



Walberswick Village News

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Marian Beard 1945-2021

Marian Beard passed away on 2 July and a memorial service was held for her in St Andrew's Church, Walberswick, on 20 July.

Marian had lived in the village for eleven years and described it as "my idea of paradise". She was a keen gardener and competitor in the annual village horticultural show, winning the Harvey Memorial trophy seven times, as well as producing prize-winning dahlias.

Life here suited her tremendously and she threw herself into many different activities, including costume designing for the village plays. Probably the greatest mark she made was as President of the village WI. In that role, she brought her unique enthusiasm to the monthly meetings and outings. She also led the programme of bulb and flower planting on the greens opposite the church and at the end of Stocks Lane.

She made friends easily in Walberswick, many of whom attended the service and she will be sorely missed by them and family alike.

The family wishes to thank all those who came to pay their respects, and in particular to thank them for their generosity, which resulted in a collection of over £4,000 for the Sole Bay Care Fund. **The Beard Family**



Friends of the Heritage Hut

The Heritage Hut Management Committee are looking for volunteers willing to act as attendants for exhibitions and events held in the Heritage Hut. If you are interested in learning more, please email heritage.hut@btinternet.com **James Darkins**

Richard Scott Exhibition and Scroll Showing in Heritage Hut

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the showing of the Walberswick Scroll in the refurbished Heritage Hut in June as events overtook us. The showing would have included an emotional tribute to Richard Scott. Richard, long-term champion and protector of the scroll, who died just before we all went into lock-down. What we were able to do though was have a private showing with his wife and daughter – Lesley and Peppy Scott (see right). Richard would surely have loved the beautifully restored scroll case and the way it glided around on the added wheels.



Family, friends and admirers have so far not been able to celebrate Richard's life in Walberswick. The family is now planning something to coincide with his birthday in May 2022. This will include an exhibition of his works in the Heritage Hut, interspersed with showings of the Walberswick Scroll. Details will follow as plans take shape.

We will be showing the scroll before that 2022 date. Please watch out for the next planned dates.

John English

To New Residents

During lockdown, nearly all the usual Walberswick village activities were curtailed. Many new families moved into the village during this time. We (Village Hall, Parish Council, Common Lands Charity, Church and Village News) would like to invite Walberswick residents, especially those who moved here recently, to a 'Get to Know You Evening' on Saturday, 4 September at 5pm in the Village Hall.

More details will be displayed in the village shortly.
Clive Brynley-Jones, Chairman, Village Hall

Online booking now available for the Communal Beach Hut

The online booking and payment system for the communal beach hut for Walberswick residents is now available. Reservations can be made for a two-day period over weekends. To ensure the safety of users, the beach hut will remain closed from Mondays to Fridays. The reservation system can be found on the village website in the Walberswick Common Lands Charity section tinyurl.com/2pp2eum9.
Hannah Sutton

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Parish Council News

Bailey Bridge update - financial support

As we are all aware, the Bailey Bridge is closed for essential renovation until the end of September. To help mitigate the impact, Suffolk County Council has made financing available to help local people where the temporary closure has disrupted their ability to walk or cycle between Southwold/Reydon and Walberswick for the purposes of work, caring, childcare, education, medical and/or pastoral care, and family well-being. It can also be used to help local businesses with employees who would normally have used the bridge to get to work. Other special needs of individuals or businesses can be considered on a case-by-case basis. The support is temporary and limited by available funds and overall demand. In most cases, the support is through provision of a non-transferable ferry pass with a defined number of crossings. Support for taxi or other transport costs is also possible depending on specific need. The assistance is administered locally by Council representatives from Walberswick, Southwold and the County.

Anyone who would like to seek assistance should email Suffolk County Councillor for Southwold and Reydon, Michael Ladd at michael.ladd@suffolk.gov.uk. Please include your name, a short explanation of need and contact details. All requests will be dealt with in no longer than a week and often more quickly.

Sizewell C update - the environment

The process for deciding on Sizewell C is in full swing with the Planning Inspectorate, which has been given only six months from start to finish to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, a harrowing timeline for something with such overwhelming environmental, community and transport issues. For those who are registered as Interested Parties, including the Walberswick Parish Council, it can be a monumental task to take part. One of the things that became clear in attending these hearings was how much devastation this development will cause to the Sizewell, Minsmere and Walberswick marshes, to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the SSSI and the risks it poses to the survival of the area's biodiversity and fish stocks off our coast. The bottom line is that Sizewell C is nothing like Sizewell A or B. It is massively bigger and will cause far more damage. EDF does not have sufficient land on which to build these two new gigantic reactors and therefore will require the taking of portions of the Sizewell marshes, the protected SSSI and AONB and, for its 'associated developments', woodland and agricultural land all the way to the other side of A12 as far as Wickham Market, Westleton and Darsham. One of the many casualties will be the Marsh Harriers. EDF argues that it is acceptable that these birds, saved from extinction in the UK in RSPB Minsmere, should now be displaced from their marshes by the building of Sizewell C.

There is still every possibility to stop Sizewell C but it will require large scale active engagement. The Walberswick Parish Council will regularly post updates and information learned from taking part in the Inspection Process on the Village website. Submissions made by the Parish Council can also be viewed at tinyurl.com/nx64r5am.

Update on footpaths and grass cutting

As you will have noticed, the Parish Council has finally succeeded in getting the Suffolk County Council Rights of Way team to cut the seriously overgrown footpaths. The Council is also grateful to Andrew Blois for helping to get the football pitches and Green cut. Norse finally arrived as well last week to finish the job.

Next Parish Council meeting

As usual, the Council takes an annual break and does not meet in August. Assuming there is no change in the current Covid-19 regulations, the next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 September. Details to follow in next issue.

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:

- Walber House, Leveretts Lane (trees)
- Mulberry House, Millfield
- Northdale, The Street (trees)
- Millstones, Millfield (trees)
- 22 Manor Close
- 10 Manor Close
- Longwood, Church Field (planning appeal)
- Commonsides, Palmers Lane (variation)

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

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK



Denis King reflects on local amateur theatre

To the delight of many of the village's amateur theatre supporters, Denis has added even more hilarious stories to his memoir, *Key Changes*. In the extended 2020 edition, Denis talks about the wonderfully eccentric world of local theatre, pantomime and amateur dramatics, which is guaranteed to strike a few chords with anyone involved in the Walberswick 2011 production of *The Wind in the Willows*. The book can be ordered at tinyurl.com/2mxjdmrt. **Astrid King**

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Village Events

Children's holiday club in the Village Hall

Every Thursday: 22 July - 26 August, 9.30 am - 3pm

The Walberswick Common Lands Charity is once again funding summer sports and performing arts activities for children aged 5 to 11. Performing arts will run on alternate Thursdays from 22 July, and sports on alternate weeks from 29 July.

Booking is essential and should be done via **Hannah Sutton** on 07902 505954, who can also answer any questions you may have.

Tea and cake in the Church Ruins

Sunday, 8 August, 4pm

You are invited to bring a picnic and a chair to join our choir and quintet of brass players singing some favourite hymns. Tea and cakes will also be served. Simon Pitcher, our Team Vicar, will be the compere. **Julia Josephs**

Ink Summer School at The Cut

23-27 August, 10am - 2pm

Creative activities for 9-17 year olds. For more information and to register contact **Julia Sowerbutts** at julia@inkfestival.org 07867 507286, inkfestival.org/ink-summer-school-2021

Village Hall Management Committee AGM

Tuesday, 24 August, 6.30pm

The AGM of the Walberswick Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Tuesday, 24 August, at 6.30pm in Village Hall Annexe. You are invited to join us at 6.15pm for a glass of wine. **Viv Hunt, Secretary.**

Walberswick Open Studios

28 - 29 August & 4 - 5 September, 11am - 5pm

This year the village artists are opening their studios and exhibiting in The Anchor Barn for two weekends. A Studio Trail Map will be coming through all letterboxes and also be available to pick up from The Anchor Barn and other venues in the village.

Part of the proceeds to East Anglia's Children's Hospices. **Jackie Almond**

Cricket match on the Common

Sunday, 29 August, 2pm

The Annual Bowyer vs Walberswick cricket match will be played on the Common on Sunday, 29 August at 1.45pm for a 2pm start.

All welcome. It is a very relaxed game played on a very rustic pitch. Bring your own picnic and enjoy the afternoon. For more information, please contact **Jon Winyard** on 07865 659510.

'Get to Know You' in the Village Hall

Saturday, 4 September, 5pm

New Walberswick residents are invited to find out more about activities in the village from the Village Hall, the Parish Council, the Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the Church, and the Village News (see news item on page one). **Clive Brynley-Jones**

Churches cycle ride

Saturday, 11 September

We are looking for cyclists to join in, old or young, veterans or newbies. Whether you can manage a quick tour round the local churches or want to venture further afield, everyone is welcome. Take a picnic and make a day of it. It is a wonderful way of seeing our beautiful countryside and villages, for venturing down quiet lanes and pathways. Please contact **Suzzie Godfrey** 07539 513753 for sponsorship forms and any enquiries.

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher

01502 725424 revsimon63@gmail.com

**The church will now be open daily from
9am until between 5-6pm**

The wearing of face masks is now optional

August 2021 Services

Sunday, 1 August, 11.15 am - Eucharist
9th after Trinity - Revd Judy Miller

Sunday, 8 August, 11.15am - Eucharist
at Blythburgh
10th after Trinity - Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 8 August, 4pm
Songs of Praise in the Ruins
Simon Pitcher with Choir and Band

Sunday, 15 August, 11.15am
Eucharist
11th after Trinity - Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 22 August, 11.15am
Family Service
12th after Trinity - Canon Simon Pitcher

Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion (said)

Commemorative Flowers

13 August - Christine Fisher
for her parents

20 August - Rita Woodcraft for her parents,
Richard & Vida Connick

Parish Register

8 July - Burial of ashes
Pamela Grace Haslegrave

20 July - Funeral Service
Marian Sylvia Beard, aged 76

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
20 August, 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 September 2021. The copy deadline is 25 August 2021 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

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