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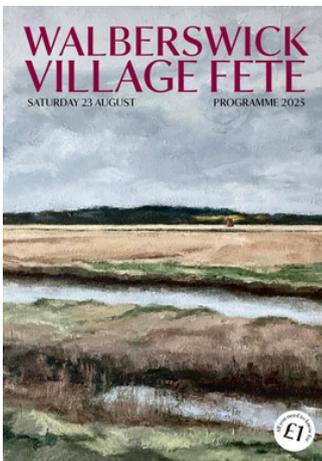
Philip Kett 1938 - 2025

Lifelong resident of Walberswick.

The Walberswick Local History Group is commemorating his life and contribution to the village in a special newsletter, which will also be available on the village website.

It's nearly Fete Day: Saturday, 23 August, Bank Holiday weekend

Look forward to fun family games, great food, live music, the usual stalls, and try your luck at winning one of the many amazing prizes in the grand raffle. The Dog Show registration begins at 10am and the show at 11am, compered by Helen Atkinson Wood with Jan Etherington as your judge. So bring those pups along and get those tails wagging.



Everything you need to know is in the fete programme, including those involved and village information. And don't forget to buy your raffle tickets. Both will be on sale from 11 August at the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern and the Black Dog Deli. This year, the front page artwork of the fete programme has been created and donated by local village artist, Alan Almond. Bids can be entered for the original art piece in the Silent Auction on fete day or in advance by emailing walberswick.fete@gmail.com.

But there is still work to do. The Fete Committee will be holding a stallholders meeting on 7 August. We need as many stallholders and volunteers as possible to attend the meeting. The insert contains contact details for stallholders that need your donations.

Thank you to everyone, you have all been so supportive over the last few months and none of this would be possible without you. **Mitchell Pocock, Fete Chair**

Walberswick Players

As you probably know, each year we try to put on a village production and this year is no exception. Following two successive farces we hope to produce a pantomime, Treasure Island, in February 2026, rehearsing over the autumn and winter period 2025/26. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers, acting experience desirable but not essential. If you don't fancy going on stage, you could consider a backstage role, helping with props, scenery or costumes. If you're a new arrival, this is a great way to make new friends; if you're an established resident, then why not join us? We are especially keen to hear from younger villagers (13+) who fancy an acting challenge. We will be reading for parts in early September and if you're interested, email me at lynchrod@hotmail.com or Peter Austin at petandmoi@gmail.com and we will contact you to make arrangements. **Rod Lynch**

Results of the Horticultural & Culinary Show

Many thanks to all who participated in any way in the Horticultural and Culinary Show. It was a great success with old and new faces and myriad items on display. The judges are always very complimentary about the quality and quantity our village manages to produce, no matter the weather. So well done everyone! We had a wonderful turnout to view the show in the afternoon. In addition to the terrific committee, we'd like to thank the following volunteers who worked so hard: Anne Horsbrough, Sue Wood, Frances Parsons, Edward Wright, Alex Godfrey and Ollie Wigdahl.

The winners this year were: * Winyard Cup - Chris Hosea * Iris Blois Cup - Suzzie Godfrey * Marian Beard Trophy - Diana Wright * CC Gold Cup - Suzzie Godfrey * Whittenbury Victor Ludorum - Suzzie Godfrey * Harvey Memorial - Suzzie Godfrey * David Webb Cup - Marie Sigsworth * Best in Show - Nick Haward for arrangement in an unusual container by a man * Sandwich under 10s - Isabel Spalton * Decorated Flipflop/Slider under 10s - Emilia Spalton * Design of next year's poster - Edie Flat. **Betsy Lemmon**

Annual Beer & Oyster Festival
2-3 August. 1,500 oysters,
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Walberswick Common Lands Charity

The heather on the Common is coming into flower and will be at its best in August. There are three types to look out for: Bell Heather (*Erica cinerea*), Common Heather or Ling (*Calluna vulgaris*), and Cross-Leaved Heather (*Erica tetralix*). The latter is most likely found in the transitional zone to the wet heath. It's the Bell Heather that forms the carpet of vibrant purple-pink flowers. Heather is a great nectar source and it is important for the creation of a mosaic of plants of different ages, suiting a range of species, including the silver-studded blue butterfly, red-tailed bumblebees and green tiger beetle.

A recent assessment from Natural England confirmed that management of the heath was reaping results; dormant seed being revealed to the light and germinating as bracken and gorse are removed and bare soil rotavated. Take care if you go exploring as not only are heathland birds such as woodlark, Dartford warbler and nightjar nesting amongst the heather, but also, in clearing a path this week, two adders were disturbed.

Vanessa Tucker, Environment Stewardship Trustee

Walberswick Parish Council

Public Meeting with our MP

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who turned out for the meeting we organised with our MP, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter on 27 June; we had just under 70 attendees filling the Village Hall. In addition to our MP, David Beavan, East Suffolk Council District Councillor also attended. The meeting focused on LionLink, Sizewell C and potentially other energy projects that are putting our village and Suffolk Coastal under threat from over-development, environmental damage, and massive transport disruption for years to come. The full meeting report can be found on the village website at tinyurl.com/n3zpr9xn.

ITV National Weather being presented from Walberswick

There is a provisional plan in place for the ITV National Weather to be broadcast from Walberswick Crabbing Bridge sometime during week commencing 11 August. The item goes on air at 19.15 each night and if we get advance notice we will publicise the exact date on village WhatsApp group, *Ciao*. Alex Beresford or Becky Mantin will be the presenter.

Parking on The Village Green

The Parish Council is sad to report that trades vehicles continue to be parked on the Village Green, which is an offence under Section 29 of the Commons Act 1876 and contravenes the Parish Council policy on the use of Village Greens. Any home owners having work carried out are required to ensure that no vehicles are parked on the Village Green at any time and anybody who spots anyone parking on the Village Green is encouraged to bring it (politely) to the attention of the offending contractor and relevant home owner.

Application for temporary campsite

At the time of writing, this application, to which many in the village and the Parish Council strenuously objected, has not yet been decided. This is because, given the proximity to the Minsmere-Walberswick Site of Special Scientific Interest, a normal Risk Assessment Method Statement is not felt sufficient by East Suffolk District Council (ESDC) to mitigate the impact of so many people congregating on the edge of a protected area. It has, therefore, given the applicant additional time to provide a 'habitats risk assessment report' in order to see if the applicant can demonstrate that the proposal would not impact the local protected area. This would have to be assessed and agreed by both ESDC ecologists and Natural England; we await the outcome of this process with interest.

Next Parish Council Meeting

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 8 September 2025 at 7pm in the Heritage Hut and is open to members of the public. Full details will be published on the village website, or for further information contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@walberswick-pc.gov.uk.



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Chair of the Parish Council, Andrew Lewis & MP, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, at the recent public meeting

Photo: Tony Langham

Village: walberswick-pc.gov.uk
WALL: www.wall-update.org
Friends of St Andrew's:
friendsofstandrews.org.uk

Church redecoration work

Internal replastering and decorating works will be taking place during the next few weeks. J. Hogg Builders will be on site and may need to temporarily close the church while high-level painting from a scaffolding tower takes place. Exact dates will be posted on the village WhatsApp Group *Ciao*. **Stephanie Renouf**

Diary Dates

Summer Club for Kids

Mondays, 28 July, 4, 11 & 18 August, 9am-3pm in the Village Hall

Open to village children and children on holiday aged 5-12 years old. The Summer Camp is run by Premier Holiday Camps and kindly supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity. £5 per session per child. Booking essential. Contact **Marie Ruth** for more information and bookings at marierourke74@gmail.com or on 07930 537197.

Family Bingo

Wednesdays, 6 August, 13 August & 20 August in the Village Hall

Doors open at 5.30pm, bingo begins at 6pm. Entrance: Adults £1, Children 50p, bingo cards to be purchased separately. Drinks (alcoholic and non alcoholic) and snacks will be available. **Village Hall Committee**

Canvas & Clay

Thursday, 14 August to Tuesday 26 August, 10.30am-5pm, Sunday 10.30am-4pm. Upstairs at CraftCo, 40a High Street, Southwold.

A joint exhibition with Walberswick artist Helen Riches and Suffolk potter, Clare Halsey. Meet the Artists sessions on Saturday, 16 August 2pm-5pm and Sunday 17 August 2pm-4pm. **Editor**

Sense of Place

Thursday, 21 August to Tuesday, 26 August 10am-5pm at the Ballroom Gallery, High Street, Aldeburgh

A major solo exhibition by Walberswick-based painter David Riches, featuring more than 40 stunning landscape and still life paintings, created in the village and surrounding areas over the last two years. The paintings are not just artistic impressions, they are a tribute to the fragility, vibrancy and irreplaceable character of a threatened landscape. **Editor**

Walberswick Village Fete

Saturday, 23 August, 11am-4pm

Join in the fun. Full details in this month's insert. **Mitchell Pocock**

Annual Summer Songs of Praise

Sunday, 24 August at 11.15am in the St Andrew's Church Ruins

Join us from 10.45am for hot drinks and pastries. If you play a musical instrument, please bring it along and play in the 'pop-up' band. Music supplied. We look forward to seeing you. **Stephanie Renouf**

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 4 September, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

August is the summer break, therefore our next meeting will be in September when the speaker will be David Kersey of Suffolk Fire and Rescue. Guests welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

Annual Heritage Open Days

Friday & Saturday, 12-13 & 19-20 September in the Heritage Hut

There will be an exhibition around the theme of Architecture with a special trail around the village, as well as a wonderful painting opportunity. Details to follow next month. **Stephanie Renouf**

Planning applications

At the time of publication, the following were awaiting a decision:

Seacroft, Millfield | Greyroof, Millfield | Toby Cottage, Leveretts Lane | Manor House, The Street | New camping site adjacent to the caravan site | Herons, Church Field (new) | The Beeches, Millfield Road | Herons, Church Field.

The latest applications & Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the [village website](#).



St Andrew's Church Walberswick

**Team Rector
Revd Russ Gant**

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August 2025 Services

Sunday, 3 August 11.15am
Sung Eucharist

**3-8 August Southwold Beach
Mission - All welcome**

Sunday, 10 August 6pm
Summer Sunday Choral Evensong
Book of Common Prayer

Sunday, 17 August 9am
Communion

Blythburgh 11.15am
Blessing of Animals Service
Animals of all shapes and sizes
welcome

Sunday, 24 August 11.15am
Family Service
10.45am coffee and pastries

Sunday, 31 August 11.15am
Blythburgh
Team Service

Every Wednesday 10am
Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesday

Memorial Flowers
3 August - Mollie Rogan
from David & Margaret Shepherd
10 August - Monica & Alan Old
from Christine & Brian Fisher

Parish Register
28 June - Memorial Service
Claire Marina Scott, Age 66 years
9 July - Funeral
Janet Mary Naunton, Age 76 years
12 July - Wedding
Jonathan George Christie &
Sarah Josephine Neall

Community Services

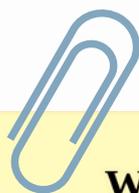
Community Cafe: Wednesday
30 August 2pm - 4.30pm
in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday,
15 August 2.15pm - 2.45pm
in the Village Hall car park

Norwich Bus: There is no bus in
August. All enquiries to Mandy
Erlenbach on 07590 697575

Mobile Post Office:
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Village Fete Committee

Walberswick Village Fete Saturday 23rd August 2025

Preparations for this year's Village Fete are well under way! Your Fete Committee this year are Mitchell Pockock, Emilie Dadswell, Harriet Wilson, Karen Maxwell and Simon Ethell. There will be all the classic stalls you know and love, wonderful food, live music, a grand raffle, and games for all ages, all under the guise of a pirate theme!

Fete programmes as well as raffle tickets can be bought in advance from the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern and the Black Dog Deli from 11th August. The Fete gets under way with the Dog Show at 11am. This year we welcome Rosi Gerrell to open the Fete at 12:45. Profits from all Fete activities will be divided between St Andrew's Church, Walberswick Village Hall and Sole Bay Care Fund, with a 40/40/20 split respectively.

10:00	Fun Dog Show Registration Opens – Behind the Village Hall*
11:00	Breakfast BBQ stall opens – Village Hall Car Park
11:00	Fun Dog Show Begins – Behind the Village Hall
12:30-16:00	Village Hall Café Opens
12:30	BBQ moved to the Village Green Opening Parade from the Village Hall Car Park Live Music on the Village Green begins
12:45	Official Opening of the Fete by Rosi Gerrell
12:50	Fete Attractions Open
14:00-15:30	Traditional races, games, and Tug-O-War on the Village Green
15:30	Grand Raffle Draw
16:00	Fete Closes

*Dog Show registration forms will be available before the day from the Walberswick Tuck Shop. Dogs entered at their owners' risk.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered. Without you this Fete could not happen. If you would like to help out with setting up and taking down things on the day, please contact Simon on 07909560006. There are stalls that still need your help with donations that are clean and in good condition.

Stall	Holder	Contact	Descriptions
Book Stall	Jacki Neeves	07399580202	Good quality books
Garden Stall	Helen Riches	07532323944	Garden and house plants, seeds, cuttings and allotment produce including cut flowers
Finishing Touches	Sue Green	07864101909	Jewellery, hats, handbags, scarf's, accessories
Cakes and Preserves	Deborah Mattinson	07770381845	Wrapped cakes, biscuits, jams - labelled, any additional people willing to man the stall
Nearly New	Inger Edwards	07747808405	Any clothes in good condition. No shoes.
Cafe	Angie Power	07816575631	Cakes to the Village Hall on Fete day morning. Any willing volunteers for fete day
Bottle Tombola	Ollie Wigdahl	07775600540	Full bottles
Kitchen Cupboard	Mandy Erlenbach	07590697575	Crockery, glass, cutlery, pans
Original Art Fair	Jane Ethell Pat Lancaster	07786221604 07776343877	Original painting and prints
White Elephant	Diane Knight	07754127097	Anything "sellable"
Hamper Raffle	Rita Woodcraft	07796475350	Items for a family hamper, games, chocolates, quality food items, etc

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mitchell on 07745391711
From the Fete Committee, we thank you.