

Walberswick Village News

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Philip William Kett, 19 May 1938 - 6 July 2025

A very big thank you to the kind and caring people of Walberswick for all the cards, flowers, words of comfort and support following my dear husband Philip's death. Also to the Reverend Russ Gant and everyone at St Andrew's Church for the moving service. It was so lovely seeing family and friends filling the church for the thanksgiving and celebration of his life on Wednesday 30 July, 2025. Phil would have been very pleased. With heartfelt thanks to everyone, too numerous to mention.

Pat Kett and family

Great Exam Results

Huge congratulations to everyone in the village who recently received their A Level and GCSE results. Maya Denny completed her GCSEs and was delighted to pass them all. She is returning to Thomas Mills in Framlingham to complete her A Levels. Ellie Benham did very well at her A Levels and is doing an art foundation course at Suffolk One in Ipswich during her gap year. Arlo Denny, having completed a gap year, is heading to Liverpool John Moores University to study Sports and Exercise Science. We wish them all every success. **Editor**



Photo: Astrid King

Another fab fun fete

Thank you to our brilliant fete committee for yet another fantastic event and for making the sun shine this year: Emilie Dadswell, Simon Ethell, Karen Maxwell, Mitchell Pocock (Chair), and Harriet Wilson. Thanks too to the many volunteers and generous supporters. **Editor**

Rosi Gerrell, Shopkeeper and Stage Star (left), who officially opened the fete, with committee member, Karen Maxwell.



Walberswick Open Studios 13 - 14 September

Fourteen artists are showing their work this year, at five studios and at the Anchor Barn (courtesy of Sophie and Mark Dorber at The Anchor). Banners will be stationed outside the venues and there will be a map placed at every studio as well as around the village. There is a wide range of genres: from fine wooden sculptures and beautiful photography to paintings, which range from the figurative to abstract. As always, everyone is welcome to come and have a look and see what the artists are up to. **Jackie Almond**

Walberswick Players

Each year we try to put on a village production and this year is no exception. We hope to produce a pantomime, *Treasure Island*, in February 2026. Rehearsals will take place over the autumn and winter period 2025/26. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers, acting experience desirable but not essential, as well as help backstage with props, scenery and costumes. 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**

Anchor Curry Night
Thursday 11 September –
booking advised

Come and try our new range
of craft beers - Budweiser Budvar,
Ayinger Bairisch Pils, and Duvel 6.66%

New wines too - Franz Haas Pinot Grigio and
Champagne Mathieu-Nicolas

We look forward to warmly welcoming
you for our 21st winter in Walberswick

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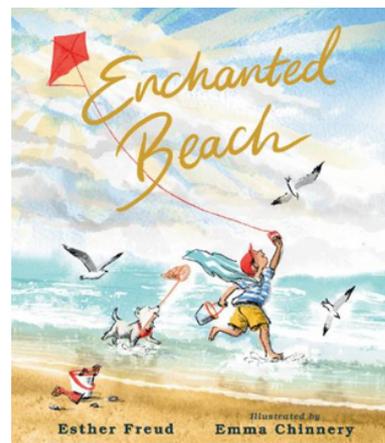
THE ANCHOR

Walberswick's Enchanted Beach

In her first picture book, Esther Freud's *Enchanted Beach* is a joyful tribute to our beloved Walberswick beach, a delightful story of a family's adventures and celebrations on the beach told in verse with illustrations by local artist Emma Chinnery. The story follows the changing seasons and includes a gentle environmental note when, in later years, the family observes how the coastline has changed.

For anyone who, as a child or with children, has flown a kite on the beach, made sandcastles, played in the waves, been crabbing on the bridge, been swimming, camped or gone beach combing, the book will evoke many happy memories, perfect for sharing with the family.

Esther's latest novel, *My Sister and Other Lovers*, a sequel to her debut novel, *Hideous Kinky*, was also published in July. Both books are available from all good book stores. **Editor**



Walberswick Common Lands Charity

A note about footpaths and bridleways

What an amazingly complex area this is. Walberswick Common Lands Charity has footpaths and bridleways across all of its land, bringing people and nature close together. Footpaths are for walkers whilst bridleways and byways are for pedal cycles, horses and "beasts of burden". Suffolk County Council is responsible for the **Definitive Map and Statement**, which is the conclusive legal record of the existence, status and location of all recorded public rights of way in Suffolk at the relevant date of the map.



The definitive map (left) shows public rights of way at a scale of 1:10,000cm (approximately 6 inches to one mile). In England and Wales we are lucky to have over 140,000 miles of footpaths, bridleways and byways which make up our public rights of way network. Lobbying by the Ramblers led to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, which created, together with national parks, the definitive map. Suffolk contains one of England's most extensive networks - it exceeds 3,500 miles compared with 4,000 miles of road. Landowners have to keep public rights of way free

from obstructions and maintain stiles, gates etc. They are responsible for vegetation overgrown from the sides of a footpath/bridleway such as a hedge or tree; the highway authority is responsible for vegetation that has grown up naturally through the path's surface. The County has a *Green Access Strategy Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2020 - 2030* which explains how improvements will provide a better experience - it's on the web at tinyurl.com/lyn74u6x2. Vanessa Tucker, Environment Stewardship Trustee

Tuesday Morning with Coral

at Walberswick Village Hall
Commencing September 9th

9.15-10.15 & 10.30-11.30am

Pilates for Strength, Flexibility & Co-ordination

11.45-12.15pm

Stretch & Glow Chair-based Exercise Class

For more details email

coralstebbingdance@gmail.com

Planning applications

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

Dutch House, The Street | 8 Manor Close | Pink House, Seven Acres Lane | New camping site adjacent to the caravan site | Herons, Church Field

The latest applications & Advisory Group Reports, can be found on the village website.

Wood Brick Glass

Wood, Brick, Glass is the title of a pop-up exhibition celebrating architecture and homes in Walberswick from 1400-2025. Featuring distinctive building styles and movements, the exhibition includes comments from the people who live in these houses. Based on research supplied by the WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink) campaign entomologist, the exhibition also identifies the homes of insects and wildlife not always visible.

There is a specially created trail map for a self-guided walk around the village hunting for architectural clues, and arts and craft activities. The Frank Jennings film will be shown at 11am daily.

Open on 13-14 & 20-21 September, 9.30am-4pm; 15-19 September 10.30am-3pm in the Heritage Hut. Supported by Walberswick Common Lands Charity and in conjunction with Heritage Open Days 2025.

On Saturday 20 September, join local artist Helen Riches and the Heritage team in a friendly drawing workshop where you'll be given the opportunity to create an historic record of our lovely village green.

- 11am - 12 noon: Under 12s (Must be accompanied by an adult.)
- 2pm - 3pm: 13+ and adults.

The workshops and all materials are free, but booking is essential. Full details to follow on the village community information WhatsApp group, *Ciao*. **Stephanie Renouf**



Diary Dates

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 4 September, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our speaker this month is David Kersey of Suffolk Fire and Rescue. Guests welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 8 September, 7pm in the Heritage Hut

The meeting 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.

Walberswick Open Studios

Saturday & Sunday, 13-14 September, 11am to 5pm

Fourteen artists will be showing their work at five studios and the Anchor Barn. Information and maps available at each venue. Keep an eye open for the banners located outside each studio. **Jackie Almond**

Wood Brick Glass

Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 September in the Heritage Hut

See news item above for full details. **Stephanie Renouf**

National Theatre Live: Inter Alia

Thursday, 18 September, 7pm in the Village Hall

Rosamund Pike is Jessica in the much anticipated next play from the team behind *Prima Facie*, written by Suzie Miller and directed by Justin Martin. Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets are £15 (£10 for under 21s) on the door (cards only) or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/walberswick-village-hall in advance. **Village Hall Committee**



RNLI Spooktacular Halloween fundraising events

Friday, 31 October in the Village Hall

- **3pm to 5pm:** Family Bingo and fancy dress competition
- **7pm to 10ish:** Quiz with bar.

Karen Lewis



St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector
Revd Russ Gant

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September 2025 Services

Please note new times

Sunday, 7 September 11.15am
Family Harvest

Wednesday, 10 September 10am
Holy communion
Coffee served after the service

Sunday, 14 September 6pm
Choral Evensong
Book of Common Prayer

Sunday, 21 September 11.15am
Holy Communion

Wednesday, 24 September 10am
Holy Communion

Memorial Flowers

7 September - Anna Edwards from Harry & Inger Edwards

Parish Register

4 August - Interment of Ashes
Jane Staunton Gibbons
Age 89

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday
17 September 2pm - 4.30pm
in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday,
12 September 2.15pm - 2.45pm
in the Village Hall car park

Norwich Bus: Thursday, 18
September. To book a place, please
contact Mandy Erlenbach on
07590 697575

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

Village: walberswick-pc.gov.uk
WALL: www.wall-update.org
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