

Jolly Sailor Cottage

My Granddad could turn his hand to anything but maybe sometimes he should have called upon an expert. I was sad to say goodbye to Granddad's upside down light switches and it feels odd when the power points and switches all turn on what they are supposed to. I was amazed to find that the gable end was made up of a patchwork of doors...so that was where my Granddad had put the original doors in the cottage! He was the most ingenious recycler, long before this era of Freecycle and Freegle.

I have brought the cottage up to date with a new kitchen, bathrooms and all the mod cons, but I have made sure it still feels like the cottage of my childhood. Nanna's table still stands in the middle of the kitchen. My Granddad was, among his many other talents, a carpenter and I kept his beautiful oak furniture wherever I could; his dining table, chairs and Welsh dresser sit in the elegant dining room.

Jolly Sailor Cottage is in the East End of Wells-Next-The-Sea, a stones throw from the waterfront where you can enjoy the views that change constantly with the time and tide. This peaceful spot is only moments away from the bustling quay, quirky shops and the narrow gauge railway that takes you to the beach. Enjoy roaring fires in winter or relax in the sunny garden in the summer.

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