



Walberswick Village News

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Bird Song Walk

Sunday, 5 May 2024. Interestingly the first walk started 40 years ago in 1984. In 2024, the day dawned bright but very misty. Having made an announcement that the paths were somewhat uneven and to be careful, the only person to take a purler was me. Embarrassment took over but I was straight up – binoculars safe but pride dented. An assembled group of 49 people came on the walk and some 50+ had an excellent breakfast in the Anchor. Some 58 species were heard/seen either en route or actually on the walk. We didn't beat the record of 63 species in 2023 but we did have some very class birds. Those in attendance were pleased to hear the nightingales and the metallic 'ping' of the bearded reedlings. The dew laden webs made excellent photographs. For my part, huge thanks go to Matthew, Mandy and Martin for all their expert knowledge and, of course, the Anchor for their unstinting service. We are very pleased to say that over £350 was raised in support of WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink). Thank you all. **Pat Lancaster**



The Black Dog Deli only goes and wins a prestigious award

Huge congratulations to Andy, Stef and all the team at the Black Dog Deli Foods, which has won the Food and Drink Retailer of the Year at the recent Suffolk Food and Drinks Awards, the first time the awards have been made since the pandemic. Andy described the Black Dog Deli family as: "Incredible people. The hardest working, most passionate and dedicated bunch of crazy fools, who love making people smile with delicious food, great coffee, and good service for our wonderful Black Dog customers." Something on which I think we can all agree. **Editor**

Volunteers needed for the fete

Calling all volunteers. We are specifically looking for people to manage a few stalls. Those being:

- ◆ **The Afternoon BBQ** – cooking and selling items
- ◆ **The Raffle** – selling tickets on the day
- ◆ **Silent Auction** – manning the stall on the day
- ◆ **The White Elephant** – gathering items and then managing the stall on the day
- ◆ Anyone willing to help **set up and take down tables and chairs** on the day are always very welcome.

Please note that if you are interested but hesitant, know that the Fete Committee and others will be helping you every step of the way, but we do need people on the day.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mitchell at Mitchell.n.po@gmail.com or on **07745391711**. All questions welcome.

We really appreciate everything that everyone is doing. It's wonderful to see everyone being so kind and helpful. Thank you. **Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chair.**

Next showing of the Walberswick Scroll

The 123 foot-long Walberswick Scroll, created in 1931 and 1932 by the artist John Doman Turner, is an incredible record of the village as it was at the time. The scroll will be shown at 2pm and again at 3pm on Saturday, 8 June. Whether your interest is history, art or you are just curious, come along to the Heritage Hut. Discussions are often wide-ranging and the scroll team welcome learning something new every time it is shown. **John English**

Friends of St Andrew's concert

The next concert will see the return of the wonderful singer, Joanna Eden and quartet, hopefully this time without the rain. Joanna is considered one of the finest singer pianists in the UK with a style that covers a broad spectrum, through jazz, soul, Brazilian, and blues. Tickets for the concert on Saturday, 29 June at 6pm at St Andrews are £20 each and are available at the Tuck Shop (Co-op) or from the Friends of St Andrew's website www.friendsofstandrews.org.uk.

Clive Brynley-Jones

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Walberswick Parish Council



Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

At its meeting in May, Cllr. Andrew Lewis was elected unopposed as Chair for a further year and Cllr. Rebecca Whiting was elected unopposed as Vice-Chair for a further year.

Illegal parking on the Village Green

There is an ongoing issue of vehicles parking on the Village Green, particularly trade vans and trucks of those working on the houses surrounding the Green. We have had similar issues with the Jubilee Seat Green. There is no parking of any kind allowed on the Green except in very special circumstances such as an organised public event for which permission has been granted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be putting up a no parking sign so everyone is aware and to help reduce the damage that this illegal parking is doing to the Village Green. We also would like to ask homeowners to help by ensuring that their workers and visitors know that no part of the Village Green can be used for parking. If anyone sees inappropriate parking, please photograph the vehicle registration plate and make a note of the colour and make of the vehicle concerned. Recording any company name and contact telephone number that may be displayed is also helpful. These details should then be reported to East Suffolk parking enforcement at tinyurl.com/7ydw6nuy.

Harbour Consultation

East Suffolk Council, the owners of Southwold Harbour, has been working for a number of years on a document called a Harbour Revision Order, which is intended to help modernise and consolidate Southwold Harbour statutory powers. These powers include such items as clarity on the limits of the Harbour; the composition of the Board and the establishment of an advisory body. It also gives modernised powers of management and financial control such as establishing a reserve fund, development and disposal of land, and ability to grant tenancies. There is a statutory 42-day public consultation underway that closes on 15 June. Anyone interested is entitled to respond. Details on how this can be done, along with the full set of documents, is available on the Government website at tinyurl.com/2ex644k.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 June 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 Wildlife Watch survey

The survey, organised by WALL (Walberswick against LionLink), is now gathering pace. The aim is to gather data on wildlife in and around Walberswick that we can use as part of our campaign against Walberswick being chosen as the landfill for the National Grid Ventures (NGV) LionLink project. Although NGV will undertake their own studies, we think these will be very limited and we want to put forward our own case about the environmental impact of LionLink with as much evidence as possible.

Initially, the main focus of the survey (or rather surveys), will be on bats, birds and reptiles, mainly around the landfill site, Manor Field, and the cable corridor across the fields towards the Water Tower near the A12. Thereafter, we will be widening the area out towards the Common and Marshes.

We have already started deploying reptile mats around Manor Field. These heat up in the sun and encourage reptiles, such as adders, grass snakes and slow worms, to bask on or under them. **Please do not touch or lift these mats unless you are part of the survey team.** If you see any reptiles on or near the



mats, please note the date and number and contact the survey team (contact details below).

We are also installing electronic bat detectors in trees and on posts and buildings at various locations. The detectors are small green boxes that are normally quite hard to spot, but if you see any, please do not interfere with them.

We will be relying on more experienced birders to carry out the bird surveys. However, anyone can use the Merlin App (merlin.allaboutbirds.org) to identify birds when they are out and then record the sighting on the iRecord App (irecord.org.uk/app). Not only is it very straightforward and educational but also good fun. Every record will help our defence of Walberswick.

We have also installed pedestrian counters on various footpaths around Manor Field to help us compile data on the extensive usage of the footpaths in the locality for use in the campaign. Access to these paths would be severely disrupted by the LionLink project. The devices only collect footfall data. Feel free to walk past the counters when you are out and about.

Please help us with this survey work. We already have some volunteers to help us with the reptile, bird and bat surveys but we would welcome more. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact: Mathew Denny mjhdenny@yahoo.co.uk, 07973 462948, or David Pelly pellymattinson@btinternet.com, 07932 064176.

On behalf of WALL

Walberswick River Trips

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Planning applications

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

Saltlick, Leveretts Lane | **Cornelian**, Leveretts Lane | **Nightingales**, Church Field | **Herons**, Church Field | **Longwood**, Church Field | **Greengates**, The Street | **Byways**, Stocks Lane

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



Walberswick Common Lands Charity



If you are interested in bird song but have not heard about the app called Merlin (merlin.allaboutbirds.org) it's worth a try. Nightingales and nightjars, chiffchaff, willow warbler, blackbird and robin, there is plenty going on and each habitat offers a different mix. Amazing to have this on our doorsteps.

Meanwhile, those of you who visit the bird hide may have noticed the very red infestation of azolla in the ditch, an invasive, non-native species that trustees have been researching and monitoring for some time. Fronds grow rapidly and block out light as well as reducing available oxygen. Natural England has agreed for it to be treated with a natural biocontrol, weevils, and the season commences at the end of May. We are working with CABI (cabi.org) which researches, breeds and distributes the weevils.

Cliff Field has been cut and the brambles reduced as this permanent semi-improved grassland needs to be managed in an attempt to recover populations of summer marsh orchid and a target sward height of 15cm in August. It will be cut again in September and scrub control increased.

Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee



Diary Dates



WI monthly meeting

Thursday, 6 June, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our speaker is author, Polly Crosby, who grew up in Walberswick and whose parents, Kate and Toby Robinson, still live in the village. Polly's third novel was published earlier this year and her fourth novel is out in August. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

Walberswick Scroll

Saturday, 8 June at 2pm & 3pm in the Heritage Hut

Depicting every house in the village during the summers of 1931 and 1932, join us for a viewing of the Walberswick School. **John English**

When the Sea Comes In

Weekends of 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**

Friends of St Andrew's concert

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Walberswick Horticultural Show

Saturday, 20 July, 3pm-4.30pm in the Village Hall

Raffle and teas. Admission to the show is free. No fee for exhibits. More information can be found on the village website at tinyurl.com/wwhortishow.

Horticulture Committee



June Kitchen and Garden

June is arguably the most rewarding and spectacular month in the garden. It is also the ideal time to plan your entries in the Horticultural and Culinary Show on 20 July. Soft fruits such as gooseberries, rhubarb, red, white and blackcurrants will be ripening, and the first sowings of vegetables will be ready to harvest by the end of the month. Many annuals can still be sown in June, and in July borders will be full of flowers such as roses, sweet peas, hardy perennials, flowering shrubs and clematis. All the above are categories in the show. To help things stay healthy and to ensure the longest possible growing and flowering season, feeding, watering, and dead heading are essential. Make sure everything is well supported and staked.

In the kitchen it is not too late to make relishes, cordials and some liqueurs. In the May news on the village website, we tried to clarify and expand on the criteria for entries to the show as much as possible. We will be posting a June newsletter with more tips. The schedule for the show is also there if you have not got a paper copy. See tinyurl.com/wwhortishow.

The Horticultural Committee

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector
Revd Russ Gant

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

Sunday, 2 June 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Margaret King
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 9 June 5pm

Choral Evensong
Revd Russ Gant

Sunday, 16 June 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Revd Stephen Abbott

Sunday, 23 June 11.15am

Family Service
Revd Judy Miller

Sunday, 30 June 11.15am

A 'United' Service
at St Edmunds
Revd Russ Gant

Every Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday

Commemorative Flowers

8 June - Gordon Beard for Marian

16 June - Brian Tibbles
For Jayne and Ollie

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
21 June 2.15pm-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

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

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

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

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

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