



# Walberswick Village News

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Thanks to all those in the village who gave such wonderful support to the recent production of *The Happiest Days of Your Life*, bringing friends and family to sold-out performances. This was a real community effort from a cast which lives or works in Walberswick, and your attendance makes it all worthwhile. If you are interested in getting involved in a 2025 production, in any capacity, let me know at [lynchrod@hotmail.com](mailto:lynchrod@hotmail.com) or on 07960034967. Rod Lynch

## Around the village

- The **ferry** resumes operation from 23 March until 29 October, running on demand from 10am to 5pm. From 29 October until 1 January, the ferry will run on weekends only from 11am to 3pm. Adults £2, under 18 year olds £1, under 5 year olds free, bikes £2, dogs, buggies and pushchairs welcome. **CASH ONLY**
- On 3 February, the five highland cattle calves in the field adjacent to the caravan park mysteriously disappeared. Please help protect our village from **crime** and report any suspicious behaviour to Suffolk Police (call 101 or report via their website [www.suffolk.police.uk/tell-us](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/tell-us)) or anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers (on 0800 555 111 or via their website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)).
- The distinctive crab-covered **Scoops Walberswick ice cream van** has been taken over by Lowestoft-based Lickety Ice, which specialises in locally-sourced fruit ice lollies. Previous owners Bob and Mary Pendered have retired after nine years of running the van. We wish them a very happy retirement.

## Plant Bring and Buy in aid of the RNLI

The Horticultural Committee will be holding its annual Plant Bring and Buy sale on Sunday, 26 May between 10.30am and 1pm. This year, proceeds will be donated to the RNLI, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. Please save your seedlings to sell and come and buy plants to fill your flower beds. **Horticultural Committee**

## INK tickets now on sale

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual INK Festival, co-founded by villager Julia Sowerbutts, takes place on 11-14 April at venues around Halesworth. The festival showcases 70 new short plays for both stage and radio. Chosen from nearly a thousand submissions, these plays reflect the talent of both new as well as experienced writers, many from our region.

Beyond the plays, the festival boasts an exciting line-up of stand-up comedy, art, poetry, music, children's programmes, fascinating talks, workshops, short new films and much more. Sunday Funday on 14 April will see the Market Square transformed with street performers, music, stalls and food – an ideal free event for families to enjoy.

For full ticket and programme information, visit the INK website at [www.inkfestival.org](http://www.inkfestival.org) Editor

## The Anchor

**Monthly Curry Night** - first Thursday of the month beginning 7 March

**Mother's Day** Sunday 10 March - very special lunch and evening menus. Booking recommended

**Easter weekend** - Hot Cross Buns fresh from the Anchor's ovens

**Six Nations rugby** 9, 10 & 16 March - come and watch in our heated flint barn.

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Due to the Easter weekend falling right at the end of the month, the April edition of the Village News will be delivered a little later than usual



## Walberswick Common Lands Charity

*Heathland is rarer than rainforest*

There has been work on both the wet and dry heaths this month. The weather and illness has stopped some action, but hopefully more will be done before the bird breeding season commences. An interesting article on heaths may be found at [tinyurl.com/4suz8uaw](https://tinyurl.com/4suz8uaw).

The cutters have been on the reedbeds, an activity encouraged by Natural England for a limited period of time, to give a contrasting environment, particularly for birds.

In late February, National Landscapes Volunteers are scheduled to be back in Walberswick tackling the scrub on Cliff Field, part of a programme to encourage targeted plants such as the summer marsh orchid, which has been very shy in recent years. **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**

## Walberswick Parish Council

### Changes to the operation of the mobile Post Office service in Walberswick

The postmaster, who currently operates the outreach Post Office in Walberswick on a Tuesday and Thursday, is retiring at the end of March. The Parish Council has been in dialogue with the Post Office since it became aware of this a couple of weeks ago, and has been exploring ways to ensure we retain some form of service in the village. Thanks to the co-operation of the Village Hall Committee, we have been able to secure agreement with the Post Office to transfer the service to the mobile Post Office operated by the postmaster at Cliff Lane Post Office, Ipswich. The current plan is that, from the end of March, the mobile service will operate out a specially outfitted Post Office van in the Village Hall car park each Wednesday from 12 noon to 1pm. The mobile van also has a tail lift which can be deployed for any wheelchair users.

The Parish Council remains in dialogue with the Post Office to see if we can secure any additional hours/days, but at least some form of service will continue for the foreseeable future.



### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18 March 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 [clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk).

### Planning applications

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

**The Boathouse**, Southwold Harbour, Walberswick side | **Thrums**, Seven Acres Lane | **Byways**, Stocks Lane | **Box Bush**, Seven Acres Lane (two applications) | **Grey Roof**, Millfield Road | **Blythwyc Cottage**, The Street | **Ferry Hut**, Ferry Road | **Mulberry House**, Millfield Road

The latest applications & Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the Walberswick [website](#).



Boardwalk replacement in progress at the bottom of the (very muddy) path leading from Bun & Mac's bench

4 AMAZING DAYS 70 NEW SHORT PLAYS  
10 VENUES ACROSS HALESWORTH

**INK**  
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2024

**APRIL**  
11/12/13/14

[inkfestival.org](https://inkfestival.org)

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## March Kitchen and Garden

Two things have already happened this month. The schedule for the Horticultural and Culinary Show is out (see this month's insert) and the horticultural page is up and running on the Walberswick village website. The website means that we can go into more detail, giving guidelines and advice for the categories in the show that have specific rules. For example, how to tie onions and what not to do to your potatoes before exhibiting them.

Potatoes should be chitted this month so they can be planted out in about four to six weeks' time, ready to exhibit in July. A first sowing of broad beans and onions can be made outdoors. Sweet peas can be sown indoors and there is more information on the website.

On the culinary side, now you know what categories, why not practise things you know how to do or try something new?

We have deliberately tried to simplify things this year to attract novices to baking and gardening. So please look through the schedule and choose at least one category to enter. Surely everyone has a pot plant and many who do not enjoy gardening enjoy flower arranging? There are new categories in horticulture, culinary, and for children, with the age raised to 16 for entrants.

**The Horticultural Committee**



## Diary Dates



### History Group meeting

**Saturday, 2 March at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Family, Friends and Art in Edwardian Walberswick. An illustrated talk about the network of artists that worked in Walberswick before the First World War. To reserve places, email **Edward Wright** at [ewright123@btinternet.com](mailto:ewright123@btinternet.com).

### Beach Clean

**Sunday, 3 March, 10am at the Cliff Field Car Park**

Organised by the Walberswick Wildfowlers and Natural England, please join us for the spring beach clean. Bring stout bags, gloves and shoes. All welcome. **Mark Waller**

### WI Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, 7 March, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

Our speaker is Ipswich-based milliner Anne Reeder on the History of Hats. Anne designs and makes special occasion hats for women of all ages. **Muriel Wortley**

### Easter Egg Hunt in the Dunes

**Easter Sunday, 31 March, at 11am behind the Ferry Road car park**

Two areas to hunt, one for 6 years and under and the other for 7-13 year olds. Bring your own collection basket. Cash donations gratefully received on the day. **Jon Winyard**



### Village Hall AGM

**Tuesday, 9 April, 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

Please join us at 6.30pm for refreshments before our AGM, which commences at approximately 6.45pm. We will be reviewing the events run by the Management Committee and the improvements completed over the past year. Audited accounts will also be presented at the meeting. Come and hear what our projects are for 2024. We look forward to your input.

**Viv Hunt, Village Hall Management Committee**

### INK Festival

**11-14 April, at The Cut at various venues in Halesworth**

The festival showcases 70 new short plays for both stage and radio. Also stand-up comedy, art, poetry, music, children's programmes, fascinating talks workshops, short new films, and much more. Visit [www.inkfestival.org](http://www.inkfestival.org) for full details. **Editor**

### Plant Bring and Buy

**Sunday, 26 May, 10.30am - 1pm near the Village Hall**

Please donate any unwanted seedlings and come and buy plants to fill your flower beds. Proceeds in aid of the RNLI, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. **Horticultural Committee**

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

#### Team Rector

**Revd Russ Gant**

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[solebayteamministry.co.uk](http://solebayteamministry.co.uk)

### March 2024 Services

#### Sunday, 3 March 11.15am

Sung Eucharist  
Joined by Blythburgh  
Revd Russ Gant

#### Sunday, 10 March 5pm

Choral Evensong  
Mothering Sunday  
Revd Russ Gant

#### Sunday, 17 March 11.15am

Sung Eucharist  
Revd Stephen Abbott

#### Sunday, 24 March 11.15am

Family Service  
Palm Sunday  
Revd Russ Gant

#### Sunday, 31 March 9.30am

Easter Day  
Rev Russ Gant

#### Every Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion  
Coffee on first Wednesday

### Commemorative Flowers

12 March - Clare Parsons & Tony  
Langham for Alex Langham

### Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday,  
1 March 2.15pm-2.45pm,  
Village Hall car park.

**Norwich Bus:** Thursday morning,  
21 March. 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 2 April 2023. The copy deadline is noon on 25 March 2024 and submissions should be sent to the editor at [news@walberswicknews.co.uk](mailto:news@walberswicknews.co.uk).



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## CULINARY

### CC GOLD CUP

Food Hygiene: Paper plates and bags will be available on the day.

In classes 59-69: use a plain jar of not less than 12 oz with a new, plain lid.

Exhibit to be clearly labelled and dated, and entry number on the jar not lid.

47. **Chocolate cake** – 2 tier, buttercream icing, no decoration, 20cm dia.

**OR**

48. **Show Stopper chocolate cake** – decorated, max 20cm dia.

49. **Sourdough Bread** - one loaf

50. **Rocky Roads** – three squares

51. **Cheese Scones** - three

52. **Flapjacks** - three

53. **Shortbread Round** - 18-20 cm

54. **Sausage Rolls** - three

55. **Savoury Puff Pastry Tart** – one, max 15x20cm

56. **Blackcurrant Jam**

57. **Strawberry Jam**

58. **Raspberry Jam**

59. **Any other jam** (can be a mix, sweet or savoury - please label)

60. **Lemon Curd**

61. **Marmalade**

62. **Any type of Jelly**

63. **Jar of Chutney** (at least three months old)

64. **Jar of Relish**

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: 10 yrs and under, and 11 to 16 yrs  
Cash prizes for each winner of 68 to 72. Minimal help from adults please.

68. **Rice Crispy Cakes x3** (under tens)

69. **Rice Crispy Cakes x3** (11 to 16)

70. **Face on a plate** (using vegetables and/or fruit, under tens)

71. **Face on a plate** (using vegetables and/or fruit, 11-16)

72. **Design an A4 show poster** (for 2025, digital art included, all ages)



# WALBERSWICK HORTICULTURAL & CULINARY SHOW

VILLAGE HALL, Saturday 20 July 2024

Open 3:00 till 4:30pm

**RAFFLE and TEAS, FREE ADMISSION!!**

## RULES

Exhibits to be handed in at the Village Hall on Sat, 20 July **from 9:30 to 10:45am**  
**First, Second, Third** and **Best in Show** may be awarded, dependent upon 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.

Please check [www.walberswick.onesuffolk.net](http://www.walberswick.onesuffolk.net) for "hot top tips".

The judge's decision is final. No fee for exhibits.

**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	

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 3 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – 2 points

3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **Mangetout** – five pods (same variety)
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** - seven (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

37. **Pot Plant** - one, any kind: flowering in max. 30cm internal dia. pot
38. **Pot Plant** - one, any kind: foliage 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 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. **Colourful arrangement** - min of three colours less than 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 watering can**