



VILLAGE NEWS

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A NEW EDITOR

Our esteemed Editor, Justin, has written to say that he will be unable to continue editing the Village News after July. We therefore seek a replacement. Anybody with computer experience who would like to take on this important role please contact me on 724379. The Board also welcomes two new members; Mrs Kate Goodchild (Common Lands Trust) and Mrs Amorelle Hughes (Parochial Church Council).

Brian Payne. *Chairman.*

FIFTH ANNUAL DISCUSSION/DEBATE

The fifth annual discussion/debate will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 15th April at 7.30 p.m. The subject will be 'GM Foods-what are the issues?' and the speaker will be Professor Derek Burke who will introduce the subject. We will end at about 9.00 p.m. with a glass of wine and snacks. All villagers and friends are invited and entrance is free. The idea of these 'discussion/debates' is to select a subject of national significance on which widely differing views are held and to discuss them with the guidance of an expert, from a non-political standpoint. Previous topics have included the Euro and the organisation of health-care. There could be no more appropriate (or topical!) subject than GM Foods. Passions run high, yet if we were asked what GM foods are, why they might be important and why some people believe that they are dangerous, few of us could begin to give good answers. We are very fortunate indeed that Professor Burke, who has a house in the village, is able to speak to us. He is a national authority on the subject and a member of several advisory committees. I have asked him to assume that our knowledge of the subject is zero, to tell us gently and slowly just what GM foods are, to discuss the need to 'interfere' with crops in this way, and whether any dangers are real or imaginary. It has all the makings of a rather good evening.

Peter Gordon-Potts.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EVENTS FOR 2004

THE WALBERSWICK LECTURE: Friday 7th May, Village Hall, 7.30 pm, details to follow. ANNUAL VISIT: Friday 25th June, details to follow. POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING & BAZAAR: Saturday 13th November, Village Hall, 10 – 12 noon REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Sunday 14th November 10.45 am (location to be confirmed) AGM: Village Hall, Monday 15th November, 7.30 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Village Hall (Unless otherwise advertised) – Tuesdays: 6th April 7.30 pm; 1st June 7.30 pm; 5th October 2.30 pm.

Alan Walpole.

ANCHOR INN NSPCC AUCTION NIGHT

After the great success of our auction night in 2002 we are going to hold another this year on the 20th November. We hope to exceed our total of £2500.00, so we are again asking for your support and donations. If anyone has anything that they feel would be good to auction we would very much appreciate it. Please be kind enough to contact me on 722112 or Glenda on 725251.

Tina Harris.

NSPCC SPONSORED WALK

The annual sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 18th April from 9.30 a.m. Sponsorship forms are available at Ferry House or donate on the day if preferred. There is a choice of 3 walks, which will start and finish at Ferry House. Drinks and light refreshments will be available on completion of the walk. Further details of walks are available from Cathryn and John Simpson. Ferry House, 723384. Please walk and support!

Cathryn Simpson.

EVENINGS OF WINE AND SMILES

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, Friday 30th April.

Wine and canapés with readings from
PG Wodehouse's Jeeves and Wooster by Riq Anderson
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There were five planning applications on the agenda this month: 1) Mill Cottage, application to build a wooden conservatory on the south elevation; the Parish Council supported this application. 2) 2, Lorne Cottages, application for the erection of two-storey rear extension, rear dormer window and front conservation roof light, (Mr K Webb declared a personal interest, left the room, and took no part in the discussions). The Councillors opposed this application because it would overlook No's. 1 and 3 Lorne Cottages; the windows would only be two feet away from the opening windows of the two affected cottages.

3) The Workshop, The Lea, application to replace the workshop with one-bedroomed holiday bungalow. The Parish Council opposed this application because it had made no provision for parking. This corner of the green is renowned for parking problems especially at holiday times. Having a new building specifically for holiday lets would exacerbate the problem. 4) Westwood, Lodge Road, application to construct dormers in roof on south elevation and insert three roof lights in roof on north elevation. The Council had no objections to the roof lights but opposed the dormers as they considered this would destroy the roofline and balance of a house situated in a conservation area. 5) Westwood, Lodge Road, application to build a house in part side garden of Westwood. The Councillors opposed this application because to build a house in this beautiful garden with historic interest would result in wanton destruction of this garden. The whole site is situated in a conservation area. The houses are all well spaced in this area and to allow this proposal would result in over-massing. The house is also out of character with the rest of the houses in that locality.

It was agreed that one of the Councillors should attend a conference on 18th March to discuss the sea level rise and sea defences in the Southern North Sea. Permission was granted for a collection to be made in aid of 'Save the Children' on the Village Green on Sunday 9th May.

Beach Clean - This will be held on Sunday 9th May between 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon. This is two weeks later than normal; please support it if you can.

Hedgerow Survey - If anyone in the Village is interested in carrying out a hedgerow Survey in aid of the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey please contact the Clerk Tel: 723142

Annual Parish Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 22nd May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Viv Hunt. Clerk to PC.

WI – THE TAJ MAHAL

At the meeting on 14th April we will have Mr P M Baker talk to us about The Taj Mahal. We shall be pleased to welcome visitors. Owing to the death of his wife, Robert Cropping was unable to give his talk on British Birds which was disappointing but Malcolm Stagg was delighted to come a month earlier as he had double-booked himself in April! We were able to enjoy his slides and chat about fact, fiction and folklore of trees.

Julia Josephs.

WALBERSWICK CAR PARK COMPANY LTD

The Car Park Company has now been operating as part of the Walberswick Visitor Management Scheme for seven years. At the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors on the 20th February Gerald Tooley stood down as Chairman of the Board but remains a Director. Rae Leighton was appointed as Chairman for the next year. All profits from the operation of the car parks are covenanted at the end of each season to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. This last year, helped by extremely clement weather, the Company made a profit of £24,735 which, together with a rent of £3,756, will be paid to the Common Lands Charity. In total over the seven years of operation the Car Park Company will have made available to the Charity over £134,000. The Company employs up to twelve local people each year as car park attendants, together with a salaried Operations Manager, Robin Buncombe. The Company is registered as a Private Limited Company at Company House and the Company Secretary is

Mrs Angela Vaughan. The Company is always seeking to engage people in Walberswick as Directors of the Company as vacancies arise. The Board meets about six times a year. Anyone interested in becoming a Director or who would like details of the audited accounts for 2003 is asked to contact Angela Vaughan. **Rae Leighton.**

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Our March meeting began with an update by Robin Buncombe on the local broadband campaign. The number registered has only reached 308, anyone interested may register at www.southwold.ws/broadband/register.php. 500 are needed to trigger the upgrade to our exchange (0150272 numbers). Our speaker, Jayne Austin, is the Heritage Information Manager of the Suffolk Records Office. The SRO has three branches in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Lowestoft and their purpose is to identify, collect and preserve the documentary heritage of Suffolk making it available to the public. By new technology, they hope to improve how they manage documents from receipt through to a request to view. They are using software called CALM (Collections, Management for Archives, Libraries and Museums). They are also responsible for our libraries, museums and arts. Until now, archives have been viewed in the search room, via printed catalogues and index cards. Their aim is to make everything available through IT. www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/sro will take you to the website of the SRO itself. www.suffolkmuseums.org will not show every artefact, but gives a list of our 45 museums and a taster of what you will find in each.

www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/direct will take you to the Suffolk Libraries website, where you can get a library card, search the catalogue, renew or reserve a book. And, finally, the East of England Sense of Place can be found at www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/libraries/eesop. This local heritage website is still under construction. The next meeting, including the AGM, will take place on 16th April in the Village Hall Annexe. Guests are welcome, no technical knowledge required, and for further information ring 01502 722255. **Kay Ungless.**

COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from 19th February 2004 meeting. Mrs Kate Goodchild was elected Chairman for the coming year. Work will be carried out to beach hut sites on Trust land to deal with sand encroachment. Advice is being sought on treatment for the Cliff Field. The Trust's properties and land will be inspected in the spring. Legal advice regarding permanent easements in place of way-leave licences is being sought. Trustees will attend the meeting of Suffolk Estuarine Strategies to see the computer model of the Blyth estuary. Mr Nigel Hunt will remain as the Trustees' rep. on the Village Hall Management Committee. A grant of £1000 was given to Marie Curie Cancer Care; in 2003 they nursed three cancer sufferers in Walberswick. Every house in the village is entitled to a copy of the video of the Scroll at the reduced sum of £6.00. If you have not had yours please call at Lima Cottage or phone 724448.

Jayne Tibbles. *Clerk to the Trustees.*

CONCERTS AT BLYTHBURGH

Saturday 3rd April 7.00 p.m.

Organ and trumpet recital Keith Bond and Ian McKechnie.

Sunday 25th April 3.00 p.m.

Capella Anticana presents a programme of motets and anthems of the 16th and 17th centuries in honour of The Virgin Mary. Tickets at the door £6 (£5 Concessions)

Saturday 1st May 7.30 p.m.

"The Delightful Companies" Recorders, violin, bass viol/cello, harpsichord music with Keith Bond Organ. Tickets at the door £5 (under 16's free)

Patsy Murray.

CHURCH MATTERS

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

4th April	Palm Sunday	0930 Sung Eucharist
9th April	Good Friday	1400 Meditation at the Cross
11th April	Easter Day	0930 Sung Eucharist
		1800 Festal Evensong
18th April	2 nd of Easter	1100 Morning Prayer
25th April	3 rd of Easter	0930 Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 1700
Sunday School is on holiday

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Easter 10th April British Legion Vera Smith,
Dione Shirreff 24th

CHURCH CLEANERS

2nd Chris & Wendy Sinclair, Cynthia Jackson.
10th Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Ruth Bassett.
16th Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Elizabeth Leighton.
23rd Jean Waller, Margreet Walpole, Janet Simpson.
30th Diane Dawson, Pru Ford-Crush, Cynthia Jackson.

PARISH REGISTER

March 4th 2004

Funeral Service: Christopher Charles Gold aged 91.

March 6th 2004

Holy Matrimony: Paul Martin Denny with Elizabeth Mary Annesley.

March 18th 2004

Service of Thanksgiving and Interment of Ashes

Mary Clara Elizabeth Bell aged 90.

VELLORE MISSIONARY SALE

The Vellore Sale this year will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th May. Full details will be in the May issue of the Village News. Don't miss it!

Elizabeth Leighton.

LETTER FROM THE OLM

Regrettably, for the second month in a row, I have to start with an apology. Verbally, I encouraged people to watch a programme on BBC2, on 6th March, in the series '*The Battle for Britain's Soul*', because St Andrew's Church was due to feature in it. Well, the church did – the only problem was, if you blinked you would have missed it and the name of our church was not even mentioned! The only consolation for me was that I enjoyed watching the filming take place – it was a lot longer on the day! Recent weeks have seen the deaths of two people, Chris Gold and Mary Bell, who until they became housebound had been regular members of our church and very much involved in village affairs generally. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those who mourn their departure from this world. The Easter season will shortly be upon us. On Good Friday I shall again be leading a one hour service of meditation at 2.00 p.m. Services for Easter Day at St Andrew's are listed elsewhere in *Village News*, but you may wish to be aware that the Easter Vigil this year will take place at Holy Trinity Church Blythburgh, at 6.00 a.m. on Easter morning. Why not join us for one of those services as we celebrate that first Easter Day when Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Yours in the risen Christ,

Brian Fisher

RUSSELL COLLIS

The memorial service for Russell Collis will take place at 11.30 a.m. on Friday 23rd April at St Andrew's Church, Walberswick.

Kate Robinson.

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Wednesdays 14.30. Village Hall Annexe.

LIBRARY BUS

Alternate Fridays. Church 14.30/Village Hall 3.10 p.m.

2nd, 16th and 30th.

- 3rd Apr.** Concerts at Blythburgh 7.00 p.m.
6th Apr. Royal British Legion Committee Meeting. Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
14th Apr. WI - Taj Mahal talk.
15th Apr. GM Foods discussion/debate. Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
16th Apr. Blyth Valley Computer Society AGM. Village Hall annexe.
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28, 29, 30th April. Save the Children Wine and Smiles evenings.
1st May. Concerts at Blythburgh 7.30 p.m.
6th May. WLHG Talk, The Lost City of Dunwich. Time and venue TBC.
7th May. The RBL Walberswick Lecture - Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
8th May. David Shirreff Bird Song Walk. Hoist Covert Car Park 5.30 p.m.
9th May. Beach Clean 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
11th May. Save the Children Bridge Drive. Village Hall. 2.00 p.m.
15th May. Vellore Missionary Sale. Village Hall.
22nd May. Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 p.m.
28th Aug. Walberswick Village Fete.