



# Walberswick Village News

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Happy New Year

## Jayne Tibbles

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of one of our much loved members, Jayne. We will all miss her. Our thoughts are with Brian and his family.

**Muriel Wortley, Walberswick WI**

## Mulled wine anyone?

Hugh and Sue Smiley are standing down from their role in dishing out mulled wine, in support of charity, to the Christmas Day swimmers. Are there any takers, perhaps from the all year round swimmers, or anyone else interested in continuing this rather lovely tradition? Please contact Hugh on 07798 528740 or [hughksmiley@hotmail.com](mailto:hughksmiley@hotmail.com).

## Christmas Tree and Carols

Our thanks to Nigel Fisk, Lee Sutton and Jon Winyard for erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree on the Green. Also a huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and joined in the carols around the tree, in particular to Hannah Sutton and her team, Harry Edwards, and John Flack and his band. **Editor**

## Cancer Research Mini Market

I would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped me over the last 15 years of running Cancer Research for making it such a successful event. Thanks also to all the generous folk who attended and supported it year after year, making this event such an annual success. I am delighted to announce that this year we raised a total of £3,540.20. What an amazing result.

All the best to Guy and Sheila Parry who will be taking over the event. I am sure they will continue to make the Cancer Research fundraiser successful.

**Betsy Lemmon**

## What wonderful and generous villagers - thank you all

£300 was raised for Cancer Research through the Christmas Greetings list in lieu of Christmas cards - **Viv Hunt and Pat Lancaster**

£323.13 was collected for the RNLI at Carols on the Green - **Hannah Sutton and team**

£631.84 was donated to the RNLI by serving up mulled wine on the beach on Christmas Day morning - **Hugh & Sue Smiley**

£5,400 was raised for the Fuel Bank Foundation (helping people in East Anglia with energy bills) through a massive bake-off of 400 brownies and 40 panfortes, as well as an appeal to donate energy discounts or winter fuel allowances - **Guy Parry**

## Congratulations Charlie

Warmest congratulations to Charlie Mackesy, whose internationally best-selling book, *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, has been adapted as an animated short film. On Christmas Eve, it aired for the first time on BBC One and on Apple TV+ outside of the UK. Also on Christmas Eve on BBC2 was the documentary of how the book and the film were created. It includes Richard Curtis in conversation with Charlie and several scenes of Walberswick. **Editor**

## Wanted - the Walberswick Christmas Panto needs you

The first Walberswick pantomime took place in 2001 and has occurred every other year since then, with plays often in the interim years as well. These were wonderful community events involving many villagers. Covid sadly brought all this to a halt. If there is anyone who might potentially be interested in producing a theatre event, please contact me at [juliasowerbutts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:juliasowerbutts@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Over the years, a huge collection of costumes, props and sets have been collected, which were also shared with the Village Hall, the Fete, and other events. They are stored in a large hut courtesy of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. This facility will be lost if there is no production planned for 2023, in which case alternative storage will have to be found or everything given or thrown away. **Julia Sowerbutts**



*The Wizard of Oz – Walberswick Christmas Show 2007*

## The Anchor

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## Walberswick Common Lands Charity



You can find the Charity's response to the EuroLink Interconnector consultation on the Village web site at [tinyurl.com/j8p2wa5e](https://tinyurl.com/j8p2wa5e). A big thank you to Richard Steward for his assistance with the flood modelling. Thank you also for the kind words of appreciation we have received from the community.

As we start a new year, here is a reminder of what we do: *'The Charity generates income from its land and buildings which it uses for: (i) environmental stewardship of its land; (ii) providing support to individuals in need and hardship; and (iii) providing charitable assistance to charities, groups and for projects; all within the Parish of Walberswick.'* It sounds straightforward; however, it has taken many years of hard work by Trustees to clarify what the Charity stands for, and to turn that clarity of thinking into deeds. Not all of it is easy, and not without a few regrets along the way. But if you read the section in the EuroLink letter on the Charity's contribution to our community, I hope you will permit the Trustees some small pride.

I retire as trustee and chairman at the end of 2022 having taken over the baton from my predecessor, Barbara Priestman ten years ago. It was Barbara who began the process of transforming the Charity's purpose and practices. I'd like to thank all past and present Trustees, who served during my time, for their contribution to the evolution and success of the Charity. I'd also like to extend my warmest wishes to Richard Leiper KC, who takes over the baton from me as chair. Under Richard's leadership I'm confident the Charity will continue to be a force for good in our community.  
**James Darkins, December 2022**

### Work on the Common

Happy New Year. If walking on the Common is part of your welcome to 2023, you will have noticed that the guys have been working hard to remove thickets of common gorse. In this compartment (there are 19 compartments making up the Common), the gorse has become leggy and tall. Gorse with a compact and dense structure is best for wildlife, providing nesting habitat for Dartford warblers and linnets, as well as winter shelter. Removing the gorse on rotation around the Common also aids the regeneration of heather and grasses.



**Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**



## Walberswick Parish Council



### EuroLink update

The Council submitted its consultation response to National Grid Ventures (NGV) EuroLink on 14 December. We would like to thank all those residents and visitors who have directly written to NGV. After writing to NGV, please also write or forward your consultation response to our elected officials. You should include MP Therese Coffey, Suffolk County Cllr Richard Smith and the Deputy Leader of the East Suffolk Council (ESC), Cllr Craig Rivett, who has been delegated responsibility for EuroLink. Their contact details and our consultation response can be found at [tinyurl.com/4x9zys22](https://tinyurl.com/4x9zys22). Note that as ESC has not taken a decision on EuroLink, it is important to encourage ESC to defend our communities.

### Permanent traffic and parking calming measures

At our December meeting, the Council supported the retention of the 2021 'temporary traffic order' that consisted of the new parking bays and restrictions in front of the Church, along with the double yellow lines down to Palmers Lane and at the corner near the Village Hall. Suffolk Highways followed up on this and has made these new markings and restrictions permanent. You may see the notices that are posted by the Church and the Village Hall alerting residents. Given the success of this first scheme, additional plans for improving the safety and shared use of the Street in other locations in the village are intended to be included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### Allotments

On Saturday, 25 February from 10am-12 noon, Andrew Lewis, Walberswick Parish Council Chair, will hold a drop in session in the Heritage Hut for anyone with an interest in Walberswick allotments. This includes both existing allotment holders and anyone interested in renting one. The aim will be to exchange ideas on the best way forward for managing the allotments, ahead of a formal review by the Parish Council of the existing Allotment Policy.

### Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 16 January at 7pm in the Heritage Hut. It will be open to members of the public, who may choose to attend in person or join remotely (via Zoom). The agenda and how to join remotely will be published, as usual, on the Walberswick Village Website. For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com).

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## St Andrew's Church Warm Space

St Andrew's is opening its doors every Wednesday from 11 January as a warm space cafe. Tea and cake will be served from 2.30-4pm to all who want to meet for a natter and friendship. Come along and meet up with your friends. No need to book. For more information contact **Suzzie Godfrey** on 01502 724630

## A Taste of Walberswick\* Ferry Cottages

"The small Green in front of the pub is enclosed by a collection of small houses typical of the village. Two of the cottages have Victorian bays and 'saw tooth' fascia boards at the eaves. Ferry Cottage itself displays a former shop window, whilst at the opposite end of the group, a 'parsley pot' chimney sits above the roof of black glazed pantiles.



This row of cottages that creeps up the hill towards the Bell Inn, built one at a time over different periods, used to have a track leading down to the Ferry but by about 1750, when roads got better and wagons got larger, the main route was moved to eliminate a couple of sharp bends that were difficult for horse-drawn transport to negotiate. The Green has been much reduced by the building of the Flood Wall, which now blocks their view."

**Lancaster, P.** 2022. *A Taste of Walberswick*. Updated from the original dated 1981. (\*A compilation of the village's unusual blend of building styles by the history group's archivist, Pat Lancaster.)



## Diary Dates



### WI Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, 5 January, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

Sarah Jane Clarke, Information and Education Manager at the Recycling Centre, will be discussing local recycling. Visitors and new members welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

### St Andrew's Gin & Sing

**Sunday, 8 January, 5pm in St Andrew's Church**

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany with carols and readings. Join in singing the Cowboy Carol and many more; hear again about the Wedding in Cana of Galilee and the Journey of the Magi. **Julia Josephs**

### RNLI Quiz Night with auction and raffle

**Saturday, 11 February, from 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

Registration from 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Entry £5 per person. Maximum of six per team. Bar and snacks available. To secure your table email [rnliquiz2023@gmail.com](mailto:rnliquiz2023@gmail.com). **Jon Winyard**

## Planning applications

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

- **Shorelands (Shortlands)**, Palmers Lane
- **Shrublands**, The Street (tree)
- **Taystone House**, Ferry Road (tree)
- **Admiral House**, The Street
- **Rosemary Cottage**, The Street
- **Byways**, Stocks Lane
- **Garland**, Lodge Road
- **Wayland Cottage**, The Street

For the latest applications and Advisory Group Reports, go to the Planning page on the [Village Website](#).

## Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

### Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher  
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[revsimon63@gmail.com](mailto:revsimon63@gmail.com)  
[solebayteamministry.co.uk](http://solebayteamministry.co.uk)

### January 2023 Services

**Sunday, 8 January, 5pm**  
Epiphany 'Gin & Sing'  
Choir, Carols & Readings  
Rev Canon Simon Pitcher

**Sunday, 15 January, 11.15 am**  
Sung Eucharist  
Revd Margaret King

**Sunday, 22 January, 11.15am**  
Family Service  
Revd Margaret King

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**Every Wednesday, 10.00am**  
Holy Communion  
Coffee on first Wednesdays

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### Commemorative Flowers

1 January - Denise Brentnall for  
Mr & Mrs Erskine  
8 January - Pat Atherton for  
Betty Abbneth  
15 January - Judy Morton for  
Mr & Mrs Quenzer

## Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday  
6 January. 2.15-2.45pm,  
Village Hall car park

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

**Norwich Bus:** Thursday,  
19 January. Please contact  
Mandy Erlenbach on  
07590 697575 to book a place.

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 February 2023. The copy deadline is noon on 25 January 2023 and submissions should be sent to the editor at [walberswicknews@gmail.com](mailto:walberswicknews@gmail.com).

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