

Walberswick Village News

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Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas

More than a Shop

Warmest congratulations to the fantastic team at the Tuck Shop for being recognised by the 'More than a Shop' network. The award is for their tireless work during the pandemic and for making deliveries in their own time to shielding customers. Carla and Jenny received the award on behalf of the team. **Editor**



Thank you to the Village News Team

This time last year we held a party to say thank you to everyone involved in producing the Village News. No party this year for obvious reason, but just as big a thank you. The Village News played a vital role as we all adjusted to the new way of life and on behalf of the whole village I would like to express our appreciation to:

- Pat Lancaster and her team of dedicated distributors: Pat Atherton, Debbie Tipples, Dick Leon, Margreet Walpole, Andy and Norma Catchpole, Ray and Muriel Wortley, Sue Wood, Pam Webb, Nicky Jackson, Mandy Erlenbach, Jayne Tibbles, Anne Horsburgh, Mel Jackson, Julia Sowerbutts, Kevin Clayton, Jackie and Alan Almond, and Cathryn Simpson.
- Kate Goodchild our treasurer, Karen Fordham the advertising manager, and committee member Jane Sutherland-Rogers.
- Finally, a massive vote of thanks to our editor, Sheila Parry. Sheila could not have chosen a more difficult time to start her editorship and she has risen to the challenge magnificently.

Many thanks to you all.

Edward Wright, Chairman, Village News Committee

Walberswick WI

Despite not being able to meet for most of 2020, we have managed to raise £300 from the proceeds of our last Christmas meeting and our Easter raffle. This donation will go to our chosen charity, Sole Bay Care Fund.

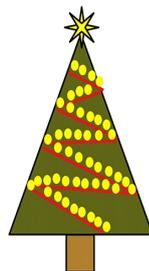
We have also planted more February Gold daffodils on the green opposite the church, and we have planted some Tête-à-tête daffodils on Lodge Green so that we can all look forward to something to lift our spirits in the Spring. **Marian Beard, President.**

Cancer Research Christmas Cards

I still have Cancer Research Christmas cards and a couple of pocket diaries available. If you would like to see the selection, I would be happy to bring them around to you or send you pictures by email. All donations most welcome; cheques to be made out to Cancer Research UK. Many thanks. **Betsy Lemmon | 01502 722384**

Add a decoration

In village tradition, residents, friends and visitors are invited to add their personalised Christmas decorations in memory of loved ones to the Christmas tree on The Green. The tree should be in place around mid-December, Covid-19 restrictions permitting. Please make sure the decorations are winter weather-proof and are attached to the tree very securely. **Editor**



Walberswick Community Support Group

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Christmas 2020 will be quite different for many of us compared to previous years. If you are likely to be in a position where you may not have the usual support of family and friends, we have villagers who would be very happy to cook and deliver a Christmas meal on the day. Please contact **Liz Wagstaff Green** who will co-ordinate | **01502 724889 | 07710 031503** liz.green@mac.com

The Anchor

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www.anchoratwalberswick.com
Anchor Chow on WhatsApp
([tinyurl.com/anchorchow](https://www.tinyurl.com/anchorchow) to join)

Merry Christmas & thanks to all who continue to support us

This festive season, we will once again have our marquee on the terrace and we look forward to welcoming you to our special socially-distanced events, including a New Year's Day BBQ.

In addition to our festive meals, BBQs and pizza, we will continue with our takeaway menu, including fresh bread and Cornish pasties. We can deliver within the village. And don't forget our four-pint 'carryout', which is always available.

Check Anchor Chow on WhatsApp & our website for daily updates
Order food via Anchor Chow or by phone

Parish Council News

Community Speed Watch

In order to control speeding in the Village, we still need volunteers to take part in the Community Speed Watch programme, which is used successfully in many surrounding villages. Unless at least three volunteers step forward, we cannot implement the scheme. No special skills are required and the time commitment is not onerous. Training and equipment will be provided by the Suffolk Constabulary. If you can help, please contact the Clerk by email as below.

Work on the Village Green and Sports Field

Interested parties are invited to tender for the provision of topsoil, filling holes and re-seeding parts of the Green, which needs bringing back to a good standard. The holes on the Playing Field should form part of the same tender. On-going remedial work should be included. If interested, please contact the Clerk by email as below.

A Parish Councillor is still needed

We are still looking for a Councillor to serve out the remainder of the four-year term until elections in 2023. Training for new councillors is provided. If interested, please contact the Clerk by email as below.

Sizewell update

EDF is proposing some changes to its development plan in an attempt to head off the massive resistance to the thousands of additional HGVs expected on local roads, every day for a decade. There are also complaints that its development plan provides minimal detail on how it will handle the impact on coastal erosion and environmental degradation amongst other shortcomings. These are not new issues and have already been raised in past consultations. As a result of the new proposals, EDF must enter into a new 30-day consultation period, expected to last until the end of December. This is another opportunity to make local voices heard and the Parish Council will provide input to this consultation, as it has in the past. Details and updates will be published on the Village Website under Latest News Posts. If you are concerned about Sizewell, now is the time to get involved. If Sizewell C goes ahead, massive construction in Suffolk's AONB, lasting for some 15 years, will begin in 2022.

New swings on the Green

We hope everyone will have noticed the new swings on the Green. Our thanks to District Councillor David Beavan for providing financing from his locality budget. The swings are good quality and should last a long while.

Next Parish Council meeting. The next remote meeting of the Walberswick Parish Council will be on Monday, 14 December 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 Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK



Due to the festive break, the January edition of the Village News will be delivered a few day later than normal



Community Information

During lockdown in April, I set up a WhatsApp group called **Chow** to highlight food options available in the village. It's been very successful as an effective way to reach a large group of interested parties, and to quickly collect their feedback.

I'd like to extend the scope to include local services and events, fundraisers, lost and found, items for sale, traffic alerts and so on. While not intending to replace other social media and news options, I hope we can all benefit from a more immediate means to provide help and information for villagers.

The group is now called **Ciao**. If you are not already a member please do join by sending me your **full name** and **mobile phone number**. It's easy to leave Ciao at any time if it is not for you. I know that not everyone uses social media, but you can still contribute by contacting me. I will post on your behalf.

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



Royal British Legion 2020 Poppy Appeal

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, thank you to everyone in the village for your generous donations. Our district raised £480. Hopefully, next year fund raising will be back to normal. **Erica Donnallen, Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser Walberswick & Blythburgh**



RNLI fundraising online auction

There is still time to place your bids for some fabulous prizes and Christmas gifts. The auction ends on Sunday, 6 December. Visit www.dawsonauctions.co.uk/RNLI for details. **Editor**

Planning applications

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

- Longshore, The Street
- 14 Adams Lane
- The Old Rectory, The Street (trees)
- 12 Church Lane
- Commonside, Palmers Lane

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

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Christmas readings, poems & carols at Walberswick Church

Sunday, 20 December at 5pm and Christmas Eve at 5pm

This year's carol service is especially chosen to appeal to everyone, seven to 70+ years old. The service will be shorter, 35-40 minutes. A small choir will be augmented by John & Nigel Flack (brass players), who will magnificently boost the volume!

We hope to find room for you all, but first you will need to book a ticket by texting Joanna Saunders with your name and contact number to 07511 013829. Tickets may be collected from the Tuck Shop from 17 December and until midday on the day in question. Both performances will have the same programme.

Christmas Day service at 9.30am

Please reserve your place by following the process above. Tickets to be collected by midday on 24 December. **Julia Josephs**

Church flowers, memorial flowers and church cleaning

With the imminent departure of John and Cathryn Simpson, I have agreed to organise the flowers and cleaning. Due to Covid restrictions and the current works being undertaken at the Church, all rotas are currently suspended.

Please confirm with me that you wish to continue with your memorial flowers, together with the date, so that the list for 2021 can be updated. Please note it is not always possible to allocate your specified date but we will do our best. **Erica Donnellan | 01502 724845**



Birding news



I hadn't expected to have any significant news for you this late in the Autumn but how wrong could I be? On 5 November, Dingle Marshes had an adult blue-headed form Eastern Yellow Wagtail plus a juvenile. On 7 November, a Greater Yellowlegs arrived within two to three hundred meters of the Wagtails. Excellent birds to see, and as you walked along the beach four Snow Buntings were beautifully camouflaged on the shingle. As I write on 19 November, all the birds are still there and Twite have been seen in the same vicinity. An excellent drawing by Mandy Erlenbach shows the Greater Yellowlegs at its best. I have her permission to share this with you. **Pat Lancaster**

Books for charity

As many of you are aware, Kate and I have been selling second hand books from Ferry Cottage for many years, in aid of Cystic Fibrosis. This last summer has precluded us from doing that and has given us time to think about the future. It is with great regret that the time has come to shut up shop as well as to reflect on the fun we have had over that time. Through your generosity we have raised many thousands of pounds. Our thanks also to the thousands of holiday makers who have bought from us.

We have some books stored in our garage if anyone is interested in setting up a stall at any future event, for your own chosen charity, of course!

Toby & Kate Robinson

Repairs to the harbour to begin in the spring

Work to repair Southwold Harbour costing up to £1.1million has been given approval to begin in spring next year. Full details in the EADT report at tinyurl.com/y5gh95kg Editor

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher
01502 725424
revsimon63@gmail.com

December 2020 Services

Sunday, 6 December, 11.15am
2nd Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

Sunday, 13 December, 11.15am
Holy Communion at Blythburgh

Sunday, 20 December, 5pm
Festival of Readings & Carols
Green ticket holders

Thursday, 24 December, 5pm
Festival of Readings & Carols
Red ticket holders

Friday, 25 December, 9.30am
Christmas Day
Holy Communion
Blue ticket holders

Sunday, 27 December, 11.15am
1st Sunday of Christmas
Holy Communion

Every Wednesday, 10.00am
(Except 30 December)
Holy Communion

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday,
11 December, 2.15m - 2.45m,
Outside the Village Hall

Post Office: Thursdays, 10am-
12 noon. Village Hall Annex

**Norwich, Halesworth and
Lowestoft buses:** suspended
until further notice.

Good luck Jan

Good luck to Jan Etherington, whose BBC Radio 4 comedy, 'Conversations from a long marriage', is up for a BBC Audio Drama Award in three categories – Best Comedy, Best Actress (Joanna Lumley) and Best Actor (Roger Allam). After the successful first series, the second series begins on Radio 4 on 30 December at 6.30pm.

Gavin Petrie

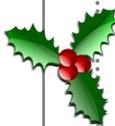
The next edition of the Village News will be published on 4 January 2021. The copy deadline is 24 December 2020 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

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Through all his dark winters
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Christmas Greetings 2020

Services at St Andrew's in December

- Sunday 20th 1700 Carol Service
(green tickets)
- Thursday 24th 1700 Carol Service (repeat)
(red tickets)
- Friday 25th 0930 Christmas Day HC
(blue tickets)
- Sunday 27th 11.15 Holy Communion

*For tickets text Joanna Saunders
07511 013829.*

*Collect from Tuck Shop after 17 December
till mid-day on day in question*