



# Walberswick Village News

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## Congratulations Chris

Congratulations to Chris Jackson, son of Walberswick residents Nikki and Clive, on graduating with a First Class (Hons) degree in Biomedical Science from Bath University. Chris specialised in the use of sport for health, which included working on projects with Cancer Research UK and a placement at The Altitude Centre in London.



Chris is an experienced competitive cyclist, athlete and altitude coach - you may recall that last year he ran the ridiculously challenging full Everest Marathon in aid of Cancer Research. Chris now plans to build on his education and sports experience over the last ten years to develop personal exercise programmes (with free consultations) aimed at improving general health for all abilities and ages, competitive performance, or performance in extreme environments.

We wish Chris the very best in his new venture, full details of which can be found online at [www.fit4.one](http://www.fit4.one).  
**Editor**

## Elaine & Vanessa win an international silver medal

The village sends huge congratulations to Elaine Heeler and Vanessa Tucker, who won their first international award, a silver medal for their Valley Farm Vineyard bubbly, Sundancer 2015, at the International Wines and Spirits Competition. You can read all about it on the *East Anglian Daily Times* [website](http://www.dailymail.co.uk) or at [tinyurl.com/y65potad](http://tinyurl.com/y65potad). **Editor**

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020

I would like to confirm that in Blythburgh and Walberswick there will be no house-to-house collection, sale of poppies or fund-raising coffee morning this year. If anyone wishes to make a donation, please send a cheque payable to Royal British Legion in a sealed envelope and deliver/post to Erica Donnellan, Wickstead, The Street, Walberswick IP18 6UX. I shall bank these in the normal way for our area. Please state clearly your name and address so receipts can be issued.

As I understand it, poppies should be available in larger supermarket outlets.

**Erica Donnellan, Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser  
Walberswick & Blythburgh**

## Two crazy blokes on bikes fundraising for the Heritage Hut and Prostate Cancer UK

Jon Winyard and Lee Sutton are undertaking a 500 mile bike ride from the most easterly point in England, Lowestoft Ness, to the most westerly point, Lands End. They are raising money for causes close to their hearts - Jon for audio visual equipment for the Heritage Hut on the Green and Lee for Prostate Cancer UK.



They plan to start their daily nine-hour ride of 100 miles on 22 October, hopefully finishing on 26 October. They are self-funding the trip with no support team.

These are both really good causes, so please support them by making a donation. You can donate to the Heritage Hut on Jon's [Just Giving](http://www.justgiving.com) page or at [tinyurl.com/y3xh9va2](http://tinyurl.com/y3xh9va2) and to Prostate Cancer UK on Lee's [Virgin Money Giving](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) page or at [tinyurl.com/y35qyf5h](http://tinyurl.com/y35qyf5h).

Best of luck chaps from all of us (and particularly with those Cornish hills)! **Editor**

## Join the Beach Clean on Sunday, 11 October

Meet at 10am at the Cliff Field Car Park (pedestrian access only while the sluice bank is being repaired). Please bring stout bags and gloves. Jointly sponsored by Natural England and Walberswick Wildfowlers. **Mark Waller**

### THE ANCHOR

We have vacancies for the following part-time staff

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## Parish Council News

### Sizewell C

The Planning application for the construction of Sizewell C and all its associated development is now in front of the National Planning Inspectorate. If Sizewell goes forward, it will impact road congestion, pollution, the AONB, Minsmere, the existence of rare species (including the Marsh Harrier) and many other aspects of Walberswick life for the next 20 years. This is not just at the construction site itself, but in the villages and roads all around in order to handle the thousands of HGVs, vans and cars that will have to reach the site everyday for some 12-15 years of construction. For example, nearby Walberswick, there will be the construction of a 1,500 vehicle Park and Ride for workers and coaches just north of Darsham train station on the A12, which will certainly mean rat running on the B1125, making its intersection with the Walberswick road even more difficult and dangerous than it is today. A worker dormitory complex for over 2,000 people will be built in Eastbridge alongside Minsmere.

The Parish Council approved on 14 September a "Relevant Representation" to the Planning Inspectorate highlighting the issues of concern for our community. It can be read on the Parish Council website. Anyone can register with the Planning Inspectorate as an interested party and is encouraged to do so, but act quickly as the cut off date is 30 September.

### Parish Council and Walberswick Common Lands Charity Trustee recruits

At the end of the year, Rita Woodcraft will be retiring from her many years of service as a Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WPLC) Trustee. This is one of the positions that is filled through nomination by the Parish Council and we are inviting anyone interested in becoming a Trustee of the WPLC to submit their name to the Parish Clerk at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

The Parish Council is also still looking for someone to fill a remaining vacancy for a Councillor. This would be a co-opted position serving the remainder of the four-year term until 2023. Anyone who is interested should contact the Clerk by email as above.

### Parish Council meeting

The next remote meeting of the WPC will be held on Monday, 12 October at 7.15pm. Details of the agenda and remote participation can be found on the Walberswick Village website. For any other information, please contact the Walberswick Clerk at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com)

### Safe Space second speed indicator?

Last month, we asked villagers if they supported getting a second smiley face Speed Indicator Device (SID) to help deter speeding in the village. Unfortunately very few people have replied so far. In order to justify such an outlay it is essential to get a better indication of village support. Following strong support from the meeting of the Parish Council on 14 September, we are again asking villagers to express their view on a second SID. Please take the time to send an email with a simple "Yes to SID" or "No to SID" to [walberswicksid@btinternet.com](mailto:walberswicksid@btinternet.com) by 10 October 2020. Your vote counts! **The Safe Space Team**



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### Speeding

It has been a difficult summer with unprecedented numbers of visitors and residents. Parking around the Church has been particularly fraught and speeding into and out of the village has been endemic. At the meeting on 14 September, the Parish Council agreed to explore the feasibility of a Community Speedwatch. As a first step, the Parish Council is inviting an officer from Halesworth to come out for a site visit to see if there would be a suitable location. Thereafter, volunteers from the village would need to come forward and be trained to put the scheme into practice. Please watch this space for more updates!

The Parish Council also expressed strong support for a second smiley face Speed Indicator Device (SID). How we proceed will depend on whether there is sufficient support within the village and funding from the WPLC. Please see the article (below left) on the SID to see how to express your view.

**Josie Bassinette, Parish Council Chairman.**

### Common Lands Charity

The Charity has recently published its 2019 Annual Report. This includes a final report on the Serious Incident the Trustees first disclosed in 2017. You will find it in the Charity section of the Village web site or by following this link: [tinyurl.com/y68tcfw2](https://tinyurl.com/y68tcfw2)  
**James Darkins, Chairman**

### Planning applications

At the time of going to print, the following properties were still awaiting a decision on their planning applications:

- Saltlick, Leveretts Lane
- Longwood, Church Field
- Crestholme, The Lea (trees)
- Ardmay, The Street
- 1 Anchor Cottages, The Street
- Fen Cottage, The Lea

For the latest applications and full details, go to the Planning page on the [Village Website](#). For the Planning Advisory Group reports, go to [tinyurl.com/tdbvulf](https://tinyurl.com/tdbvulf)

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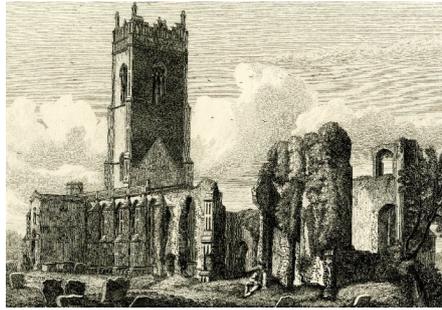
## Harvest Festival Service

Sunday, 4 October, 11am

There will be a short service of hymns and readings accompanied by the choir and brass instruments. Weather permitting, it will take place outside in the ruins. If wet, it will be in the church.

The Annual Parochial Church Council meeting will take place in the church at 12 noon after the service. All welcome.

Julia Josephs.



Etching by the British printmaker Henry Davy, 1827

## Walberswick Local History Group

The History Group is looking to recruit new committee members. If you have an interest in the history of the village and would like to become a Committee member, please contact the secretary [WLHG@secretary.net](mailto:WLHG@secretary.net).

The Archivist is also looking for someone who might be interested in the archives and how she currently adds to them. She is happy to continue with this interesting project but would feel happier if someone knew the existing procedure. Although the archives are currently held in her home, it is hoped that they will be housed in the Heritage Hut in the new year when it has been refurbished. Please contact archivist: [patlancaster@btinternet.com](mailto:patlancaster@btinternet.com).

### "Back in the day"

Does anyone remember the occupants of Lilliput, Lodge Road before the current residents? They were Mr & Mrs Jimmy and Joan Johnson (née Borrow). I am in possession of a large number of photographs and miscellaneous items and wonder if anyone has kept in touch with their descendants or relatives as I would like to return these items to their family if I can. If you can help, please contact me at [patlancaster@btinternet.com](mailto:patlancaster@btinternet.com).  
Pat Lancaster

## RNLI fundraising online auction

Could you help to make this happen?

Do you, your family or friends have any auction lots (examples below) that you could donate to an RNLI auction we hope to run later this year?

Lots can be items, experiences, and donating your time or skills:

- Voucher for a local shop
- Weekend in a holiday home
- Meal for four
- Hamper
- Afternoon of gardening
- Tickets to a local event
- Sports/language lessons
- Art lessons
- Afternoon of DIY
- Signed celebrity item

If you think you can help, please contact **Karen Lewis** on 07516 798094 | [karen@webtowork.com](mailto:karen@webtowork.com).



## Please be mindful when letting off fireworks around Bonfire Night

Sadly, another casualty of the pandemic is our spectacular village firework display on Bonfire Night. If you are planning to let off your own fireworks instead, please be mindful of the distress noisy fireworks can cause to the village's horses, dogs and cats, to anyone who is unwell, and to some of our elderly residents.

Please consider using the 'silent' fireworks that are now available, and remember that it is illegal to set off fireworks in any public place. The law states fireworks must not be set off between 11pm and 7am, except on Bonfire Night itself when the cut off is midnight. Thank you. **Editor**

## Church Matters

St Andrew's Church  
Walberswick

### Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher  
01502 725424

[revsimon63@gmail.com](mailto:revsimon63@gmail.com)

### Ordained Local Minister

Rev Brian Fisher 01502 723023

### Church Warden

John Simpson 01502 723384

[johnsimpson1109@gmail.com](mailto:johnsimpson1109@gmail.com)

## October 2020 Services

**Sunday, 4 October - 11am**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Harvest Festival**

**Sunday, 18 October - 11.15am**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

**Every Wednesday - 10.00am**

Eucharist

### Zoom Services

**Every Sunday - 11.15am**

Holy Communion

Zoom access codes change each week, so if you wish to join in, please contact either Simon Pitcher at [revsimon63@gmail.com](mailto:revsimon63@gmail.com) or Alan Perry at [adperry64@gmail.com](mailto:adperry64@gmail.com) for details, or check the Sole Bay Churches website [solebayteamministry.co.uk](http://solebayteamministry.co.uk)

## Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday, 16

October 2.15pm - 2.45pm,

Outside the Village Hall

**Post Office:** Thursdays, 10am-

12 noon. Village Hall Annex

**Norwich, Halesworth and**

**Lowestoft buses:** suspended

until further notice.

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 November 2020. The copy deadline is 25 October 2020 and submissions should be sent to the editor at [walberswicknews@gmail.com](mailto:walberswicknews@gmail.com)

## Walberswick Heritage Hut – Update September 2020



You may have noticed work has started on the renovation of the Walberswick Heritage Hut (HH). We are very pleased that this has, at last, been able to get underway. Inevitably there will be vehicles parked near the HH from time-to-time but every precaution has been taken to minimise disturbance to residents. However, should there be a problem please contact the Clerk to Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC). It is hoped that Phase 1 of this amazing project will be completed by the end of 2020.

The HH, which is owned by the Walberswick Parish Council (WPC) and stands on the Village Green, was originally built as a Congregational Chapel in the 1879. It has since been used at various times for the benefit of the residents of the village as a School, a Working Man's Club, a Youth Club, for St John Ambulance, a Visitors' Centre, the SC&H's Heritage Centre and as the HQ of the Village Fete.

The ownership of the HH was passed from the Suffolk County Council to WPC in 2012. In 2016 a HH Committee was formed composed of the four major contributors - WPC, WCLC, Walberswick Local History Group (WLHG) and the Walberswick Scroll Committee (WSC). The team took the view that the best way to conserve the building was to give it a new life. Over 3 years of planning, the project evolved from the original concept of providing a safe home for the Scroll, WLHG archives, a base for the WPC and WCLC to the vision of also creating a vibrant, exciting and accessible community hub.

In April 2019 the WPC leased the HH to WCLC who took responsibility for the refurbishment. Under the terms of the lease a Management Committee (HHMC) was formed (details here: <https://tinyurl.com/HHlease>). The HHMC will be responsible for the day to day management of the HH and turning the vision into reality. The HH will be the permanent home of the Scroll, WLHG Archives, the headquarters of WPC, WCLC and the Village Fete. It will also be available for Walberswick artists to exhibit their work and for any other type of village-orientated exhibition of historic or educational interest using the building as a place celebrating Walberswick life and preserving it's "Heritage" in our historic "Hut!".

We would like to extend our thanks to those organisations and individuals who have kindly donated towards these refurbishments. Early in the new year we plan to hold open days for residents. The refurbished HH will be suitable for use 12 months a year and a booking system will be announced in good time.

Heritage Hut Management Committee  
(Comprised of WPC, WCLC, WLHG & WSC)

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