



Walberswick Village News

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The return of the Village Fete

We can confirm that the 2022 Walberswick fete and dog show will take place on August Bank Holiday Saturday, 27 August. Hopefully, we will make it as successful and enjoyable as it has been in previous years. Volunteers are needed to help and all offers would be most welcome. Please contact me at gfbuk@hotmail.com.
Gordon Beard, Chairman, Fete Committee

Walberswick Table Tennis Club is up and running

We'd love to see you there: Tuesdays 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Village Hall. Please pop us an email at vanessatucker3@icloud.com for further information.
Vanessa and Elaine

Introducing the Pear Tree Fund

The Pear Tree Fund, a charity based in Halesworth but covering Walberswick, offers information, advice and holistic well-being and bereavement support to people with life-changing illnesses or long-term conditions, and to their families and carers. We offer a listening ear, emotional support, counselling and complementary therapies. Our team offers information and advice to help people live well in the community, to understand a diagnosis/health condition, and social welfare advice (benefits/housing). We run therapeutic group activities, provide support with digital skills, and offer telephone, online and home visiting support for those unable to visit us at our tranquil and welcoming base at the Pear Tree Centre in Halesworth. We hope to reach as many residents of Walberswick that need our support as possible. Call us on 01986 899655, email info@peartreefund.org or visit us opposite the Patrick Stead Hospital. peartreefund.org
Kevin Vaughan, CEO, The Pear Tree Fund

Planning applications

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

Kermont, The Street | **Sole Bay House**, The Street | **Long Roof**, Leveretts Lane | **Vine Cottage**, The Green | **The Anchor** | **2 Manor Close** | **Seacroft**, Millfield (trees) | **Orchard Piece**, Lodge Road (appeal) | **Paules Fenn**, The Street

For the latest applications and full details, go to the Planning page on the Village Website. The Planning Advisory Group reports, are at tinyurl.com/tdbvulf

Most Wanted recipes



Jill Whittenbury from the *Most Wanted* cookbook

We all know that there are many brilliant cooks in the village and there must be hundreds of personal favourite recipes ready to share. This has inspired the village website team to create a new resource. In her honour, we have started off with one of Jill Whittenbury's most popular recipes scanned from her book, *Most Wanted*, (complete with notes). Jill wrote the book to raise funds for the RNLI. So who knows?

If we get enough submissions we could even publish a new fundraising book. The recipes should be your own, or a well known recipe with your own personal twist. Please submit your recipe via the website using the recipes contact form at tinyurl.com/3pruu4c9 or by email to walberswickrecipes@gmail.com.
Claire Whittenbury & Kay Ungless
www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk

Thank you from the Lowestoft Food Bank

I recently received a letter of thanks to all supporters of the Lowestoft Food Bank, who helped raise over £600 in December through my brownie sale. The food bank was established in 2018, and demand is currently extremely high. Over the past three months they have catered to around 1,000 people per month, which is a total of 30,000 meals. Now, more than ever, they need our continuing support. **Guy Parry**

And thanks to those who contributed online. We raised an additional £520. Thanks also to everyone who made donations via the Tuck Shop. **Sheila Parry**



We have a number of different positions available over Easter and the summer, and are keen to recruit lively and enthusiastic members to our friendly team.

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Walberswick Common Lands Charity News

Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) Environmental Stewardship - Trustee Vacancy

The WCLC has two classes of Trustee, Nominative appointed by the Parish Council and Co-optative appointed by the Trustees themselves. Two Co-optative positions become vacant at the end of this year. The Trustees would like to identify replacements for these positions sooner rather than later, to enable a smooth transition.

Applications are now open for the first of those positions; someone with environmental stewardship skills to take over from Amanda Erlenbach, who is sadly retiring. The WCLC has some 170 acres of wonderful landscape around the village. We are looking for a candidate with a good level of environmental knowledge, experience and passion who can join us as a Trustee and take the lead role in the custody of our heritage.

Aside from environmental skills, we are looking for a team player who will positively contribute to the culture of the WCLC. Also, we strive to be inclusive by recruiting a diverse group of Trustees, drawn from all sectors of the community.

If you'd like to learn more about this very worthwhile opportunity, take a look at the WCLC section of the Village web site. Mandy and I are happy to talk to prospective candidates about this role and the work of the charity. Applications close on **20 April** and should be made to our Clerk at clerkwclc@gmail.com.

James Darkins, Chairman

Walking on the Common

Spring is a wonderful time to be walking outside witnessing new life coming into being. This is a crucial time for wildlife, so we would be very grateful if you could keep your dog on a short lead please. Adders will be coming out of their hibernation. Although they will attack only in self-defence, unfortunately dogs are unaware of the danger. In addition, breeding success for ground nesting birds on the Common such as nightjars and woodlarks can be threatened if their nesting sites are disturbed. Keeping to the footpaths during the nesting season really helps them. Thank you very much.

Mandy Erlenbach, WCLC Trustee



Norwich Bus

As the Norwich bus has been so well supported, it will continue to run on the third Thursday of the month until further notice. See the Community Services section for full details. **Mandy Erlenbach, WCLC Trustee**

Parish Council News

A new Nominative Trustee post for Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

In addition to the Co-Optative Trustee post advertised by the WCLC, there is a vacancy for one of the Nominative Trustee posts that is appointed by the Walberswick Parish Council. If you are interested in applying for this Nominative Trustee position or would like more information, please email the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com. The closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting of WPC is **Monday, 7 March 2022**.

No cycling along our footpaths

The Parish Council is aware of the large increase in the number of cyclists riding on footpaths, particularly in the marshes between Dunwich and Walberswick. Bicycles are forbidden on all footpaths in the UK, which are for walkers only. Cycles incorrectly using footpaths around the village are also a major cause of damage, being too heavy for the boardwalks and by churning up the gravel and dirt paths. One of the most abused routes is the elevated stony footpath (22X on map - see link below) running past the windmill. The Council has been consulting with Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way officers who have provided us with highly visible 'no right to cycle' discs in black-white-red and which are now up on the posts at many of the hotspots. Please remind family and friends there is no access to Dunwich through our marshes other than by foot. None of the short bridleways branching off from Lodge Road (for use by cyclists and horses) lead all the way through the marshes.



Cyclists should instead follow the route along Lodge Road and beyond to access Dunwich. See Walberswick's Definitive Map for info at tinyurl.com/28nr4spn

Date set for the Annual Parish Meeting

The 2022 Annual Parish Meeting for Walberswick will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, 11 May** in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all and is a great opportunity to learn about every village organisation, hear their reports and future plans.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 14 March, 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.

INK Festival

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www.inkfestival.org

Message from Simon

Lent marks the Biblical story of Jesus in the wilderness where he spent 40 days wrestling with the temptations of greed, power and self importance. He resisted these distractions and entered into a life of service and self sacrifice. He taught about the love of God for everyone, and exercised a ministry to the poor, the sick and the outcast. For this Jesus was led to the cross and executed by those who felt threatened by what he had to say. At Easter, we celebrate that Jesus was vindicated, raised from the dead. God's goodness triumphed over evil. The temptations that Jesus resisted are real for all of us. If we surrender to them in public life, business, family life or community then there is a risk that others are hurt as we try to place ourselves at the top of the heap. During Lent, Christians try by prayer and fasting to follow the example of Jesus, living a simpler life in service of others and sacrifice of self, so that the love of God might be known in our own generation.

Mothering Sunday

Our Mothering Sunday service at 11.15am on 27 March will be a family service suitable for all ages. Refreshments are served before the service and a posy of flowers will be given to each lady. All welcome. Please do join us.

Annual Church Meeting

The annual church meeting will be held at 12.15pm in St Andrews on Sunday, 3 April. At this meeting, we receive a report on church finance, review the life of the church, and elect churchwardens and PCC members. Those able to attend must be church electoral roll members. If you would like to join the electoral roll please let us know.

Simon Pitcher



Diary Dates



Third series of Jan's comedy

Wednesday, 2 March at 6.30pm on BBC4

Jan Etherington's award-winning BBC Radio 4 comedy series, Conversations from a Long Marriage, starring Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam, begins a third series of six episodes on 2 March at 6.30pm. **Jan Etherington**

WI Monthly Meeting: Chelsea Gold

Thursday, 3 March at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Jane Bastow discusses entering the Chelsea Flower Show, the trials and tribulations of preparation, and the joy of winning a gold medal. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**



Beach Clean

Sunday, 6 March, meet at 10am at the Cliff Field Car Park

Organised by the Walberswick Wildfowlers and Natural England, Please join us for the spring beach clean. Bring stout bags, gloves and shoes. All welcome. **Mark Waller**

Village Hall AGM

Tuesday, 22 March at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Please join us on Tuesday, 22 March for refreshments at 6.30pm before our AGM, which commences at 6.45pm. Audited accounts will be presented. Come and hear about our projects in the coming year. We look forward to your input.

Viv Hunt, Village Hall Management Committee

Richard Scott's Memorial Service

Saturday, 30 April at 11.30am at St Andrew's Church

A memorial service for the late Richard Scott will be held at St Andrew's Church, Walberswick, on Saturday, 30 April 2022, at 11.30am.

www.richardscottsuffolk.com **Lesley Scott**



In the News



In February, Richard Curtis, co-founder of the Make My Money Matter campaigning group, featured in a number of publications ranging from **The New Statesman**, **The Guardian**, and **Sky News** to various pensions magazines. Discussing why pension funds should be forced to align with the net zero goal, Richard points out that there can be no action on climate change without tackling deforestation, as research finds two of every ten pounds invested in an average pension is driving forest loss. For the individual, moving pension contributions into sustainable funds is 21 times more effective in reducing one's carbon footprint than stopping flying, going vegetarian and switching to a green energy provider combined. **Editor**

Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher
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revsimon63@gmail.com

March 2022 Services

Sunday, 6 March, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Margaret King

Sunday, 13 March, 6pm

Choral Evensong
Revd Canon Harry Edwards

Sunday, 20 March, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Canon Harry Edwards

Sunday, 27 March, 11.15am

Family Service
Revd Canon Simon Pitcher

Every Wednesday, 10.00am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesdays

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
4 March, 2.15-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park

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

Norwich Bus: Thursday, 17
March. Departs at 9am &
returns at 1.30pm. Booking
essential. Phone or text
Mandy Erlenbach on
07590 697575.

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