



Walberswick Village News

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Please respond to the LionLink Statutory Consultation Deadline 10 March

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Public Meeting organised by WALL (Walberswick Against LionLink) on 24 January. It was an absolutely amazing turnout and the village hall was packed, with standing room only. We estimate that well over 100 people were there. We need to keep this pressure up on National Grid.

The next event is when National Grid are at the village hall on Saturday 31 January. We need a big turnout for this event too with everyone asking the National Grid representatives difficult and challenging questions.

The formal consultation period runs until the deadline on 10 March. Many villagers will have received a pack of information about LionLink in the post. This includes a paper feedback form and a link to an online version. We politely request that you **do not fill in this questionnaire** (in hard copy or online) as we think the questions are skewed and provide little space for responses about the landfall site in Walberswick specifically. But we do need people to respond individually.

Over the next week or so, WALL will produce some guidance on possible comments and questions that you can include in your feedback. We recommend that you **email your responses directly to National Grid** (info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com). We also encourage responding with your own questions and concerns. The emails are as valid as the forms.

We will be sending out more information about this by WhatsApp and through our website. Thank you for all your support. If you want to help us in any way or want to be added to the WALL WhatsApp group, please email us at: info@wall-update.org.uk. The slides that were used in the presentation can be found on the WALL website at www.wall-update.org. **WALL Committee**

Why not give the WI a try

Not a jam jar in sight and certainly no singing of Jerusalem. We are not your traditional WI. We meet once a month for a chat in good company, tea & biscuits, and an interesting speaker or sometimes a floral demonstration or quiz. If you are interested in expanding your friendships in the village and your knowledge, why not give it a try. You can come as a guest for £3 to see if it suits you. To entice you, here is our speaker line up for 2026.

- **5 February:** Irene von Zon, Clink Care Farm. Therapeutic working on a farm for disadvantaged people
- **5 March:** David Woolweber. Halesworth Witches 1645
- **2 April:** To be announced
- **7 May:** Mary Carter, Tools with a Mission (TWAM). Volunteering opportunities, particularly for those who may be lonely or vulnerable
- **4 June:** Chris Bales, Cybercrime Unit, Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary. Scams
- **2 July:** Garden Party (members only)
- **August:** No meeting
- **3 September:** Dave Cooke, Wolverstone Project. Sailing for people with disabilities
- **1 October:** Mary Newton. Rape Part 2. How to catch a serial rapist
- **5 November:** Paula Baker, Suffolk Pickles Hedgehog Rescue
- **3 December:** Christmas Party (members only).

For more information contact **Betsy Lemmon**
at teachingtrends@hotmail.com

Calendar raises over £600 for WALL

Thank you to everyone who bought my 2026 Walberswick photo calendars, the sales of which raised just over £600 for WALL (Walberswick against LionLink). **Sara Solnick**



THE ANCHOR

Saturday 14 February - Valentine's Day
Family-style pre-booked
roast chicken dinner at 5.30pm.
Main menu from 7pm, including steak specials.

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Walberswick Parish Council

Upgrading of the Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Since it was installed a number of years back, the SID at the entrance of the village has been very successful in reducing traffic speed, but it is now coming to its 'end-of-life'. The Parish Council (with financial support from both our District Councillor, David Beavan, and our County Councillor, Richard Smith, along with Walberswick Common Lands Charity, for which we are very grateful) has decided to replace and upgrade it with a solar powered unit, which will not require the frequent battery changes that the current one does, and which enables easier data download. The upgrade also requires a slightly wider pole (to support the solar panel) and the Parish Council is in dialogue with County Highways on whether we can do the pole replacement ourselves, or need them to do it for us. We will provide an update when the project has been completed.

Next Parish Council Meeting

It will be held on Monday, 9 February 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.

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

The weather continues to be noteworthy and to influence the cycles of nature across Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) land and beyond. Many plants need cold weather for reproduction and good growth. Human decisions and actions, of course, abound whatever the weather and often put a strain on these ecosystems. LionLink, for example, will directly pass beneath WCLC land as it snakes under the sand dunes near the beginning of its land trek. Indirectly, the impact of noise, light, and general disturbance during the construction phase will be destructive too.

However, WCLC strives to replicate actions to maintain valuable ecosystems. A key feature is bare ground, the ploughing of which promotes biodiversity and the lowland heath is a great example. This creates varied conditions for annual plants such as harebell, sheep's sorrel, and heath bedstraw, and rare invertebrates such as the lunar yellow underwing moth. This year there will be a mosaic of bare earth patches, some two years old, some half re-ploughed, and some new this year, to replicate the actions of rabbits and cattle of times past. The contractors are probably on site as you read this. Let's hope the weather is kind to them. **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**



After the tidal surge in early January



Planning Applications

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

- **Wayland Cottage**, The Street
- **3 Moorside**
- **Todd's Cottage**, Ferry Road (tree)
- **Jove Cottage**, Lodge Road
- **Long Meadow**, Seven Acres

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

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Call for volunteers to help tidy St Andrew's church grounds

Volunteers are needed on Saturday 28 February to help clean the ivy and tackle shrubs that need attention in our lovely churchyard. We are hoping for a good response and that everyone will enjoy this gardening morning as much as we did last year. Please bring secateurs and loppers. It is a 9.30am start and coffee and bacon rolls will be served. **Jane Ethell**

Diary Dates

WI Monthly Meeting

Thursday, 5 February 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Our guest speaker is Irene von Zon of Clink Care Farm to talk about therapeutic working on a farm for disadvantaged people. Visitors welcome. For further information, contact **Sheilagh Murray**.

Treasure Island, a pantomime

Thursday, 12 February to Saturday, 14 February at 7.30pm & Sunday, 15 February at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

A tale of pirates, betrayal and romance with topical jokes, suitable for adults and children of all ages. Tickets will be available from the Tuck Shop and on Ticket Source at tinyurl.com/wwwvhti. **Rod Lynch**

St Andrew's church grounds cleanup

Saturday, 28 February at 9.30am at St Andrew's

See notice at the top of the page.

Walberswick Village Hall presents

National Theatre Live: Hamlet

Thursday, 12 March at 7pm in the Village Hall

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Directed by Robert Hastie. Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets £15 (under 21s £10), also available in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk/walberswick-village-hall. Bar, snacks and soft drinks available. **Teresa Lynch**

Walberswick Local History Group AGM and talk

Saturday, 14 March at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

The AGM will be held at 6.30pm and the talk at 7pm. The speaker will be Harry Edwards talking about his childhood growing up in Walberswick. Those wishing to attend should email **Edward Wright** at ewright123btinternet.com. Please indicate if you wish to bring a guest (guest ticket £5).



St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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February 2026 Services

Sunday, 1 February 11.15am
All Age Informal Service
Refreshments at 10.45am

Sunday, 8 February 6pm
Choral Evensong

Wednesday, 11 February 10am
Holy Communion
Coffee served after the service

Sunday, 15 February 11.15am
Holy Communion

Wednesday, 18 February 10am
Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

Wednesday 25 February 10am
Holy Communion

Memorial Flowers

8 February - Pat Lancaster for
Tony Lancaster

Community Services

Community Cafe: Wednesday
18 February 2pm - 4.30pm
in the Village Hall

Mobile Library: Friday
27 February 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, 19
February. To book a place, please
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