

Walberswick Village News

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Old-fashioned fun at the Village Fete, but volunteers and donations needed

Join us for a day filled with laughter, fun and nostalgia at the Walberswick Village Fete on Saturday, 26 August, on the Bank Holiday weekend. Expect entertainment, food and refreshments, live music, and the usual stalls and family games. As always, there are fabulous prizes to be won in the raffle. The timetable for the day can be found on page four.

Due to its popularity, registration for the **dog show** is starting 30 minutes earlier than usual at 10am. The dog show itself starts at 11.30am and is always entertaining. So bring your pooches along and enjoy the chaos.

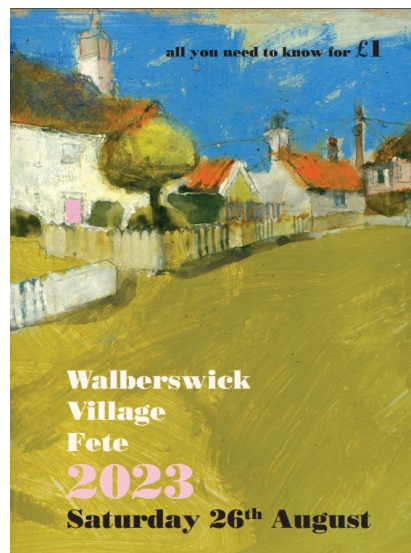
This year, the **Fete programmes** will be numbered and the lucky programme number will win £100. Everything you need to know about Fete day is in the programme; copies available from 12 August at the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern, the Tea Shed, and the Black Dog Deli.

The front page artwork for the programme has kindly been created and donated by village artist Helen Riches, and bids can be entered for the original artwork in the **silent auction**. Bids can be submitted on the day or in advance to Liz Green at liz.green@mac.com and Sheila Parry at parry.sheila@gmail.com. (Please send your bids to both Liz and Sheila to avoid messages disappearing in cyberspace.)

Volunteers are still urgently needed to set up the evening before and on the morning of the Fete. If you can help, please contact David Neeves (01502 722556) or Gordon Beard (01502 724143).

Donations are needed for the stalls: white elephant, books, bottle tombola, kitchenware, cakes and preserves, plants, kids stuff, nearly new clothing, and accessories, pictures and prints. Cakes and baked goods are also needed for the Village Hall Cafe. Stall holder contact details can be found in the insert.

Please remember this is a **cash only** event. Thank you in advance for your help and generous support. Please contact **Gordon Beard** with any queries.



Two big garden related thanks and a new request

Diana and Helen are very grateful for all the help with our June Open Gardens. Scrumptious teas were enjoyed in unbroken sunshine and well over £1,000 was raised for the Friends of St Andrew's Church.

Thank you also for last year's donations to the **Fete plant stall**. Your wonderful collections of succulents went down a storm, plus stunning exotics, cut flowers, coastal plants, allotment produce and houseplants. Anything garden related and in good condition would again be much appreciated. Please contact either **Diana Wright** at dianawright26@btinternet.com or **Helen Riches** at riches90@ntlworld.com closer to fete day.



Walberswick Open Garden. Photo: Diana Wright

The Anchor

Beer & Oyster Festival - 5 & 6 August 2023

Our ever-popular Beer & Oyster Festival returns. Come and sample some fantastic beers and enjoy an oyster or 12 in the sunshine.

Musicians Wanted

If you are a local musician who is interested in performing at our Beer & Oyster festival, please contact us.

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Walberswick Parish Council



Christmas Tree on the Village Green

At its July meeting, the Parish Council approved the planting of a Christmas tree on the Green as a more sustainable option for the future. While acknowledging that some villagers have expressed opposition to any planting on the Green, the Council felt that having a permanent tree was the best way to ensure a sustainable continuation of the Christmas tradition where children make decorations and carols are sung around the tree in the run-up to Christmas. Aware of the need to keep the tree to a good size and shape, the Council will look to plant a Serbian Spruce, which has dark conical shaped foliage and, although not originally native to the UK, has been widely planted here since 1880. It is a lovely species that should be able to thrive even in harsh conditions on the Green. The tree will hopefully be planted around October, in the same location as the disposable Christmas tree is usually positioned. It should not interfere with other activities on the Green. An anonymous donor has offered to finance the tree, which hopefully will be two to three

metres tall and will grow some eight to sixteen centimetres per year. The Council will finance any on-going maintenance that may be required.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There still remains one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are 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, 11 September, 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



Sluice update

If you walk out to the old windmill alongside Old Town Marshes in the winter, you will have seen the reed cutters in action. They harvest reeds on land that largely belongs to Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) and which drains through a sluice into the Dunwich River. The harvesting of the reeds brings variety to the wider wetland habitat mosaic. It's important to have a range of heights and reed bed structure across the area and regular cutting creates a slightly different kind of reed bed to the surrounding areas, which bittens in particular favour.

Over the years, the sluice has deteriorated and this summer WCLC has teamed up with the Inland Drainage Board to replace it. This will occur imminently. It will be good to see the wetlands wet for the late summer and autumn.

Wildfires

Although it is unseasonably damp, the landscape dries out really quickly so please be 'Wildfire Aware' as we go into August, particularly on the Common, around the beach huts and other properties.

Dry heath habitats

Natural England are sampling dry heath habitats across the Suffolk Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which stretches along the coast from Kessingland to Manningtree. They will visit the Common, a dry heath habitat, in mid-August and share their report in the autumn. Feedback will feed into the winter programme.

Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee



Planning applications

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

Byways, Stocks Lane | **Lane Corner**, Palmers Lane | **Leveretts**, The Street | **Millside**, The Street | **Dutch House**, The Street | **Toby Cottage**, Leveretts Lane | **Box Bush**, Seven Acres Lane | **Thrums**, Seven Acres Lane | **Shorelands**, Palmers Lane

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

Tuesday Morning Exercise & Dance Classes with Coral in the Walberswick Village Hall

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Horticulture Show Results

We had a good turnout despite the unsettled weather this year. Growing conditions were difficult which was reflected in a downturn of entries and entrants, especially in the vegetable categories. There were 23 entrants and 147 entries. Hopefully, next year the weather will be more cooperative. The results are as follows:

- ✿ Winyard Cup for the Man - Gordon Beard
- ✿ Iris Blois Memorial Cup - Suzzie Godfrey
- ✿ Marian Beard Flower Cup - Betsy Lemmon
- ✿ Flower Bowl - Diana Wright and Helen Riches
- ✿ CC Gold Cup - Suzzie Godfrey
- ✿ Whittenbury Victor Ludorum - Suzzie Godfrey
- ✿ Harvey Memorial Trophy - Suzzie Godfrey
- ✿ David Webb Memorial Trophy - Gordon Beard
- ✿ Best In Show - Suzzie Godfrey (peas)
- ✿ Best Horticultural Poster - Oscar Flatt
- ✿ Best Animal Made out of Vegetables - Oscar Flatt

Betsy Lemmon

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

New Team Rector for Sole Bay

The Right Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that the Revd Russell William Gant has been appointed as Team Rector of the Sole Bay Team Ministry. Russell is currently Vicar of the Benefice of Rowledge, St James in the Guildford Diocese. A date for Russell's Institution and Induction service will be confirmed in due course. This appointment is subject to completion of legal formalities and the PCC will advise as soon as it is confirmed.

Stephanie Renouf

Diary Dates

Summer Club for Kids

Fridays, 28 July, 11 & 18 August, 10am-3pm in the Village Hall

The Summer Club for children aged 5-12 years old is back. Once again supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity and run by Premier Holiday Camps, the club is a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games. Please bring plenty of water, suitable clothing, loads of energy and a packed lunch. £5 per child per day. For more information and to book, please contact **Hannah Sutton** at hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com.

Pop-up Joseph

Saturday, 5 August, 5pm in the grounds of St Andrew's Church

Our informal pop-up, 'singalong' Joseph is taking place, hopefully outside in the ruins if the weather is kind, or inside if wet. All ages welcome, both locals and visitors. Arrive at 2pm for an hour-or-so practice, followed by a good break and then return for the singalong at 5pm. Refreshments served to help it go with a swing. We'll be finished by 6.15pm. For those who are keen and would like to help lead the singing (offers gladly accepted) there will be some optional extra rehearsals on Thursday, 3 August and Friday, 4 August, 6pm-7pm in the church. Do get in touch if you have any questions or to confirm attendance at the extra rehearsals. We're looking forward to some lusty singing. **Ben Skipp** 07717 82180

Family Bingo

Wednesdays 9, 16 & 23 August, 5.30pm in the Village Hall

Doors open at 5.30pm and play starts at 6pm sharp. All the usual snacks and drinks will be available. **Cash only event.** All proceeds to the Village Hall maintenance. **Jill Willison**



I See Water

Saturday, 19 August - Thursday, 24 August,

11am-6pm in the Heritage Hut

Immersion photography. Free entry. **Alex Lewis**

Walberswick Village Fete

Saturday, 26 August, 11.30am-4pm at the Village Hall and on the Village Green

See page four for full details. **Cash only event.**

Jazz Evening

Saturday, 26 August, 6-8pm in the grounds of St Andrew's Church

The Friends of St Andrew's Church are holding a jazz evening with Joanna Eden and the Chris Ingham Trio. They will provide an evening of Ella Fitzgerald's great music. Bring your own chairs. Tickets are £20 each and are on sale in the Tuck Shop. **Gordon Beard**

Walberswick Open Studios

Sunday, 27 August, and Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August, 10am-5pm

This year, 14 artists will be showing their work in five studios around the village and at the Anchor Barn. Look out for the Walberswick Open Studios banners and posters. **Jackie Almond**



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Team Vicar

Revd Alan Perry
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August 2023 Services

Sunday, 6 August, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Joined with Blythburgh
Revd Alan Perry

Sunday, 13 August, 6pm

Choral Evensong
Revd Margaret King

Sunday, 20 August, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Margaret King

Sunday, 27 August, 11.15am

Family Service
Revd Margaret King

Every Wednesday, 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday.

Parish Registers

1 July - Holy Matrimony
Robert James Webb to
Samantha Louise White

July Internment of Ashes:
Kevin Barry Clayton, age 76 years

19 July Funeral
Ruth Olive Bassett, age 94 years

Commemorative Flowers

6 August - Joanna Saunders for
Gordon and Doris Hoare

13 August - Brian and Christine
Fisher for Monica and Alan Old

27 August - Harry and Inger Edwards
for Anna Edwards

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday,
2 August 2.30pm,
St Andrew's Church.

Mobile Library: Friday,
18 August 2.15pm-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

Norwich Bus: Thursday morning,
17 August. 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 September 2023. The copy deadline is noon on 25 August 2023 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com.

Walberswick Village Fete

Saturday, 26 August 2023

Preparations for this year's Village Fete are well underway and your Fete Committee this year consists of Gordon Beard (724143), Liz Green & Peter Wagstaff (724889), Lorry Haslegrave (07845 912867), David Neeves (722556) and Esther and Phil Smith (725782). There will be traditional stalls, wonderful food, refreshments, live music and a silent disco, and games for all ages.

Fete programmes can be bought in advance from the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern, the Tea Shed, and the Black Dog Deli from 12 August. Please remember the fete is a **CASH ONLY** event. The event gets under way with the Fun Dog Show at 11.30, and this year we welcome Jo Lowrie to open the Fete at 13.00. Profits from all Fete activities will, as in previous years, be divided equally between St Andrew's Church and our Village Hall.

10.00	Dog Show registration begins behind the Village Hall *
11.00	Breakfast BBQ opens in the Village Hall car park
11.30	Fun Dog Show behind the Village Hall
12.30	Village Hall cafe opens for refreshments until 16.00; BBQ moves to the Village Green at 12.30
13.00	Fete Opening on the Village Green
13.05	Fete in full swing; Helen Riches silent auction bids gathered until 15.00
14.00	Family Games, including Tug O' War, on the Village Green
15.30	Grand Raffle prizes drawn on the Village Green; successful bid for Helen's artwork announced; lucky programme draw
16.00	Fete closes

*Dog Show registration forms will be available before the day from the Walberswick Tuck Shop (Co-op). Dogs entered at their owners' risk.

Huge thanks to those who have already volunteered. Volunteers are still urgently needed to assist with setting up the Fete on Friday, 25 August, from 17.00, and on Saturday morning. Please contact David or Gordon if you are able to help. Lorry would love cakes and baked goods for the cafe. We would welcome much needed donations, clean and in good condition, for the stalls. Thanks in advance for your generous support.

Stall	Holder	Contact	Description
Things for kids	Rita Woodcraft	722958	Clothes, toys, and games
White Elephant	Peter Austin	722836	Anything 'sellable'
Original Art Fair	Pat Lancaster	07776 343877	Original paintings and prints
	Simon Ethell	07909 560006	
Kitchen Cupboard	Carol Wardell	722955	Crockery, glass, cutlery, and pans
Bottle Tombola	Ollie Wigdahl	07775 600540	Full bottles donated by 22 August please
Lunches & Teas	Lorry Haslegrave	724992	Cakes to the Village Hall on Fete day morning
Nearly New	Inger Edwards	722543	Outerwear for ladies and gentlemen
Cakes & Preserves	Suzzie Godfrey	724630	Wrapped cakes, biscuits, and jams - clearly labelled
Finishing Touches	Sue Green	722347	Jewellery, hats, handbags, and accessories
Garden Stall	Helen Riches	07532 323944	Cuttings, plants, garden ornaments, and home-grown vegetables
Book Stall	Jackie Neeves	722556	Books

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