



Walberswick Village News

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Celebrating 300 editions of the Village News

This month we hit the milestone of publishing the 300th issue of the newsletter. The first edition of the Village News appeared in January 1997, although there were two 'pre-issues' in the preceding months. The 100th issue appeared in May 2005, and the 200th in October 2013. It has always been distributed free of charge to every house in the village with the exception of during the recent pandemic when we resorted to electronic distribution due to Covid-19 restrictions. We have now resumed delivery to around 370 households and have built an electronic distribution list of over 330 people, which includes residents and friends of the village. Our grateful thanks to the many people, past and present, and too many to mention, who made this possible; the founders of the Village News, contributors, editors, committee members, distributors, and village groups, as well as to our loyal advertisers for their continued support. **Editor**



Estate of Pamela & George Ford

The late Pam and George Ford lived at Seacroft in Millfield Road. When Pam passed away in early 2020, she left her entire estate to Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The bequest will come to over £3.4 million, the largest ever received by the Trust. They have yet to finalise their plans for the legacy but the hope is it will create exciting and ambitious opportunities for the wildlife of Suffolk that Pam and George cared about so deeply. One of the proposals under development seeks to establish breeding osprey on the Blyth Estuary. This magnificent bird would be a fitting memorial to a Walberswick couple whose life was devoted to nature.

James Darkins, Executor

Village Bonfire Night cancelled

Due to circumstances beyond our control, sadly we have had to cancel the village fireworks and bonfire this year. Hopefully, we'll be back next year. **Jon Winyard**

Have a fun but safe bonfire night

Have fun, stay safe and remember, by law, no fireworks after midnight on bonfire night (11pm on other nights). Also, consider the negative impact fireworks can have on wildlife, farm animals, horses, pets and the environment. Please be mindful of your neighbours, who may be elderly, ill or have a condition that is aggravated by loud bangs. Silent or quiet fireworks are definitely the way to go. **Editor**

The Anchor

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Return of the Norwich Bus

The WCLC is pleased to announce that the monthly free bus service to Norwich will resume on 18 November for a three month trial period. It will run, as before, on the third Thursday of the month. Pick up is from 9am at the church, the shop and the Jubilee seat. The return time is 1.30pm outside John Lewis on Ber Street. If there is enough demand the service will be extended. There are 16 available seats. To book a place please phone or text **Mandy Erlenbach** on 07590 697575.

Your Village Needs you

Dear Residents, particularly new ones, we need your help, even if you are not here full time. Our village is a special place with a strong sense of community, but that may soon disappear if more volunteers can't be found. Please, do lend a hand and get involved. Thank you. **Editor**

Village News Ad Manager

We are still looking for someone to look after the advertisers that make our print copies possible. It should take less than an hour of your time each month. Please contact **Edward Wright** at ewright123@btinternet.com or on 07867 548893 if you can help.

Village Hall Committee

The Walberswick Village Hall Committee looks after the maintenance and running of the Village Hall and its finances. The present committee is now looking for two or three additional members, especially from new residents, who would like to be actively involved in the life of their village. Come along to our next meeting, meet us, and see what is involved. Phone **Viv Hunt** on 01502 723142 or email to alvindhunt@btinternet.com.

Queens Platinum Jubilee event

See details in the Parish News section.

Parish Councillor

See details in the Parish News section.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Jon Winyard has resigned from the Parish Council and the Council would like to thank Jon for his more than four years of service and for all his many contributions to our village. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as possible via email at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Playing Field Pavilion

A survey of the pavilion on the playing field in 2016 revealed that the external fabric is made entirely of asbestos. Deterioration of the building led to it being permanently closed in 2019 by the Parish Council, the owners of the building. Subsequently, it was resolved to obtain quotes for the safe removal of the asbestos and demolition of the remaining fabric. Sufficient funds have now been achieved and it is anticipated that demolition will take place in the next few months. Despite previous pleas for items left by village organisations in the pavilion to be collected, there are still a lot of items remaining, which will be removed from the site by the contractor when demolition takes place unless claimed. If you would like access to view what is there, or would like to claim ownership of anything left in the pavilion, please contact Councillor Lewis as soon as possible via email at andrew.wpcouncillor@gmail.com.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Parish Council is in receipt of £1,000 in donations (£500 from a villager and £500 from East Suffolk District Council) towards the cost of holding a 'street party' in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the long bank holiday weekend on 2-5 June 2022. However, the Parish Council does not have the resources to organise it. Volunteers, who would be willing to form a small committee/working party to organise such an event, are asked to come forward. Anyone interested should please contact the Parish Clerk via email at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

Planning applications

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

- Mill Cottage, The Street
- The Anchor, The Street
- Seacroft, Millfield (trees)
- 2 Manor Close
- 10 Manor Close (revised scheme)
- Hedgeley, The Green
- Crowthers, Church Field (discharge of condition)
- Samphire Cottage, Hidden Lane (discharge of conditions)
- Elfinston Corner, Stocks Lane
- The Parish Lantern
- The Thatched Cottage, The Street
- 1 Ivy Cottages, The Street
- Commonsides, Palmers Lane (discharge of condition)
- Orchard Piece, Lodge Road (planning appeal)
- Parish Lantern (discharge of condition)
- Paules Fenn, The Street

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

Sizewell C - Planning Inspectorate Completes its Work

Despite the size and complexity of the Sizewell C proposal, by law the Planning Inspectorate is given only six months to complete its analysis of the planning application. In all, it held approximately one week's worth of Open Floor Hearings plus 15 Issue Specific Hearings on areas of concern with the last being related to the fact that there will be no source of potable water during construction nor during the proposed 60 years of plant operation. A record breaking 4,204 documents were submitted to the Inspectorate, compared to a total of 1,182 documents for Hinkley Point C. This is a reflection of both the level of public opposition to Sizewell C as well as the environmental, transport and housing difficulties of trying to build at the Sizewell site compared to at Hinkley Point. The Planning Inspectorate has up to three months to send its recommendation to the Business Secretary. Thereafter, the Secretary of State has three months to make a decision. Even if the Secretary of State were to support it, there is still a £20 billion plus financing hole that has to be filled. So there is still lots of time and opportunity to stop this project. For those interested in more details and what can be done, please visit the Stop Sizewell C website (stopsizewellc.org).

Don't just ignore it, please report it

Take a look at Suffolk Highways (SH) Online Reporting Tool at highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk for prompt reporting of any damage you notice, from potholes on our roads to broken signposts on our footpaths. Just two examples of what you might wish to report. SH are responsible for the maintenance of all our Highways and Rights of Way, i.e. footpaths, bridleways and byways. This excellent reporting tool is quick and simple to use (takes less than 2 minutes). There's a clear map to help you pinpoint and flag the exact location of the problem, describe it, and upload your photo. If you give a contact detail you will be sent a reference number for each report made. Everyone can see and follow all the reports on the site and SH's progress in dealing with them.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 8 November at 7pm in the Heritage Hut. It is open to members of the public, who may either choose to attend in person or join remotely (via Zoom). The agenda and how to join remotely, will be published on the Walberswick Village website. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Conservation Management Talk

Thank you to everyone who came to the talk on the 6th October and for your generous donations. £100 was raised for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Mandy Erlenbach and Adam Cook WCLC

WALBERSWICK-INSPIRED CONCERTINA CARDS

Local artist, Glynis Porter, creates cards inspired by our lovely Suffolk coast.

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Urgent Appeal: Operation Christmas Child

St Andrew's is once again participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal organised by Samaritan's Purse (an international Christian relief organization), whereby shoe boxes containing small gifts are sent to needy children around the world, regardless of their background or religious belief. These simple gifts bring great joy to children who have very little. Ready printed boxes & leaflets about the project are available in St Andrew's. Please could the boxes be returned to St Andrew's by Sunday 7 November. If you would like more information or if more boxes and leaflets are needed please contact **Christine Fisher** on 01502 723023 or 07876 453965.

Trees in our village

Sadly, the sounds of chainsaws have been heard all too frequently in many gardens over the past months and we have lost mature trees at an alarming and unprecedented rate to recent house extensions and development. For many good environmental and ecological reasons, please consider helping redress this by planting one or two new trees in your garden. Autumn is the ideal time. Our birds, especially, depend on them for roosting, nesting, seeds and fruit and they have lost a lot of habitat in the village. **The Woodland Trust** provide information about many species of trees and it's easy to buy from them and have them delivered to your door at tinyurl.com/ezhbvnz7. **Sarah Eves**

Diary Dates

WI Meeting: The Life and Times of Lord Nelson Thursday, 4 November, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Always an entertaining speaker, Mark Mitchels discusses Lord Nelson's life from a Norfolk schoolboy through to his many naval triumphs, culminating in his death at Trafalgar. Followed by the **AGM**. Visitors and new members welcome. **Sheila Parry**

Walberswick Local History Group: AGM

Tuesday, 9 November, 7pm in the Village Hall

All members welcome. **Pat Lancaster**

Service of Remembrance

Sunday, 14 November, 10.50am at Blythburgh Church

The joint service begins at 10.50am, but please be in your seats by 10.45am, and will be led by Malcolm Doney and our evensong choir. **Julia Josephs**

Cancer Research Mini Market

Saturday, 4 December, 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall

The Cancer Research Mini Market will be back this year, unless circumstances change. It will be a smaller version to help with social distancing. There will be no Silent Auction or Bric-a-Brac, and only Christmas wreaths. Please contact the stall holders (see insert on next page) or me regarding donations of appropriate goods. Entry is £2 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

I now have the Cancer Research Christmas cards. If you would like to buy any before the event, contact me and I will be happy to show you the selection. Thank you for your support. **Betsy Lemmon** 01502 722384

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday, 12 November, 2.15-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park

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

Norwich Bus: Thursday, 18 November. Departs at 9am
& returns at 1.30pm. Booking essential.
Phone or text Mandy Erlenbach on 07590 697575.

Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher

01502 725424 revsimon63@gmail.com

November 2021 Services

Sunday, 7 November, 11.15 am
Eucharist - 3rd Sunday before Advent
Canon Harry Edwards
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 14 November, 10.50pm
Festival of Remembrance
Revd Malcolm Doney
At Blythburgh

Sunday, 21 November, 11.15am
Eucharist - Christ the King
Revd. Margaret King

Sunday, 28 November, 11.15am
Family Service - Drinks & buns 11am
1st Sunday of Advent
Canon Simon Pitcher

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Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion (said)

Commemorative Flowers

5 November - Peggy & Ernest Hughes
Denise Brentnall's parents

Parish Register

24 September - Marian Beard
Burial of ashes



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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 December 2021. The copy deadline is 25 November 2021 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

Insert in the Village News, November 2021

**Cancer Research U.K.
MINI MARKET 10am — 12 noon
SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 2021
Walberswick Village Hall**

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