



Walberswick Village News

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Open Studios: a destination event

What began as a morale raiser during lockdown has expanded into a crowd-pleasing event that art lovers travel miles to see. Walberswick Open Studios had 17 creative participants this year, showing their works in 10 studios, including The Anchor Barn. There were painted sticks, knitted portraits, sculpture, ceramics, photography... all sorts of media including lots of luscious oils. It adds a layer of intrigue to see work displayed in spaces where an artist normally works. Our wonderful QR coded maps seemed the answer to potential navigational snags, however some visitors still found themselves in the middle of the reed beds, having somehow got entangled with the Heritage Flood Trail. The most glorious of mid-September days meant those newly acquired artworks travelled home safely in the balmy air. Thank you to all (well over 300 of you) who came along to browse, chat and buy. **Helen Riches**

Rowers of Walberswick: the race

On Saturday 21 September, a team of seven from The Rowers of Walberswick took part in the Great River Race. The race on the Thames is for fixed seat rowing boats with a minimum of four oars, a cox and a passenger, and is the largest event of its kind in Europe. This year, the 21.6 mile course was from Millwall to Richmond, rowing under 28 bridges with 266 boats of all sizes from around the UK, Ireland, and Europe.

The magnificent seven were Dani Church, Rachel Aldridge, Emma Webb, Sam Webb, Lucy Waring, Lena O'Shea and Beth Cashell. Rowing in their Clayton Skiff 'Puffin', they completed the course in a very creditable three hours and nine minutes. The team finished third in their boat class and 144th overall, on a handicapped race result. The team thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and were delighted with the result.

The group, which was set up in January 2024 and has been training hard in recent months, would like to thank everyone who has supported them so far, in particular the coaches Will and Tom and marine technician, David. **Rob Webb**



Heritage Hut triumph

The Heritage Hut has been awash with visitors for its inaugural summer exhibition, *When the Sea Comes In*, which culminated in September with a special Heritage Flood Trail to mark Heritage Open Days 2024. More than 800 people - local friends, villagers, and those who lived further away - brought memories and shared stories of the floods.

The Heritage Hut team, Peter Watson, Caroline Wright and Stephanie Renouf, is hugely grateful to all who helped and the Walberswick Common Lands Charity for financially supporting the initiative. So many commented on how lovely it was to see the refurbished Heritage Hut open and providing the opportunity to learn more about the area. **Stephanie Renouf**

Join the Walberswick Players

It's the time of year when our thoughts turn to next year's production - *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard. This is an absurdist farce which punctures both the pomposity of theatre critics and the cliché-ridden conventions of the murder mystery. It's also great fun.

If you'd like to be involved, contact Clive Brynley-Jones at barnaby.bj@btinternet.com or Rod Lynch at lynchrod@hotmail.com. Perhaps you have acted before in local am dram and would like to get involved again, or maybe you would like to help behind the scenes in make-up, costumes, design, sound, prompts or aspects of stage management, ensuring the production runs smoothly. Whatever your experience, we'd like to hear from you. Rehearsals will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the winter months, from 7pm to 9pm, and on Saturdays throughout January. A full schedule is available, with the first rehearsal starting on Tuesday 1 October.

The production will be staged in the Village Hall from Thursday 6 February through to Saturday 8 February 2025 at 7.30pm, with an additional matinee on Sunday 9 February 2025 at 2pm. If you have seen a previous production, you will know that this can be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience that brings the village together. Give it a try. **Rod Lynch**

The Anchor

Dates for your Diary

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Walberswick Common Lands Charity

It has been pleasing to see pioneer (young) heather of both Ling and Bell varieties regenerating on parts of the Common, bringing bursts of purple-pink and providing the food source for ant species which in turn feed the silver-studded blue butterfly.

Recently the contractor was on the Common to cut the bracken in an attempt to limit its invasive nature from taking over other vegetation types on the dry heath. The cutting prevents nutrients getting into the rhizome, weakens the plant, and eventually it dies back.

During the autumn there will be drainage work on the wet

grassland along with the much delayed breeding wader foot ditches and coverts. The brambles near the beach huts will be cut back and Cliff Field mown. On the Common, there will be work to improve fire safety access, creating routeways into the south western area and also from Palmers Lane.

Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee



Silver-studded blue butterfly
WikiMedia Commons

Walberswick Parish Council

Vacancy for Trustee of Walberswick Common Lands Charity

Due to a term of office coming to an end, there is an upcoming vacancy for a Trustee of Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) that is nominated by Walberswick Parish Council. The current Trustee has indicated that they are willing to continue, but all roles are advertised as part of a fair and transparent process. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee of WCLC or have any questions, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk. The Parish Council policy for the appointment of Nominative Trustees to WCLC can be viewed at tinyurl.com/349cjpg5. Applications close on Monday 7 October 2024 and should be emailed to clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk.

Lionlink

Walberswick Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 9 September to write to East Suffolk Council (ESC) to express our concerns about the approach being taken by NGV in writing to residents announcing the start of activities for which they have no approval. We feel that

this is an attempt to make the community feel that we are powerless to intervene with any plans that National Grid Ventures (NGV) has, regardless of the impact on our precious environment and biodiversity, nor on the health, lives and livelihoods of the people of Walberswick. We asked ESC to use its powers of enforcement to ensure that NGV does not proceed with any works for which they do not have permission and to be held to account with respect to any conditions or mitigations that may accompany any future permissions. We also requested that ESC Planning are fully transparent about what role the views of Natural England and the nearly 200 organisations and people who wrote on the application are given in any decision that ESC planning makes. This letter can be seen here, along with all other updates from the Parish Council on Lionlink: tinyurl.com/3wd69xfz.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 October 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.

Fete Total

The total raised from the fete was £11,792. Together with the small amount of money that was left in the fete bank account, we will be donating a total of £12,000. That will be £4,800 to St Andrew's Church, £4,800 to the Walberswick Village Hall, and £2,400 to the local Food Bank (Trussell Trust).

That is a huge amount of money, none of which would have been possible without the help from everyone in the village. Thank you all so much. Here's to next year.

Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chair

Salsa...Salsa...Salsa

Get your dancing shoes out. Weekly Salsa classes starting on Thursday, 17 October at 6pm in the Village Hall. All levels welcome. The first class is free, after that £5-£10 depending on numbers. The first eight weeks are being subsidised by Active Suffolk. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Maxwell** at karenmaxwell207@gmail.com.

Planning applications

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

LionLink | **Grey Roof**, Millfield Rd (trees) | **Millside**, The Street | **Longshore**, The Street | **Heron's**, Church Field

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

Walberswick's Vets tennis success

Congratulations to various Walberswickian winners in the Southwold Lawn Tennis Club end of summer tournament. Sophie Dorber won the Vets Ladies Singles and, with Jane Sutherland Rogers, won the Vets Ladies Doubles. Sophie was also losing finalist in the Open Ladies Singles. Tim Eyles won the Vets Men's Singles. Martin Lovick, with his non-Walberswickian partner Alan Kay, won the Vets Men's Doubles.

If Sophie hasn't collapsed from exhaustion by then, she and Martin are still scheduled to play their Vets Mixed Doubles final. **Martin Lovick**

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Diary Dates



WI monthly meeting

Thursday 3 October, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our speaker this month is Penny Robinson, who will be talking about bees.
Muriel Wortley

Beach Clean

Sunday, 6 October, 10am at the Cliff Field Car Park

Organised by the Walberswick Wildfowlers and Natural England, please join us for the autumn beach clean. Bring stout bags, gloves and shoes. All welcome. **Mark Waller**

Harvest Supper

Saturday 12 October, 7pm in the Village Hall

Tickets for the very popular Harvest Supper are £15 each and available from the Tuck Shop. There will be entertainment and catering will be by Sue Flack and her great team. Last year it was a sell-out so early purchase of tickets is recommended. **Friends of St Andrews**

Harvest Festival Choral Evensong

Sunday 13 October, 6pm in St Andrew's Church

A floral and musical treat, including Godspell, the 70s rock opera, with guitar, and R. Vaughan Williams, Lark Ascending, on violin. **Julia Sowerbutts**

Walberswick Community Cafe

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

Temporary closure of footpaths, bridleways and bridges



As part of plans to develop the longest managed coastal path in the world, the King Charles III England Coast Path, Suffolk County Council, working with Natural England, is planning to construct new sections of boardwalk to join up the existing structures. A new section of hardened footway on the coastal path will also be added. This will form part of the Aldeburgh to Hopton-on-Sea stretch of the King Charles III England Coast Path to be opened by the end of 2024.

The work necessitates the closure of footpath 17X, 19 & 20 and bridleway 21 & 21X, indicated on the map by solid lines. Diversion routes are indicated by the arrows. Briefly, the map suggests that the closed paths are from the wind pump to the Spong Bridge and the path from the Spong Bridge to the beach. Access by contractors appears to be via the path from Stocks Lane, which also has a closure order. Work begins at the end of September and should be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.

Walberswick Common Lands Charity has announced that Wally's Bridge will also be closed for essential repairs for between three to four weeks in October. The drain at the rear of the main car park is being replaced at the same time.

Editor

Church Matters

**St Andrew's Church
Walberswick**

**Team Rector
Revd Russ Gant**

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October 2024 Services

Sunday, 6 October 11.15am

Sung Eucharist
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 13 October 6pm

Choral Evensong

Sunday, 20 October 11.15am

Sung Eucharist

Sunday, 27 October 11.15am

Family Harvest Service
10.45am coffee and pastries

Every Wednesday 10am

Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday

Community Services

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

Mobile Library: Friday,
11 October 2.15pm-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park.

Norwich Bus: Thursday,
17 October. 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 November 2024. The copy deadline is noon on 25 October 2024 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com.

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