



# Walberswick Village News

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## Fete update

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to offer help with the fete. However, we still need assistance with the following:

- **the raffle:** We just need a couple of extra people to help man the stall, selling tickets on the day.
- **the white elephant stall:** Unfortunately, we have not had anyone come forward to help organise this stall. Unless someone does, we will not be able to have it.

If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Mitchell at [mitchell.n.po@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell.n.po@gmail.com) or on 07745391711. **Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chair**

## Thank you to the mowers, strimmers and hedge cutters

With this spring being among the wettest on record, the grasses and hedges have been growing at an astonishing pace. Wading through the long wet, overhanging grass while avoiding the hidden dangers lurking underneath, dodging the rampant brambles, and attempting to evade the aggressive stingers that seem to put on a metre of growth overnight, has required a fearless and intrepid approach to tackling the footpaths around the village.

Meanwhile, up at the playing field, small children and dogs have been disappearing in the tall grass, which also hampers the footballers.

Our heartfelt thanks therefore goes to the incredibly generous villagers who have been out clearing footpaths, cutting back hedges, and mowing the playing field and the children's play area. Village life is so much easier thanks to your kindnesses.

**Editor**



Photo: Sonia Elliott

## Community Speed Watch needs you

Are you concerned about the speed of traffic in our village? Have you got an hour to spare every now and again? We are a cheerful and friendly group and really need more volunteers. Training provided.

Contact **Maryanne Sheth** to find out more at [maryanne3000@hotmail.com](mailto:maryanne3000@hotmail.com) or on 07905 259049.

## Horticulture & Culinary Show timetable

We hope everyone has been busy planning their entries for the Horticultural & Culinary Show. The weather hasn't been very cooperative, but there is still a month to go and perhaps it has given more time for experimenting in the kitchen

The show is on Saturday, 20 July. Entries are received between 9.30am and 10.45am in the village hall. Come view the results, have tea and cakes, and buy a raffle ticket between 3pm and 4.30pm. If you have any questions, please contact a committee member.

**Betsy Lemmon**

## Horticultural plant and seedling sale raises £705

The plant and seedling sale in May raised £705 for the RNLI. A very good result. We thank you for donating plants and buying them too. **Betsy Lemmon**

## Plants & produce at the Village Fete

The colourful plant and produce stall at the summer fete always looks mouth-wateringly delicious, thanks to enthusiastic village gardeners and allotmenters. We once again welcome plants, cut flowers and fresh produce this year. Please send a message to **Helen Riches** on 07532 323944 in August or simply bring contributions along on the day. Many thanks.



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## Walberswick Parish Council



### Harbour Revision Order Consultation - Response of Walberswick Parish Council

This consultation has now closed and the Parish Council made a submission on behalf of the village, which can be seen at [walberswick.onesuffolk.net/assets/Parish-Council/Agendas/Agendas-2024/June-2024/Harbour-Revision-Order-consultation-response.pdf](https://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/assets/Parish-Council/Agendas/Agendas-2024/June-2024/Harbour-Revision-Order-consultation-response.pdf).

### Internal Audit

The internal audit of the 2023/24 accounts for Walberswick Parish Council has been completed and the results were discussed and approved at our June meeting. We are delighted to say that it is another excellent audit for the Council and all the required governance documents were also considered and signed at the June meeting. The next steps are the public inspection of accounts, which is now underway, followed by submission of all documents to our external auditor, PKF Littlejohn. The outcome of that is expected in the autumn and will be reported both here and on the Parish Council website. All documents relating to the Internal Audit can be seen at [walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-parish-council/notices/2024](https://walberswick.onesuffolk.net/walberswick-parish-council/notices/2024).

### Signage for River Footpath, Village Green and Jubilee Green

Following discussion at the May meeting, the wording of proposed signage was agreed at the June meeting of the Council and will now be purchased and installed in an attempt to stop illegal parking on both the Greens and cycling on the river footpath, along with signage to make clear that dogs are not allowed in the toddler play area on the playing field.

### Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 July 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).



### Early results of the Walberswick Wildlife Watch Survey

Early results from the Walberswick Wildlife Watch Survey on both reptiles and bats show interesting findings. The boundary of Manor Field\* is being used by a significant number of bat species, including the specially protected barbastelle bat, while the reptile count indicates that the site qualifies as a key reptile site.

The first bat analysis, conducted over five nights, identified seven to nine species with an approximate average of 1,000 calls per night. The most common species recorded were the soprano pipistrelle, followed by the common pipistrelle (these are the commonest bats in the UK), noctule, barbastelle, Nathusius' pipistrelle (possible), serotine, Daubenton's bat (possible), Natterer's bat and the brown long-eared bat. The Nathusius' pipistrelle still needs to be confirmed as it can be confused with the common pipistrelle. Similarly, the Daubenton's and Natterer's bats can be confused with one another.

The identification of the barbastelle bats was not a surprise as, although they are an endangered species and protected under Annex 2 of the European Habitats Regulations, they have been recorded on the nearby Walberswick National Nature Reserve and are relatively common in East Anglia. However, knowing they are using Manor Field is important in relation to the LionLink proposal and its potential impact, as is knowing that the field boundary is used by an important assemblage of bat species and by a large number of them.

The results of the reptile survey over 15 days in June revealed an exceptional population of slow worms and good populations of common lizards, adders and grass snakes. The highest single counts have been 52 slow worms, eight common lizards, six adders (four adult) and six grass snakes (one adult). Because Manor Field supports three or more reptile species, two snake species, and an exceptional population of one species, it qualifies under the Froglife Trust's Amphibian & Reptile Conservation protocol as being a key reptile site.

The reptile mats are now being moved further west, although some will be left in-situ to provide extra habitat around Manor Field. There are also eleven mats around the caravan site where grass snake, adder and lots of slow worms, as well as a water vole, have been recorded.

**Matthew Denny, Walberswick Against LionLink**

*\*There is some argument over the naming of Manor Field as some believe it should be called Lower Fields as derived from the 1841 Tythe map.*



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### Planning applications

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

**Shorelands**, Palmers Lane (x 2) | **Longshore**, The Street | **Saltlick**, Leveretts Lane | **Ferry Hut**, Harbour | **Cornelian**, Leveretts Lane | **Hérons**, Church Field | **Greengates**, The Street | **Byways**, Stocks Lane

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

## ■ ■ Walberswick Common Lands Charity ■ ■

Everything is growing at an amazing rate now the warmth has combined with all that rain. On the Common, bracken will be in our sights over the summer to try and check its march on heather, grasses and other indicators of success such as harebell and birds foot trefoil.

Meanwhile, the sluice on the reedbed near the old windmill has done its job, ensuring the water levels cover the reeds roots through spring and into summer. All that rain has been helpful here.

**Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**



## Diary Dates



### WI monthly meeting

**Thursday, 4 July, annual garden visit**

Southwold Flower Company visit followed by tea at the Tea Shed on the Village Green. Members only. **Muriel Wortley**

### When the Sea Comes In

**Weekends of 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**

### 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](https://tinyurl.com/wwhortishow). **Horticulture Committee**

### Village News AGM

**Tuesday, 23 July, 6pm in the Heritage Hut**

The Village News will be holding its AGM on 23 July. Please contact **Edward Wright**, Chair of the Village News, for further information.

### Walberswick Village Fete

**Saturday, 24 August, 11.30-4pm at the Village Hall and on the Village Green**

See next month's Village News for full details on events and timings.



## July Kitchen and Garden

Final preparations for the Horticultural and Culinary Show on Saturday, 20 July, begin now.

A favourite pelargonium or geranium could be selected ready for entry, or any plant in the categories for Flowering or Foliage Pot Plants, Cactus and Succulents, or Orchids. Please just check the diameter of the pot required.

Make a note of the finished size of the arrangement in any of the flower and foliage arrangement categories and remember, in just these categories, nothing has to be home grown.

In the Culinary Section everything in the baking categories can be made and frozen before the show if your time is limited.

The 'Design an A4 show poster' in the Junior Classes could be done any time now. Don't forget digital art is included and we have raised the age limit to 16.

So please look at the schedule for the show and choose the categories you would like to enter. Even if there is only one, we would like to thank you for helping us keep the show going. If you have misplaced your schedule or want more details about the show please look on the Village Website under Horticulture. **The Horticultural Committee**

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

**Team Rector  
Revd Russ Gant**

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

### July 2024 Services

**Sunday, 7 July 11.15am**

Sung Eucharist

Revd Margaret King

*Joined by Blythburgh*

**Sunday, 14 July 6pm**

*Please note new time*

Choral Evensong

Sea Sunday

Revd Judy Miller

**Sunday, 21 July 11.15am**

Sung Eucharist

Revd Russ Gant

**Sunday, 28 July 11.15am**

All-age informal Family Service

10.45am coffee and pastries

At the Communal Beach Hut

Revd Judy Miller

**Every Wednesday 10am**

Holy Communion

Coffee on first Wednesday

### Commemorative Flowers

14 July - Julia Josephs for her sister,  
Dorothy Dekany

21 July - Pat Lancaster for Tony

### Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday,  
19 July 2.15pm-2.45pm,  
Village Hall car park.

**Norwich Bus:** Thursday morning,  
18 July. 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](https://walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk)

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