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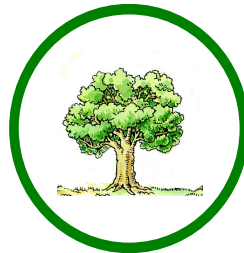


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Piping in the Haggis



*Burns' Night  
Supper  
February 7th  
2009*



The professionals



## Burns' Night

The 25<sup>th</sup> of January was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns and to celebrate the occasion the clans gathered in Pettistree village hall. They came from “a’ the airts”—Dunblane, Sandhurst, and local villages.

Although we were a fortnight late, it was well worth the wait to have the benefit of a welcome by a real live piper, Rod Caird.

“He screwed the pipes and gat them skirl  
Till roof and rafters a did dirl”

The hall was appropriately decorated with Scottish emblems and the tables adorned with baskets of heather and touches of tartan. Some of those attending also wore touches of tartan!

An assembled crowd of fifty-one people was warmly welcomed by Jim Jarvie, who had once again ably organised this event while Pauline and her “team” prepared the excellent supper. In the kitchen, young Jimmy bravely did battle with the steadily mounting piles of washing up.

Celebrations got under way when the haggis was piped round the hall and up to the top table where John Speedman delivered his usual spirited address to the “great chieftain o’ the pudding race.”

The first ever Burns’ supper was held in Alloway in 1802 in the presence of nine men who dined upon sheep’s head and haggis. Some of us were probably quite glad not to be served the first of these.

Our traditional supper began with very tasty cock-a-leekie soup and was followed by haggis, mashed tatties, bashed neeps, and a sprinkling of malt “gravy.” Delicious creamy, raspberry Cranachan was the perfect conclusion to the meal.

During supper we were entertained by Helen Stollery’s tender rendition of Burns’ poem, “John Anderson, my Jo,” Sue Parr’s humorous reading of the poem, “The Tartan Whatnot” and by Jim’s succinct “Immortal memory of Robert Burns” in which he included a toast to the Lassies.

Once the tables were cleared away and the necessary space created, the excesses of the evening were worked off by a few country dances led by a group who had practised a few weeks previously under the able tutelage of Joan Peck. The company joined in with great gusto particularly when clapping, stamping and “birling” were called for.

During the evening Jim thanked all those who had peeled, mashed, bashed, whipped, or in any way contributed to making the evening a success and Dave Caudwell expressed the appreciation of us all in a vote of thanks to Jim and Pauline.

Raffle prizes had been generously donated. The profits from this and the supper realised a total of £415 which will be divided between the Village Hall (£200) and the NHS Community First Response.(£215).

Robert Burns enjoyed nothing more than good food and a dram or two in the companionship of his friends. These were the ingredients of our celebrations and no doubt Rabbie would have approved.

“As bees flee hame wi’ lades o’ treasure  
The minutes winged their way with pleasure”

*Carol Speedman*



It's looking as if the gardens of Pettistree and Loudham will be strutting their stuff on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

12 gardens and their owners were represented at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at the Greyhound Inn. In all, 27 people were present and were able to confirm the main issues for the weekend.

We would be keen for more gardens to join us (particularly from the other side of the A12 – only one garden at present) and also we would be pleased to receive any offers of help in the lead up to, as well as on the day(s).

In addition to the gardens we are hoping to have the following additional attractions:

- 1- Mini beer festival at the Greyhound Inn
- 2- Museum of tools, implements and tractors at Coopers Cottage
- 3-Church decorated with garden/wild flowers
- 4-Book stall at Rogues Cottage
- 5-Plant stall at Burways
- 6-Cake stall at Coopers Cottage
- 7-Refreshments at The Laurels and Coopers Cottage
- 8-Bell ringing
- 9-Morris dancing at the Greyhound Inn

We would be grateful for help and with donations of cakes for the stall and refreshments, books and plants. Help with decorating the church would also be welcome. If you wish to help more generally please get in touch with Dave Caudwell at Rogues Cottage or come along to the next meeting which is at the Greyhound Inn on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8:30pm.

Please make a note in your diary for the Open Gardens weekend and mention it to all friends and acquaintances. In this way you can all help by supporting the event and demonstrating Pettistree's community spirit.

**For more details from the meeting check the Pettistree website on  
[www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk) or contact:**

Dave Caudwell, Rogues Cottage. Tel. 01728 747170. Email: [roguescottage@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roguescottage@tiscali.co.uk)

## Parish Council

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council. February 2009

Roads and paths around the village have been a major topic of interest since our last newsletter in November. A lot of work has been done by the highways department to upgrade the part of the footpath at the slip road end of the B1438. It has been done to a high standard and we have to hope that more money can be found to upgrade the rest of the path into Wickham Market. The weather has produced some huge contrasts. Very heavy rain has strained the capacity of road drainage systems and we now hope to get some of the edges cut back and central mud cleared. Any plans for this work by the highways department were overtaken by the recent heavy snow and abundant ice. We are giving thought to some self-help measures for gritting the most shaded and therefore most icy parts of The Street. Please let us know of other problem areas not reached by gritting lorries. Any schemes we develop will however depend on named volunteers to actually put out the grit.

Our village litter pick also needs your participation. Please meet at the Greyhound car park at 11:00 am on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. We can then spread out around the various village roads. We choose the date to be before the grass has grown up in the verges and hedges to hide the cans etc. It can be a very good family event and we do of course finish back at the Greyhound!

The money to run the work of the Parish Council comes from a small levy added to the council tax charge for each property in the village. The total is known as the precept and we have to set a budget for this amount for the coming financial year. For the third year running we have managed to keep the precept at £2,200. This gives a charge of between £20 and £40 per household as part of the council tax and is about average for similar councils.

Our Annual Parish Meeting, open to the whole village, will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Council will report on its own activities and we shall have brief reports from other village bodies. The results of the Parish Plan survey will be presented as a basis for discussion on any plans for future village development. The meeting is also your opportunity to draw any matters of concern to the attention of your councillors.

The date for closure of consultation on the boundary changes for local government has now been put back again by the Secretary of State and is now 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The only councils that are certain to stay are the Parish Councils!

We have just heard that Mrs Kathy Wilton will be leaving the village and has therefore resigned her post as parish councillor. We thank Kathy for her work on the council and wish her all the best for the future. Villagers now need to consider who should be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Despite the worrying financial situation and credit crunch we look forward to a busy and interesting year in the village. It has started well with an excellent Burns Night dinner. The Open Gardens Weekend on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June should also be a real morale booster. A lot of people will have put in a great deal of effort and we hope everyone will support the event by bringing in their relatives and friends to see the village, gardens, and church.

## Church News

### Visiting speakers

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, is preaching in Pettistree at the 9.30 am service on March 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great pleasure to welcome him to our village for the first time. On Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the evening service at 6.30 pm will be led by Roy Tricker. For those who haven't met him Roy could be described as 'the larger than life', enthusiastic speaker who loves Suffolk churches and their communities. At the mid-week monthly communion on May 15<sup>th</sup> the Archdeacon of Suffolk, Geoffrey Arrand will be the visiting speaker. All are welcome to any or all of these services.

### Items discussed at the January PCC meeting included :-

- 1 Members were pleased to learn that the sewer connection work has been done, and that as soon as the weather improves the plumbing and remaining building work to install the Disabled toilet in the church room will be completed.
- 2 A small group had been asked to look into the possibility of providing some dedicated Car-parking for church users and will report later in the year.
- 3 Early notice was given of the Pettistree Open Gardens event at the end of June when we plan to ensure that the church is decorated with garden and hedgerow flowers (eco-friendly arrangements!) Volunteer flower arrangers will be required, please contact Cherry White or Maggie Hallett.
- 4 First plans for the Church to be redecorated in 2010 or 2011 were given, initially there will be 'patch-testing' of different paints to try to establish which product is suitable to use. The difficulty has arisen due to emulsion being applied over lime-wash 30 – 40 years ago and this has led to the unacceptable peeling of the outer layer. It was suggested that there may be some grant money available to help with the costs of redecoration, so plan to investigate this option.

The Annual Meeting is on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 in the Church Room, all are welcome to hear a brief resume of the past year and to contribute to plans for the future. The Pettistree church community is growing and it would be good if we were able to have a second Church Warden to work with the PCC. It is not a difficult or too time consuming a job and I would be delighted to give anyone who feels they might be able to help details of what is involved.

## 100 Club

	1st	2nd	3rd
November	John Barker	Susie Hallett	Evelyn Whitfield
December	Clare Signy	Sheila Manning	Ellen Wilton
January 2009	Gill Wassell	Jim & Pauline Jarvie	Jeff Hallett
February	Hannah Signy	Guy Signy	Kath Hilton



## RUBY AND HER HORSES

coming to **PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL** on **Friday 27th November 2009**

**'If you get a chance to see these two entertainers grab the opportunity with both hands!' - The East Anglian Daily Times**

This is a true life narrative told by Neil Lanham from stories that were told to him by his Mother Ruby. In the show the audience will be drawn back to the period just before the First World War and then through the agricultural depression of the 1930s. It was, Ruby said, a time when

“If you hadn't got anything you were lucky because you hadn't got the worry of it. For sure as eggs are eggs you'd lose it”

The narrative is supported by a PowerPoint presentation of Ruby's own photographs, digitally enhanced for the big screen, and each story is followed by an unaccompanied song from Andrew Stannard in his nutbrown East Suffolk voice. Everything you hear on the night will come straight out of the oral tradition, nothing having been taken from books.

*'We have had quite a bit of feed back of a very positive nature. The words 'charming' 'enchanting' 'riveting' and suchlike have been used.*

‘The two men held the audience spellbound for 2 hours and Ruby was brought alive with stories producing bouts of laughter and feelings of sadness in equal amounts.’ East Anglian Daily Times 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007

Tickets available from Rosie Hayward  
01728 746558

Roxanne the trotting mare, bought at Lavenham Horse Sale before the 1914-18 war. She stood 11h 2ins high and trotted the 5 miles back from Hadleigh Market to Boxford Swan in 11 mins to pay for herself.



### Can Anyone Help Please ?

Desperately Seeking Battles!

Ancestors of Edmund who emigrated to Australia in 1852 are trying to locate current evidence of the Battles, Barbers and Selfs living in this area in 1800s. If anyone has relatives, old photos, location of graves/farm – please contact Joan or email Lyn & Tex Battle at :-  
[lyn@sweers.com.au](mailto:lyn@sweers.com.au)

Thanks Joan – see you soon!

## Planning

Application: No: C08/1865  
Location: Pettistree Cottage, The Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge IP13 0OH.  
Proposal: Erection of garage, existing building to be demolished. Granted

Application: No: C08/00148  
Location: As above  
Proposal: Copper Beech reduced by up to 30%, take out dead wood. Granted

Application: No: C08/2069  
Location: Hilton Park, Rogues Lane, Pettistree, Woodbridge IP13 0NW  
Proposal: Erection of single-story extension, alterations and conversion of garage to form bedroom, existing store to be demolished. Granted

Application: No: C08/1842  
Location: Car Workshop, The Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge IP13 0HP.  
Proposal: Erection of lean to workshop-store on south side of existing industrial unit. Granted

Application: No: C08/2185  
Location: Hungarian Hall, Byng Hall Rd, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0JF.  
Proposal: Continued use of recreation building as a venue to hold Marriages and the registration of civil partnerships (continuation of temporary planning permission C07/2075 with no changes.

## Mystery Half Solved

In 1954 a young apprentice carpenter was working at Pettistree Lodge with the building firm A.E.Blasby of Ipswich clearing the Lodge for Sir Cyril & Lady Entwistle, the new owners. Amongst the rubbish and rubble he discovered a tiny bible. He put the little book in his lunch box and took it home.

Inside the front cover was the inscription J.C.Colbeck Whitehaven Cumberland England February 15<sup>th</sup> 1875.

Fred Girling the apprentice, thought little more about it except perhaps it might have belonged to a servant. Over fifty years later when he came across the little book in his possession still he thought it would be nice to try to find descendants of the owner or whoever had inscribed the page.

Now through an article in the Ipswich Evening Star last December a relative of J.C Colbeck has come forward.

Theresa and husband John living in Liverpool are delighted to have found a piece of family history which turned up over two hundred and fifty miles away. Theresa has researched the family history ,so far as far back as 1720 when Abraham Colbeck married Jane Nicholson in Cumberland.

Mr Girling is also delighted that the bible has been returned to the family but no one knows how it came to be in Pettistree. Did it belong to a servant? The name is not very familiar in Suffolk there not being any entered in the local telephone directory.



## Carols in the Barn

I would like to thank everybody who came to sing carols with us in the barn on the Friday before Christmas Day. It was a privilege to hear people say that it seemed as if Christmas had really begun when they share in this event.

Dick usually manages to have a cow with its new born calf in the cowshed next door to the barn, so that we can see them through the slats in the barn wall. I'm afraid that things didn't go to plan this year.

Ursula, who had a lovely heifer calf last year, was 2 weeks overdue when she went into labour. Her calf was presenting itself back feet first, and was well and truly stuck. Fortunately our son-in-law was with us at the time, and the 3 of us hauled on the chains that Dick had fitted, and eventually pulled out an enormous bull calf – but it was dead. It weighed 60 kilos. Andy, our AI man, was with us at the carols, and he took the blame, for having put the straw in the wrong way round!

Despite this setback, the atmosphere still harked back to the first Christmas, with the hay bales to sit on, and the doves nesting in the rafters.

Steve Wassell had composed an appropriate song especially for the event which he sang, accompanied on the guitar, called the *Magic of Christmas*, (which I hope we'll hear again another year), and Daphne Rose accompanied *Away in a Manger* on the flute, which meant we now had 5 portable instruments!

Dick's mulled wine, and Jim and Pauline's BBQ, were most welcome to warm us up.

I have divided the £260 profit from the event between *The Starlight Children's Foundation* which fulfils wishes for very sick children, and *The Tree of Life Foundation*, our son's orphanage in Indonesia. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The photograph is from the Christmas card that the children at the orphanage sent us.

*Rita Smith*

Church Farm 19.12.08



### Parish Councillors

Jeff Hallett Chairman  
The Laurels 746210

Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman  
746653

Nick Beagley 746334  
The Grange

Peter Hayward 746558  
Green Farm

Elaine Boardley 01394 461451  
1 Hungarian Close

Mary Chilvers 746123  
Coopers Cottage

Mike Flanagan 01394389472  
Clerk

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**Tel; 01473 260586**

### County & District Councillors

Mrs Clare Aitchison Co Councillor  
01394 383759

Mr Michael Bond, District Councillor

Mr Jim Bidwell District Councillor

### Neighbourhood Watch

Dave Caudwell 01728747170  
Rogues Cottage

Mike Sayer 01394 460 639  
Hungarian Close

### **Pettistree Web Site**

**[www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk)**

### **Police**

**E-mail** [woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)  
**Further details on Pettistree Web-site**

### Useful people to contact

Vicar	Rev John Eldridge	01728 746026
Bellringers	Mary Garner	01728746097
Churchwardens	Brian Nobbs	01728746590
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Pauline Jarvie	1728 745030
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
Age Concern	Maureen Stollery	01728 746653
The Three Tuns		01728 746244
The Greyhound		01728746451
Wickham Market Health Centre		0844 477 2557
Wickham Market Post Office		01728 746201
Library		01728 747216
Dial A Ride		01473 281194

## Christmas Eve in Pettistree



The big day was nearly here. Christmas Eve had been very busy, wrapping presents, icing the cake and meeting a new pupil, all before dark. The Pettistree Bell Ringers had decided to have a practice, because the following week, New Year's Eve, would find most of us partying, and we didn't want to miss two weeks.

The ringers met at seven and as we went into the church it smelt lovely from the flowers and when we turned a light on there were candles on almost every flat surface. The whole atmosphere seemed charged with excitement. The practice itself was fun, as always, and somebody had brought along a box of chocolates to share. Eating always comes pretty high on the list. At nine o'clock the practice was over, and for once the bells were left up and ready to ring.

About twelve of us adjourned to The Greyhound, ready for the planned Carol Singing at 9.30. The words were distributed and the singing started. The first carols were chosen by the leaders of the singing but soon requests from the rest of the customers were being fulfilled. After about half an hour we all turned back to our drinks, to assuage our thirst and attempt to cool down.

Very soon we heard bells ringing outside. As we looked out, we saw lights too, as Santa came into the car park. Although it was a cold night, there wasn't any snow, so Santa and his sleigh arrived not being pulled by reindeer, but by a car. However, he looked splendid in his red outfit, gave packets of sweets to all the ladies and passed round the collecting bucket.

Having just glimpsed Santa it was now eleven o'clock and I repaired to the church, closely followed by the rest of the ringers. What a wonderful sight greeted me. The outside of the church had been floodlit, courtesy of Brian and Paul, and the inside was awash with candlelight, thanks to Maggie and Ali, who were still busy with tapers. As the bells were ringing for the midnight service, more and more people arrived. Soon all the pews were full. The singing raised the roof and the first midnight service that anyone could remember happening in Pettistree was soon over.



It had been a wonderful evening, good company, such varied activities, and all in the very centre of the village. Who could ask for more?

Mary Garner Tower Captain

## Snippet from the Church Register

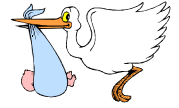
19/Feb/1609 William Payn With the wooden leg age about 80 yrs and more

1/Nov/1609 Mary Payn Widow of William Payn with a wooden leg





## Congratulations



Congratulations to Neil and Sarah Moss on the safe arrival of their second daughter Isabel Sylvia born 15th November 2008

## Poppy Award



In November 2008 Maureen Stollery and Kath Hilton completed ten years of collecting money for the the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The opportunity was taken to present them with their certificates at a Carpet Bowls Match at Dallinghoo Village Hall, the home village of our Regional Organiser Jeremy Quinlan.

Congratulations to Maureen and Kath for their efforts, and thanks for their time and dedication for a very worthy cause.

Joe & Joyce Arbon celebrated their Golden Wedding day on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2009

Joyce & Joe have lived in the village for many years, Joyce having been born here and Joe, a local lad, running a successful building firm.

Joe is also well known for his work and support with the Suffolk Punch horses.



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**Mary Garner Hon. Treasurer**



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