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CANCER RESEARCH UK - MINI MARKET

Our final figure for the Mini Market now stands at £2,225! This was a wonderful achievement and I would like to say a very big thank you to all of the very generous people of Walberswick and friends around the County who supported this function. We had 21 items given for the silent auction and these raised the magnificent sum of £732 which certainly boosted our takings. My grateful thanks go to everyone who supported the event and in particular to our team of helpers who gave their time unstintingly for this annual fund-raising event. We also sold £280 worth of Christmas cards.

Margaret Adkinson.

SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Southwold Hospital in memory of Brian. A splendid total of £877.40 was raised from the church collection and donations.

Miriam Dillon.

MORE...

Yet again another record in the village for the annual house-to-house collection for the League of Friends of Southwold Hospital. It raised £942.56. I have received the following letter from Mrs. Barbara Davies, Chairman of the League of Friends:

"Once again Walberswick has excelled itself ! What a super collection of £942.56 you have given to us. Will you please convey our sincere thanks to your helpers and to the generosity of the people of Walberswick. Their continued help and support is so appreciated. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours Sincerely
Barbara."

Mary King.

SNOW WHITE - THE WALBERSWICK PANTO 4-7 February 2004

FRONT OF HOUSE VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

To help with tickets on the door, programmes and interval drinks. If you can help on any of the above nights please phone Rita Woodcraft

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Pantomime Committee.

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1st December 2003.

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Mrs V Hunt, and Mr K Webb. There was a declaration of interest in the planning application for Lima Cottage from Mr B Tibbles who left the room when the Council discussed the issue. The planning application for the construction of a timber balcony to the back of Lima Cottage was agreed. The application for the construction of a conservatory to Mill Cottage was agreed so long as it was timber framed which would be more appropriate in the Conservation Area. Suffolk Coastal District Council has refused the planning applications for 2 Anchor Cottages and The Workshop, The Lea.

An increase to the salary for the Parish Clerk was agreed in line with current recommendations. The Parish Council's representatives on the Estuarine Consultation Group would be Mr K Webb and Mr D Webb. A copy of the revised Electoral Register would be held by the Clerk and is subject to the Data Protection act. It was reported by Mr R Leighton, County and District Councillor, that the subject of an increase in the council tax for second home owners was being discussed by the County and District Councils and is likely to be agreed to be set at 90% of the full amount. Any increase would be unlikely to have any direct fiscal impact on the village.

Alvin Hunt.

SNOW WHITE

The Walberswick Pantomime

4 - 7th February 2004

Tickets on sale from Friday 2nd January 2004

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WALBERSWICK COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from December meeting. Christmas bonuses were given to regular beneficiaries. Grants were also given to Southwold & Halesworth Hospitals, the Voluntary Help Centre, Royal British Legion welfare fund, St Andrews P.C.C. for churchyard maintenance, Yoxford Primary School, Halesworth Middle School & Leiston High School. Videos of the Walberswick Scroll are still available at Lima Cottage. Suffolk County Council will be cutting bridleways on the Common this winter. Suggestions for the distribution of this years car-park covenant to me please by the end of January 2004 along with two costings where appropriate.
Jayne Tibbles. (*Clerk to the Trustees*)

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A big thank you to the Common Lands Charity who funded the children's Christmas party. A great time was had by all. Forty-two out of a possible forty-eight village children attended. Their parents also used the opportunity to meet some of the new families that have recently moved in. Particular thanks go to Amorelle Hughes, Kate Felton and Julia Sowerbutts for donating their enthusiasm, time and venue; also to Ingrid Kibble and Dave Skelding for lending games that were a huge hit. Finally, appreciation must be given to Wally Webb - the most convincing Father Christmas this side of Lapland. Merry Christmas.
Jacqui Morcombe.

On behalf of all the children of Walberswick I would like to say a huge thank you to Jacqui Morcombe and her team for masterminding such a fantastic Christmas party on Saturday 12th December. I normally have to wait until Christmas day for the opportunity to eat so much food that I'm completely full, so this was a real festive bonus! What's more I received an early present from Father Christmas (who looked strangely familiar and asked that we substituted the usual sherry we leave out for a good single malt!). There was a really good entertainer, great games, a chance to run around frantically, (one of the best things about parties, I think) not to mention the opportunity to get down to some serious networking. All in all, a really good bash - three cheers for Jacqui and all involved!
Felix Kibble. (*Aged 4.*)

WI THE LIFE OF A ROMANY

We shall have a real Romany, Daniel Allum, at our meeting on 14th January to tell us about his life on the open road. All the members enjoyed the Christmas Party and we welcomed two Past Presidents and eleven guests from neighbouring Women's Institutes. Vivien and Julia played a sparkling piano duet by Bizet; Addie got us in the festive mood with some Dickens and Margot devised an excellent quiz. There were several other items before we tucked in to a scrumptious tea! We look forward to our next celebration, the New Year luncheon on 21st January 2004.
Julia Josephs.

CALLING ALL DOGS!

Have you any old towels or blankets tucked away? My friends at the Blue Cross Centre could use them for the animals. If you leave them at Dutch House a collection could be arranged. Thank you.

Mischa King. Tel. 724590.

WALBERSWICK AND BLYTHBURGH BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2003

A short note of thanks to those who were in any way involved in helping during the period of the Poppy Appeal; to Pat Wythe and her team of collectors; to those who helped, and those who gave so generously at the Bazaar and Coffee Morning and to those who saw to it that the Service on Remembrance Sunday went so well. I understand that this year things went rather better than usual, so I will make a point of being away again next year! Thank you so much, and my best wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Alan Walpole.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

When my wife and I chose Suffolk to visit this last summer little did we know what lay in store! Coming all the way from Wisconsin USA and at a loss as to where to visit in the UK on our joint retirement holiday we simply searched for the most interesting name on the Internet beginning with the letter 'W'; Walberswick was the obvious choice. We arrived by train in Darsham and took a taxi ride to our cottage in the Village. We ate excellent food at both of your pubs and I developed a taste for Adnams Best Bitter, a completely new but nevertheless wonderful flavour. Your beach was beautiful and the walks around the marshes and woods idyllic. Working for an oil company I've travelled for most of my working life and I can truly say that the 'world' you Walberswickians live in, for I believe it is a world separate from the rest of the England I've experienced, should be cherished and guarded like a precious jewel. You will no doubt have to endure the hoards of tourists and regular visitors who would claim it as their own, there will of course be those who want to be in Walberswick because it's *the* place to be and I'm sure you'll sometimes even wish that you could put a guarded check point at the end of your winding road to keep this world your own. Brush these annoyances aside and soak it up! You people are the luckiest in England. We hope to return next year; you'll recognise me and my wife, we'll be the Americans grinning from ear to ear looking for a place to buy.

Ernst and Ruby Ingermels.



CHURCH MATTERS

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

04th Jan	Epiphany	0930 Sung Eucharist
11th Jan	Baptism of Christ	0930 Family Eucharist 1800 Choral Evensong
18th Jan	2 nd of Epiphany	1100 Morning Prayer
25th Jan	3 rd of Epiphany	0930 Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00
 Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700
 Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10.00 – 12.15

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Dione Shirreff, Bubbles Love, Susan Walpole.
 British Legion, Mary King.

CHURCH CLEANERS

2nd Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Margreet Walpole.
 9th Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Pru Ford-Crush.
 16th Ruth Bassett, Cynthia Jackson, Diane Dawson.
 23rd Chris & Wendy Sinclair, Jean Waller.
 30th Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Mary King.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and have had a positive start to the New Year. Sunday School next term begins on 11th January. The groups, times and dates are as follows so please come along whether you are a resident, weekender or on holiday and join in the fun in the Village Hall annexe.

Groups.

- Group1 Mainly Primary: Key Stage 1 and Lower 2:
 Years 1 to 4.
 Group2 Mainly Middle: Upper Key Stage 2 to Lower
 Key Stage 3 Years 5 to 8.
 Group3 Mainly High School: Year 9 upwards.

Times.

- Group2 10.00 a.m. — 10.45 a.m.
 Group1 10.45 a.m. — 11.30 a.m.
 Group3 11.30 a.m. — 12.15 a.m.

Dates.

Sunday School in the annexe:

- January 18th & 25th.
 February 1st & 29th.
 March 7th, 21st & 28th.

Family Services at 9.30 a.m. at St Andrews: 11th January, 8th February and the 14th March. For further information please contact me on 722178.

Julie Winyard.

LETTER FROM THE OLM

In one of his poems Alfred Tennyson wrote these words:

'Ring out the old, ring in the new'

And that is what many churches will be doing on New Year's Eve (unfortunately, we only have one bell – some people might think that is fortunate!) Whatever, another year has passed; where do they all go to? And they do seem to pass even faster, or is it my imagination? But here we are on the threshold of another year, the year 2004. What will it hold in store for each of us? I can only encourage everyone to treat each day on its merit, and to regard each day, whatever it brings, as God-given.

During the year our pattern of worship at St Andrew's will continue as at present, with different members of the team leading the services. It has been good to welcome new people into our church during the past year, and we look forward to welcoming others during the coming months. If you or someone known to you is unable to get to our village church and would appreciate receiving Holy Communion in your/ their own home, please let me know and I will arrange to visit them.

Our next Luncheon club will take place of Friday, 9th January, at 12.30 p.m. If you have not joined us previously, please come along then.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Yours in Christ's name.

Brian Fisher.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WALBERSWICK

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Wednesdays 14.30. Village Hall Annexe.

LIBRARY BUS

Alternate Fridays.

Church 14.30/Village Hall 15.10 9th and 23rd.

6th January

First fitness class of 2004. 9.30 am

9th January

Luncheon Club - Village Hall Annexe 12.30 p.m.

Blyth Valley Computer Society meeting.

Village Hall Annexe. 7.00 pm

11th January

Sunday School starts! See page 3.

21st January

WI New Year Luncheon.

4,5,6,7 February

Snow White - Walberswick's Pantomime.