



Walberswick Village News

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Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas



Heather Hyne 1928-2021

Heather was born in Ryde on the Isle of Wight and moved to London to work as an almoner where she met and married Reggie in 1951. She worked with Reggie in their Windsor-based architecture firm for many years. They bought The Hut on the Lea in 1961 and then retired to House on the Green in 1978. Keen ceramic collectors, they were founder members of the Suffolk Crafts Society, establishing the annual Suffolk Crafts Exhibition in Aldeburgh in 1979 and supporting many Suffolk artists. They were very active in the village, including being central to discussions that enabled the village shop to remain open when it was taken over in 1998. Heather moved into care near her daughter in 2014. Many friends and family have happy memories of treasure hunts, pottery sessions and generous hospitality at House on the Green. Heather's funeral will be held at 11am on 6 December at St Andrews Church, Walberswick. **Denise Brentnall**



Remembering loved ones

In village tradition, residents, friends and visitors are invited to add their personalised Christmas decorations in memory of loved ones to the Christmas tree on The Green. The tree should be in place by mid-December. Provided your decoration survived the weather and was left on the tree last year, it will be reattached for you. Please make sure your decorations are winter weather-proof and are attached to the tree securely. **Editor**



Update from the bus shelter

Community Speed Watch aims to raise awareness and improve speed limit compliance in the village for the safety of all our road users. Since the spring, we have regularly been out with our speed-gun. On average we catch 10 speeders each session. A third of these have been travelling over 30mph with a handful travelling at more than twice the 20mph limit.

Our aim is to get out for an hour every 10 days, and we have to be a team of at least three. Though sometimes difficult to sustain, we still manage to do this once a fortnight. Community Speed Watch is not onerous, indeed we have a lot of fun, but we need a larger pool of volunteers if we are to continue. If this is an important issue to you, do please think of joining us. You can make contact via walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Community Speed Watch Group

Send Christmas greetings and support Cancer Research

Send your Christmas wishes to your neighbours and donate to Cancer Research at the same time. No need to send a card, instead please deliver your donation by **Tuesday, 21 December**, in an envelope with your name on it to The Tuck Shop, Betsy Lemmon at Knoll Cottage on Leveretts Lane, or Guy Parry at 4 St Andrews Close. Your name will be displayed on a list in the Tuck Shop and on Ciao, the Village WhatsApp Group, so that your friends will know you haven't forgotten them and that you wish you neighbours a very Merry Christmas. **Guy Parry** 07775 512995 parry.guy@gmail.com



The Anchor

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Happy Christmas & heartfelt thanks to all who continue to support us

We look forward to welcoming you and offering table service in the bars, dining room and heated marquee here at the Anchor.

Our 'Plan B' operation requires mask wearing when entering and moving around in the marquee and the main building.

Please see our website for foodie events and New Year's Eve booking details. Closed Christmas Day. Boxing Day: Food 12 noon to 6pm only, drinks thereafter.

Sophie & Mark

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Parish Council News

A vacancy for a Trustee of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

Walberswick Parish Council has a responsibility to nominate four of the seven Trustees of WCLC and a vacancy for one of these posts has now arisen. Anyone who would like to express an interest in this role should write to the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com before 6 December.

Demise of the Pavilion and Pirate Ships

The Pavilion will be open for one last time for anybody who would like to give a home to anything left in it from 12 noon to 3pm on Saturday, 11 December. Demolition will take place the week beginning 13 December and, sadly, the now dangerous Pirate Ships, which significantly failed their recent H&S inspection, will also be removed. The Parish Council has already begun looking at options for the replacement of the Pirate Ships, funds permitting.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 December, at 7pm in the Heritage Hut. It is open to members of the public, who may either choose to attend in person or join remotely (via Zoom). The agenda and how to join remotely, will be published on the Walberswick Village website. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.



Lowestoft Food Bank & Walberswick Food Aid

Every week, volunteers from Walberswick collect donations left in the village Co-op for the food bank, delivering them to a warehouse in Lowestoft for sorting. Boxes (there are four sizes: single person, a couple, small family, and large family) are packed, each containing three days' worth of food.

The Lowestoft food bank covers every town and village east of the A12, down to Saxmundham. Nine and a half thousand people were fed by them in 2020, a number likely to have been exceeded in 2021. The winter months create additional demand as the costs of heating rise, leaving less in domestic budgets for food.

Sam Porter, who manages the food bank, describes it as a sticking plaster: "But it helps people get out of a crisis for a few weeks." Longer-term dependency is not encouraged. Vouchers are issued by referral agencies, such as social services, schools, or for people leaving hospital or prison, and these are exchanged for food boxes.

Sam says that it's amazing how generous people are, not only with food donations but with their time as volunteers and, importantly, cash: "We can run out of things and cash means we can get exactly what we need."

Penny Fox

Please support the food bank by:

- **making a food donation.** Pop something in the basket in the Tuck Shop. If you don't know what to donate, ask the staff. Your donation will go to the Lowestoft Food Bank, part of the Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks in the UK.
- **donating online** at the village's food aid page, givey.com/walberswickfoodaid. Your donation will go directly to the Lowestoft Food Bank.
- **buying a £5 Gift Card** from the Tuck Shop. Your donation will go to one of the 24 Trussell Trust food banks supported by the Co-Op in the East of England.

Thank you. **Sheila Parry**

Missing you

Slowly they emerge through the mist, mystical figures rising out of a glassy sea, the Walberswick swimmers who epitomise the spirit of our village. Just one of the memories we took to our new life in Dorset. Way back, we also remember old 'Tractor Bob', always treating us to a few choice words as he roared down The Street, and more recently our own Canon speeding quietly through the village, on a bicycle seemingly driven by a small propeller. We remember that splendid old aristocrat from Marsh End, and our sometimes mischievous but always helpful village men carrying a sadly ailing lady on her chair into the waves she loved. Characters all. We remember those who work tirelessly in our church, where 'she who must be obeyed' will surely now be giving elocution lessons to the chosen few for those lovely carol services. We remember the committees and groups working in harmony for our benefit and to keep our heritage alive. We enjoyed the wealth of talent among our thespians, music-makers, artists and the 'bird lady', and the truly amazing generosity of the villagers in our many charitable initiatives. We often think of the kindly folk who run the Tuck Shop, and thank those newcomers who have been ready, willing and able to contribute to our way of life, in a veritable army of helpers for those less fortunate. For all these memories, we thank you. We miss you and will not forget you. Have a very happy Christmas. **Nigel and Margreet Walpole**

Planning applications

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

Creek Cottage, Hidden Lane | **Blinkers**, Seven Acres Lane | **The Parish Lantern** | **Mill Cottage**, The Street | **The Anchor** | **Seacroft**, Millfield | **10 Manor Close** | **Hedgeley**, The Green | **Elfinston Corner**, Stocks Lane | **Orchard Piece**, Lodge Road | **Paules Fenn**, The Street

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



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Due to the festive break, and because of the way the holidays fall this year, the next edition of the Village News will be delivered a little later than normal.



Gifts bringing great joy

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to the Shoebox Appeal at St Andrew's. I received 43 shoeboxes, lovingly filled, and have sent them on their way to be delivered to children of all faiths and in places in the world where the need is greatest. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm for this project. **Christine Fisher**

Diary Dates

WI Meeting

Thursday, 2 December *CANCELLED*

Due to several members suffering from Covid, the WI has reluctantly decided to cancel its Christmas meeting. **Sheila Parry**

Cancer Research Mini Market

Saturday, 4 December *CANCELLED*

I am sad to say that the Cancer Research Mini Market has been cancelled. We felt that, with the upsurge of Covid in the village, it would be the safest option. I want to thank all those who offered to man stalls, bake, make wreaths and contribute goods. Your support is valued. If you would still like to support Cancer Research, any monetary donations are appreciated. I also still have Christmas cards for sale. **Betsy Lemmon**

Walberswick Local History Group Meeting

Saturday, 4 December *CANCELLED*

We are very sorry to advise that we have decided to postpone the talk by Charlie Haylock. As you probably know, several Walberswick villagers have contracted Covid recently and this prompted us to think carefully about whether we could manage the risk effectively. We have been given guidance by Suffolk County Council, and while we could comply with most of their recommendations, there are a couple that caused us concern. Firstly, we would have to restrict numbers to enable social distancing and, secondly, we have to ensure adequate ventilation. Our talks are always well attended, so limiting the numbers might mean disappointing several members. As for ventilation, leaving doors and windows open in the Village Hall could mean a very chilly meeting. Tentatively, Charlie is available to do the talk on Saturday, 25 June 2022. We hope you will understand our decision and will join us for anything we might be able to arrange before then. **Harry Edwards (Chairman), Edward Wright (Membership)**

Carols on The Green

Monday, 20 December, 6.30pm

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Tuesday, 21 December, 5pm, in St Andrew's candle-lit Church

A Festival of Lessons and Carols. **Julia Josephs**

Crib Service: The Impossible Promise

Friday, 24 December, 4.30pm, in St Andrew's Church

Dress up in costumes (adults included) and please bring your own crayons or coloured pencils. A few spare costumes will be available on the night. We look forward to seeing Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus, the angels, the shepherds, the Wise Men, animals and all the stars. **Sarah Karaboce**



We have a new advertising manager

A very warm welcome to Penny Fox, who has taken over the role of Advertising Manager for the *Village News* from Karen Fordham. And a big thank you to Karen for all her hard work. You can contact Penny on pennyfox49@hotmail.com or 07990 994384. **Editor**

Church Matters

**St Andrew's Church
Walberswick**

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher
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December 2021 Services

Sunday, 5 December, 11.15 am
Eucharist - 2nd Sunday of Advent
Canon Harry Edwards
Joined by *Blythburgh*

Sunday, 12 December, 6pm
Choral Evensong - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 19 December, 11.15am
Eucharist - 4th Sunday of Advent
Canon Simon Pitcher

Tuesday, 21 December, 5pm
Festival of Lessons & Carols
Canon Simon Pitcher

Friday, 24 December, 4.30pm
Crib Service

Saturday, 25 December, 9.30am
Christmas Day - Sung Eucharist
Canon Simon Pitcher

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Every Wednesday, 10.00am
(excluding 29 December)
Holy Communion (said)

Parish Register

24 October - Willow Annie Lavinia Walsh
Holy Baptism

30 October - Patricia Jane Wigdahl
Burial of Ashes

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
10 December 2.15-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park

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

Norwich Bus: Thursday,
16 December. Departs at 9am
& returns at 1.30pm. Booking
essential. Phone or text Mandy
Erlenbach on 07590 697575.

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