



# Walberswick Village News

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Apologies for the slightly later than usual home delivery of the print edition of the this month's newsletter. This is due to our printers taking an unexpected break.



Photo: Guy Parry

## The Tuck Shop reopens

A huge welcome to Ben and Gaia Woolnaugh, who have transformed the Tuck Shop, both inside and out, with the official opening taking place on 9 October. The long-term aim is that the supplies and services available at the shop will help reduce the number of supermarket home deliveries to the village, as well as expanding the range of products so we can all keep it local, help the environment, and put funds back into the community. We wish Ben and Gaia an incredibly bright future in the village and very much look forward to being able to increase the amount of shopping we can do on our doorstep. **Editor**

## Join us at the Cancer Research Christmas Fayre

Walberswick's annual fundraiser for Cancer Research UK will be on Saturday, 6 December from 10am until 12 noon in the Village Hall. It is a village affair run entirely by locals with all proceeds going to Cancer Research. As always, it is a great opportunity to enjoy a natter with friends, sample the excellent refreshments, and stock up on Christmas goodies.



We would be extremely grateful for any donations for the stalls, as well as homemade biscuits for the teas. **Please see the insert for details.** You can also make online donations at our Cancer Research Giving page at [tinyurl.com/wwcf25](https://tinyurl.com/wwcf25). Instagram users can follow us for a preview at [@walberswickchristmasfayre](https://www.instagram.com/walberswickchristmasfayre).

Our Christmas Fayre stalls include Walberswick's legendary homemade baked delicacies, beautiful Christmas wreaths created in the village, and exclusive Christmas crafts made in Walberswick. We have exciting items in the auction and raffle, the popular bottle tombola, Christmas gifts and stocking fillers, and Cancer Research Christmas cards.

On the day, we will be able to take card payments, but we would very much prefer cash. We look forward to welcoming you to this annual village event. Many thanks. **Guy Parry** at [parry.guy@gmail.com](mailto:parry.guy@gmail.com) or 07775 512995.

## Thanks for a lovely Harvest Supper

All were safely gathered in, at the Harvest Supper, in the Village Hall last month. Judy Morton beautifully decorated the tables with flowers from her garden and a substantial and delicious supper was prepared and served by Sue Flack and her helpers Julia, Rosie, Jane, Sheilagh, Lorry and Marie. Thanks also to Clive Brynley-Jones for MC'ing; the Warbeys, John and Jane, for supplying the wine; to Mitch for being the 'techie'; to Astrid King for introducing an hilarious Halloween episode from her mother's American comedy series, *Ethel and Albert*, and to Waveney Sax for sending us home with a windy set of musical favourites.

Special thanks, also, to the Trustees of the Friends of St Andrew's Church. **Jan Etherington**

**Wednesday 5 Nov - Bonfire Night.**  
Pizzas from 5.30pm. Fireworks at 7pm.

**Thursday 13 Nov - Curry Night**  
from 6pm. £22.50 per person.

**Saturday 29 Nov - Christmas Pop-Up Shop**  
in the marquee 10am - 6pm.

**Saturday 6 Dec - Wreath making course**  
11am - 1.30pm. £55 pp.

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# THE ANCHOR

## Walberswick Common Lands Charity

The wet grasslands have hosted low intensity cattle over the summer to help keep the sward between 5cm and 15cm through the growing season, vacating for the winter waders and wildfowl between 30 November and 28 February. Meanwhile, the ditches will have been dredged on rotation, part of the work to maintain scrapes and gutters to provide muddy areas for waders and wildfowl to feed. There is an ambition for native aquatic flora cover to be seven species per 20m of ditch. Examples might include submerged and floating plants such as Hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*), Water crowfoot (*Ranunculus aquatilis*), and Water violet (*Hottonia palustris*).

Red arrow formations of geese have been frequently spotted overhead over the last few weeks; a fine example of precision flying. Some of them may settle on the wet grassland for several weeks. Geese spotted (and heard) in recent weeks include Greylag geese, Canada geese and Barnacle geese.

A native species and one of the most common geese in the UK, Greylag goose (*Anser anser*), is of a large size with pale feathers. The heavy bill is orange and the legs are pink. It has very pale upper wings in flight. The only native species of goose to breed in Britain, Greylags are the ancestors of most domestic geese breeds, thought to have first occurred around 3,000 years ago in Ancient Egypt.

An introduced species with a large population across the UK, the Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*), is light brown in colour with a pale chest, black neck and face. A wide white patch stretches under the neck. First introduced from the Americas in the 17th century, these birds are now a familiar site both in parks and nature reserves across the country. They're our largest goose and often aren't afraid to say hello.

Found in wintering flocks, with significant numbers arriving locally, the Barnacle goose (*Branta leucopsis*) has a dark chest and neck with a white face, pale underbelly and a dark back. Many breed on the Svalbard archipelago of northern Norway and winter in the UK.

From left to right:

- Greylag goose
- Canada goose
- Barnacle goose



And did you know, Geese honk while flying to communicate with each other, maintain their V-formation, and stay organised. This vocalisation helps them coordinate their movements, provide encouragement to one another, and warn the flock of potential threats. The honking allows the flock to fly more efficiently and stay together over long distances. Nature on our doorstep; amazing. **Vanessa Tucker, Environment Stewardship Trustee**

## Walberswick Parish Council

### Signage

The Parish Council has now installed 'Footpath only, no cycling' signs on the refurbished river path following a number of complaints of cyclists on this particular footpath. As previously advised in the *Village News*, signs to reinforce the Council's 'No parking on the Village Green' policy have also been installed and villagers are asked to report to [clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk) anyone seen flouting this policy, including contractors vans, as these may constitute both a civil and criminal offence.

### Concertina Christmas Cards

Created by local artist, Glynis Porter



Available from the Black Dog Deli in Walberswick, Craftco in Southwold, or 'GlynisPorterPrints' on Etsy.

Also available are Walberswick themed and Suffolk coast inspired concertina cards.

### Commemorative Benches

Following the change of ownership of the the Tuck Shop, the Parish Council has now taken responsibility for two redundant benches. These will be refurbished and installed at suitable locations. Anyone interested in sponsoring a commemorative bench should contact the Parish Clerk.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

It will be held on Monday, 10 November at 7pm in the Heritage Hut and is open to members of the public. Full details will be published on the village website, or contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk).

## St Andrew's Church: calling all gardeners

On Saturday 8 November from 10am, we are planning to hold a gardening maintenance morning in St Andrew's churchyard, which really needs love, care and attention. Richard Kett already does a wonderful job of mowing and clearing the edges of the graves, and the labyrinth created by Judy and Alan Miller looked spectacular this summer and was much enjoyed by visitors. Now we are looking for volunteers to help remove ivy from the headstones and from where it is running through large shrubs and a tree.

We hope villagers will come to help and enjoy being outdoors in our beautiful churchyard. Bring your own gardening gloves and tools (hand forks, trowels, and flat-bladed tools, such as old chisels and palette knives). Instruction about the best method for removal will be given. Home-made refreshments will be provided. **Sally East**

## Shoebox Appeal reminder

A reminder that the deadline to return your Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox to St Andrew's Church is **Sunday, 2 November**. If you need more information or assistance, please contact **Christine Fisher** on 07876 453965 or visit the Link to Hope website at [tinyurl.com/yc485r6k](https://tinyurl.com/yc485r6k).

## Diary Dates

### WI Monthly Meeting

**Thursday, 6 November, 2.30pm in the Village Hall**

Our speaker this month is David Naylor, who will be telling us all about RSBP Minsmere, followed by our AGM. Visitors welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

### St Andrew's Churchyard Maintenance

**Saturday, 8 November from 10am in the churchyard**

See top of the page for details. **Sally East**

### Rowers of Walberswick Disco Dynamite

**Saturday, 8 November, 7pm - midnight at Southwold Sailing Club**

The rowing club is raising funds to buy another fixed seat boat. Tickets £12.50. More information and tickets at [tinyurl.com/rowoct25](https://tinyurl.com/rowoct25). **Dani Church**

### National Theatre Live: Mrs Warren's Profession

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

Five-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter in George Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic. Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets £15 (under 21s £10), cards only on the door, or in advance from [tinyurl.com/wwwhnov25](https://tinyurl.com/wwwhnov25). **Village Hall Committee**

### Cancer Research Christmas Fayre

**Saturday, 6 December, 10am - 12 noon in the Village Hall**

Join us for refreshments (included in the entry fee of £2.50 for adults and £1 for kids), catch up with friends, and browse our festive stalls. **Guy Parry**

### Walberswick Local History Group

**Sunday 14th December, 3pm The Village Hall**

We are delighted that Dani Church, the latest member of her family to run the Walberswick Ferry, will be the speaker at our Christmas meeting. After the talk we will be serving wine and snacks. Members attend free, members' guests pay £5 on the door. If you would like to attend please email **Edward Wright** at [ewright123@btinternet.com](mailto:ewright123@btinternet.com).

### Planning applications

At the time of publication, the following were awaiting a decision. The latest applications and Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the [village website](#).

**Anchorlea**, The Street (trees) | **The Coach House**, Palmers Lane | **Co-op**, The Street | **Hérons**, Churchfield | **Sunningdale**, The Street (tree) | **Westons**, The Street (trees) | **14 Adams Lane** | **Cornelian**, Leveretts Lane (trees) | **Shorelands**, Palmers Lane | **Camping site**.



## St Andrew's Church Walberswick

**Team Rector**  
**Revd Russ Gant**

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### November 2025 Services

**Sunday, 2 November 11.15am**  
Family Service

**Sunday, 9 November 11.15am**  
Remembrance Service  
at *Blythburgh*

**Wednesday, 12 November 10am**  
Holy Communion  
Coffee served after the service

**Sunday, 16 November 11.15am**  
Holy Communion

**Wednesday, 26 November 10am**  
Holy Communion

**Sunday, 30 November 10.30am**  
Team Family Service  
at *Southwold*

### Memorial Flowers

**2 November** - Denise Brentnall for her parents Peggy and Ernest Hughes

### Community Services

**Community Cafe:** Wednesday  
19 November 2pm - 4.30pm  
in the Village Hall

**Mobile Library:** Friday,  
7 November 2.15pm - 2.45pm  
in the Village Hall car park

**Mobile Post Office:**  
Wednesdays 12 noon - 1pm  
in the Village Hall car park

**Norwich Bus:** Thursday, 20  
November. To book a place, please  
contact Mandy Erlenbach on  
07590 697575

**Village:** [walberswick-pc.gov.uk](https://walberswick-pc.gov.uk)

**WALL:** [www.wall-update.org](https://www.wall-update.org)



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Christmas Fayre

## Walberswick Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6 December 2025, 10.00-12.00 in the Village Hall

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the annual Walberswick Christmas Fayre in aid of Cancer Research UK. We would be very grateful for any donations and, as ever, we appreciate your generous support. Please contact the stallholders below. Many thanks, Guy Parry.



In aid of

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RESEARCH  
UK

Stall	Suggested donations	Contact
RAFFLE	Prizes such as bottles, chocolates and Christmassy things	Elaine Heeler & Vanessa Tucker Prizes to Guy please: 07775 512995
CAKES	Homemade cakes, biscuits, jams etc	Suzzie Godfrey: 07539 513753 Vicky Rietkerk: 07764 603537
GIFTS	New/nearly new and quality gifts	Rita Woodcraft: 07796 475350
BOTTLE TOMBOLA	Any bottled or canned drinks within the use by date	Gordon Beard: 07734 996114 Alvin Hunt: 07824 671752
AUCTION	New or unused items, gifts, art, premium wine and spirits etc	Phil & Esther Smith Donations to Guy please: 07775 512995
HANDMADE CHRISTMAS	Handcrafted Christmas decorations, stocking fillers and gifts	Maryanne Sheth: 07905 259049 Karen Maxwell: 07788 926186
TEAS	Homemade biscuits: please deliver to the village hall from 09.00 on the day	Dave Harrison, Harriet Wilson & Karen Solloway. Any queries to Guy: 07775 512995

Sue Ireland-Cutting, Betsy Lemmon and Sue Green will be offering beautiful handmade Christmas Wreaths and Table Arrangements. Christmas Cards will also be available.

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