



# Walberswick Village News

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## Marjorie Gordon-Potts 1926 – 2020



Marjorie died peacefully on 6th February 2020 aged 93 in Priory Paddocks, Darsham. Having first known Walberswick through Heather Block, her close friend, whose family lived on The Green for generations, she and Peter, her husband, came to live in Leveretts Lane 35 years ago. Marjorie and Peter loved Walberswick and participated enthusiastically in all aspects of village life. Helen and Rachel warmly thank everyone for the kindness and support shown to Marjorie. **Kevin Murphy**

## Pamela M Ford 1933 – 2020



Pam passed away peacefully at home on February 8<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Carshalton, Surrey and moved to Walberswick in 1971 with her late husband George. They had Seacroft in Millfield Road built to their requirements. As a PE teacher at John Leman School in Beccles, Pam had a somewhat fearsome reputation, something still recalled today by former pupils in the Village.

Both Pam and George were passionate about wildlife and the environment, spending their holidays in remote locations along with camper van and dalmatian. Appropriately, Pam has left her estate to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Last year it was a pleasure to get Pam together with Julian Roughton, the Trust's Chief Executive, to discuss her legacy.

Pam's ashes will join those of George in Captain's Wood, a Suffolk Wildlife Trust reserve they helped to fund. In typical Pam style, her brief interment instructions conclude with the words "NO FUSS!"

**James Darkins & Jane Hamilton**

## Village News makes donation to Sole Bay Care Fund

The Village News Committee is delighted to have donated £2,000 to the Sole Bay Care Fund, earmarked for Walberswick. The donation comes from surplus funds built up since publication began in 1997. Thanks are due to all those who have given their time over the years to produce and distribute it, as well as to the advertisers who support it. Looking to the future, advertising revenue roughly covers the printing costs and we have an excellent team of volunteers doing everything else. However, Sheila Parry, our editor, is still acting as advertising manager and we hope someone will soon come forward to take on the advertising role.

**Edward Wright, Chairman, Village News Committee**

## Parish Council News

We are looking for someone who has an interest in the trees in the village, who would be willing to act in an advisory capacity to the Council on any Tree Planning Applications. No specific expertise is required. For further information please contact **Cllr Sutherland-Rogers** at [jane.wpcouncillor@gmail.com](mailto:jane.wpcouncillor@gmail.com)

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## Walberswick Common Lands Charity

One of our charitable objects is to support individuals in need within the village. The regular assistance we provide includes personal emergency alarms, telephone line rental and garden maintenance. We can also provide one-off support to meet emergencies. Plus we have recently advanced loans to meet medical expenses. Requests are evaluated by Trustees with many years' experience and who handle requests with sensitivity and confidentiality. If you know of anyone who might benefit from our assistance, please contact our Clerk, Matthew Wetmore at [clerkwclc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwclc@gmail.com) or on 07760 382628. **James Darkins, Chairman**

## Can you help the WI with its accounts?

The Walberswick WI are looking for an accountant to check and sign off its Annual Accounts. This should take no more than two to three hours once a year. If you can help, please contact **Sue Ireland-Cutting** at [granmatree@btinternet.com](mailto:granmatree@btinternet.com) or on 01502 478213.

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## Diary Dates

### WI Meeting: Overland to India on a Scooter by Mr Ted Wheatley Thursday, 5 March

2.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members welcome. **Sheila Parry, WI Committee**

### Beach Clean Sunday, 8 March

Meet at 10am at the Cliff Field car park. Please bring stout bags and gloves. Jointly sponsored by Natural England and Walberswick Wildfowlers. **Mark Waller**

### Parish Council Meeting Monday, 9 March

7.15pm in the Village Hall Annexe. All enquiries to the Parish Clerk at walberswickclerk@gmail.com

### Food of the Levant: NSPCC Dinner Tuesday, 10 March

6.30pm for dinner at 7pm at The Anchor. Want to discover the food of the Levant? Then come along and join us at the NSPCC Annual Fundraising evening. Sophie and Joe are providing a tutored tasting for us to experience typical food of the eastern Mediterranean region.

We can listen to vinyl records on The Anchor resident record player - bring yours along and give them a spin.

Tickets are available at £25.00 and a raffle will be held. All welcome for what is going to be a fun evening to raise much needed funds for the NSPCC. Contact Cathryn on 01502 723384 or The Anchor on 01502 722112. **John Simpson**

### Horticultural Question Time Thursday, 12 March

7pm in the Village Hall. Last year's Horticultural Show judges will be providing advice and answering questions on growing, baking and exhibiting. All enthusiastic gardeners and bakers welcome, even if you do not enter the show. Entry is free, including a glass of wine.

**Betsy Lemmon**

## Planning applications

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

- 2 Ivy Cottages, The Street
- Westons, The Street
- Crestholme, The Lea
- Sea View, The Street
- Land next to Redmay, Lodge Road

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](http://tinyurl.com/tdbvulf)

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### Walberswick Local History Group Bloody Marsh, a talk by Dr Peter Warner Saturday, 14 March

6pm in the Village Hall. In April 1644, a steward employed by the lord of the manor died in an altercation with Walberswick villagers over grazing rights and three men were later hanged for his murder. The disputed area, to the south of Westwood Lodge, gained the name Bloody Marsh. There were many conflicts about the enclosure of common land around Walberswick and there is no better guide to this subject than Dr Peter Warner, Emeritus Fellow of Homerton College, Cambridge.

The talk will begin at 6pm, earlier than usual. Afterwards there will be a chance to chat over a glass of wine. Free for members, £5 for non-members. **Edward Wright**

### Walberswick Children's Club Friday, 20 March

Doors open at 5.30pm, activities start at 6pm in the Village Hall. £1 admission on the door. Drinks and snacks on sale on the evening. Contact **Hannah** at [hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com](mailto:hannahsutton2013@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Village Hall AGM Tuesday, 24 March

6.30pm for refreshments before the AGM starts at 6.45pm. We will be reviewing the events run by the Management Committee and the improvements completed over the past year. Audited accounts will be presented as well. Come and hear what our projects are for 2020. We look forward to your input.

**Viv Hunt, VHMC**

### Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday, 6 May

7pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend and hear about the activities of Walberswick's many organisations and groups. We shall also be introducing the start of the process for developing a Walberswick Neighbourhood Plan. Enquiries to the **Parish Clerk** at walberswickclerk@gmail.com



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## INK FESTIVAL

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## Southwold Lent Lectures Topics of concern in our modern world

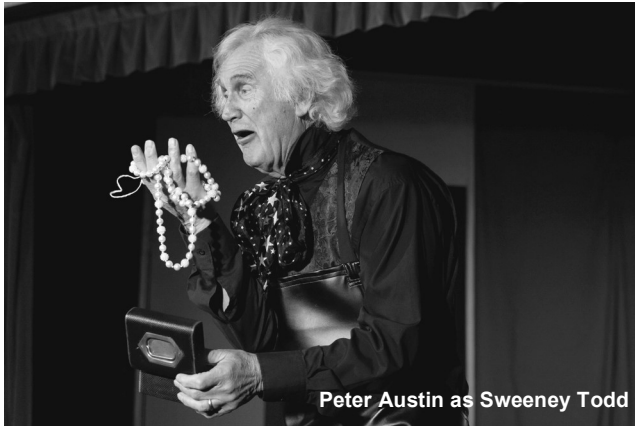
All lectures at 6pm at the United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold.

- Sunday, 1 March - The environment, Dr Hilary Marlow
- Sunday, 8 March - So what can I do? Rev Sandie Barton
- Sunday, 15 March - Debt & Poverty, Rev Canon Simon Pitcher
- Sunday, 22 March - So what can I do? Rev Nic Stuchfied
- Sunday, 29 March - Speaking the truth in love, Prof Hugh Williamson

Julia Josephs

## The curtain falls on Sweeney Todd

Village life won't be the same now that Sweeney Todd has wrapped up. Thanks to everyone involved in the production for providing another extraordinary theatre experience. **Editor**



Peter Austin as Sweeney Todd

## Local News in Brief

### Ice Cream Shop for The Green

In the middle of March, Everyday's Sundae will be opening on the Green, offering a range of ice cream, including vegan options. Coffee and snacks, will be served in mainly recycled and compostable containers.

### Debate continues over who will run Southwold Harbour

The protracted discussions over who will manage Southwold Harbour continues. Lawyers have advised that there should be a near-equal split between council members and independents, giving experienced locals more of a say in the harbour's future. Read the local news report online at [tinyurl.com/trdhg44](http://tinyurl.com/trdhg44)

### Restoration of Spinners in Lodge Road in the press

The restoration of the house, which was once encased in brambles, is discussed in 'Is this the most fashionable house in the UK?' on 13 February 2020 in the *Evening Standard*. You can read it online at [tinyurl.com/rz3yyee](http://tinyurl.com/rz3yyee)

### Community Services

**Mobile Library:** Friday, 6 March, 2.15pm - 2.45pm,  
Outside the Village Hall

**Post Office:** Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm, Thursdays 10am - midday  
Village Hall Annexe

**Norwich bus:** Thursday, 19 March. Departs 9am. Leaves Norwich at  
1.30pm. Contact Rita Woodcraft on  
077964 475350 or 01502 722958 to book a seat

**Halesworth bus:** Wednesday 11, 18 & 25 March  
Departs 10am. Leaves Halesworth at 11.45am

**Lowestoft bus:** Wednesday, 4 March Departs 10am  
Returns by 1pm

*Bus stops:* the Church, the Tuck Shop and the Village Hall.

## Church Matters

### St Andrew's Church Walberswick

#### Team Rector

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

#### Ordained Local Minister

Rev Brian Fisher 01502 723023

#### Church Warden

John Simpson 01502 723384  
[johnsimpson1109@gmail.com](mailto:johnsimpson1109@gmail.com)

### March 2020 Services

#### Sunday, 1 March - 11.15am

First Sunday of Lent  
Parish Eucharist  
Joined by Blythburgh

#### Sunday, 8 March - 4pm (note change of time)

Second Sunday of Lent  
Choral Evensong

#### Sunday, 15 March - 11.15am

Third Sunday of Lent  
Parish Eucharist

#### Sunday, 22 March - 11.15am

Mothering Sunday  
Family at St Andrew's. Drinks  
and pastries at 10.45 am

#### Sunday, 29 March - 11.15am

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Team Service HC at Blythburgh

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**Tuesdays - 5pm**  
Evening Prayer (said)

**Wednesdays - 10am**  
Holy Communion (said)

**1st Wednesday of the month**  
**10am** - Healing Service (said)

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Parish Eucharist services are  
Common Worship.  
Evensong uses the Book of  
Common Prayer

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