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No LionLink landfall in Walberswick Please respond to the consultation before 5 August

On 7 July, National Grid announced revisions to its proposals for the LionLink interconnector. Most significantly for the village, it said that it was moving the proposed landfall site from G2 in Manor Field a short distance to G3 in Track Field. It then initiated a brief consultation on this and some other changes. WALL's view remains unaltered by the proposed change in landfall site. It makes no material difference to the major impact that this construction site will have on the Village, its residents and the wildlife in the protected habitats that surround the Village. In particular the proposals still include 24 hours a day drilling for 40 days and nights and severe disruption to traffic in and out of the village for 20 months or more. The proposals are totally unacceptable.

Thanks to everyone who has responded to the consultation already. If you haven't managed to respond yet, then please do so by 5 August. We have provided some guidance on how to respond on the **WALL** website. **www.wall-update.org**





The Village Fete Saturday 29 August

Full details in the Fete Programme, available from local shops in early August, as well as in the enclosed insert. **Editor**

As Others See Us by Mea Allan

Following the July meeting of the Walberswick Local History Group with author Felicity Goodall and her biography of erstwhile Walberswick resident Mea Allan, we are now trying to find a copy of the script for a play *As Others See Us,* written and directed by Mea Allan and performed in 1952. There are village residents who remember acting in it, sometimes alongside their parents. The script was a review containing a number of sketches, (described as 'wickedly funny') often depicting well-known village members and their various activities with much leg-pulling and musical accompaniment. If you have, or know the whereabouts of a script, please email Penny Fox at **pennyfox49@hotmail.com.**

Thanks from the Sinclair family

We would like to thank everyone who came to the exhibition in memory of our parents, Chris and Wendy Sinclair, at the Heritage Hut on 18 and 19 April. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the members of the Walberswick Local History Group for organising the showing, and last but not least, all those who lent their pictures to make the exhibition so interesting and varied. It was exciting for us to see some of dad's paintings from the 1960s when we were still young children, or not even born.

We promised to let you know the result of the fundraising for Amnesty International. Summing the donations collected at the funeral with those given in exchange for pictures, we were delighted to be able to send £1,319.80 to Amnesty International, which was naturally very appreciative. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously. **Joy, Paul, Peter and Philip Sinclair**

Thank you from Julia Josephs

I would like to thank everyone who helped make my 100th birthday a truly special occasion. To see a packed church, decorated so beautifully and receive so many gifts, flowers, cards and messages was such a joy and meant a great deal. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity. J**ulia Josephs**

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Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

Wildfire Alert

We are in a period of prolonged drought with little prospect of any significant rainfall in the foreseeable future. The vegetation around the village is tinder dry. It only takes the smallest spark to set off a wildfire, which could have devastating consequences for people, property, the protected habitats around the village, and all the wildlife that lives there. Please take great care to avoid triggering a wildfire and ask family members and visitors to be equally cautious. In particular, do not have open fires anywhere around the village and only use barbecues in a safe environment such as a patio. Please do not have barbecues anywhere near the Common or around the dunes at the back of the beach. Thank you for your cooperation. **WCLC**



Walberswick Parish Council

LionLink

On 15 July, WPC met with the LionLink project team in an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to discuss the latest proposals for the project. Nearly 100 members of the public joined councillors and five LionLink staff. Unlike the consultation 'drop ins', it was a rare opportunity to put direct questions regarding key issues and receive replies that we could all hear together. What we heard confirms our understanding of the wholly inappropriate nature of Walberswick as a landfall site. The fact that LionLink is now proposing a THIRD site here shows their desperation. In fact, the discussion suggests that, as a private, profit-making entity, LionLink should not be in Suffolk at all, but made to connect to an existing UK brownfield site such as planned on the Dutch side. The 'targeted consultation' launched on 7 July closes on 5 August. We strongly encourage everyone to respond with their views to **info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com**. Your email should reference 'Targeted Consultation'. WALL has already posted summary points for those who would like some guidance. Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council will similarly be making their objections known.

B1387 improvements

Amazingly, Suffolk Highways has completed the improvements to the B1387 between the Water Tower and the A12 ahead of schedule. These improvements were a direct outcome of the work of Walberswick, Blythburgh and Westleton Parish Councils with Sizewell C and Suffolk Highways through the B1125 Working Group. The next step will be improvements on the A12 at the B1387 turning and when this is completed, the B1125 through Blythburgh will be closed. Additional traffic calming will be put in place on the B1125 in Westleton. Much of this work could be undone, however, if LionLink were to use Walberswick as landfall. Yet another reason that misguided plan must be stopped.

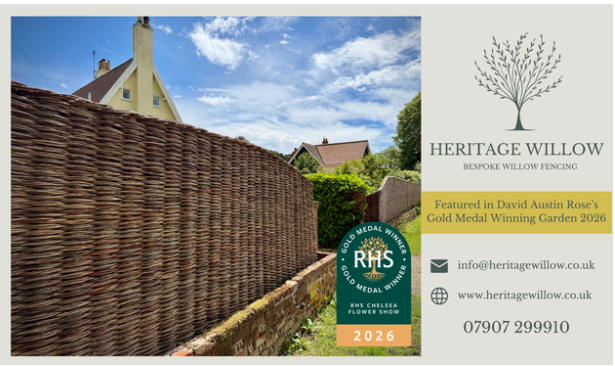
Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 14 September at 7pm in the Heritage Hut and is open to members of the public. Full details will be published on the village website or contact **clerk@walberswick-pc-gov.uk.**

Future distribution of the Village News - we'd like your views

The Village News Committee is reviewing how the newsletter is distributed within the village and would really value your feedback. At present, every property receives a printed copy delivered by our team of dedicated volunteers. However, many newsletters delivered to holiday homes are never collected, with previous editions often still in letterboxes, creating unnecessary waste. In addition, many residents already receive the newsletter by email and have told us they no longer need a printed copy. It is also impractical to deliver only to selected properties. One option we are considering is to distribute the *Village News* through our existing email service, while making paper copies available for collection at selected shops in the village.

No decisions have been made, and we'd very much like to hear your views before considering any changes. Please send your comments to **Edward Wright**, Chair Village News Committee, at **ewright123@btinternet.com**.



Planning Applications

At the time of publication, the following properties were awaiting a decision:

The House on The Green, Leveretts Lane | **Greenways**, The Green | **The Tuck Shop** | **Herons**, Church Field | **The Stables**, The Street | **Tinkers House**, Walberswick Rd | **Green Gates**, The Street.

The latest applications and Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the village **website**.

Alix takes it for the Team

The Right Revd Dr Joanne Woolway Grenfell, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that the Revd Alix Taylor has been appointed as Team Rector of The Sole Bay Team Ministry. Alix is currently serving in the Team as Interim Assistant Curate and takes up the post in September. A date for her Institution, Induction and Installation is to follow. Updates on the appointment of a Team Vicar to come.
The Venerable Rich Henderson, Archdeacon of Suffolk

What's your favourite hymn ?

St Andrew's Songs of Praise service takes place in the ruins on Sunday 30 August at 11.15am. We welcome anyone who has a favourite hymn choice to email it to **renoufstephanie@gmail.com** by 2 August and the hymn wiith the most votes will be included. We also invite anyone who would like to join the pop-up band to play for the service to email **benjamin.skipp@gmail.com** who is coordinating a practise time. Coffee and pastries from 10.45am. Do come and bring a chair. **Stephanie Renouf**

Diary Dates

Summer Kids Club

Mondays 3, 10, 17 & 24 August, 9am to 3pm in the Village Hall
Days packed full of sports and games to get the kids off screens and tire them out. Suitable for 5-16 year olds. Each session is £5 per child. Please provide water bottles and packed lunch. For bookings and enquiries, email **walberswickkidsclub@gmail.com**. Thanks to Walberswick Common Lands Charity for supporting this event. **Summer Kids Club Group**

Family Bingo

Wednesdays 12 & 19 August, 5.30pm in the Village Hall
Doors open at 5.30pm, bingo begins at 6pm. Entrance: Adults £1, Children 50p, bingo cards to be purchased separately. Drinks (alcoholic and non alcoholic) and snacks will be available. (Please note that the event previously advertised for 5 August has been cancelled.)
Village Hall Committee



Village Fete

Saturday 29 August, 11am to 3pm around the Village Green
See insert for details. **Editor**

National Theatre Live: Les Liaisons Dangereuses

Wednesday 9 September, 7pm in the Village Hall
Lesley Manville joins Aidan Turner in a new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin. Doors open at 6.30pm.
Tickets £15 (under 21s £10), also available in advance from **www.ticketsource.co.uk/walberswick-village-hall**
Bar, snacks & soft drinks available. **Village Hall Committee**



Walberswick Open Studios

Saturday & Sunday 19-20 September, 11am to 5pm
Once again the artists (painters, sculptors, and photographers) are opening their studios to give people an opportunity to see where they work and to look at recent work. Some artwork is for sale, but the real reason for Open Studios is a chance for people to look at art that reflects the artists' interests. We look forward to seeing everyone for what is always a lovely sociable event. **Sarah Poland**

Could you be our next editor?

Live in the village and interested in finding out more? Please contact **Edward Wright** at **ewright123@btinternet.com** or **Sheila Parry** at **news@walberswicknews.co.uk**.



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August 2026 Services

Sunday 2 August 11.15am
All Age Service
10.45 am coffee and pastries

(*Southwold Beach Mission*
3-7 August - All welcome)

Sunday 9 August 6pm
Sea Sunday Choral Evensong

Wednesday 12 August 10am
Holy Communion

Sunday 16 August 11.15am
Holy Communion

Sunday 23 August 11am
Blythburgh Priory
Blessing of Animals Service
Animals of all shapes and sizes welcome

Wednesday 26 August 10am
Holy Communion

Sunday 30 August 11.15am
Songs of Praise in the Ruins

Memorial Flowers

2 August Joanna Saunders for her parents Gordon and Doris Hoare

9 August Christine and Brian Fisher for Monica and Alan Old

Parish Register

4 July Burial of Ashes
Tony Green, age 79 years.

8 July Memorial service
Jo Lowrie, age 93 years

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday 19 August 2pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday 14 August 2.15pm - 2.45pm in the Village Hall car park

Mobile Post Office: Wednesdays 12 noon - 1pm in the Village Hall car park

Norwich Bus: There is no bus in August. For enquiries, please contact Mandy Erlenbach on 07590 697575

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The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 September 2026. The copy deadline is noon on 25 August 2026 and submissions should be sent to the editor at news@walberswicknews.co.uk.

Insert produced by the Village Fete Committee

Walberswick Village Fete

Saturday 29th August 2026

Preparations for this year's Village Fete are well under way! Your Fete Committee this year are Mitchell Pocock, Harriet Wilson, Karen Maxwell, Sally East and Simon Ethell. There will be all the classic stalls you know and love, wonderful food, live music, a grand raffle and games for all ages, all under the guise of a pirate theme!

Fete Programmes and Raffle Tickets can all be bought in the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern and Black Dog Deli from early August. The Fete gets under way with the grand opening at 11am, followed by the dog show at 11:15. This year we welcome Jan Etherington to open the Fete! Profits from all Fete activities will be divided between St Andrew's Church, Walberswick Village Hall and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), with a 40/40/20 split respectively.

10:00	Fun Dog Show Registration Opens – Behind the Village Hall*
11:00	Official Opening of the Fete by Jan Etherington
11:05	Fete Attractions Open Breakfast BBQ Opens – Village Hall Car Park Village Hall Cafe Opens
11:15	Fun Dog Show Begins – Behind Village Hall
13:00-14:30	Traditional races, games, and Tug-O-War on the Village Green
14:30	Grand Raffle Draw
15:00	Fete Closes

*Dog Show Registration forms will be available before the day from the Walberswick Tuck Shop. Dogs entered at their owners' risk.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered, without you this Fete could not happen. If you would like to help with setting up and taking down things on the day, please contact Simon on 07909560006. There are stalls that still need your help with donations that are in clean and good condition.

Stall	Holder	Contact	Descriptions
Book Stall	Jacki Neeves	07399580202	Good quality books
Garden Stall	Helen Riches	07532323944	Garden and house plants, seeds, cuttings and allotment produce including cut flowers.
Cakes and Preserves	Karen Maxwell	07788926186	Wrapped cakes, biscuits, jams - labelled, any additional people willing to man the stall
Nearly New	Inger Edwards	07747808405	Any clothes in good condition. No shoes.
Bottle Tombola	Ollie Wigdahl	07775600540	Full Bottles
Kitchen Cupboard	Mandy Erlenbach	07590697575	Crockery, glass, cutlery, pans
Original Art Fair	Jane Ethell	07786221604	Original painting and prints
White Elephant	Diane Knight	07754127097	Anything "sellable"
Hamper Raffle	Rita Woodcraft	07796475350	Items for a family hamper, games, chocolates, quality food items, etc

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mitchell on 07745391711.

From the Fete Committee, we thank you.

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