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Cynics said two years ago that the success of Aladdin could not be repeated. The first week of February proved them right. It was not repeated for, successful as Aladdin was, the Walberswick Pantomime Players this year put on a show that exceeded all of our expectations. Do not get me wrong; I am not suggesting that Aladdin was naff (it certainly wasn't) nor do I subscribe to a seeming consensus that Snow White could be bettered, but I unhesitatingly conclude that the current production had that indefinable pizzazz. We all fell in love with Snow White; can someone give me her contact details? None will ever go near Hedgely again, we marvelled at the antics and sheer fun being had by the McWalberswick dwarfs (WHY wasn't there a McBroadband?) and the technologically horrendous Magic Mirror was brilliant. In Aladdin individual performances and production were good, but teamwork then perhaps lacked something, recognised at the time and superbly corrected for Snow White. The traditional story was expected but thankfully did not materialise, the scriptwriters doing a first class job, as did the supporting cast and backstage and front of house persons too numerous to mention individually. We must congratulate Mark especially. I would be failing in my duty as your correspondent were I not to make criticism. Alas I have failed - although I really WOULD have liked the custard pies to have been yukkingly genuine!

Nibor Ebmocnub.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me and my family during my mother's illness. The gifts, visits, supportive words and hugs have helped to make my mother's last weeks at home full of joy, love and peace. Through your support we were able to keep her at home until the end of her life. Many, many thanks.

Thank you so much for your thoughts over the last few months. The many cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and acts of kindness since I became unwell have helped me greatly in my illness. Walberswick is a very special place and a caring community, I have always felt privileged to live here. Best wishes to you all.

100 YEARS OF SOUTHWOLD HOSPITAL

The League of Friends of Southwold Hospital is holding a Coffee morning on Thursday 14th March in St Edmund's Hall, Southwold, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. A thanksgiving service will be held in St Edmund's Church on Wednesday March 10th at 7.30 p.m.

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Subscriptions for this year are due; if you have not paid your £4 contact the Membership Secretary Maureen Thompson on 01502 723755. Please note: The A G M for 2004 will be held on Monday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall Annexe and, a date for your diaries - Thursday 6th May "The Lost City of Dunwich", a talk by Mark Mitchells. Not to be missed !

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DAVID SHIRREFF BIRD SONG WALK

This year's Walk will take place on Saturday 8th May. It will be led, as last year, by Tony Lancaster. Please meet as usual at 5.30 a.m. in the Hoist Covert Car Park. (Contributions again to be shared equally between Walberswick Church and the Dingle Marshes Project).

Tony Lancaster.

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

January's meeting promised an intriguing talk, but confined to my sick bed I reluctantly handed over to our cub reporter who sent the following dispatch:

Robert Temple, British Telecom's Chief Security architect, talked to us about the protection of electronic communication over the internet which is at the heart of all activity in the world today. A bank robber was once asked why he robbed banks "That's where the money is" he replied. Now that the money is flowing round the internet it inevitably attracts criminals, fraudsters and terrorists.

Robert, who travels the world talking to industry about the threat from hackers and viruses, explained that businesses need to estimate the cost of any possible loss and balance it against the costs of protection which can be high.

Confidential documents can now be exchanged safely in secure codes. The latest code keys would currently take years on a powerful computer to break them but as technology constantly moves forward so must the coding methods. New legislation will also be needed to deal with new crimes in cyberspace. As this takes time this means the criminals will always be one step ahead. Regrettably, there will be no February meeting. Our next meeting, a talk about the computerisation of the Suffolk Records Office, will be on Friday, 12th March, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Guests are welcome, no technical knowledge required and for further information ring 01502 722255.

Kay Ungless.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

There was a very good response to our request for your old Christmas cards, and they were duly taken by Mary King and myself to the collection points at Tesco Stores. In due course they will be pulped and may be used to make more Christmas cards! However, the money raised will go to the Woodland Trust; hopefully a few trees will have been saved in the process.

Elizabeth Leighton.

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE FETE 2004

Saturday 28th August is the date for this year's fete. Planning has begun for this important social and fundraising event; we will be contacting prospective stallholders and games organisers shortly. Please put this date in your diary now, contact us with bright ideas and offers of help, and watch this space as plans unfold. We are looking forward to a happy and successful day!

Denise Brentnall & Christine Mitchell.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Evenings of Wine & Smiles.

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, Friday 30th April. Wine and canapés with readings from PG Wodehouse's Jeeves and Wooster by Riq Anderson at the Potters Wheel Restaurant, Walberswick. Tickets £7.00 per night (£13 for 2 or £18 for 3 nights) from Hedgeley, The Green, Walberswick (01502 724609) Tickets include 2 glasses of wine.

Val Anderson.

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Affordable Housing - Messrs D and K Webb attended a meeting to discuss 'Affordable Housing'. Mr D Webb stated that the Countryside Agency would help fund a housing needs survey if it was part of the Parish Plan. If the survey confirmed a need, the Parish Council would then select a Housing Association to work with and then form a project team. Affordable housing may be for both young, local people and also older people wishing to 'down-size'. A scheme may take up to four years to complete. Anybody interested in this type of scheme should contact the Clerk (Tel: 723142).

The Environment Agency informed the Council that in view of the recent expenditure on emergency sea defence works, money may now not be available to finish the fencing and sewing of marram grass where needed on the beach this year.

Planning – The Council supported an application for the erection of a single-storey extension to Coronation Cottage and the erection of a two-storey and single-storey extension plus detached double garage at Troy, Church Field. However, they opposed the erection of two detached dwellings (demolition of existing house) at The Studio, Stocks Lane. They also opposed the revised application for Rose End Cottage, The Street.

SCDC have approved the erection of a two-storey extension to 3, Lorne Cottages, but opposed the erection of a balcony to Lima Cottage, Ferry Road.

Blyth Estuary Strategy Public Exhibition - A public exhibition has been arranged by the Environment Agency and will be held on 24th February at the Beachcomber Room at Southwold Pier to present the range of options being considered for the Blyth Estuary Flood management Strategy.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 1st March 2004.

Viv Hunt. *Parish Clerk.*

WALBERSWICK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Walberswick Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Thursday 1st April 2004 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Pat Lancaster. *Secretary.*

CHURCH MATTERS



CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

7th	Mar.	2 nd of Lent	0930 Sung Eucharist
14th	Mar.	3 rd of Lent	0930 Sung Eucharist
			1800 Choral Evensong
21st	Mar.	Mothering Sunday	0930 Family Eucharist
28th	Mar.	5 th of Lent	1100 Morning Prayer

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

5 th	Diane Dawson, Jean Waller, Mary King
12 th	Betty Jones, Pat Wythe, Margreet Walpole
19 th	Janet Simpson, Elizabeth Leighton, Pru Ford-Crush
26 th	Ruth Bassett, Mary King, Diane Dawson

EASTER FLOWERS

This year, Mary King has asked me to take charge of the Easter Flowers while she takes a well-deserved break from the task. We will be decorating the church on the morning of Saturday 10th April and, if anyone wishes to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers, would you please give your donation to me.

Elizabeth Leighton.

PARISH REGISTER

12th February 2004
Service of Thanksgiving
Jane Paulson Ellis aged 82

AUSTERITY LUNCHES

Austerity lunches will be served in the Village Hall, 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. every Friday in Lent, starting on 27th Feb. Profits will go to the Air Ambulance Service. Everybody welcome.

Wendy Sinclair.

WI BRITISH BIRDS

Robert Cropping will be talking to us about British Birds at our meeting at 2.30 p.m. on 10th March. Visitors are always welcome. Mr Parfitt gave us a lively, humorous talk on his holiday to Egypt with some excellent slides of the Pyramids, Aswan, Abu Simbel, the Land of Kings and his journey up the Nile. We congratulated Vivien Finnie on her 90th birthday which we celebrated with the most delicious cake.

Julia Josephs.

GM FOODS – WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

On Thursday 15th April at 7.30 p.m. in Walberswick Village Hall Professor Derek Burke, who is well-known locally, will give a talk and lead a discussion on GM Foods. Derek is a national authority on the subject, often to be heard on the radio, and we are very fortunate that he is able to come and speak to us. This evening is open to all members of our villages, free of charge.

Julia Josephs.

LETTER FROM THE OLM

My apologies, first of all, for suggesting, in last month's letter, that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting would be on 20th February (I just hope no one turned up on that date!); the meeting will be held in the Church on Tuesday 27th April, at 7.30 pm. Last month a new series began on BBC 2 entitled *'The Battle for Britain's Soul'*, describing the history of Christianity in our country from the time that the Romans left Britain. The programme scheduled for Saturday 6th March will include footage that was shot by BBC TV Manchester in our village church last year – those interested in the history of Walberswick may be particularly interested in this programme.

On Sunday 23rd May (at 11.00 a.m.) the Bishop of Dunwich, the Right Revd Clive Young, will be presiding at a Confirmation Service in our team (venue not yet decided). At a confirmation service, those being confirmed have an opportunity to renew their baptismal vows, which may well have been made for them as a child by parents and/or godparents. Whatever your age, if you are interested in attending the preparation groups for confirmation, would you please let Graham Owen or me know. Attendance at the groups does not commit you to being confirmed but may be helpful in helping you discuss and, hopefully, understand something more of the Christian faith.

Please note that, due to Mothering Sunday falling on the third Sunday of March, the pattern of services for the month has been slightly changed.

Yours in Christ's service,
Brian Fisher.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

GP SURGERY

Wednesdays 14.30. Village Hall Annexe.

LIBRARY BUS

Alternate Fridays. Church 14.30/Village Hall 3.10 p.m.
5th and 19th.

01st Mar. Parish Council Meeting.

01st Mar. Village Hall Management Committee AGM. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.

10th Mar. Southwold Hospital LOF Thanksgiving service.
St Edmund's Church 7.30 p.m.

12th Mar. Blyth Valley Computer Society Monthly Meeting. 7.00 p.m.
Village Hall.

14th Mar. Southwold Hospital LOF Coffee morning.
St Edmund's Hall, 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

19th Mar. A Jolly Evening on Local Government. Village Hall 7.30 pm.

22nd Mar. Walberswick Local History Group AGM. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.

15th Apr. GM Foods talk. Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

28, 29, 30th April. Save the Children Wine and Smiles evenings.

6th May. WLHG Talk, The Lost City of Dunwich. Time and venue TBC.

8th May. David Shirreff Bird Song Walk. Hoist Covert Car Park 5.30 p.m.

11th May. Save the Children Bridge Drive. Village Hall. 2.00 p.m.

28th Aug. Walberswick Village Fete.