



VILLAGE NEWS

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ERIC BASSETT 15.5.24 - 5.9.03

The sudden and unexpected death of Eric Bassett is a loss which the Village can ill afford. Eric came with Ruth to Walberswick in 1983 after a career with Barclays Bank which followed his wartime service in the R.A.F. in the unusual role of a compass adjuster working on Sunderland flying boats in the north of Scotland.

As a retired bank manager he was in constant demand to give help with auditing the annual accounts of various Village societies - a task always performed with willingness and great efficiency. He was for many years Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee and until recently Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council of St. Andrew's Church where he acted as sidesman. He was also a founder member and Treasurer of the Board of Management of the Village News and a proof reader.

Eric was a knowledgeable and enthusiastic gardener and his garden at Herons is a tribute to his hard work. As a sportsman he was a popular and skilful indoor bowls player, and he was a loyal supporter of Essex County Cricket Club. Eric died at the James Paget Hospital after a short illness on 5th September. Our sympathies go to Ruth, Rex, David and their families.

On a personal note, I could not have wished for a better friend and neighbour for the past twenty years. We shall miss him.

Grahame Godsmark.

We would like to thank the many friends in Walberswick for the wonderful support, many kindnesses, letters, prayers and tributes we have received during the past few weeks.

Ruth, Rex and David Bassett.

BRIAN DILLON

I would like to thank the many people who so kindly wrote to me following the death of my husband Brian. Your thoughtful words and warm sentiments have been a very real comfort during these past days. There have been so many letters and I feel extremely lucky to live in such a wonderful community that makes up Walberswick. I am also most grateful for the countless acts of kindness from all my friends and neighbours which have come in so many ways and have been such a source of support. Thank you.

Miriam Dillon.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Our coffee morning is on Saturday 25th October 10.00 to 12.00 in the Village Hall. **NOT Saturday 2nd October!** Offers of help will be gratefully accepted. Thank you very much for your generosity with the auction of promises. We banked over £1,100.00 which was fantastic.

Val Anderson.

My apologies for last month's error! Ed.

RELAX!

Aches and pains, or just in need of relaxation? Relief is at hand in the Village with massage, kinesiology or reiki. Please contact us for further information.

Pam Webb. Tel 722543

Mandy Aldridge. Tel 724013

WALBERSWICK HERITAGE CENTRE

A big thank you to all the Volunteers who manned the Heritage Centre this year. As the weather was so good most people spent their time on the beach and those who visited the Centre were not as generous as in other years. However, as is customary, we gave a service and answered all the usual questions such as, "Where are the loos?" "Is the ferry running?" and "Where did Ren-nie Mackintosh live?" Etc!

On Monday 13th October, at 19.30 in the Village Hall, the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Staff will be giving us a talk, there will be our usual wine and eats so we hope you will be able to come along.

Maureen Thompson.

WALBERSWICK BOWLS CLUB

The new season will start on Wednesday 8th October at 19.30, in the Village Hall. New members welcome.

Maureen Thompson.

THE TERRIBLE TALE OF LADY KATE

The Pembrokeshire Junior Players wish to thank the people of Walberswick for their reception of our first performance of The Terrible Tale of Lady Kate on 29th August in the Village Hall. We also want to thank friends and residents for their kindness in helping with costumes. Altogether, with donations for the free show and home-made Fair Trade free refreshments, with your help we raised £96.08 for Wateraid. Many thanks.

Joshua Coles-Riley.

VILLAGE SCROLL VIDEO

As some people are aware, Walberswick Common Lands Trust have produced a video copy of the Village Scroll. It is intended to offer copies of the video (at a subsidised price) to all residents on the basis of one copy per household only. If you would like to purchase a copy please come to the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November between 10.00 and 12.00. For those who have not seen the original, Richard Scott has offered to be in attendance with the scroll on view.

Gerald Tooley. Trustee.

SNOW WHITE

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to perform in the pantomime. The first read-through for the cast will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 5th October at 14.00.

Pru Ford-Crush.

THE BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

The Blyth Valley Computer Society's new, exciting season starts this month with a talk and demonstration on the depths and intricacies of Coreldraw. The new season offers the usual breadth of stimulating topics, including IT security and a visit to Eastern Pharmaceuticals. Our next meeting will be on Friday, 10th October at 19:00 in the Village Hall Annexe. Guests are welcome, no technical knowledge required. For further information ring 01502 722255.

Kay Ungless.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS AUTUMN 2003

Friday 7th November 14.30: Remembrance Sunday Service Rehearsal, St Andrew's, Walberswick.

End of October / Beginning of November: The Poppy Appeal Collection.

Saturday 8th November 10.00 to 12.00: Coffee morning and Bazaar - Village Hall.

Sunday 9th November 10.45: Remembrance Sunday Service, St Andrew's, Walberswick. There will be coffee and biscuits at Shenburgh after the service.

Monday 17th November 19.30 pm: AGM - Village Hall

BAZAAR

All proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal. As usual Posters will be on display a week before, and a Flyer will be included with the October issue of the Village News giving full details. My thanks to Col. Rae Leighton and other members of the Committee who have agreed to coordinate and help out in my absence over the whole period (except for the AGM).

Alan Walpole. *Chairman. Tel 724763.*

VILLAGE FITNESS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

At 09.30 every Tuesday in the Village Hall Yvonne Proctor takes us through a whole body work out - lots of fun. Come and join us: £3 per session.

Jenny Cardwell.

FREE VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

At present there is a free bus service subsidised by the Walberswick Common Lands Trust Charity, to Lowestoft on the first Wednesday morning of the month, and to Halesworth on the other Wednesdays. It has been suggested that once a month the bus should go to Southwold instead of Halesworth. So that a decision can be made will anyone interested please contact me.

Mary King. *Dutch House. Tel 724590.*

THANKS

We would like to thank all of our friends in the Village who helped to make our Ruby wedding anniversary such a special day with their good natured support and generosity.

(N.B. A pair of spectacles and case were handed in at the Village Hall party and have not yet been claimed.)

Gerald & Joy Tooley.

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

On Monday 6th October 19.30, there will be a talk by Mike McKeon entitled "Mail Coaches in East Anglia". Saturday 13th December will see our Christmas Celebration. Both events in the Village Hall. Members and their visitors are, as always, welcome.

Don Thompson.

WI WILD MUSHROOMS

We meet on 8th October at 14.30 in the Village Hall to hear Peter Jordan tell us about mushrooms. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Julia Josephs.

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**AUGUST**

The 100th birthday celebration for Bertie (Tubby) Stannard organised by the Council had been a great success. The Clerk thanked Pam Webb, Jayne Tibbles and Gill Jones for their help on the day. Thanks were also expressed to Judy and Brian Morton and to Maureen Thompson for their invaluable help. About fifty friends and close relatives attended the party held in a marquee on the Village Green outside Mr Stannard's cottage. The weather was excellent and all enjoyed this special occasion.

The chestnut fence by the pier had been reported as damaged and was duly repaired by Waveney District Council. The Statement of Assurance for the Parish Council's yearly accounts was checked and approved by the Council. Mr Tony Kohn had carried out an internal audit for the Council's accounts. Thanks were expressed to him for conducting this for the Council.

PC Upson stated that bogus window cleaners and tree surgeons were calling on households in the Village. Residents were asked to be vigilant and report any suspect characters. He also reported that the Parish Council Chairman's car had been vandalised on his property between 21.00 and 08.00 on 1st/2nd August.

SEPTEMBER

Environmental Services have agreed to put the part of the beach owned by Suffolk Coastal onto their cleaning schedule for 2004 and thereby clean that area once a week from April to October (Waveney District Council already clean the area from the beach huts to the harbour during the summer period).

The Village Hall Management Committee has turned down the request to reconsider siting the bottle bank in the Village Hall car park.

The Parish Council (The Chairman and Mrs Dabbs declared an interest and took no part in the discussions) had no objections to the alterations to the house at SANDY MOUNT, Manor Close, but asked for clarification concerning the first floor of the garage. There was also no objection to a caravan being sited in THE MEADOW, Stocks Lane, for a year while alterations were being undertaken to the house. The Councillors also had no objections to replacement windows at ARDMAY, The Street.

The Police wished to thank the Village for their cooperation in looking for Rory Unwin Rose, who had tragically drowned in the River Blyth. PC Upson had also reported that Crabbing Day had gone very smoothly as far as the police were concerned.

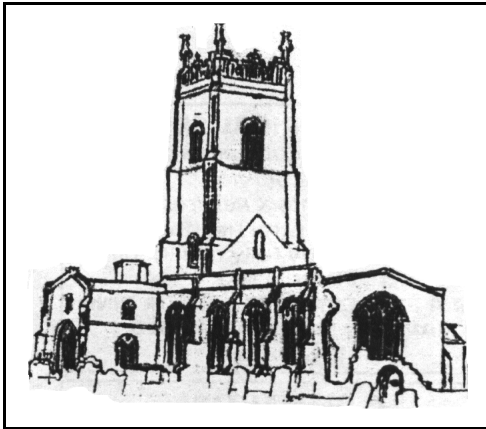
Concerns were raised about the state of the verges and especially the Village Greens which it was feared might not recover from the extremely dry summer. These will be monitored and action taken if necessary.

BEACH CLEAN

The second beach clean of the year by residents will take place on Sunday 26th October between 10.00 and 12.00. Please help if you can. Sacks and gloves are provided.

Vivien Hunt. *Clerk to Council.*

CHURCH MATTERS



CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

5th	16 th Sunday of Trinity	0930	Sung Eucharist
12th	Harvest Festival	0930	Family Eucharist
		1800	Choral Evensong
19th	18 th Sunday of Trinity	1100	Morning Prayer
26th	Last Sunday of Trinity	0930	Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 17.00
 Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10.00 to 12.15

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Bubbles Love, Wendy Sinclair
 British Legion, Margaret Adkinson

CHURCH CLEANERS

3rd Pru Ford-Crush, Ruth Bassett, Cynthia Jackson.
 10th Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Elizabeth Leighton.
 17th Chris & Wendy Sinclair, Margreet Walpole.
 24th Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Pru Ford-Crush.
 31st Jean Waller, Janet Simpson, Ruth Bassett.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 12th October. Donations of fruit, vegetables and tinned goods will be gratefully received at the Church early on Saturday 11th October. Anyone who would like to help with the decoration of the Church will be most welcome on the Saturday morning. All the produce donated will be distributed round the Village later.
Mary King.

HARVEST SUPPER

Plans are underway for our harvest supper to be held on Friday 10th October at 19.00 in the Village Hall. Tickets at £5 are available from Penny Buncombe, Belle Vue, The Terrace (722359) and at Church services on Sundays.
Christine Fisher.

PARISH REGISTER

22nd August 2003

Service of Thanksgiving after cremation
 Brian Edeveain Dillon aged 84.

12th September 2003

Funeral service and burial
 Eric Cecil Bassett aged 79.

LETTER FROM THE OLM

September brought great sadness to the regular worshippers of St Andrew's Church as we learnt of the death of Eric Bassett. Eric had been a regular attendee at services for many years, and had served us well as church treasurer – a post that he only relinquished earlier this year. When I started leading services and preaching, Eric would be the first to let me know how well or otherwise he could hear me at the back of church! Eric and I both subscribed to *The Cricketer* magazine; it was perhaps fitting that Eric's innings on earth should be completed in the same month that his favourite magazine was published for the last time. Eric's Christian faith was always apparent, and I like to imagine that he was applauded all the way into the pavilion of the Lord to join that '*great cloud of witnesses*', whom the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews refers. Our love and prayers are with Ruth and her family at this time of sadness.

Because we shall be celebrating Harvest over the weekend of 10th/12th October, the Luncheon Club on the 10th will be cancelled; however, you will not miss out on a meal because the Harvest Supper (with entertainment) will be held that evening.

Our Harvest services will be on 12th October; please join us at either the 09.30 Family Eucharist, or at the 18.00 Choral Evensong. Offers of produce and flowers/greenery will be most welcome.

Yours in Christ's service,
Brian Fisher.

TRAIDCRAFT FASHION SHOW

As part of their support for Fair Trade, the local churches have again organized a Traidcraft Fashion Show, to be held this year at Southwold Methodist Church on 11th October at 14.30.

Christine Fisher.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

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TEAM VICAR	Revd Graham Owen	Tel: 578827
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Wednesdays 2.30 p.m.. Village Hall Annexe.

LIBRARY BUS

Alternate Fridays.

Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3:10 p.m. 3rd, 17th and 31st.

5th October

Pantomime cast read-through 14.00.

6th October

Walberswick Local History Group talk, Village Hall, 19.30.

8th October

Bowls Club, new season starts 19.30, Village Hall.

8th October

WI, Mushrooms talk, 14.00, Village Hall.

10th October

Blyth Valley Computer Society 19.00, Village Hall annexe.

10th October

Harvest Supper 19.00, Village Hall.

11th October

Traidcraft fashion show, 14.30 Southwold Methodist Church.

13th October

Suffolk Coasts & Heaths staff talk, Village Hall 19.30.

25th October

Save the Children Coffee Morning 10.00 to 12.00, Village Hall.

26th October

Beach Clean, Cliff Field Car Park 10.00 to 12.00.

7th November

Remembrance Sunday Service Rehearsal (Walberswick)

14.30, St Andrew's.

8th November

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning and Bazaar -

Village Hall 10.00 to 12.00.

9th November

Remembrance Sunday Service. St Andrew's, Walberswick 10.45.

15th November

Village Scroll videos on sale, Village Hall 10.00 to 12.00