



VILLAGE NEWS

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Overseas Postbag!

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Dear Editor,

I thought I ought to advise you a copy of your high-energy 'Village News' of July 2004 has reached me here in the remote countryside of central Ontario - remote from Walberswick, that is.

One of your recent visitors, knowing my deep interest in English history, sent me a copy of the news, together with 'St Andrew, Walberswick - History of the Church' and Merle Tidey's comprehensive 'In and Around the Village of Walberswick' - all of it fascinating reading.

I trust the ongoing unpleasantness between you Walberswickians and the men of Dunwich has abated somewhat over the years.

It is very satisfying to see how unfaltering the community is in its determination to preserve the unique character and architectural heritage of the village. It is good too, to see that there is a continuing awareness of wildlife (ref. 'In and Around the Village . . .' pp.32). One would expect your part of the coast to be a rewarding observation site for birds, both indigenous species and interesting migrants, with perhaps the occasional unlikely stray.

When I finally win the lottery my plan is to visit Walberswick - together with the passage tomb of Newgrange, the dinosaur museum of Ulan Bator, and some of the world's other most interesting places.

Good luck to the village in all its endeavours.

Tony Newman, Lisle, Ontario, Canada

Great to know that interest in the village and the 'Village News' goes so far afield! (Ed.)

Cakes And Coffee Morning

We have had three very enjoyable and successful 'Cake and Coffee' mornings in the church porch during the summer and the final one takes place on Saturday the 4th September, from 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. We will again have a fine selection of cakes, together with homemade jam and a plant and garden produce stall. So, come and join us and help boost the fund for the new equal-access toilet in the church.

Elizabeth Leighton

SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council is receiving complaints of drivers, **visitors** and **residents**, travelling too fast in and out of the village.

The Village Green area is especially dangerous with children likely to step out into the road at any time.

PLEASE, WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Viv Hunt, Clerk to the PC

Village Fete 'Finishing Touches' 28th August

Do you have any unwanted bags, hats, belts, jewellery, ties, scarves, etc. for the Village Fete 'Finishing Touches' stall?

I will be very willing to collect.

Sue Green, 722347

Sponsored Cycle Ride: Saturday 11th Sept.

There's still time to join. If cycling is not your 'scene' nowadays, how about walking 'round Norwich or Ipswich churches? OR...Why not be a sponsored recorder in the church porch?

All proceeds will be shared between the 'Suffolk Historic Churches Trust' and the church of your choice.

Ruth Bassett, Herons, Church Field, Tel: 722474

Walberswick Village Hall Ceilidh

Will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th September 2004 at 7.30 p.m. Doors open 7 p.m. Local band 'Near Enough' will supply us with a caller and live music all evening. There will be a bar, refreshments and a superb raffle. Come and have fun and support our local hall. Tickets are on sale from The Tuck Shop or Village Hall Committee. Queries 01502 722255/722611

Walberswick Carpet Bowls Club

The new season will start on Wednesday October 6th at 7.30 - to 9 p.m. in the Village hall. Carpet Bowls is good fun; we are not too serious and enjoy our evenings. We have a friendly match against Reydon once a year and an end of season Dinner, which this year was at The Bell. We are looking for a few more members, so come along in October when you will be very welcome. Contact;

Maureen Thompson, 01502 723755

Penny Hetherington

My mother, my brother and I were overwhelmed and very grateful for the many letters, cards, 'phone calls and visits we received after the death of my sister, Penny.

We would also like to thank all the people who have in different ways given their support and friendship during her long and distressing illness.

Judith Hetherington

Children's Fun Sports Day

The Trustees and the Cricket Club would like to thank all those who helped organise the event, helped set up and assist on the day and, of course, the parents and children who took part in the races. A good time was had by all.

Jayne Tibbles *Clerk to the Trustees*

Report From The Parish Council Meeting Monday 2ND August

The main discussion at the PC Meeting was traffic calming in the village. Mark Youngman, Speed Management Officer, from the Environment and Transport Department attended the meeting and outlined all the possible methods of reducing the speed of traffic entering and exiting the village. The Parish Council decided to re-form the Visitor Management Group to see if there was a way forward using the suggestions from Mark Youngman.

The Parish Council opposed the erection of a single-storey and first-floor extensions at Old School, Leveretts Lane. They considered that the revised application, which proposed seven bedrooms, would still result in over massing of the site and would be out of scale and character with the original school. They also opposed the change of use from a restaurant to a single dwelling at DeCressy's, but had no objections to the erection of a two-storey extension.

Viv Hunt, *Clerk to the PC*

Advice Surgery

Free confidential benefits advice will be made available to all residents age 60+ in Southwold and the surrounding area.

Age Concern working in partnership with the Fox Trust are committed to assisting retired people in the area and appreciate that many older people in the community would prefer to access information on their 'doorstep'. Southwold Town Council have offered the use of a ground floor room at the Town Hall free of charge.

An Advice Surgery will be held on the last Tuesday of every month between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, commencing on Tuesday 28th September 2004. The service is available to retired people who require help with completing forms such as Housing and Council Tax benefit and Pension Credit. Information will also be available on disability related benefits and where necessary a home visit can be arranged. Many people are uncertain as to what they are entitled to and this is an excellent opportunity for people to check whether they are receiving all benefits to which they may be entitled.

For further information of this surgery and dates for surgeries held in Beccles and Lowestoft please contact: **01986 872707** (9.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm, Monday to Friday)

Tractor Bob

The sound of a vintage tractor has not been heard in the village for some time. Tractor Bob died on the 2nd of July 2004.

Robert John Snowden was born in Southwold on the 16th of August 1936. His family had lived in the area for several generations. Snowdens Yard in Southwold is named after his grandfather who sold paraffin and hardware there in the 1900s, and his father was the groundsman on Southwold golf course.

After leaving Reydon School he worked on the land in Suffolk and Essex driving tractors and agricultural machinery, at which he became expert.

In the 1970s he moved to a smallholding in Lodge Road, Walberswick, where he lived in a caravan with his dog, a tame pheasant, ducks and geese. He was a genuine animal lover; dogs were his favourites.

For many years he worked with Ginger Winyard who owned the village shop and numerous smallholdings; they grew vegetables and flowers, which were sold in the shop.

Bob also did gardening work in the village, becoming indispensable to some of his elderly customers. Inside the perennial blue boiler suit and baseball cap was a very kind and helpful person, who never complained about his own problems. He had been a diabetic for forty-five years.

About eleven years ago Bob was persuaded to move to Adams Lane where he lived with helpful and friendly neighbours.

He would be annoyed if he knew that 'some stupid Pratt' had suggested that the village will miss him!

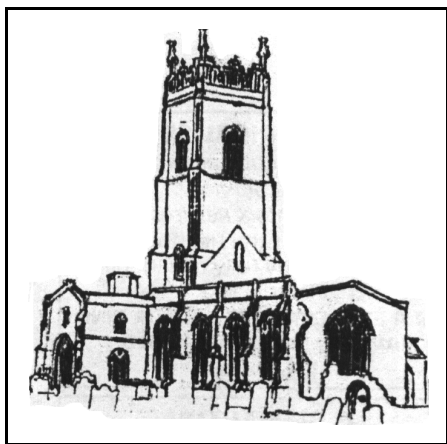
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WI Drugs And Alcohol Abuse

Our new season begins again on the 8th of September with a talk, given by Mr Herne, on the Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall from 2.30 p.m. (talks begin at 3 p.m.) and we are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

Julia Josephs



SEPTEMBER CHURCH MATTERS

CHURCH SERVICES

05	13 th of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
12	14 th of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
		6 p.m.	Choral Evensong
19	15 th of Trinity	11 a.m.	Morning Prayer
26	16 th of Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Sunday School in the Village Hall Annexe 10 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

British Legion: Catherine Simpson

04	Cynthia Jackson
11	Dione Shirreff
18	Kathleen Patterson
25	Chrissie Reeves

CHURCH CLEANERS

03	Elizabeth Leighton, Pat Wythe, Betty Jones
10	Diane Dawson, Pru Ford-Crush, Janet Simpson
17	Mary King, Cynthia Jackson, Ruth Bassett
24	Craster and Kathleen Patterson, Jean Waller
(01 Oct.	Elizabeth Leighton, Pat Wythe, Betty Jones)

St ANDREW'S GUILD

There will be a meeting of the Guild on Monday the 13th September at 10.30 a.m. in Saltlick, home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon-Potts.

Everyone interested in keeping our church clean and beautifully decorated will be very welcome.
Wendy Sinclair

LETTER FROM THE OLM

An American named Maxwell Anderson wrote a song in 1938 with these words:

*'But it's a long, long while from May to December;
And the days grow short when you reach September.'*

All I can say is that reaching September again, a year on from last September let alone last May, does not seem a long, long while when you write a monthly column like this one! It gets to the stage when you sit at the computer keyboard and think, 'what on earth shall I write about this time'!

I realise that I made a mistake in last month's letter. The annual Blessing of the Animals Service will be taking place at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh on 29th August and NOT on 29th September – hopefully, you will receive this newsletter in time to be alerted to that error. The Revd Simon Ward will be leading that service.

We have received a good number of applications from serving priests to fill the vacancy left by Graham Owen's departure for Framlingham; we pray that the person of God's choice will be appointed at the interviews which take place on 21st September.

The Walberswick Luncheon Club will take place on the third Friday this month i.e. 17th September. As usual everyone is welcome, for the princely sum of £5.

Just to alert you that our Harvest Festival services will take place on Sunday 10th October, with the annual Harvest Supper taking place on Friday, 8th October.

Yours in Christ's name,

Brian Fisher

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, WALBERSWICK

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LIBRARY BUS****NEW TIME!** Wednesdays 2.30 p.m. Village Hall Annexe.

Church 2.30 p.m./ Village Hall 3.10 p.m.

Alternate Fridays. (03 & 17)

FITNESS

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

04 'Cakes & Coffee' morning, church porch, 10.30 a.m - 12.30 p.m.**04** 'Words and Music with Love', Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**08** Start of new WI season, Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.**11** Sponsored Cycle Ride**18** Village Hall Fund Raising Ceilidh at 7.30 p.m.**19** Start of Children's Drama Workshop, Village Hall, 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.**22** Autumn Begins**25** Walberswick Open Golf Tournament, 10 a.m.

(At Southwold Golf Club)

06 Oct

Carpet Bowls Club, every Wednesday from, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SOUTHWOLD HIGH TIDE (APPROX)

04/09 0238,

11/09 0911,

18/09 0128,

25/09 0810

(Full Moon 28/09)