



# Walberswick Village News

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## Walberswick, People and Houses, 1870-1930

Edward Wright has written an enjoyable and informative book called *Walberswick, People and Houses, 1870-1930*, which costs £15. The decades each side of 1900 saw the creation of large unique houses and the arrival of interesting and often eccentric families to live in them. This book tells their story, and the story of the people already here. Each of the 24 chapters covers a different person or family, and the colour illustrations from the Walberswick Scroll enable the reader to connect the houses to their occupants. Some of the characters will be familiar to readers of *The People of Millfield Road* but there is also much new material. It is well worth a read.

The Scroll is showing its age (nearly 100 years old) and recently had some much-needed repairs. Edward is generously donating £10 from the sale of each of the first 150 copies of his new book towards the cost of the ongoing conservation work.

To buy a copy please email Kay Ungless at [kungless@btinternet.com](mailto:kungless@btinternet.com) or Edward Wright at [ewright123@btinternet.com](mailto:ewright123@btinternet.com). Scroll Advisory Group



The Ferry Seat © Walberswick Parish Council

## Huw's epic walk for St Mungo's

John and Denise Brentnall's son, Huw, who grew up in Walberswick, and his friend Lawrence Camm, will be walking from John O'Groats to Land's End in April to raise funds for St Mungo's, the homeless charity. If you would like to support Huw on this epic walk, please make a donation at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lawrence-camm](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lawrence-camm) or drop off a cash donation at Coronation Cottage on the Green. **Editor**

## Congratulations on the BAFTA Charlie

Huge congratulations to Charlie Mackesy, who won this year's BAFTA for Best British Short Animation for the adaptation of his book *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse*. The film has also been nominated for an Oscar. **Editor**

## Wine bottles along the B1387

The litter left alongside the B1387, the road between the water tower and the village, is pretty much in line with the national litter problem in rural areas, the most prolific items being food packaging, confectionery wrappers, single-use coffee cups, and soft and alcoholic drinks containers made from plastic, tin or glass. Bits of plastic and the odd vehicle part are also common along the B1387. However, we do seem to have a particular problem with empty wine bottles. White wine is the preferred tittle with around 40 bottles, the majority with the same label, collected in the last six months. This isn't new and reflects the hauls of previous outings. According to the Campaign to Protect Rural England, the chances of a bottle in a hedgerow being collected are almost zero, so we are fortunate that the village has dedicated volunteers who regularly litter pick the B1387, the beaches, the footpaths, and the town. **Editor**

## Walberswick Horticultural Committee Plant Bring & Buy

Following the huge success of last year's stall, which raised £814 for the British Red Cross in support of the Ukraine, we have decided to do it all again on 27 May.

The growing and sowing season has begun and, more often than not, you end up with far more seedlings than you can use. Plus there are all those perennials that you dig up and divide and for which you have no more space. Why not bring them all along and donate them to our stall? In the process you may discover a plant that you just can't do without. And, if you don't have anything to donate, just come and browse and perhaps be tempted by a plant that you can raise in time for our Horticultural Show on 22 July in the Village Hall. More on this at a later date.

Our chosen charity this year is the East Anglian Air Ambulance, which was called to the village on more than one occasion last year. To find out more about its vital work go to [www.eaaa.org.uk](http://www.eaaa.org.uk). All monies raised will go directly to them. So please pay us a visit on Saturday, 27 May between 10am and 2pm outside the Village Hall to donate and be inspired. **Diana Wright**

## The Anchor

- Friday Chow Club - soup & starter or dessert, £12.50  
12 noon to 5.30pm (until 24 March)
- Mothering Sunday Lunch - 19 March, 3 sittings
- Six Nations Rugby - watch in our heated flint barn
- Chef Jules' Seafood Evenings - Fridays & Saturdays
- Saturday Brunch Club - 9am - 10.20am  
booking recommended

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## Walberswick Parish Council



### Play equipment

As part of an ongoing programme of improvements to the playing area on the Sports Field, the required parts/equipment have been ordered and have started to arrive. The two badly worn toddler swing seats have already been replaced. Walberswick Common Lands Charity has been approached for permission to install a new (donated) bench near to the Pirate Ship.

### Voter ID for Local Elections on 4 May

The Government has introduced a new requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday, 4 May 2023. You can read more on the Village website at [tinyurl.com/ybzmxxm7](https://tinyurl.com/ybzmxxm7). If you don't have the correct type of ID you must apply for a Voter Authority Certificate before 25 April 2023 or you will not be able to vote in person, the alternative being a postal vote.

There also will be two vacancies for Parish Councillors on 4 May. If you are interested and would like to know more about the election process or the work of the Parish Council, please email Andrew Lewis (Chair) at [andrew.wpcouncillor@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.wpcouncillor@gmail.com) for an informal conversation.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you to all those who came along to the last consultation session in the Heritage Hut. We received great feedback on the work completed and valuable input on things such as extra green spaces and the local views to protect using the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The last large piece of work being done for us by external specialists (on the built environment) is due for delivery in the next few weeks and we should then be in a position to start drafting the document for submission to the District Council. More updates and consultation to follow as that work progresses.

### Permanent Christmas tree on the Green?

At its February meeting, the Parish Council (PC) considered a proposal, mostly on environmental/sustainability grounds, to plant a tree on the Green near the Heritage Hut that could be used as the annual Christmas tree. The PC resolved that it was minded to do so, subject to consultation. Once specific proposals have been drawn up, the PC will consult with the village before making a final decision. In the meantime, any comments or suggestions you may wish to make on this topic should be directed to the Parish Clerk via email at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com)

### Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 March at 7pm in the Heritage Hut and is open to members of the public. Full details will be published on the Walberswick Village website, or for further information, please contact the Parish Clerk at [walberswickclerk@gmail.com](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com).



## Walberswick Common Lands Charity



### Environmental Stewardship

The season seems to have passed in a blink of an eye; the end of February marks the end of major works on the Common, or indeed any of the Charity's lands where increasing biodiversity is the priority. Recently you may have noticed some areas have been rotated to create bare ground - an important part of the heathland mosaic and vital for reptile and invertebrate species. Last week also saw the tractor on site cutting small areas of heather to stimulate pioneer growth, as well as cutting bracken and grass to reduce dominance and encourage other species to flourish. A lot of bird, reptile and invertebrate action will now commence and much of it will be at low level. If we can bear this in mind - on heath, fen, reed and salt marsh - by treading lightly and keeping the dogs on leads - we stand a good chance of being rewarded.

If you have access to *Suffolk Natural History 2022*, (Transactions of The Suffolk Naturalists' Society, Vol. 58) there is a great article (Land use and biota of the heathlands of Suffolk Sandlings 1020 - 2020) by Patrick Armstrong. It will be on line eventually.

The Charity has been given a sapling oak from Royal Windsor; it will be planted to both mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the long service to WCLC by Jayne Tibbles who, sadly, recently passed away. It will be sited near to the David Webb memorial tree. **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**

### Planning applications

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

**1 Valley Farm**, Ferry Road | **The Village Hall** (trees) | **Shorelands (Shortlands)**, Palmers Lane  
**Admiral House**, The Street | **Byways**, Stocks Lane

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

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## Warm Space Café in St Andrew's Church

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Come and pop your head through the door and join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake, all are very welcome. Every Wednesday 2.30-4.30pm.

**Suzzie Godfrey**



## Diary Dates



### WI monthly meeting:

**Thursday, 2 March, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

Sue Green will be demonstrating how to make Easter decorations.

**Muriel Wortley**

### Beach Clean

**Sunday, 5 March, 10am at the Cliff Field Car Park**

Organised by the Walberswick Wildfowlers and Natural England, please join us for the spring beach clean. Bring stout bags, gloves and shoes. All welcome. **Mark Waller**

### Local History Group exhibition

**Saturday & Sunday, 11 & 12 March, 10am-12 noon & 2pm-4pm in the Heritage Hut**

An exhibition of 13 charcoal sketches by **George Charles Haite** (1855-1924), designer, painter, illustrator and writer. Famous for the iconic cover design of the Strand Magazine. **Pat Lancaster, Archivist**

### Evensong in memory of Mary Nuttall

**Sunday, 12 March, 5pm in St Andrew's Church**

Join us for a special evensong dedicated to the loving memory of Mary Nuttall. She will be sorely missed at her favourite service. **Julia Josephs**

### Bridge Drive in aid of the Turkish/Syrian disaster

**Tuesday, 21 March, 2pm in the Village Hall**

Tickets per table £24, including tea and cake. Please support this event if possible. If you don't play bridge perhaps you could donate a cake or raffle prize. Thank you. **Judith Hetherington** 01986 872972

### Local History Group exhibition

**Saturday & Sunday, 25 & 26 March, 10am-12noon & 2pm-4pm in the Heritage Hut**

An exhibition of 49 high quality copies of sketches and watercolours of Walberswick from 1930s-1950s by **Jessie M Browton** (1882-1971). She lived at Blythwyc Cottage and left a major legacy of artworks completed during her time here. **Pat Lancaster, Archivist**

### Village Hall AGM

**Tuesday, 28 March, 6.30pm in the Village Hall**

Please join us for refreshments before our AGM, which commences at 6.45pm. We will be reviewing the events run by the Management Committee and the improvements completed over the past year. Audited accounts will also be presented at the meeting. Come and hear about our projects for the current year. We look forward to your input.

New members are needed for the Village Hall Committee. If you think you might be interested, do come along to the meeting. **Viv Hunt, VHMC**

### Local History Group AGM

**Thursday, 20 April, 7pm in the Village Hall**

The AGM will be followed by a glass of wine and entertainment provided by Andrew Stannard, who will be performing songs by the legendary Singing Postman. **Chairman, Walberswick Local History Group**

### Local History Group Open Morning

**Sunday, 23 April 10am - 12 noon in the Heritage Hut**

The History Group will hold an Open Morning. All welcome.

**Pat Lancaster, Archivist**

## Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

### Team Vicar

Revd Alan Perry

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[adperry64@gmail.com](mailto:adperry64@gmail.com)

[solebayteamministry.co.uk](http://solebayteamministry.co.uk)

### March 2023 Services

**Sunday, 5 March, 11.15am**

Sung Eucharist with Blythburgh

Revd Margaret King

**Sunday, 12 March, 5pm**

Choral Evensong

Revd Margaret King

**Sunday, 19 March 11.15am**

Mothering Sunday

Revd Margaret King

**Sunday, 26 March 11.15am**

Sung Eucharist

Revd Philip Tarris

**Every Wednesday, 10.00am**

Holy Communion

Coffee on first Wednesdays

## Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday

3 March. 2.15-2.45pm,

Village Hall car park

**Post Office:** Tuesdays 1-3pm,

Thursdays 10am-12 noon,

Village Hall Annex

**Norwich Bus:** Thursday,

16 March. Please contact

Mandy Erlenbach on

07590 697575 to book a place.

**Warm Space Café**

St Andrew's Church

Every Wednesday 2.30-4.30pm

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

[WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK](http://WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK)

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

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