



Walberswick Village News

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Fun at the fete

Thanks from the village to our brilliant fete committee for organising an entertaining and fun fete, which was enjoyed by all despite the inclement weather: Emilie Dadswell, Karen Maxwell, Mitch Pocock (Chair), Harriet Wilson and Simon Ethell. **Editor**



The Walberswick Trekkers raise over £5.5k for Alzheimer's

On behalf of the Walberswick Trekkers, I would like to thank everyone who sponsored our 13-mile Suffolk Coast Walk on Saturday, 3 August, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. We raised just over £5,500 via our Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walberswick-trekkers-2024). Thank you too for the many lovely messages of support and encouragement.

The Walberswick Trekkers are: Angie Power, Anne Critchlow, Esther Smith, Gary Kingshott, Guy Parry, Håkan Brewitz, Isabella Knight, Jan Etherington, Jeremy Solnick, John Wardell, Liz Green, Pete Wagstaff, Phil Smith, Sandra Sutton, and Sara Solnick. **Guy Parry**



Photo: Lucy Etherington



Denis King on 'Black Beauty' and Paul Heiney leading the parade to open the fete

Photo: Jonathan Sapsford
@jonathansapsford on Instagram

Terrific exam results

Congratulations from all in the village to those who recently received their A Level and GCSE results. Arlo Denny and Freya Smith both sat A Levels. Arlo is taking a gap year, after which he will head to Liverpool to study Sports Science. Freya is off to Edinburgh to study Fine Art. Frankie Richardson's GCSE results earned her a place at East Coast College in Lowestoft, where she is taking the Health & Social Science Level 3 course, the first step in her plan to become a nurse. Ella Parker did well in her GCSEs and is returning to Bungay High to complete her A Levels.

We wish them all huge success. **Editor**

The Anchor

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Walberswick Remembered A Valuable Small Estate

In 1889, at an auction sale in Halesworth, William Howard purchased a 'valuable small estate' in Walberswick for £610. As well as a farmhouse, now called Old Farm, it had two fields to the south of The Street; Mill Field ran due south of the mill and Home Field was to the south of Old Farm. Howard was the founder of Howard Brothers, the family-run business that provided Elizabeth Jane Howard with the framework on which she created the Cazelet Chronicles novels. One of William Howard's brothers, Alexander, was the inspiration for the Brig in those stories.

William Howard came from a poor family but by the time he bought Old Farm he was a successful timber merchant. At 16 he had started working for a small timber yard on the banks of Bow Creek in east London. In 1876, having borrowed £1,500, he bought the business. As it expanded, his brothers joined him, and the firm took advantage of the high demand for timber in Britain and abroad.

At the auction sale the vendors of Old Farm were the executors of John Rimington; he had acquired it 32 years earlier. Some of the property was copyhold; the copyholder had ownership but only a copy of the deeds, the originals of which were held by the manor. A copyholder could transfer ownership but only with the consent of the lord and payment of a fine. Ten years after the auction sale William Howard was enfranchised and could then sell his land free of manorial obligations. There was just one problem; it was believed that John Rimington had been married, although there was no trace of the widow. William Howard had to accept the risk that she might appear and enter a claim for compensation with the manorial court. Fortunately for him, she never made an appearance.

Howard divided Mill and Home Fields, roughly six acres in total, into 13 building plots and began selling them in 1899. By 1903, six houses had been completed and by 1925 there were 12. The houses, designed by Frank Jennings were The Gazebo, Greyroof, Threeways and Far End (now Aldebaran). Seahome (now Mulberry House) was designed by TG Davidson, Mill Croft by WC Weymouth, and Shirley by Robert Stark Wilkinson. The architect of Lushan is not known; we know that Frank Jennings' associate, Raymond Johnson, was living there in 1904 but the form and details of the house convinced Bill Ungless that it was not by Jennings.

Reproduced from **Walberswick: People and Houses 1870-1930** by kind permission of the author, Edward Wright. Edward still has copies of the book available at £15 each, of which £5 will be donated to the Walberswick Scroll Restoration Fund. Email him at ewright123@btinternet.com if you would like one.



Old Farm as depicted on the Walberswick Scroll
© Walberswick Parish Council

Cathy Ryan MBE retires

Our congratulations to Cathy Ryan on her recent retirement. As Founder and Chair of Sole Bay Health Care Fund, Cathy's dedication and compassion over the last 20 years has driven the fund to provide support for thousands of people. Many Walberswick families have received care and advice, and continue to benefit from this incredible resource that helps individuals gain immediate access to care and support at home when the need is most urgent.

Cathy's nursing career has spanned 50 years. She received the title of Queens Nurse in 2016, was awarded an MBE for Services to Nursing and Fundraising in Suffolk in 2020, and an Honorary Doctorate in 2024.

If your lives have been touched by Cathy's good work and this unique local resource, which we are lucky enough to have in our community, and would like to support them, please go to their website www.solebaycarefund.uk to find out how you can help.
Editor

Risk of wildfires

The landscape has dried out very rapidly in recent weeks after the very wet period earlier in the summer. So, please be 'wildfire aware' over the coming weeks. Avoid open fires and use BBQ's with great care. Please keep them well away from the beach huts, dunes and grassland. **David Pelly, Trustee, Walberswick Common Lands Charity**

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 September 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.

NOTE

Due to the editor being away, the copy deadline for the October edition is a bit earlier than usual: noon on 22 September.

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE TEA SHED

Our fabulous Afternoon Tea experience is back. Indulge in freshly made cakes, pastries and sandwiches, accompanied by a wide range of loose-leaf teas or coffee.



Our Afternoon Tea costs £20.95 per person and must be booked 24 hours in advance.

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Planning applications

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

LionLink | **Grey Roof**, Millfield Rd (trees) | **Poplar Cottage**, The Green (trees) | **Saltlick**, Leveretts Lane (trees) | **Millside**, The Street | **Lane Corner**, Palmers Lane | **Pink House** (formerly Box Bush), Seven Acres Lane | **Pebbles**, The Lea | **Longshore**, The Street | **Herons**, Church Field

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



Diary Dates



WI monthly meeting: Soil Sisters

Thursday 5 September, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Historian Nicky Reynolds is part of the Soil Sisters volunteer team that has been researching the stories of the Women's Land Army (WLA) in Suffolk, focusing on stories of individual women, details of where members lived and worked, and how the WLA was organised in Suffolk. **Muriel Wortley**

Heritage Open Days: The Flood Route

Saturday & Sunday 14&15 September, 9.30am-4pm

The Flood Route is the theme for a pop-up family walking trail with clues around the village and beach, devised by the Heritage Hut team. Leaflets and pens to be collected from the Heritage Hut. Free to enter and generously supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. **Stephanie Renouf**

When the Sea Comes In

Saturday & Sunday 14&15 September, 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**

Open Studios: Walberswick Art Trail

Saturday & Sunday 14&15 September, 11am-5pm

The village has harboured a colony of artists since the end of the 19th Century and it still does. Seventeen Walberswick artists will be showing their work in nine different locations. Portraits, landscapes, oils, watercolours, prints, ceramics, sculptures, knittings, sticks... Every open studio will have a large flag outside, so they will be easy to spot. Follow the QR code on the posters dotted around the village, or the map on the village website.

Kay Ungless



Walberswick Local History Group talk

Saturday 28 September, 7pm in the Village Hall

Bob Jellicoe will discuss his book, *Shorelines*, with special reference to Walberswick, including stories told to him by William English and Dinks Cooper. To reserve places, members should email Edward Wright at ewright123@btinternet.com. £5 for guest tickets. **Harriet Wilson**

Albion Choir: Still Waters

Sunday 29 September, 3pm in St Andrew's Church

The renowned Albion Choir with popular and new music led by Fraser Wilson, the concert organiser at Snape. Tickets are 'Pay What you Want' on the door. More information available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/walberswick/st-andrews-church/still-waters-walberswick.

Julia Josephs

Walberswick Community Café

Wednesday 16 October, 2pm - 4.30pm in the Village Hall Annexe

The inaugural get together. Come along to meet friends and neighbours, perhaps help with a puzzle, knit, play a game or simply chat. Everyone welcome from 9 days to 99 years. Free tea, coffee and cake. A voluntary initiative generously supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. **Christine Fisher**

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church
Walberswick

Team Rector
Revd Russ Gant

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September 2024 Services

Sunday, 1 September 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 8 September 6pm

Choral Evensong

Sunday, 15 September 11.15am

Sung Eucharist

Sunday, 22 September 11.15am

Informal Family Service
10.45am coffee and pastries

Sunday, 29 September 11.15am

Team Service, St Edmunds,
Southwold

Every Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday

Commemorative Flowers

22 September - Wendy Sinclair
for Chris

Parish Register

23 August

Memorial Service and
Burial of Ashes
Joan Fairs Age 90

Burial of Ashes
Maureen Thompson Age 93

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
13 September 2.15pm-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

Norwich Bus: Thursday,
19 September. Please contact
Mandy Erlenbach on 07590
697575 to book a place.

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

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 October 2024. The copy deadline is noon on 22 September 2024 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com.

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