Walberswick Village News

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Please respond to the LionLink Statutory Consultation

Residents, visitors and local businesses should all please respond to the LionLink Statutory Consultation by **10 March 2026.** WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink) strongly advises that you **do not use** the paper feedback form or the online version that LionLink have already distributed, as the questions are skewed and limit the scope for objections. Instead, please respond directly by email. The correct email address, general guidance, key objection points, and detailed analysis to support arguments are available on the WALL website at **wall-update.org**.

Walberswick Parish Council has now formally submitted its strongly-worded response, which contains detailed objections and concerns relating to the entire LionLink proposal. It will also assist you in formulating your objections and can be found on the village website at **tinyurl.com/wwlionlink**. **Editor**

That's a wrap

Thank you to all the cast, and to everyone who came and supported the recent production of *Treasure Island* in the village hall. We're looking forward to next year's production and welcome new members who would like to get involved on or off stage. If you are interested, please contact **Rod Lynch** at **lynchrod@hotmail.com**.



Community Speed Watch (CSW) needs more volunteers

Our small and friendly team of volunteers continues to help raise awareness that excessive speeds in our village are unacceptable. All speeding reports are forwarded to the police for action. We are currently looking for more people to help us. We offer simple training and organise flexible rotas, so the choice is yours as to which dates you choose to go out in a team of three for a one hour session on a weekday or a weekend. It is not overly time consuming. On average, each member helps once every few weeks. Happy for you to call me for a chat and have your questions answered on 07808 738888. **Jane Sutherland-Rogers**, Walberswick CSW Co-ordinator.

Village Hall car park permits

There are a couple of permits now available for 2026/27 (valid from 1 April). Please contact Martin Lovick at **martin.lovick@gmail.com**.

Looking for INK accommodation

Every year, generous villagers kindly host actors and directors taking part in the INK Festival. As the festival grows, we need a few more beds this April (13th - 20th). Our actors are out most of the day rehearsing and performing, are respectful and house trained - and there's no need to provide meals.

If you can offer a room for the week, we would be very grateful. Please email **kitty@inkfestival.org** for details.

Friends of St Andrews could use a helping hand

The Friends of St Andrews is a non-religious registered charitable organisation, dedicated to raising funds for the improvement of the fabric of our village church. Last year, the Friends invested £11,800 in a new sound and vision installation used for concerts and other performances, as well as for church services. There are other areas where improvements are needed, and the funds are unlikely to be provided by the church authorities. To help raise these funds, the Trustees are now looking for volunteers to assist in the organisation and management of concerts or other entertainment, both inside and outside in the church grounds when the summer weather permits.

If you can help, or can help provide entertainment, please contact the Chair of the Trustees **Gordon Beard** on 07734 996114 or at **gfbuk1@gmail.com**.

Thursday 26 March
Curry Night
with all your favourites
and more. Booking advisable

THE ANCHOR

We are now building our Summer '26 Team.
Interviews over Easter - email us for details.

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Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

Rather special and quite rare, the wet heath is to the north of the dry heath, an area often referred to as The Common, part of WCLC's lands. Wet heath develops on sandy soils that have become impeded and so are waterlogged and acidic. It is ideal for heather, especially cross-leaved, as well as sedges, the rare Hare's Tail cottongrass, and sphagnum moss that can hold ten times its mass in water.

Management of this area is by rotational clearing of reeds over a long cycle and the clearance of scrub, particularly birch, and the contractors have been on site this month. On a recent visit, Natural England commented that there are very few places where all three types of heather can be seen in close proximity as it is here in the transition zone. What a splendid space; Nightjar, Dartford Warbler, and blue-studded butterfly are all supported by this habitat. Future plans include the restoration of a pond, a project requiring consent from Natural England and hopefully a grant from National Landscapes. **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Director**

The west fen is cut by section on rotation



Waterlogged ground and birch scrub



Birch scrub cleared



Walberswick Parish Council

LionLink

Walberswick Parish Council has now formally submitted its response to the LionLink Statutory Consultation and it can be seen on the village website at **tinyurl.com/wwlionlink**.

The Parish Council urges everyone to submit their own objections to LionLink before the closing date (10 March 2026) and we are happy for anyone to use any of the points from our submission, but please make the response your own; do not just copy and paste the whole of the Parish Council response as complete duplicates risk being ignored. It is fine to use the LionLink form to respond if you wish to, or email is equally valid and should be sent to **info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com**.

Village Green

At its most recent meeting, the Parish Council considered the current state of the Village Green after a summer in which the grass appeared to be almost completely destroyed. The extent to which the grass has recovered over the last few months has been a pleasant surprise to all, and rather than go to the very considerable expense and inconvenience that complete re-seeding would cause, the Parish Council has decided instead to wait until September this year when it will invest in top soil to 'level up' the green as much as possible and carry out a limited re-seeding where needed.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 March 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 the Parish Clerk at **clerk@walberswick-pc-gov.uk**.

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The Fete Needs You

The fete committee has begun work on this year's event. However, we are looking for a new member to help with the fete programme. The rest of the fete committee will be here to help guide you should you need any assistance.

Anyone interested please contact **Mitchell** on 07745 391711.

Departure of Team Rector

As many of you will already know, we have been given the news that Russ Gant will no longer be our rector in Sole Bay. There is deep sadness at this development and for many it will have been unexpected. As a benefice, we are all very grateful for the opportunities Russ saw for our parishes and the love he gave, and we will continue to build on God's vision for our communities and our churches. As we move forward with planning for the recruitment of both the Team Rector and Team Vicar we will keep you all informed. However, if you wish to talk to a priest then please contact Revd **Alix Taylor** at **revalixtaylor@gmail.com** or Revd **Philip Tarris** at **philipgtarris@gmail.com**.

Diary Dates

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday 5 March at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our speaker is David Wollweber and his talk is on the Halesworth Witches 1645. All welcome. For further information, contact **Sheilagh Murray**.

Walberswick Village Hall presents National Theatre Live: Hamlet

Thursday 12 March at 7pm in the Village Hall

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Directed by Robert Hastie. Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets £15 (under 21s £10), also available in advance from **www.ticketsource.co.uk/walberswick-village-hall.**
Bar, snacks and soft drinks available. **Teresa Lynch**

Walberswick Local History Group AGM and talk

Saturday 14 March at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

The AGM will be held at 6.30pm and the talk at 7pm. The speaker will be Harry Edwards talking about his childhood growing up in Walberswick. Those wishing to attend should email **Edward Wright** at **ewright123btinternet.com**. Please indicate if you wish to bring a guest (guest ticket £5).

Walberswick Easter egg hunt

Easter Sunday 5th April at 11am in the sand dunes

Easter eggs kindly donated by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. New this year: wooden eggs and new rules. Chocolate eggs will still be given to each child. More information next month. **Hannah Sutton.**

Family Bingo

Wednesday 8 April at 6pm 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. **Teresa Lynch**

INK Festival: Children's programme

Tuesday 7 April to Sunday 19 April in Halesworth

Free theatre workshops and activities for children 6-16 years, including during the school holidays. Visit **inkfestival.org/whats-on-ink** for more information. Early booking recommended. **Julia Sowerbutts**

QWing Essential: Informal Concert

Saturday 11 April 12 noon at St Andrew's Church

Come and listen to this wonderful wind quintet in beautiful surroundings, where they will perform a variety of light classics lasting around 45 minutes. Tea and cake will be provided at 11.30am. Free entry. Donations in aid of Norfolk and Waveney MIND and St Andrew's Church. **Jacki Neeves**

Walberswick Local History Group Exhibition

Saturday 18 April and Sunday 19 April in the Heritage Hut (time tba)

An exhibition of works by Chris & Wendy Sinclair. **Rita Woodcraft**



St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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March 2026 Services

Sunday, 1 March 11.15am
All Age Informal Service
Refreshments at 10.45am

Sunday, 8 March 6pm
A special Choral Evensong for Lent

Wednesday, 11 March 10am
Holy Communion
Coffee served after the service

Sunday, 15 March 11.15am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 25 March 10am
Holy Communion

Memorial Flowers

19 March - Clare, Tony, Theo and Frances for Alex Langham

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday 18 March 2pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday 27 March 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: Thursday, 19 March. To book a place, please contact Mandy Erlenbach on 07590 697575

Village: walberswick-pc.gov.uk
WALL: www.wall-update.org

Planning Applications

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

Benwrights, The Street | **White Cottage,** The Street | **Wayland Cottage**, The Street | **Dudley**, The Street | **Seacroft,** Millfied (trees) | **3 Moorside | Long Meadow,** Seven Acres

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

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 April 2026. The copy deadline is noon on 25 March 2026 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com.

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