

Annual Parish Meeting

Walberswick Village website.

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The Walberswick website is now entering its 10th year. Our small team consists of Claire Whittenbury who looks after the news blog and galleries, Michelle Webb keeps the Diary up to date and I fill in the bits in between. The Parish Council, the Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the Village Hall and the Walberswick Local History Group ably edit, publish and maintain their own pages. The website covers every aspect of our village life and with its infinite capacity for storage is naturally acting as a marvellous village archive.

During the year we have continued to add new pages. The Car Parks have their own page, the Heritage Hut has its own page, and at Simon's request we have added a photo gallery to St Andrew's website. Public Information is now separated from our local information, and how about submitting a photograph for our Walberswick Wildlife gallery?

However, on January 28th Community Action Suffolk upgraded us. We lost our masthead and our layout and for a short while few of the editors could gain access let alone our readers. I have to thank Claire and Michelle for battling with this and within a few days it had regained some shape and we began to see our way around it. But, we're still working on it, some features are no longer available, and some new features just need getting used to! Please bear with us whilst we go through it page by page trying to sort things out.

Then, the GDPR has caused us to think again about keeping articles and information ad infinitum. We may no longer keep anything which contains personal information which can identify any living person without the persons' express permission. There can be no implicit consent.

The impact is far reaching and even changes the way we administer the site; we can no longer retain contact forms on the server as they contain personal data. We are continuing to take advice and work with One Suffolk to ensure we maintain our high standards after the GDPR deadline of May 25th.

Sadly this means that we can no longer publish the Village News. The digital version of the Village News is read by 2nd homers, visitors, those away from home and anyone interested in Walberswick. But, it contains many names, addresses and phone numbers of the contributors who have not given the website their express permission to publish their article. So, the May issue will be the last one and then all the archived Village News back to 2009 will be deleted.

If you are contributing to the Village News and would like your article published on the website too, to reach a larger audience, just send us a copy giving us your permission to publish. When you email it to Gavin, why not address it to the website as well. You'll see the address in the forthcoming May issue. We can publish it with photographs and illustrations too if you wish. Our space is infinite!

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