



# Walberswick Village News

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## Mary King 1931-2021

Mary King (née Wilton) was born in Lowestoft on 11 November 1931, and escaped the bombing of Lowestoft by sleeping in an underground Anderson shelter. After matriculating with top marks, aged 15, at Lowestoft Grammar School, Mary had a successful career as a librarian, obtaining her qualifications in London, where she watched the Coronation Parade in the Haymarket, standing in her red, white and blue ankle socks in the pouring rain. After working at various libraries in East Anglia, Mary became the first mobile librarian in East Suffolk, with a special dispensation to wear trousers to work.

When her relationship with John Miller, whom she married in 1957, broke down, Mary moved to Diss. There she met Peter King and they were married in March 1976. After moving to Walberswick, Mary and Peter ran the Potter's Wheel (now the Parish Lantern) and the shops on The Green. Mary was in charge of the tearoom, which was hard work but she loved it.

Mary and Peter retired in 1987, but sadly, shortly after moving to Dutch House, Peter was diagnosed with Motor Neurone disease and died four years later. Mary became an active fundraiser for the MND Association, holding legendary garden parties every summer and collecting hagstones from the beach, which she left around the village alongside collecting tins. She was always busy, helping with the village fete, second-hand book sales and arranging flowers for the church.

Mary was lucky to have companionship in her more recent years with fellow villager, Grahame Godsmark, and together they shared their love of books, crosswords, holidays in Norfolk and walking Mary's beloved dogs on the beach.

Mary will be greatly missed by her nephews, Nicholas and Adam, and her niece, Samantha. Mary's tribute page and funeral details can be found at [maryking.muchloved.com](http://maryking.muchloved.com) **Samantha Johns & Nick Wilton**



## Thank you Tuck Shop team

A massive thank you to the team at the Tuck Shop for braving the bad weather and snowy roads during the recent 'Beast from the East 2.0' and for keeping the shop open on most days.



Particular thanks to Carla, who provided updates via the village's WhatsApp group on the road conditions into the village when it was impassable due to deep snowdrifts. Her reports prevented many from attempting a futile journey which could have left them stranded, and also enabled the Parish Council to warn the authorities, thereby instigating road alerts for incoming traffic. **Editor**

## Special daily exercise option - Join the beach clean: Sunday, 7 March

10am at the Cliff Field Car Park. To ensure we are Covid compliant, please bring your own stout bags and gloves and ensure you observe social distancing rules at all times. Jointly sponsored by Natural England and Walberswick Wildfowlers. **Mark Waller**

## RNLI committee member needed

Walberswick RNLI Fundraising Branch are looking for committee members to join its successful fundraising team.

This will involve helping organise events, creative ways of fundraising in the current crisis and a fun way to give something back to a worthy cause right on your doorstep.

Please contact Jon Winyard [jons1925@hotmail.com](mailto:jons1925@hotmail.com) or Karen Lewis [karen@webtowork.com](mailto:karen@webtowork.com). **Jon Winyard**

## The Anchor

Special **Red Nose Village** takeaway dinner, together with the Deli, on 12 March in aid of Comic Relief  
Sizzling and scrumptious BBQs planned for Easter  
Takeaway and Specials menu on our website

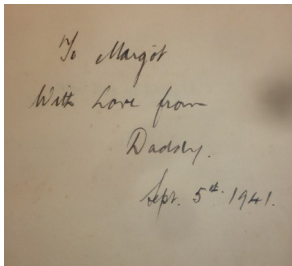
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## Congratulations Cressi

Huge congratulations to Cressi Sowerbutts, who has launched GET A LIFE magazine, an uplifting and visually stunning arts publication encouraging young people to feel empowered and equipped to face sickness. Issue 01 features content centred around cancer and coronavirus from over 50 creatives and patients across the globe. It is now available for free digital download and in limited edition in print on [getalifemag.com](http://getalifemag.com) with 50% of proceeds going to Teenage Cancer Trust & NHS Charities Together. **Editor**



## The Headmistress' forgotten book



In the 1980s, a kindly headmistress at a school in Hindhead in Surrey lent a book to one of her young pupils. It was John Masefield's children's book *The Box of Delights*, given to the headmistress by her father when she was ten years old. Through reasons lost in time, the book was never returned. Many years later, the mother of the pupil discovered the book during a clear out and resolved to return it. Enquires and internet searches to locate the headmistress stretched over 20 years but the determined mother was sadly unable to unearth the whereabouts of the headmistress. During yet another tidy up while the pandemic raged, the mother finally came across a village website and information that, for the first time, gave a clue to the headmistresses' whereabouts. Sadly, it was too late to return the book, as it was her obituary that had provided the clue. However, the book was safely returned to her children, and will now be enjoyed by the headmistress' grandchildren and great grandchildren.

That kindly headmistress was Margot Godbold. **Editor**

## Parish Council News

As many know, there have been incidents of break-ins at the beach huts and the Walberswick Car Park hut in Cliff Field by people in cars over the past months. This has been reported to the police. Apparently, there has been a good deal of this senseless vandalism at other communities around our area and other beach communities. If anyone has relevant information or sees any activity, please contact the Parish Council or Suffolk Constabulary by calling 101 or online at [www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something](http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something). The police cannot do anything to help if we don't tell them. The Walberswick Common Lands Charity, the Car Parks (WCPL) and the Walberswick Parish Council will stay in communication with each other and the police authorities.

Suffolk County Council wishes to encourage more people to make prompt reports of local problems such as potholes, broken or damaged signs or fingerposts, boardwalk or footpath damage, etc, using their excellent **Reporting Tool** at [highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk](http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk).

Please take a look. The map allows for fast and easy location pinpointing and you can see immediately if a problem has already been reported and when. Please remember to take a photo of the damage which you can then upload and add to your report. The whole process is very simple and only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

### Next Parish Council meeting

The next remote meeting of the Walberswick Parish Council will be held on Monday, 8 March **starting at a new time of 6pm. Future meetings will also start at this time.** 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](mailto:walberswickclerk@gmail.com)

## Planning applications

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

- Commonside, Palmers Lane
- West Wood, Lodge Road
- 2 Anchor Cottages, The Street
- Orchard Piece, Lodge Road
- Windmill Cottage, Millfield Road (trees)
- Blythwyc, The Street (trees)
- Mulberry House, Millfield Road (trees)
- Bittern House, Millfield Road
- 3 Moorside, Palmers Lane
- Samphire Cottage, Hidden Lane, The Green

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

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## Meet Phil & Esther Smith

Phil and Esther and those of their children still at home, Billy (18), Freya (14) and Bella (7), live at Cloudcroft on Stocks Lane. Their eldest son, Jacob, is working in London before starting a Masters in Cultural & Critical Studies at Birkbeck, University of London.

The family lived abroad for a number of years, returning to the UK in 2005 when they took an extended family summer holiday in Walberswick for the first time, staying at the Old Cornerhouse. Numerous holidays in the village followed, and in 2011 they started looking for a place of their own. In 2012 they were delighted to buy Cloudcroft. After 25 years of Phil working in law in places such as Tokyo, Frankfurt and London, they decided on a lifestyle change and moved permanently to the village in July 2019. Freya and Bella are now settled in school and Billy is close to finishing his course in creative media at Suffolk One, before heading off to the University of Manchester to study creative writing.

Esther has worked as a volunteer for over 12 years for the charity, Home Start, supporting families in need in the Borough of Merton and, more recently, in the immediate area. When not sharing home schooling with Phil, Esther continues to work as a volunteer for Home Start Suffolk and also currently with the vaccine roll-out programme and the village's Community Support Group. Phil still works part-time as a freelance consultant.

Phil and Esther enjoy cycling, walking, good food and good wine. Freya is a keen equestrian and Bella is enjoying being seven.  
**Editor**



## An outbreak of Red Noses

In recent days, the village has seen a plethora of red noses and red nose crabs on houses, fences and gates as villagers show their support for Comic Relief. The aim is to raise funds, particularly as Covid has hit people in the UK living in poverty harder than ever. We also want to bring some fun to the village as lockdown has been particularly rough this time round. It is hugely reassuring and so joyful to see the creativity of villagers as they join in to support Red Nose Village.

In the days leading up to Red Nose Day on Friday, 19 March, a number of events are taking place in the village, all designed to comply with Covid restrictions and social distancing. They include Don't Come Dine with Me, a silent auction of art by the village's artists, a Crab Trail the kids can follow when out exercising, a jelly making competition, and much more.

Comic Relief is supporting 229 organisations in the UK, including Suffolk food banks and support for the elderly and most isolated. Please help us to raise funds and have a bit of fun at the same time. Thank you.

For full details of Red Nose Village and how to join in the fun, visit the website [rednosevillage.weebly.com](http://rednosevillage.weebly.com). The **NEWS** page has all the latest info.

Donate at the village's JustGiving fundraising site [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/red-nose-village-walberswick](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/red-nose-village-walberswick)

Sheila Parry, Red Nose Village



Mick Crabber

## Walberswick Community Support Group

The Walberswick Community Support Group has volunteers happy to run errands, provide a friendly voice for a regular chat, etc.

Don't hesitate to contact **Liz Wagstaff Green** on 01502 724889 | 07710 031503 | [liz.green@mac.com](mailto:liz.green@mac.com)

The Post Office is open between 10am and 12 noon on Thursdays in the Village Hall Annex.

VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

WALBERSWICK.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK



## Message from Simon

The combined effects of coronavirus lockdown, building repair works to the porch, and heavy snow have limited the opportunities to worship in St Andrews in recent weeks. We are all looking forward to the promise of Spring and new life. It is therefore in hope and confidence that we have been planning worship for Holy Week and Easter at St Andrews. The plan is to hold a service on Palm Sunday, 28 March, at 11.15am; a service of Compline at 7pm on Monday, 29 March; a service at 10.00am on Wednesday, 31 March; and a service at 9.30am on Easter Day. Assuming that current regulations remain in force, it will still be necessary to maintain social distancing and, therefore, it will probably be necessary to ask worshippers on Easter Day to book in advance with Joanna Saunders. Keeping the church clean and safe during the coronavirus pandemic is also a challenge that is restricting our opening hours, but I also must thank those who are helping with this necessary work.

There will be worship in Holy Week across the Sole Bay Team and full details will appear on the Sole Bay Team Ministry website in due course. For those unable to physically attend church, some services will be live streamed on YouTube from St Margaret's, Reydon.

The Easter message of risen life, and all things made new, has added resonance this year as we pray for lockdown to end and for the world to find healing. May you know the joy of the risen Christ this Easter, and we hope you will feel welcome to join us in the Sole Bay Team and at St Andrews. **Simon**

## Easter Day church service

Since ticketing for St Andrew's Christmas services worked so well, to help us avoid queues, we also expect to be ticketing for our Easter Day communion service (4 April at 9.30am). If anyone or any bubble wishes to obtain tickets, please contact me **after** 27 March on 07511 013829 or at [joannahoare008@gmail.com](mailto:joannahoare008@gmail.com). **Joanna Saunders**

## Ferry or Walk?

In October 1832, James Maggs recorded in his Southwold Diary (vol 1) that Mr John Cottingham challenged Mr Robert Bird to walk from Southwold to Dunwich in an hour and a half. Mr Jonathan Gooding acted as umpire and Mr Sutherland accompanied Mr Bird on his walk. Mr Bird won the bet, completing the walk in 47.5 minutes. Mr Cottingham thought he would win the bet because he expected Mr Bird to use the ferry to cross the river, which meant Mr Bird would not have walked the entire distance. However, Mr Bird had a range of boats placed across the river to form a bridge over which he walked.

*Walberswick Local History Group Newsletter*, no. 9, 29 January 1996, p5.

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

#### Team Rector

Rev Canon Simon Pitcher  
01502 725424  
[revsimon63@gmail.com](mailto:revsimon63@gmail.com)

#### March 2021 Services

**Sunday, 28 March - 11.15am**  
Palm Sunday - Holy Communion

**Monday, 29 March - 7pm**  
Service of Compline

**Sunday, 4 April 9.30am**  
Easter Sunday

**Sunday services by Zoom**  
8am & 9.30am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Service

Zoom access codes change each week.

Email [revsimon63@gmail.com](mailto:revsimon63@gmail.com) or  
[adperry64@gmail.com](mailto:adperry64@gmail.com) if you wish to  
join in, or check the Sole Bay Team  
Ministry [website](#)

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

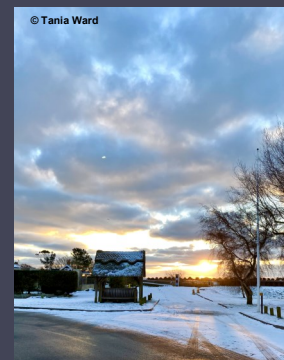
#### Commemorative Flowers

Memorial flowers, postponed due to Church closure, will resume from Easter Sunday onwards. Anyone wishing to help with flowers, please contact Erica Donnellan 01502 724845

#### Church Meeting

The Parochial Church Council will meet by Zoom on Saturday, 20 March at 9.30am. This will be the last meeting of the present members before the Annual Meeting (APCM) on 18 April

## February Snow Days



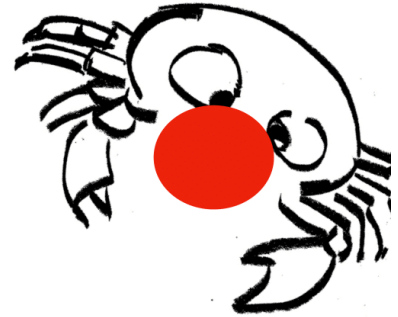
The next edition of the Village News will be published on 1 April 2021. The copy deadline is 25 March 2021 and submissions should be sent to the editor at [walberswicknews@gmail.com](mailto:walberswicknews@gmail.com)



## WALBERSWICK RED NOSE VILLAGE

Buckets of FUN

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### Crabs Galore

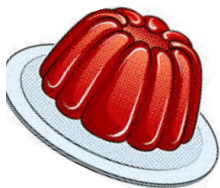
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### Don't Come Dine With Me

delicious take away meal from Walberswick's finest chefs

### Guy's Scrummy Brownies

sale of famous, award winning chocolate brownies



### Jolly Jelly Extravaganza

Wobbleswick Jelly competition

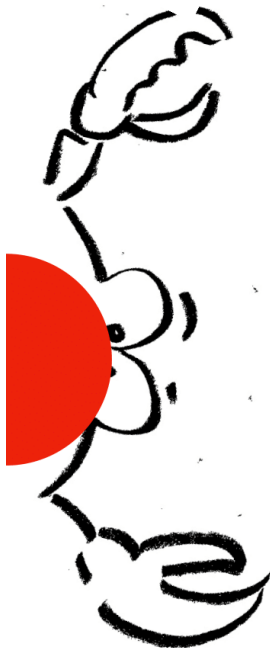
### Splat Silent Lockdown Art

#### Auction

calling all professional & budding artists

### We're going on a Crab Hunt

spot the crabs around our village



for further details visit

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