

# Walberswick Village News

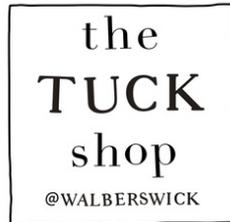
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## Update on the Tuck Shop

We understand the Co-op will be shutting their doors at the end of the day on Friday 3 October (tbc). There is so much to thank them for after 12 years of a happy shop with such consistent service and greatly needed supplies. The shop will be shut over the weekend of 4 & 5 October while they do a stock take. We take over the property on Monday 6 October, re-opening on Wednesday 8 October (tbc). Opening hours will remain unchanged.

After we take over the property on the Monday, we will need a day or two to replace the till counter and install new shelving behind it, to install the new till system, to bring in some new products and stock up on old favourites, and start to transform the front of the shop with wooden cladding and a shaded area for the fruit and veg.

Over the weeks that follow, there will be new products and services. We do want your input to shape the shop's stock so please speak to us about what you need and want; there will always be pen and paper available at the till for customer requests.



And lastly, we've chosen the winner of the Tuck Shop Logo Competition. In the great tradition of community partnerships, it's been won by a collaboration between the designs of Helen Riches and Martha Freud. We really hope you like it, and congratulations to Helen & Martha for what we think is a beautiful winning logo which will look lovely outside and inside the shop

We can't wait to welcome you all into the (new) Tuck Shop and for you to help us evolve the shop together, as it enters the next chapter in its life.

**Ben and Gaia Woolnough**

## Congratulations Rose

Huge congratulations to The Anchor's Rose Dorber, who has graduated with flying colours from Oxford Brookes University with a degree in Event Management. Rose will be working at The Anchor before embarking on her travels, finishing up in New Zealand in time to join the harvest at Forrest Wines. **Editor**

## Supporting the Gurkhas

Congratulations to Ben Johnson and his three team mates (with a combined age of well over 200!), who are not far off their target of raising £35k by tackling the Trailwalker Challenge. In September in some wild weather, they walked 100km in 24 hours across the South Downs in aid of the Gurkhas Welfare Trust, which gives Gurkha veterans and their families in Nepal the means to live with dignity. If you would like to support Ben by making a donation, please go to [trailwalker.enthuse.com/pf/ben-johnson](http://trailwalker.enthuse.com/pf/ben-johnson). **Editor**

## Shoebox Appeal

St Andrew's is once again supporting the Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal, which delivers gifts to families and the elderly in Eastern Europe, regardless of their background or religious belief, and brings great joy to those who have very little. If you would like to participate, a normal sized adult shoebox is required. Leaflets (one per shoebox) with specific and easy to follow instructions are available in St Andrew's. Please return your shoebox to the church by **Sunday, 2 November**. For more information or assistance, contact **Christine Fisher** on 07876 453965 or visit the Link to Hope website at [tinyurl.com/yc485r6k](http://tinyurl.com/yc485r6k).

## Helping to beat Alzheimer's

Huge Congratulations to our Trekking Trio, Penny Wenham, Julia Sowerbutts and Martin Lovick, who walked 26 miles along the Suffolk Coast on a jolly hot day in August and raised an amazing £1,399.14 between them for the Alzheimer's Society. There were 1,123 walkers on the Alzheimer's Trek and the total raised for the cause was an astounding £533,158, over half a million pounds towards research and support for patients and families. Those of us who have a loved one struck down with this cruel disease applaud you. Thank you so much. If you would like to contribute, here's the link:

[www.justgiving.com/page/martin-lovick-5](http://www.justgiving.com/page/martin-lovick-5)

**Jan Etherington**

Welcome to The Anchor in Autumn  
Settle by the fire and enjoy ...

*Allotment beetroot & warm goat's cheese  
Fish soup, croutons & rouille  
Venison & mushroom pie*

*Paired with Green Jack's Trawlerboys  
Or Adnams Ghostship  
Perhaps our new Monfil Garnacha*

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## The Custodians of The Tuckshop

With the Tuck Shop moving into the very capable hands of Ben and Gaia Woolnough, do you know how many custodians there have been of the shop before them? Since the Tuck Shop was established by a Major Miller shortly after World War II, there have been only eight.

Major Miller set up the shop in the former village cobbler's home at the end of Alexandra Cottages, in the space that is now home to the Black Dog Deli. It began to rival Reynolds, the grocery shop on The Green, as a good many people registered with it for their rations after the war. It took on a more significant role when the decades-long bread delivery to residents from the small bakery in Southwold abruptly ceased. The Tuck Shop already provided campers, visitors, and a few residents with bread from a bakery in Halesworth and immediately took over the entire bread delivery to the village. Having worked up a lucrative business, Major Miller sold the Tuck Shop to a Mrs Cranfield, who might have been part of the Cranfield



The Tuck Shop in 1959

family that, in the early 1950s, owned and restored what is now the Freud's Barn. Around 1953, the shop was sold to John Brakes, a young man home from Malaya, but it deteriorated in his hands. In the autumn of 1956, Ernest (Ginger) Winyard, the son of the licensees of the Anchor, who also ran the farm at the back of the pub, bought it, and assisted by his wife Phyllis the shop flourished.

Ginger Winyard built the existing Tuck Shop in the mid 1960s on land that was previously part of Manor Farm. In 1974 the shop was taken over by Stephen and Annie Marshlain as Ginger Winyard was forced to stop working following a heart attack. Boris and Sylvia Faulconbridge, who had two daughters, Christine and Susan, acquired the shop in 1983 and ran it for 14 years. They were followed by Nick and Gill Jones and their young daughters, Katrina and Rebecca, until the shop was taken over by the East of England Co-op in 2013. Rosi Gerrell, the current manager, is the longest serving employee of the Tuck Shop and has been a constant presence in the shop for the last 25 years.

While the Tuck Shop has always been a focus for the community, it has not been without controversy. In 2007, following an announcement that the sub-post office inside the shop was closing, an unfounded rumour started that the Parish Council was instigating a boycott because it thought the owners were encouraging the closure. The Parish Council was deeply concerned about the impact of the sub-post office closure on sections of the community but, considering the shop's importance to the village, it would never have risked its commercial viability with a boycott. Furthermore, it was the Post Office that decided on the closure, not the shop owners. Fuelled by a demonstration outside the Tuck Shop by nearly a dozen pensioners on their mobility scooters, heated altercations between the various parties, and tip-offs to the press, it was a difficult situation. Fortunately, common sense prevailed, calm was restored, and the sub-post office was replaced by an outreach service.

Compiled from the village archives. Editor

## Walberswick Common Lands Charity

Everywhere seems to have had a late green flourish following the long overdue September rains that have relieved the parched vegetation all over the Walberswick Common Lands Charity estate.

The bracken on the Common has been flailed. This is done between the bird breeding season ending and the bracken tops turning brown; a small window which will be better next year when Natural England will support the identification of late nesting sites with infra-red imaging. Bracken is a native species and as such is an important and natural part of our landscape. It can be important for many forms of wildlife including birds such as the Nightjar.

However, whilst a valuable habitat in its own right, particularly where it forms a mosaic with other habitats, bracken can be present in abundance in the 'wrong' location and severely reduce the ecological value of heathland habitat as other species are crowded out.

The other focus has been on Cliff Field, which is now cut twice a year to maintain a sward height of between 5 and 15cm. A real reward here would be to glimpse the Southern Marsh Orchid (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*), a native that can be widespread in the grasslands of Norfolk and Suffolk, flowering in midsummer. There is an expectation in the work plan that scrub is no more than 15% and that undesirable species are kept to a minimum.

Writing this on autumn eve, the colours in the landscape are changing - producing a whole new vista to enjoy!

Vanessa Tucker, Environment Stewardship Trustee



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## Parish Council

### Parish Council External Audit

As part of its annual governance process, the Parish Council is required to have its accounts and processes audited both 'internally' by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and 'externally' by the accountants, PKF Littlejohn. Following an excellent internal audit, we are delighted that the auditor of the external results has noted that "all items are in accordance with Proper Practices" and has provided no action points for the Council. We are indebted to all members of the Parish Council for this success, but thanks in particular must go to Simon Ashton, the Parish Council Responsible Financial Officer, for guiding the Council on financial matters and for preparation of all the required audit materials.

### Village Green

Following the Village Fete, the grass on The Green was in a very poor condition but has now made a near miraculous part-recovery with the recent wet, warm weather. The Parish Council is very aware of the need for major work to re-seed The Green; turfing has been ruled out given the impractical amount of watering it would require. At the last Council meeting, it was agreed to obtain indicative quotes and the matter will be re-considered at a Council meeting early in 2026, in time for any required work to be carried out during the growing season in the spring. If re-seeding is required, the Parish Council will be seeking volunteers in the houses around The Green to help with watering while the grass becomes established.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

It will be held on Monday, 13 October 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).

## Diary Dates

### WI Monthly Meeting

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

Our speaker this month is Helen Bygrave on the subject of Diabetes. Visitors welcome. **Muriel Wortley**

### Harvest Supper

**Saturday, 18 October, 7pm in the Village Hall**

Fine dining; there will be a two course dinner, a glass or two of wine, in great company, followed by entertainment. Do come along and meet old friends and make new ones. Tickets are for sale at the Tuck Shop (£20/ticket), Please book early. **Trustees of Friends of St Andrew's Church**

### Walberswick Scroll showing

**Sunday, 26 October, 10am, 11am & 12 noon in the Heritage Hut**

Hear tales about the village, the artist and how the scroll came about, and have your interests discussed. **John English**

### RNLI Spooktacular Halloween fundraising events

**Friday, 31 October in the Village Hall**

- **3pm** (Doors open at 2.30pm) to 5pm latest: Prize Family Bingo plus fancy-dress competition for best Adult and Child Halloween Costume. Entrance free £1 per adult & 50p per child. Bar and snacks plus raffle.
- **7pm** (Doors open at 6.30pm) to 10pm-ish: Family Quiz plus auction. £5 per person. Bar and snacks. To secure your table (max 6) please email: [RNLIquiz2025@gmail.com](mailto:RNLIquiz2025@gmail.com). **Karen Lewis**

### 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 (Bridgerton), playing mother and daughter 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/55xcdre3](http://tinyurl.com/55xcdre3). **Village Hall Committee**



## St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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

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

### October 2025 Services

**Sunday, 5 October 11.15am**  
Family Service

**Wednesday, 8 October 10am**  
Holy Communion  
Coffee served after the service

**Sunday, 12 October 6pm**  
Harvest Choral Evensong  
Book of Common Prayer

**Sunday, 19 October 11.15am**  
Holy Communion

**Wednesday, 22 October 10am**  
Holy Communion

### Memorial Flowers

**5 October** - Chris & Wendy Sinclair  
from the Sinclair Family

## Community Services

**Community Cafe:** Wednesday  
15 October 2pm - 4.30pm  
in the Village Hall

**Mobile Library:** Friday,  
10 October 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, 16 October.  
To book a place, please contact  
Mandy Erlenbach on  
07590 697575

## 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.

Shorelands, Palmers Lane |  
Saltlick, Leveretts Lane | Tree at  
Bennetts Copse | Dutch House,  
The Street | 8 Manor Close | New  
camping site adjacent to the  
caravan site.

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