



Walberswick Village News

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Festive Greetings to all our readers

Cancer Research Christmas Fayre

We hope to see lots of friendly faces at our fundraiser on Saturday, 2 December (10am-12 noon in the Village Hall). If you have anything to donate, please refer to last month's Village News insert to contact the appropriate person, or get in touch with me. In particular we would be delighted to receive homemade biscuits to serve with the teas, coffees and mulled wine, as well as cakes, gifts, bottles and handmade Christmas items.

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If you wish, please make a donation at our Cancer Research Giving page: tinyurl.com/wwchristmasfayre, or by scanning the QR code. On Instagram do follow us [@walberswickchristmasfayre](https://www.instagram.com/walberswickchristmasfayre).

We will be able to accept card and contactless payments, but we only have two devices so cash is definitely preferred please.

Thank you for your support and we very much look forward to seeing you.

Guy Parry 07775 512995 | parry.guy@gmail.com

Carols on the Green

Always a joyful occasion for all the family, Harry Edwards, with John Flack and his band, will once again be in attendance for the village's traditional Carols on the Green sing-along on Monday, 18 December at 7pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available afterwards in the Village Hall.

The event is organised by the community, receives no funding, and is entirely dependent on the generosity of villagers. Your donations of mulled wine and mince pies would therefore be gratefully received. To arrange a drop-off or collection, please contact **Hannah Sutton** via email at hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com or by text on 07992 505954.

Congratulations to the Black Dog Deli

Our fabulous deli, the Black Dog, has won the 'Made in East Suffolk' award at the annual Suffolk Chamber of Commerce, Lowestoft and Waveney, Business Awards. The event celebrates the talent, excellence and inspirations of businesses in East Suffolk. The deli was also runner-up for the top award, 'Business of the Year'. Congratulations to all the team. Andy and Stef collected the awards with Stef looking fabulous and Andy looking very dashing, but almost unrecognisable, in a suit.

Editor

Christmas tree on the Green

The Christmas tree on the Green should be up in early December. In village tradition, residents, friends and visitors are invited to add their personalised Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one. Please make sure your decorations are winter weather-proof and are attached securely to the tree.



After consultation with the Parish Council, a group of volunteers has taken over responsibility for the Christmas tree. This year, the Parish Council has indicated that it is willing to help fund the tree in order to give the voluntary group time to raise money for next year. In the mean time, more decorations are needed. If you have any spare, please do add them to the tree.

Editor

Send Christmas greetings

Each year a number of people in the village sign a list held in the Tuck Shop, making a donation to Cancer Research UK, instead of actually delivering individual Christmas cards. If you would like to do this, please sign the list in the Tuck Shop (from 1 December). The list will then be displayed in the window two weeks before Christmas so that all your friends will know you have not forgotten them and that you wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pat Lancaster

The Anchor

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Happy Christmas and heartfelt thanks to all who continue to support us - Sophie, Mark & the team

Christmas Eve: Join us for fantastic seafood and Denis King on the piano

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day: Food from noon to 6pm. Drinks only in the evening

Wednesday, 27 December: Open Mic with special guests

Thursday, 28 December: Bingo night

Friday, 29 December: Sophie's Music Quiz

New Years Eve: Family and special menus, fireworks, dancing and cocktails

New Year's Day: Open from noon until 6pm.

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Walberswick Common Lands Charity



A focus of recent updates has been on our work in the environmental stewardship of the land in and around the village that the Charity owns. Of course, an important part of the Charity's function is to provide support to residents, and to that end we have used funds in excess of £40,000 per annum. This support comes in two forms. First, through donations to other organisations whom we consider provide vital support to the village. This includes the invaluable work of the Sole Bay Health Care Fund, as well as, for example, the East Anglia Air Ambulance. We provide contributions to schools, by reference to local pupils, and support events like the Easter Egg Hunt. The second form is specific assistance to those in need, hardship or distress. Anyone who finds that they are in that position, for whatever reason, is urged to contact a trustee on an entirely confidential basis. More generally, we would welcome suggestions for organisations that we might offer support to, remembering that they must support the needs of local residents. **Richard Leiper, Chair, WCLC**



Walberswick Car Parks



The Walberswick Car Parks, like many small businesses, has found itself unable to find banking services that are willing to handle cash-heavy transactions. Moreover, even those few banks that are willing to accept limited cash deposits are closing down all nearby branches. This situation has made it extraordinarily difficult, costly and daunting for small businesses like ours to accept and deposit cash. Therefore, the Walberswick Car Parks has had to take the difficult decision to end our cash payment ticket machines. This past summer we replaced our machine card payments with RingGo which has worked extremely well in a relatively short amount of time. We will now, of necessity, move to RingGo only rather than allowing the purchase of tickets using coin. We regret that the changes in the banking and finance industry have made this step necessary, but it is now the only way to responsibly and safely operate our business. We will be putting up signs in the carparks and on the website explaining this and hope that all our customers will understand and be able to adjust. Our thanks to everyone in the village for their support.

Josie Bassinette, Chair, Walberswick Car Parks



Walberswick Parish Council



New village noticeboards on Stocks Green

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the new noticeboards on Stocks Green are now installed and available to use. The old one did great service over many years, but was well overdue for upgrading. It has been replaced with two brand new and weather-proof wooden noticeboards; they are also magnetic, so no more hunting around for drawing pins and a supply of spare magnets has been left in the cabinet. One is now dedicated to use by the Parish Council (and is lockable) while the other is permanently unlocked and available to all in the Parish; this noticeboard is dedicated to the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth and has been part funded by both our District and County Councillors, for which we are grateful.



Change of email addresses for Councillors

In line with best practice and following a recommendation from our external auditor, all Parish Councillors will shortly be changing to gov.uk email addresses. The old gmail addresses will continue to work for a while and a further announcement will be made in due course before the old addresses are 'switched off'. All Councillors will be transferring over the next few weeks. The new format for Councillors will be: **first initial.surname@walberswick-pc.gov.uk** (e.g. a.lewis@walberswick-pc.gov.uk). The clerk will become: clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk and the Responsible Financial Officer will become: rfo@walberswick-pc.gov.uk.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 11 December 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.



The Black Dog Deli

The award-winning Black Dog Deli is gearing up for Christmas and it's going to be big! Now taking orders for cheese, glazed ham, gravadlax, Christmas hampers, fine wine, and lots more. Please order early to avoid disappointment.

Closed 25, 26 and 28 December

01502 723925

@blackdogdelifoods on Instagram



December Kitchen and Garden

December is a very different month in the kitchen to that in the garden. In the garden, things are slowing down but mulching and protecting tender plants such as dahlias, agapanthus and pelargoniums must be done. All feature in the Horticultural Show in July. Pelargoniums (including geraniums) are to be shown in a pot no bigger than 23cm internal diameter. In contrast, the kitchen is becoming a hive of activity with Christmas approaching. We are introducing a new class to the Show for 2024; a bottle of fruit spirit, gin, vodka or brandy for instance. Spirits using damsons and sloes are probably already in the cupboard ready for Christmas, but raspberries, plums and blackberries, all available in the shops, make good foundations for a fruit spirit. In the spring, rhubarb, elderflower and gooseberries are commonly used. Most spirits need between three and six months to mature so now is the time to start. **Diana Wright**



Diary Dates



Cancer Research Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 2 December, 10am - 12 noon in the Village Hall

Join us for refreshments (included in the entry fee of £2.50 for adults and £1 for children) and browse our festive stalls. **Guy Parry**

Walberswick Local History Group Talk

Sunday, 3 December, 4pm in the Village Hall

Southwold Railway - Past, Present and Future: a talk by John Ridgway of the Southwold Railway Trust. Members only. To reserve places, please email ewright123@btinternet.com. **Pat Lancaster**

WI Christmas Meeting

Thursday, 7 December, 2pm in the Village Hall

Please note the start time of 2pm. Sue Green will be demonstrating how to make a festive swag and will then help us make our own. Afternoon tea and entertainment will follow with a raffle drawn at the end of the meeting. Members only. **Muriel Wortley**

Carols on The Green

Monday, 19 December, 7pm

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday, 23 December, 5-6pm in St Andrew's Church

Celebrate Christmas in festive spirit with readings, carols and the wonderful St Andrew's choir. **Julia Josephs**



Concrete blocks exposed by the surge tide

Planning applications

At the time of publication, the following properties were awaiting a decision on their planning applications:

Mulberry House, Millfield Road | **Pebbles**, The Lea | **Byways**, Stocks Lane | **House on the Green** | **Three Ways**, The Street (trees) | **The Net Shed Studio**, Ferry Road | **Wayland Cottage**, The Street | **1 Adams Lane** | **Seacroft**, Millfield Road | **Byways**, Stocks Lane | **Box Bush**, Seven Acres Lane

The latest applications and Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the planning page on the Walberswick [website](http://walberswicknews@gmail.com).



Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Vicar

Revd Russell Grant

solebayteamministry.co.uk

December 2023 Services

Sunday, 3 December 11.15am

Sung Eucharist

Joined by Blythburgh

Revd Judy Miller

Sunday, 10 December 5pm

Advent Choral Evensong

Revd Margaret King

Sunday, 17 December 11.15am

Sung Eucharist

Revd Russell Grant

Christmas 2023 Services

Saturday, 23 December 5pm

Festival of Lessons & Carols

Revd Russell Grant

Sunday, 24 December 4.30pm

Crib Service

Revd Margaret King

Monday, 25 December 9.30am

Choral Eucharist

Rev Russell Grant

Every Wednesday 10am

(No service on 27 December)

Holy Communion

Coffee on first Wednesday

Parish Registers

27 October

Bill Buncombe, 89

Funeral and interment

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday, 6 December 2.30pm, St Andrew's Church.

Mobile Library: Friday, 8 December 2.15pm-2.45pm, Village Hall car park.

Norwich Bus: Thursday morning, 21 December. Please contact Mandy Erlenbach on 07590 697575 to book a place.

Post Office: Tuesdays 1pm-3pm; Thursdays 10am-12 noon, Village Hall Annex.

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

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