



Walberswick Village News

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Walberswick sends congratulations
to Her Majesty The Queen
on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee



Raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance

Conscious that our village is far from the nearest hospital by road, several villagers have entered the East Anglian Air Ambulance's Suffolk Coast Trek 24 challenge to raise funds to help keep this life-saving charity airborne. On Saturday, 11 June, the Walberswick Trekkers team - Angie Power, Esther Smith, Karen Searson, Gary Kingshott and Guy Parry - will be walking the 24 kilometres from Dunwich to Sotterly Hall, while Martin Lovick will take on the 24-mile challenge from Aldeburgh to Sotterley Hall.



With each flight costing, on average, £3,500 please help keep the air ambulance flying. Donations can be made online to Walberswick Trekkers at tinyurl.com/walk24kms and to Martin Lovick at tinyurl.com/walk24miles.

Cash donations in an envelope with your name can be dropped off at 4 St Andrews Close. Thank you. **Guy Parry**

Table Tennis update

Walberswick Table Tennis Club has successfully applied for, and now received, grant-funding from the Lord Belstead Charitable Trust and Common Lands Charity for two new tables and some accessories. That's really good news. We would like to thank both Trusts for their support, as well as the villagers who have lent us their tables in the interim period, and to invite any Villagers to get in touch if they would like to join us - no expertise required. **Elaine** 07926178560

Village planning applications

The importance of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (see the Parish Council's news on page two) was emphasised at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, when we heard from the Planning Advisory Group that it had reported on 22 planning applications since September last year and that there have been 41 planning applications in the past 12 months. A staggering number for a village our size. Unsurprisingly, the 'Planning applications pending consideration' page on the village website is the most visited. **Editor**.

Planning applications

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

- Longwood, Church Field
- Shrublands, The Street (trees)
- Mariners, Ferry Road
- Wayland Cottage, The Street
- Dutch House, The Street
- Seacroft, Millfield (trees)

For the latest applications and full details, go to the Planning page on the [Village Website](https://www.walberswicknews.com). The Planning Advisory Group reports, are at tinyurl.com/tbvfulf

Walberswick Remembered: The First Picture of You

With the promise of summer in the air, who remembers the song synonymous with the summer of 1983? The video of the song, *The First Picture of You*, by the Indie band from Liverpool, The Lotus Eaters, was filmed in Ferry Road, featuring the Studio as well as shots of the Yacht Yard (now called the Boat House), and on the beach with a glorious scene of a motorbike and sidecar. The song became a hit in the UK and Europe.

No locals were involved in the filming, although some of the long-time residents remember watching it being filmed. Peter Coyle, the voice of the band, is still singing and affectionately remembers Walberswick as being "a beautiful space" but has never managed to return to the village. Watch the video at tinyurl.com/mrfbvsbh. **Editor**

Happen to be in Dorset?

If you are in the area between Saturday, 25 June, and Wednesday, 13 July, do stop off in Sherborne to catch Francis Bowyer's exhibition at the Jerram Gallery. Of the 24 paintings exhibited, 20 will be of Walberswick. www.jerramgallery.com. **Editor**

The Anchor

Thursday, 2 June, 7.30pm - Quiz night

Thurs, 2 June-Sunday, 5 June, 3-8pm - Anchor Pizzas

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Walberswick Housing Needs Assessment: we need your input

Walberswick Parish Council (WPC) is supporting the creation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Having an NDP is the most important step a village like ours can take to gain better control over planning decisions and our future development.

A critical step in the NDP process is undertaking a Housing Needs Assessment, which WPC is launching in co-ordination with Community Action Suffolk (CAS). The Housing Needs Assessment is designed to better identify the demographics of our village and to identify what type of housing need, if any, exists.

It is essential to the quality of the Neighbourhood Development Plan that **every household completes the survey**. Without a high percentage of participation it will be harder to develop a plan that accurately reflects the priorities of the village. Although commissioned by the Parish Council, the survey will be analysed by CAS and at no stage will any personal information be shared with the Parish Council or any third parties.

The survey will arrive through the letterbox of every house in Walberswick on the weekend of 11/12 June. It can be completed in hard copy and returned by post directly to CAS, or completed online using a unique code on the front of the paper survey. The **final deadline is 25 June to complete and return the survey**.

For those of you who will not physically be in Walberswick between 11 and 25 June to pick up the survey from your doormat, please request an online version before 11 June by sending an email to walberswickNDP@gmail.com. The input of non full-time residents is essential and there are questions specifically addressed to second-home and holiday-let owners.

Once the survey is analysed and discussed with the NDP Working Group, residents will receive a summary of the findings.

Please support the future of Walberswick and complete your household survey before 25 June. Thank you. **The Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group**

Sizewell C update

It has been a difficult month for efforts to protect our special and fragile coast from becoming the biggest industrial construction site in Europe. You may have seen that the Government's National Energy Strategy did not include quick, inexpensive onshore wind on the basis that local communities don't like it. Yet, the same strategy had no such compunction about constructing Sizewell C against local wishes, in the middle of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and forcing every consumer of electricity in the UK to pay for it through a new nuclear tax. To address this, Walberswick Parish Council signed a letter, together with nearly 40 other local Councils, to BEIS Secretary of State, Kwasi Kwarteng, pointing out this hypocrisy.

On the positive side, we learnt this week that the decision on the application had been delayed from 25 May to 8 July. Three days after this announcement, a peaceful protest march from Leiston to the Sizewell site was held.

It has also been reported that nesting Marsh Harriers have been found at the SSSI where EDF (with backing by East Suffolk Council) was intending to start digging test wells to find out if the marshy land could even support the nuclear reactors. We thank the Harriers for providing more evidence of the destruction of the environment and biodiversity that are at the heart of this proposed development!

By 23 May, Walberswick Parish Council will have joined, what we hope will be hundreds of other interested parties, in submitting another response to the Planning Inspectorate in reaction to new information provided by EDF on issues related to the lack of water for construction and operation, EDF's refusal to introduce transport mitigation measures until many years after construction begins, and on some of the project's most damaging environmental impacts. Details can be found on the Sizewell C section of the village website. **It is not too late to Stop Sizewell C and it is more important than ever that as many people as possible get involved and stay involved.**



Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, 13 June 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

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Trustee changes

As promised last month, here is an update on two further Trustee appointments.

Vanessa Tucker has joined us as a Co-optative Trustee (appointed by the Trustees themselves) to take the lead role in our environmental stewardship work. Vanessa's background was in education, prior to making the shift to horticulture, most recently as co-owner of Valley Farm Vineyards. We welcome her experience and passion for the environment.

David Pelly has been appointed by the Parish Council as a Nominative Trustee. David and his family have been frequent visitors to Walberswick for 20 years, moving here in 2018. His background is in finance and management, and he currently runs a pension fund for a civil service trade union. David plans to retire this year, leaving more time for his interests in gardening and nature conservation.

This leaves one final Co-optative position to fill, as I am retiring at the end of the year. We will advertise our specific requirements for this role in July. All of which means that by the end of the year six of our seven Trustees will have been appointed in the preceding 18 months, making Hannah Sutton the longest serving Trustee (eight years) and so our elder stateswoman.
James Darkins, Chairman

Diary Dates

WI Meeting: Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Thursday, 2 June at 2pm in the Village Hall

Please note the earlier start time. Our celebration includes tea, handicrafts and a quiz with prizes. By invitation only. **Muriel Wortley**

Jubilee Celebration Church Service

Sunday, 5 June at 10am in the ruins of St Andrew's Church

There will be a Songs of Praise service, including some of Her Majesty's favourite hymns, followed by glasses of bubbly to toast Her Majesty and a piece of cake for all. **Simon Pitcher**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Sunday, 5 June in Walberswick

For full details of the day's events please go to the village website at tinyurl.com/yckvjzzz. Enquiries to walberswickjubilee@gmail.com **Viv Hunt**



Exhibition of sculptures and paintings by Bill Ungless

Thursday, 16 June to Saturday, 16 July at The Cut, Halesworth

The opening hours for the Gallery and Café are Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm. All are very welcome. **Bill Ungless**

History Group: Charlie and The Dig

Saturday, 25 June at 7pm in the Village Hall

Language coach and raconteur, Charlie Haylock, will give us a behind the scenes account of the making of the film 'The Dig', and how he helped Ralph Fiennes with his Suffolk accent. Charlie is a great entertainer and a mine of information about the history of Suffolk, so this is sure to be a very enjoyable evening. After the talk there will be a chance to socialise over a glass of wine. Members free, guests £10 (space permitting).

To secure places, please email ewright123@btinternet.com or call: 07867 548893. **Edward Wright**

The day that INK spilled into Walberswick

It's not often a touring theatre company chooses Walberswick Village Hall as a venue. Artistic Director, Julia Sowerbutts, the writers, actors and crew would like to thank the village for supporting the hastily arranged INK on Tour event on 17 May. There was not a spare seat in the house for the nine short plays, which had been premiered at April's INK Festival in Halesworth. As a writer, I want to congratulate my fellow writers and the fabulously versatile cast of actors for entertaining us with a production worthy of a West End Theatre. Thought provoking, innovative and hilarious; everyone went home very happy. Here's to INK 2023. **Jan Etherington**

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 July 2022. The copy deadline is noon on 25 June 2022 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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Revd Canon Simon Pitcher
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June 2022 Services

Sunday, 5 June, 10am
Service celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the ruins
Rev'd Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 12 June, 6pm
Choral Evensong
Rev'd Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 19 June, 11.15am
Sung Eucharist
Rev'd Canon Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 26 June, 11.15am
Family Service
Rev'd Canon Simon Pitcher
Refreshments at 11am

Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesdays

Commemorative Flowers

12 June - Maureen Thompson
for Don

19 June - Jayne & Brian Tibbles
for Ollie

Community Services

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

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