



Walberswick Village News

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Valmai Sharman

Valmai, a lifelong resident of Walberswick, passed away peacefully in James Paget Hospital on 22 August. Her wishes are for a private cremation and no fuss. Valmai, a quiet, genteel lady, who cared deeply about those around her, endured her poor health with great dignity and patience. May she rest in peace. **Rita Woodcraft**

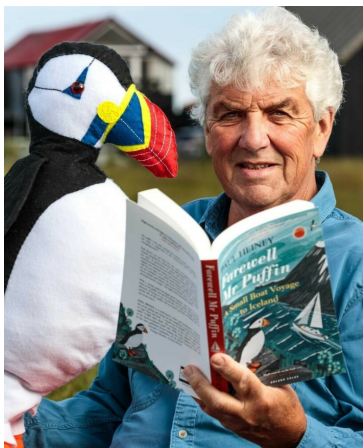
Neighbourhood Development Plan

With support from the Parish Council, work on developing a Walberswick Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has begun. Adopting an NDP is now an essential requirement for all towns and villages that want to gain better control over the planning process, protect the landscape & heritage assets, and set a plan for the future. It will build on the great work done previously on our Parish Plan and will be a highly consultative process that seeks to build a vision for Walberswick that we can all get behind. To kick things off, the NDP Steering Group will be hosting two drop in sessions at the Heritage Hut on Sundays 5 and 12 September from noon until 4pm. Please drop by to see what it is all about. It's also a great chance to see the beautiful renovation of the Heritage Hut.

Walberswick Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Village life

- Congratulations on achieving excellent results after a difficult year to **Rose Dorber** for her A Levels and to **Jasmine Benham** and **Talullah Felton** for their GCSEs. After taking a gap year, Rose will be attending Oxford Brookes to study event management, Jasmine will be attending Thomas Mills Sixth Form in Framlingham, and Talullah is taking up an apprenticeship at the Two Magpies in Darsham.
- **Paul Heiney's** latest book, *Farewell Mr Puffin: A small boat voyage to Iceland* has just been published. It is described as "A magical account of a journey that begins at Southwold harbour and takes us to the north Atlantic and to places puffins might enjoy."



Puffin by Joy Sinclair
Photo by Foyers Photography

- Congratulations to **Jan Etherington** on winning the Best Radio Comedy at the 2020 Voice of the Listener & Viewer Awards for her Radio 4 *Conversations from a Long Marriage*, starring Joanna Lumley.

Editor

Support needed for the Royal British Legion



Over the years, Walberswick has generously supported the work of the Royal British Legion, which in turn supports the armed forces and their families in need. Money has been raised through door-to-door collections, the annual coffee morning/bazaar, poppy boxes in the village shops and pubs, and the Church collection from the Remembrance Sunday Service.

Last year, due to Covid, there was no fund raising for the Royal British Legion other than donations that were then credited to our district. Given the aging demographic of the village, support to help with fund raising has generally waned while door to door collecting is no longer viable due to continuing worries about Covid.

I am rather suddenly moving to be nearer my daughter so will be leaving the village in a little while. Is there anyone who would be prepared to keep the fund raising going albeit at a more modest level than in past years and also be willing to run the coffee morning this year in the village hall in November?

If you would like more information or feel you could step into the breach, please call me on 01502 724845. Thank you. **Erica Donnellan**

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A four-day bank holiday weekend on 2-5 June 2022 will mark the Queen's Jubilee, alongside many other nationally-planned events to celebrate the monarch's 70 years on the throne. The Suffolk County Councillor for Walberswick, Richard Smith, has kindly offered to donate £500 towards the cost of anything that Walberswick Parish Council may wish to organise to mark the occasion, the only stipulation being that the money cannot be used for a street party. Therefore, we are now seeking opinions from villagers on whether they are interested in marking the occasion, and, if they are, ideas on how the £500 could be spent. All thoughts by email please to walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Sizewell C update - Desalination Plant

Many of you will have received a pamphlet from EDF about their plans for Sizewell C. Putting aside the questionable claims on the environment, the pamphlet also mentioned that EDF was "consulting" on more changes to its planning application. These are actually very substantive. In summary, EDF is admitting that it has no means of having potable water at the site and are therefore proposing to build a water desalination plant in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This is shocking given that desalination is one of the most carbon intensive processes as it runs on diesel generators 24/7. It also has substantial impact on marine life, which is at risk of being sucked into the pipes and from the concentration of salt and other minerals in the waste water that are pumped back into the sea. EDF also proposes to bring 40 tankers of water every day into the site for the first year of operation whilst building the desalination plant, adding to the hundreds of HGVs that they will be running on our local roads. As with earlier consultations, the Walberswick Parish Council will be providing written objection to this proposal. Further information is on the village website at tinyurl.com/nx64r5am

Bailey Bridge Update

Currently, sections of the bridge are being removed with new ones then fabricated and fitted into place. According to Suffolk Highways, the project is on schedule and the bridge is expected to be reopened at the end of September. Support for those needing passes for the ferry or taxi services for specific purposes including work, caring, health care, family well-being, and the like is continuing. Those who need this assistance should contact County Councillor, Michael Ladd, at michael.ladd@suffolk.gov.uk. All requests are handled quickly and confidentially. In addition, to help support our businesses and residents as the summer crowds wind down, we will be financing ferry operations on the weekend of 4-5 September and all trips on those days will be free. Check ferry operating hours on the Village website.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Assuming there is no change in the current Covid-19 regulations, the next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 September at 7pm in the Heritage Hut. It will be open to members of the public, who may either choose to attend in person or join remotely (via Zoom). Details of the agenda and how to join remotely will be published, as usual, on the Walberswick Village website. For any other information, please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

Report from the Bus Shelter

Our speed awareness activities aren't really about statistics - we simply aim to be a gentle but high visibility reminder to drivers that we all need to be mindful of every road user, especially pedestrians. However, we are recording an average of eight drivers exceeding the speed limit in each one-hour session, resulting in seven warning letters being sent out. Fifteen drivers have been registered doing over 30mph since we started in June and one white van made 40mph.

Of the 38,584 vehicles recorded by the Speed Indicator Device at Adams Lane, 15 per cent were doing over 27 mph with the highest speed being 55 mph at 5.15am. The average speed was 21.3 mph.

Enough number crunching. We speed watchers are a cheerful and friendly group and would love more volunteers for a commitment that works out at about one hour a fortnight. Please contact us via the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com
Walberswick Speed Awareness Group

Planning applications

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

- Commonside, Palmers Lane
- Troy 2, Church Field
- Paules Fenn, The Street
- Longwood, Church Field (planning appeal)

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

Motor Neurone Disease collection

The easing of Covid-19 restrictions has meant that donations collected by the Bell Hotel can now continue. Although a small amount this time, £30 has been sent to the Motor Neurone Disease Charity, continuing the initiative started by Mary King. It all helps.

Alan Walpole

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Diary Dates

Walberswick Open Studios

4 - 5 September, 11am - 5pm

For a second weekend, the village artists are opening their studios and exhibiting in The Anchor Barn, where you can pick up a studio trail map. **Jackie Almond**

Women's Institute monthly meeting

Thursday, 2 September, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Monthly meetings are resuming with the first one being a social afternoon with a quiz and tea and cake. New members welcome. **Sheila Parry**

'Get to Know You'

Saturday, 4 September, 5pm at the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee and Walberswick Common Lands Charity invite residents, especially those who have moved into the village recently, for a welcome drink. Please confirm your attendance to **Viv Hunt** on alvvhunt@btinternet.com, 01502 723142.

Churches cycle ride

Saturday, 11 September

A wonderful way of seeing our beautiful churches and countryside, and for venturing down quiet lanes and pathways. Please contact **Suzzie Godfrey** 07539 513753 for sponsorship forms and any enquiries.

Choral Evensong - Sea Sunday

Sunday, 12 September, 6pm at St Andrew's Church

Come and sing Choral Evensong with us again. We will also be commemorating Richard Shepherd, a wonderful composer of church music, who died of motor neurone disease earlier this year. **Julia Josephs**

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 14 September, 7pm, in the Village Hall

All Walberswick residents are cordially invited to attend. The Parish Council will report on what it has accomplished in the preceding year. Reports are also presented by community groups and any organisation based in Walberswick that wishes to speak. It is a relatively informal event and a good opportunity to find out what has been happening and the organisations available to join. Full details are on the village website at tinyurl.com/9trdkuh6 or alternatively contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Save Sizewell Beach

Sunday, 19 September, 10am, meeting near Sizewell Tea

Join other Walberswick and Suffolk residents to form a human wall to highlight EDF's plan to build a sea defence wall that will bury a huge portion of Sizewell beach. Organised by Stop Sizewell C and Together Against Sizewell C. stop Sizewell C.org/sos/ **Tina Gaudoin** 07824 999029

Conservation Management on the Heaths and Marshes around Walberswick

Wednesday, 6 October, 7pm in the Village Hall

Walberswick Common Lands Charity is delighted to host a talk by Adam Burrows of Natural England, Senior Reserve Manager for Natural England's Suffolk Coast National Nature Reserves. Adam will talk about the ecology of and approach to conservation management in the Reserves, especially the special habitats of Walberswick National Nature Reserve: the heathland of the Common, the marshes and the dunes. Doors open at 6.30pm and the talk will begin at 7.00pm. Please do join us. **Amanda Erlenbach & Adam Cooke, WCLC Trustees**

The Walberswick Scroll on show

Sunday, 24 October, 10am, 11am and 12 noon in the Heritage Hut

The Walberswick scroll languished in the Gannon Room for many years (surviving the 1953 flood) before it was parked on the stage of the Village Hall. It then took a holiday in the Heritage Hut but never returned. Now it proudly rests inside the beautifully refurbished scroll case inside the equally beautifully refurbished Heritage Hut. It will be on show to the public in its new home for the first time. Even if you have seen it before you will surely want to see it again in the new case. Come early to avoid disappointment as social-distancing improves the view. **John English**

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher

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September 2021 Services

Sunday, 5 September, 11.15 am Eucharist
14th after Trinity - Revd Margaret King
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 12 September, 6pm
Choral Evensong - Sea Sunday
Canon Harry Edwards

Sunday, 19 September, 11.15am
Eucharist
16th after Trinity - Father Stephen Abbott

Sunday, 26 September, 11.15am
Family Service
17th after Trinity - Canon Simon Pitcher

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Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion (said)

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Commemorative Flowers
24 September - Wendy Sinclair for Chris

Parish Register

18 September - Holy Matrimony
Zac Bull and Phoebe Lowndes

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
17 September, 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

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