



# Walberswick Village News

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## Congratulations to Cathy Ryan MBE

Our warmest congratulations to the indefatigable Cathy Ryan, Community Matron at Sole Bay Health Centre and Founder of Sole Bay Care Fund, who received a thoroughly deserved MBE in the New Years Honours List for her services to nursing and fund raising in Suffolk. Cathy has made a tremendous impact in the local community through her nursing and dementia work, and has been a lifesaver to many in the village. Her fund raising efforts are beyond legendary, and are so numerous that it is impossible to list them. **Editor**

## Calling all Gardeners and Bakers

Have you ever wondered why your Horticultural Show entries did not win? Why your eggs came second when they were the only entry? Why didn't your spectacular dahlias not even achieve a place? Why didn't your cake impress the judges? We hope to have the answers to these questions and many more. Our judges from last year, Mr Akers and Mrs Georgi, will be giving us advice on Thursday, 12 March, at 7pm in the Village Hall. They will give us tips and guidance for growing, baking and exhibiting. Even if you do not enter the Horticultural Show, we hope you will come along and enjoy the evening as there will be useful information for all gardeners and bakers. So get your questions ready! Entry is free, including a glass of wine. **Betsy Lemmon**



Mary Godfrey's Best in Show chocolate cake in the 2019 Walberswick Horticultural Show

## A razor-sharp production of Sweeney Todd the Barber

The village thespians are treating Walberswick to a murderous rampage as they re-enact the infamous story of Sweeney Todd, who sets up a barber shop and a sinister partnership with Mrs Lovett, a pie shop owner. Directed by Clive Brynley-Jones and acted, produced and managed by residents and friends, the show promises a blood-curdling ride that includes revenge, violence, humour and song. Runs from Thursday, 13 February to Sunday, 16 February in the Village Hall. Performance details and how to obtain tickets can be found in the *Diary Dates* Section. **Editor**

### THE ANCHOR

Vinyl Night - Sunday, 2 February

Food from 6pm and Vinyl from 7pm

Thai Night - Tuesday, 18 February, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

£16.50 per adult, £10 per child under 10 years

\* Unlimited filter coffee, Anchor toast, and homemade marmalade 8am -11am, £5 per person \*

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## Parish Council News

We are pleased that the new slide on the Green is in place and got plenty of use over the Christmas holidays. We look forward to additional improvements to the play equipment on the Common and the Green in the weeks and months ahead.

At our meeting on 13 January, County Cllr. Richard Smith announced that in response to requests made by the WCLC and the Parish Council, he had arranged through Suffolk Highways to have a study of the road configuration at the Water Tower and the B1387. This is a critical first step in getting long needed road improvements to this dangerous turning.

We also heard from District Cllr. David Beavan about his initiative to improve the availability of bus services to connect our coastal villages and towns. We are grateful for both these initiatives and very much look forward to seeing progress.

**The Walberswick Parish Council**

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## Diary Dates

### WI Meeting: Lighthouses

**Thursday, 6 February**

**2.30pm in the Village Hall.** Tim Harris will talk about lighthouses in East Anglia and the work of Trinity House, which maintains over 60 lighthouses. Visitors and new members welcome.

**Sheila Parry, WI Committee**

### Parish Council Meeting

**Monday, 10 February**

**7.15pm in the Village Hall Annexe.** All enquiries to walberswickclerk@gmail.com

### Sweeney Todd the Barber

**Thursday - Sunday, 13-16 February**

Walberswick proudly presents SWEENEY TODD THE BARBER, a Victorian melodrama. Evening shows start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Thursday through Saturday, 13-15 February. Matinee on Sunday, 16 February at 2.30pm. Tickets are £10 and are now available from the Tuck Shop or phone 01502 722120/01502 723743. Please note that the production is not suitable for very young children. **Jill Willison**

### Walberswick Children's Club

**Friday, 28 February**

**Doors open at 5.30pm, activities start at 6pm in the Village Hall.** £1 admission on the door. Drinks and snacks on sale on the evening. Contact **Hannah** on hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com for more information.

### Horticultural Question Time

**Thursday, 12 March**

**7pm in the Village Hall.** Last year's Horticultural Show judges will be providing advice and answering questions on growing, baking and exhibiting. All enthusiastic gardeners and bakers welcome, even if you do not enter the show. Entry is free, including a glass of wine. **Betsy Lemmon**



## Planning applications

At the time of going to print, the following properties were still awaiting a decision on their planning applications:

- Vine Cottage, The Green
- Land next to Redmay, Lodge Road
- The Hut, The Lea
- Co-Op, The Street
- Lilliput, Lodge Road
- Longroof, Leveretts Lane
- Sea View, The Street
- Westons, The Street

For the latest applications and full details on the above, go to the Planning page on the Village Website. For the Planning Advisory Group reports, go to [tinyurl.com/tdbvulf](http://tinyurl.com/tdbvulf)

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

## Walberswick Local History Group Bloody Marsh, a talk by Dr Peter Warner Saturday, 14 March

**6pm in the Village Hall.** In April 1644, a steward employed by the lord of the manor died in an altercation with Walberswick villagers over grazing rights and three men were later hanged for his murder. The disputed area, to the south of Westwood Lodge, gained the name Bloody Marsh. There were many conflicts about the enclosure of common land around Walberswick and there is no better guide to this subject than Dr Peter Warner, Emeritus Fellow of Homerton College, Cambridge.

The talk will begin at 6pm, earlier than usual. Afterwards there will be a chance to chat over a glass of wine. Free for members, £5 for non-members.

**Edward Wright**



## Walberswick Christmas Day Swim collection

A massive thank you to all those who helped at the Christmas Day Swim. In particular, our thanks to those who provided the mulled wine to warm up the swimmers, and the old sailor boy and his mistress, who walked around with the RNLI collection boxes. An amazing £314.73 was raised.

**Jon Winyard, RNLI Walberswick Branch**

## Charity Christmas Card collection

Thanks to all those who subscribed to the Village Christmas Card. We were able to send £220 to the Sole Bay Care Fund. Thanks also to the staff in the Co-Op, who helped make this happen.

**Viv Hunt and Irene Prince**

## Urgent review sought for major energy projects in Suffolk

Walberswick is one of 32 local communities that have joined forces to oppose moves to build seven major energy projects in the county. The local councils have jointly written to the Secretary for State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, asking the government urgently to review the impact of the proposed plans on local communities and the cumulative impact on the county. The projects include Sizewell C, the 30-acre substation at Friston, new windfarms and the expansion of existing windfarms, as well as plans for new cables across the North Sea and into the county. More information can be found in the *East Anglia Daily News* report, which can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/sx8wfj8](http://tinyurl.com/sx8wfj8)

**Editor**

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## Message from Margot

My thanks to everyone for the many get-well messages I received during my recent stay in hospital. Your thoughtfulness really cheered me up. I am now home and feeling better. Unfortunately, I was unable to send out my usual Christmas greetings over the festive period, so would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year. **Margot Godbold**

## The case for quieter fireworks

After weeks of colourful and noisy firework displays, some residents are just relieved that the displays are over for now. There have been reports of extremely distressed horses and dogs in the village as a result of the loud and unpredictable nature of the recent displays. It is not only pets and farm animals that suffer, wildlife and birds are also affected. Some people with autism or PTSD have really bad reactions to the loud bangs. While 'silent' fireworks are said to be only truly quiet for ground effects, the noise from projectile fireworks can be reduced considerably, if not altogether, which is certainly a step in the right direction. Another benefit is that 'silent' fireworks claim to offer better visual effects and can easily be set to music. If you are planning a display this year, no matter how small, please consider the case for quieter fireworks. **Editor**

## Book Review: A Pig called Alice by Paul Heiney

If you need a feel-good read to blow away the winter blues, try the latest book by village resident, Paul Heiney. *A Pig called Alice: The story of One Man and his Hog* is a very funny account of Paul's relationship with a Large Black pig called Alice, who, for the best part of a decade, turns out to be his best friend and confidante, despite a somewhat tempestuous relationship. Alice lived a life that any pig would covet, and her adventures turn her into an unlikely celebrity when she features in Paul's newspaper columns and TV appearances. Alice's fame spreads even further when she appears on the walls of the London Underground and roadside posters. There is much in the book to learn about pigs, but you'll have to read it to find out why lop-eared pigs are the best to raise, if pigs really can smile, or how to escape a sow that's decided you're her next mate. **Editor**

## Australian Bush Fires

Our thoughts are with all friends and family in Australia as the country continues to face unprecedented devastation due to the bushfire crisis. Please consider making a donation to help the relief efforts to an organisation such as the Red Cross, WWF, the Australia Wildfire Fund, etc. Thank you. **Editor**

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## Call for articles

The *Village News* would like to invite residents, friends, and visitors to submit news and announcements for publication. We would welcome submissions that are short (max 200 words), topical, news oriented and of relevance to the village. Please send to the **Editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com**

### Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday, 7 February, 2.20pm - 2.50pm,  
Outside the Village Hall

**Post Office:** Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm, Thursdays 10am - midday  
Village Hall Annexe

**Norwich bus:** Thursday, 20 February. Departs 9am. Leaves  
Norwich at 1.30pm. Contact Rita Woodcraft on  
077964 475350 or 01502 722958 to book a seat

**Halesworth bus:** Wednesday 12, 19 & 26 February  
Departs 10am. Leaves Halesworth at 11.45am

**Lowestoft bus:** Wednesday, 5 February  
*Bus stops:* the Church, the Tuck Shop and the Village Hall.

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

#### Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher  
01502 725424  
revsimon63@gmail.com

#### Ordained Local Minister

Rev Brian Fisher 01502 723023

#### Church Warden

John Simpson 01502 723384  
johnsimpson1109@gmail.com

### February 2020 Services

#### Sunday, 2 February — 11.15am

Candlemas  
Parish Eucharist  
Joined by Blythburgh

#### Sunday, 9 February — 6pm

3rd Sunday before Lent  
Choral Evensong

#### Sunday, 16 February — 11.15am

2nd Sunday before Lent  
Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday, 23 February — 11.15am

Sunday next before Lent  
Family at St Andrew's. Drinks  
and pastries at 10.45 am

#### Tuesdays — 5pm

Evening Prayer (said)

#### Wednesdays — 10am

Holy Communion (said)

#### 1st Wednesday of the month

10am — Healing Service (said)

Parish Eucharist services are  
Common Worship.  
Evensong uses the Book of  
Common Prayer.

#### Parish Register

28 December 2019

Holy Baptism  
Cecilia Alice Edwards

#### Commemorative Flowers

31 January

Shirley-Ann in memory of  
Eric Humphries

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