



Walberswick Village News

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Bird Song Walk

The annual Walberswick Bird Song Walk will be held on Sunday, 5 May commencing at 5.30am and meeting at the old Hoist Covert Car Park. This year, I am very pleased to announce that the walk will be led by Matthew Denny and all donations will go to WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink). The walk will be followed by breakfast in the Anchor. Please kindly book your breakfast direct with them on 01502 722112. **Pat Lancaster**

Monday Bridge Club

Walberswick boasts two bridge clubs held on Mondays and alternate Tuesdays. The Monday club is a very casual, informal gathering for those who do not wish to enter the competitive world of the Tuesday duplicate club but who know the basics of the game. The Monday club starts at 2pm in the Village Hall Annexe, table cost is £3.00 per person and you do not need a partner.

If you would like to join in, please come along or ring Judith Hetherington (01986 872972) or Margaret Adkinson (01986 469750) to find out more.

Pat Lancaster

Thank you from Carol

My thanks to everyone who popped in to see me during my recent stay in hospital and to all for your lovely cards and thoughtful good wishes. I am truly grateful for your kindness, help and support as I continue to recover at home. Thank you too for the delicious treats and meals left on our doorstep, which have been incredibly welcome. **Carol Wardell**

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

February has been a very busy time on Walberswick Common Lands Charity land; harvesting on the reedbeds and conservation work on both the wet and dry heaths. The reedbeds are now recovering nicely and the sluice repair from last year, along with all this rain, means that the breeding seasons water level will be met sooner rather than later. The reed cutter normally takes around 3,000 sheafs to use for thatching from the harvest; this helps the area to provide more open water habitat for wildlife.

As the new Countryside Stewardship Agreement came into force on 1 January 2024, this winter was a good opportunity to extend conservation work on the Common. The strips of rotavated land which seemed to appear overnight are not 'Banksy' at work but the contractor replicating rabbit warren-style vegetation clearance to encourage the invertebrates and reptiles. Do take care walking dogs on the heath as the adders emerge from hibernation.

Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee

Summer exhibition in the Heritage Hut

'When the Seas Come in' is the title of a pop-up exhibition to be held during the summer months in the Heritage Hut. Taking the Great East Coast Floods of 1953 as a starting point, the exhibition features paintings and images of the village before and after this and subsequent floods, and includes oral history and diary excerpts from villagers. It portrays more recent flooding, the greater impact along the coastline and questions how susceptible we still are to flooding.

Compiled by the Heritage Hut Team, with material kindly loaned from the Walberswick Local History Group and supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the exhibition includes activities for children. It will open on key dates for local schoolchildren by appointment, and will be included in the national Heritage Open Days event in September. Weekend opening times are 4-6 May, 15&16 June, 6&7 July and 3&4 August from 10am to 3.30pm. Further details will feature on the village website. **Caroline Wright**

Thank you to our litter pickers

The village thanks all the litter pickers who continue to help clean the beach, both during official beach cleans and on a daily basis. Our thanks also to the brave chaps who clear the B3187 between the Water Tower and the village of litter. They report that fewer wine bottles have been found recently and that the offender has switched from pinot grigio to chardonnay and chenin blanc. **Editor**

Congratulations to The Anchor

Travel writers at The Telegraph have named The Anchor as one of the best pubs to visit in the UK. The report confirmed what most of us have always known - that Mark has forgotten more about beer and wine than most of us will ever know. Congratulations Mark, Sophie and team. **Editor**

The Anchor

Easter: freshly-baked Anchor bread and hot cross buns

Marquee: the heated marquee is once again open

Planning for the Summer: we're now looking to build our Summer Team with keen students who would like holiday work. Contact us for further information

The Swan at Stratford St Mary is now open, Weds-Fri evenings, Sat & Sun all day. You'll find some familiar and friendly faces behind the bar.

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*Most local
responses
ignored by
LionLink*

As everyone will probably already be aware, LionLink developers have ignored virtually all the local responses put forward at the pre-consultation stage and, inexplicably, named Southwold/Reydon and Walberswick as their preferred potential sites for the cable landing. LionLink has now gone to the National Planning Inspectorate with an Environmental Impact Assessment document on which Walberswick Parish Council, amongst other local Councils, has been asked to comment. At its meeting on 18 March, the WPC delegated Cllr Bassinette to lead on the response and the Council will be making its submission by 2 April. We are most grateful to the members of the WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink) group, who are helping with technical support and inputs. For more details, please see the latest WPC LionLink report on the village website at tinyurl.com/bdezmbd6.

Walberswick Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 17 April at 7pm in the Village Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the activities of village organisations over the past year, as well as their upcoming plans. You can also ask questions and express your views. All residents are very welcome 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.

Parish Council Nominative Trustee appointment to Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that Hannah Sutton has been selected to serve a four-year term as one of the four Parish Council Nominative Trustees to WCLC.

Work on the Toddler Playground and Playing Fields

The Parish Council is grateful to WCLC, which has now completed the clearance of the gorse around the Playing Field fence and so work can now begin on phase one of the repair and refurbishment of the fence. Phase two, which should complete this work, will be done as soon as possible, funds permitting. The Parish Council is also delighted that the first of the three new pieces of play equipment for the toddler play area has now arrived and has been successfully installed, ready for use.



Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 15 April 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.

April Kitchen and Garden

The moment we've all been waiting for, longer days and brighter, warmer weather. The sowing season is now in full swing. Vegetables and flowers with categories in the show that can be sown inside include courgettes, French beans, runner beans, tomatoes, cucumbers and peas.

Many annuals such as cosmos, cleome, and nicotiana can be given a head start by sowing them in trays indoors and potting them on when they are large enough to handle. Outside, onion sets and early sowings of radish, spring onions, chard, shallots, garlic, mangetout and beetroot can be done. Flowers such as cornflowers, nigella, scabious and larkspur can be sown in gaps in borders. All make lovely cut flowers for the annuals category in the show. All plants can be bought as seedlings.

In the kitchen, why not make a 'starter' for a sourdough loaf, which is the bread category this year. It can be of any size, made with any type of flour, and with variations on the theme. Please look at the website for a simple 'starter' recipe.

For more details about the Show and other kitchen and garden related topics, please consult the new Horticultural page on the village website at www.walberswick.onesuffolk.net.

Don't forget the Bring and Buy Plant Sale on Sunday, 26 May in aid of the RNLI. If you're growing from seed please pot on your 'left overs' and if you want seedlings for your beds and borders come and buy from us. You will find us outside the village hall from 10.30am until 1pm. **Horticultural Committee**

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Planning applications

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

Longwood, Church Field | **Millside**, The Street | **Shorelands**, Palmers Lane | **Greengates**, The Street | **The Yacht Yard**, Southwold Harbour, Walberswick side | **The Boathouse**, Southwold Harbour, Walberswick side | **Byways**, Stocks Lane | **Box Bush**, Seven Acres Lane (two applications)

The latest applications & Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the Walberswick [website](http://www.walberswick.org.uk).

St Andrew's Church is awarded bronze

St Andrew's has attained bronze level in the Eco Church initiative by taking practical action in five environmental areas relating to the building, churchyard, community and global engagement, lifestyle, and worship and teaching. This UK denomination-wide project provides a framework to take positive, practical action in response to climate change. Look out for four new bird boxes, new hedging and a wildflower walkway. Future projects include building bug hotels and creating a water area for wildlife as well as opportunities to volunteer in the new graveyard management scheme. Thanks to the Revd Judy Miller and her husband Alan for their leadership and support. St Andrew's is the first of the eight Sole Bay Team churches to achieve the award and a wooden plaque will shortly be erected in the Church.

The Story of Creation is echoed in the all-age informal service held on the fourth Sunday of every month that references large scale stitched fabric artworks made by Jacqui Parkinson. April's theme is God Created the Earth so join us outdoors, weather permitting, by the allotments behind the Village Hall for coffee at 10.45am followed by the service at 11.15am. We'll be planting beans in loo rolls. **Stephanie Renouf**



Diary Dates



WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 4 April, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Sue Green will be demonstrating how to make a spring flower decoration. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

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 for full details. **Editor**

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday, 17 April at 7pm in the Village Hall

Hear about the activities of the village organisations and their plans for the coming year. **Editor**

When the Seas Come In

Weekends of 4-6 May, 15-16 June, 6-7 July & 3-4 August, 10am-3.30pm in the Heritage Hut

Pop-up exhibition on the Great East Coast Flood of 1953 and the impacts of subsequent and future flooding. **Caroline Wright**

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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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April 2024 Services

Sunday, 7 April 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 14 April 5pm

Choral Evensong

Sunday, 21 April 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Russ Gant

Sunday, 28 April 11.15am

Family Service

Every Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday

Commemorative Flowers

7 April - Clare Parsons & Tony
Langham for Alex Langham

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
26 April 2.15pm-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

Norwich Bus: Thursday morning,
18 April. Please contact
Mandy Erlenbach on 07590
697575 to book a place.

Mobile Post Office: Wednesday
12 noon to 1pm in the
Village Hall carpark.

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

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