



Pettistree People

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Deadline for next issue is August 7th 2011



Village Hall News

PROGRESS REPORT REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

As was mentioned in the last issue of the Pettistree People the Committee have been actively engaged at looking at the state of repair of the village hall. At the last meeting of the committee, in April, it was agreed that the work needing to be carried out consisted of insulating the walls and roofspace, where there is no insulation at present, and take up the old wooden floor and replace it with a new suspended insulated wooden floor.

The costs are still to be finalised; however, as there is sufficient information from existing quotes to let us know what money we are talking about, raising funds has begun. The application for grants is underway and already a very welcome grant of £500 has been received from the Ganzoni Trust and village events as advertised will be looking to add to the 'pot'. An excellent start was made at the recent Fun in the Field Event, we are hopeful of further successes during the year, so please come along to enjoy and support future events.

Due to excellent support in the past we have a healthy start but more funds will be needed for when all the building work is complete, with redecoration and some refurbishment in the kitchen.

We shall keep you informed of progress and better still come to the Annual General Meeting on the 12th July 2011 at 7.30pm and join in.

Ann Sayer Secretary

PETTISTREE PEOPLE FUN IN THE FIELD

It was sunny and blustery as villagers and friends gathered at the Village Hall on May Bank Holiday Monday for a fun afternoon.

Several people tried their hand at archery which was set up in the adjoining field, and table tennis, table soccer, bagatelle and Boule all proved very popular.

As ever, Jim and Pauline Jarvie were in BBQ mode with help from Mike Barnes, and there were plenty of sizzling burgers and sausages and onions for all.

Donations amounted to £189 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall, and the Committee would like to thank everyone for their support.

Jenny Ayris



FUN ON THE FIELD



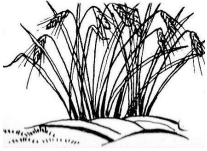
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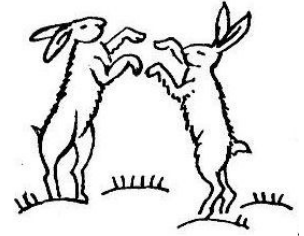
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Roger instructs the Fire Brigade





Pettistree Heritage Walks Leaflet



‘A small group of local residents are busy compiling a leaflet of local walks linked with Pettistree heritage sites, buildings and local flora and fauna.

The leaflet will include maps, sketches, photographs and local historical information.

The aim is to make a walk in the countryside around Pettistree more interesting. Walkers and visitors will be able to refer to facts included in the leaflet as they walk and pass places of interest.

The project is funded by the Locality budget granted by the County council.

Joan Peck, Pettistree Local History Recorder is having a major input providing very interesting information which she has researched over many years.

The project operates under the umbrella of the Pettistree Heritage group.

There is so much of interest coming to light from the Heritage group archives that the leaflet is not large enough to contain all the facts. The Pettistree website will be a valuable link for people who wish to know more of our local heritage.

Hopefully the leaflet will be available in the Autumn.

Watch this space for further information!

Rosie Hayward

Hedge cutting

As the consequence of the unsuitable weather conditions in the late Autumn and Winter, the hedge cutting programme was inevitably delayed. With the arrival of early Spring, the tractor and flail cutter were soon in evidence and all the designated hedges were restored to a manageable state. For this exercise, we are grateful to Richard Hayward. The Parish Council are willing to request this service once again and Richard has agreed to help us. Please let me know if you wish to **REMOVE** your name from the list. Otherwise, we will use the same arrangements.

Peter Hayward

VILLAGE HALL FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Bank Holiday Monday August 29 th | Fun on the green & BBQ |
| Friday 23rd September | Race Night at Village hall |
| Friday 28 th October | Pub games at Village hall |

Thatched Roofs

On Monday evening May 9th our village was invaded by the Woodbridge Fire Brigade with the fire-engine. They were in the village to learn how to strip thatch from a burning roof.

We have in recent years seen an increase in thatched roof fires with devastating results.

It came to my fireman son-in-law Derek's notice that Roger was about to strip all the thatch off a house in Presmere Road. He contacted Roger to see if he was able to give some instruction to the fire brigade on how to strip the thatch from a burning roof.

Roger is a Master Thatcher who has lived in the village all his life, and is the third generation Master Thatcher. He was only too happy to assist the fire brigade.

Roger first showed the men from Woodbridge fire brigade how to get the wires next to the reeds off. These are held in place with metal and not hazel pegs as in years gone by. Garden shears can be used to cut these. The straw ridge or top of the roof has to be cut through in sections with a sharp tool to remove it.

The roof is being re-thatched using a fire retardant lining laid under the thatch. This will give the fire brigade an extra 20 minutes before the fire reaches the inside or outside of the house depending on the site of the fire.

Maureen Stollery

100 Club

March

1) Eric Dowker 2) Cynthia Lambert 3) Dave Caudwell

April

1) Tony Franklin 2) Evelyn Whitfield 3) Ann Sayer

Obituary



It was with sorrow that we learned of the death in March of Henrietta Kay aged 46 years after a brave fight against cancer. Jervis, Henrietta and their three children came to live in Pettistree House in 1993 and in the following year their fourth child Lucinda was born here. Henrietta was a keen horsewoman. She was always willing to help in the village and with church activities. She also served on the Parish Council from 2005 to 2008 and during that time offered the use of the house and grounds so that the village could celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of V.E day in 2005. Although the family moved to Snape her wish was to be buried in Pettistree churchyard.

Carpet Bowls

PETTISTREE CARPET BOWLS CLUB INTER-VILLAGE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Last winter's tournament began on Thursday 18th November at Ufford, where Pettistree were the visitors. The home team started strongly and after four games were ahead 3-1. Try as they may Pettistree could not find the shots needed with the result after eight games a decisive home win 6-1 and one drawn game. Not a good start for the defending champions!

Match two was Dallinghoo v Ufford on Wednesday 15th December. The outcome of this contest was a hard fought away victory to Ufford by 4 games to three with one draw. To show how close it was, in game four after 4 of the 5 ends the score was 3-3 and Dallinghoo were holding three shots with only the home skipper to bowl, unfortunately one over-hit wood by the home skipper converted 3 shots up to 1 shot down and Ufford won the game 4-3. This can and does happen to any of us but it illustrates how every bowl can win or lose the game.

Match three was Ufford v Dallinghoo on Thursday 10th February. At the halfway point it was all square 2-2 but Ufford made home advantage count after the break 3-1 to give a final score of 5-3 to the home team. Ufford now looked hot favourites to succeed current champions Pettistree in this year's competition.

Match four was Dallinghoo v Pettistree on Wednesday 16th February. Both teams were looking for their first victory and Pettistree in particular knew that with both their home matches on the notorious village hall floor to come, a win at Dallinghoo would give them a chance of catching 'in-form' Ufford. The home team had other ideas and played well all evening to record a win 5-2 and one drawn game.

Match five was Pettistree v Dallinghoo on Thursday 10th March. Dallinghoo kindly agreed to supply one of their carpets for this contest as it enabled all the players to be constantly involved. I will give the scores game by game so you can check my arithmetic, something I did on the night several times! 5-6; 11-2; 2-9; 1-6; 4-3; 8-1; 1-5; 4-3. I make it 4 games each which gave Pettistree victory 36 shots to 35. Another example of 'every shot counts'!

Match 6 Pettistree v Ufford on Thursday 7th April. Could Ufford, the champions elect achieve the Grand Slam by winning all their matches? Three of the visitors play regularly at Pettistree on a Thursday evening and the stage was set. The scores were tight 4-3; 3-2; 4-0; 0-5; 5-3; 2-2; 1-3; 1-3. A victory for Pettistree, four games to three and one draw.

Many congratulations to Ufford, this season's winners, particularly as they have brought to an end a run of six championship victories by Pettistree. Dallinghoo on two occasions were one shot from being runners-up. Final result Ufford 3 wins, Pettistree 2 wins and Dallinghoo 1 win, and a good time was had by all!

Anyone wishing to join in the fun, starting again in October please contact Eric Dowker on 01728 746419 or Mike Sayer on 01394 460639.

Have a good summer one and all.

Mike Sayer

PETANQUE TEAMS ON THE UP AT THE GREYHOUND



The third season of petanque for the erstwhile players at The Greyhound is proving to be ‘third time lucky’. After two seasons of being at the bottom of the divisional table (or very close to), without a single match win achieved, we are now steaming ahead in the Orwell Division, in which we have been placed this year.

Our group of 12 players (6 couples) decided to split this year to give us all a better chance of playing in matches and to introduce a competitive element to our game – and are we competitive!! We’ve even got team shirts now – it must be getting serious.

Our welcoming hosts at The Greyhound, Karen and Tony, have adopted their respective teams and much banter and grumbling can now be heard on a Sunday morning depending on which team is playing and who is winning. Karen’s team is romping ahead with two wins under their belt, taking them to the top of the table and strong contenders for the divisional title. Tony’s team is coming a close second. It’s all to play for!

This year we are playing against teams from BT, Woodbridge Saxons and Hollesley Shepherd & Dog, as well as against each other of course. We have found everyone so friendly – it’s a great way to spend a Sunday morning, in the fresh air, with like minded people. Our thanks to Tony, Karen and Jon for their hospitality on match days – much appreciated. We always welcome new players so if you fancy a try on a Sunday morning do come and join us – just contact Dave or Cath below and we’ll let you know when we are playing, or we’ll arrange a practice session when you can join in.



To find out more about the sport you can log on to the Suffolk Coastal Petanque Alliance website at www.Dave & Cath Caudwell. Tel. 747170 or email: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

PETTISTREE HERITAGE

A date for your diary.....

Pip Wright gives talks to groups of all kinds and all ages across East Anglia and is a writer of local history books. He has a passion for newspapers of the 18th and 19th centuries and has spent a number of years gathering information on Suffolk social history from these and other sources.

Our talk this year has the intriguing title of ‘**Frolic, Fervour & Fornication**’. Pip writes: ‘The registers and papers that once lay in the parish chests of Suffolk villages contain all kinds of items that could so easily have been thrown away or never written at all. The surprises they reveal about the people of Suffolk in past centuries are remarkable.’

The date for your diary is **Friday 11th November, 7.30pm, at Pettistree Village Hall**. Do join us for what promises to be an interesting evening. For more details on Pip Wright, his talks and his books, go to www.pipwright.com

If you would like to know more about our work, or would like to get involved, please do get in touch.

Cath Caudwell, Chairman, Pettistree Heritage
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The **Parish Council Election** on 5th May went ahead with the minimum of fuss and with no need to vote because the number of candidates matched the number of seats on the Parish Council. Thus the council was declared re-elected by Suffolk Coastal District Council who organise the election. (Parish Councilors names are on P8 of this newsletter.) Seats for Suffolk Coastal District Council were contested on 5th May but our two district councilors, Mr Jim Bidwell and Mr Michael Bond were both re-elected. Cllr. Bond is also our county councilor and attends our Parish Council meetings regularly.

May has continued to be a busy time for the Parish Council. At our AGM on 10th May I was re-elected Chairman and Maureen Stollery as Vice Chairman. We work well together but will be happy to see others take over our posts in the not too distant future as quite a large time commitment is involved – and lots of e-mails!



The **Annual Parish Meeting** was on 24th May to help decide what village activities will be planned and supported. If you were unable to attend please let us know if you have problems or concerns about village life and if you want others to join in with you and stage village events in the coming year, perhaps with some financial help from the Parish Council.

Radio Suffolk and one of the Suffolk Coastal District Councillors have complimented villages on their efforts to tidy up Suffolk in the “Don’t be a Tosser” campaign. We did our bit on Sunday 13th March with several

villagers turning up to help. The biggest item cleared was an upright vacuum cleaner retrieved from one of the roadside hedges. One remaining problem is the overgrowth of vegetation at the bus stop opposite the “Three Tuns”. We need someone to give it a regular trim with a strimmer. Please let any councillor know if you could help.



Remarkable weather continues to be one of the main topics of conversation. We have now had several weeks with no appreciable rainfall and the vegetation, especially on our meadows and lawns, is looking very sad. No doubt this will change but will it be in time to save the yield from our gardens and the farmers crops? Bonfires with the risk of sparks and spread will be even more of a concern than usual until the rain returns.

Finally I must give out the good news that the formalities of presenting the Parish Council Accounts have all been completed on time and with no adverse comments. This is all due to the expert help of our Parish Clerk, Clive Mann who gives us invaluable help both between and during our meetings.

NEXT MEETINGS

JULY 19th 2011 7.30 pm

SEPTEMBER 13th 2011 7.30 pm

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council. May 2011.

Congratulations



Mike and I knew that we were going to retire at the end of March and that we had two grandchildren also due in March, but we were not prepared for what happened. On Monday 21st March our grandson was born – Mason Finley Kirk Manning 8lb 6oz (a baby brother for Lani), Mike and I retired on the same day Thursday 24th March and on Friday 25th March our new granddaughter was born – Grace Mary Manning 7lb 4oz. What a magical week we had.

Lani with baby brother Mason – Chris and Hayley’s pride and joy.
A gorgeous new son and new brother for their beautiful daughter Lani.



Rob and Katherine’s beautiful new daughter Grace Mary.
We are very proud grandparents and looking forward to spending lots of time with our grandchildren.

Sheila and Mike Manning



Jacki & Tony Franklin are pleased to announce the arrival of their Grandson, George Henry Wills Crisp. George was born on 14th April to our daughter, Amy, and son-in-law, Daniel who live in Peasenhall. He weighed in at 8lb 11oz.

| <u>Parish Councillors</u> | |
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| Jeff Hallett Chairman The Laurels | 746210 |
| Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman 1 Presmere Road | 746653 |
| Mary Chilvers Cooper’s Cottage | 746123 |
| Elaine Boardley 1 Hungarian Close | 01394 461451 |
| Peter Hayward Green Farm | 746558 |
| Mike Watts Burways Thong Hall Road | 747202 |
| Terry Rowles Low farm | 01394 4604422 |

| <u>Useful people to contact</u> | | |
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| Parish Clerk | Clive Mann | 01394421628 |
| Vicar | Rev John Eldridge | 01728746026 |
| Bellringers | Mary Garner | 01728746097 |
| ChurchWarden | Brian Nobbs | 01728746590 |
| Village Hall Booking Secretary. | Pauline Jarvie | 01728745030 |
| Local History Recorder | Joan Peck | |
| Age Concern | | |
| The Three Tuns | | 01728747979 |
| Wickham Market Health Centre | | 01728747101 |
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