



Walberswick Village News

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Richard Scott 1938 - 2020



Richard Ridsdale Scott was born on 5 May 1938 in Bromley, moving to Walberswick in 1950. On leaving Cranbrook School, Richard enrolled at Lowestoft College and then Camberwell School of Art to take his National Diploma in Design. During national service, he was posted to Jamaica in the Royal Army Educational Corps.

Returning to Camberwell as a technician, Richard met sculpture student, Lesley Munkman. They married in July 1962 and Richard embarked on a new career designing

and constructing sports cars. The couple moved to Walberswick in 1965 following the birth of the first of their two daughters. Centaur Engineering was established in a workshop in Halesworth where Richard designed and constructed racing cars. He taught adult art classes and was a lecturer in the School of Art & Design at Suffolk College until retiring in 1995.

A founder member and president of The Suffolk Group of artists, Richard exhibited at the Chappel Galleries in Essex, as well as mixed exhibitions including the RA Summer Exhibition, the New English Art Club and the Suffolk Group annual exhibition. He wrote *The Walberswick Enigma*, and the definitive *Artists at Walberswick: East Anglian Interludes 1880-2000*. As the leading authority on, and champion of, the Walberswick Scroll, he devoted much time and energy to this project as a gift to the village.

Richard died peacefully at the James Paget University Hospital on 13 March 2020. A memorial service will be arranged once the current restrictions are lifted. Richard particularly wanted us to throw a really good party for him – he has sent apologies in advance for his absence.

The Scott Family

Local heroes

We are delighted to nominate **Little Gems** in Southwold as our latest Local Hero. A true family business with ties in Walberswick, Matt and his team go to enormous lengths to source and deliver fresh produce from local suppliers to our homes in Walberswick. And because they have teamed up with the butchers next door, they can deliver top quality local meat at the same time. Thank you Matt and family. You are all local heroes.

Little Gems

You have joined the Tuck Shop and the Black Dog Deli as one of our local heroes

You are not alone

If anyone in the village would like a friendly chat during these difficult times, the **Walberswick Community Support Group** has volunteers on standby who would be happy to call you. Our volunteers are discreet and anything you say to them will always remain in confidence.

If you need assistance of any kind - shopping, prescription collection, daily newspaper collection, or just a bit of advice - don't hesitate to contact Liz Green on 01502 724889 or email liz.green@mac.com.

A Special Walberswick
ThankYOU


We can be heroes everyday

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

A reminder that charitable assistance is available via our Covid-19 team under the leadership of Hannah Sutton at hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com Also, if you are having difficulties banking, please contact me on 01502 722110, as we may be able to assist you. Best wishes and stay safe. **James Darkins, Chairman**

Annual Parish & Parish Council meetings postponed

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and in line with Government guidance, the **Annual Parish Meeting** that was scheduled for 6 May 2020 is cancelled. A decision will be taken later to determine whether the meeting will be held later in the year, or whether we wait until 2021.

Similarly, the **Annual Parish Council Meeting**, scheduled for 11 May 2020, has been postponed. In line with advice from the National Association of Local Councils and Government guidance, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council will continue in office until such time that the Annual Council Meeting can be held. In the meantime, the Council has begun meeting remotely to handle essential business. It held its first remote meeting on 20 April 2020. Draft minutes will be posted online on the Walberswick website. Physical notice boards will not be used during this time. The next regular meeting of the Council will be held remotely at 7.15pm on 11 May 2020. The Council agenda provides instruction for members of the public who may wish to attend the Council meetings online. Members of the public can also reach the Council, as usual, by writing to the Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com.

Village fete status undecided

A decision has not yet been taken as to whether or not the Village Fete will take place as scheduled on 29 August. As soon as the situation becomes clearer, we will let you know. **Guy Parry, Fete Committee**

Did you miss this drama, partly filmed in Walberswick?

A Mother's Son, a two-part drama produced by ITV in 2012, was recently shown again and is still available to view if you missed it. It was partly filmed around Southwold and Walberswick and has some excellent scenery. Starring Hermione Norris and Martin Clunes, it is available on the ITV Hub at tinyurl.com/yabj875 for a limited time.

Prescription collection continues

The team of volunteers is continuing to collect your prescriptions from Sole Bay Health Centre every Wednesday and Friday. These are then deposited at the Village Shop for you to collect as usual. **Pat Lancaster**

Thank you for supporting Sole Bay Care Fund

My thanks to everyone who supported my brownie sales and made generous donations to the Sole Bay Care Fund. I am really concerned that, in these unusual times, small local charities may be suffering. I'm therefore very proud to say that together we raised £639.

Guy Parry



VE Day quiz



- Who said: "We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing. Today is Victory in Europe Day" ?**
(a) King George VI (b) Neville Chamberlain
(c) Winston Churchill
- How many people celebrated in the streets of the UK when news broke out that the war was over?**
(a) more than three million (b) more than one million
(c) more than 100,000
- How long did the Second World War last?**
(a) six years and one day (b) six years and twenty-one days (c) six years and one month
- Food rationing in Britain continued way after the war. When did it end?**
(a) July 1952 (b) July 1953 (c) July 1954
- When did Japan announce its surrender?**
(a) 15 July 1945 (b) 15 August 1945
(c) 15 September 1945.

Answers on the last page.



The Debt We Owe

A gentle calm seemed to envelope London on that quiet evening in May 1945, as we waited for the official end to the war in Europe. The sky was now empty of aircraft and the guns were now silent, the bombs had stopped falling and the big silver barrage balloons were safely moored. Searchlights no longer pierced the growing dusk, nor did the streets ring to the bells of fire engines and ambulances. No more the ominous drone of the V1 'doodlebugs' or the shattering explosions of V2 rockets.

At last came the word that, after six years of mixed fortunes and highly charged emotions, we were to celebrate Victory in Europe, 'VE-Day', on the following day, the 8th of May.

On that great day unconfined euphoria swept through London, simple street parties, very frugal by today's standards, bringing great joy to so many; we had prevailed against fearsome enemies, with stoic resilience. For some, however, the celebrations were more muted. Britain was exhausted and impoverished; families were mourning their dead or worried about the injured and those still in POW camps, while thousands of our military remained serving overseas.

It is too simplistic to compare this world war with the current crisis; there are similarities and differences, but among the central imperatives to prevail is a selfless, compassionate, disciplined community, so it is a great pleasure to see that this spirit is alive and well again in Walberswick.

We have much for which to be grateful, so I readily accept an official invitation from Bruno Peek, the Pageantmaster for the 75th anniversary of VE-Day, to raise a glass to those who served us so well in WW2 – to which I would add 'and to those who are rising to the occasion now', at 3pm on Friday, 8th May 2020: VE-Day.

Nigel Walpole



Polly's debut novel delayed until the autumn



Many of you will know our daughter, Polly, who grew up in Walberswick and was married in St Andrews Church. Polly now lives 'over the border' in Norfolk with her husband, son and rescue cat, Dali. Two years ago, she was runner-up for the Bridport Prize for a first novel. She subsequently found an agent, who sold the manuscript to HarperCollins Publishers within 48 hours of it being shared. *The Illustrated Child* will be published in the UK and the Commonwealth and, through a second book deal, in the US and Canada.

Polly's novel is set in her beloved Suffolk, and infused with the beautiful countryside we are all so lucky to have on our doorstep. Polly's love of our little corner of the world shines through in her novel - the water, the marshes and the skies all play a large part in her unique and colourful Suffolk story.

Publication was originally planned for this summer, but what should have been an exciting time for Polly has been dampened by the Covid-19 pandemic. The publishing industry, like all industries, has taken a hit. A summer of book launches and signings, starting at Jarrolds in Norwich and then locally in Suffolk, is now something of a dream that must be postponed.

The Illustrated Child by Polly Crosby will now be published in the autumn, and is already available to pre-order online from [Waterstones](#) & [Amazon](#). You can find out more by visiting Polly's website at [pollycrosby.com](#).



Kate & Toby Robinson

The next edition of the Village News will be published on Friday, 15 May 2020. The copy deadline is Tuesday, 12 May 2020 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

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WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

Planning applications

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

- Saltlick, Leveretts Lane
- Parish Lantern, The Green
- Commonsides, Palmers Lane

For the latest applications and full details on the above, go to the Planning page on the [Village Website](#). For the Planning Advisory Group reports, go to tinyurl.com/tdbvulf



Children's activity Great British Bunting

On Friday, 8 May 2020, Britain will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE Day when the guns fell silent at the end of war in Europe. Because of current restrictions, events and street parties have sadly been cancelled.

You can still show your pride in our country and honour the men and women of WW2 by making your own special

VE Day bunting and displaying it in your window at home over the weekend of 8-10 May.

You can use any material to make the bunting and you can decorate it with pictures that inspire you using paint, glitter, stickers, crayons, and so on. Perhaps draw a soldier from WW2, your grandparents in their WW2 military uniforms, a Spitfire or a tank.

You can find full instructions on how to make the bunting and great ideas on how to decorate it on the [BBC Local Radio website](#) or click on tinyurl.com/yao6ehpt

A recipe from Walberswick: Walberswick Wadds

Many, many years ago my aunt gave me the recipe for Walberswick Wadds. As I have more time for cooking at the moment, I have just got round to making them and they are very tasty and healthy as they have grated carrot and apple. They are also easy to make. I didn't add the sugar which I didn't think was necessary. Does anyone know where the recipe came from? **Hannah Isherwood**

Ingredients

- 140g margarine
- 60g runny honey
- 85g sugar (optional)
- 170g rolled oats
- 110g self-raising flour
- 2 tablespoons sultanas
- 1 level teaspoon mixed spice
- 1 medium carrot peeled and grated
- 1 medium apple peeled, cored and grated

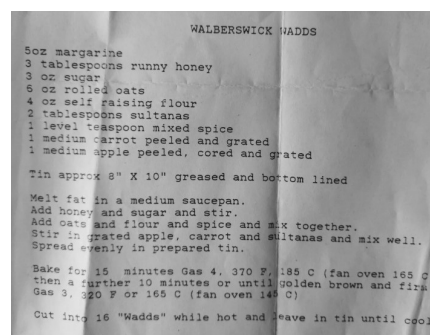
Tin approx. 20cm x 25cm, greased and lined

Method

1. Melt the margarine in a medium saucepan
2. Add honey and sugar (if using) and stir
3. Add oats, flour and spice and mix together
4. Stir in grated apple, carrot and sultanas and mix well
5. Spread evenly in the prepared tin.

Bake for 15 minutes at Gas mark 4/185°C/165°C fan. Reduce the heat to Gas mark 3/165°C/145°C fan and bake for a further 10 minutes or until golden brown and firm.

Cut into 16 'Wadds' while hot and leave in the tin until cool.



Note from Editor: Our thanks to Hannah for unearthing this recipe. If anyone can tell us more about Walberswick Wadds, please contact me and I will summarise your replies in the next edition the Village News
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Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

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Church Warden

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The Church is closed until further notice and there will be no weddings, baptisms or funerals inside the Church until further notice.

If there is an emergency, or if you need to speak to someone, please contact one of the above.

Great news

In spite of my advanced years, I am now walking with a spring in my step, having passed (second attempt) the Safeguarding Course Foundation requirements. Hallelujah! The church's insurance company have confirmed that I am safe to continue my role with the choir. I shall, therefore, proceed with preparations for the Festival of Carols 2020, hopefully celebrated in church rather than 'zoomed' from my kitchen. **Julia Josephs**



Sunday church services via Zoom

Zoom church services are held every Sunday at 8.00am and 9.30am. Access codes change each week, so if you wish to join in, please contact either Simon Pitcher at revsimon63@gmail.com or Alan Perry at adperry64@gmail.com for details.

Quiz answers

1. Winston Churchill
2. More than one million
3. Six years and one day
4. July 1954
5. 15 August 1945

Results of children's drawing competition

*Thank you to all the children who sent in drawings of the Boy and the Mole. Going through them really made me happy and I wish I could be with all of you in Walberswick. It looks like you all enjoyed doing your drawings and, as the Mole says, every drawing you enjoy doing is a good drawing. And as the drawings are all good drawings, the Mole and I declare everyone a winner. As soon as we can organise it, you will all be receiving a signed print of my drawing, the one that you copied. I'd like to send you cake too, but it would get squashed in the post. **Charlie Mackesy***

The full-size drawings can be seen on the [Village Website](http://theVillageWebsite.com) or at tinyurl.com/shcp3gp

Unexpected Beauty in the Time of Corona by Josie Bassinette

Instalment 3: Corona-Inspired Holiday Surplus

As we go past our fifth week in lockdown, I found myself struggling a bit with this article. Then I began to think about how data is being cut and diced in ways to make us feel as hopeless and fearful as possible. I started to wonder, therefore, what kind of data I might use to find some unexpected beauty.

So, here is my new set of data. Our oldest son, who normally lives in his own flat in London, has been hunkered down with us at home since the start of the lockdown. Like many of us with young adult children who don't yet have their own families, we have found our households unexpectedly expanded with these returnees. Besides finding that we need to keep a lot more food and

alcohol in the house, I have realised that there is an accumulating Corona-Inspired Holiday Surplus. What is this? Well, by my calculation, if we are lucky, our son normally visits with us in Walberswick about three times a year – perhaps for a total of some 15 days. In addition, we meet for dinner or something every 2-3 weeks – so let's say another 15 meals together over the course of the year. Yet, during this six week lockdown, we will have had 42 days – all day – together. Therefore, in these first four months of 2020, we have already surpassed the normal annual time together by 27 days and a lot more than 15 meals. If the lockdown goes until mid-May, we will have accumulated about 40 surplus days. Under normal circumstances, it would have taken nearly four years to have this much holiday time together. I am hoping that when we are set free, this debt won't have to be 'repaid' and that our son won't decide not to come home again until 2024.