



## A Ferry Big Thank You!

Following our return from competing in the Great River Race in London on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> we would like to say a very big thank you for the tremendous support that we received. We managed to complete the race all in one piece in an overall 90<sup>th</sup> position out of a total of 270 boats. We completed the race in 3 hours three quarters and although tough going it was a fantastic experience. We would like to say a special thank you to: -

Phillip Wayre (for lending us his boat trailer), Nick Beck (for making our rudder), Paul Ireland, The Bell Hotel, Walberswick (for organising our supporters getting to London making it an extra special day), Gary Brown (providing the flag pole), Plumber on a Mission and Jo Taylor (for making us a super flag), John Palmer (lending us spare rowlocks), Martin and Willmott (for servicing and repairing the trailer so that it would get us to London), Wells Photographic (printing photographs for us for the Great River Race programme), Richard Fisk (for providing historical ferry pictures and stories for the Great River Race programme), Luke Jeans (for filming us training and racing and helping with our publicity) and to all our customers and friends for their moral support.

Without these people we would not have been able to undertake this adventure. An amazing total of £3970.75 was raised for the Sandra Chapman Unit, James Paget Hospital from kind and generous donations and sponsorship from ferry customers, friends and the local community.

Thanks Again

**Dani, Adrian, Crispin and Diane**

**(The Walberswick—Southwold Ferry Crew)**

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## Bonfire Night

A big thank you to my usual band: -

Fireworks: Philip accompanied by Ben, Whisk and Richard.

Sparklers: Tibbles and Kevin.

Potatoes and soup: Sarah, Sonja, Julia and Pam.

Buckets: David and Tony.

Special thanks go to Sue, from the Bell, for donating the soup, and to Karen the 'fixer'.

Thank you all once again.

**Wally Webb**

## CANCER RESEARCH U.K. - MINI MARKET

Once again our annual charity event for Cancer Research U.K will be held on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of December in the Walberswick Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. As well as our usual stalls, we hope to have some Christmas decorations for sale and there will also be Christmas cards on sale.

The silent auction will again take place and we hope to have approximately 15/ 20 items. The auction proves to be great fun and is a good fundraiser. I do hope you will give us your support so as to make this event the success we hope to achieve.

**Margaret Adkinson**

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## Blyth Valley Computing Society

Peter Byrne gave our November talk; he lives in Walberswick and is the IT Director for a national firm of estate agents. Peter showed how new technology has changed the whole process of buying and selling houses. 67% of buyers now start with a search on the Internet. Estate agents can match properties to buyer's requirements using their computer databases. Buyers are advised of appropriate properties for sale, immediately they come on the market, by text messaging and email.

Big estate agent companies are now in partnership with legal firms to offer speedier conveyancing, with guaranteed standards of service, through text messaging transaction progress updates as well as secure online access to their own sale or purchase case file on the web.

Peter spoke of the Government's plans to introduce Home Information Packs (HIP's), which is in the final stages before Parliament. The object of the HIP is to make property transactions speedier and therefore reduce the uncertainty of our current system. The HIP, prepared before a property goes on the market, will provide full information to a buyer prior to making an offer rather than after an offer has been accepted; often many weeks later, as it is now. Opinion is divided about the proposed changes.

Peter demonstrated software based on Ordnance Survey mapping that allows accurate measurement of land and house plot areas throughout the UK. There was some rivalry among members as the exact size of some gardens was calculated.

**Piers Ford-Crush, Chairman**

## Walberswick Common Lands Charity

Work will be carried out this winter to clear sand encroachment from the beach hut sites on Trust land. Winter work on the Common is in progress. Quotes are being sought for dyke clearance on the grazing marshes. The Trust is again sponsoring a Children's Christmas party; contact Jacqui Morcombe for details. There is a new format for applicants requesting grants from the car park covenant. Applications will be considered in early 2005, although final decisions will not be made until March/April. Please contact me for details of the new procedures if you have a project to put forward.

**Jayne Tibbles, Clerk to the Trustees**

## W.A.T.S. Next?

Many village thespians have confided that they are missing the camaraderie and fun of the pantomime during the winter months. So, we are inviting anyone (sorry, not children this time) interested in taking part in a comedy in early spring – anything from acting to ticket sales – to come to Lilliput, Lodge Road on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January between 3 and 5 p.m.

This is just for a chat, maybe a read, to take your details and see if there is sufficient interest. Nothing scary! If you are unable to come but would like to be included, please ring Julia on 723179 or Val on 724609.

We will be delighted to see anyone, no experience necessary, but we're particularly keen to see some more men! (Most plays include a fine smattering of males!)

**Val Anderson and Julia Sowerbutts**

## WI: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Come and join us for some fun and a happy time and get into the Christmas mood!

At the AGM held at the November meeting we were pleased to welcome three new committee members: Jenny Cardew, Celia MacCarthy and Irene Prince.

With the resignation of Barbara Taylor we had to elect a new chairman and were delighted when Jenny Cardew, after a unanimous vote from the members, agreed to serve the branch. Business over, we were treated to a prison officer and his two dogs (Labrador and Spaniel) explaining and demonstrating how they deal with drugs at Hollesley Bay prison.

**Julia Josephs**

## Are You Interested in becoming a School Governor?

The Governing Body of Sir John Leman High School needs to appoint a Community Governor. If you are interested, or would like to know something of what is involved, please contact me, on 01502 724609.

**Val Anderson, Chair of Governors**

## Setting Up Home

**MIN & KEITH** would like to say a huge thank you to all those in the village and there's too many to name, for the overwhelming support we have had in setting up home. Your help has been most appreciated. Thank you.

## November Parish Council Meeting Report

### Planning

Permission had been granted for the erection of a single-storey, first floor extension and a replacement garage at Old School Cottage, Leveretts Lane, subject to the development being carried out in accordance with the plans and information contained in the application. Retrospective planning permission had also been granted for the retention of veranda decking at The Old Yacht Yard. Although Waveney District Council had reported the PC's objections to the Rural Development Committee, and agreed it was a sensitive site, they did not consider the development changed the character of the area.

### Local Issues

Condition of shingle bank between Walberswick and Dunwich - In response to the Council's concern about the deterioration of part of the shingle bank breached earlier this year, the Environment Agency had written to reassure the Council that inspections of the bank were made on a regular basis and they would continue to monitor the situation.

Beach Clean - Councillor Buncombe thanked all those who had turned out for the beach clean on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Wheelie Bins - Councillor Dabbs had been approached by residents, who understood that wheelie bins were being introduced into the village. Suffolk Coastal would be approached on this issue.

Recycling Facilities - It was agreed to place this on December's agenda.

Christmas Arrangements - The Carol Service 'round the tree will take place on the Village Green, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m.

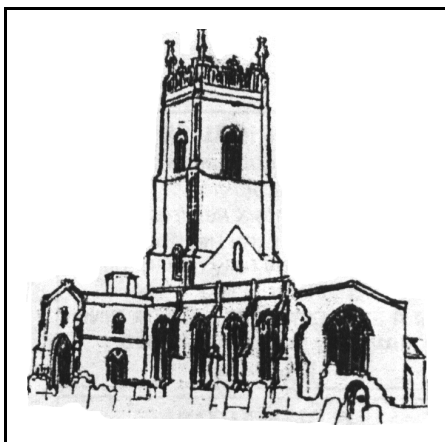
**Viv Hunt, Clerk to Council**

## Save The Children Fund

This year I have raised £158.65 from my books. Not as much as last year! Blame a wet summer!

Thank you for giving books and also for buying them.

**Wyn Riddell**



## CHURCH MATTERS

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

05	Advent 2	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
12	Advent 3	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
		6 o'clock	Choral Evensong
19	Advent 4	0930 a.m.	Eucharist
		6 o'clock	LESSONS AND CAROLS
24	Christmas Eve	4.30 p.m.	Blessing the Crib
25	Christmas Day	9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist
26	Christmas 1	9.30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist

Holy Communion 1662 (said) every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.  
Evening Prayer is said every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

### FLOWER ARRANGERS

(No flowers in Advent)

25 Christmas

### CHURCH CLEANERS

03	Craster & Kathleen Patterson, Elizabeth Leighton
10	Betty Jones, Pat Wythe, Diane Dawson
17	Cynthia Jackson, Ruth Bassett, Mary King
24	Janet Simpson, Chris & Wendy Sinclair
31	Pru Ford-Crush, Margreet Walpole, Jean Waller

### Farewell Jim Johnson

We were sad to hear of the death of Jimmy Johnson in a car accident in Canada at the end of August. Jim, a teacher for the US Air Force, married a Walberswick girl and came to live in Lodge Road. He was a highly popular figure on the tennis circuit and won many prizes.

He continued to keep in touch after returning to his beloved homeland and it was good to see him last year.

Jim was a regular worshiper at St Andrew's.

**Julia Josephs**

## Lessons And Carols By Candlelight

This wonderful Christmas service telling in lessons and carols of the birth of Jesus will be in St. Andrew's on Sunday 19th December at 6 p.m. Be sure to come and join us in our beautiful candlelit church.

**Julia Josephs**

### Christmas Coffee Morning

There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning at Greengates on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> December between 10.30 a.m. and 12 Noon in aid of the 'Loo Fund'.

Admission will be £1, which will include coffee and mince pies. There will also be a small cake stall with festive fare. Everyone is welcome.

**Elizabeth Leighton**

### Parish Register

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Burial of Betty Lilian Philbin aged 87
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Burial, following cremation, of Ernest Hughes, aged 78 (Denise Brentnall's father)

### LETTER FROM THE OLM

Yes, Christmas is rapidly approaching once again – is it me or does it seem to arrive earlier every year?

Due to the popularity of the Crib Service last Christmas Eve, we are going to repeat it, but at the later time of 4.30 p.m., thus enabling Patsy to zoom from an earlier service at Blythburgh to be able to play for us. I am hoping to involve children (and some willing parents) in the service. Over the Christmas period there will also be services at 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day & Boxing Day (a Sunday this year).

Prior to Christmas we shall be celebrating the season of Advent. The Sole Bay Team, lead by the Revd. John Mockford, will be holding a Quiet Morning at Reydon Church Room On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December (10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.) to which everyone is invited.

Don't forget the Christmas Luncheon Club on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The cost, as usual, will be £5, and will include a glass of wine and other extras! It is not too late to book for the lunch.

Let me close this letter with a verse from a poem by Tom Krause:

*'The meaning of Christmas is not about presents or just having fun  
but the gift of a father – his own precious Son  
so the world would be saved when his work was all done.'*

May God bless you and grant you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

**Brian Fisher.**

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LIBRARY BUS**

Village Hall Annexe, Wednesdays 2.30 p.m.

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

Alternate Fridays. (10 &amp; 24)

**FITNESS  
BVCS**

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

Meetings, 2nd. Friday of the month, Village Hall, 7 p.m.

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- 03** Southwold, Carols & Lights 'Switch On', 6.15 p.m. onwards  
**04** Cancer Research, Village Hall, 10.00 a.m. - 12 Noon  
**08** WI Christmas Party, Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.  
**10** Luncheon Club, Village Hall, 12.30 p.m.  
**11** Christmas Coffee Morning, 'Greengates', 10.30 a.m. - 12 Noon  
**20** Carol Service, Village Green, 7 p.m.  
**21** Winter Begins

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**09 Jan.** WATS Audition, 'Lilliput', Lodge Road, 3 - 5 p.m.**SOUTHWOLD HIGH TIDE (APPROX)****04/ 0237, 11/ 0912, 18/ 0233, 25/ 0937**  
(Full Moon 26th)