



Walberswick Village News

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Congratulations Ben

Huge congratulations to Ben Rourke, who gained his commercial pilot's licence in July. A tremendous achievement and an inspiration to us all.

Ben, who has lived in the village since he was a young boy, has always had a passion for flying. His determination to become a pilot saw him join the Air Cadets for a short time, helping at the gliding club in return for flights, and taking lessons at Beccles Airfield, funded by working at the Anchor, developing websites and creating apps. All this while studying for A-Levels, blogging and writing a book about his experiences. In the face of fierce competition, Ben won a scholarship from the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, which enabled him to gain his private pilot's licence in 2017. After completing his A-Levels in 2018, Ben worked full-time in digital marketing, while also working with his own freelance clients in the evenings and weekends, in order to fund the training for his Commercial Pilot's Licence.



Now, after three months of training at Perth Airport in Scotland, 14 theory exams, a five-hour night rating course, 150 hours of flight time and 75+ hours of coursework, Ben has successfully passed his dual UK CAA and EASA Commercial Pilot's Licence and is ready to apply for a job with commercial operators once he has completed a few short courses, such as multi-crew cooperation, which he will have done by mid-August. **Editor**

Family fun at the Village Fete but volunteers needed



After a two-year break, the Village Fete is back, better than ever, on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Expect entertainment and the usual stalls and family games. The dog show is always a fun experience and there are fabulous prizes to be won in the raffle. Charlie Mackesy's original colour drawing for the fete programme cover (see left) will be the subject of a silent auction. Refreshments will be available from the Village Hall Cafe and the BBQ.

More information can be found on page 5, which contains the fete insert. Full details and more can also be found in the special fete programme.

Volunteers are still urgently needed to help on the day. What better way to get involved in the village community and contribute to village life. The Village Hall Cafe has a couple of two-hour slots that need filling, and help is needed on some of the stalls.

Donations are also needed for the stalls - white elephant, books, bottle tombola, kitchenware, cakes and preserves, plants, kids stuff, and nearly new clothing and accessories.

Please contact **Gordon Beard** with offers of help and donations - 01502 724143 or email gfbuk@hotmail.com.

STOP PRESS: The ever-popular Erin has just confirmed that she will be hula-hooping around the Green on fete day, as well as running a workshop so that you can learn how to whirl those hoops for yourself.

Interested in playing bridge?

On Monday afternoons, we run a bridge session in the Village Hall annex and would welcome some new members. We are friendly and fairly casual, and it is excellent if you are a learner or coming back to bridge, but always challenging. Contact **Judith Hetherington** on 01986 872927 or **John Weston** on 01502 722584.

The Anchor

Beer & Oyster Festival

Sat 6 August & Sun 7 August from 12 noon
20 Cask Ales - West Mersea Oysters - Live Music

Founder of the Beer Academy, Mark Dorber, is putting on characterful cask ales. Also keg beers from local heroes and some further afield, plus the regular line-up of classic international bottled beers.

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2021 Annual Report

The Walberswick Common Lands Charity has now published its 2021 Annual Report and Accounts. You will find them under 'Policies & Reports' on the Charity's section on the village website, or by following this link: tinyurl.com/4yr9y7z8. It is the perfect way to learn about the work of the Charity. **James Darkins, Chairman**

Environmental Report

A number of people have noted that Natural England is reviewing its directions regarding dogs on the lead throughout August across the Suffolk AONB, including Walberswick Common. We are reminded that the current direction requires us to keep our dogs on a lead on the Common. A map can be found on the village website that indicates where this direction applies: tinyurl.com/2r2n6e3t. The purpose is to give rare nesting birds every chance to fledge late clusters, particularly nightjars, thereby supporting nature recovery and an increase in biodiversity.

The chestnut palings are being repaired along the inland side of the beach sand dunes. They help to anchor the sand and give the marram grass and other plants the chance to become established, so conserving the dunes. There has been notable success in restoring the dune ecosystem to the south of the main pathway from the Cliff carpark.

The heatwave, coming on top of a dry spring and early summer, is a reminder to take care that barbecues etc, do not cause wildfires as everything is tinder dry. **Vanessa Tucker, Environmental Stewardship Trustee**



Housing Needs survey – one last chance if you act quickly

Thank you to everyone who took time to fill out the Housing Needs Survey when it was issued to all households in June. We have now been advised by Community Action Suffolk that there is still one last opportunity to receive any outstanding surveys from Walberswick residents. If you have had a survey but have not yet completed it, please do so as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you would still like a paper copy of the survey, or would like to complete it online please email walberswickNDP@gmail.com and we will ensure you receive a paper copy or an online code.

Replacement Pirate Ship on its way to the playing field

Thanks to a very generous donation by Maggie and James Cochrane, the Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has ordered a 'Pirate Ship' for the playing field. This is a replacement for the old one that had to be removed last year for safety reasons. The new ship should be with us in about two months' time.

Next Parish Council meeting

As usual, the Council takes a break and does not meet in August. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 12 September at 7pm in the Heritage Hut. It will be open to members of the public, who may either choose to attend in person or join remotely (via Zoom). The agenda and how to join remotely will be published as usual on the Walberswick Village website. For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Village News on the village website

We are delighted to announce that some back copies of the Village News are now available on the village website. Initially, copies will date back to 2020 and can be found at tinyurl.com/Village-News. Older issues that may have data protection issues will take a bit longer to sort out.

Our thanks to Andrew Lewis for his advice and ongoing assistance in setting this up.

This does not replace the distribution of the newsletter by email, which will continue as normal. To be added to the list, email me at walberswicknews@gmail.com. **Editor**

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Planning applications

At the time of publication, the following properties were still awaiting a decision on their planning applications:

- **Garland**, Lodge Road
- **The Thatched Cottage**, The Street
- **Saltlick**, Leveretts Lane
- **Hedgeley**, The Green
- **1 Valley Farm**, Ferry Road
- **Longwood**, Church Field
- **Wayland Cottage**, The Street

For the latest applications and full details, go to the Planning page on the [Village Website](https://www.walberswick.suffolk.gov.uk). The Planning Advisory Group reports, are at tinyurl.com/tdbvulf

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

Riders, walkers & cyclists needed

Saturday, 19 September, marks the annual sponsored church Ride and Stride. St Andrews Church is looking for cyclists, horse riders and walkers of all ages to participate and raise money to support our wonderful church building and the work of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Our area has many incredible ancient churches, often tucked away in picturesque villages, so please encourage your friends and family, groups or stable mates to enjoy a day of discovery.

Sponsorship forms are available in the church porch and further information can be found at shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride. Contact **Stephanie Renouf** on 07785 551193 to volunteer or for any enquiries. Sponsors, donors as well as volunteers to man our church are also hugely important and very welcome.



Diary Dates



Summer Club for kids

Fridays, 29 July, and 12 & 19 August, 10am-3pm in the Village Hall

The Summer Club for children aged 5-12 years old is back. Once again supported by the Walberswick Common Lands Charity and run by Premier Holiday Camps, it features multi-sports, performing arts, arts and crafts and well-being. Great for making new friends and experiencing new activities, it costs £5 per child per session and advance booking is essential. .

Contact **Hannah Sutton** at hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com to make a reservation or for further information.

A Touch of the Sea - Commemorative Exhibition of Suffolk Paintings by Jason Bowyer PPNEAC RP PS

Saturday, 30 July - Saturday, 6 August, 11am to 5pm
in the Heritage Hut on The Green

The exhibition reflects Jason Bowyer's lifelong passion for this part of the Suffolk coastline. All welcome. **Clare Ireland**

Family Bingo

Wednesdays 10, 17 and 24 August

Doors open at 5.30pm for 6pm start in the Village Hall



After a two-year break, the ever-popular Family Bingo returns to the Village Hall. Reserve the dates for a fast and fun time with family and friends and the chance to win cash prizes. A range of refreshments, including pizza, cakes and drinks will be available.

Please note: This is a cash only event as we are unable to take card payments. **Jill Willison**

Village Fete

Saturday, 27 August on the Green

Details on the front page and insert. **Editor**

Walberswick Local History Group Meeting: The evolution of the Suffolk Coastline 1100 to 1600

Saturday, 17 September at 7pm in the Village Hall

Professor Mark Bailey will talk about the dramatic evolution of the Suffolk coast in the context of major changes in the global climate in the first half of the last millennium, with particular reference to changes at Dunwich, Walberswick, Southwold, Easton Bavents and Orford Ness, and the changing fortunes of these places over time.

Mark is the Professor of Later Medieval History at the University of East Anglia, and the James Ford Lecturer in British History at the University of Oxford (2019). An accomplished and engaging speaker; the perfect guide to the history of our changing coast.

Members free, guests £10. To reserve places, please email **Edward Wright** at ewright123@btinternet.com

Church Matters St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Revd Canon Simon Pitcher
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August 2022 Services

Sunday, 7 July, 11.15am
Sung Eucharist
Joined with Blythburgh
Philip Tarris

Sunday, 14 August, 6pm
Choral Evensong
Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 21 August, 11.15am
Sung Eucharist
Simon Pitcher

Sunday, 28 August, 11.15am
Family Service
Simon Pitcher
Refreshments at 11am

Every Wednesday, 10.00am
Holy Communion
Coffee on first Wednesdays

Commemorative Flowers

7 August - Joanna Saunders
for her parents,
Gordon & Doris Hoare

14 August - The Fishers
for Monica and Alan Old

28 August - Garry Edwards
For his mother, Anna Edwards

Parish Registers

Burial of ashes

15 July - Tim Williamson

Community Services

Mobile Library: Friday
19 August, 2.15-2.45pm,
Village Hall car park

Post Office: Tuesdays,
1pm-3pm, Thursdays,
10am-12 noon,
Village Hall Annex

Norwich Bus: There will be **no minibus to Norwich in August**. The monthly service will resume on 15 September. Please contact Mandy Erlenbach on 07590 697575 to book a place.

The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 September 2022. The copy deadline is noon on 25 August 2022 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

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Walberswick Village Fete

Saturday, 27 August 2022

Preparations for this year's Village Fete are well underway, your Fete Committee this year consisting of Gordon Beard (724143), Pete & Liz Wagstaff (724889), Lorry Haslegrave (724992), David Neeves (722556), Alex Godfrey (724630) and Esther Smith (725782). There will be traditional stalls, wonderful food and refreshments, a silent disco and games for all ages.

Fete programs can be bought in advance from the Tuck Shop, the Parish Lantern, the Tea Rooms and the Black Dog Deli. Please remember the fete is a CASH ONLY event.

The event gets under way with the Fun Dog Show (never to be missed) at 11.30, and this year we welcome Brian Tibbles, to open the Fete at 13.00.

Profits from all Fete activities will, as in previous years, be divided equally between St Andrew's Church and our Village Hall.

11.00	BBQ and coffee stall opens on Village Hall car park Dog Show registration begins behind the Hall
11.30	Fun Dog Show*
12.30	Village Hall opens for refreshments BBQ moves to the Village Green
13.00	Fete Opening on the Village Green
13.05-16.00	Fete in full swing, Charlie Mackesy silent auction bids gathered 13.00-15.00
14.00	Family Games, including Tug O' War, on the Village Green
15.30	Grand Raffle prizes drawn on the Village Green. Successful bid for Charlie Mackey's art work announced.
16.00	Fete closes, but tea available in the Village Hall until 16.30

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

Volunteers are still urgently needed to assist on the day helping or running a game or stall for an hour or two. Please contact one of the committee members. We urgently need a bottle tombola volunteer and volunteers for the village cafe.

Please help us with volunteers and donations for the stalls:

Stall	Holder	Contact	
Things for kids	Rita Woodcraft	722958	Clean clothes, toys and games
White Elephant	Peter Austin	722836	Anything 'sellable', but no radios or TVs
Original Art Fair	Anne Paton	01728 633074	Original paintings & prints; contact Vincent Watts on 724371 to deposit pictures prior to Fete day
Kitchen Cupboard	Carol Wardell	722955	Crockery, glass, cutlery and pans – in good condition
Bottle Tombola			Full bottles donated by 22 August please
Lunches & Teas	Lorry Haslegrave	724992	Help needed in Hall and Kitchen; cakes to Hall on Fete day
Nearly New	Inger Edwards	722543	Clean outerwear for ladies and gentlemen
Cakes & Preserves	Suzzie Godfrey	724630	Wrapped cakes, biscuits and jams - clearly labelled
Finishing Touches	Sue Green	722347	Jewellery, hats, handbags and accessories
Garden Stall	Helen Riches	07532 323944	Cuttings, plants, garden ornaments and home-grown vegetables
Book stall	John Weston	722584	Books