



VILLAGE NEWS

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A NEW EDITOR!

The Village News Board of Management is pleased to give a warm welcome to our new editor Tony Green. Please take note of his contact details on the back page, The Village News email address will not change.

Justin Kibble. *Ex Editor.*

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Out of interest last year I kept a note of the amounts raised from the various charity events held in the village, e.g. coffee mornings, lunches, fetes, auctions, etc. The grand total was over £23,000 showing what a generous village we are!

Mary King.

THE WALBERSWICK SCROLL

The next showing of the Scroll will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th July, from 10.00 a.m. until noon. Many readers will be familiar with this extraordinary painting of the village produced in 1931 and 1932 by John Doman Turner. The video has found its way into many homes, but there's nothing like the real thing! I will be running it back and forth two or three times, so anyone who comes along should get a reasonable view of it.

Richard Scott.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Sincere thanks to all of you who supported our recent events; we are delighted with the sums raised: Wine and Smiles - £567. Thanks to Riq for his superb readings which we will have on video at a small cost for anyone who missed it! Collection Boxes - £124.31, *Bridge Drive* - £446.00. A successful afternoon when 56 players enjoyed their Bridge followed by excellent tea. Mary King ran the raffle which raised £100. Grateful thanks to everyone who donated prizes, food or loaned us tables. A great result for Save the Children.

Val Anderson & Maureen Thompson.

ERIC SCOTT (1904-1960)

I will be mounting a small exhibition of paintings and drawings by my father to mark the centenary of his birth. The show will be at Samphire Cottage (off the track to the Sluice Bridge) from 1st - 4th July, from 2 - 6 pm. Nothing will be for sale - except, possibly, for a few cards - and free refreshments will be provided for anyone who would care to call in. It was in this house that the bulk of my father's surviving work was produced in the 1950s, nearly all his earlier work having been destroyed in an air raid.

Richard Scott.

OPEN STUDIOS

Every weekend in June Suffolk Artists will be opening their studios to the public. In Walberswick Chris and Wendy Sinclair will have their studios open for the first three weekends; Anne Paton will be open by appointment only. Booklets listing all participants will be available free from local shops.

Wendy Sinclair.

THAI WEDDING TRIP

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our son James and his new wife to thank all those who sent gifts and cards of support. It was a very memorable day for all those relations and friends who made the long trip, 43 in all! We are planning to have a showing of the Buddhist ceremony, Christian ceremony and reception at the village hall on Saturday June the 5th at 7 p.m. We would like any of the villagers to join us in a rerun of this day - all welcome - please bring a bottle.

Pam and Wally Webb.

NSPCC CHARITY WALK

Despite a wet and windy morning on Sunday 18th April, eight walkers (6 from the village) braved the elements and with sponsorship and generous donations, we managed to raise £447.80 making it a very worthwhile annual event. We continue to raise much needed money and awareness of the Society in our community and to contribute to the work of the Suffolk Child Protection Team.

Cathryn Simpson.

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WI – RESOLUTIONS & GARDEN PARTY

The Resolutions for the WI AGM in London next month were excellently presented by three of our members at the May meeting. 1. We should urge the Government to put into place legislation to combat the trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and forced labour. We unanimously voted for this. 2. We should call upon the government to oppose the growing of GM crops in the UK. After a very lively and interesting discussion we voted against this resolution.

3. That the government should make substantial funds available to the Air Ambulance Service. We voted unanimously for this after hearing how lives were being saved due to this splendid service. We shall be on The Green at Heather Hyne's for our Garden Meeting in June.

Julia Josephs.

CONTROL OF SPEEDING

Lorry Haslegrave and I would like to thank all those who were able to find the time to reply to our letter. The additional notes

included in many of the replies were much appreciated. As at 14th May, 51% (194) of the estimated number of people who live full time in Walberswick had replied, and replies are still trickling in. 4% had no strong feelings either way. Those we deducted from the total. Of the remainder, 3% said NO and the remainder said that they supported the introduction of a speed calming scheme. In our letter we gave an example of a scheme already in place in Waldringfield, but we did not suggest what scheme would be most suitable for Walberswick. We wrote to the Chairman of the Parish Council on 7th May with the statistics that we had at that time, and the matter was raised at their Meeting on the 10th May. The Council agreed to invite an expert in traffic calming to visit Walberswick and give them advice on how they should proceed. Note: In our statistics, we have assumed that those who did not reply had no strong feeling one way or the other, or had simply lost the letter. Thank you again.

Alan Walpole and Lorry Haslegrave.

This letter is written in support of Alan Walpole's recent appeal for more positive action in the control of vehicle speed through the village. Also, having in mind the inevitable increase in traffic volume during the summer months I hope local motorists, whether concessionary drivers or otherwise, will set an example to visiting motorists be it on the matter of speed or observing the various parking stipulations, local or otherwise.

A parked vehicle acts not only as, 'a priming of the pump' for others to follow suit but also a hazard for children darting out into the path of passing traffic, perhaps speeding?

Don Thompson. *The Green.*

SCRABBLE AFTERNOON

Come and play Scrabble at the Anchor Inn on Tuesday 6th July at 2.30 p.m. Bring a friend or three and help raise money for the NSPCC. £3 per person. Raffle & Prizes.

Tickets: Tel. 01502 722255

Pru Ford-Crush.

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

Garden Party time again at Dutch House on Saturday 26th June at 2.30 p.m. in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research.

Entrance £1 to include tea, home-made scones and jam. Usual stalls and raffles. Pray for a sunny day!

Mary King.

THE 'DAVID SHIRREFF' BIRD SONG WALK

It was not a morning for the faint hearted, the cloud scudding low on a stiffening wind whilst a hint of drizzle clutched the chilled unseasonably wintry air. That same reluctance to vacate ones warm bed applied in equal measure to the forsaking of a sheltered hedge or tree to venture forth on open ground. In many cases the warm beds seemingly won the day. But at the appointed hour a hardy and defiant band of ten had gathered, consisting of the very young (Jack and Lucy back again) and the more senior regulars with nobody in the middle. I wonder if that tells us anything of ourselves?

A Nightingale regaled us at the outset his rich repertoire both cheered and fortified us. Then the usual fun began, sorting out Blackcap from Garden Warbler, Sedge Warbler from Reed Warbler. Cettis shouted loud from hidden fen and the Bittern begrudgingly betrayed his presence near by, another Nightingale this one actually spotted by Lucy kept up the momentum. Most of us then headed back to the Bell for breakfast. The hat collection plus donations from some who did not make it on the day came to £55.00. This to be divided equally between Walberswick Church and the SWT/RSBP Dingle Marshes Project

Tony Lancaster.

A CEILIDH

In aid of our village hall a Ceilidh will be held on Saturday 18th September at 7.30 p.m. No partner required. Everyone welcome. Live band, drinks & hot dogs for sale. Tickets £10 per person (£6 under 10's). More information to follow - watch this space!

Pru Ford-Crush.

COMMON LANDS TRUST

Report from the April meeting. Grants from the 2003 car-park covenant were finalised. Beneficiaries include the Village Hall (annual subsidy & contribution to maintenance work), History Group towards a projector, annual Easter egg hunt, chippings for swings area, weekly minibus to Halesworth & Lowestoft, travel & education fund and funds for the Trusts' regular quarterly beneficiaries. New signs will be placed on the track to the caravan site to deter parking by the Went Bridge. A new three year agreement for the sale of ice cream on the car parks has been agreed.

The Trust will be sponsoring a children's fun sports day on Sunday 8th August on the sports field. The cricket club will organise the event and would appreciate offers of help with planning, assistance on the day etc, anyone interested in helping please contact David Webb, Kate Goodchild or me. **Jayne Tibbles.** *Clerk to the Trustees.*

ROSEMARY WHITEHEAD (nee Burke)

Derek and Mary Burke want to thank all our many friends here in Walberswick for their kind sympathy over the loss of our daughter "Rosie" who died peacefully in her sleep on 14th April, aged 41, from complications following breast cancer. Rosie was the much loved and loving wife of Tom Whitehead, mother of Rafe (6), Benedict (4) and Catherine (2), and sister of Elizabeth Tregear, Virginia West and Stephen Burke. **Derek Burke.**

BLYTH VALLEY COMPUTER SOCIETY

Our April meeting began with a brief AGM. The Chairman, Piers Ford-Crush, summed up this year's excellent events and remarked on record attendances. An illustrated talk, "Faking it on a PC", was given by the Chairman himself. During a fascinating evening, Piers showed us how easy it is to fake photographs or images using programmes like Photoshop and a digital camera. We saw early examples of complex photographic manipulation from the mid 19th century, so-called psychic photos, examples of Russian dictator Stalin's airbrushing and cropping of political rivals from history, and unconvincing UFO pictures. Until recently images had to be altered by laborious cutting and pasting methods and superimposing multiple images during development and printing. Now this can all be done with the click of a mouse. Our outing to East Anglian Pharmaceuticals Ltd next month will bring this year to a close. The 2004/2005 season will start on Friday, 1st October at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. No technical knowledge required. For further information ring 722 255

Kay Ungless.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

If you have tales of inconsiderate parking by visitors to the Village during the high season last year I would be interested to hear or receive a note from you. **Alan Walpole.** *Strawberry Corner, Main Street - 724763.*

CHURCH MATTERS**CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE**

06 Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
13 1st of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
	6 p.m.	Choral Evensong
20 2nd of Trinity	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer
27 St Peter/ St Paul	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

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

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Elizabeth Leighton, Bubbles Love, Judy Morton,
Cynthia Jackson, British Legion; Vivien Hunt.

CHURCH CLEANERS

04th Di Dawson, Margreet Walpole, Elizabeth Leighton.
11th Chris and Wendy Sinclair, Ruth Bassett.
18th Craster and Kathleen Patterson, Cynthia Jackson.
25th Pat Wythe, Betty Jones, Pru Ford-Crush.

PARISH REGISTER

23rd April 2004 Service of Thanksgiving
Russell Collis aged 95

27th April 2004 Burial of Ashes
Christopher Charles Gold aged 91

LETTER FROM THE OLM

I am putting pen to paper (well not really, I'm putting fingers to keyboard!) just as Christian Aid Week draws to a close, so let me say a big 'thank you' to all those (young and old) who helped with the house-to house collection as well as to all of you who gave so generously to the work of Christian Aid. Next month we shall let you know how much money was collected in the village. In connection with Christian Aid, some of you may have heard mention of the parable of how to recycle a goat – if you want to learn more stop me and ask when you next see me!

At the end of this month I, together with all the other clergy in the diocese, will be going to The Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire for a four-day conference. We shall be listening to speakers (including the Director of Christian Aid, Dr Daleep Mukarji, who trained as a doctor at the Christian Medical College in Vellore), as well as taking part in various workshops. The present Archbishop of Canterbury will give the opening address. The aims of the conference are to help us, as clergy, to reflect upon the changes that have taken place in Church and Society in recent decades, and to help us to work out how we can use the opportunities that those changes offer. Whatever I learn at the conference will, hopefully, be useful in my ministry here in Walberswick.

Yours in Christ's service,

Brian Fisher.

WALBERSWICK LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club has now resumed after the break for Lent. Our next lunch, in the Village Hall, will be on Friday 11th June, at 12.30 p.m. The cost as usual will be £5. All are welcome.

Brian Fisher.

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Wednesdays 14.30. Village Hall Annexe.

LIBRARY BUSAlternate Fridays. Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.
11th and 25th.**FITNESS**

Classes in the Village Hall, Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m.

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Luncheon Club - Village Hall 12.30 p.m..

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Friends Of The Summer Theatre Fete.

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Motor Neurone Disease Garden Party - Dutch House 2.30 p.m..

01-04 Jul

Eric Scott Exhibition Samphire Cottage 2.00 - 6.00 p.m.

06 Jul

NSPCC Scrabble afternoon, Anchor Inn 2.00 p.m.

10 Jul

Walberswick Scroll on display - Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to Noon

24 Jul

Horticultural Show.