



# Walberswick Village News

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## Richard's achievements celebrated at the 2025 Oscars

Congratulations to Richard Curtis on receiving an Academy accolade, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. The lifetime honours are awarded at a standalone ceremony and were celebrated at the 2025 Oscars.

Along with co-founder of Comic Relief, Lenny Henry, Richard has also been named as a Carnegie Catalyst Award recipient.

Both awards are in recognition of Richard's fundraising work over the last 40 years, which has helped raise more than £1.6 billion and supported over 170 million people. **Editor**

## Congratulations to the Co-op team

Our little Co-op raised a phenomenal £1,082.57 for The Pear Tree Fund from all their winter antics - (remember Carla as a partridge in a pear tree? Rosie as a French hen? Frighteningly unforgettable). It was the smallest Co-op store but came in as the second highest fundraiser. Congratulations all of you, the staff and the donors. **Penny Fox**

## Plant Sale and Horticultural Show dates

On 24 May from 10am-1pm the Horticultural Committee will once again run their seedling stall. If you have seedlings to donate please drop them off outside the Village Hall from 9am. This year we are donating the proceeds to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

On 19 July, the Horticultural and Culinary Show will take place in the Village Hall. Please look at the 2025 schedule, available with this month's *Village News*, for details. We had many new enthusiastic entrants last year, many of whom were winners. We hope they will all participate again this year and encourage their friends to enter too. You can find us on the village website as well as on our new Instagram page (details on the front of our schedule). Any questions can be addressed to committee members. Please remember both events are **cash only**.

**Betsy Lemmon**

Easter Egg Hunt  
in the Dunes  
Easter Sunday 11am



## Communal Beach Hut

Once again, the Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) is offering hut number 8 for daily hire. The cost is still an absurdly reasonable £10 for the day and is available exclusively to village residents. Bookings can only be taken online through the WCLC's section of the Walberswick website, which also has a calendar of available days between now and the end of September. Have a look at [tinyurl.com/WCLCbeachhut](http://tinyurl.com/WCLCbeachhut).

**Matthew Wetmore, WCLC**

## That's what bins are for

Once again, a huge thank you to those villagers who selflessly make our village a better place by picking up litter on the beaches, in the village, and on the B3187 between the Water Tower and the village.

The report from the B3187 is that whoever was responsible for the large number of white wine bottles retrieved along the road over the last few years appears to have moved away as far fewer have been found recently. **Editor**

## Don't miss out on INK tickets

The ninth edition of the annual INK Festival, co-founded by villager Julia Sowerbutts, takes place in Halesworth from Thursday 24 April to Sunday 27 April, with the INK Youth Festival on Monday 28 April. The Sunday Funday on 27 April is a free all-day event in Halesworth Market Place with live music, hands-on activities, and theatre based family activities.

This year's programme is the most ambitious to date, featuring over 70 original short plays, a selection of performance poetry, radio plays, stand-up comedy, short film screenings, industry Q&As, writers' workshops and a host of activities for children. For full ticket and programme information, visit the INK website at [www.inkfestival.org](http://www.inkfestival.org). **Editor**

Good Friday fish specials

Sun-drenched & wind-free  
marquee perfect for meeting  
up with family & friends

Full menu 12 noon - 3pm & 5.30pm - 8.30pm-ish  
All day fish & chips - eat in and takeaway  
Booking online recommended

We're recruiting enthusiastic members for our summer team. Email us for more details

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## Village responds to LionLink announcement

Following the shocking announcement in February that National Grid Ventures (NGV) had selected Walberswick as the landfall for LionLink, the village responded magnificently. There was a massive turnout of 120 people for the meeting in the Village Hall on 8 March when a number of speakers spoke about the implications of NGV's decision for Walberswick, the next stages of the planning process and what WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink) was going to do in the next phase of the campaign against LionLink. This was followed by a lively debate and Q&A session where many residents expressed their anger and incredulity at NGV's decision.

On 14 March, Walberswick residents also joined the protest organised by SEAS (Suffolk Energy Action Solutions) in Saxmundham outside the NGV 'drop-in' session held there. The protest received significant media coverage including on Anglia News. Subsequently, there was another great turnout for the LionLink 'drop-in' session at the Village Hall on 15 March. However, people were very disappointed and frustrated that NGV were unable to provide any useful information about the landfall proposals. It would seem that NGV won't release more detailed plans about the construction works associated with LionLink until the Statutory Consultation takes place in the Autumn.



**WALL protesters in Saxmundham**

Over the next six months WALL is going to be gathering more information and evidence to challenge LionLink which will include adverse effects on wildlife/protected habitats, flooding, traffic, social and economic impacts. This will probably involve commissioning expert reports and surveys. However, WALL is again asking for volunteers to help with this work. If you think you can help out in any way please contact WALL via the WhatsApp group or the WALL Website.

**David Pelly on behalf of WALL**

## Walberswick Parish Council

### Telephone Box on The Green

As previously reported, BT recently held (another) consultation on the viability of the telephone box on The Green. Given it's ongoing low level of usage (just 12 calls made in the last 12 months), it has concluded this time that the service will cease over the next couple of months. The Parish Council is not objecting to this decision, but is very aware of the importance of the telephone box itself as an iconic piece of street furniture on The Green, where it has been for many years. The Council has, therefore, bought the telephone box from BT (for the princely sum of £1) and taken it into ownership, so it is protected for the village. It has its own mains power supply and the obvious question now is "what shall we do with it?" Anyone wishing to make a suggestion should email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk). This will also be a topic for discussion at this year's Annual Parish Meeting in May (details below).

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for Walberswick will take place this year on Wednesday, 7 May at 7pm in the Village Hall (doors open at 6.30pm). All are warmly invited to attend as it is an excellent opportunity to hear from the organisations in the village on their activities in the past year and their upcoming plans, as well as to ask questions and express your views. While residents are very welcome to attend, only persons on the electoral register of the Parish are entitled to speak or vote at a Parish Meeting, except at the discretion of the Chair.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 14 April at 7pm in the Heritage Hut and is open to members of the public. Full details will be published on the village website, or for further information contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk).



## Planning applications

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

4 Moorside | The Pink House, Seven Acres Lane | May House, Lodge Rd | 2 Manor Close | Seacroft, Millfield Rd | The Beeches, Millfield Road | Herons, Church Field

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

## St Andrew's Church Roll

This year, as every six years, it is time for the church to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll. Anybody who lives in the parish of Walberswick is entitled to join if they wish. Those outside the parish must be regular worshippers. It is a sign of belonging, which enables you to vote at our annual meeting and take part in the administration of the church.

The Roll will be prepared in Easter week and then displayed on the church door. Those who are already on the existing Roll will automatically be sent new application forms. Forms will also be available in the church. If you would like to know more, please contact me at [jsaunders6959@gmail.com](mailto:jsaunders6959@gmail.com). **Joanna Saunders**

## Diary Dates

### WI Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, 3 April, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

Edward Wright, author of *The People of Millfield Road* and *Walberswick: People and Houses 1870-1930*, will be discussing the history of the village. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

### Village Hall AGM

**Thursday, 3 April, 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

Please join us at 6.30pm for refreshments before our AGM, which commences at approximately 6.45pm. Come and hear what our projects are for the next year. **Village Hall Committee**

### A Moment in Time: Millennium exhibition

**Saturday & Sunday 5-6 April, 10am-4pm in the Heritage Hut**

An exhibition to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Millennium in the village organised by the Walberswick Local History Group. If you have any memorabilia of the event that you are willing to loan, please contact **Pat Lancaster** at [patlancaster@btinternet.com](mailto:patlancaster@btinternet.com).

### Family Bingo

**Wednesday, 16 April, 5.30pm in the Village Hall**

Doors open at 5.30pm and play starts at 6pm sharp. Entrance: adults £1 children 50p. Bingo cards to be purchased separately.

**Village Hall Committee**

### Easter Egg Hunt in the dunes

**Sunday, 20 April, at 11am behind the Ferry Road car park**

**Volunteers please report at 9.30am**

Two areas to hunt, one for 6 years and under and the other for 7-13 year olds. Bring your own collection basket. All children will be rewarded with a bag of eggs to take home. Cash donations gratefully received. Supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity.

**Hannah Sutton & John Winyard**

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## St Andrew's Church Walberswick

### Team Rector

Revd Russ Gant

[russ.gant@solebayteamministry.co.uk](mailto:russ.gant@solebayteamministry.co.uk)

[solebayteamministry.co.uk](http://solebayteamministry.co.uk)

### April 2025 Services

**Sunday, 6 April 11.15am**

Communion

*Joined by Blythburgh*

**Sunday, 13 April 6pm**

Choral Evensong

**Saturday, 19 April 8.30pm**

Easter Vigil Service

### Easter Day

**Sunday, 20 April**

7am Beach Service,  
Walberswick

9.30 am Choral Eucharist

**Sunday, 27 April 11.15am**

Family Service & Baptism

10.45am coffee and pastries

**Every Wednesday 10am**

Holy Communion

Coffee on first Wednesday

### Commemorative Flowers

**20-27 April** - Tony Langham and

Clare Parsons in memory  
of Alex Langham

## Community Services

**Community Cafe: Wednesday**

16 April 2pm - 4.30pm  
in the Village Hall

**Mobile Library: Friday,**

25 April 2.15pm - 2.45pm  
in the Village Hall car park

**Norwich Bus: Thursday,**

17 April. Please contact Mandy  
Erlenbach on 07590 697575  
to book a place

**Mobile Post Office:**

Wednesdays 12 noon - 1pm  
in the Village Hall car park

**Village:** [walberswick-pc.gov.uk](http://walberswick-pc.gov.uk)

**WALL:** [www.wall-update.org](http://www.wall-update.org)

**Friends of St Andrew's:**

[friendsofstandrews.org.uk](http://friendsofstandrews.org.uk)

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## CULINARY

## CC GOLD CUP

Food Hygiene: Paper plates and bags will be available on the day.

In classes 59-70: use a clean jar and a **new** lid. Exhibit to be clearly labelled and dated. Entry number to be placed on the bottom/base of the jar.

47. **Iced apple cake** – 2 tier, no decoration, 20cm dia. **OR**
48. **Show Stopper Iced apple cake** – decorated, max 20cm dia.
49. **Sourdough Bread** - one loaf
50. **Florentines** – three
51. **Plain Scones** - three
52. **Blueberry muffins** - not iced - three
53. **Shortbread Round** - 18-20 cm
54. **Sausage Rolls** - three
55. **Savoury quiche** – one, max 18x20cm, removed from tin/dish
56. **Blackcurrant Jam**
57. **Strawberry Jam**
58. **Raspberry Jam**
59. **Any other jam** (can be a mix, sweet or savoury - please label)
60. **Lemon Curd**
61. **Marmalade**
62. **Any type of Jelly**
63. **Jar of Chutney** (at least three months old)
64. **Jar of Relish**
65. **Sauerkraut** - cabbage based, any size or type of jar
66. **Bottle of Homemade Cordial** (undiluted, named)
67. **Miniature bottle of homemade liqueur** (named)
68. **Hens Eggs** - three - presented in a small basket or bowl



## JUNIOR CLASSES – Open to visitors, 2 age categories

Cash prizes for each winner of 69 to 73. Minimal help from adults please.

69. **Favourite sandwich** (under tens)
70. **Favourite sandwich** (11 to 16)
71. **Decorated flipflop or slider** (under tens)
72. **Decorated flipflop or slider** (11-16)
73. **Design an A4 show poster** (for 2026, digital art included, all ages)

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

## WINYARD CUP &amp; IRIS BLOIS MEMORIAL CUP

The following should be shown on a white paper plate (available on the day)

1. **Potatoes** - five (same variety)
2. **Garden Peas** - five pods (same variety)
3. **Mangetout** – five pods (same variety)
4. **Broad Beans** - five pods
5. **French Beans** - five pods
6. **Runner Beans** - five pods
7. **Chard** - three leaves
8. **Carrots** - five (leaves trimmed)
9. **Beetroot** - three (leaves trimmed)
10. **Cucumber** - one (any variety)
11. **Onions** - three (not skinned, tops tied)
12. **Shallots** - seven (separate, not skinned, tops tied)
13. **Spring Onions** - three
14. **Garlic** - three bulbs
15. **Chilli Peppers** - three (same type)
16. **Tomatoes** - three single (calyx still attached)
17. **Tomatoes Cherry Type** - five single- 3cm max (calyx still attached)
18. **Courgettes** - three (10-15 cm)
19. **Mixed Herbs** - a tied bunch, five varieties, non-flowering, labelled
20. **Rhubarb** - three sticks as pulled (leaves reduced to 2 inches)
21. **Novelty** - one odd shaped fruit or vegetable
22. **Gooseberries** - seven (with stalks on)
23. **Redcurrants or White currants** - seven strigs
24. **Raspberries** - seven (with stalks on)
25. **Blueberries** - seven (with stalks on)
26. **Blackcurrants** - seven strigs
27. **Any other fruit or vegetable** - one or two specimens



**HARVEY MEMORIAL TROPHY** Fruit, Veg and Flower Box - decorative presentation of own grown mixed produce. Maximum 7 varieties (inclusive of decoration)



## WALBERSWICK

HORTICULTURAL & CULINARY  
SHOW

VILLAGE HALL, Saturday 19 July 2025

Open 3:00 till 4:30pm - **FREE ADMISSION**

**RAFFLE and TEAS - CASH ONLY**

## RULES

Exhibits to be handed in at the Village Hall on Sat, 19 July **from 9:30 to 10:45am**  
**First, Second, Third and Best in Show** may be awarded, dependent upon quality and number of entries. Not more than one entry per class from any Exhibitor.  
 All exhibits to be made or grown (except floral arrangements) and displayed in Walberswick by the Exhibitor. No fee for exhibits. The judge's decision is final.  
 For updates - [www.walberswick.onesuffolk.net](http://www.walberswick.onesuffolk.net) & Instagram: @walberswick.show

**ENTRIES RESTRICTED TO WALBERSWICK RESIDENTS EXCEPT IN JUNIOR CLASSES.**  
**PLEASE DO NOT TO REMOVE EXHIBITS UNTIL AFTER PRIZE GIVING**

## TROPHIES

Scoring the most points in classes

WINYARD CUP for the man	1-27
IRIS BLOIS MEMORIAL CUP for the woman	1-27
MARIAN BEARD FLOWER CUP for the exhibitor	28-41
FLOWER BOWL for the exhibitor	42-46
CC GOLD CUP for the exhibitor	47-68
WHITTENBURY VICTOR LUDORUM for the exhibitor	1-41 & 47-68
HARVEY MEMORIAL TROPHY	See schedule overleaf
DAVID WEBB MEMORIAL TROPHY	See schedule overleaf
BEST IN SHOW	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize – 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize – 2 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize – 1 point

**EACH TROPHY WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL SHOW**

**COMMITTEE:** Chair: Betsy Lemmon, Sec: Suzzie Godfrey, Treas: Paul Bradley, Diana Wright, Nicky Thorpe

## FLOWERS AND PLANTS

## MARIAN BEARD FLOWER CUP

## Cut flowers

28. **Roses (Hybrid tea)** - three blooms
29. **Roses (Floribunda)** - three sprays (one or more variety)
30. **Agapanthus** - three stems (one or more variety)
31. **Sweet Peas** - nine stems (without decorative foliage)
32. **Annuals** - five stems (one or more varieties)
33. **Hardy Perennials** - five stems (one or more varieties)
34. **Flowering Shrubs** - five stems (one or more varieties)
35. **Hydrangeas** - three stems (one or more varieties)
36. **Clematis** - three blooms (one or more varieties)

## Pot plants - Indoor or outdoor

37. **Pot Plant** - one, any kind: flowering in max. 30cm internal dia. pot
38. **Pot Plant** - one, any kind: foliage/grasses max. 30cm internal dia. pot
39. **Cactus or Succulent** - one pot max. 30cm internal dia. pot
40. **Pelargonium/geranium** - one pot max. 30cm internal dia. pot
41. **Orchid** - one pot max 30cm internal dia. Pot

**DAVID WEBB MEMORIAL TROPHY** Dahlias - five blooms, one or more colours, no buds.

## FLOWER &amp; FOLIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

**FLOWER BOWL** Flowers & foliage arranged for effect – they do not need to be grown by the exhibitor, they can be purchased.

42. **Colourful arrangement** - purple, green & white, < 45 cm overall.
43. **Miniature arrangement** - maximum 10cmx10cmx10cm
44. **Foliage in a vase** - not exceeding 65cm high
45. **Arrangement in an unusual container** – by a man
46. **Decorated coat hanger**