



Walberswick Village News

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HM Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

The village gives thanks to Joanna Saunders, Stephanie Anderson, Penny Buncombe and Ben Skipp for ringing the church bell for five minutes on the announcement of the Queen's death on Thursday, 8 September, and again for one hour starting at noon on Friday, 9 September, in line with the advice from the Church of England. A Book of Condolence was opened on that Friday and was left open in St Andrew's until 24 hours after the funeral, again in line with official instructions. God save the King was sung at the service on Sunday, 11 September.

Village Fete raises record amount

After two years of cancellations, the Village Fete went extremely well. The weather was kind, the crowds were large, and everyone seemed to have a great time. There was such a happy atmosphere.

I would like to thank the Fete Committee for their invaluable work, time and ideas. Thanks also to all the stallholders, the folk barbequing and serving refreshments, all the helpers, everyone who made a donation, the advertisers in our lovely programme, as well as the bands, which provided delightful musical accompaniment. I would also like to thank Rita Woodcraft for opening the Fete and Helen Atkinson Wood for compering the whole event.

The final amount raised was a record £15,338. £15,000 will be equally shared between St Andrew's Church and the Village Hall. The balance will be used to buy necessary equipment for next year's fete. Once again, thank you everyone. **Gordon Beard, Fete Chairman**

On behalf of everyone at St Andrew's Church, may I thank all those whose hard work contributed to a very successful and enjoyable fete. After two years without a fete, it was a joy and delight to see so many people having a good time and coming together in a spirit of friendship and happiness. There is a great deal of work involved in planning and preparing for the fete, and to everyone involved, please can I say that your efforts were really appreciated and deserving of such a good response. **Rev Simon**

The Village Hall Committee members were all so delighted to welcome back the Walberswick Village Fete this August. It was wonderful to see so many people working happily together again to put together such an iconic annual event. Many thanks to Gordon, his talented team, and all who contributed.
Clive Brynley-Jones, Chairman

Tony Kohn 1939-2022

Tony sadly died peacefully at home on 14 September after a short illness, surrounded by his family. He had a good life and will be sadly missed for his humour and sometimes lousy jokes.

In typical Tony fashion, he passed away at 10.50pm just as publicans the length and breadth of the country were calling last orders.

There will be a service in memory of Tony at St Andrew's Church, Walberswick, on Thursday, 6 October at 2pm followed by a memorial drink at the Anchor. All welcome, dress code cheerful please. The family would like to request no floral tributes, but would welcome donations to the RNLI. **Karen Delaney**



The Anchor

As autumn draws in, we offer cosy bars, open fires and a warm welcome.

Monday, 24 October, 6.45 pm - Nick's Quirky Quiz - fun for families and friends.

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What's happening with Sizewell C

As we all know, Kwasi Kwarteng (then as BEIS Secretary of State) approved Sizewell C. It is important to note, however, that he did this against the recommendation of his own expert Inspection Panel, which recommended that Sizewell C should not be built. The main reason cited by the panel is that there is not only no potable water supply during construction (instead it will be serviced using tankers and constructing and operating an expensive and environmentally detrimental desalination plant) but also no supply has been identified for operation. That means there is a real risk that Sizewell C could be built and never generate any energy. This summer's drought is a further reminder that ours is the most water-scarce area of the country. Moreover, the Inspection Panel said that the environmental protections were inadequate (in particular in relation to the marsh harriers) and the decision not to put in transportation and other mitigation for local communities ahead of construction needed to be addressed.

None of this appears to have mattered to the Government. Even our MP, who has been a stalwart Sizewell C supporter, conceded that she was surprised by her own Government approving the construction in the light of the Planning Inspectorate's report. Meanwhile, the costs are likely to be sky-rocketing with EDF and the Government so far refusing to publish updated costs. With Hinckley C running at some 50 percent over budget and well behind schedule, various estimates of Sizewell C's true costs of around £30 billion may not be off the mark. All this to be supported by direct subsidy of taxpayer money and a new nuclear construction tax added to every household's energy bill for years to come.

Beside our local communities, the RSPB is dismayed by the approval. Sizewell C will inevitably significantly damage Minsmere as a reserve. Interestingly, EDF's own Board is reportedly questioning whether investing in Sizewell C makes sense and even with Government using taxpayer money upfront and the nuclear tax on energy bills, significant sums are still needed. The decision of government is going to Judicial Review and we still believe there is much to fight for. So please stay involved.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 10 October 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). The agenda and how to join remotely will be published as usual on the Walberswick village website. For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.



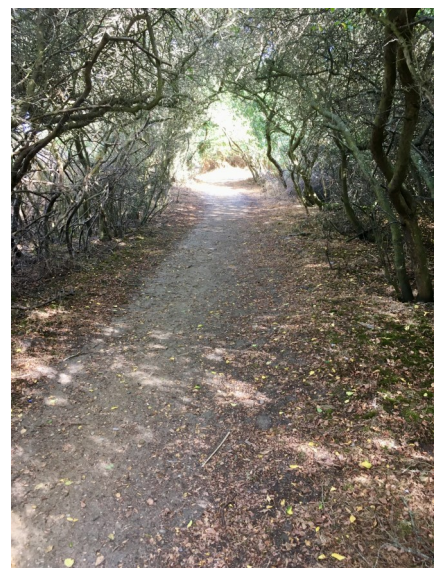
Property Trustee

I am pleased to announce that Graham Humphrey has been appointed as Co-optative Trustee (appointed by the Trustees themselves) to take the lead role in property-related matters. Graham's appointment commences on 1 January, and he will act as an observer for the remainder of this year. Graham is a chartered surveyor and, prior to retirement, was the development & finance director of an Ipswich-based property development company, therefore very well qualified for the role. In addition, Graham has considerable voluntary experience, having served as a parish councillor, charity trustee, and parochial church council member prior to moving full-time to Walberswick. He has been a homeowner in the village since the late 1990s, retiring here in 2018. This recruitment completes the current round of trustee appointments. Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in the work of the Charity over the past eighteen months. **James Darkins, Chairman**

Sandy Lane

This stretch of the Charity's land runs from Palmers Lane as a bridleway heading east. A couple of years ago, the team did a sterling job of planting specimen trees and native hedging, replacing the elms that had been struck by Dutch elm disease. The space continues to be sympathetically pruned by hand to encourage the beautiful arches, which strike you walking along the path. It is edged by the Common and then the houses to the south with fields and glimpses of Southwold to the north. Cherries, sloes, damsons, rose hips, mirabelles, blackberries and wild plums have all flourished this year. Hopefully, the planting will come back after the dry summer and the space will become even more special.

Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee



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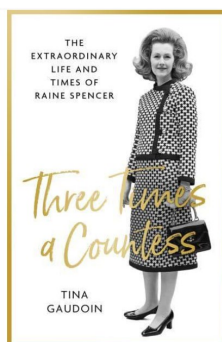
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Pamela Webb

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their generosity in donating to the East Anglian Air Ambulance in memory of Pamela Webb. A total of £801 was raised for a wonderful charity that helped mum in her time of need. Many thanks. **Min and James**

Congratulations Tina on the publication of *Three Times a Countess*

Tina Gaudoin's book, *Three Times a Countess: The Extraordinary Life and Times of Raine Spencer* has just been published. Book of the Week in *The Times*, the biography of Princess Diana's 'evil stepmother' and daughter of Barbara Cartland demystifies Raine's tabloid reputation, drawing insight from those who knew her most. tinyurl.com/threetimesacountess **Editor**



Covid & Flu jabs

Sole Bay Health Centre will be administering both Covid and flu vaccinations at their premises in Reydon this autumn. All eligible registered patients will be contacted directly by the practice in the next few weeks and there is no need for you to contact them. **Editor**

Dog mess on the Common

With the dogs on leads restriction lifting at the end of August, together with the completion of the bracken spraying advice, it has been a great time for dogs and their owners to enjoy the Common. However, this has led to an increase in dogs' mess being left on the paths as well as on the playing field. Please keep a close eye on your dogs, clear up after them and dispose of poo bags responsibly. Thank you. **Editor**



Diary Dates



Beach Clean

Sunday, 9 October, 10am at the Cliff Field Car Park
Organised by the Walberswick Wildfowls and Natural England, please join us for the autumn beach clean. Bring stout bags, gloves and shoes. All welcome. **Mark Waller**



Harvest Festival

Sunday, 9 October, 6pm in St Andrew's Church
Come and join in the celebrations when the church will be full of flowers and the fruits of the season. Choral Evensong will include all our favourite hymns and anthems. **Julia Josephs**

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 13 October, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

NOTE: This month's meeting will now take place on **Thursday 13 October** and not on Thursday 6 October as previously announced. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

Planning applications

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

**The Old Methodist Church, The Street (trees) | Garland, Lodge Road
Wayland Cottage, The Street**

For the latest applications and Advisory Group Reports, go to the Planning page on the Village Website.

Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher
01502 725424
revsimon63@gmail.com

October 2022 Services

Sunday, 2 October, 11.15am
Sung Eucharist
Joined with Blythburgh
Margaret King

Sunday, 9 October, 6pm
Harvest Festival Evensong
Harry Edwards

Sunday, 16 October, 10am
Family Harvest Service
Simon Pitcher
Refreshments available
after the service

Sunday, 23 October, 11.15am
Sung Eucharist
Philip Tarris

Sunday, 30 October, 11.15am
Team Eucharist at Blythburgh
Simon Pitcher/Alan Perry

Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesdays

Parish Registers

Burial of ashes

2 September - Shirley-Ann May
Humphries, aged 86
10 September - William Nicholson
Morgan, aged 76

Holy Baptism

4 September
Edgar Othieno Aldridge
Florence Tove Aldridge

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday
14 October, 2.15-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park

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

Norwich Bus: Thursday,
20 October. Please contact
Mandy Erlenbach on
07590 697575 to book a place.

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