

Walberswick Village News

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Pop-up Joseph

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat is an absolute classic and we're putting on a pop-up, come-and-sing version on Saturday, 5 August, at 5pm in the ruins of St Andrew's. Everyone, especially kids and families, are invited to come and sing through the 45-minute musical with a rehearsal in the afternoon.

To lead this, we'd ideally have a small group who know the music well and can practise in advance. If this may be you or if you'd like to sing one of the solos, please get in touch with the music director, **Ben Skipp**, at benjamin.skipp@gmail.com or telephone 07717 821807.



Photo: Helen Riches

Poppies or Roses?

Explore two very different village gardens while raising money for charity

Bittern House and Millcroft in Millfield Road will be opening their gardens on behalf of the Friends of St Andrew's on Sunday, 25 June, from 10am until 4pm. This newly-formed charity is dedicated to raising funds for the preservation and restoration of the fabric of the church, focusing on the most urgent projects as agreed with the PCC. This maintenance has always been the responsibility of the parishioners of the village.

Suggested donation for entry is £2 per person per garden with children under 16 years free. Dogs on leads welcome. The Friends of St Andrew's will be serving tea, coffee and cake between 2.30pm and 4pm at Millcroft. We look forward to seeing you.

Helen Riches & Diana Wright

Birdsong Walks

Around 30 people braved the Saturday early-morning start. Led by Paul Denny and Robert Mortley, the route took us to Buss Creek, over the Bailey Bridge, as black winged stilts had been seen there. Sadly, it was not to be as they had moved on to Yorkshire, but we did have 49 species, thanks to all the talented birders on the walk. Breakfast at the Anchor was attended by ten participants and some were keen to do another walk. I was persuaded to do one on Monday, 8 May, and it was attended by 19 people. This time, we saw and heard an additional 14 species, making a total over the two days of 63 species. Over the two walks, the very generous sum of £132 was donated, which will go to the Friends of St Andrew's church. **Pat Lancaster**

Reports from the Annual Parish Meeting

If you missed this year's Annual Parish Meeting, you can read the many interesting reports from the various organisations in the village on the Walberswick website at tinyurl.com/4thntsbf. **Editor**

Village News donates £1,000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance

In order to cover its expenses, the Walberswick Village News provides local suppliers with the opportunity to advertise at extremely favourable rates. However, over the years, this can result in a surplus of funds. This year at the group's AGM, it was with great pleasure that the Village News committee agreed to donate £1,000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, the life-saving service that has always served our village so incredibly well.

Edward Wright, Chairman

The Anchor

Sunday 18 June – Father's Day

Why not treat Dad to a hearty lunch or dinner with some top-quality beer. Food served from 12 noon – 8:30pm.

With Summer fast approaching and warmer weather on the horizon, enjoy a drink on one of our terraces or in our marquee, which are all now open for use.

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Walberswick Parish Council



Parish Councillor vacancy

Following the recent local government elections, there remains one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested in applying to be a Councillor or would simply like a conversation to know more about the work of the Council before deciding whether to apply, please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 19 June at 7pm in the Heritage Hut and is open to members of the public. Full details will be published on the Walberswick website, or for further information, please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.



Walberswick Common Lands Charity



Annual Report and Accounts

The Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) has now published its Annual Report and Accounts for 2022. This is the most comprehensive account of the Charity's activities for last year. You can find it on the WCLC section of the village website under Policies and Reports at tinyurl.com/WCLCaccounts. **Matthew Wetmore, Clerk**

Environment

With the onset of the warmer weather, the Charity's lands have literally come alive. Nightjars, lapwings and red shank have found welcoming breeding spots. The fragrance of coconut is wafting off the flowering gorse and the adders are increasingly coming out to bask in the sun. As it is mating season, the adders can be quite defensive and dog owners should be on the alert, particularly in the heat of the day. May to September is the main risk period for wild fires. Signs have gone up and your support is appreciated. With visitor numbers rising, help in picking up litter is always valued, while dog owners are asked to remember the ground nesting birds and to keep their animals on leads when necessary. And please do report any issues you may spot. Whether walking on the heath, the marshes, the grasslands or through the reedbeds, enjoy our fabulous village surroundings. **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**

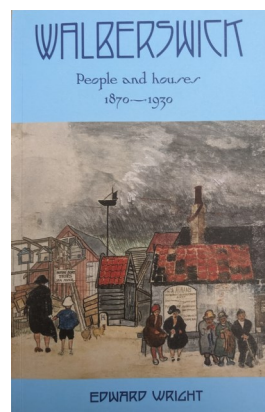


Fascinating facts from Edward Wright's book: Walberswick: People and houses, 1870-1930

Edward Wright's latest work on the people and houses of Walberswick provides fascinating insights into earlier times. Here are a few of my favourites:

- ◆ The old anchor outside the Anchor pub was trawled up from the seabed and sold to the landlord for a bottle of rum. Local legend has it that it was from a prison ship moored offshore in the early 19th century.
- ◆ The 1903 Ordnance Survey map shows Leveretts Lane running from The Street as it does now, but at the corner it turned left into what is now called Sandy Lane. There was the smallest of tracks where Leveretts Lane now turns right towards the Green.
- ◆ A tradition dating to before the turn of the 20th Century was for artists to make and sign small drawings on the walls or ceiling of the public bar of the Bell. Sadly, these were destroyed in the 1949 fire when the Bell lost its thatched roof and its unique collection of art.

To discover more fascinating facts about the village, its people and houses, you can obtain a copy of Edward's book by emailing him at ewright123@btinternet.com. £15 per copy of which £10 is donated to the Scroll conservation fund. **Editor**



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Planning applications

At the time of publication, the following properties were awaiting a decision on their planning applications:

- **Long Roof**, Leveretts Lane
- **Thrums**, Seven Acres Lane
- **The Village Hall**, The Street
- **Shorelands**, Palmers Lane

For the latest applications and Advisory Group Reports, go to the Planning page on the Walberswick [website](http://walberswickwebsite.com).

Diary Dates

WI monthly meeting: Stokes Sauces

Thursday, 1 June, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our speaker is Rick Sheepshanks, who started Stokes Sauces in 2004 out of a passion for great food. His primary goal was to produce quality mayonnaise, followed quickly by tomato ketchup. Based at Rendelsham Hall, the company now produces over 60 different sauces. New members and visitors welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

Community Café

Wednesday, 7 June, 2.30pm - 4.30pm in St Andrew's Church

Come along and meet up with friends. **Suzzie Godfrey**



Community Café Voucher
Free tea and cake

The Walberswick Scroll

Saturday, 24 June, 1pm in the Heritage Hut

Depicting every house in the village during the summers of 1931 and 1932, join us for a viewing of the Walberswick Scroll. **Pat Lancaster**

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Helen Riches & Diana Wright.

Walberswick Horticultural Show

Saturday, 22 July, 3pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall

Raffle and Teas. Admission to the show is free. No fee for exhibits. For more information contact **Betsy Lemmon.**



The Heritage Hut on Coronation Day

Photo: Andrew Lewis

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Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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June 2023 Services

Sunday, 4 June, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Joined with Blythburgh
Revd Margaret King

Sunday, 11 June, 6pm

Music/Trinity Evensong
Revd Alan Perry

Sunday, 18 June 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Stephen Abbot

Sunday, 25 June 11.15am

Family Service
Revd Margaret King

Every Wednesday, 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday.

Parish Register

7 May Holy Baptism - Maisie Renee
Elizabeth Penrhys Walsh

Commemorative Flowers

11 June - Maureen Thompson
for Don

18 June - Brian Tibbles for Ollie
and Jayne

Community Services

Community Café: Wednesday

7 June 2.30pm
St Andrew's Church.

Mobile Library: Friday 23 June

2.15pm - 2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

Norwich Bus: Thursday morning,

15 June. Please contact
Mandy Erlenbach on
07590 697575 to book a place.

Post Office: Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

Thursdays 10am - 12 noon,
Village Hall Annex.

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 July 2023. The copy deadline is noon on 25 June 2023 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com.

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