

Pettistree People

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall continues to offer events aimed at fundraising with a socialising theme. The latest event on October 12th was a film show provided by the East Anglian Film Archive. There was something for everyone, from fishing to farming and railways to airfields. Feedback from many of the sixty plus attendees has been very positive and we will look to repeat this evening in the future. The evening also raised £140.

Between the time of writing this article and its publication we will hold our annual quiz night, our last fundraising event of the year. This will be followed by a Christmas get-together to which all residents of Pettistree and Loudham will be invited. We look forward to seeing you on 15th December.

The Committee have had plans drawn up to extend the hall. This extension will offer storage for all the tables and chairs and provide space to lay out a buffet or bar which otherwise would take up space in the main hall. It is hoped this will make the hall more attractive to hirers and also safer with equipment stored out of the way. We have funds to cover some of the costs but will seek grants to assist us.

However, fundraising will continue to be important in the future. If you have any suggestions as to events you would like us to organise please let me know. If new ideas are not forthcoming we will provide the tried and tested events which have become firm favourites over the last few years. Joan Peck recently gave me a history of the hall and it is interesting to note that fundraising figures significantly throughout. The hall cost £206 in 1928 and woodworm eradication £626 in 1991. Our extension is likely to exceed £12,000.

Please join us in our events. They are very sociable and good fun. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Dave Caudwell
Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee
Rogues Cottage, Pettistree. Tel. 747170

Pettistree Parish Council

The Parish Council met after the summer break with a busy agenda.

- Work is underway to replace the Parish Council notice board which used to be sited by the Greyhound P H
- The accounts for 2001/2002 were adopted and a summary is set out below
- The Parish Council will be undertaking a risk assessment on its assets
- Facilitating the Community Action Plan Public meeting –arranged for November
- Co-option of Nicholas Beagley onto the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy

Accounts Summary 2001/2002

Income	£
Precept	1500.00
Interest	<u>2.83</u>
	1502.83

Expenditure

Administration	945.60
Grass Cutting	75.00
Section 137 Donations	46.57
VAT on payments	<u>5.58</u>
	1072.75

Receipts & Payments Summary

Balance b/f	1178.04
Total Receipts	1502.83
Less Payments	<u>1072.75</u>
	1608.12

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 10 December** at the Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you wish to bring any matter to the attention of the Parish Council please contact the Clerk, Heather Heelis on 01394 461191 or e-mail heather.heelis@virgin.net or write to 1 The Walnuts, Ufford, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6DQ before **1 December 2002**

Heather Heelis Parish Clerk

The 100 Club

	1st	2nd	3rd
September 2002	Roger Chilvers	David Caudwell	Alan Whitfield
October 2002	Eric Dowker	Brian Stollery	Lance & Liz Cooper

An Introduction to Rev John Eldridge

The editors have kindly invited me to say a few things about myself. When people request this, one immediately thinks: What on earth do people want to know about me? What would interest them?

I could point out some incidental trivia such as my dislike of hot custard (but not cold), or my distaste for tea (quite a significant handicap when nearly every householder you visit beamingly offers you a cup of the said beverage!) However, perhaps I should stick to the more conventional information about myself.

I am now well into the third major job in my working life. I firstly had around ten years in business, including working for a Merchant Bank in the City. The next ten years were spent mainly teaching sums in various secondary schools around London. Now, after training for the ministry (which included a fascinating three year stint in California), I find myself here in Suffolk.

After originally being brought up in a village, I am very much enjoying, after several years away living in towns and cities, returning to the quieter and gentler pace of rural life, and the open spaces. One particularly notices the effect this has on the children. In my last parish of 10,000 in Kent, there were no recreational facilities, no football fields, no play areas for the youngsters. It was therefore not very surprising we had major problems with the teenagers.

After nearly fifty years of life, I at last found a lady who would have me as a husband! Julia and I were married in Monewden church, and now have a gorgeous little two year old girl called Joelle. After living so many years on my own, I really enjoy coming back to a home of love and laughter, and to fulfill my role as Chief Nappy Inspector!

I see much of my other role (as vicar), as being available to serve the community in whatever way I can. If I can lend a listening ear or if you feel I can be of help in any other way, do feel free to contact me.

John Eldridge



Yes we have another boy BEN FINLAY BEAGLEY born on 30th October 2002 at 3.35am weighing 7lb 15oz, a very welcome brother for Minnie, Flora & Tom!

After a false alarm mid-week, ARCHIE RAPER 'finally' arrived at 4pm on Saturday 24th August 2002, weighing in at 7lbs 12oz. Archie is Paul and Katie's first child and seems quite content with his new surroundings at Home Farm, Pettistree. As novice parents he's kept them well and truly busy throughout the last three months but he's growing quickly, is now full of smiles and a very happy baby. . . . generally!! (However, the sooner he's capable of helping out in the shop the better!)

Songs Of Praise Pettistree 2nd June

All the residents of Pettistree were invited to submit up to ten favourite hymns for inclusion in the Songs of Praise to be held during the Pettistree Jubilee celebrations. About 20 people sent in their lists which were put on a spreadsheet. Selecting those hymns with most votes provided almost the entire programme and included at least one favourite from each person. As with the Queens service held in St Paul's two days later we started with *Praise my soul, the king of heaven* and finished with the *National Anthem*. Many old favourites were included such as *Guide me O thou great redeemer*, *Eternal Father, strong to save* and *I vow to thee my country*. We had a chance to catch breath between the ten hymns as we listened to secular readings. Joan Jordan researched most of these, which included local anecdotes, descriptions of country life, facts about past coronations as well as stories about vicars and churches. Wickham Market church choir led the singing with Margaret Holland playing the organ. The bells were rung for almost an hour before the Songs of Praise, including a quarter peal, that is 1260 changes of Grandsires Doubles. Afterwards almost all of the 92 people from the church retired to The Greyhound to assuage their thirst and partake of the barbecue.

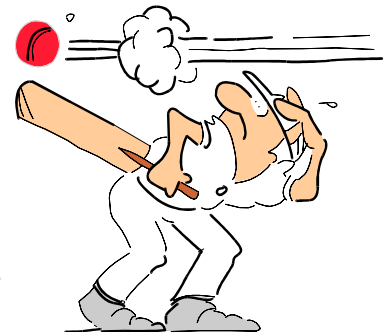
Mary Garner

Due to a thunderstorm this report did not arrive for the previous newsletter –Ed

Cricket Club News

On reflection the 2002 season will be a year best forgotten. Pettistree finished bottom of Section C of the Medite league, with the record of 14 games played, won 1 and lost 13. 2 games were cancelled and only 51 points were accrued at an average of 3.6 points per game.

The problem this year has been a lack of commitment of a sufficient number of players to play on a regular basis and the fact that Pettistree were playing in a section above their ability. Next year the league has been re-shaped into just 4 sections and Pettistree will benefit by playing more to their standard and hopefully will find it more enjoyable, which after all is what village cricket is all about.



The A.G.M. will be held on Sunday Dec. 1st at Pettistree Village Hall at 7.30pm. Anybody interested will be very welcome.

Dick Smith

Carpet Bowls Club

The carpet bowls Club started again after the summer break in October. They were pleased to welcome two new members.

Come and join us

Robbie's Ramblings

During the recent bad weather and I refer to the strong winds, I was surprised by the number of people that were apparently out for a

Sunday drive. Despite the warnings by the police and the weather forecasters I actually spoke to a couple who were going shopping at Tesco. There was also a motorist who seemed to think that I was to blame for the fact that the road was closed. The fact that there was a flipping great tree across the road did not appear to register. So if or rather when this happens again, please spare a thought for those of us that are working in danger areas to help you, and be patient. I can assure you all that we do not stand in the road for fun and as soon as it is safe to do so, we will open the road.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all the people in the area who turned out to help clear the roads. Some people came out with chainsaws in an effort to keep traffic moving or to move trees to make the roads safe. I will not embarrass anyone by mentioning names but without you all, my life on that evening would have been impossible.

It is soon to be Christmas. Hooray I hear you say. The reason that I mention this amazing fact is that the number of burglaries increase at this time of the year. There is no doubt that villains break in to houses to help pay for their own Christmas. So, take extra care with security, make sure that you tell neighbours if you are away and even more importantly look out for everyone else in your village. You will know unusual vehicles, you will know unusual callers and you will know what to do if you see anything unusual.....won't you? If you see anything that requires immediate assistance call 999, otherwise take a vehicle number and description. Take a description of unusual callers and write them on a piece of paper. Date and time the paper. If you see a stranger in the daylight and you feel confident, there is no reason why you should not challenge them for identification. they may have a good reason for being there. And lastly remember, anyone with a long white beard and dressed in a red suit who is carrying a sack may just be Father Christmas. But there again he may not be. Lastly, remember to tell your neighbourhood watch coordinator who will know what to do with the information.



Robbie Abraham

Suffolk Hedgerow Survey – Pettistree and Ufford

Volunteer Needed.

The Suffolk hedgerow Survey, which started in Great Bealings, is now spreading rapidly throughout Suffolk and already 13 parishes have completed their survey. We also have nearly one hundred others currently recording their hedgerows.

The objective is to build up a picture of all the hedgerows present and to include details of the different species of shrubs and trees, which go to make up each hedge. The results are a fascinating document for your parish records and the details will also go to the Suffolk Biological Records Centre to create a scientific baseline for future reference.

We are now most anxious to find a volunteer, or volunteers from Pettistree or Ufford to coordinate the survey [There are already a number of potential volunteer surveyors, but they need a leader]

This article is written to invite anyone who would possibly be interested (or knows someone else who might be) to get in contact with us. We have already asked some of the obvious contacts such as the Parish council, but so far we've not discovered the volunteer we are looking for.

You don't need to have special skills, but it will take a little of your time. We can provide all the information you need, including training if required, **For more information just call Colin Meekings on 01394 460206, Heather Heelis on 01394 461191, or Guy Ackers on 01394 383264.**

Celebrating London's Architecture

Have you taken the opportunity to enjoy the annual opening up of many of London's buildings during the Open House Week-End. This year I was in the capital with the expressed purpose of visiting a few of the many places which are normally closed to the public. Admission is free and last year over the two day period 360,000 people chose to visit from a range of over 500 buildings. Approximately 30 London Boroughs take part. The event has been running for ten years, and although well established and obviously growing in popularity we were able to visit a number of buildings without queuing and without experiencing any oppressive security arrangements. I was delighted to find that in all the venues we chose, indoor photography was allowed so I was able to play with my digital camera.

During the weekend, with the benefit of a £2 bus pass, we saw the Victorian Gothic interior of the Midland Grand Hotel in it's original state, (before the developers move in) We then moved on to Australia House in the Strand. The reception rooms feature Australian marble and wood used in its construction during the First World War. Nearby, we toured an art library elegantly inserted into the underground vaults of Somerset house. The original vaults being constructed in 1776 and the conversion in 1988.

The following day we avoided central London as it hosted the Countryside March and travelled to Abbey Wood SE2 to view the Thames Water Crossness Works. This is a Grade I listed waste water pumping station built in 1865 by the engineer of the original London sewage system! The Victorian decorative ironwork is really impressive, also the four largest Beam engines in the world. Just to complete a different sort of day we also found a Gothic Bath House, Grade II listed in Bexley, attributed to Capability Brown or a disciple. As there appear to be another five hundred places to visit, I shall keep my diary free in future during "The Open House Weekend". Digital images can be viewed at the Pettistree Computer Club!

Information about next year's Open House can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope(A5 or A4 size/ 41p stamp) and a £2 cheque/stamps to PO BOX 25361 LondonNW5 1GY

It's well worth the effort!

Janet Shadforth

Congratulations

Best Wishes to Adelle Hunter and Sophie Franklin

Adelle did well in her GCSE exams this year, obtaining 2 B grades & 6 C grades. She is currently at Suffolk College studying for her Chefs Diploma.

"Sophie Franklin - Sophie has completed her GCSEs with flying colours - she set her sights on doing well and did just that. Sophie is now in the 6th Form and at the "parents" induction evening David Floyd, the TMHS Headteacher, made a bee line for the "parents" with lots of praise for Sophie and the effort she had put into her GCSEs - "...I use her as an example to my staff of what a pupil can achieve through hard work....".Parents very pleased!

Did you know ?

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well

Nature Notebook

On Saturday 25th May a pigeon appeared at our back door and because we have problems with wild pigeons eating the greens in the garden I tried to shoo it away, but it just looked at me and then I noticed it was ringed on both legs. It stayed in the garden all Saturday and Sunday, and because we feed the wild birds, there was plenty of food and water so we thought it would rest and feed and then fly away. On Monday morning we were having coffee in the kitchen, when in walked the pigeon as if he did it every day. Brian picked it up and the breast bone felt rather thin. We thought it just as well to try and find the owner.

We wrote down all the numbers from the ring but it gave us no information. Now what to do?

I looked in the yellow pages under Birds, Breeders & Dealers. A Complete Service for Bird Keepers, (01953 452321) I rang this number and was answered by a very helpful gentleman who told us to pull open the pigeon's wing and look underneath and we would see place name and phone number.

We rang the number and the owner from Brighton was very pleased and thanked us. We exchanged addresses and he informed us a carrier would call Tuesday afternoon, he would have a box in which to transport the pigeon.

While the pigeon was with us it took up residence in the old rabbit hutch which the grand children's pets use for their holidays. At the end of this diversion from day to day living, we felt we had gained one more little piece of knowledge.

Maureen Stollery

Wickham Market Community Bus

The new community bus service, kick-started by the Market Towns Initiative (MTI), began operating on 22nd October. After several meetings between representatives of surrounding parishes, the transport section of Suffolk County Council, Suffolk ACRE and the Wickham Market MTI Steering Group, a trial scheme was drawn up which will run for six months.

The trial is being funded by Suffolk County Council to cover the shortfall between revenue and running costs, whilst a grant from the Countryside Agency enabled the operators to refurbish a suitable vehicle. We have been lucky to secure the support of the Coastal Accessible Transport Service (CATS) which has the necessary legal structure, expertise and back-up to act as operators for the trial, plus of course a spare vehicle. After a hectic recruitment drive involving radio and newspaper appeals, together with local advertising, five volunteer drivers came forward for training and they now run the service on three days per week.

On **Tuesdays and Fridays** the following routes converge at **Wickham Market**:

Service 187 begins at Stratford St Andrew, then takes in the village centres of Great Glemham, Parham (via Silverlace Green) and Marlesford. Then:

Service 188 links Charsfield, Hoo, Letheringham and Easton. Then:

Service 189 is a linear connection between Lower Hacheston, Campsea Ashe, Tunstall and Blaxhall.

An **extended Service 187** operates on **Thursdays**, continuing from Wickham Market through Pettistree village, Lower Ufford, Bromeswell and Melton into **Woodbridge**.

Each trip allows travellers approximately 2 hours in Wickham Market or Woodbridge. We are trying to promote these routes as friendly shopper services, encouraging people into Wickham Market, giving them enough time to shop, visit the doctor or see friends, and hopefully enjoy a cuppa before they return

Useful Numbers

County & District Councillors

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor 01394 411373

Mr George Franks, District Councillor 01394 4112 06

Neighbourhood Watch

Dave Caudwell 747170 Rogues Cottage
Mike Sayer 01394 460 639 4 Hungarian Close

For Crimeline Information, 01473 613611. Current crime update available after 5pm on Tuesdays. Call this number to find out what is happening in your area. The Parish Police Officer can be contacted at Woodbridge Police Station on 01473 613500

Useful People to Contact

Vicar	John Eldridge	746026
Bellringers	Mary Gamer	746097
Church Wardens	Mike Perkins	01394 460284
	Jeff Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Jacki Franklin	746585
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
Carrot Bowls	Mike Manning	747321

The Greyhound Inn	New Management	746451
The Three Tuns	John & Brenda Pallett	746244

Wickham Market	Health Centre	747101
	Post Office	746201

Lambert Wood Standley Consultancy

We are a private fitness training consultancy in Pettistree, incorporating The Looking Glass Beauty salon. Julie and I are highly qualified personal trainers who have worked for many years with clients on a one to one basis. Continually watching the benefits of our clients we have joined to form Suffolk's premier fitness training suite. We offer a free consultation to assess the client's goals in order to create bespoke programmes. From beginners to sports specific you can be assured of achieving your desired results whether it be weight loss, toning, increasing fitness levels or learning more about your nutrition.

Through training one to one the client is continually being assessed, motivated and able to regain, retain or increase fitness levels due to our undivided attentions. Our beauty therapist Niki has 8 years experience in the health and beauty industry and understands and recognises the importance of delivering a personal and professional service. Only the world renowned Dermologica Skin Care products are used and are only available through professional skin care therapists.

For more information and brochure please contact myself Cara, Julie and Niki. Tel No: 01728 747555



Thank you for your contributions to this edition of our newsletter. We hope to produce the next one in early March 2003. Articles on your hobbies, interests, holidays achievements, in fact almost anything will be most welcome

Editor



**Christmas Greetings
and a
Happy New Year**

Wickham Market Community Bus *cont. from page 7*

The journeys are aimed at those who may be isolated in rural communities who do not have access to transport during the week. Normal fares structures and concessions apply and the bus can be hailed at any point along the route.

The Thursday 187 route is of particular interest to Pettistree residents. The route is via the Three Tuns, along The Street, down Presmere Road and back out to the B1438 via Java Lodge Road, operating in reverse on the return journey from Woodbridge. Please give it your full support, and if you can't use it, tell someone who might! Timetables are available in Wickham Market Post Office and The Greyhound.

Cath Caudwell