



Walberswick Village News

January 2021 | Issue 290

★ To friends and neighbours, near and far, our best wishes for a new and hopefully easier year ★

Margot Godbold 1931-2020

Margot Godbold (née Pate) was born in Finchley, North London, on 22nd May 1931 to Haylock and May Pate.

Margot grew up in North London, but during the war she was evacuated to Rodmartin in Gloucestershire where she learned to pogo stick in glamorous surroundings. She came home before the war ended to be with her parents. She combined this North London verve and stamina with a love of home, family and community all her life.

After an early career break from nursing to raise her young family, Margot trained as a teacher. To no one's great surprise her success was immediate, quickly rising to deputy head, then headmistress. Brilliant with young children, fearsomely organised and visionary in her teaching, she was the headmistress and teacher every parent would want for their child.

These leadership skills were also evident in her social life, while working, and in retirement with Maurice. The bridge club, Am Dram, WI, village fete and horticultural show (a recent chutney champion) were all very much part of Margot's life in Walberswick, where she made many friends and contributed hugely to the local community. She loved it all.

More than anything, Margot will be remembered as a loving wife to Maurice, to whom she was married for 60 years, a loving mother to Claire and Giles, grandmother to seven and, latterly to her huge delight, as a great grandmother. Her presence was always felt in every room and will continue to be by all she loved and who loved her.

Giles Godbold & Claire Arnold



The sudden loss of Margot Godbold in December was received with great sadness by all the members of the Walberswick WI. Margot was a member of our WI for 27 years and her endless energy contributed to the success of our branch in so many ways. She joined the committee in 1996, was press officer in 1997, and served as president from 1997 to 2001. An active participant, she seldom missed meetings and enthusiastically attended lunches and excursions. Her sunny smile will be deeply missed by us all. **Marion Beard, President, Walberswick WI**

Thanks for decorating the Christmas tree

A big thank you from the village to the Winyard, Karaboce and Sutton children for doing such a magnificent job in decorating the Christmas tree on The Green. You have given us all a lot of joy at a difficult time.

Thanks also to Whisk (Nigel Fisk), who wielded his chainsaw to great effect and provided the benefit of his many years of experience to get the tree in place. **Editor**

RNLI online auction

On behalf of Walberswick RNLI Fundraising Committee we would like to say a huge "thank you" to everyone that supported us with our recent online auction – it is truly appreciated. Including gift aid we raised a staggering £7,782.99. This amount enables a Lifeboat Station like Southwold to run & train it's crew for over 60 days.

Karen Lewis

Cancer Research UK

Thanks to the generous donations and Christmas card sales we raised £754.94 for Cancer Research this year. Added to this will be another £500 from miscellaneous bits and a donated bottle of Scotch whiskey that raised an incredible amount at auction. We are pleased to be sending a cheque for £1,254.94 to Cancer Research UK. Thanks again for your support! **Betsy Lemmon**

The Anchor

In January we'll remain open as per prevailing Covid restrictions. We'll be here to serve you and support the village as best we can.

We'll continue with our takeaway menu, which includes fresh bread, fish & chips, curries, and specials.

Order via Anchor Chow on WhatsApp or by phone.

info@anchoratwalberswick.com | 01502 722112
www.anchoratwalberswick.com

Walberswick Parish Council News Update on Sizewell C

EDF continues to seek approval to build two nuclear reactors at Sizewell. Walberswick Parish Council, at its meeting on 14 December, agreed to submit its response to the latest EDF consultation with regards to possible construction of sea landing facilities, potential increase in rail and other changes to the transport strategy. The Council, along with nearly all other local authorities in the area, remain highly concerned about the impact the development would have on traffic, urbanisation, the environment and coastal erosion over the next 20 years. The response of the WPC can be read in full on the Village Website.

The Bailey Bridge

It is good news from the Suffolk County Council (SCC) that they have recognised the critical importance of the Bailey Bridge to Walberswick and our neighbouring towns and villages. It has committed the funds to do a proper refurbishment of the bridge that should secure its future for at least 30 years. However, the renovation will inevitably mean that the bridge will have to be closed at some point while the work is done. SCC has agreed to include a representative from the Parish Council on an advisory team to provide input especially on the timing of work. When and if this progresses, we will keep you informed. Watch this space.

Community Speed Watch

Our thanks to everyone who has volunteered for the speed watch. We have reached the required number of volunteers, who hopefully will begin training in the first few months of the new year. If anyone else is interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Additional Parish Councillor

We are still looking to fill, by co-option, one remaining position for a Councillor to complete the term ending 2023. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next remote meeting of the Walberswick Parish Council will be on Monday, 18 January at 7.15pm. Details of the agenda and remote participation can be found on the Walberswick Village website. For any other information please contact the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

In the news: Richard Curtis dedicates book to the village

The **BBC** reports that Richard Curtis has dedicated his new children's book, *That Christmas*, to the people of Walberswick. The book was inspired by the many Christmases the family have spent in the village. **Editor**

plaiice
Project Management
Landscape Architecture
Interiors
Cost
Environment

SOUTHWOLD
TEL: 01502 722426

WOODBIDGE
TEL: 01394 610844

info@plaiice.org.uk
www.plaicemaking.net

RIBA
Chartered Practice

During Tier 4 restrictions, the Post Office will continue to be open between 10am and 12 noon on Thursdays in the Village Hall Annex.

The Mobile Library is suspended until further notice.

Walberswick Common Lands Charity

Rita Woodcraft retired as a Trustee after many years of service at the end of 2020. Having lived in the Village all of her life, Rita brought an excellent knowledge of the community. Her feel for what was 'right' for Walberswick will be missed. Rita was responsible for our relationship with the Sole Bay Care Fund, resulting in the Charity funding their home care service in Walberswick.

Rita was appointed by the Parish Council, which has selected Karen Lewis as her successor after advertising the position. Karen's profession is as a supply chain manager, a skill she has also brought to bear for charities, including Oxfam. Anyone who knows Karen will know that she brings enormous energy to everything she does.

Amanda Erlenbach has agreed to stand for a further term as a Trustee, for which we are very grateful. Mandy takes the leadership role in all our environmental stewardship work. The excellent condition of the Common is a credit to her enthusiasm and dedication.

Finally, in these difficult times, the Charity remains here to help individuals in need. Please contact our Clerk, Matthew or any Trustee if you know of anyone who could do with our assistance. Details on the Village web site. **James Darkins, Chairman**

Village News Committee AGM

The AGM of the Village News Committee will take place by Zoom on Monday, 25 January 2021 at 6pm.

Members of the public do not participate in the business of the meeting but are welcome to attend and ask questions at the end. If you would like to attend, please let me know and I will send you the Zoom invitation.

Edward Wright | ewright123@btinternet.com

Planning applications

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

- Heathwold, Palmers Lane
- Windmill Cottage, Millfield Road
- Holly House, Stocks Lane
- May House, Lodge Road
- Seacroft, Millfield Road (trees)
- Longshore, The Street
- 14 Adams Lane

For the latest applications and full details, go to the Planning page on the **Village Website**. For the Planning Advisory Group reports, go to tinyurl.com/tdbvulf

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK

The WI's commitment to the environment

As part of its commitment to the environment and climate change, the Walberswick WI has planted a tree on the Green opposite the church. The tree, sourced from a grower in Suffolk, was sponsored by the Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes and planted by Walberswick President, Marion Beard. The tree is a Malus (Crab Apple) John Downie with white flowers, opening from pale pink buds in late spring, followed by attractive orange and red fruits. A plaque will be added at a later date.

Sheila Parry, WI Committee



The Spirit of Walberswick

As one who has graphic memories of the deprivations and hardships suffered during the Second World War, but also of the efforts of many on the home front who gave consolation or practical help where it was needed, it is comforting to know that we have their like in our village today. The circumstances are very different, but good neighbours and friends can help to allay loneliness and the many concerns of the time, and that has been the purpose of our wonderful Walberswick Community Support Group, assisted by kindly and generous villagers.

While I cannot speak for every recipient of these kindnesses, which included some rather special Christmas treats, I'm sure that they are all very grateful. Nor can I name the worthy donors; suffice it to say that we should all be proud and thankful that the spirit of Walberswick is alive and well.

An Octogenarian in Walberswick

Editor's note

I have received a number of requests to publish thank you messages from the recipients of the Christmas hampers distributed to those in the village who may have had a particularly difficult year. Unfortunately, there is not enough space to publish them, so I hope you will allow the sentiment of the above message to speak for you all. I have passed your individual thanks on to the Hamper Team and all those who so generously contributed. I know they have already received many messages of thanks.

Below are some extracts:

It has brightened the end of an otherwise bleak year

I may be alone this Christmas but not lonely, thanks to the wonderful spirit of the good people of Walberswick

A really lovely surprise at the end of a horrible year

We certainly are a village twinned with heaven.



There was no Christmas party for the village children this year, but Father Christmas still came to call

Ciao!

In December's *Village News*, I wrote about Walberswick's WhatsApp group for community information. In the past month, **Ciao** has provided useful news, publicity and announcements and helped to: support three separate charity drives, avert email fraud, re-home a beloved pet, find a chimney sweep, seamstress, oil supplier, electrician, plumber, tree surgeon, etc, as well as to recover lost property.

If you are not on **Ciao**, please let me know and I will add you. Should you find it is not for you, it's easy to leave at any time. **Guy Parry** | 07775 512995 | parry.guy@gmail.com

Church Matters

St Andrew's Church Walberswick

Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher
01502 725424

revsimon63@gmail.com

January 2021 Services

Sunday, 3 January - 11.15am
Epiphany Sunday - Parish Eucharist
Joined by Blythburgh

Sunday, 10 January - 11.15
1st Sunday of Epiphany
Blythburgh Eucharist
Joined by Walberswick

Sunday, 17 January - 11.15am
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 24 January - 11.15am
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 31 January - 11.15am
4th Sunday of Epiphany
Parish Eucharist

.....
Every Wednesday - 10.00am
Holy Communion (said)

Parish Eucharist services are
Common Worship
.....

Commemorative Flowers

3 January - Denise & John Brentnall for
Ralph & Margaret Erskine

8 January - Pat Atherton's sister,
Betty Abbneth

15 January - Judy Morton's parents
Bill & Olive Quenzer

22 January - Wendy Sinclair's parents

The next edition of the *Village News* will be published on 1 February 2021. The copy deadline is 25 January 2021 and submissions should be sent to the editor at walberswicknews@gmail.com

SOUTHWOLD VOLUNTARY HELP CENTRE**Shopping, Befriending, Transport, Errands**

Can we help you, or can you help us?

Contact **01502 724549**24-hour answerphone - www.southwoldvhc.com

Charity No. 1164155

MANTINS SOLICITORS & NOTARIES*Residential & Commercial Conveyancing
Wills, Probate, Powers of Attorney & Notarial Work*

23a High Street, Southwold, Suffolk IP18 6AD

Tel: **01502 724750** - www.mantins.co.uk**Paul Bradley Ltd
ARCHITECTURE**

Portland House, 43 High Street, Southwold

Suffolk IP18 6AB t: **01502 725222**www.paulbradleyarchitecture.com**THE MORTON PARTNERSHIP
Consultant Civil & Structural Engineers
Historic Building Specialists***We specialise in low cost repair options
to buildings and can assist you with
any building problem***Suffolk Office:** Brunel House, Norwich Rd,
Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 8HX **01986 875651****London Office:** Old Timber Yard House
55 The Timber Yard, Drysdale Street, London N1 6ND**COOPER & DENNY LTD - Building Contractors***Professional service & free estimates*

26 Fountain Way, Reydon IP18 6SZ

info@cooperdenny.com**01502 723366****GC WILSON CARPENTRY & CONSTRUCTION**

Complete Building Service

*New builds, extensions, conversions
and general maintenance*Call Gareth: **07717 507412** or **01986 875658****KEVIN GOODCHILD - Electrical Contractor****Domestic & Commercial***Electrical Testing & Inspection*

Always reasonably priced

07795 006552**IAN POOLE DECORATING**Painting, Tiling & Wallpapering
Hand-painted kitchens & furnitureEmail: decor@ipooledecorator.co.ukwww.ipooledecorator.co.uk | Reliable & fully insured**01502 710257 / 07952 022436****MARK BOTWRIGHT'S TREE SERVICES**

All aspects of tree surgery at competitive rates

Fully qualified & insured

01502 476334 or **07749 524778****RICHARD KETT HORTICULTURE**

Nursery trained, third generation

Award-winning gardener

01502 724678 or **07748 841269****EAST COAST LINEN HIRE***Offering high quality linen & soft towels*Laundering service for commercial
& domestic clientsNicky **07809 771121** or **01986 875896**eastcoastlinenhire@gmail.com**RUTHY'S WAY WINDOW CLEANING**

Walberswick, Suffolk

*All types of windows professionally cleaned*Call SHANE: **01502 722595** or **07432 152207****CR HANCY****LP Gas (Calor) Delivery Service**

Outney Meadow Caravan Park, Bungay NR35 1HG

*Canoe hire, camping, stunning location*01986 892338 - gas@outneymeadow.co.uk**THE HOUSEKEEPING COMPANY**

Cleaning between lets, second homes cared for

Full caretaking service

Professional laundry service

01502 725746**Southwold Carpets, Curtains & Blinds Ltd***For all Flooring, Curtains, Blinds and Accessories,
Haberdashery, Wool, Home & Giftware, & more*

Visit us at Unit 1, Southwold Business Centre,

St Edmunds Road, Southwold, IP18 6JU

01502 724948 / southwoldcarpets@btconnect.comwww.southwoldcarpets.co.uk**WALBERSWICK BEAUTY SPOT**

Old Vicarage Cottage, Ferry Road, Walberswick

*Waxing, facials, manicures, pedicures**Hot stone massage, hair cutting*Call Nikki **01502 723911** or **07854 801370****KW CLARKE BUTCHERS**

Family butcher and poulterer, general store

Locally produced meat - Emmerdale Red Poll Beef

Bramfield, Halesworth IP19 9JH

01986 784244 - kwclarkesorder@gmail.com