



Walberswick Village News

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The Heritage Hut and The Scroll – both refurbished

While you will undoubtedly have seen the newly decorated and refurbished exterior of the Heritage Hut, the 'home of the scroll' needs to be seen from the inside as well. More than that, you will want to see the brilliantly refurbished scroll casing. Our most sincere thanks go to Jill Whittenbury for funding the whole project, and to Clive Jackson for giving us his time and expertise. The photo shows Jill Whittenbury viewing the refurbished case recently. Probably you cannot read the plaque on the case which states "The scroll was painted by John Doman Turner 1931-1932 It is the property of Walberswick Parish Council, which owes gratitude to its long term keeper Richard Scott (1938-2020) and to Tony Whittenbury (1929-2008) who devised and made the display mechanism".

At this time, we will also want to remember particularly Richard Scott, who died last year, and will surely be present in our mind's eye as we show the scroll and repeat some of his stories.

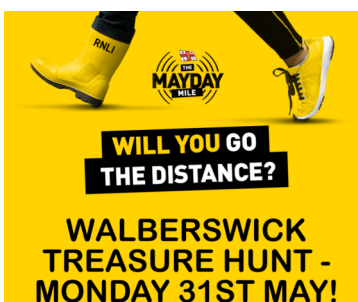
It has been a long time coming but both the Heritage Hut and the Walberswick Scroll will be on display the weekend of the **26 and 27 June**. John English will be turning the handle and telling the Walberswick story. Hopefully the restrictions will be minimal by then but we are planning to make this a 'ticket' event to control numbers. Book early to secure your place, first come first served. It is free but all donations gratefully received. These will go to the Heritage Hut/scroll fund.

Showings on the Saturday and Sunday will be at 10am, 11am and 12 noon. We will limit showings to five people. Walk-ins will be permitted if showings are not fully booked, or in the case of people not turning up.

If you would like to view the scroll please call Sue on 07774 523638 or email John on johnrenglish@tiscali.co.uk stating preferred day and time. We will confirm your booking or suggest an alternative ASAP. Should it be necessary, the showing may be cancelled at short notice – but we all hope not. **John English, Scroll Historian**



RNLI Treasure Hunt: Bank Holiday Monday, 31 May 2021, 10am



Come and join us on our fun family-friendly treasure hunt around Walberswick to raise money for the RNLI. It starts at 10am at the Heritage Hut on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st May. The trail is just over a mile long and will take between one and two hours.

Prizes include tea at The Swan in Southwold, a hamper from the Black Dog Deli and pizzas at The Anchor, plus goodie bags and sweets for the kids.

For a suggested donation of £5 per family, you can obtain a map with hints to the 12 clues around the village. Refreshments, with a huge selection of homemade cakes and biscuits, can be enjoyed afterwards at the marquee behind of the Village Hall. **Jon Winyard** email jons1925@hotmail.com

Thank you Lou

The Prescription Collection, aka 'The Drug Run', has been operating in the village since at least the early 1980s. A small group of volunteers collect prescriptions from the Sole Bay Health Centre and deliver them, ready for collection, to The Tuck Shop (Co-op) each Wednesday and Friday. This undertaking used to include, when we had a Doctor's visit each Wednesday, opening the Annexe to the Village Hall and all that entailed.

Since 2014, this has been very effectively run by Lou Kadan, who took over from Mary King. Our thanks go to Lou for her dedication, and we shall all miss her (and Yash) when they go back to London. I shall be taking over this important role and hope I live up to Lou's commitment and efficiency. **Pat Lancaster**



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Parish Council News

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 5 May, **Andrew Lewis was elected as the new Chair** following Josie Bassinette stepping down upon the expiration of the maximum three-year term in that office. Councillors extended their warmest thanks to her for all her hard work in leading the Council. She was then elected Vice Chair.

Bailey Bridge Update

It is now official — the Bailey Bridge will close sometime towards late June through September. Sadly, this is unavoidable given the very poor state of the bridge and the inability of Suffolk Highways to put off the essential repairs. In short, even if the work they need to do to renovate the bridge could be done in the autumn, the state of the bridge is such that it would still have to be shut over the summer on safety grounds.

This reality redoubles the importance of getting mitigation measures in place to avoid the hugely negative impact the closure will have on our local businesses, families, and visitors. Some measures have been agreed and others are still being sorted. Walberswick Parish Council will continue to take part in weekly meetings of our mitigation group with Suffolk Highways to get the best it can from Suffolk County Council (SCC) to support Walberswick. At present, these mitigation measures are:

- Our ferry operator will run a much greater capacity service, including a second, larger capacity crossing near to the current ferry. As reported previously, we had hoped to run this second service from a pontoon nearer to the Bailey Bridge, but this was unfeasible given limited access on the Walberswick side. It is hoped that the service will be able to run from early in the morning to evening. A key issue is to make this service more affordable with a subsidy provided by SCC. Discussions are ongoing and we hope to have a resolution very soon so that final arrangements can be made.
- Suffolk Highways and Footpaths are working with the Ferry Operator and the Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) to temporarily improve the access to the second ferry landing that crossed WCLC land adjacent to the current ferry pontoon. Likewise, improvements are being made to the Southwold side.
- Suffolk Highways has agreed, on an emergency basis, to put in extra yellow lines to control on-street parking and dangerous conditions near the Church and around the Village Hall. This will be necessary given the expected presence of even more cars than last summer given the inability of visitors to walk and cycle across the bridge.

Villagers will see public notice signs going up shortly about the pending closure. Suffolk Highways has committed to keeping the bridge open until they are ready to begin works, likely in the third or fourth week of June. They will use their engineering teams to make weekly site inspections of the bridge to ensure that there is no further serious deterioration in its condition between now and then.

Further updates will be posted on the Walberswick Village website given that closure is likely prior to the next edition of the Village News. On the positive, the renovation will be comprehensive and should ensure that our bridge is good for many, many decades to come.

Next Parish Council Meeting

To comply with current Covid restrictions, this will now take place on the new date of Tuesday, 22 June, at 7pm. Assuming that the government continues with its planned lifting of social distancing restrictions on 21 June, it will be held in the Heritage Hut and open to members of the public who may either choose to attend in person or can still join remotely. Details of the agenda and remote participation will be published as usual on the Walberswick Village website. For any other information, please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

Planning applications

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

- The Lodge, The Street
- Commonsides, Palmers Lane
- The Old School, Leveretts Lane (trees)
- Lea Cottage, The Lea (trees)
- 1 Alexandra Place, The Street (trees)
- Orchard Piece, Lodge Road
- Little Chapter, Church Field
- Jove Cottage, Lodge Road

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

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

Thank you from Mary King's family

The family of Mary King would like to thank all the lovely villagers who supported the Book and Treasures Sale in the garden at Dutch House over the 13 and 14 May.

Although the weather was a little temperamental, the grand sum of £512 was raised for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, a charity that was so close to Mary's heart and for which she raised so much money during her time in Walberswick. **Samantha Johns**



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Memorial Service: Margot Godbold

A memorial service will be held for Margot Godbold on Saturday, 26 June, at 2pm in St Andrew's Church. As it is still somewhat uncertain what, if any, Covid-19 restrictions will be in place on the day, it is difficult to put a number on attendees at this point. However, the family would love as many of Margot's friends as possible to attend but ask that you contact them in advance to facilitate logistics. Everyone is invited to join the family afterward at Blinkers for refreshments.

If you would like to attend, please contact: **Claire Arnold**: email clairefam75@gmail.com or text or call 07968 960618; or **Giles Godbold**: email giles1961@gmail.com or text or call 07899 977451

Horticultural Show cancelled

After much consideration, the committee has decided not to hold the Horticultural Show this year. We feel there is still too much uncertainty about the removal of restrictions because of the new Covid-19 variants. We are very mindful about keeping everyone safe and need to make a decision with that as a priority. So that gives us another year to practise. Thanks for your understanding. **Betsy Lemmon**

Do you have a well in your garden?

The Walberswick Local History Group needs your help to update its list of village wells. Most of the houses built before 1927, when mains water was connected, had a well or access to a well. We have records of about 50 wells but there could be many more. Please check our page on the village website or tinyurl.com/5dwnbaa5 for the current list. We are particularly interested in wells with removable covers that could be photographed and measured. If you have any information on wells, position and/or status, please contact Rebecca at rebecca.whiting@live.co.uk or phone Richard on 01502 723 823. **Rebecca Whiting**

Walberswick Birds – May 2021

Although there has been no 'official' bird song walk this year, I have been out several times on the route. Two Common Cranes flew over the Dingles and three Ring Ouzels were on the Playing Field, both sightings at end of April. Then Monday, 10 May, was a particularly good day, although wet to start, it brightened up. Cuckoos were calling in the distance during all of the walk, which mingled with Bitterns booming (three separate sightings in flight), at least three Nightingales, and a Hobby, despite being a flypast its facial markings were very clear. We also had good numbers of Swifts, Marsh Harriers and Avocets on the shore pools. Another day, a Grasshopper Warbler gave excellent views. **Pat Lancaster**

New Sole Bay Community Bus service

The new Sole Bay Community Bus, known as Mr Bus and operated by the Voluntary Help Centre, Sole Bay Care Fund and Halesworth Area Community Transport, will be visiting Walberswick on Mondays and Thursday throughout the summer (1 May - 30 September). You can pick it up at The Harbour Car Park at 9.15am. It returns to the village arriving at around 1.05pm. Please check with the bus driver as to where you can pick the bus up in Southwold for the return journey.

The bus can be hailed anywhere on route and there are numerous stops on the way to, and in and around Southwold, all listed in the timetables available from the Tuck Shop. You can also ask the driver to stop the bus just about anywhere along the route.

The cost is £2 each way for adults, free if you have a bus pass, 50p for children up to 16 years, and free for children under five years. Face coverings must be worn. **Editor**

Post Office to reopen on Tuesdays

From 1 June 2021, the Post Office service in the Village Hall Annex will resume on Tuesdays from 1pm to 3pm. It continues to operate on Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon. **Jill Willison**

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector
Rev Canon Simon Pitcher
01502 725424 revsimon63@gmail.com

June 2021 Services

Sunday, 6 June, 11.15 am - Eucharist
1st after Trinity - Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 13 June, 11.15am - Eucharist
at Blythburgh
2nd after Trinity - Revd Margaret King

Sunday, 20 June, 11.15am - Eucharist
3rd after Trinity - Revd Judy Miller

Sunday, 27 June, 11.15am - Eucharist
4th after Trinity - Canon Simon Pitcher

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Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion (said)

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The wearing of face masks and social distancing apply as before for the first two Sundays, but we are hoping restrictions will be lifted for the last two.

Commemorative Flowers

4 June - Don Thompson
18 June - Ollie Tibbles

Parish Register

20 May - Burial of ashes
Jennie Milnes

22 May - Holy Matrimony
Charles Olive & Anna NiChaoimh

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday, 25 June,
2.15-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park

Post Office: Tuesdays 1pm-3pm
Thursdays, 10am-12 noon,
Village Hall Annex

Sole Bay Community Bus:
Mondays and Thursday, departs
Harbour Car Park at 9.15 am for
Southwold, returns at 1.05pm

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 July 2021. The copy deadline is 25 June 2021 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

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