - Day of Circle Dancing. Village Hall 11-5. 725070 for details.
December 19th - Carol service St Andrew's 6pm.
December 20th - Carols around the tree 7pm.

Dates for your Diary

January 1st - Millennium Breakfast. Village Hall 7.30am.

January 3rd and 17th January - Bridge, as above.

January 12th - W.I meeting

January 21st or 28th - Heartstart Course. Details from Margot Godbold on 722439

SEE PAGE TWO ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM VISITORS' BOOK !!!!!!!



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THE MILLENNIUM BREAKFAST - THE FULL STORY

About eighteen months ago our Chairman, Wally Webb, hit on the idea that the Parish Council should provide a celebratory breakfast for the residents of Walberswick to mark the new millennium. The breakfast would take place at sunrise, close to the beach in a marquee, and consist of champagne, scrambled egg, toast and smoked salmon followed by tea or coffee. It was thought we would probably be catering for 250-300 people. It was soon discovered that the cost for hiring a marquee would be prohibitive so the event was moved to the Village Hall.

Gradually plans were set in place which resulted in invitations being sent to every household in Walberswick inviting residents and their guests to attend. Replies to be returned to the Tuck Shop. The replies came in slowly at first, then shock, horror, Nick Jones turning paler and hair growing greyer by the week announced 400 people then 500, 600 and a final figure of 652 people intending to come to the millennium breakfast. "Panic not" said our Chairman "We will cope", so with dogged determination more eggs, more champagne etc were ordered.

New Year's Eve arrived and at 9.00 am the local artists moved into the hall. Paints and brushes were soon flying and wonderful interpretations of the village soon adorned the walls. Vera Bowyer produced two splendid banners, one inside the hall and one outside welcoming all the people to the forthcoming event. In the afternoon enter the Parish Council and helpers and soon everything was in place for the following morning.

7.00am New Year's Day somewhat bleary-eyed but soon stirred into action the troops arrived - two cooking at the stoves, two micro-waving, two making toast and so on and so on. At 7.30am our first guests arrived, signed the Visitors' Book and the first breakfasts were served. As time progressed more and more people arrived and everything was going very smoothly - TCO SMOOTHLY - at 9.00am the electrics went off - but Alvin to the rescue; surely he who was running a 2000 megawatt Power Station three years ago could sort out this *little* problem. With baited breath everybody waited and sure enough after some improvisation it was soon all up and running and a further 200 + breakfasts were served. At 10.30am the final breakfast was placed on the table and there was a feeling of euphoria by all involved that it had gone so well!

454 breakfasts were served and thanks must go to all the helpers, there were 40 + people helping on the morning. Thanks must also go to our artists for making the room so special, Ann Paton, Chris and Wendy Sinclair, Evelyn Hastings, Richard Scott and Bill Bowyer. Thanks to Vera Bowyer for those magnificent banners. Also thanks to Tony Whittenbury for taking all the photographs. Special thanks to Nick Jones who not only provided the food, drink, cutlery etc at **cost** price, but was responsible for ordering it all ensuring that we had enough of everything.

Finally our thanks must go to our Chairman whose brainchild this was and who refused to be panicked by the increasing numbers and I think everyone would agree carried out the task brilliantly.

Vivien Hunt

MILLENNIUM BREAKFAST

Champagne and scrambled egg on toast

Smoked salmon too, oh what a boast!

It all sounds rather jolly.

Five hundred in the Village Hall

They'll never manage that at all

They must be off their trolley!

What if it rains and fuses blow?

There'll be no other place to go,

What monumental folly!

The atmosphere was simply great.

The scene and service were first-rate

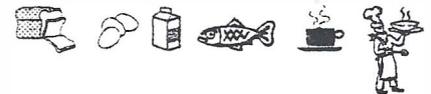
With lots of food on every plate.

We really must congratulate

That fine team led by Wally!

Grahame Godsmark

For the shopping list of the Millennium - see page two



SPIRIT OF DUNKIRK SAVES THE BREAKFAST!

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the Millennium Breakfast...the Walberswick Trustees, our talented Walberswick artists for their fantastic art work and that great banner, Nick and Jill at the shop for finding and providing the vital needs such as eggs galore, champagne, tablecloths and glasses etc.. Tony Whittenbury...Walberswick's answer to David Bailey who popped up anywhere and everywhere recording the event for posterity and last but not least, the forty cheerful helpers who made it happen. At times, it was far from well behind scenes: we started with four toasters, three microwaves, two cookers, two food mixers. By 9.10 we had lost power to the mixers, shortly followed by the supply to all three microwaves, one cooker, all the toasters and the lights! Undaunted, the cooks carried on with the camping gas stove, while Alvin struggled to restore power. Intermittently, over the next hour, life flickered in and out again to the microwaves and toasters, but the cooker, food-mixers and lights remained resolutely inactive. The last three hundred eggs all had to be whisked by hand and the tea and coffee department were beset with similar problems. Luckily there was the champagne! Great relief as we reached 10.30, WOW! We'd made 454 breakfasts in three hours! What a great band of helpers and a huge thanks to all. This could only have been possible in Walberswick!

Wally Webb

(PS I forgot to turn the heating down...now that might have made a difference!)

DON'T FORGET TO USE THE VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY IN THE TUCK SHOP !!

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18.00 Choral Evensong
20 Sunday Third before Lent 09.30 Sung Eucharist
27 Sunday Second before Lent 09.30 Morning Prayer (choral)
Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00 (except 2/2)
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
Sunday School meets on 6th in the Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30
FLOWER ARRANGERS
Mesdames Jackson Longyear and Shirreff B.L Mrs Reeves

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

February begins with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ on the 2nd. There will be a Team Eucharist at St. Andrew's Church at 7 o'clock in the evening to which everyone is warmly invited. I will be the Celebrant and Jane Wilson will be the Preacher.

On this Feast we remember Mary and Joseph bringing the child Jesus to the Temple and their encounter with Simeon and Anna. It was as a result of this meeting that Simeon uttered that great canticle – the Nunc Dimittis – used at late night worship throughout the Church. He foretold that Christ was to be a Light for all peoples – not just for the chosen few.

The Good News of the Christian Gospel is for all people – God sent his Son that we may all know life in its fullness and that we might be liberated from whatever might oppress us. This liberation is a total liberation and applies both to those things which may oppress us inwardly and also to those things which oppress people in a political sense.

Christians, therefore, must be at the forefront of efforts to work for freeing people from those things that may oppress them.

As we embark upon this new year we can remind ourselves that this was just why Jesus said he had been given the Spirit, when he spoke in the synagogue at Capernaum, quoting the prophet Isaiah – to proclaim freedom for captives and release for prisoners.

Any Christianity which is not liberating is just not the real thing. May we all work hard during this year to ensure that we know in our own hearts the light of Christ's liberating love and that we do all we can to spread it abroad in God's world and especially here in Walberswick.

With every blessing

Barry

WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A BREAKFAST!

850 eggs, 58 pints of milk, 20 packs of butter for cooking, 25 packs of 'so soft' butter (for spreading), 78 packets of salmon (just enough!), 37 loaves of bread, 70 bottles of champagne, 48 litres of orange juice, 200 tea bags, 1300 grams of coffee, 24 small salt and pepper pots, 375 champagne flutes, 400 knives and forks, 450 plates and 50 metres of table cloth. Phew!!

Nick Jones

WALBERSWICK MILLENNIUM- BETTER THAN LONDON

Three generations of my family shared an unforgettable welcome to the new millennium at Walberswick Village Hall. We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the occasion such a huge success - the delicious champagne breakfast, the specially decorated hall, the smooth organisation and above all the overall warmth and goodwill of that brilliantly sunny morning gave all who took part in it a flying start to the New Millennium. For us who were privileged to share that occasion, it knocked anything London had to offer into a cocked hat

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MILLENNIUM BREAKFAST BOOK

If you or your guests didn't sign the visitors book please contact Robin Buncombe on 722359 for your name and address and any comments to be added. We hope to have everybody included who attended.

Robin Buncombe

CHURCH MATTERS



PARISH REGISTER

3/12/99 Funeral Service followed by private cremation - Edward Oliver Hunt aged 89.
23/12/99 Interment - Barbara Joan Perry aged 85.

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CAROL SINGING

Carol singing round the Christmas Tree on the Green raised £68.40 and from house to house on Christmas Eve £70.23. A total of £138.63 was sent to the local branch of Save the Children. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.
Chris Sinclair

Chris Sinclair

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ROYAL INSTITUTION LECTURES

As a child I was always a little apprehensive if not over-awed by the carved inscription on my parents' grandfather clock; "Time and Tide Wait for no Man be ye Ready". Presently we are inclined to be overwhelmed by a media onslaught of *deja vu et prevoir*. One of the most worthy considerations has been the series of five Christmas Lectures at the Royal Institution on "The Arrow of Time." St Augustine said of time(not the time); "If no one asked me, I know, but if I wished to explain it to one who asked I know not." Does the series provide enlightenment? The tide aspect is no great problem, but time, when entering the counter-intuitive gateway of the quantum world, generates a mass of paradoxes. If you did not see the Royal Institution TV2 broadcasts, the video series is available on free loan from me. Very enlivening for teenagers to octogenarians. Teachers are particularly welcome. If "bungee jumping" is not quite your line, I offer a more sedate but still enigmatic interpretation from a recent Melvyn Bragg broadcast(audio tape), or from the august "Economist"(photocopy) All three adopt quite different approaches to Time. Millennium fever like flu is now on the wane but "Time" returns to tease you on Sept 20th.

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JOAN PERRY 1914-1999

Joan Perry who died on December 11th 1999 was born in Cambridge in 1914. Her father died when she was eight years old and her mother, seventeen year old sister and Joan moved in with a grandfather. She was sent to various boarding schools, becoming a keen sportswoman. On leaving school she continued to play tennis, lacrosse and sail. She also took up butterfly and moth collecting. When the second world war started Joan and her mother were on holiday at Withypool on Exmoor and decided to stay rather than return to East Anglia and the threat of invasion. Joan found work on a large estate mainly tending sheep and cows. After her mother died in 1953 she married the widowed farm manager Julian Perry. They moved to various locations in Devon and Somerset, eventually settling in Winsford. Julian died in 1975 and Joan came to Walberswick to be near her sister Peggy Besley who had retired with Dr Besley to "Longwood" Church Field. Sadly Peggy died in 1977. Joan joined the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, WATS, helped with various village activities, played Scrabble and joined the National Wildflower Society becoming an expert recorder of wild plants. She renewed her enthusiasm for tapestry work when the church started making new kneelers, and organised flowers for the church festivals. She also helped with Westleton Wildflower Festival for many years. In 1990 Joan moved to Wyn and Chester King's one time bungalow in Adams Lane, but increasing incapacity led to her becoming a resident at Highfield for the last three months of her life.

Wendy Sinclair

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

Report from Trust meeting held on December 9th 1999

The leases for the Riverside property are nearing completion. The Potters Wheel Restaurant and the Print Room have been inspected and are in good condition. The voluntary workforce is giving sterling work on the Common alongside Suffolk Wildlife Trust, plans include cutting the grass/sedge and felling scrub on the west side of the Fen. In view of the unexpectedly high response to the Millennium Breakfast additional funds have been allocated to cover the cost. The trustees are pleased to have been able to distribute money again this year to local schools and hospitals as well as a Christmas bonus to regular beneficiaries. The Halesworth minibus has been a great success this year thanks to our volunteer drivers Pru and Piers Ford-Crush, Ben Cardwell and Anne Paton. Ideas along with costings for the use of the 1999 car park profits would be welcome. Please submit to:

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the kind people who have sent letters and cards of sympathy to me and my family, on the death of my husband Eric. They have been a great comfort, thank you again.

Sheila Hackett

WALBERSWICK WEATHER REPORT

Rain - 13mm. Fractionally over half inch.
Temperature - average 40 degrees F.
Barometer reading - fair to very dry.
Strongest gust December (24th) - 64 mph
Strongest gust January (1-15th) - 30 mph.
Average wind direction WSW.
General weather, bright, clear and cold.
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If anybody in the village is interested in the post of our local Traffic Warden during the summer months please contact the Parish Clerk on 723142 for further information.
 Vivien Hunt

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

DECEMBER - The meeting was well attended, because people hoped to meet Inspector Shields, but he was unable to attend due to illness. He informed the Council in writing that a traffic survey of speeding in the village had taken place but he had not, at this time, been informed of the outcome. Sponsorship of a Traffic Warden would be possible at a cost of £8.30 per hour inclusive of tax and insurance contributions. The police would recruit and train the Traffic Warden, but the village would have to meet the hourly cost of employing the person. This would be put to the Car Parks Board and the Trustees for consideration.

The following planning applications were considered: replacement of corrugated iron cladding, weatherboarding and windows to the Green Room on the Green. Extensions to Bracken Cottage Palmers Lane. Erection of a greenhouse at Field Cottage, Seven Acre Lane. And further consideration of the alterations to Mary's Restaurant. The Council had no objection to these plans, though some concern was expressed about the access and vegetation at Mary's.

JANUARY - The chairman thanked all those involved in the Millennium Breakfast, there were approximately 50 helpers, including children. He especially thanked Nick Jones who provided everything at cost price. Mr Buncombe thanked the Chairman on behalf of the Council for his inspirational idea and for his driving force and enthusiasm which had made the day such a success. The Chairman suggested that the Council hold a coffee morning at which all the photographs and numerous letters could be exhibited and the pictures, subject to approval of the artists, could be auctioned and the money given to a local charity.

Mr Hunt had received an estimate of £4,618 to shore up the river bank of Dunwich Creek with cages filled with rubble. The Chairman felt that it would be more environmentally friendly to use wooden poles and agreed to contact Suffolk Coasts and Heaths for advice.

A report was given on the allotments. At present there are three full allotments and twelve half allotments being rented. The total rent collected is £110.00 (see advertisement left).

Planning permission has been granted to Pyghtle The Street and Poplar Cottage (retrospectively).

The Trustees have asked the Council to repair the gate and fence post on the playing field.

Next meeting 7th February.

John Brentnall

THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM

A meeting was held with Inspector Shields and the Parish Council on 7th January. It should now be possible for Walberswick to have its own Traffic Warden. It would be preferable for a local person to do the job. (See advertisement). Regular speed checks will be carried out in the Adams Lane area of the main road as local residents are very concerned at the speed of the traffic along this stretch. It was agreed to keep up the dialogue with Inspector Shields on the outcome of future speed surveys.
 John Brentnall

WI - THE ISLES OF SCILLY

Be sure to come to the Village Hall on Wednesday February 9th at 2.30pm to see Martin Lloyd's magnificent photographs of The Isles of Scilly.

Despite the 'flu bug there were over twenty members present to hear about Mr Skelcher's fascination with old glass. He adopted the Antiques Roadshow style describing the pieces of glass the members had brought along and was most impressive with his knowledge.

Julia Josephs

WHAT'S ON

LIBRARY BUS - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. February 4th and 18th.

BUSES - *Halesworth* Weds mornings. *Beccles* Tues and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).

CIRCLE DANCING - Sunday 6th 2-5pm Village Hall. Tel. 725070 for details.

LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm

BRIDGE - January 31st, Feb 14th and 28th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe.

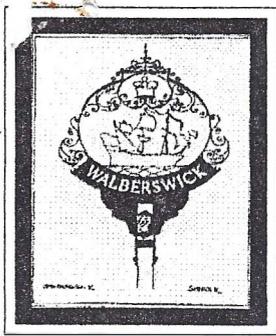
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.

BOWLS - Every Wednesday Village Hall 7.30pm

February 7th - Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

February 9th - W.I Village Hall 2.30pm.

February 28th - W.I Group meeting at *Kelsale* Village Hall 7.30pm



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COFFEE MORNING AND AUCTION

The Parish Council invites you to a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 11 March 10:30 am onwards. Photographs from the Millennium Breakfast will be on show and copies will be available to order. There will also be an auction of the paintings which adorned the hall at the Millennium Breakfast. Profits go to Community Benefit Fund and the RNLI.

Vivien Hunt

SPONSORED PARACHUTE JUMP

Ian Denney (my uncle) who lives in Reydon and works for Southwold Press will be doing a Tandem Parachute Jump on 26th April in aid of the National Autistic Society, (my daughter is mildly autistic.) There is a sponsor form in the shop and all sponsors will be gratefully accepted.

Denise Burchell

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LENT LUNCHESES -VILLAGE HALL 12.30

St Andrew's Guild has agreed to organise the annual austerity lunches on Fridays in Lent. It was agreed to give the proceeds to IPSEA, a charity based in Woodbridge for children who have special educational needs. Do come along and support this worthy cause while enjoying some good company!

The following dates denote the members in charge:

- March 10 Paddy Kelly and Mary King
- 17 Elizabeth Rooke and Helen Smiley
- 24 Ann Beckham and Bubbles Love
- 31 Ruth Bassett and Joan Avis
- April 7 Cynthia Jackson and Pat Longyear
- 14 Wendy Sinclair and Elizabeth Leighton

Julia Josephs

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THE PHANTOM POSTER SNATCHER OF WALBERSWICK

For some time now, posters advertising exhibitions of work by the Suffolk Group of Artists have mysteriously disappeared from the noticeboards around the village. The mysterious snatcher cannot think that the group are "outsiders" and so not entitled to local publicity, since he/she leaves in place notices to do with events in Halesworth, Westleton, Holton and Wenhaston. (The Group is in fact a Walberswick initiative, the Snatcher should be told.)

Is this poster-snatching the work of someone who sees the painted image as something wicked, or is it only the beginning of the general removal of all notices all over the village? No more publicity for The Village Hall Coffee Mornings, the doings of the WI, the St Andrew's Guild, to say nothing of the church services rota and barbecues on the beach.

Incidentally, one Group member is working on a canvas of the Snatcher at Work for our Summer Exhibition (May 20th-29th in the Peter Piers Gallery, Aldeburgh). So, thanks Mr Snatcher. Your snatching is providing more publicity for the group than leaving our posters in place would have done. But beware, all residents! This person must be stopped before he/she appears on Crimewatch UK, having committed an even more serious crime.

Mike Kelly.

RUBBISH ON THE COMMON

The Trustees are concerned about garden rubbish being dumped on the Common. Will householders and gardeners please refrain from this practice. Not only is it unsightly, but it also smothers the natural vegetation.

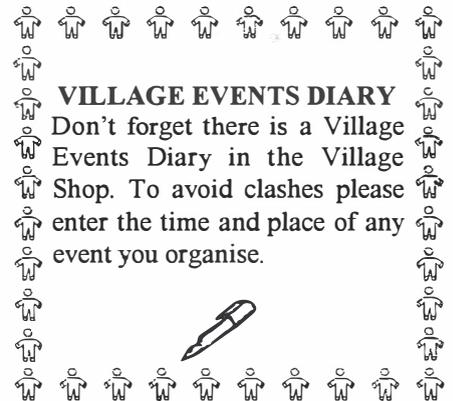
Jayne Tibbles (Clerk to the Trustees)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Most of us have probably forgotten our new year/century resolutions - if we had any! One idea always worth considering is giving more to deserving causes or charity. May I recommend the Children's Society to you? Ask me for a collection box and used regularly, to put in coppers or any loose change, it is surprising how it mounts up. Boxes are collected in April/May. Used stamps are also appreciated. Can you help? Ring me on 724 622.

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VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY
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HALESWORTH MINIBUS

Good news! During the remainder of February, and throughout March, the mini bus will travel to Halesworth every first and third Wednesday of the month but, we are delighted to say, it will resume its weekly service to Halesworth every Wednesday from Wednesday 5 April 2000.

It departs from the Anchor at 11.00 hours, collecting also from the Tuck Shop and the Church. It returns to Walberswick by 13.30 hours. The bus is free, being funded by the Common Lands Charity Trust.

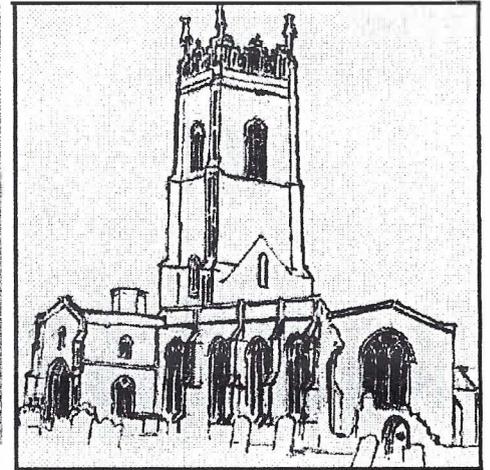
Pru Ford-Crush

CHURCH EVENTS *The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192* ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MARCH

Churchwardens Bob Trevelyan 722478 Paddy Kelly 724447

- 3 Friday 14.30 Women's World Day of Prayer
 5 Sunday S before Lent 09.30 Sung Eucharist
 8 Ash Wednesday 10.00 Eucharist and Ashing
 12 Sunday First S of Lent 09.30 Family Eucharist
 18.00 Choral Evensong
 19 Sunday Second S of Lent 09.30 Sung Eucharist
 26 Sunday Third S of Lent 09.30 Morning Prayer followed by A.G.M.
 Holy Communion (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00am
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
 Sunday school meets 5th 19th 26th in Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30
 FLOWER ARRANGERS (no flowers during Lent) Dione Shirreff

CHURCH MATTERS



FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

As the days lengthen and the birds become ever more vocal and buds appear on trees and bushes we know that Spring is on its way, even if Winter may well seek to have a final flourish. The lengthening of days at this time of year is what led to the adaptation of the name of "Lent" for those weeks leading up to the great Paschal mystery.

Lent is a time for spiritual spring-cleaning – something we all need to do, whatever our spiritual leanings. At St. Andrew's we will be beginning Lent with a Eucharist and the traditional ceremony of the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday (8th March) at 10:00 a.m.. The quiet weekly Eucharist on Wednesdays (at 10:00 a.m.) and Evening Prayer on Tuesdays (at 5:00 p.m.) provide regular opportunities on weekdays for prayer and reflection in our lovely church.

On Wednesday afternoons and evenings there will be opportunities at both Holy Trinity Blythburgh and St. Edmund's Southwold to reflect on the message of the Stations of the Cross. Both churches are privileged to have been included by our Diocese in a major millennium project linking art and worship – Stations designed by Mark Cazelet and Gigi Sudbury will be on display. Jane Wilson will be leading meditations on these in St. Edmund's every Wednesday (from 15th) at 3:00 p.m. and she and I will be leading them in the evening at 7:30 p.m. (At Blythburgh on 15th and 29th March, and 5th and 19th April and at Southwold on 22nd March and 12th April). If you cannot attend at these times do make an effort to call in and reflect, in your own time, on these representations of our Lord's Way of the Cross. Leaflets in our churches give details of this project and of the other churches in Suffolk where these specially commissioned sets of the Stations can be seen.

Lent is also a time of self-denial and of charitable giving and I hope the Lent lunches in the village hall every Friday will be well supported. There will be an ecumenical Lent study group in the village – details of this will be announced shortly.

If anyone wishes to talk about matters spiritual or to consider using the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their preparation for Easter I will be more than happy to make an appointment.

With every blessing for a good Lent.

Barry Naylor

PARISH REGISTERS

January 24th 2000

Burial of Ashes - Mai Griffiths Aged 85

January 31st 2000

Burial of Ashes - Morley Morgans aged 90

February 12th 2000

Memorial Service - Sheila Kathleen Marguerite Lorimer Aged 78

LOCAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Don't forget to watch Songs of Praise from St Mary le Tower, Ipswich, when Pat Kett's sister, Geneva, and her son Andrew (now 20), whom many people will remember, will be taking part.
 Ruth Bassett

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Indonesia and will be held in St Andrew's on Friday March 3rd at 14.30. Fiona Ballentyne will be the Leader and Jane Wilson the Speaker. Elizabeth Leighton has kindly offered to serve tea at her home, Shenburgh, immediately after the service.

This Order of Service was prepared at a time of great danger to the writers. Indonesia has seen many riots and general civil unrest.

Women have always been treated as inferior to men and have been taught to keep silent, but the situation is slowly improving.

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THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Last month's meeting took place on February 11, when Paul Downs, director of IT Systems for Camelot Group PLC, talked about Computers in the National Lottery. He provided a fascinating insight, explaining that Camelot's computer systems are linked by satellite and private telephone networks to some 36,000 retail outlets around the country. During peak periods, over 25,000 tickets are processed per minute-with a response time of less than five seconds. As usual, members asked a range of lively, penetrating and intelligent questions. Chairman Martin Smith welcomed old and new members alike and stressed that anyone with an interest in the role of computers in society would find the meetings stimulating. Ownership of PC or computer literacy were not essential! Blyth Valley Computer Society's next meeting is at 7 pm on Friday 10 March. The talk will be given by Tecwyn Cockett, computer and IT co-ordinator for Suffolk County Education Department. April 14th meeting will examine computers in banking. For details of the venue and to join this exciting and stimulating group contact Blyth Valley Computer Society via Frank Scoble on 01502 723519.

Or visit the web site at www.go.to/bvcs

WI - THE NORWICH TRUST

We have two meetings in March. On the 8th at 2.30pm Malcolm Crowder comes to tell us about the Norwich Trust and will show slides to illustrate his talk. On Thursday 30th at 7pm we have our special Open Evening and Party for the Millennium. This will be a celebration supper followed by an entertainment from a Barber Shop Quartet. Exciting stuff and all for £7.50! We should, of course, be delighted to see any villagers. Tickets available from Margot Godbold or Heather Hyne.

Last month, twelve members attended the Heartcourse in the Village Hall. This was excellent and felt to be so worthwhile that another course has been arranged for March 17th. Please apply to Margot for details.

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Vera Smith

DICK SMITH 1915-2000

My father-in-law Dick Smith, who died on 18th January 2000, came with Vera to live in Walberswick in April 1999. He was no stranger to East Anglia, but sadly was soon increasingly incapacitated and unable to enjoy the village and its community as much as he had wished.

Dick was an RAF officer and skilled pilot who was at the forefront of development of new aircraft and their weaponry in the wartime period. After service with the Fleet Air Arm, Dick fought with distinction as a Hurricane Pilot and squadron leader in 151 Squadron from North Weald throughout the Battle of Britain. In 1941 he was selected to form a new squadron (255) in Lincolnshire to develop night fighting techniques. After further operational commands with Spitfire Squadrons, he went on to become Senior Service Test Pilot at Hawkers and at Napiers testing prototypes, and at the end of the war a chief instructor and Course Director on the early jet fighters at the Empire Test Pilots' Flying School. In 1950 he carried out a survey of wartime fields country-wide for suitability for development for the new jet fighters - a job he particularly relished. In the early 50s he commanded 607/608 (Vampire) Squadron and was then posted to a series of RAF Station commands in Germany (where he was awarded the OBE) and in Norfolk until retirement in 1960. But flying meant more to him than desks - and Mike Lithgow, a war-time colleague and a famous post-war civil test pilot, maintained that as a pilot Dick was quite simply "the best of them all".

After retirement to North Elmham, Norfolk, Dick was Secretary of the Hunstanton Golf Club, and then ran for a time the Norfolk and Norwich Flying Club at Horsham St. Faiths, today's Norwich International Airport. In 1976 Dick and Vera moved to Croglin in Cumbria to enjoy village life, and the hills. Dick's pastimes were those that entailed quiet personal challenge: he was a gifted amateur photographer, a hill-walker of immense energy, a good shot (a prize winner at Bisley in his youth) and an enthusiastic rider of motorcycles - long after Vera had tried to declare them out of bounds. But above all, Dick was a family man, devoted to Vera and delighting in his two daughters and his grandchildren.

Jamie Bruce Lockhart

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting was held on 7th February; the official minutes will be placed on the usual village noticeboards.

The council received a planning application for Lilliput in Lodge Road; this included a roof extension to provide accommodation at the second floor level and a new roof over the garage link. The council considered that these alterations would improve the appearance of the property and supported the application. Planning permission has been granted for the replacement of corrugated iron cladding with weatherboarding in the Green Room. The skating surface of the skateboard ramp has been sanded down but the ramp remains in a somewhat dilapidated state. The gate posts on the sports field have been repaired, and the Council will request money from the car park fund towards glazing and provision of toilets for the sports pavilion.

Mr Hunt reported from the Visitor Management Committee that a two-metre high barrier is going to be installed to the entrance of Cliff Field car park. The gate would be locked randomly or at times of potential trouble.

The police have an alternative suggestion for the Walberswick traffic warden. They would provide their own wardens, but the village would pay for their time. The disadvantage to this scheme would be that there would be less hours of duty done by the warden, but the advantage would be that we would have experienced wardens and cover in times of sickness. The Council have agreed to have further discussions on this proposal.

The Environment Agency has agreed to supply poles for the shoring up of the Dunwich Creek.

John Brentnall

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WALBERSWICK WEATHER

January - Strongest Gust 29/1/2000
62 mph

Mild with some frosts.

Rainfall from 15/1/2000 to 15/2/2000 -
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February - Strongest Gust 8/2/2000
48 mph.

General wind direction SW.

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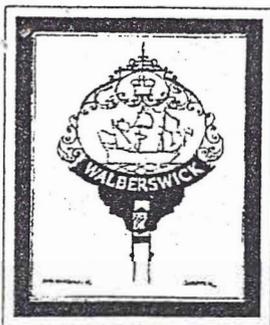
March 11th - Millennium Breakfast Coffee Morning Village Hall 10.30am.

March 17th - Heartcourse. Village Hall. Contact Margot Godbold for details.

March 26th - Church AGM after morning service ALL WELCOME

March 30th - W.I Open meeting and Millennium Party Village Hall 7.00pm

Don't forget the Austerity Lunches each Friday in Lent. 12.30 Village Hall



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NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

Wyn Ridell and Cathryn Simpson would like to invite everyone to a coffee morning in aid of the NSPCC at Ferry House on May 2nd at 10.30am.

Wyn Ridell



POEMS OF JOAN GALWEY

Copies of Joan Galwey's collected poems are available from the Tuck Shop or from me for £1.50. Wendy Sinclair

PIE AND MASH EVENING FOR THE MOZAMBIQUE APPEAL

This will be held at the Potters Wheel Restaurant on Friday 5th May, tickets for 7-8pm and 8-9pm, Adults £3.50 and children £2.50. Tickets are available from Val Anderson, Wyn Ridell and Maureen Thompson. Please get your tickets by Tuesday 2nd May so we know how much food to prepare! Come along with your party and bring your own booze. Monies raised are being sent to the Mozambique Appeal. Val Anderson

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There will be a showing of the scroll in April - date and time to be finalised. This will be the subject of a notice in the Tuck Shop. Please call me if interested.

Richard Scott 722577

THE DAVID SHIRREFF BIRDSONG WALK - SUNDAY MAY 7th

Walberswick's annual birdsong walk (now to be called the David Shirreff Birdsong Walk in memory of its founder) will take place this year on the first Sunday in May, to tie in with *International Dawn Chorus Day*. Please meet as usual at 5.30am in Hoist Wood car park. As last year, Tony Lancaster will lead the walk and contributions will again be shared between the Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project.

The wildlife trusts will have coverage of *International Dawn Chorus Day* - who took part, the more unusual birds seen/heard etc. on WWW.WILDLIFETRUSTS.ORG.UK\URBANWT (their capitals). They would like us to send them our results. This is not a competition, just a gathering of information.

Tony Lancaster and Flip Bruce Lockhart

THE WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The History Group will feature a two-day exhibition of historic photographs on April 30th and May 1st 2000 at the Village Hall. Please make a note of these dates, which promise to be as significant as the highly successful one-day exhibition of local art held by the group in 1999.

Acknowledging that in recent times the village has welcomed many newcomers, some may not be aware that with a membership of over 100, the History Group is one of the major groups in the village. It provides a full annual programme of lectures, much valued newsletters and at the end of the year, a 'Christmas Celebration' featuring a programme of entertainment plus the usual seasonal fayre - all for the modest annual subscription fee of £3.00 for adults and £1 for under 16's.

We welcome the additional support of new members, acknowledging as we do the importance of a strong membership, thus enabling us to continue the essential process of research into the rich history of the village, to the interest and enjoyment of so many.

You may join by contacting our membership secretary, Angela Mackay at Pembroke Cottage, Main Street, Walberswick 01502 723912, or by attending one of our events.

Don Thompson

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

The Trust is liaising with the Parish Council to draw up bye-laws for the beach and adjacent areas.

Spraying of ragwort and thistle will be carried out again this Spring on Cliff Field and surrounding areas.

Work to clear the fen area on the Common is progressing steadily.

Grants have been allocated from the 1999 Walberswick Car Parks Ltd covenant:

Allotment Holders association £1108, St Andrew's Church Rewiring £800,

Dunwich Riverbanks Reinstatement £3000 Halesworth Mini-bus service £1238,

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the village children £500, Village Hall, matching of grants from other sources up to

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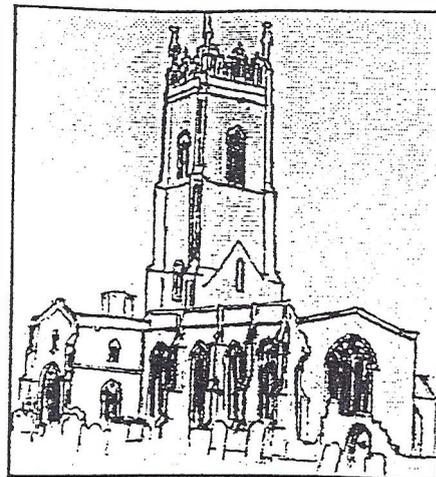
Jayne Tibbles

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CHURCH EVENTS *The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192***ST ANDREWS CHURCH - APRIL***Churchwardens to be announced at the AGM on March 26*

2 Sunday Mothering	09.30 Family Eucharist (with flowers for Mothers)
	18.00 Choral Evensong Blythburgh Church
9 Sunday Fifth S of Lent	09.30 Eucharist with hymns
	18.00 Choral Evensong
16 Sunday Palm Sunday	09.30 Sung Eucharist
20 Maundy Thursday	19.30pm Eucharist, Blythburgh
21 Friday Good Friday	14.00 One hour devotion
23 Sunday Easter Sunday	09.30 Sung Eucharist
30 Sunday Second of Easter	09.30 Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
 Sunday School meets 9th in Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30 No school 16,23 & 30

**FROM THE TEAM RECTOR**

There are signs of new life all around us in our fields, hedgerows and gardens, in the lengthening spring days. We are also reminded day by day of death and devastation throughout the world. At this season of the Christian year we strive to experience, and understand more deeply, the inter-relatedness of life and death. We are preparing to celebrate the greatest victory the world has ever known – the victory of Jesus Christ. This victory can only be known in the holding together of his death and resurrection, of his dying and his rising – they are inextricably interwoven.

The days of Lent and Holy Week enable us to prepare for resurrection by looking at our lives, by taking stock and by focussing our souls and bodies on the things of God. We do this by prayer, by study, by self denial and by a commitment to charity and justice. Our keeping of Lent enables us to experience, ever more deeply, the new life of the resurrection. This new life is God's gift to his people. It is a gift that transforms us, that changes us. The new life which God calls us to share in is the life of God Himself. This is not a static life, it is a vibrant, throbbing life and if we are caught up in it then we should be a people who are vibrant and throbbing with life. We are called to be an "Easter People".

This is the challenge of these days. God offers us new life – do we really want it or are we more content simply to rest in the apparent comfort and ease of what we already know, shying away from the challenges that resurrection living will inevitably involve us in? Do our individual and community lives witness to the fact that we are an "Easter People"? Do we know in our hearts and minds, and manifest in our lives, the love, the joy, the peace, the radiant glory of the risen Christ? This is what we are called to do through our Baptism. When we renew our baptismal promises during the Easter liturgies let us seek to so abandon ourselves to the living God that he may truly possess our lives, and that his life may shine forth brightly, fiercely and gently, in the life of the Church in this part of East Anglia.

With every blessing for a joyful Easter

Barry

PARISH REGISTERS

February 19th 2000

Burial of Ashes - Violet Maud Parnell aged 90

March 1st 2000

Funeral followed by cremation -

Ronald Henry Bond aged 78

March 7th 2000

Funeral and burial - Irmgard Annalisa Bloomfield aged 71

FLOWERS FOR EASTER DAY

Flowers and greenery will be welcome at the Church early the day before, Saturday April 22nd. Donations towards Easter flowers should be sent to me at Dutch House.
 Mary King

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THANK YOU

I should like to thank everyone who made the funeral service for my husband, Ronald Bond, so very comforting for me.

My thanks go to Canon Smythe, who conducted the service with such sympathy and gentleness, to Julia and the choir for the beautiful music, which was as Ronald had wished, and to whoever was responsible for the lovely flower arrangements.

Everything made the day I had so dreaded into a comfort after all, much appreciated by everyone present. My heartfelt thanks to you all and to Fisher's Funeral Service for their entirely satisfactory arrangements.

Jean Bond

WALBERSWICK HAG STONES

My collecting boxes around the village last year raised the grand total of £976.00 for Motor Neurone Disease Research. My thanks to those who provided the space for the boxes and to all who contributed.

Mary King

WALBERSWICK WEATHER

Rainfall for February – just over 1 ½ inches.

Rainfall 15 Feb – 15 March – 1 ½ inches.

Strongest gust – March 3rd 72mph.

Barometer average 1030.

Wind direction NW.

Generally mild.

Bill Buncombe

ARE YOU GUILTY OF SPEEDING?

Even at thirty miles per hour a car travels at forty feet per second - that doesn't leave any margin for error if a pedestrian or cyclist makes a sudden move.

Remember too that there are no pavements in Walberswick and even small children have to walk on the road.

Please, in the interests of safety, watch your speed.

Alvin Hunt

HORTICULTURAL SHOW – ADVANCE NOTICE

The show will be held this year on Saturday 15th July. There will be all the usual classes for exhibits of vegetables, fruit and flowers. So, start planting and pruning now! Further details will be found in the schedule, which will be attached to the May issue of the Village News.

Sheila Diverall

WI - INDIA - ROMANCE AND REALITY

On April 12th we shall be welcoming Joan Stevenson talking about 'India - Romance and Reality'. Mrs Stevenson worked in the diocese of Maharashtra in the vast hinterland of Bombay and she will illustrate her talk with slides. This meeting is at our usual time of 2.30pm. Don't forget our celebration supper and entertainment on March 30th starting at 7pm to which everyone is welcome. Tickets on sale at the Tuck Shop.

Last month, Malcolm Crowder spoke warmly and enthusiastically about his work for The Norwich Trust. In his photographs we were able to recognise many of the buildings the Trust had renovated and made habitable, while keeping to the style of the original.

The top choice Resolution in the Suffolk East Federation's selection for the TGM at Wembley in June has been the continuation of benefit payments at Post Offices.

'Disposable nappy problems' was second choice and funding Children's Hospices to the same level as Adult Hospices came third.

Julia Josephs

LONDON MARATHON 2000

Running in this year's London Marathon on 16th April will be Rachel Leighton. Rachel is a Captain in the Royal Logistic Corps and is currently stationed in Deepcut in Surrey where she is an instructor. She has enjoyed running since her days at St. Felix School and frequently takes part in orienteering competitions. She will have run in two half-marathons by the time she tackles the full 26 miles in London. By completing the course, Rachel hopes to raise £1000 or more for the Royal British Legion, and Elizabeth and Rae will be pleased to accept any pledges on her behalf to help raise this amount.

Elizabeth Leighton

ELIZABETHAN MUSIC AT SOMERLEYTON HALL

On Friday 12th May at 7pm the Magnano Consort will play an evening of Elizabethan music and poetry at Somerleyton Hall in aid of Cruise Bereavement Care - Waveney and East Suffolk Branch.

Tickets are available from 01502 725033.

Ann Kiff-Wood

CONCERT AT BLYTHBURGH CHURCH

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WHAT'S ON

GP SURGERY - Tuesday 11.30am and Friday 3pm Village Hall Annexe.
LIBRARY BUS - Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm. April 7th (poss no second Friday).
BUSES - *Halesworth* Weds mornings. *Beccles* Tues. and Fri Mornings. *Norwich*, Friday mornings (Details of timetables in Tuck Shop and at the Harbour).
CIRCLE DANCING - Sunday 16th 2-5pm Village Hall. Tel. 725070 for details.
LINE DANCING - Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.15pm
BRIDGE - April 10th and 24th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe.
WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.
BOWLS - Every Wednesday Village Hall 7.30pm
April 3rd - Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.
April 12th - W.I Village Hall 2.30pm.
April 14th - Computer Society 'Computers in Banking'. Details from 723519
April 27th - **Annual Parish Meeting. 7.30pm Village Hall.**
April 30th/May 1st - Historic Photograph Exhibition Village Hall.
Don't forget the Austerity Lunches each Friday in Lent. 12.30 Village Hall

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

At the March 10th meeting, Tecwyn Cockett, Suffolk Education Department's Technical Co-ordinator of "Slamnet", gave a stimulating talk about computers in schools.

Slamnet is a computer support network for schools, spanning several counties.

He provided a fascinating insight of how both technical and funding problems have been addressed to secure effective ICT resources in Suffolk schools -against a background of widely varying degrees of computer literacy among pupils and staff and the changing political climate in which the IT revolution is happening.

Mr Cockett emphasised the importance of applying ICT across the curriculum, and not treating computing merely as a subject in its own right. He set out an exciting vision of the future, including the availability of remote learning, the prospect of schools being linked to the LEA's own central IT server, and students submitting homework direct to their teachers' computers for marking!

As a number of the Society's members are involved in education, a lively discussion of these issues followed.

The programme for next year is under discussion and the Society would like to hear from anyone with a specialist knowledge of computer applications that might be of interest to the society. Please contact the Chairman, Martin Smith, on 01502 478666 or e-mail mbs@business-sense.freereserve.co.uk.

The Blyth Valley Computer Society's next meeting is at 7pm on Friday 14th April. The talk will be "Computers in Banking" given by Bernard King of HSBC (formerly Midland Bank). For details of the venue, and to join this exciting and stimulating group, contact Frank Scoble on 01502 723519.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month. The Society's web sites at www.go.to/bvcs.

BEACH CLEAN

The first beach clean of this year will take place on Sunday 10th April from 10.00 - 11.30am. Gloves and bags provided. Meet at Cliff Field car park. Please help. Vivien Hunt

CAR PARK ATTENDANTS

Are you interested in becoming a car park attendant in Walberswick this summer? If so please contact Alvin Hunt on 723142 for further information.



NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was held on March 6th and full minutes will be posted on the village noticeboards.

Planning permission has been granted to Lilliput in Lodge Road and Bracken Cottage in Palmers Lane. Planning permission has been refused for the conversion of Mary's restaurant to sheltered housing on the grounds of over-development.

The council had no objection to the plan to erect a conservatory on outbuildings at Westons, The Street. However, there was some concern that the plot could become a separate property at a later date.

The council was extremely concerned about the 'Suffolk Estuarine Strategy for Long Term Flood Defence' as it would mean that Walberswick Marshes would be flooded. Some members of the council attended a meeting at the council chamber in Woodbridge in order to protest.

There may be a possibility of getting grant aid from 'The Paths Parish Partnership' to improve footpaths on the marshes. The council were in favour of improvements to footpath 11 across Old Town Marshes, but it was felt that the footpath at the bottom of Stocks Lane should be given priority. Some concern was expressed about the appearance of boardwalks, but the general feeling was that they would weather with age.

It was suggested by the Chairman, Wally Webb, that instead of providing millennium mugs, there might be a Walberswick outing to the Millennium Dome in the Summer holidays for the children of the village. We need to find out the feelings of the parents and the children about this. If you haven't yet been approached please contact Wally Webb or Denise Brentnall to let them know if you think it would be a good idea.

A report from the Suffolk Assoc of Local Councils based on Ordinance Survey aerial photographs taken in 1995 showed that there were 32 ponds (excluding garden ponds) in Walberswick. It has been questioned whether these were permanent or seasonal marsh ponds. It was suggested that the Local History Group may like to do a project on village ponds as they are important for the preserving of wildlife. The cost of car parking will be £2 per day as from the beginning of this season. The Chairman was concerned that the doubling of the price would encourage people to park elsewhere in the village.

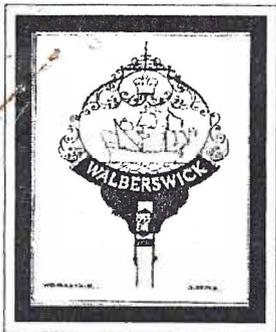
The visitor management group have expressed some concern about cyclists damaging footpaths and it was felt that information needs to be made available about the regulations for the use of footpaths by cyclists. Mr Jones felt that it was less dangerous for children to cycle on some footpaths than on the road.

John Brentnall

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Walberswick Parish Council

The above notice was entered last month as an article as we had not realised that it was to be as a notice from the Parish Council. We hope this reinforces the message as intended. Eds.

NEW SHOP ON THE GREEN

'Tinkers' has now opened on the Green in the old Parish Lantern Greenhouse building (which has now moved into what was the gallery next door). Sarah and Alida welcome everyone to their new venture. The shop is stocking antiques, interesting presents, lighting, cards and much more. Tel. 722337 for details.

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THE WALBERSWICK LECTURE - 18th MAY 2000

The Annual Lecture organised by the Walberswick and Blythburgh Branch of the Royal British Legion, will take place in Walberswick Village Hall on Thursday 18th May 2000, starting at 7.30pm.

The Lecture, entitled 'Local Justice in the 21st Century', will be given by Mrs Stephanie Thew, LL.B., Barrister, Clerk to the Justices of East Suffolk Magistrates Courts. A buffet supper with wine and a raffle will follow her talk. The event is open to the general public and as it is a topical subject the lecture should be of interest to many people. Walberswick Village Hall has a limited capacity so please book early. Tickets cost £4.00 per person and are on sale at Walberswick Tuck Shop.

Alan Walpole, Chairman.

NEW PROOF READERS NEEDED

We have been proof reading and arranging for the distribution of the Village News, and its predecessor the Parish News, for some considerable time now and have enjoyed doing it.

We now feel that we would like to pass it on to someone else and would like to think that this will be the last issue with which we will be involved (except for the pleasure of reading it!).

Is there anyone in the village who would like to take on either or both of these tasks? (There is a team of distributors who help to deliver copies around the village.) Please let the editors know if you are interested.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those volunteers who each month have delivered a Village News to every house in Walberswick.

Eric and Ruth Bassett

Eric and Ruth have done a brilliant job and been a great support to us since we took on the Village News in 1997. We will be sorry to lose them. Please get in touch as soon as possible if you feel you could take on either of these roles. Eds. 722923

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VILLAGE HALL AGM
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CHURCH EVENTS *The Reverend Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192*
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - MAY

Church Wardens Ian Bruce-Jones 724020 Christine Fisher 723023

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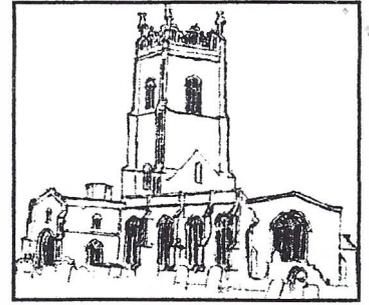
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FLOWER ARRANGERS

Mesdames Moreton Love Shirreff Reeves



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

As a parent I place on record my thanks to all involved in organising the Mothering Sunday service. As always the church looked magnificent, the service was both meaningful and enjoyable, the flowers for mums were beautiful, the atmosphere was great and it was a real pleasure to see so many positive people. There were many children there. Great! Many thanks to all. Robin Buncombe

LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

For the whole of May we are in the season of Eastertide in the calendar of the Christian Church. This season reaches its grand climax on Pentecost Sunday, the 11th June. During these weeks we can reflect on what it means to say that we are an 'Easter People'. We are called to be sharers in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ and to be ambassadors of that life. This means that we should reflect resurrection values in our daily living, that we should radiate the new life of Jesus Christ. This is our mission as Christian believers - how do we go about it?

We must first decide just what are the marks of resurrection living and what distinguishes it from any other kind of living. Resurrection living witnesses to the triumph of hope over despair, of love over hatred, of joy over suffering. It does not in any way belittle the experience of despair, hatred or suffering but it does say that in the end these will not triumph - this is made manifest in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Let us do all we can to abandon ourselves to the living Lord, that our lives might witness, in turn, to the triumph of love over hatred, of hope over despair, of joy over suffering. May begins with us having to say 'farewell' to Peter Clement, who is leaving as one of our team Vicars - there will be a service of farewell at Wangford on Sunday 7th May at 4.00pm. The last Sunday of May - the 28th - is Rogation Sunday, when we thank God for the earth and the beauty of creation and ask for his blessing upon it. There will be a team Rogation service at St Andrew's Sotherton on 28th May at 3.00pm.

With every blessing,

Barry Naylor

FROM BOB TREVELYAN

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the parting gift of the beautifully painted watercolour of the church made on the occasion of my leaving office. That the artist is Chris Sinclair made the gift even more welcome. My tenure of office was made so much easier because of the willing helpers in the running of the church. To my immediate colleagues; Paddy, Eric, Penny and Peter, a special thank-you for your co-operative help over the years. Both Paddy and I wish Christine and Ian every success as they take up their new responsibilities. A special thank-you to Julia for brightening our services with her music and her work with the choir, also for all the organisational work that she does in producing rotas for Sidespeople and Readers, work which would otherwise fall to be dealt with by one of the wardens.

EXHIBITION OF CALENDARS

Since writing a plea in the Village News about two years ago for more calendars to add to my collection I have had an outstanding response. I now have almost 100 - the earliest being 1933. With the agreement of the PCC and the support of St Andrew's Guild they will be exhibited in the church on the 27th, 28th and 29th May. Tea and coffee will be served and there will be cake and plant stalls in the church ruins. All proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church.

Elizabeth Leighton

MICHAEL CARPENTER

At the time of his death Michael's widow agreed to apply the collection made at his funeral towards the provision of a lectern light in the church. Alan Walpole spent time and effort finding a brass fitting to match the existing light on the pulpit lectern. The light is now in use and a suitably inscribed brass plate has been fitted adjacent to the light in Michael's memory.

Bob Trevelyan

PARISH REGISTERS

April 14th 2000 - Service and Burial
 Douglas (Benny) Clayton Aged 73.

April 14th 2000 - Thanksgiving
 following cremation Emmeline Ellen
 Stannard (Bubby) aged 95.

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BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

At the last meeting Bernard King, Area Customer Services Manager for HSBC in Colchester, talked about the impact of computers on banking since they were first introduced in 1972.

The topical issues of the closure of branches and personal contact with customers were contrasted with the rapidly rising demand for PC and telephone banking.

Branch staff now solely work at the counters and all other tasks are now handled by central offices linked by computer - even one in India! Specially written programmes assess applications for new accounts, loans and mortgages. Local managers can overrule the computer's advice, but sadly experience has shown that it was usually correct. Cheque amounts can now be read by computer and for security, signatures can be compared to samples held in the computer.

The meeting opened with the AGM where the Chairman, Martin Smith, summed up the year's meetings with talks ranging from the National Lottery to computerised animated films and a visit to Felixstowe docks.

The programme for next year is under discussion and we would like to hear from anyone with specialist knowledge of computer applications that might be of interest to the society. Please contact the Chairman, Martin Smith, on 01502 478666 or e-mail mbs@business-sense.freeserve.co.uk.

The next season will start on September 15th. For details of events and membership please contact Frank Scoble on 01502 723519 or the society web site at www.go.to/bvcs.
Piers Ford-Crush

NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

Wyn Riddell and Cathryn Simpson would like to invite everyone to a coffee morning in aid of the NSPCC at Ferry House on May 2nd at 10.30am.
Wyn Riddell

A RARE VISITOR

On Saturday 25th March Ruth and Eric Bassett discovered an unusual Heron sitting on a tree at the bottom of their garden in Church Field. Consulting their bird guide they soon identified it as a Night Heron. About two-thirds the size of our Grey Heron, but with a much shorter neck, it gives a very stocky appearance. With pale grey underparts and darker slate-grey wings all handsomely topped with a black crown and back.

It is a fine adult in full breeding plumage, indicated by delightful long, thin white plumes that cascade from the nape to the back, red legs and a dark blue patch between the eye and its bill.

It is a rare visitor to Britain and its occurrence is a result of its overshooting its breeding grounds in Southern Europe, while returning from its winter quarters in tropical Africa. As its name suggests, it is primarily a nocturnal species and is usually encountered around dusk and dawn as it flies to and from its feeding grounds and favourite daytime roosting tree.

Tony Lancaster

WALBERSWICK W.I

At our meeting on May 10th, after voting on the resolutions, Jenny Cardwell will be giving us her impressions of Atlanta during the last Olympic Games.

The Open evening last month was a huge success and after a superb supper, prepared by our members, we were entertained by the marvellous singing of the Barbershop Quartet, East Coast Sounds, from Colchester. Their show was received with great applause which was rewarded with several encores.

Joan Stevenson's talk 'Romance and Reality' was about her visit to the diocese of Nasik Maharashtra, a poor rural area inland from Bombay. The 'Romance' was found in the colours, sound, smells and architecture - especially the palaces and the countryside. The 'Reality' was where she stayed with a complete lack of basic sewerage, poor diet and apathy. Despite this the people were happy and generous with what little they possessed and always ready to celebrate with lots of dancing and singing.

We also celebrated Lucy Bateman's 90th Birthday in March with a gorgeous cake

ELIZABETHAN MUSIC AT SOMERLEYTON HALL

Don't forget - Friday 12th May at 7pm, the Magnano Consort will play an evening of Elizabethan music and poetry at Somerleyton Hall in aid of Cruise Bereavement Care - Waveney and East Suffolk Branch.

Tickets are available from 01502 725033.

Ann Kiff-Wood

REMEMBER -PIE AND MASH EVENING FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN

MOZAMBIQUE APPEAL - BRING YOUR OWN DRINK!

This will be held at the Potters Wheel Restaurant on Friday 5th May, tickets for 7-8pm and 8-9pm, Adults £3.50 and children £2.50. Tickets are available from Val Anderson, Wyn Riddell and Maureen Thompson. Please get your tickets by Tuesday 2nd May so we know how much food to prepare! Come along with your party and bring your own booze. Please support this charity as monies raised are being sent to the Mozambique Appeal. The choice of pies will be: Savoury Mince, Sausage, Steak and Kidney and Chicken and Ham in White Sauce. The non-meat alternative will be Homity Pie - which is a creamy mix of potato, onion and cheese.
Val Anderson

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WALBERSWICK RAINFALL

March rainfall - 13.5 mil.

March 15th to April 15th - 15.42 mil
(just over 1 3/4 inches).

Strongest gust - April 4th @ 44mph.

Wind direction - North-North East.

Generally cold.

Barometer average - 1020.

Bill Buncombe.

(That gust apparently took out a tree in Bill's garden Eds.)

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WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.

BOWLS - 3rd and 10th only. Village Hall 7.30pm. Resumed in October.

May 2nd - NSPCC Coffee Morning. Ferry House 10.30am

May 5th - Mozambique Appeal Pie and Mash Evening. Potters Wheel Restaurant.

May 7th - Birdsong Walk. Hoist Wood Car Park. 5.30am.

May 8th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

May 10th - W.I Village Hall 2.30pm.

May 12th - Elizabethan Music at Somerleyton Hall 7.00pm. Details 725033.

May 14th - Music Group Odyssey at Blythburgh Church 3.00pm.

May 18th - Walberswick lecture. Local Justice in the 21st Century. See page 1 for details.

Walberswick Village Hall 7.30pm. tickets from the Tuck Shop.

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a conservatory at Westons.

The Council objected to an application for a single-storey extension to Ash Cottage, The Green, because the flat roof and garage type doors were out of character. It was felt that it was an over development of the site.

Members of the Council met with the Countryside Officer and she is considering placing large shingle over the path at the bottom of Stocks Lane.

The Council agreed not to enter the village of the year competition as this would bring unnecessary publicity to the village. It was also agreed not to go for the blue flag clean beach award for the same reason. Mr Buncombe felt that there may be an element of liability if the water was not regularly tested.

The sale of the millennium breakfast paintings raised £340 for the RNLi and £310 for the community benefit fund. **The millennium banner is to be kept by the history group and made available for anyone wishing to use it for further events this year.**

Members of the council attended the Suffolk Estuarine strategy meeting. They were informed that a decision has already been taken to allow Tinkers Marsh to flood in order to relieve pressure on the river Blyth. It was unanimously agreed that a sub-committee should be set up to oppose this decision.

Mr Webb has resigned as the council's representative on the board of Walberswick Car Parks Ltd. because he did not agree with the increased cost of the parking tickets to £2.

Mr Buncombe has taken his place.

Next meeting takes place on Monday 8th May.

John Brentnall.

LONDON MARATHON 2000 SUCCESS

I am happy to tell you that I successfully managed to complete the Millennium Flora London marathon on Sunday 16th April and as a result reached my fund-raising target. Having completed the full 26 miles I can now admit that most of the miles were thoroughly enjoyable, helped along by the tremendous enthusiasm of the crowd, amongst which somewhere were my parents Rae and Elizabeth Leighton. The last few miles were, however, endless and it was a relief to cross the finish line in the time of 4 hours and 25 minutes. Thanks to the generosity of all those people in Walberswick who kindly supported me with pledges I have raised well over £1000 in aid of the Royal British Legion. It is not possible to say thank you personally but may I say how extremely grateful I am to you all.

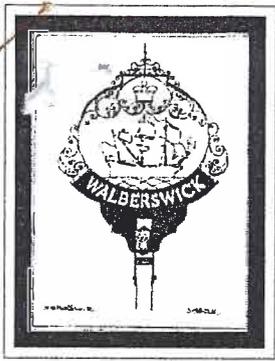
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MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE TEA PARTY

It is Garden Tea Party time again at Dutch House on Wednesday June 21st at 2.30pm in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research. Usual stalls, entrance 50p to include tea, home-made scones and jam. Let us hope the sun shines upon us this year.

Mary King

CRUISE BEREAVEMENT CARE

I should like to thank the 32 people from Walberswick who came to the Elizabethan Music concert at Somerleyton Hall on 12th May and others who donated towards running costs. We sold 78 tickets and profited by £1083! I feel privileged to be in such a warm hearted, supportive community.

Annie Kiff-Wood

HORTICULTURAL SHOW - SATURDAY 15th JULY

Copies of this year's schedule were distributed with the May issue of the Village News. Did you 'detach and keep' yours as suggested? If not, further copies can be had from Brian Payne or Sheila Diverall.

There are new ideas for flower arrangements, and a number of changes in the culinary classes this year. Last year the C.C. Gold Cup for the culinary classes was won, for the first time, by a gentleman, Grahame Godsmark. Ladies - can we allow this to happen again!!!

The committee would particularly like to see more entries in the children's classes this year - these are open to visitors as well as residents.

Sheila Diverall

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THE 'DAVID SHIRREFF' BIRDSONG WALK - MAY 7TH 2000

A sun of deep reddish orange rising from a misty grey and sleepy sea greeted those who had braved the dreaded early alarm call. Then, as if to tease, it disappeared behind a band of dark and threatening cloud, but emerged triumphant dispersing those sinister watery vapours to leave us with a beautiful azure sky. The birds sang and we set about putting names to the familiar and the not so familiar. The repertoire of the Nightingales still reigned supreme, whilst the Sedge and Reed warblers still attempt to confound all with their similar churrs and chatters. The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly the two 'booming' Bitterns and an all too brief view of one in flight as it flapped its way some 100 yds over the reed bed before flopping back into its secret world. Bearded tits with their loud anxious 'pinging' calls also paraded most handsomely, their numbers having swollen with the recent mild winters. On the statistical side some forty-four species were seen or heard by the 30+ dawn raiders (Is this a record?). The passing of the hat generated no less than £83.40, to be evenly divided between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSPB Dingle Marshes Project.

Tony Lancaster

SAVE THE CHILDREN - PIE AND MASH EVENING

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone who took part in the 'Pie and Mash Evening' at the Potters Wheel on May 5th. A special thanks to Joan Smith who provided the venue, Val Anderson for organising the evening and Riq who made and donated all the food.

£440 pounds was a terrific result and when added to the Southwold events, over a £1000 was collected for Save the Children Week.

Maureen Thompson

WHO DOES WHAT, AND WITH WHICH AND TO WHOM!

In order to clarify the position and to correct certain misunderstandings in the minds of several people, I would like to set out the hierarchy concerning Walberswick Car Parks Ltd (WCPL).

WCPL is a limited liability company controlled by a Board of Directors who are appointed by Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC). The board of WCPL is solely responsible for the profitable operation of the car parks and is required under its Memorandum and Articles of Association to covenant its entire profits to WCLC.

WCLC is a charitable trust which is controlled by a committee of 7 Trustees of whom 4 are nominated by Walberswick Parish Council (WPC).

WCLC is solely responsible for the consideration and allocation of any charitable grants. Neither WCPL or WPC has that right or that responsibility.

The fact that some individuals serve on one or more of the above bodies does not invalidate the correctness of the individual spheres of their responsibilities.

Gerald Tooley - Chairman WCPL

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Cathryn Simpson and Wyn Riddell would like to thank everyone who attended or sent donations contributing to a very successful morning which raised the wonderful amount of £283.36 for the NSPCC.

Cathryn Simpson

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CHURCH EVENTS *The Reverend Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192***ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - JUNE***Church Wardens Ian Bruce-Jones 724020 Christine Fisher 723023*

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|----|----------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 1 | Thursday | Ascension Day | 19.30 | Team Eucharist - Southwold |
| 3 | Saturday | Holy Matrimony | 14.30 | Matthew Barbrook to Katy Woodcraft |
| 4 | Sunday | after Ascension | 09.30 | Sung Eucharist |
| 11 | Sunday | Whit Sunday | 09.30 | Family Eucharist |
| | | | 15.00 | Ecumenical Open Air Service - Wangford |
| 17 | Saturday | Marriage Blessing | 15.00 | Martin Lewthwaite to Minako Hojo |
| 18 | Sunday | Trinity Sunday | 09.30 | Sung Eucharist |
| 25 | Sunday | First after Trinity | 09.30 | Choral Matins |

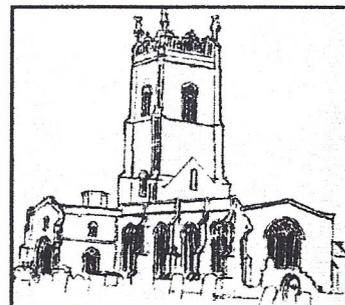
Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School meets in the Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Mesdames Sinclair Walpole Hunt(BL) Weddings 3rd & 17th

CHURCH MATTERS**ST ANDREW'S GUILD**

At this year's Austerity Lunches, held each Friday during Lent, the sum of £132.69 was raised for IPSEA. This charity, based in Woodbridge, supports parents whose children require special educational needs, by giving advice, specific information, and practical help with legal problems. Thank you for your support.

Ann Beckham Hon.Sec.

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

On June 11th we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost – or Whitsunday, as it was once known. This feast marks the end of the Easter season, as we recall the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, as they gathered in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The season began wonderfully with our Parish Eucharist at St Andrews, which included the baptism of two village children and the admission to communion for the first time of six of our young people

Pentecost is often thought of as the birthday of the Church and we will be having a special afternoon service at Wangford at 3:00 p.m. on that day, to which all Christians in our area are very warmly invited. There is plenty in the life of the Christian Church down the ages that is very unattractive but this is due to the way people have failed to follow the guiding of the Spirit of the living God. The Church has, at times, been hypocritical and has behaved in ways more likely to turn people away from God than to attract them to him. It was good that the Pope recently apologised for past sins of the Catholic Church – each and every Church needs to apologise and ask forgiveness for wrongs committed in its name.

The Church is, however, the Body of Christ – the Church at its best stands as a beacon of hope and light in the world. At its best the Church welcomes all with open arms and affirms that in the family of God everyone is welcome and valued. At its best the Church has wrought great good in the world and has worked for the transformation of societies, challenging injustice and evil.

What the Church is like today is, of course, up to those of us who are members of it – how faithfully do we witness to him who is the Head of the Body, Jesus Christ our Lord? On the Feast of Pentecost we can thank God for his Church, we can acknowledge our sorrow for the ways we have failed him and we can pray that we will be renewed daily with that same Spirit that was poured so mightily upon the Apostles that first Pentecost.

Barry Naylor

EARLY MUSIC AT BLYTHBURGH

Capella Antiqua will be presenting a concert of Biber, Rosenmuller and Johann Christoph Bach at 7.30pm on Saturday June 10th at Blythburgh Church.

Tickets £6.00 (£5.00 for concessions) available from Patsy Murray 722022 or at the door.

GEOFFREY SMITH RETIREMENT

I am retiring in August and my parish have organised a farewell service to be held on Sunday August 20th at 6.30pm (Evensong), followed by a 'do' in the church hall. If anyone from Walberswick or Blythburgh would like to come over they would be most welcome. Please ring me on 01638 662448 for directions.

Geoffrey Smith

PARISH REGISTER

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DOUGLAS 'BENNY' CLAYTON
 Mary and family would like to thank all those who attended Benny's funeral. Also all those who gave such support, sent letters, cards and contributions for the R.N.L.I (£721.11). I would also like to thank Barry naylor for the service and the staff of York Road Surgery, Southwold and the James Paget Hospital.
 Mary Clayton

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 Brian Payne
and so are the Editors!

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WI - SUMMER GARDEN PARTY
 Our meeting on June 14th will be held in the garden of Taystone House at the kind invitation of Peter and Barbara Taylor. This will be very informal and you are asked to bring along guests to join in the fun and the usual bumper WI tea.

We found Jenny Cardwell's account of managing the British Womens' Hockey Team at the last Olympics in Atlanta quite fascinating and Jenny a most entertaining speaker. But it was such a sad moment for them all when the Team missed the bronze medal only by the final shoot-out. For most international hockey players their careers end by the time they are thirty but Jenny has enjoyed a busy career teaching, coaching and travelling since she gave up playing for England. She ended by advising us all to exercise frequently and, even more importantly, drink several pints of water each day.

Julia Josephs

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

I think it is reasonable to suggest that our recent photographic Exhibition was a success, giving pleasure to the 250 so people who attended. Under the heading 'Walberswick Portrayed' we have mounted two significant events during the years 1999 and 2000. In 1999, paintings loaned by residents formed the basis of the event, whereas this year photographs loaned from many sources made it possible to highlight nostalgically so many aspects of the village and it's people. Unfortunately it may be a few years before either event can be repeated and perhaps never the former.

Many people were involved in this years event, whether members or non-members. Much of the material shown stemmed from the unstinting help given by John Took and the willingness of Tony Whittenbury to put his copying and scanning facilities at our disposal. Many residents past and present provided a rich source of material without which we would have been the poorer - to all our sincere thanks. However, irrespective of the material at our disposal, ingenuity, sustained effort and a selfless giving of time are always the key. In this respect we are fortunate to have a dedicated committee of helpers. The sub-committee designated to arrange the event, namely Philip Kett and Alan Walpole, played a vital part in deciding the format of the display and then, on the evening before Pat Kett, Philip Kett and Maureen Thompson gave invaluable input, resulting in Maureen and Philip burning well in excess of 'the midnight oil'.

We are sorry a number of residents perhaps missed the event, which was well publicised through publicity bills and the April edition of the Village News - though not, it must be said, in the May edition diary - Eds please note.

(Oh dear - Eds.) Don Thompson

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THANKS
 On behalf of my father and myself I would like to express my sincere thanks for the messages letters and cards of sympathy that we received at Mafekin Cottage from so many people in the district after my mother passed away on April 5th.
 Michael Stannard

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Rainfall April - 81mm 3 1/4 inches.
Rainfall 15th April - 15th May
87mm.

Strongest gust April 18th 32 mph.
Barometer average 1017.

Wind direction - Variable.

General weather - cold in April and beginning of May, warmer in mid-May.

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WHIST - Every Thursday 2.30 in the Village Hall Annexe.

JUNE 12th - Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

JUNE 10th - Early Music at Blythburgh 7.30pm Details on page 2.

JUNE 14th - W.I Garden Party 2.30pm Taystone House.

JUNE 21st - Motor Neurone Tea Party 2.30pm Dutch House.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was held on the 10th May and the official minutes will appear on the Village noticeboards as usual.

The election of members to various posts occurred at this meeting. Mr Webb was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr Hunt was elected as Vice Chairman. Mr Buncombe was elected as council representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Mr Hunt was elected as council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

Southwold Town Council has informed the Council that they would like to have the skateboard ramp returned to Southwold. Mr Webb has volunteered to help transport it.

The Council had no objections to the planning application for the erection of a two storey 'Granny Annexe' to Harbour View or to the erection of rear extension to Windmill Cottage in Millfield Road.

Mr Buncombe has volunteered to be responsible for the raising of the flag on official days. Thanks were expressed by the council to Mr Buncombe and to Mr Leighton who has fulfilled the task on some occasions in the past.

Inspector Shields had suggested that the Council contact Suffolk County Council on traffic calming measures for the Village. The Highways Dept. said that the only measure that they would be prepared to use would be an entrance treatment of red coloured tarmac with white posts, plus the erection of larger signs. The Council agreed that as the police were still monitoring the speed levels of traffic coming into the village it would be best to review the situation after the summer.

Discussions are continuing on the response to the Suffolk Estuarine Strategy. Councillor Leighton reported that there were many more landowners on other rivers who would fight the decisions on their land, so it would be very important for us to be prepared to fight our corner and keep abreast of the situation regarding permitted flood levels in certain areas.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the police regarding concern over travellers parked in Hoist Covert Car Park. The police said that they were powerless to move them as they were on private land - the landowners have been informed.

Mr Hunt has reported that residents of Adams Lane have requested 'Residents only' parking signs as visitors were using their parking bays. The Council opposed this as they felt that it would lead to further requests from other areas of the village.

Mr Hunt also informed the Council that he was still waiting for the contract for a traffic warden for the village.

Mr Buncombe reported that there had been two more accidents at Toby's Walk junction and has agreed to contact Councillor Church on this matter.

In answer to a question Mr Hunt informed the Council that the gate to CliffField would only be locked in the likelihood of problems occurring.

It was agreed to contact the Highways department regarding the amount of water that pools in Leveretts Lane.

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THE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Walberswick Horticultural Show will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th July from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. The committee is hoping for a record number of entries for our Millennium Show. There is no entry fee for exhibits, and this year admission to the Show is also free.

There will be a raffle and teas, and once again Early Dawn Nurseries will be staging an impressive display of plants. Even if you are not able to put in any exhibits this year, do come along to support this event.

Sheila Diverall



NEW RESTAURANT FOR WALBERSWICK

As many of you know, Rob and Felicity Jelliff have now retired and Mary's has been taken over by my partner Dirk Bougard and I. As a means of introducing ourselves and our new restaurant to the village, we have decided to change the name from Mary's to De Cressy's. Lady De Cressy was Lady of the Manor of Walberswick and Blythburgh in the 13th century. According to various sources we found, it was she who introduced the first ferry as a means of transport between Walberswick and Southwold. As well as a fresh coat of paint and a new menu, we have also decided to change the opening times and now offer evening meals, which are served every day except Sunday and Monday from 7 pm, as well as the usual morning coffees, lunches and afternoon teas. We would like to welcome all customers old and new to De Cressy's and thank the many people who have helped and supported us in our new venture.

Helen Sparkes

GOODBYE FROM BOB AND FELICITY

Did anyone hear a sigh in the breeze on the 13th June when Mary's ceased to be? Or even the more tangible crash as the sign descended to the ground? As Rob and Felicity leave Walberswick to enjoy a life of idleness and leisure (!!) they would like to thank all those who made their sojourn in the village a happy and prosperous one. From the demise of Mary's, De Cressy's emerges in the young enthusiastic arms of Helen and Dirk. Good luck to their venture and may they have many successful and fulfilling years at the Manor House.

Felicity Jelliff

SPONSORED TANDEM PARACHUTE JUMP

Jerry and Denise Burchell would like to thank all those people who helped to sponsor Ian Denney from Reydon on his Parachute Jump on May 1st in Aid of the Suffolk Branch of the National Autistic Society. He has raised over £1800.

Denise Burchell

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

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CHURCH EVENTS The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - JULY

Churchwardens Ian Bruce-Jones 724020 Christine Fisher 723023

2 Sunday 2nd after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist

9 Sunday 3rd after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist
18.00 Choral Evensong

16 Sunday 4th after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist

22 Saturday Holy Matrimony 15.00 Paul Page to Sarah Wardle

23 Sunday 5th after Trinity 09.30 Choral Matins

30 Sunday 6th after Trinity Said Eucharist at 8am (1662)

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00

Sunday School meets in the Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Mesdames Morton Jackson Leighton (Wedding) Turnbull BL Annie Wardle

CHURCH MATTERS



LETTER FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

At our Family Eucharist at St. Andrew's on Pentecost Sunday some of our young people helped to plant a sapling from a yew tree in the church yard. This was propagated from a tree that was alive at the time of Jesus and it is hoped that the one we have planted will live until the next Christian Millennium begins. This is part of a national project to mark this Millennium Year. It will need our care and protection to do so – a symbol of how all life is dependent on those responsible and caring qualities so essential for our mutual well-being. In our Team the Millennium is also being celebrated with a great production been put on at Holy Trinity Blythburgh – "Echoes of our Past – an entertainment marking 2000 years of Christian history in north-east Suffolk." This will take place on 6th, 7th and 8th July at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are available from the Tuck Shop.

Interviews for a new Team Vicar and Deanery Training Officer, to replace the Reverend Peter Clement, will be taking place on 6th July and I hope we will be able to make an appointment as a result.

The 9th July is Sea Sunday, when we are asked to remember in our prayers all those whose livelihood depends on the sea, those involved in the RNLI and the Coastguard Service and those who use the sea for leisure.

The 30th July is the fifth Sunday in the month and, as usual, our pattern of worship will vary on this Sunday. There will be a said celebration of the Eucharist according to the Book of Common Prayer at St. Andrew's at 8:00 a.m. The Scripture Union Beach Mission will be helping to lead the Family Eucharist at St. Margaret's Reydon that Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Every blessing for a good July

Barry Naylor

CALENDAR EXHIBITION

My very sincere thanks to everyone who helped so willingly during the Exhibition of Calendars in the Church – especially to all those people who loaned calendars, and a special thank you to those who ran the cake and plant stalls, served tea and coffee and were stewards during the three days. My thanks also to the two organists who played while visitors browsed through the display and to the men who did the heaving and humping! The weather could not have been more against us but everyone worked very hard to overcome the difficulties and in the end an extremely creditable £428.55 was raised for church funds.

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Elizabeth Leighton is to be congratulated on her fascinating collection of 120 calendars which were beautifully displayed in the Church for the three days of the May Bank Holiday. There were calendars from around the world, the Natural World and Beautiful British Heritage, Art and Wallpaper, Coastal Views of East Anglia, an unusual one of the Victoria Cross and the earliest was from 1933.

Julia Josephs



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SOMETHING DIFFERENT - WI

At our next meeting on July 12th at 2.30, Chris Christensen will take a light-hearted look at food preparation. The food he prepares can be bought afterwards which could be useful if you have visitors for the following weekend. On July 25th we have a trip on the River Deben and visit Southwold Summer Theatre on July 28th for 'Night Must Fall'.

We are most grateful to Peter and Barbara Taylor for allowing us to hold our June meeting in their garden which was enjoyed by so many members and visitors.

A visit to the Millennium Dome is arranged for November 9th and is also open to non-members. Please contact Barbara Taylor for further information. Our Millennium Challenge Map and Photographs are now on display in the Heritage Hut.

Julia Josephs

MATTHEW AND KATIE'S WEDDING-3RD JUNE 2000

We would like to say thank you to everyone in the village for all their good wishes on the day of the wedding. It was so lovely to see so many people outside the church. The weather was wonderful and it was a very special day for all of us. The first wedding in Andrews church in the year 2000-a great start to their marriage.

Rita Woodcraft

VELLORE COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning arranged by The Vellore Committee at Greengates on Wednesday July 5th at 11am till 12.30. Cakes, plants, bric-a-brac etc. All contributions welcome. Please support this event.

Wendy Sinclair (Hon Sec)

MORE CRAFTS PEOPLE WANTED

Walberswick Village Crafts would welcome one or two more contributions for the next fair on August 2nd and 3rd.

Please contact Patsy Murray on 722022.

JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We held a lunch party in the village hall on the 18th of June to celebrate the 70th birthday of Margaret Erskine of Stockton-on-Tees and the 60th birthday of Rachel Stewart of Berkhamsted. Margaret, Rachel and I come to Walberswick several times a year, to see our friends, go to the Aldeburgh Festival and to enjoy the beauty and pleasure of the surrounding countryside. Being so fond of the area it seemed the natural thing to have our celebration here.

Friends came from all over the country (ranging from Stockton on Tees to Newbury) and all were very impressed.

Brilliant sunshine, a very pleasant venue and delicious catering by the Jelliffs enabled us all to have a wonderful memorable event.

Thank you Walberswick!

Ralph Erskine, Stockton-on-Tees

KENNETH ASHEN

Many with long-term connections in Walberswick will remember weekend-resident Kenneth Ashen who was a familiar voice on the BBC World Service. He covered cricket in the Sports Unit for years and was a great devotee of the game, and one-time having captained in the BBC's Bushmen eleven.

Over a pint at the Bell he showed himself to be a jazz enthusiast, and a few years ago broadcast for the World Service Talks Programmes -- among a wide range of more erudite subjects -- a series on jazz with rare examples from his own collection. Ken had to retire to a Kensington nursing home for the last years of his life and died after a brief illness on 12 April.

Marjorie Riley

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June 30th and 14th and 28th July.
LINE DANCING – Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.30pm.
BRIDGE – Last session Weds 3rd July. Starting again Weds 11th Sept.
WHIST – Every Thursday 2.30pm Village Hall.
JULY 3rd – Parish Council meeting Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.
JULY 5th – Vellore Coffee Morning. Greengates 11am.
JULY 12th – W.I Meeting Village Hall 2.30pm.
JULY 15th – Horticultural Show Village Hall. 2.30pm – 4.00pm.
JULY 25th – W.I River Trip.
JULY 28th – W.I trip to Southwold Summer Theatre.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
August 2nd & 3rd Village Crafts. Village Hall.
August 26th. Village Fete.

PLEASE NOTE: The minutes posted on the Village Hall notice board and in the church are a month behind the report in the Village News. This is because the minutes have to be approved, by the Parish Council, at the following month's meeting before they can be displayed.

Vivien Hunt Clerk to Parish Council

ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE

I've been lumbered with coordinating this year's fete on behalf of the Church and the Village Hall. The organising team is swinging into action and will be 'knocking on doors' soon – be warned !!!

Robin Buncombe

WALBERSWICK WEATHER

Strongest gust – in May 51mph.
Rain in May – 4 inches
Rain 15 May – 15th June 4 inches.
Average Wind Direction – WNW
Barometer reading 1028.
Weather – generally mild.

Bill Buncombe

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Planning applications this month included the following: an erection of a single storey rear extension to Old Farm Cottage. The council had no objections to this. The erection of a roof extension at Marsh End to form two studio flats at the rear of the building. The council unanimously objected to this application for the following reasons: it would not be in keeping with the facade of the original building and would detract from the character of its surroundings. It would present over development of the site and it would have major impact on the existing four flats that make up the building.

The Council received a retrospective application for the provision of a pitched roof to The Workshop the Lea. the Council had no objection to the alterations as a pitched roof improved the appearance of the building. Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a rear extension to Windmill Cottage. The Council unanimously supported the Village Hall Management Committee's application for a capital grant towards improvements to the Village Hall and agreed to contribute £100 to the project.

The problem of drainage in Leverett's Lane is to be addressed and work should be completed within the next three months.

As the skateboard ramp is rapidly deteriorating and becoming more dangerous it was agreed to contact Southwold Town Council stating that the ramp would be destroyed by the end of June if arrangements had not been made for its removal.

It was requested that residents and visitors be reminded that black plastic bin bags are still collected on bank holidays .

A contract has not been drawn up for the traffic warden.

Mr Jones requested that the issue of car park charges be placed on the agenda next month, as some people are expressing concern about visitors who want short stay parking.

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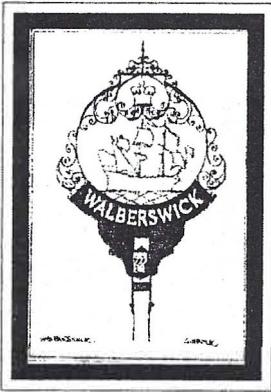
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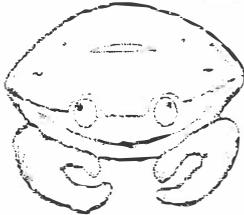
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Margot Godbold



WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY

A replacement sign 'No Vehicles Beyond This Point' will be erected by the parking area on the road to the Bailey Bridge. Mr Nigel Hunt will serve another year as the Trust's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

The reed beds have provided a higher yield this year as a result of better management.

A meeting with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Volunteer Warden has been arranged for July to discuss work on the Common.

The Trust are consulting their Land Agents, Durrants regarding land registration of Trust land and property. At present the only proof of ownership is 'The Scheme' and a map. Work to stabilise an experimental stretch of the bank of the Dunwich River has been completed.

Waveney District Council have agreed to monitor the erosion of the path leading to the fishing huts and boat stages.

Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees

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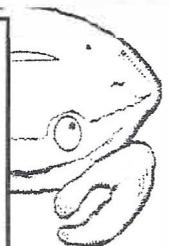
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A DEMONSTRATION - WI

Chris Christensen, who came to our meeting in July, demonstrated two products he was selling and which we would be unable to buy in a shop. The first was called a 'daily', a high powered and extremely efficient handwhisk; the second a cushion containing a motor (with batteries) which, when pressed, vibrated to give a massage where needed for sprains or muscular pains. The branch received a percentage of the sales.

There is no meeting in August.

Julia Josephs



ERIC LEYLAND 1911-2000

Eric Leyland was born in Ilford, the son of a Church of England vicar, and was educated at Brentwood School and King's College London. He took a degree in Librarianship at King's and after a spell working on the Daily Mail became a librarian at Walthamstow where he was in due course appointed Chief Librarian. He was proud that he introduced the idea of record libraries in the UK. He married Olive 59 years ago and they have been a devoted couple ever since. Some 50 years ago Eric turned from librarianship to full-time writing, producing more than 300 books for children and teenagers, and also various television serials. In 1957 Eric and Olive bought Normanhurst School in Chingford and ran this very successful Independent School until their retirement in 1973, when they moved to Walberswick. In his retirement Eric continued to write and read widely. He was an accomplished raconteur with a wicked sense of humour, and was regarded almost as a fixture at the Swan in Southwold and the Crown in Westleton.

THANK YOU

Olive Leyland and her family wish to thank their friends in the village who so kindly sent letters and cards at the time of Eric's death.

Olive Leyland

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It did not rain this year on my tea party at Dutch House in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research and the grand total of £1100 was raised. Very many thanks to all those who came, who helped and who so generously made donations.

Mary King



THANK YOU

Eric and Ruth Bassett wish to express their enormous gratitude to their many friends for their kindnesses during the last few months. Walberswick continues to be a wonderful place – not least because of the people who live here. Thank you all.

Ruth Bassett

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was held on Monday 3rd July and the official minutes will be posted on the usual notice boards. Since the meeting in June a new roof has been made for the bus shelter, pot holes on the car park have been filled in and the roads have been swept. The hand rail on the bank near the Bell Inn has been reported for repair again. Planning permission has been granted for the erection of an attached two storey granny annex to Harbour View.

Suffolk Coasts and Heaths have asked the Parish Council to assist with a campaign to clean up beaches. The campaign is planned for 16th and 17th September, so the normal annual beach clean at the end of summer will be brought forward.

Businesses in the village have expressed concern about the £2 car park charge. It was pointed out that though the Parish Council could discuss the charges, it was ultimately a decision for Walberswick Car Parks Limited. After much discussion it was agreed that Mr Buncombe as the Council's representative should ask if there was any way of introducing a short-term parking charge, or cheaper parking for early and late season. It was also suggested that a notice be posted showing the work carried out using the profits obtained from the car parks. The Council had received a letter expressing concern about the gate and the barrier at the entrance of Cliff Field. The Chairman explained that it had been put in place to prevent the village being invaded by travellers and illegal campers and to try and combat vandalism around the beach huts.

A meeting has been held at the sports field to discuss ongoing maintenance. It was agreed that a subcommittee should be formed to consist of three parish councillors and two other members from other groups in the village. The removal of the skateboard ramp is imminent!

A 20 metre section of the shoring up of Dunwich Creek has now been completed and a further estimate has been sought to complete the bank down to the road bridge.

Mr Jones reported that the verges to Adams Lane were overgrown once again making exiting the road dangerous.

John Brentnall

RUBBISH IN THE STREET

Please do not leave rubbish bags in the street. Rubbish is collected on bank holidays, and should be placed on the borders of property, not in the street, otherwise dogs scavenge and rubbish blows around the village.

The Parish Council

WALBERSWICK WEATHER

Rainfall in June - 17mm. 15th June to 15th July – 65mm.

Average barometer reading – 1018.

Wind direction gen. NW. Strongest gust, June 21st – 39mph.

Generally cold, damp and windy.

Bill Buncombe

WHAT'S ON – AUGUST 2000

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LIBRARY BUS – Alternate Fridays. Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm.
August 11th and 25th.

LINE DANCING – Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.30pm.

WHIST – Every Thursday 2.30pm Village Hall.

August 2nd & 3rd Village Crafts. Village Hall.

August 6th – 20th British Open Crabbing Competition

August 26th. Village Fete.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY. Sept 9th – Sponsored Cycle Ride.

September 22nd – Heartstart Course.

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CARPET BOWLS

Carpet Bowls will start on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm in Walberswick Village Hall. New members always welcome. Please contact Maureen Thompson on 723755

CRABBING FACTFILE

530+ registered entrants. Weather fair. 2000 people on site. Winner Lucy Herring (honest!) from Topcroft near Bungay with a crab weighing a smidgen under 7 ounces - nearly the record. Winning bait: liver. Only a few, very minor, customers for the Red Cross (special thanks to them). No crabs frightened, hence no fines. Hundreds of pounds raised for the League of Friends of Southwold Hospital, etc. The BBC's Linfords Record Breakers entered a team (!) - probably to be broadcast in Oct/Nov.

As always we would like to thank the community for their understanding on the day.
Robin Buncombe

WEA WALBERSWICK SAVE THE CHILDREN

The tutors for our original choice of subjects are not available.

The committee is now endeavouring to organise another suitable course.

Bill Sexton/Tony Rees

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on October 21st from 10am-12 noon. Christmas cards will be available as well as our bumper cake stall, raffle, goods, books etc.

The children of this country and abroad need your support. Maureen Thompson

BRIDGE DRIVE

A Bridge drive will also be held in support of Save the Children on October 9th in St Edmunds Hall, Southwold at 2pm. Details and tickets available from Maureen Thompson.

FETE FLYERS

A sincere apology to those residents who either received their flyers late, or not at all.
Robin Buncombe"

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE: The minutes posted on the Village Hall notice board and in the church are a month behind the report in the Village News. This is because the minutes have to be approved by the Parish Council at the following month's meeting before they can be displayed.
Vivien Hunt, Clerk to Parish Council

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

So far there has been only one application for forms for this annual event in aid of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. For a change why not walk around the Norwich Churches? Sponsor forms etc. now available from Ruth Bassett, Herons, Church Field (Tel.722474).

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The subject of the Autumn meeting will be 'Road and Air Transport Out to 2050' - speaker John Allen (Blythburgh). This will be held in Walberswick Village Hall on October 20th at 7.30. New members and guests welcome.
Don Thompson

BRIDGE

Monday Bridge in the Village Hall Annexe is starting again on 11th September at 2.30pm

HEARTSTART COURSE

The Heartstart course will be in the Village Hall Annexe 7-9pm on Friday 22nd September. Ring Margot Godbold on 722439 for details - spaces still available.

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**CHURCH EVENTS The Revd Barry Naylor - Team Rector 722192
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH - SEPTEMBER**

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3 Sunday 11th after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist
10 Sunday 12th after Trinity 09.30 Family Eucharist 18.00 Choral Evensong
17 Sunday 13th after Trinity 09.30 Sung Eucharist
24 Sunday 14th after Trinity 09.30 Choral Matins
Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
Sunday School meets Village Hall Annexe 9.45 to 11.30. Starts 10th Sept.
FLOWER ARRANGERS
Mesdames Beckham Walpole Turnbull Patterson BL Anne Paton

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

At long last the repair work to the Tower is proceeding and we trust that it will not be too many weeks before this vital work is completed and the scaffolding can be removed. I apologise for any inconvenience that may be caused to people who live close to the church but trust that this will be kept to an absolute minimum. We are very grateful to all whose generosity of money, time and skills has made it possible for us to undertake this work so the tower of St. Andrew's can be preserved intact – as a reminder of the Christian faith and as a local landmark - for future generations.

During September there will be the annual sponsored cycle ride on the 9th – do please support as generously as you can those who will be taking part to help raise funds for St. Andrew's. Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the running of this year's Village Fete – especially to Robin Buncombe for taking on the mantle of organising it.

We hope to be holding interviews for the post of a new clergy member of the Team to replace Peter Clement. These were originally planned for July but neither of the candidates received the letters inviting them to attend! This time they have already confirmed to me that they have received the letters. Do please remember in your prayers all those involved in the interview process on the 13th. Unfortunately this delay does mean that if we appoint someone on that day he will not be able to take up the appointment until after Christmas.

On the 30th September all members of the church are invited to a meeting from 10:00 – 12:00 (in the Village Hall, I think). This meeting will be part of our preparation for a Team Stewardship Campaign in 2001. We are asked to look at three particular questions: 1) Where are we now as a Church, what kind of Church are we? 2) What kind of Church would be like to grow into? 3) What are the ways we can begin to bridge the gap between the two? All members of St. Andrew's are warmly invited to attend. Do please come along with some ideas and suggestions to contribute.

An advance reminder that our Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday 8th October. There will be a Family Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. and a Festal Evensong at 6:00 p.m., with a Harvest lunch at the Village Hall.

With every blessing

Barry Naylor

THANK YOU

Annie and Robin Wardle wish to say a big thank you to all who helped make their daughter Sarah's wedding to Paul Page on 22nd July so magical. And so special. To those who sang in the choir, helped at the service or assisted with the magnificent floral displays – thank you so much.

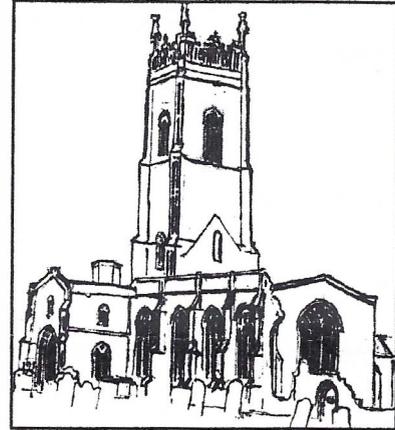
Robin Wardle

CRIB FIGURES

A group of us are planning to make crib figures to be ready for Christmas 2000. We would welcome donations of pieces of unwanted sheet metal, paste jewels and glittery cloth.

Chris and Wendy Sinclair

CHURCH MATTERS



PARISH REGISTER

July 22nd 2000

Holy Matrimony

Paul James Page to Sarah Elizabeth Louise Wardle

ST ANDREW'S GUILD

The Autumn meeting of St Andrew's Guild will be held at Saltlick, Leveretts Lane, on Monday September 25th at 10.30. Refreshments will be served before the meeting which is open to any member of our church here in Walberswick.

Ann Beckham (Hon Sec)

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**CRICKET AND BOULES
THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Walberswick versus 'The Toffers' Cricket match held on Saturday 15th July. My team are just a bunch of friends who have played two games a year for the last twenty, and you made them and their ever growing families very welcome. A second thanks must go to Jane, Pam and all the 'cricket widows' for an excellent tea. It was obviously an attempt to slow our fielding down, but we managed, despite howling wind and driving rain, to keep the Walberswick batting at bay and win the first of the days events. Not that we could gloat for long.

Walberswick then went on to virtually white wash the Toffers in a boules match in the evening. Thankfully one of our teams managed a spirited third place, but the congratulations, medals and trophy go to the village. Our thanks to Paul, Sue and the Bell for hosting the event and providing the BBQ.

We have now licked our wounds and have briefed our friends to get practising for next year. We'll be back....

Roger Felton

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Planning matters this month included an application for the erection of a single-storey three bay timber-framed garage at 2 Anchor Cottages – the Council supported this application. Planning permission has been refused for the erection of a roof extension to form two studios at Marsh End as it was felt to be out of character with the building. Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a single storey rear extension to Old Farm Cottage. Permission has also been granted for the retention of the alterations to the workshop in the Lea.

Mr Hunt reported that the litter boys had not been in action this year. In 1998 a law came into force which requires that children must be over 14 years old before they can do this type of work. The council agreed that this was unfortunate for the children, as it had made them aware of the environment and had given them useful pocket money for the holidays. Mr Hunt will endeavour to find suitable employees for the rest of the holidays.

The clerk reported that the second cutting of the footpaths will commence shortly. Improvements to the footpath at the bottom of Stocks Lane will start in the near future.

The council received a report from a meeting between members of Walberswick Car Parks Ltd and Inspector Shields. It is not possible for Walberswick to have its own traffic warden, because the Village does not require enough hours of duty to make it viable under present resources. However Inspector Shields agreed to make available Police 'No Waiting' cones to reinforce the yellow lines and these have proved very successful in keeping illegal parking under control. Orange Badge holders are still exempt from these restrictions.

John Brentnall

**WALBERSWICK AND BLYTHBURGH BRANCH OF THE BRITISH
LEGION – VACANCY FOR SECRETARY**

With effect from the next AGM (Monday 20th November 2000) a vacancy will exist for the post of unpaid secretary to the Walberswick and Blythburgh Branch. The Committee has agreed that members should not be expected to serve for longer than 3 years. There is no requirement for the person concerned to have served or to have links with HM forces, but he or she must be a member of the Branch. The Committee normally meets four times a year with an AGM in November. For further details please contact the Secretary, Peter Austin (Tel.722836) or the Chairman, Alan Walpole(724763).

Alan Walpole

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SEPT. 4th – Parish Council Meeting Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

SEPT. 9th – Sponsored Cycle Ride (or walk) in Aid of Suffolk Churches.

SEPT. 13th - W.I 2.30pm Village Hall.

SEPT. 22nd – Heartstart Course.

Dates for your diary

Carpet Bowls – starting October 4th.

Harvest Lunch – 8th October.

Save the Children Bridge Drive – October 9th St Edmunds Hall.

Walberswick Local History Group Meeting – October 20th.

Save the Children Coffee Morning – October 21st.

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We meet again on Wednesday 13th September at 2.30 after our summer break. Our speaker is coming from the Suffolk Wildlife Park at Kessingland and promises to bring some animals (small!) with him. We should be delighted to welcome new members and can promise them some interesting and diverse speakers for the rest of the year.

Julia Josephs

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 8th October. Time 1.00pm. Venue Village Hall. A harvest lunch following the Family Eucharist service will form part of our Harvest celebrations which will end with Choral Evensong. We will be having a shared meal and ask everyone to bring a contribution. There will be a cost of £2 admission to cover expenses and drinks. We hope to provide entertainment which will be appropriate for all ages. This will no doubt be a joyful occasion with a clamour for tickets. Please reserve yours with Penny Buncombe. (722359)

Christine Fisher - Churchwarden

THE CHURCH

How nice it is to see that work has at last started on the major repairs to the Church tower. The repairs are extensive and, during the period that they are undertaken, will cause some difficulty and although necessary, the portacabin is a short-term blight. I now look forward in the not too far distant future to the removal of the scaffolding. Congratulations to all who have been involved in this project.

Robin Buncombe.

GOODBYE

Hanns and Edna Lange have decided - after much deliberation - to leave 'Anchorlea' after being visitors to the cottage since 1969 and purchasing the house in 1986.

After 31 years of enjoying Walberswick very much and making many very good friends, it was a hard decision to make, but in view of travelling from Surrey with ever increasing road traffic - and we are not getting any younger - we think that this is a wise move.

We hope to keep in touch with many of you and may come for the occasional visit to the village. Hanns has donated to the Walberswick Local History Group his register of all the Walberswick families from 1600-1900 to assist anyone searching for their family roots. This will be available for inspection only. Edna Lange

WALBERSWICK WEATHER

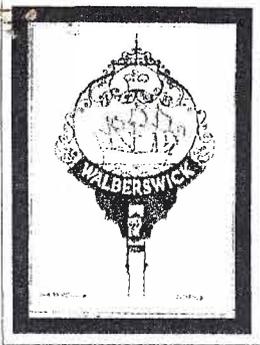
July Rainfall - 91mm.

July 15th - August 15th 35mm.

Average wind direction - North West with the strongest gust on the 2nd of August - 34mph.

Barometer reading for July 1020 cold. August 1023 warmer.

Bill Buncombe



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WALBERSWICK TRAFFIC

Having stayed in Walberswick over the busy Bank Holiday weekend, I was surprised that the speed limit coming into the village is 30 mph. Given the lack of pavements, the narrow sections of road and parked vehicles from the church to Palmers Lane (plus occasionally treacherous conditions), it was concerning how fast some cars travelled and how close they drove to pedestrians and wobbly cyclists. In London it is becoming increasingly common to see 20mph speed limits - which reminds motorists they are in an area with particular dangers. Has a lowering of the speed limit been considered or proposed by the parish council or is this only a problem on specific dates?

Alastair Ballantyne

WHAT A LOAD OF BUNCOMBE

It's been a busy August here,
All charity money grabbing;
Publicity spread far and near
Brought a multitude for crabbing.
And then we had the Village Fete,
A super day when all went well:
We decked the Green in Naval state
And no one rang the Lutine Bell.
The skipper of the Village Ship
Worked tirelessly both night and day
- he can't have had much time to kip -
And helped his crew in every way.
With all the money in the bank
For Hospital, Church and Hall
Robin, it's you we have to thank
And may your efforts never stall.

G.G

WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS CHARITY (Meeting on 24 August)

The term of office of Mrs Mary Bell, a Nominative Trustee, would expire on 1 November 2000. As she had decided to retire, the Trustees would consider nominations at their October meeting.

The Suffolk Wildlife Trust representative had submitted a winter management plan for the Common. This included maintenance of footpaths and fire breaks by mowing and spraying, spraying of bracken in the recently cleared areas to encourage heather regeneration and the continuation of birch clearance in the Fen. The Trustees and the Volunteer Warden, Ron Horsey, felt that mowing the fire breaks and footpaths should be sufficient to keep them clear, provided that it was done regularly. This would be preferable to spraying which would require footpaths to be closed for 24 hours. SWT would be informed.

Two Trustees had attended a workshop run by English Nature. The aim was to consider the threats to the survival of the Little Tern. Disappointingly, other landowners had not attended. However, the consultation process would continue.

A planning application at Moorside was discussed. The Trustees had no objection provided that the two new tracks across the Common were in keeping with the appearance of others in the area.

The track from Palmers Lane to Church Lane and the Sports Pavilion was in need of repair. Investigations into the most economical solution would be carried out.

English Nature would be asked to reduce the height of the sluice near the windpump.

Barbara Priestman, Chairman

VILLAGE FETE 2000

At 2pm, August 26th, our wonderful guest Mrs Florence Denny said "I declare this Fete open . . .". But it wasn't *just* a Fete was it? To me it was in this Millennium year a community *event*. Of course the money raised is vital to the Church and the Village Hall, but to me the outstanding success of this year's Fete was to see so many people enjoying themselves, the Greens and Hall packed, hands in deep pockets and everyone genuinely having friendly *fun* under (almost) clear skies.

That success is down to far too many people to mention individually but on behalf of the organisers I say unreservedly a huge 'Thank You' to everyone concerned.

Robin Buncombe, Fete Co-ordinator

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Saturday 9th September was a beautiful summer's day for this year's sponsored cycle ride. Sixty-eight cyclists 'clocked in' at St. Andrew's, where they were welcomed with refreshments. A feature introduced this year is the government's Gift Aid scheme, whereby if the sponsor is an income tax payer the Trust can claim 28 pence for every pound collected. Our grateful thanks to the Walberswick participants; also to their sponsors and the stewards in the porch. The final total raised will be published in the next issue of the Village News.

Ruth Bassett

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FLOWER ARRANGERS

Mrs Love Harvest Festival Mrs Morton BL Vida Connick

FROM THE TEAM RECTOR

In October we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival, on the 8th, at St. Andrew's with a Family Eucharist of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. and a Festal Evensong at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and share in either, or both, of these acts of worship. We will also be having our Harvest lunch that day in the Village Hall.

Harvest Thanksgiving has a particular importance in rural and coastal communities because not only have we thanks to give for the blessings of the Harvest, we also know personally some of those who work so hard both on the land and at sea to help produce the Harvest. We know of the increasing difficulties many of these people have had to face during the past few years. Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday is, therefore, one of the most important Sundays in the Church's calendar for communities such as ours. As well as a Church celebration let us really try and make it a Village Celebration this year. We have so much to give thanks for as the Harvests are gathered in and gratitude generously expressed is one of those signs in people that give us hope for the future. Gratitude shows that we do not take things for granted and that we appreciate the hard work of other people.

Thanksgiving is so important to a Christian perspective of life that our main act of worship, which we celebrate Sunday by Sunday is called "The Eucharist" - "The Thanksgiving". We are called to live eucharistic lives - lives overflowing with thanksgiving - in response to what God has done for us - "He loved us so much he gave his only Son that we might have eternal life."

During October we will also be reflecting in the Churches of our Team on our mission Statement:

"Rejoicing in diversity we seek to grow in faith and enable others to grow into faith by worshipping God and serving him in our neighbours"

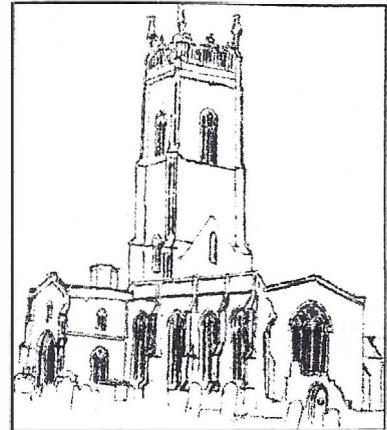
Barry Naylor, Team Rector

CHOIR NEEDS MEN

The church choir is looking for a tenor(bass/baritone also acceptable) to join us once a month to sing evensong on the second Sunday of the month at 6 o'clock, with a rehearsal the previous Thursday at the same time. We sing some heavenly (naturally) music which at the end of the year includes the carols of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We are really desperate having lost tenor John Beckham. All members of the choir have some knowledge of music and make a good attempt at sight reading, though plenty of help is given. Julia Josephs

UNITED MISSIONARY COUNCIL BAZAAR

Walberswick United Missionary Council will hold their Annual Bazaar on Saturday 28th October in the Village Hall at 2pm. Proceeds this year will be divided between Vellore Hospital in South India and Emmaus UK Cambridge Branch whose aim is 'Helping Homeless people help themselves'. Wendy Sinclair (Hon.Sec)

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LATERAL THINKING - WI

Mr Brian Wilcox will be speaking at our next meeting on Wednesday October 11th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. His subject, 'Lateral Thinking' sounds like something that we could all appreciate at times. At our opening meeting in September, Vicky came from Suffolk Wildlife Park at Kessingland and told us about her work with the animals. She regularly feeds the lions, giraffes and lamas: Harry the lion is a great favourite and loves having his head stroked - through the netting of course. Her travelling companions on this occasion were some cockroaches from Madagascar, a giant African land snail and a handsome west African royal python called Jemima. Her skin was soft and silky and all she eats is two dead mice in two weeks.

Julia Josephs

HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 8th October. Time 1.00pm. Venue Village Hall. A harvest lunch following the Family Eucharist service will form part of our Harvest celebrations which will end with Choral Evensong. We will be having a shared meal and ask everyone to bring a contribution. There will be a cost of £2 admission to cover expenses and drinks. We hope to provide entertainment which will be appropriate for all ages. This will no doubt be a joyful occasion with a clamour for tickets. Please reserve yours with Penny Buncombe. (722359)

Christine Fisher - Churchwarden

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

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HALESWORTH MINI-BUS

The bus continues to run every Wednesday leaving the village at 1000 hrs. collecting from The Anchor, Tuck Shop and Church. Ray Easterbrook now retires as a driver, and we all thank him for his time and help.

Pru Ford-Crush.

CANCER RESEARCH

We are holding our mini market on Saturday the 25th of November from 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall. We do hope you will be able to come and give us your support.

Margaret Adkinson.

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APOLOGY

Due to personal circumstances we have been out of circulation for the past ten days and we apologise for any delay in getting the Village News out on time. A lot of 'copy' was sent in this month and we are sorry we were unable to use all the articles.

Thank you to everyone who has sent messages of condolence to Denise following the sudden death of her father and to those who helped when we had to leave the Village so suddenly on the 15th September.

Eds.

FOUND AND LOST !

FOUND (at Crabbing Championship)

One 35mm camera

LOST (at Village Fete)

One black pullover. Size: Rent-a-tent. Owner: Robin. Answers to the name of 'Rufus'. (Wyn - you didn't sell the thing did you??!)

One lump hammer. Heavy. Initialled with 'R' (stands for Robin folks) on handle.

One screwdriver.

If you can help with any of these please contact me on 722359.

Cheers. Robin Buncombe

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If you know of anyone who may benefit from our help please write to the East Anglia Area rep. Mrs Rosemary Buisseret, 22 Springfield Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3AR Tel 01284 750485. (Reg. Charity 210729)

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

There was a planning application to build two houses on the garden of Blyth Barton in Palmers Lane. The Council had no objection to two houses being built but unanimously objected to the design which they felt was unimaginative and out of character and did not refer to Suffolk design guidelines.

John Brentnall

SAVE THE CHILDREN

A Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall on October 21st from 10am-12 noon. Christmas cards will be available as well as our bumper cake stall, raffle, goods, books etc.

The children of this country and abroad need your support.

Maureen Thompson

VILLAGE FETE

Most sincere thanks to Robin Buncombe who agreed to mastermind the Fete 2000 and to all those who helped in any way preparing before the day, fetching, carrying, setting up, the stallholders and the cake makers. Also to all those people who always show such great generosity in Walberswick and to those who attended and made the fete such a happy occasion.

We thank Mrs F Denny very much for agreeing to open the fete.

We are very aware of the amount of time and effort spent in arranging events such as the fete and we are most grateful to Robin.

Long may fete days such as this continue.

Brian Morton

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OCT.4th – Carpet Bowls restarts 7.30pm Village Hall.

OCT. 8th – Harvest Lunch Village Hall 1pm.

OCT. 9th – Save the Children Bridge Drive. St Edmunds Hall.

OCT. 11th - W.I 2.30pm Village Hall.

OCT.13th – Computer Society. Air Traffic Control.

OCT. 20th – Walberswick Local History Group . 7.30pm Village Hall.

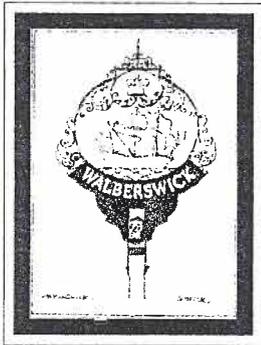
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OCT.28th – United Missionary Council Bazaar. Village Hall 2pm.

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SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

This year's sponsored cycle ride for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust raised £950, slightly down on last year's record total of £1271, but nevertheless, still a magnificent result. Renewed thanks to the following participants and their generous sponsors: John Brentnall and son George; Margot Godbold, who walked round Norwich churches; Maurice Godbold; Julia Josephs; Veronica Pawluk; Tony Rees; Dione Shirreff; Wendy and Chris Sinclair. Ruth Bassett

SKYDIVE FOR MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

I have spent the summer in Walberswick working at The Tuck Shop and my stay here has now come to an end. I did a 13,000 ft sky dive for charity (Marie Curie Cancer) and had such great support from the locals that I would like to be able to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me raise £350.00. Both myself and my boyfriend Joe are off to Australia for a year and will miss the village and everyone who lives here. Nicola Tawn

SAVE THE CHILDREN BOOK STALL

Once more the time has come to put all books away! I'm delighted to say that the total sold this summer was £185.60. Thank you for donating and buying books. Save the Children is a good cause! Wyn Riddell



THE FUTURE OF THE SPORTS FIELD

A meeting was held at the sports pavilion on Thursday 28 September, the following points were resolved. The planning permission for the new toilet block should be renewed as this is shortly to expire. The recently broken windows should be repaired temporarily. The overgrowth of gorse and grass around the boundary fence needs to be removed. It was decided to reassess the fund to determine if all the necessary work can be carried out within budget.

A working party will be organised to remove the skateboard ramp. A notice will be placed in the Village News requesting volunteers for working parties to carry out repairs and redecoration as well as field maintenance. It was generally agreed that the playing field and pavilion should be maintained in a reasonable condition for future generations of children and sports men and women. Alvin Hunt

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – FOR YOUR DIARY

Poppy Appeal started 28th October.

Coffee morning and Bazaar – This will be held in Walberswick Village Hall on Saturday 11th November at 10am (Coffee, scones, jam, cream, Treasure Hunt, Grand raffle, Gifts and Bric-a-Brac, Books and Games, Kitchen Utensils, Jams and Preserves and Cakes and Sweets).

Service of Remembrance – Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh at 10.45. Coffee will be served afterwards.

AGM – Walberswick Village Hall Monday 20th November at 7.30pm

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS GALORE

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VISIT TO GHANA - WI

We start with the AGM at our meeting on November 8th. Enid Bazire, the VCO, will be with us to guide us through the business. We have to appoint a new secretary as Ann Beckham is transferring her allegiance to Westleton WI since moving to the village last month. She has been a tower of strength to our committee and we shall all miss her cheerful presence. The members will then hear from Liz Petman about her visit to Ghana.

Mr Brian Wilcox was somewhat cynical with his views on lateral thinking. He tried to make us look at everything in a different light and, although outrageous at times, he was also quite amusing.

Julia Josephs

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE: The minutes posted on the Village Hall notice board and in the church are a month behind the report in the Village News. This is because the minutes have to be approved by the Parish Council at the following month's meeting before they can be displayed.

Vivien Hunt, Clerk to Parish Council

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Air traffic chaos looms!

The revolutionary new national air traffic control centre in Hampshire, now four years overdue, is still bogged down in computer problems. No date has been set for its completion in spite of spiralling costs. Travellers can expect even more delays if air travel expands as predicted.

Wing Commander Bernard Grant, a recently retired military air traffic controller, outlined the situation to a crowded first meeting of the Society's new season. The new system was expected to reduce highly paid staff but in fact new recruits are under employed while programmers struggle to fix the software.

The fascinating talk covered all aspects of air traffic control. In response to a question Wing Commander Grant said that pilots of low level military flights over East Anglia are responsible for keeping a visual look out for light aircraft which often carry no electronic identification.

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**NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL NOTES FROM THE PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING**

The beach clean was successful. Approximately 30 people took part. The beach survey carried out showed that the most rubbish consisted of sweet wrappers, crisp packets, drinks containers and nappy wipes. Suffolk Coasts and Heaths have written to thank the Council for carrying out the survey. The drainage in Leveretts Lane has been completed and appears to be successful. Mrs Vernetti thanked the Council for getting the work done. The Council received an application for the erection of a sun lounge at 3 Mill Field Road. there were no objections. Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a garage at 2 Anchor Cottages.

The Council was informed that the new licensees at The Anchor are Trevor and Fiona Ewing.

Mr Webb and Mr Buncombe attended a meeting (in the pouring rain) at Toby's Walk junction, with Councillor Richard Church. It was agreed that double white lines and fluorescent painting on the curb stones would resolve most of the problems at this dangerous junction.

The Council received a preliminary consultation paper from Southwold Railway Society which outlined a plan for the partial reinstatement of the Railway. The Council noted the contents with interest.

The full and official minutes of the meeting will be displayed on the village notice boards.

The next meeting of the parish Council will be Monday 6th November.

John Brentnall

WORLD BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Remembrance travel have just published their 2001 brochure. Tours to the following places are included: Bavaria(Durnbach), Burma, Crete, Egypt, (Alexandria, Alamain, Cairo), France(Normandy, Mons, North, Somme, South, Ypres), Germany (Colditz, Cologne, North, Rheinland), Greece, Holland, India(NE), Israel, Italy(Central, North, South), Japan, Libya (Tripoli), Singapore, Thailand, Tunisia. HMS ships Prince of Wales/ Repulse – 60th Anniversary. Contact: Remembrance Travel Tel 01622 716729/716182. E mail Remembrance travel@britishlegion.org.uk.

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NOVEMBER – 5th – Bonfire and Fireworks Cliff Field 7pm.

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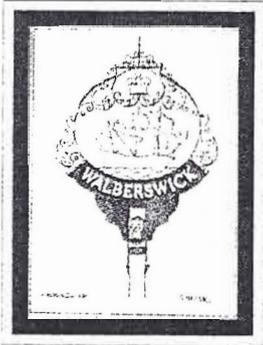
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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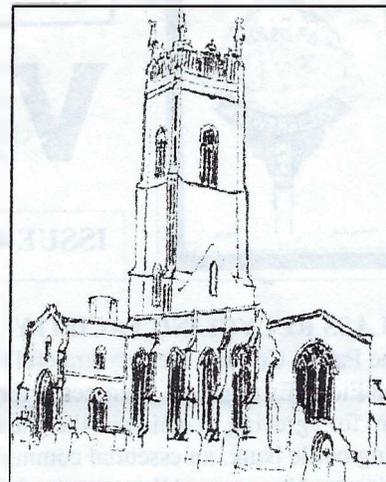
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3 Sunday 1st of Advent	09.30 Sung Eucharist
10 Sunday 2nd of Advent	09.30 Family Eucharist
	18.00 Choral Evensong
17 Sunday 3rd of Advent	09.30 Said Eucharist
	18.00 Festival of Lessons & Carols
24 Sunday 4th of Advent	09.30 Choral Matins
25 Christmas Day	09.30 Family Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) is celebrated every Wednesday at 10.00
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
 Sunday School meets Village Hall Annex 10.00 - 12.15

FLOWER ARRANGERS
 No altar flowers until Christmas

CHURCH MATTERS**FROM THE TEAM RECTOR**

The season of Advent, which begins on 3rd December and finishes on 24th is a great season in the Church's calendar and we miss out on so much when the powerful Advent themes and wonderful hymns get squeezed out by the ever-encroaching Christmas carols. The carols we are familiar with and love, and sing so gustily, contain great truths about our faith. There is a danger, however, that their very familiarity closes our minds to the truths they celebrate. The sentimental, sugary Christmas of popular culture, which contains little, if anything, to challenge us, is not what we Christians are called to celebrate. We are called to celebrate the birth of a child to a young woman in an outhouse and in this birth to see God at work in the redemption of the world. The God who revealed himself in this Child at Mary's breast also revealed his self-same love in that Child as the Man nailed to the Cross. There is a real cutting edge here and what on earth are we celebrating if we lose this perspective?

The preparation days of Advent, traditionally, concentrated on the four themes of the end days – death, judgement, heaven and hell. The Advent scriptures turn our minds to the message of the Prophets of the Old Testament, urgently longing for the Messiah. The days of Advent should be days of preparing ourselves to greet our King both in his birth at Bethlehem and on his throne of glory. This is what Advent is about – it is not a mini-Lent, but a joyous season of hope and expectation, with great riches of its own. Let us keep this season of preparation for Christmas as faithfully as we can, that we may appreciate all the more those joyous, celebratory forty days of Christmas, which conclude with the feast of the Presentation on 2nd February. Advent gives us an opportunity to consider sharing more fully in the public worship of the Church (weekday Eucharists and daily Morning and Evening Prayer), reading our Bibles more faithfully and reflecting on the mysteries of our Faith. Advent is a great season – don't miss out on it by leap-frogging to Christmas at the very beginning of the month!

Wishing you and all your loved ones a joyous Advent, full of blessings and a wonderful and happy celebration of the Birth of Jesus at Christmastide.
 Barry

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Festival of Readings and Carols takes place on 17th December at 6 o'clock in our candlelit church. The Choir is looking forward to being joined by young singers from the Village and will include all the traditional carols for the congregation as well as popular carols for the choir. Julia Josephs

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2000

To celebrate Christmas 2000 there will be special nativity and epiphany scenes in the church porch window sills with landscapes and figures made by:- Vera Bowyer, Eveline Hastings, Anne Paton, Leslie Scott, Chris and Wendy Sinclair, Robin Wardle and Keith Webb. Thanks to the many people who have donated material.

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GOD REST YOU MERRY - WI

A busy month ahead starts on December 5th when our Ad Hoc Drama group perform in "Christmas Contributions" in Wenhaston village hall. Later that week on Friday 8th we go to de Cressy's for our Christmas dinner. and at our meeting on Wednesday 13th. Linda Scoble tells us about Christmas gifts with a difference.

At the AGM in November, our President, Margot Godbold, thanked all those members who do so much to keep the Institute running smoothly. Margot presented the retiring secretary, Ann Beckham, with a Garden Token with the hope that the plant purchased would remind her of the happy times she spent with the WI. Our speaker, Mrs Hickley came at very short notice in place of the advertised speaker on Ghana. She spoke on Family History and being a good ancestor. She made us realise that we needed to be much more organised, annotating those old photographs we've hidden in boxes, keeping letters carefully, and preserving records and memorabilia of our families.

Enough to keep us busy for the rest of our lives! Julia Josephs

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Computer networks in every home.

Mr. Scott Bowie, senior software manager, Microsoft, outlined some of his company's plans to the Society's meeting on 10 November.

Microsoft's vision of the future is that within 5 years many homes will have several terminals linked in a wireless computer network, permanently on-line by broad band connection. Domestic equipment such as heating and security will be controlled by these systems.

Hand held computers are already replacing laptops for many applications and Mr Bowie is currently working on a project to combine these with mobile phones giving better web facilities and screens than the Wap phones now available. The computer industry is drawing up standards so that all web sites will be accessible to various types of mobile hardware.

Guests are always welcome at the meetings which are held in Walberswick. No technical knowledge or even ownership of a computer is needed to enjoy the wide ranging talks from top experts which always offer a fascinating view of our rapidly changing world. Our members are a lively minded bunch of both genders and question time always stimulates discussion.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month from 7pm - 9pm ending with a glass of wine. Contact Frank Scoble on 01502 723519 for membership and venue details. Visit www.go.to/bvcs

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WALBERSWICK HERITAGE CENTRE

On October 30th 25 volunteers, who from April to September this year, had given their support to the Heritage Centre, were entertained by Peter Ross, Community Officer, Suffolk Coasts and Heaths. Peter introduced a new film which provided an excellent overview of the Suffolk Coast, giving not only an historical perspective but also an insight into its somewhat precarious future – showing clearly the efforts that are being made by the Coasts and Heaths project to conserve this outstandingly beautiful area. Peter answered the many questions about the film and the Heritage Centre itself. During the lively discussion that followed we were told that the new film, produced on DVD disc, will be on show in 2001 at the Heritage Centre on the Green. The year 2000 saw a drop in numbers to the centre of 1426 as against the previous year. The reasons for this are open to conjecture. Afterwards the volunteers enjoyed a buffet with wine. Should anyone wish to join our list of volunteer helpers for 2001 please contact me on 723755. Maureen Thompson

SAVE THE CHILDREN

A coffee morning was held on October 21st 2000 at Walberswick Village Hall. The committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed so much by helping on the day, making cakes, running stalls, buying goods, making donations and, of course, the many who helped to clear up afterwards.

A grand total of £743 was raised – a wonderful effort. Maureen Thompson

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The Local History Group invite their members and friends to a talk on Southwold Harbour followed by our usual Christmas celebration, including the customary festive fayre. The occasion starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on December 9th.

Don Thompson

UNITED MISSIONARY BAZAAR

The bazaar held on 28th October made £714.50. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to everyone who supported the event.

Anabel Love

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a detached Granny Annex, at Winton, The Street. The planning authority would not be prepared to approve it as a separate dwelling in its own right. Conditions have also been set to protect the hedgerow and trees during the development. Planning permission has also been granted for the erection of the sun lounge at Millstones in Mill Field Road. Planning applications have been received from The Parish Lantern for a side rear extension and the insertion of dormer windows to the rear of the property and internal alterations to insert staircases, partitions etc. The Council considered that these alterations would improve the appearance of the property. A revised application was received for extensions and raising the roof of Lilliput, Lodge Road. The Council felt that the alterations would improve the appearance of the property and unanimously supported the application. An application was received from De Cressy's Restaurant for the installation of a gas storage vessel for the kitchen. The Council had no objection to this.

Mr Hunt has had only three replies to the advertisement for help with the maintenance of the sports pavilion and sports field, more help is needed! The skateboard has finally been removed.

The Council has received correspondence from the Suffolk Constabulary. There have been 55 incidents reported in Walberswick over the last year and officers have attended 48 of them. The Council was concerned because they had only been made aware of two incidents over the year. As far as traffic management was concerned, the Area Commander felt that it was not appropriate to depend on enforcement from the police. The Council was not happy with the situation. Mr Buncombe is to take over as Car Parks Manager from April 2001, so he will resign as Parish Council's Director, and his place will be taken by Mr Hunt. It was agreed to hold the Christmas Carol service around the tree on the Village Green on Monday 18th December at 7 pm.

Official minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Village notice boards. John Brentnall

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2000

The organisers of the 2000 Poppy Appeal would like to thank all those who planned and organised the collections and the events, and also those who gave so generously. Money raised from the sale of poppies, wreaths, chaplets and sprays, at the Coffee Morning and Bazaar and from the collections at the Remembrance Sunday service totalled £1956.00. Thank you all so much. Alan Walpole, Chairman

WHAT'S ON – DECEMBER 2000

GP SURGERY – Tuesday and Friday 2.30pm, Village Hall Annexe.

(note new times !)

LIBRARY BUS – Alternate Fridays, Church 2.30pm/Village Hall 3.10pm.

December 1st and 15th..

LINE DANCING – Every Tuesday in the Village Hall 7.30pm.

CARPET BOWLS - Wednesdays 7.30pm Village Hall.

WHIST – Every Thursday 2.00pm Village Hall.

BRIDGE – Monday 4th and 18th Village Hall Annexe 2.30pm. Restart 15/1.

NOV 30th – Yoxford School Christmas Fair, 6pm at the School.

DEC 3rd – Christmas Crafts, Village Hall.

DEC. 4th – Parish Council Meeting Village Hall Annexe 7.30pm.

DEC. 5th, 8th & 13th - W.I Christmas events

DEC.9th – Local History group

DEC.15th – Computer Society

DEC.17th – Candlelit Carol Service in St Andrew's Church, 6.00pm

DEC.18th – Carols around the tree on the Green 7pm.