Walberswick Village News

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Join the Birdsong Walk

The annual Walberswick Spring Birdsong Walk will be on Sunday 31 May. Meet at 6am at the old Hoist Covert car park on Lodge Road, what3words location: ///responded.goal.cleans. We hope to hear the only singing zitting cisticolas in Britain! The walk will be led by Matthew Denny. All donations in support of the Walberswick Against LionLink (WALL) campaign. Everyone is invited to join a post-walk breakfast at The Anchor at around 9.30am. Please book your breakfast direct with them on 01502 722112. **Matthew Denny**

The perfect plant for your garden

The annual Plant Bring and Buy Sale is on Saturday 30 May from 10am until 1pm outside the Village Hall. All proceeds will be donated to Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) in memory of Toby Chenery, who worked locally, often in the village, as an electrician for James Miller. He was a fit and healthy 23-year-old who tragically died in his sleep from an undiagnosed heart condition.

Please donate any seedlings, cuttings or plants you may have, or come and buy the perfect plant for your garden. Donations gratefully received from 9am. **Horticultural Committee**

River trips are back

Walberswick river trips will be starting again on 17 May 2026 and are now available five days a week. Scheduled times and the ability to book online are available at **walberswickrivertrips.com.** This year, the always enthusiastic Jasmine Benham who already works on the ferry, will be in charge and running the river trips. Private trips can be organised by contacting **Dani Church** at **info@walberswickrivertrips.com**.

The Sinclair Exhibition

The Sinclair Exhibition of Paintings held in the Heritage Hut on 18 & 19 April was visited by some 350 people who enjoyed the 55 paintings, three sculptures and numerous photographs of the Sinclairs' lives and work in Walberswick. The four Sinclair children (now adult of course) collaborated with the Walberswick Local History Group to curate the generously loaned pictures from the private collections of people in the village, plus previously unseen work owned by the Sinclair family. An all-round enjoyable and uplifting experience.
Walberswick Local Histry Group



The Crown Estate has finally removed what remains of the World War II beach scaffolding defences from Walberswick beach.

Photos: Tony Langham

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Sea Link Development Consent Order (DCO)

As previously reported, the Sea Link project, which is currently going through its DCO stage of consultation, is very closely connected to LionLink, therefore the Parish Council is both monitoring it closely and making submissions where we deem it appropriate. Our latest submission, highlighting two specific topics, can be seen here: **walberswick.onesuffolk.net/news-posts/news/view/864.**

Annual Parish Meeting

The Walberswick Annual Parish Meeting will take place this year on Thursday 21 May in the Village Hall. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the meeting will start at 7pm. It is an excellent opportunity to hear from the organisations in the village on their activities in the past year and upcoming plans, as well as to ask questions and express your views. All residents are warmly invited to attend but 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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11 May 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 Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

Works on Wally's Bridge

Works on Wally's Bridge will commence during mid to late May. During the works the bridge will be closed. These are essential repairs, funded by Walberswick Common Lands Charity, to ensure we can all continue to enjoy using the bridge in the future.

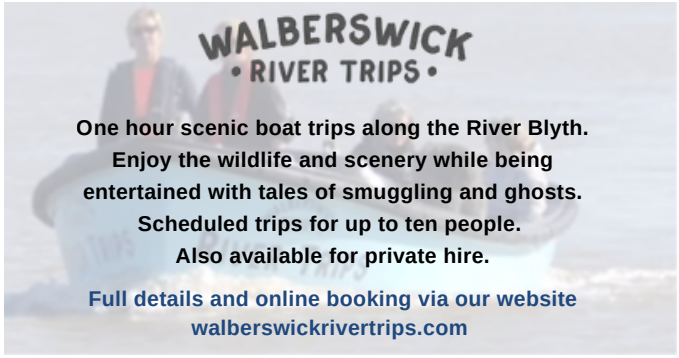
Environmental update

Palmers Lane sees a lot of traffic on an almost daily basis - bikes, pedestrians, dogs and even cars - so it was a great surprise one afternoon to share the tarmac with a furry and fast moving caterpillar, which I videoed with my phone. Sometime later and with technical support, it turned out to be the nationally scarce (Category A) Grass Eggar moth caterpillar; once abundant, its scarcity is the result of hedgerow trimming and intensive roadside mowing. Host plants include blackthorn, hawthorn and birch. Their presence suggests high-quality undisturbed habitats. The Grass Eggar moth (Lasiocampa trifolii) is reddish brown in colour with a central white spot. The wingspan is between 42-60mm. Acid heath land, coastal shingle and sand dunes are preferred habitats. It should feel at home around here then! So, mind where you step and enjoy sharing favourite views with some not so easy to spot company.

Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Director







Planning Applications

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

- **Campsite** (signage)
- **The Tuck Shop**
- **Campsite**
- **Todds Cottage,** Ferry Road
- **Seacroft,** Millfield Road
- **2 Church Lane**
- **Greyroof,** Millfield Road
- **Benwrights,** The Street
- **Wayland**, The Street
- **Long Meadow,** Seven Acres

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

Diary Dates

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday 7 May at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our guest speaker this month is Mary Carter from TWAM (Tools With A Mission), a charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits, and sends them to the developing world. All welcome. For more information, contact **Sheilagh Murray** on 07903 353753.

National Theatre Live: The Audience

Wednesday 13 May 7pm in the Village Hall.
Doors open at 6.30pm



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. Tickets £15 (under 21s £10), and from **www.ticketsource.co.uk/walberswick-village-hall.** Bar, snacks and soft drinks available.

Teresa Lynch

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Hear from organisations in the village about their activities over the last year and their future plans**. Walberswick Parish Council**

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Please drop off donations from 9am. See notice on page one for more information. **Horticultural Committee**

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The walk will be led by Matthew Denny. Breakfast at the Anchor afterwards, which must be booked in advance. More information on page one**.**

Matthew Denny

Walberswick Local History Group talk

Saturday 13 June, 7pm in the Village Hall

Dr Tom Johnson will be talking about his research into Medieval Walberswick and the book he is writing. Members attend free, guests accompanying members pay £5 on the door.

Walberswick Local History Group

Horticultural & Culinary Show

Saturday 18 July, 3pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Please see the insert in April's *Village News* for full details.

Horticultural Committee



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May 2026 Services

Sunday 3 May 11.15am
All Age Informal Service
Refreshments at 10.45am

Sunday 10 May 6pm
Choral Evensong

Wednesday 13 May 10am
Holy Communion
Coffee served after the service

Sunday 17 May 11.15am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 27 May 10am
Holy Communion

Memorial Flowers

3 May Julia Sowerbutts for Joe Josephs
17 May Pat Atherton for John
24 May Joanna Saunders for Robert

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday 20 May 2pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday 22 May 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 21 May. To book a place, please contact Mandy Erlenbach on 07590 697575

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