



Walberswick Village News

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Margreet Walpole 1942-2024

Margreet Walpole has died in Dorset aged 82; she and her husband Nigel lived at Kermont (now renamed Margreet Cottage) here in Walberswick. They moved here in retirement in June 2002. From their arrival in the village they engaged fully in the life of the village. Margreet was a faithful helper at the Lunch Club which Brian and I were running at the time. She was often seen in the Village Hall kitchen at other events, cheerfully assisting at the British Legion Coffee Morning, the Village Fete, and the Cancer Research Coffee morning together with many other voluntary activities.

Margreet was kind, gentle, quiet and wise and had a talent for identifying those who may be lonely or unwell and was especially good at maintaining contact with anyone in residential care. She loved the village, her garden and her beautiful big dogs.

When the rigors of ageing became apparent, Margreet and Nigel moved to Dorset to be near their son in September 2021. Nigel reports that both he and Margreet remembered their time here with fondness, and gratitude for the kindness shown to them both whilst living here. **Christine Fisher**



Lee takes on a new challenge



The indefatigable Lee Sutton is back on his bike again, this time cycling from London to Paris in September to raise funds for Alzheimer's Society. The journey will take Lee four long days to complete and he has already started training. Dementia has touched most people's lives in one way or another so please support Lee by making a donation at his JustGiving page at [tinyurl.com/bdhwedtm](https://www.justgiving.com/tinyurl.com/bdhwedtm). Thank you. **Editor**



See you at the Plant Bring and Buy
in aid of the RNLI

Sunday 26 May, 10.30am to 1pm
At the Jubilee Seat next to the Village Hall

Fete meeting & volunteers

The Village Fete Committee is holding a meeting on Wednesday 8 May, 7pm in the Village Hall. We invite all stallholders, past, present and anyone with any ideas or a passion for the fete to attend. This will be to discuss not only stall details but also to get your feedback on the fete's third charity decision. We want to hear your thoughts. This is your opportunity to influence future fetes.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with things on the day and donations for the raffle, so if anyone is willing and able, please contact Mitchell (07745 391711).

We couldn't do this without you and we are incredibly grateful for everyone involved. We are looking forward to an amazing day. **Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chair**

The Anchor

Don't forget to book Curry Night
The first Thursday of the month

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Walberswick Parish Council

Flagpole

The replacement of the village flagpole outside the village hall is now underway, following vehicle damage to the old one. The new one is being jointly funded by the village hall and the Parish Council and will now appear on the Parish Council asset register alongside other village amenities like benches, village signs and the scroll. The new base has been installed, so now we are just waiting for the flagpole itself. Unfortunately the one due for delivery to us was irreparably damaged at the suppliers by the recent high winds, so we now await a new delivery date.

Play equipment

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that the new 'birds nest' swing is now installed on the playing field and ready for use. The suggested suitable age range is three months to adult so there is no excuse for any of you not to try it out. There is now only one more piece of equipment to be installed, which is a see-saw due to be installed by mid-May.



Playing field fencing

At its April meeting, the Parish Council authorised the spend to complete the job of repairing the fence around the playing field which will mark the end of the refurbishment project for the whole of this area.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**, which will be held on Monday 13 May 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.

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

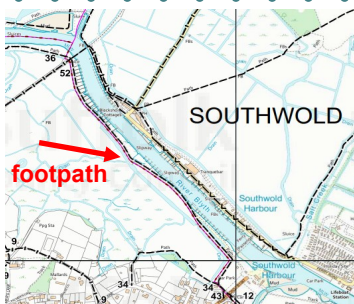
Help save our local birdlife

Spring has arrived and with it many birds, such as skylarks, nightingales, bearded tits, sedge and reed warblers, which are now making their presence felt. However, please remember that this is the nesting season when birds and their young are very vulnerable to disturbance, especially by dogs. Specifically, you are reminded that with effect from 31 March there are national restrictions in place that require dogs to be kept on short leads when on open access land such as Walberswick Common. Restrictions also apply to the area that has been fenced off to the rear of the beach between Walberswick and Dunwich to protect birds such as Little Terns that nest in the shingle. Wild birds are under threat everywhere - please help us protect them. We thank all dog owners and others for their cooperation.

David Pelly, WCLC Trustee

Shoreline Protection Area

Please help us protect ground-nesting birds and rare shingle plant communities from disturbance and trampling by not crossing the rope fence and keeping dogs under close control. This area will be temporarily fenced between April-September.



Temporary closure of harbour footpath - Walberswick side

Suffolk County Council have put up notices regarding the temporary closure of the footpath from near the Walberswick ferry hut to the Bailey Bridge to facilitate much needed repairs and resurfacing works. The closure will only be operative when contractors are on site and work is taking place. The path should be open on weekends and public holidays. It is anticipated that the work could take around four weeks and, weather permitting, should be complete by the end of May. **Editor**

Martin's gardening
and garden
maintenance

Martin Harmon 07827 743915

Planning applications

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

Millside, The Street | **The Old Rectory**, The Street (trees) | **Longwood**, Church Field | **Greengates**, The Street | **Byways**, Stocks Lane | **Box Bush**, Seven Acres Lane (two applications)

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

May kitchen and garden

Only just over 11 weeks to go until the Horticultural and Culinary Show on Saturday, 20 July. Most of the fruit and vegetables with categories in the show should have had their first sowings. Seedlings that have been bought or grown will be ready to plant out as soon as the risk of frost has passed. Crops such as radishes, spring onions, beetroot, annual herbs and salads can all continue to be sown successionally.

Any annuals that have been sown directly into flower beds should be thinned out in order to give a better display. The early sowings of sweet peas may be ready to pick soon. To make sure you get a continuous display of flowers throughout the summer, roses, dahlias and sweet peas should be picked or dead headed regularly.

If you have any pelargoniums that you are potting on, make sure one is in a pot with maximum of a 30cm diameter ready for the Show.

On the culinary side of things, practice makes perfect so they say. Chocolate cake, sausage rolls, scones, savoury puff pastry tarts and sourdough bread could be among the categories to bake. Make and share with friends and family to get feedback (excuse the pun).

On the website for the month of May, we have gone through the schedule for the show and tried to expand and explain on the requirements for each category where we think it will help. Hopefully this will make the idea of entering, especially for the first time, far less daunting.

Horticultural Committee



Diary Dates



WI monthly meeting

Thursday, 2 May, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Mary Newton, retired forensic scientist, who gave a fascinating talk to us last year about her work on high-profile forensic cases, will be giving a talk entitled 'Rape - short word, long sentence'. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

When the Sea Comes 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 flooding along the coastline. **Caroline Wright**

Bird Song walk

Sunday, 5 May, 5.30am meeting at the old Hoist Covert Car Park

The walk will be led by Matthew Denny and will be followed by breakfast at the Anchor. Please make your breakfast reservation direct with the pub. Donations in aid of WALL (Walberswick against LionLink). **Pat Lancaster**

Fete meeting

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Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chair

Local History Group AGM and talk

Saturday, 11 May at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

The AGM will be followed at 7pm by a talk, 'The Herring Lassies' by Margaret King. Margaret will be talking about the Scottish herring lassies who travelled around the east of England every year, moving from port to port. Their job was to get the herring catches ready for market. Would all those planning to attend please email ewright123@btinternet.com and also let him know if you intend to bring a guest (ticket £5). **Harriet Wilson**

Plant Bring and Buy

Sunday, 26 May, 10.30am - 1pm at the Jubilee Seat, 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**

russ.gant@solebayteamministry.co.uk
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May 2024 Services

Sunday, 5 May 11.15am

Sung Eucharist - Revd Margaret King
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 12 May 5pm

Choral Evensong
Revd Phillip Tarris

Sunday, 19 May 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Stephen Abbott

Sunday, 26 May 11.15am

Family Service
Revd Judy Miller

Every Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday

Commemorative Flowers

5 May - Julia Sowerbutts for
Joe Josephs

12 May - Joanna Saunders for
Robert

26 May - Pat Atherton for
John

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
24 May 2.15pm-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

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

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

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 June 2024. The copy deadline is noon on 25 May 2024 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com.

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