



# Walberswick Village News

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## Sandra Gordon 1938-2023

Sandra (short 'a' if you wanted a smile).

Committed Christian.

A wicked and irrepressible humour.

A fierce (but unassuming) intellect: avid reader; quiz night supremo.

Intrepid traveller: Norwegian fjords; French gites; Alde cruise and lunch on Lady Florence, wheelchair and cheery occupant unceremoniously hoisted aboard by ever-resourceful family.

80th birthday: 1930s charabanc to Dunwich Forest for sumptuous family picnic.

WI 'trooper' - "so friendly and stimulating"; village pantos (he's behind you!); History Group 'groupie'.

Bastion of Saturday breakfasts at The Anchor and major tease of her adored Luke and Sophie.

Creator of magnificent wildlife garden: gourmet bird-feeder and flowering-myrtle prize winner.

Surrounded by a wonderful husband, Adam, and family who helped ensure she led the richest life possible.

Courageously defiant of Ataxia. Never once showing any sign of self-pity or regret.

Re-united with her beloved Adam. A steadfast and very loved friend. **Sue Smiley**



It was with great sadness that we heard of Sandra's passing. Sandra was a much loved member of the WI and so admired by us all for her great courage. We will miss her. **Murial Wortley, Walberswick WI**

## Great exam results

Congratulations from all in the village to Lily Denny for achieving a distinction in the Art Foundation course at Norwich City College. She is now off to Edinburgh to do a degree in English literature and art history. Congratulations also to Jasmine Benham and Mollie Hamilton Edwards on their great A Level results. Jasmine is off to the University of East Anglia to study biological sciences, while Mollie is looking forward to travelling for a year. Finally, congratulations to Ellie Benham on her excellent GCSE results. She will be moving up to Sixth Form at Thomas Mills in Framlingham to study art, photography, classics and sociology. **Editor**

## Join the cast of the Walberswick Players' farce

It's been over three years since the last January panto production by the Walberswick Players, but after a Covid-induced hiatus we hope to be back. Whether you are an established performer or a complete novice, you are welcome to join the fold. We are producing an updated version of the post-war 1950 farce, *The Happiest Days of Your Life*, set in a boys' boarding school to which a bombed out girls' school is billeted. As expected, the clash of cultures and sexes induces chaos.

To kick things off, we are holding a read-through with light refreshments on Monday, 4 September at 7.00pm, at Salix (behind Spindrift) on Lodge Road. To facilitate numbers, please confirm your attendance in advance by emailing **Rod Lynch** at [lynchrod@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchrod@hotmail.com). Those new to the village are especially welcome. Scripts will be provided on the night, and will also be emailed in advance. These productions have been great fun in the past and bring the village together during rehearsals over dark winter nights, so why not give it a try?

## Fabulous fete effort

The fete committee would like to thank everyone involved in this year's fete for their tremendous help.

**Gordon Beard, Fete Chair**

And huge thanks from the village to our brilliant fete committee for another entertaining and fun event: David Neeves, Phil Smith, Peter Wagstaff, Lorry Haslegrave, Gordon Beard, Liz Green, and Esther Smith. **Editor**



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## Lionlink (formerly called Eurolink) consultation day in Walberswick Saturday, 23 September 2023, 10am-4pm

Since last year's 'non-statutory consultation' on the proposed Eurolink multi-purpose interconnector cable project, including proposed landing sites in Walberswick and Southwold, it has been renamed Lionlink. Changes have also been made to the proposals for Southwold (a new cable route) and Walberswick (a new landing site), which has resulted in a new round of 'supplementary consultations' starting on 8 September. Following strenuous complaints by the Parish Council and others, there will now be a consultation day in Walberswick on 23 September in the Village Hall. This will give residents the opportunity to share their views on both the new and the original proposals. More details on these options will be made public when the formal consultation starts on 8 September.

Lionlink will be an important agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting on 11 September, which members of the public are encouraged to attend. Please put this date and 23 September in your diary and come along if you possibly can, as this is a significant way for us to demonstrate the sentiment of the village to this project.

**Andrew Lewis, Chair, Walberswick Parish Council**

## 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 village website, or for further information contact the Parish Clerk at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com).

## Environmental Update

If you walked on the westerly part of the Common recently, the fantastic mosaic of gorse and heather will have caught your eye; this lowland heath has been monitored as part of Natural England's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty review. I'm sure they will have positive and useful feedback for us in due course.

The salt marsh behind the dunes is also to be monitored with botanists walking a transect to record vegetation on behalf of the Environment Agency, part of a nationwide salt marsh assessment. Again, their work will help to demonstrate the quality of land stewardship in the area.

Meanwhile on the wet grasslands, as viewed from the river Blyth path or the bird hide, the RSPB has put in a bid for land to become more user friendly for breeding waders. The outcome will be announced at the end of September.

Finally, the long awaited sluice in the reedbeds has been completed during a particularly forceful deluge of rain, getting the sluice off to a great start. The photo shows the replacement construction that will enable the water level in the reeds to be maintained more readily and hopefully add to creating the best environment for birds, including lapwing.

**Vanessa Tucker,**  
Environmental  
Stewardship  
Trustee,  
Walberswick  
Common Lands  
Charity



## AFTERNOON TEA AT THE TEA SHED

Our fabulous Afternoon Tea experience is back. Indulge in freshly made cakes, pastries and sandwiches, accompanied by a wide range of loose-leaf teas or coffee.

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## New Car Park Manager needed

Sadly, the Directors of the Walberswick Car Parks (WCPL) are announcing that Victoria Cowley will be stepping down as our Business Operations Manager. Victoria has been an amazing asset to the Car Parks for many years, overseeing the introduction of pay and display machines, supporting the business through the pandemic, hiring fabulous teams of parking attendants and helping us deliver, year after year, the highest standards to support the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. We cannot thank Victoria enough for all she has done. Before Victoria leaves, we hope to appoint her successor. Details will be posted on the village website. Anyone interested in applying for the position or learning more can email the WCPL Chair, **Josie Bassinette** at [josie.bassinette@gmail.com](mailto:josie.bassinette@gmail.com).

## The kitchen & garden in September

Believe it or not, this is the time of year to start preparing for next years Horticultural Show. Even if you feel you are not green fingered enough or not capable enough in the kitchen, why not prove yourself wrong and give it a go?

This month your gardens, and your neighbours' gardens, will be full of seed heads from annuals like poppies, Love in a Mist and sweet peas. Why not collect some in an envelope, seal and label it and, come the spring, sow them in a seed tray? No need for a greenhouse, a sunny window sill will do. After a couple of months you'll have seedlings to plant out and flowers to enjoy through the summer, all for free. Then, come July, enter your annuals in the Horticultural Show.

On the culinary side of things, blackberries and other hedgerow fruits such as rose hips and elderberries are ready. Try your hand at bramble jelly or hedgerow jelly and enter the results in the show next year.

**The Horticultural Committee**

## Planning applications

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

**Seacroft**, Millfield Road | **The Anchor**, The Street | **Byways**, Stocks Lane | **Lane Corner**, Palmers Lane | **Leveretts**, The Street | **Millside**, 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.



## Diary Dates



### WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 7 September, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

A representative from East Anglian Air Ambulance, the charity that provides life-saving critical care 24 hours-a-day and which has served our village more often than we would like, will be discussing the work of their specialist doctors, critical care paramedics, pilots and support staff. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

### Craft activity for children

Saturday, 9 September, 10am-11am & 11am-12noon  
in St Andrew's Church

Out of clay, make a building or something sea related, inspired by the village, the church or its surroundings. Suitable for children aged 5-12 years, who must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Full details of this Heritage Event based on Creativity Unwrapped can be found at [tinyurl.com/jwna4sfy](https://tinyurl.com/jwna4sfy). For more information and to book a place (available from 1-8 September) contact **Sally East** at [sallyanneast@hotmail.com](mailto:sallyanneast@hotmail.com).

### Annual Church Ride & Stride/Pedal & Drive

Saturday, 9 September

A wonderful way of seeing our beautiful churches and countryside. Organised by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary by adding a vintage car rally, Pedal & Drive, element to this annual event that raises funds for the repair and upkeep of Suffolk churches. Sponsorship forms for the Ride & Stride are available online at [tinyurl.com/y55v98af](https://tinyurl.com/y55v98af) or in St Andrew's Church porch. More information is available at [tinyurl.com/2dny9epj](https://tinyurl.com/2dny9epj). **Penny Buncombe**.

### Heritage Treasure Trail

Saturday, 16 September, The Heritage Hut, 10am-12.30pm & 2-4.30pm

Collect a free Heritage Treasure Trail leaflet from the Heritage Hut and follow the map and clues to discover the treasure chests hidden at some of Walberswick's oldest houses. In 45 minutes you will have discovered some of the heritage and creativity of the village. Unlock the special phrase and collect treasure on your return to the Heritage Hut. Organised by the Heritage Hut Committee and supported by Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the event is one of many organised by Heritage Open Days. To avoid congestion, booking is available in ten minute slots at [tinyurl.com/2p99xt9](https://tinyurl.com/2p99xt9). More information can be found at [tinyurl.com/yu6znsk2](https://tinyurl.com/yu6znsk2) and on the village website. **Stephanie Renouf**

### Lionlink Consultation

Saturday, 23 September, 10am-4pm in the Village Hall

For details, see news item on page 2.

### History Group Talk

Friday, 20 October, 7pm in the Village Hall

'Shorelines: Voices of Southwold Fishermen' by Bob Jellicoe. Note that the meeting will be on a Friday and not the usual Saturday. Members only. To reserve places please email [ewright123@btinternet.com](mailto:ewright123@btinternet.com).

**Pat Lancaster**

### Harvest Supper

Saturday, 21 October in the Village Hall

The much loved Walberswick Harvest Supper will return this autumn after stopping during Covid. Run by the Friends of St Andrew's, Sue Flack is putting together a catering team. Sue needs some help, so please contact her if you are available. We would also like some entertainment, so if you can sing, dance, play an instrument, etc, please contact me. Price details available shortly **Clive Brinley-Jones**



Sponge Bridge progress  
Photo: Guy Parry

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

#### Team Vicar

Revd Alan Perry

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[adperry64@gmail.com](mailto:adperry64@gmail.com)

[solebayteamministry.co.uk](mailto:solebayteamministry.co.uk)

### September 2023 Services

#### Sunday, 3 September, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist

Joined with Blythburgh

Revd Stephen Abbott

#### Sunday, 10 September, 6pm

Choral Evensong

Revd Margaret King

#### Sunday, 17 September, 11.15am

Sung Eucharist

Revd Paul Nelson

#### Sunday, 24 September, 11.15am

Family Service

Revd Margaret King

#### Every Wednesday, 10am

Holy Communion

Coffee on first Wednesday.

### Parish Registers

22 July - Internment of ashes

Mary Nuttall aged 97

### Commemorative Flowers

24 September - Wendy Sinclair  
for Chris

### Community Services

**Community Cafe:** Wednesday,  
6 September 2.30pm,  
St Andrew's Church.

**Mobile Library:** Friday,  
15 September 2.15pm-2.45pm,  
Village Hall car park.

**Norwich Bus:** Thursday morning,  
21 September. Please contact  
Mandy Erlenbach on 07590  
697575 to book a place.

**Post Office:** Tuesdays 1pm-3pm;  
Thursdays 10am-12 noon,  
Village Hall Annex.

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

[WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK](http://WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK)

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 October 2023. The copy deadline is noon on 25 September 2023 and submissions should be sent to the editor at [walberswicknews@gmail.com](mailto:walberswicknews@gmail.com).



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