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Frank Duffy 1940 - 2026



It is with great sadness that we record the recent death of the architect Frank Duffy, Past President of the Royal Institute of British Architects and a long-term resident of Walberswick.

Born in the north east of England (the landscape of my heart as Frank would quote W H Auden), he moved to London to study at the Architectural Association School of Architecture where he completed the course with an Honours Diploma. Here he developed an interest in new ideas from Germany about the design of more flexible and versatile work spaces known as 'burolandschaft' or 'office landscaping'. In pursuit of these ideas Frank and his partners established in 1971 the international design and space planning consultancy DEGW. It is no exaggeration to claim the revolutionary impact of their work.

In Walberswick, Frank joined the Parish Plan Working Party, set up to collect data about the village and its aspirations. A legacy of this work was the establishment of the Planning Advisory Group which comments to the Parish Council on planning applications. Frank's contribution was valued for his deep understanding of architectural design, his skill in report writing, and his wit. **John Nichols**

Alvin & Viv celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary

Huge congratulations from all the village to Alvin and Vivien Hunt, who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 2 April.

Vivien, who was born in Walberswick, first met Alvin in the Bell in 1964. They were married in St Andrew's church and held their wedding reception at the Anchor. Their first home was in Halesworth, where Alvin was born. They moved from the area in 1969 to pursue Alvin's professional career. They have three sons and five grandchildren. When Alvin took early retirement in 1999, they moved back to Walberswick where they have been big contributors to village life, both serving on the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee, as well as participating in many theatrical events. **Editor**



Get ready for the Walberswick Easter egg hunt in the dunes

The much-loved Easter egg hunt is happening as usual on Easter Sunday, 5 April, in the dunes behind the Ferry Road car park. This year there are new rules. Coloured wooden eggs will be hidden in the dunes and the kids need to find four eggs of different colours, which can then be exchanged for a chocolate egg at the collection table (one chocolate egg per child, along with a special Easter sticker). There are two areas to hunt - one for six years and under and the other for 7-13 year olds. Please bring your own collection basket. Donations gratefully received.

The hunt begins at **11am sharp** and volunteers are requested to meet at 9.30am. A big thank you to the Walberswick Common Lands Charity for supporting this event. **Jon Winyard**

Thank you from the Tuck Shop

A big thank you to everyone who entered our raffle in aid of Comic Relief. We raised £271, all of which goes towards projects supporting people facing incredibly tough times, both here in the UK and around the world. And congratulations to our prize winners, Guy Parry and Ben Whiting. **Ben Woolnough**

Enjoy a meal and a drink in our sunny marquee – warm and bright whatever the weather

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Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

Tucked away behind The Street is a piece of WCLC land called Bennett's Copse. It is a beautiful glade in spring, and in early March the National Landscape Volunteers came into the Village to carry out a series of stewardship tasks. The organisation is part funded by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and part by Suffolk County Council and its remit is to enhance and protect areas of outstanding natural beauty; this includes a volunteer action group which is out many weeks of the year.

On a classic bright spring day, it was a real pleasure to be in Bennett's Copse where the volunteers cleared and laid a glade footpath, planted 180 native species hedging plants and nine young oak trees, completed a tree survey, and constructed and put up four bird boxes. Real impact! **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Director**

Walberswick Parish Council

Sizewell C: 're-modelling' of Water Tower Road and associated road closure

As most will already be aware, the Parish Council has been insistent that as part of the Sizewell C mitigation work, the Water Tower Road (the part of the B1387 connecting the A12 to the water tower junction) needs to be repaired, upgraded and remodelled to make the junctions at either end safer for Walberswick residents, and that this must happen before the permanent closure of the B1125 junction with the A12 at Blythburgh. This work is scheduled to take place over approximately six weeks, and the Water Tower Road will therefore be closed during daytime for much or all of this time. Exact dates will be provided as soon as available.

Grass cutting

After a successful year of grass cutting within the village last year, the Parish Council agreed at its last meeting to contract the same company for 2026. Hopefully we will see continuity of the quality seen last year.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 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 contact the Parish Clerk at **clerk@walberswick-pc-gov.uk**.

Walberswick Against LionLink (WALL)

A magnificent response to the LionLink Consultation! Thanks to everyone who responded. Given Walberswick is quite a small community, the response was stupendous. We lost count after about 200 responses and we assume that many people responded without us knowing, so the final total is likely to be over 300. Also, there were many more responses from the other communities around Saxmundham and Friston, who will also be impacted by LionLink. It was really important to let National Grid Ventures (NGV) know how angry we are about the LionLink project as a whole, and especially the proposed landfall in Walberswick and the disastrous impact it would have on the people, the community and the local ecology.

Although NGV may send out another community newsletter over the coming months, the next major stage is when NGV LionLink apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that they are currently scheduling for 'winter 2026'. For a major energy infrastructure project like LionLink this is effectively an application for planning permission at a national level. The application with be considered by the Planning Inspectorate. It is the same process that the Sea Link project just down the coast is going through.

We can't rest on our laurels, we now need to prepare for the time when NGV puts in their application for the DCO consent for LionLink. We need to gather a lot more evidence and arguments to submit to the Planning Inspectorate. WALL will need your help again, especially with surveys and fund-raising. We will need to raise a lot more money over the coming months as we probably need to retain legal advice and commission other experts. We will keep you posted via the WALL WhatsApp group and website or please contact us on email at **info@wall-update.org** for more informaton. Thank you all for your continued support. **WALL Committee**

INK Festival
Halesworth 16 – 19 April daily 09.30 - 21.30

Support Walberswickians Richard Curtis, Angus Deayton, Jan Etherington, Esther Freud, Jack Solloway and Claire Wittenbury.
Appearances from Helen Atkinson Wood, Hugh Bonneville, Alistair McGowan, Jan Ravens, Sir Toby Robinson, and Luke Wright.
Poetry, talks, free youth /family events,
+ 70 new short plays.

Tickets: **www.inkfestival.org**

Planning Applications

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

Todds Cottage, Ferry Road | **2 Church Lane** | **Seacroft,** Millfield Road | **Greyroof,** Millfied Road, **Campsite**, **Benwrights**, The Street | **White Cottage,** The Street | **Wayland Cottage**, The Street | **Long Meadow,** Seven Acres

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

Call out for St Andrew's electoral roll

In advance of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to be held on Sunday 17 May, St Andrew's Church is updating its electoral roll and is inviting anyone to who feels connected with or a part of our village church by regularly attending services and/or living within the parish boundary to sign up. You can also join if you are on another roll but regularly attend St Andrew's. Joining the electoral roll enables you to vote for, nominate and stand for election as a member of our Parochial Church Council, the trustees of the church responsible for the finances and church building. The trustees work with Revd Alix Taylor and the Sole Bay Team Ministry to help deliver our church services and events in the community.

Every parish church in the Church of England has an electoral roll. To join you must be 16 years or over, baptised into the Christian faith, and a lay person (not an ordained person). The deadline for submitting forms is Wednesday 29 April. For a form, chat or any further details contact **Joanna Saunders** on 07511 013829 or at **jsaunders6959@gmail.com**

Diary Dates

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday 2 April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our guest speaker this month is John Walford talking about his life in fashion All welcome. For information, contact **Sheilagh Murray** on 07903 353753.

Walberswick Easter egg hunt

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

See the news item on page one for full details. **Jon Winyard**

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. Info at **inkfestival.org/whats-on-ink**. **Julia Sowerbutts**

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**

Qwind 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**

10th edition of INK Festival

Thursday 16 April to Sunday 19 April in Halesworth

The UK's leading producer of original short plays. Everything you want to know can be found at **www.inkfestival.org/festival2026**. **Julia Sowerbutts**

Walberswick Local History Group Exhibition

Saturday 18 April & Sunday 19 April 10am - 4pm in the Heritage Hut

A wide-ranging exhibition of work produced by artists Chris and Wendy Sinclair during their lives in Walberswick. Free admission. **Penny Fox**

National Theatre Live: The Audience

Wednesday 13th May 7pm in the Village Hall

Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in this award-winning production, directed by Stephen Daldry. For 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II met with each of her 12 prime ministers in a private weekly meeting. This meeting is known as The Audience. Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch. 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**



St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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April 2026 Services

Sunday 5 April Easter Day
7am Beach service
Celebrate Easter at sunrise
9.30am All Age Easter celebration
Family Communion
9am Coffee and pastries

Sunday 12 April 6pm
Choral Evensong

Sunday 19 April 11.15am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 22 April 10am
Holy Communion

Parish Register

21 February - Burial of Ashes
Muriel Wortley, age 81 years

26 February - Funeral
Ann Beckham, age 97 years

Memorial Flowers

April - in memory of Alex Langham, from Clare, Tony, Theo, and Frances

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday
15 April 2pm - 4.30pm
in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday
24 April 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, 16 April.
To book a place,
please contact Mandy Erlenbach
on 07590 697575

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WALL: www.wall-update.org

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

Horticultural Committee insert

WALBERSWICK HORTICULTURAL & CULINARY SHOW





VILLAGE HALL, Saturday 18 July 2026
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, 18 July **from 9:30 to 10:45am**
First, Second, Third and **Best in Show** may be awarded, dependent on 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.
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	47-67
WHITTENBURY VICTOR LUDORUM for the exhibitor	1-41 & 47-67
HARVEY MEMORIAL TROPHY	See schedule overleaf
DAVID WEBB MEMORIAL TROPHY	See schedule overleaf
BEST IN SHOW	

1st Prize – 3 points 2nd Prize – 2 points 3rd 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

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

WINYARD CUP & 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. **Radish** – five (leaves trimmed)
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** - five (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)*

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 & FOLIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

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

42. ***Arrangement*** *- up to 3 cols of your choice + foliage < 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 cycling helmet for Tour de France***

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. ***Coffee and Walnut cake*** *– 2 tier with icing, 20cm dia.*
48. ***Granary rolls - three***
49. ***Chocolate chip cookies*** *– three*
50. ***Fruit Scones*** *- any fruit - three*
51. ***Plain meringues*** *- no cream/ filling, max 9cm diam, -three single*
52. ***Shortbread Round*** *- 18-20 cm*
53. ***Sausage Rolls*** *- three*
54. ***Vegetarian tart*** *– one, max 18x20cm, removed from tin/dish*
55. ***Blackcurrant*** *Jam*
56. ***Strawberry*** *Jam*
57. ***Raspberry*** *Jam*
58. ***Any other jam*** *(can be a mix, sweet or savoury - please label)*
59. ***Lemon Curd***
60. ***Marmalade***
61. ***Any type of Jelly***
62. ***Jar of Chutney*** *(at least three months old)*
63. ***Jar of Relish***
64. ***Hot honey, (honey may be purchased)****, any size or type of jar*
65. ***Bottle of Homemade Cordial*** *(undiluted, named)*
66. ***Miniature bottle of homemade liqueur*** *(named)*
67. ***Hens Eggs*** *- three - presented in a small basket or bowl*



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

Cash prizes *for each winner of 68 to 73. Minimal help from adults please.*

68. ***Fruit kebab*** *(under eights)*
69. ***Fruit kebab*** *(8 - 16)*
70. ***Animal made using vegetables*** *(under eights)*
71. ***Animal made using vegetables*** *(8 - 16)*
72. ***Design the 2027 Horticultural & Culinary Show A4 poster*** *(all ages)*

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