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RUSSELL COLLIS R.I.B.A. 1908—2003

Russell was born and brought up in Aldeburgh. In 1947, practising as an architect in Beccles, he built White Cottage in Walberswick where he lived with his wife Marjorie. He was a Blyth District Councillor, a member and chairman of Walberswick Common Lands Charity and a sidesman at St Andrew's Church. Russell enjoyed holidays at home and abroad but always loved his native Suffolk. Widowed in the 1970's he married Pam Robinson in 1981 and they had four happy years together. Always a keen gardener he later became an enthusiastic cook. When the house and garden became a worry to him he decided to move to a flat in Cornwall with his friend, Marion. Still able to use his car, he got about to see new countryside. The view from the balcony over Falmouth Bay provided endless interest with all the shipping. Several friends from Suffolk visited him in Cornwall. In June this year he and Marion had a packed week in Southwold and Walberswick seeing all of their friends. Typically Russell wanted no fuss, no funeral, no flowers, just a remembrance service at Walberswick Church, followed by a party for all of his friends, (which will be in the new year, date to be announced.)

Toby & Kate Robinson.

SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING

We are delighted with the final sum raised: £681. Sincere thanks to all who supported the event in so many ways.

Val Anderson.

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to Cancer Research UK in memory of Eric. A magnificent total of £658 was raised from donations and church collections.

Ruth Bassett.

THANKS FROM BETTY FISK

I would like to thank all who remembered me on my 90th birthday. **E. Fisk.**

CAR PARKS

In partnership, the Trustees of WCLCT and the Board of Walberswick Car Parks Ltd deem it vital to isolate sections of both Ferry Road and Cliff Field Car Parks over the winter period in order to protect and preserve the ground, and to minimise subsequent maintenance repairs and their costs. Disruption will be limited but this opportunity is taken to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Gerald Tooley. *Chairman WCPL.*

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Despite a blustery November evening, a near-capacity group of members came to hear our November speaker. David Todd is the Principal Pharmacist of the James Paget Healthcare NHS Trust and we found ourselves spellbound as we listened to the intricacies and difficulties surrounding the gradual introduction of IT into such a large department. The James Paget pharmacy employs 45 people. They supply seven hospitals in East Anglia, 90% of child vaccines to GP's surgeries, 800 to 1,000 items per day and spend £4,000,000 per year. It was in the late 1980's that they introduced the first PCs into the Pharmacy Support Services for labelling and the first expert systems. The recording of key pieces of data contained on a label are not just for the patient's benefit, but vital to the entire operation. The expert systems, for instance, can define the quantity of intravenous feed required for a premature baby based on the number of weeks of gestation, weight, etc. or, given a particular patient, will quantify the correct dose of chemotherapy drugs. On-line sources of information are vital for the pharmacy. The Department of Health no longer issues any updates and it is up to the pharmacist to monitor the DOH website. The future speaks of more automation; indeed both the Hammersmith and Charing Cross hospitals already barcode their patients. Finally, we were shown a short film of a Dutch Chemist's, where it took precisely 16 seconds from receipt of the prescription over the counter, to the robotic delivery of the correct medicine.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 9th January, at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall Annexe. Robert Temple, BT's Chief Security Architect, will talk about his worldwide travels, advising industry how to protect against hackers and viruses. Guests are welcome, no technical knowledge is required and for further information ring 01502 722255.

Kay Ungless.



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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from August & October meetings.

Mrs K Goodchild has agreed to join the Board of Management of the Village News. New signs will be erected next summer in an effort to stop vehicles parking on the track by the Went Bridge. The Trust will be sponsoring a Christmas party for village children; for details please contact Jacqui Morcombe (724451) who has kindly volunteered to organise the event. A new three-year contract for the sale of ice creams on the car parks has been agreed. A new ten-year lease for the Print Room has been signed.

Jayne Tibbles.

Clerk to the Trustees.

FITNESS CLASSES

Classes take place every Tuesday at 9.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Yvonne Proctor gives us a full body workout and men and women are very welcome. The last class before Christmas is on 16th December. We begin again on 6th January.

Jenny Cardwell.

NOVEMBER 5TH FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

I curse the villains of Wahlbertwyc. Centuries after the infamous attempt to destroy the seat of British democracy, my co-plotters and I see the enjoyment of all on the anniversary of my dastardly plot and have to express our admiration to those responsible. Too many to name individually, the plethora of entertainments, excitement, spectacular shows and hearty food of the realm should make all of Her Majesty's subjects grateful to the organisers, particularly the Thain that struggled from his sick bed that foul November night committed to make mirth, enjoyment and jollity for all - we salute you Sir Philip, as we salute the Lords Webb; the serving wenches Mandy, Pamela, Naomi; their vilenesses Whisk-of-Fiske, Ben-of-Sutton, Paul-the-interloper; and so many more. Although in the year 1605 we sought to destroy, we are pleased to note that 398 years later our ancestors agreed it necessary not to light the huge bonfire for fear of damaging property within Walberswick. M'lords, ladies, gentlemen and Wally, we unreservedly salute you all.

Fuy Gawkes. *(This has nothing to do with me! Ed.)*



No, our tree's in the hall -
that's just a pile of wrapping paper



THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Planning - The Councillors unanimously opposed an application for the erection of a side extension to the existing dwelling and a two-storey linked annexe building to rear at 2, Anchor Cottages, The Street, on the grounds that this is a traditional country cottage situated in a Conservation Area and this extension would completely change its character turning it into a substantial urban-like development. The footprint of the extension is at least 4-5 times greater than the footprint of the original cottage and therefore totally unacceptable in a Conservation Area. The Parish Councillors also opposed the relocation of vehicular access towards the east boundary at De Cressey's Restaurant, The Street, because the access would be moving to a point where the road is at its narrowest. This would mean that there would be three accesses within a space of ten metres. Also moving the access would involve breaching an old cobbled wall which is an attractive feature within the Conservation Area. Suffolk Coastal had no objections to works to the following: three Beech trees at Millcroft, Millfield Road, a Sycamore at Hidden House, three Holm Oaks at Far End, Millfield Road and the removal of a Eucalyptus tree at St. Francis, Seven Acres Lane.

Affordable Housing in the Village.

There has only been one reply to the notice placed in last month's Village News. If anybody is interested please write to the Clerk.

Sea Defence meeting with the Environment Agency.

Mr K Webb reported that Mr Stan Jeavons from the Environment Agency held the meeting with members of the Parish Council and the Trust; Mr Andrew Blois also attended. It has been agreed that the handrail would be removed from the existing timber boardwalk at the landward end of the structure. Some material would be needed to build up the surrounding ground level of the boardwalk to make it less obtrusive. The remainder of the structure would be retained. The alignment would continue over the dune from the base of the existing boardwalk using railway sleepers. However, should these cause a problem from the point of pollution, alternatives would be investigated. The dune erosion in front of the beach huts was also discussed and the fencing of the area would be progressed and marram grass planted in the Spring. After discussion the Parish Council had no objections in principle to a fish and chip van calling in the Village for two hours on a Friday evening.

The Carol Service around the tree will take place on Monday 22nd December at 7 pm. Mince pies and drinks in the Village Hall afterwards.

Vivien Hunt. *Clerk to PC.*

CHURCH MATTERS



CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

7th	2 nd Sun' of Advent	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
14th	3 rd Sun' of Advent	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
		6 p.m.	Choral Evensong
21st	4 th Sun' of Advent	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
		6 p.m.	Service of Lessons & Carols by Candlelight
24th	Christmas Eve	4 p.m.	Crib Service
25th	Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
28th	1 st Sun' of Christmas	9.30 a.m.	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 – 12.15

FLOWER ARRANGERS

No flowers in Advent

CHURCH CLEANERS

5th Janet Simpson, Mary King, Cynthia Jackson.
 12th...Diane Dawson, Jean Waller, Ruth Bassett.

LESSONS AND CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We look forward to welcoming everyone to this year's Christmas Carol Service on December 21st at 6.00 pm. Come and join in singing all your favourite carols in our beautiful candlelit Church.

Julia Josephs.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2003

As well as the large Christmas tree in the church porch, the special Nativity and Epiphany scenes with landscapes and figures made by local artists will also be on display on the window sills.

Julia Josephs.

WI CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Our Christmas Party is on December 10th when we look forward to seeing every member. There will be music, carols, poems and sketches as well as a scrumptious tea! Please make a note of Wednesday January 21st 2004 for the New Year luncheon which will be held at The Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh. At the AGM in November I am pleased to report that all the committee members were willing to stand again. We also had a brief talk on Inheritance Tax.

Julia Josephs.

PARISH REGISTER

5th November 2003

Funeral service

Douglas George Webber aged 89

LETTER FROM THE OLM

Christmas is coming, it's official! I am not sure that the goose is getting fat but the turkeys definitely will be! Preparations for Christmas do seem to get earlier every year – or am I just getting older and it has always been like that? Before we get to Christmas, we go through the four weeks of Advent which, historically, is when the Church's year begins and when we think about both the first coming of Jesus Christ to this earth and of his promise that he will return one day. What have we got to look forward to in the build up to the festive season? On 10th December, 7.00 p.m., at St Edmunds Church Southwold, there will be a special service organised by and in aid of Marie Curie Nurses. On 12th December, 12.30 p.m, in our Village Hall, we shall have the Christmas Luncheon Club (including a glass of wine). At 4.00 pm. on Christmas Eve there will be a Crib Service in our village church, to which all families will be warmly welcomed. On Christmas morning we shall be celebrating Christ's first coming with a Family Eucharist.

In his poem, *Christmas*, John Betjeman wrote these words:

*'And is it true? And is it true,
 This most tremendous tale of all
 Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
 A baby in an ox's stall?
 The Maker of the stars and sea
 Become a Child on earth for me?'*

A happy and peaceful Christmas to you all,

Brian Fisher.

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GP SURGERY

Wednesdays 2.30 p.m.. Village Hall Annexe.

LIBRARY BUS

Alternate Fridays.

Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3:10 p.m. 12th December

6th	December	Cancer Research Mini-Market. Village Hall 10.00 am - 12:00 pm
10th	December	WI Christmas Party
13th	December	Walberswick Local History Group, Christmas Celebration, Village Hall.
16th	December	Last fitness class of 2003. 09.30 am
22nd	December	Carols round the tree, Village Green 7.00 pm
6th	January	First fitness class of 2004. 09.30 am
9th	January	Blyth Valley Computer Society meeting. Village Hall Annexe. 7.00 pm
21st	January	WI New Year Luncheon.
4,5,6,7	February	Snow White - Walberswick's Pantomime.