

Walberswick Village News

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Jill Whittenbury 1935 - 2021

Mertz and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support, following the death of my mother. Walberswick was the centre of my parents' lives and after my father died my mother found so much comfort here. Now I feel that same comfort. Thank you also to those of you who have donated to Sole Bay Care Fund solebaycarefund.uk in her name. I've posted some memories of my mother's rich life on the village website at tinyurl.com/9d2zjwy. **Claire Whittenbury**



Congratulations Charlie

Warmest congratulations from everyone in the village to Charlie Mackesy, whose book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, recently celebrated 100 weeks in the Top Ten of the *Sunday Times* Best Seller list. By way of celebration, the book went back to number one. An extraordinary achievement. **Editor**

Thank you Dani & crew

Enormous thanks to Dani and her crew for all their hard work over the summer ferrying people, bikes, dogs and goodness knows what else across the estuary. **Editor**

Flu Clinic & Covid booster update

Sole Bay Health Centre has confirmed that the seasonal flu clinic will be held at the Health Centre in Reydon starting in October. All eligible patients will be receiving an invitation by letter or text message if they haven't already received one, and are asked to attend on the designated date and time stated in the invitation.

Registered patients will be similarly contacted for a Covid booster vaccination, six months after receiving their second jab. **Editor**

Tuesday Night could be Ping Pong night

We are thinking of setting up a table tennis evening for adults and possibly a further session for under 16s. At this point, we just need an idea of interest to see if it is feasible. Please pop us a text on 07926 178560 or email elaineannh@icloud.com **Vanessa and Elaine**

The Village News needs help

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Black Dog Deli wins awards

Congratulations to Andy and team at the Black Dog Deli for winning two Great Taste Awards; the first for its Caramelised Red Onion & Wholegrain Mustard Black Dog Sausage Roll and the second for the Black Dog Lamb Tagine. The Great Taste Awards are administered by the Guild of Fine Foods and is the world's largest food and drinks awards programme. **Editor**

Walberswick Open Studios

Thank you to everyone who came to see us. It was a blast and we all enjoyed it. Also, £1,777.00 was raised for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. **Jackie Almond**

History Group enquiry: Land girls

Holly Brega, with roots in Walberswick, is creating a documentary film about the Land Girls, who were part of the Women's Land Army (WLA) in Suffolk, with a particular focus on any ladies who worked with horses. If you know of anyone who was in the WLA and would like to share their story, Holly would love to hear from them. Email her at holly.1991@live.co.uk. **Pat Lancaster**

Royal British Legion Coffee Morning cancelled

As there have been no volunteers coming forward to continue this fund raising in the village, the Royal British Legion Coffee Morning and Bazaar has been cancelled. Thank you to all those who have so generously supported and helped with this charity in the past. **Erica Donnellan**

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Parish Council News

Bailey Bridge Update

The Bailey Bridge reopened on 27 September as scheduled. The work will ensure the integrity of the bridge for decades to come. There will be some small bits of additional work over the next few weeks, but Suffolk Highways (SH) has confirmed that the bridge will remain open. Our thanks to Dani and the crew at the Ferry for their hard work all summer and to Councillors who have worked with SH and other stakeholders to help minimise the impact of the closure to the extent possible.

Sizewell C update

Sizewell C's planning application is continuing apace. There has been another set of Issue Specific Hearings on water, flooding, social impact, and the extent to which EDF will be held legally responsible for delivering on its many promises of environmental and transport mitigation measures. In addition, we saw the deadline for 'Written Representations' on EDF's proposals for a new water strategy, which includes the building of a desalination plant. It is a serious issue for a nuclear plant to be built without the potable water for consumption and for cooling and industrial purposes. The most recent input from the Parish Council on these subjects can be seen on the Sizewell section of the website at [tinyurl.com/nx64r5am](https://www.walberswick.gov.uk/tinyurl.com/nx64r5am).

Away from the Planning Inspectorate, on 19 September a number of Walberswick residents joined in with 600 others who formed a human chain where the sea defences will be permanently built on Sizewell beach. It was a lovely day to enjoy this beautiful bit of coastline which, sadly, will disappear forever if Sizewell C goes forward.

Vacancy for a Trustee of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC)

Walberswick Parish Council has a responsibility to nominate several of the Trustees of WCLC and a vacancy for one of these posts has now arisen. Anyone who would like to express an interest in this role should write to the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Planning applications

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

- Elfinston Corner, Stocks Lane
- The Parish Lantern
- The Thatched Cottage, The Street
- 1 Ivy Cottages, The Street
- Commonside, Palmers Lane (discharge of condition)
- Orchard Piece, Lodge Road (planning appeal)
- Parish Lantern (discharge of condition)
- Troy 2, Church Field
- Paules Fenn, The Street

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

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

Walberswick Parish Meeting

A successful Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 14 September. A total of 19 different organisations based in Walberswick prepared presentations and these can all be viewed at [tinyurl.com/mu7bsf29](https://www.tinyurl.com/mu7bsf29). Parish meetings are always a great opportunity to find out what is going on in Walberswick and all members of the public, full and part-time residents, are all cordially invited to attend and to take part in the many groups and activities in the village. If you missed the meeting, please take a look at the website and feel free to contact presenters.

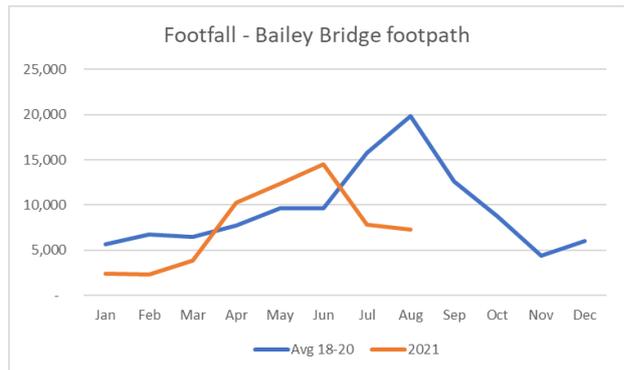
Next Parish Council Meeting

Assuming there is no change in the current Covid-19 regulations, the next meeting will be held on **Monday, 11 October at 7pm** in the Heritage Hut. It will be open to members of the public, who may either choose to attend in person or join remotely (via Zoom). Details of the agenda and how to join remotely, will be published, as usual, on the Walberswick Village website. For any further information please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

Impact of Bailey Bridge closure

We have downloaded the data from the people counter on the Ferry Hut to Bailey Bridge footpath. During the first six months of the year, 45,701 people used the footpath. The average of the preceding three years was 45,896. So, a virtually identical first half of the year numerically, albeit the graph shows a slower start, followed by a pick up coinciding with the end of lockdown.

For July and August the number of people counted was 15,149. This compares with an average over the preceding three years of 35,671, meaning a reduction of 20,522 or 58% during the peak summer season..
James Darkins, WCLC



Common Lands Charity - Consultation

Along with many charities nationwide, and as the Village Hall did some years ago, the Common Lands Charity is proposing to change to a corporate structure. The Trustees also propose to make changes to the number and term in office of Trustees, plus bringing the Charity's governing documents in-line with their current policies and practices.

As these are important changes, the Trustees are keen to make sure that everyone in the community has the opportunity to learn about the proposals and provide their feedback. An executive summary and documentation will be available on the village web site. We are also holding a Zoom drop-in session at **7pm on Thursday, 14 October**, and a face-to-face drop-in session at the Heritage Hut between **10am and 12 noon on Saturday, 16 October**. Details on the web site, or contact our Clerk, Matthew Wetmore at clerkwclc@gmail.com. **James Darkins, Chairman**

Wheelie bin blight

The visual blight of wheelie bins left out on the streets and verges of our special village appears to be worsening. Unsightly, often smelly, bins appear to have taken up residence in inappropriate spots while others vacation on verges or at the end of driveways, sometimes for weeks on end. The impact on neighbours' amenities, full-time residents, and on the harmony of the street scene appears to be of little concern.

Please, care for our amazing village. Put your bins out the night before collection and put them away as soon as possible thereafter. If you do not have a friendly neighbour or a holiday letting company to ensure your bins are left out for the minimum time necessary, Nikki Jackson on 07854 801370 can help you. **Editor**

Diary Dates

Now & Then: exhibition includes paintings by Francis Bowyer

1-31 October, 11am-6pm daily, at the Bankside Gallery, London. Includes paintings of Walberswick. More information at tinyurl.com/4nnpdhxs **Francis Bowyer**

Conservation Management on the Heaths and Marshes around Walberswick

Wednesday, 6 October, 6.30pm for 7pm start in the Village Hall
A free talk by Adam Burrows, Senior Reserve Manager for Natural England's Suffolk Coast National Nature Reserves, hosted by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. Collection in aid of Suffolk Wildlife Trust. **Amanda Erlenbach & Adam Cooke, WCLC**

WI meeting: Otters in Suffolk

Thursday, 7 October, 2.30pm in the Village Hall
Did you know an otter swims through Halesworth on average every second night? Meg Amsden from the Suffolk Otter Trust tells us more. Visitors and new members welcome. **Sheila Parry**

Beach clean

Sunday, 10 October, 10am meeting at 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**



Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness

Harvest Festal Evensong, Sunday, 10 October at 6pm
& Family Thanksgiving, Sunday, 24 October at 11.15am
Come, sing with the choir in our beautifully decorated church.
Julia Josephs

Walberswick Scroll on Show

Sunday, 24 October, 10am, 11am and 12 noon in the Heritage Hut
Don't miss the boat (or ferry). Arrive early to avoid disappointment as social distancing improves the view. **John English**

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher
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October 2021 Services

Sunday, 3 October, 11.15 am Eucharist
18th after Trinity - Revd Margaret King
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 10 October, 6pm
Choral Evensong - Harvest Festal
Canon Harry Edwards

Sunday, 17 October, 11.15am
Eucharist
20th after Trinity - Father Stephen Abbott

Sunday, 24 October, 11.15am
Family Service - Harvest Thanksgiving
Canon Simon Pitcher

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Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion (said)

Community Services

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

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



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