



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Annual Parish Meeting ——— Where were you?

The Annual Parish meeting was held in the Village Hall on 21st May. This is the meeting where villagers can discuss village events over the last year and make suggestions to the Parish Council about matters that involve or concern them. It would also be an opportunity to show parish councillors that the work they do throughout the year is noticed and valued. It was disappointing that so few villagers attended the meeting but this is in line with attendances for many years. **Besides the members of the Parish Council there were only six members of the public and two of these were reading reports!**

Reports were received from:-
Local History Recorder, Joan Peck.
Pettistree Heritage
Pettistree Parochial Church Council
Village Hall Committee
Safer Neighbourhood Team (Police)

Our county and district councillors were unable to attend so discussion centred on village affairs. Details of the past year in the village can be found in the Chairman's report that will soon be added to our website.

A plea was passed on from the emergency services to request house owners to ensure that they have a name board for their house and that it is clearly visible. This makes obvious sense especially if an ambulance or first responder is trying to find a collapsed patient.

No other significant problems or projects emerged so all those attending were able to enjoy the refreshments provided by Mary Chilvers at the close of the meeting. **It is hoped there is a better attendance next year.**

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Barn owl in Walnuts Lane



Colin Barley of Wickham Market was fortunate to have his camera ready when he took this photograph in February.

Maureen Stollery also had a close encounter with one in her garden in Presmere Road.

It is hoped a nesting box will be provided this Autumn in the churchyard, by Suffolk Wildlife Trust, whose community project installs them in community spaces.

Their informative web site enables sightings in Suffolk to be recorded on its interactive map.



Parish Council News

The Parish Council elects its Chairman and Vice-chairman at its AGM, which was on 14th May, and there was no change this year, with myself and Elaine Boardley being re-elected. At the ordinary Parish Council meeting that followed we were pleased to congratulate Mr Michael Bond on his re-election as our **County Councillor**. Mr Bond attends almost all our meetings and has supported the activities of several village groups with grants from his County Councillor's discretionary fund.

Another example of Councillor Bond's help is the pressure he was able to bring to bear on the highways authority and various social agencies to ensure that the family of travellers, who had established themselves in a green double-decker bus on the **Old Main Road**, moved on. They had not caused trouble, mess or attracted other families so the low-key approach using the 'proper' channels was very successful in this matter although it took a long time.

The **Featherbroom Gardens** planning application for land adjacent to the Pettistree parish boundary was strongly supported by Wickham Market Parish Council and was then approved recently by the Planning Committee of Suffolk Coastal District Council. Hopkins Homes will now be able to go ahead with the development but we have no details of the timetable for starting or the rate at which plots will be developed. In my view this development makes the remaining green

undeveloped land between Pettistree and Wickham Market even more important. We must ensure its preservation as farmland to maintain the clear identities of our two villages.

There is no clear news about the proposed development of **Sizewell C** nuclear power station. Recent accounts in the press about uncertainty over finance and costings of the energy that will be produced have only made matters seem more unclear. The consultation process is continuing and the Parish Council is ensuring that a representative attends the Community Forum to keep us as well informed as possible.

Please continue to pick up litter when you see any on your walks around the village. I had to cancel the **village litter pick** on 24th March because it was actually snowing and we would have been unable to see litter even if we had braved the cold. We seem to have a problem every year choosing the date for the litter pick. Too early and it snows, but too late and the grass has grown too long on the verges.

The **glass recycling bins** in the Greyhound pub car-park continue to be well used but now they are a different design they do not fit in their old corner. This means that they cannot be accessed if the pub gates are shut, so please plan your visits for pub working hours.

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council

Managing Suffolk's Flood Risk

Suffolk's Flood Risk Management Strategy is an important new tool to help everyone understand and manage flood risk within our county.

Efforts need to be made by all involved, organisations and householders alike, to help reduce flood risk in practical ways.

- Keep watercourses free from debris and unnecessary structures. Talk to Suffolk County Council if you want to put in a culvert or any other structure in a watercourse.
- Avoid paving over your garden unless you use suitable permeable surfaces.
- Help to keep rain water out of the drains by using water butts, green roofs, rain gardens, etc.

- Don't wash cement, fats and oils down your drain as this can block them increasing the risk of flooding.
- If you are building a property, talk to your local council about sustainable drainage at the earliest possible stage.
- Be aware of the risk of flooding in your area.

If you are at risk, sign up for flood warnings and keep a watch out for weather warnings. Prepare a plan of what you will do if a flood is forecast.

To find out more visit www.greensuffolk.org/floods, email floods@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01473 260929.

Emma James -SCC



Pettistree Spring time - delayed - but glorious at its start

After months of bad weather, at long last the sun and warmth arrived - very late but very welcome. The litter pick had been cancelled, caused by snow, and the planting of the apple trees in the churchyard was postponed due to rain. So the arrival of Spring created an explosion of growth

with associated colour, the sheep tending their lambs, stunning sunsets and record temperatures. Alas, it was followed by cold winds & night-time frosts followed by grey overcast skies & cold days.

For the record here are some images to remember.



100 CLUB	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
FEBRUARY 2013	Val Pizzey	Jill Johnson	Karen Cousins
MARCH 2013	Pat Deliss	Mike Barnes	Judy Steventon
APRIL 2013	Dave Caudwell	John Speedman	Mick Hilton



St George's Day Lunch and Entertainment at Pettistree Village Hall

Pettistree is always full of wonderful surprises.

An invitation slipped through the letter-box to attend a St George's Day Lunch with entertainment. We were guaranteed no horse but maybe dragon! For the nearly forty people who met in the Village Hall, Rita and Dick Smith had very kindly organised a brilliant day to remember. It was in aid of the Indonesian Orphanage, Yayasan Gunung, www.gunungan.org Never having been to a St George's Day celebration, I was curious to see what would be in store for us.

The proceedings started with an extremely informative introduction as to who St George actually was. Imagine our horror to hear that our patron saint had never even set foot in England. Betty Beale recited an hilarious poem, telling us that he was Turkish, hence we should be eating kebab! However the ladies of the village cooked a delicious Red Poll cottage pie, followed by the first pulling of rhubarb for a delicious fool, and a very English sherry trifle. Wine glasses were generously filled, and a wonderful buzz pervaded the hall.



Soon the rafters were being raised by Steve Wassell's rendering of the "Cornish Floral Dance" and 'England'; Daf Rose's beautiful voice sang 'Greensleeves' and we were all feeling very



St George's Day Lunch Pettistree Village Hall

Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Places and things we love about England - or not

<i>Home thoughts, from abroad</i>	<i>Robt Browning</i>	<i>Marcus Judd</i>
<i>Cornish Floral Dance</i>	<i>Katie Moss</i>	<i>Steve Wassell</i>
<i>England</i>	<i>Steve Wassell</i>	<i>Steve Wassell</i>
<i>To Braintree</i>	<i>Martin Newell</i>	<i>Dick Smith</i>
<i>The River's Tale</i>	<i>Rudyard Kipling</i>	<i>Elizabeth Foster</i>
<i>Greensleeves</i>	<i>attrib Henry VIII</i>	<i>Daf Rose</i>
<i>The Turn of the Wrist</i>	<i>Arthur Salway</i>	<i>Dick Smith</i>
<i>The Cricket Field</i>	<i>Arthur Salway</i>	<i>Brenda Claridge</i>
<i>Cricket</i>	<i>Pam Ayers</i>	<i>Rita Smith</i>
<i>Excerpt from Everlasting Mercy</i>	<i>J. Masefield</i>	<i>Margaret Blackhall</i>
<i>The man in the Blue Fleece</i>	<i>Nicola Hughes</i>	<i>Nicola Hughes</i>
<i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>	<i>J. Pearson</i>	<i>Rita Smith</i>
<i>Starlings</i>	<i>Sam Willetts</i>	<i>Rita Smit</i>
<i>The Cuckoo</i>	<i>Charles Daquin</i>	<i>Rita Smith</i>
<i>Richard the Lionheart</i>		<i>Peter Hayward</i>
<i>The True Dragon</i>		<i>Rosie Hayward</i>
<i>There'll always be an England</i>		<i>Mary Garner (et al)</i>

patriotic. It was a fabulously varied programme of poetry, singing and instrumental music, led and played by our talented Rita Smith.

Nicola Hughes introduced us to her modern poem, 'The man in the blue fleece', while intertwined were many by our old traditional poets. Please look at the programme as there are too many presenters to name; however I shall never forget Dick Smith's animated "The Turn of the Wrist" and Peter Hayward's hilarious rendering of 'Richard the Lion Heart'.

I was stunned by how many wonderfully varied talented people live in Pettistree.





By the end we were all joining in with a patriotic rendering of "There'll always be an England" led by Mary Garner.

The afternoon ended with 'The Raffle'.

I have never won anything in a raffle before; imagine my surprise when my number was called for the wonderful hamper, very generously donated by Pauline and Jim Jarvie. Lots of other happy people also went home with super raffle prizes.

Thank you Rita and Dick Smith, and the many others too, for your super contributions in time, talents and gifts.

An excellent £520 was raised for a very worthy cause, and we all know it will go directly to help needy children



Judy Steventon

Pettistree Heritage

Yet another year has passed by, and the time for the Annual General Meeting is once more upon us. You are therefore warmly invited to attend on Thursday 6th June at 6.30pm at The Greyhound. The meeting is brief, but informative in terms of what we have achieved in the past year. The Jubilee photograph album will be on view at the meeting, recording the wonderful events that took place over the royal weekend.

Also on the agenda this year is our annual talk, which will be held on Friday 15th November at the Village Hall. Ray Whitehand, a local lad, is a keen local history researcher and writer of numerous books on the history of our area, and will be

entertaining us with his talk on Suffolk Workhouses, entitled "At the Overseer's Door". A small exhibition on Pettistree's own Poor Law materials from the Suffolk Record Office will be on display. Each year we try to bring some Suffolk magic to the village, be it entertainment with singing and music, or more factual local history.

Do book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets cost £5 and can be ordered by contacting Cath Caudwell on 01728 747170, or email: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk



Frogs and Toads!

I went to a family party in Bristol for the weekend after Easter, weather still pretty cold but a bit more sun around. Before leaving I checked our pond to see if we should start feeding the goldfish. There were plenty of fish but they were very lethargic and near to the pond floor so no fish pellets yet, and I spotted 3 or 4 frogs or toads beginning to get interested in sex but no spawn visible. Three days later I returned, the sun was shining, the pond was heaving with frogs and toads all busy trying to claim a mate, and there were already several yards of toad spawn strings encircling all the plants and 5 or 6 large clumps of frog spawn as well. In the evening the noise they made was extraordinary and Jeff has recorded it. A rough count of individuals came to around 150.



Now 3 weeks on we have millions of tadpoles busily growing fast and expect a mass exodus of tiny frogs and toads in another 4 or 5 weeks

Isn't nature amazing!

Maggie Hallett



Carpet Bowls Club Inter-village Triangular Tournament—2012/13 season

Pettistree began the defence of their title with an away match at Dallinghoo on Wednesday 7th November. As usual the hosts provided two mats, which we all appreciate as it allows all the players to take part without any sitting out between games. Pettistree raced into an early lead with two particularly big scores and try as they may Dallinghoo were unable to prevent Pettistree from beginning the series with an away victory by six games to two; scores as follows: 2-12, 5-2, 1-10, 2-6, 3-9, 4-8, 3-4, 8-3.

Match two took place at Ufford on Thursday 29th November when Dallinghoo were the visitors. This was quite a close match up to the tea break with two games apiece and shots of 7-11 in favour of the visitors. What was in the refreshments remains a mystery as the home team won all four games after the break and the visitors recorded only two shots. Ufford were winners six games to two. Scores 3-2, 1-2, 0-6, 3-1, 2-1, 7-0, 3-1, 6-0.

Match three was at Pettistree on Thursday 13th December when Ufford were the visitors. A close match ensued as both teams tried to master the troublesome floor to gain an advantage or avoid a disaster. Pettistree emerged as victors by four games to two with two draws. Scores 1-2, 3-2, 2-2, 3-1, 3-0, 5-6, 2-2, 4-1.

Match four was at Dallinghoo on Wednesday 6th February with Ufford being the visitors. Ufford needed to win this contest to keep up with Pettistree, but from the depths of the store cupboard emerged a secret weapon for the home

team in the form of their original carpet. All four games on the original mat were victories for the hosts which is just as well as Ufford won three out of four games on the new mat which Dallinghoo use regularly, although it was positioned slightly differently. Result Dallinghoo five Ufford three. Scores 5-6, 5-3, 5-6, 6-2, 7-3, 11-2, 3-4, 6-3.

Match five Ufford v Pettistree Thursday 21st February. This was a 'must win' match for Ufford and win it they did in fine style by six games to two and a convincing shots count. This was Pettistree's only defeat in the competition, and sometimes you just have to take it on the chin. Scores 1-2, 3-1, 4-1, 1-3, 8-0, 3-2, 4-1, 3-1.

Match six Pettistree v Dallinghoo Thursday 7th March. If Dallinghoo could have won at this venue as they did last year then the whole series would be decided by games or shots totals as the match totals would have been two victories and two defeats for each team. The best two players from Ufford who come to Pettistree most Thursdays were invited to each join either the hosts or visitors. The 'special guests' cancelled each other out as Pettistree ran out winners by four games to two with two draws. Scores 4-2, 4-1, 1-4, 6-4, 8-0, 2-2, 2-2, 0-4. After all was done and dusted Pettistree emerged as champions once more.

If anyone from the village would like to come along on a Thursday evening from 3rd October at 7.30pm they would be most welcome. For more details telephone Eric Dowker on 01728 746419

Mike Sayer

First Responders Wanted!

This scheme comprises groups of volunteers who, within the community in which they live or work, have been trained to attend emergency 999 calls received by the NHS Ambulance Service, providing first aid until an emergency ambulance arrives.

They are called out to attend people with chest pains, breathing difficulties and collapses due to their medical condition, in the home, the street and at work. They do not attend car accidents, children under eight years of age, maternity incidents or known violent situations. It has been found that their early intervention has saved many lives, for the pre-hospital survival rate has

improved to between 25% and 30%.

Jackie Hayes in Ufford, who is our local First Responder, wishes to recruit volunteers to strengthen her First Responder Group. This would provide an enhanced local service.

She would welcome enquiries from local residents, employers and their employees who would get the satisfaction of helping others in our community, and receive training in emergency aid.

Please contact Jackie on 01394 461037 or email her at jackiehayess91@gmail.com



Competitive Pub Games evening

Forget about London 2012, Strictly Come Dancing and the Champions League, the event of the last 12 months was the Pettistree and Loudham Pub Games Evening on 17th May.

54 'competitors' were like coiled springs as our 'Lord Coe', Mike Manning, explained the rules and successfully divided us up into 14 teams. He told everybody he would not tolerate any biting, scratching or punching. Each team devised a name and set about 'doing' the circuit of games. Mike must have found the loudest whistle in Suffolk which proved invaluable to overcome the noise that was generated, particularly on the table soccer 'pitch'. It would have been a challenge even to the most experienced environmental health officer.

In addition to the table soccer, dominoes, darts, shove ha'penny and jenga were played with a high degree of enthusiasm, accompanied by fist pumps and whooping and hollering, as the ringmaster Mike toured the games giving advice and making decisions.

Perhaps the most unusual was when a jenga piece fell out without it being touched by anybody. He ruled that it could be put back in before anybody sees it!

After four rounds had been played the fish and chips from the Flaming Fryer in Wickham arrived. The games were put to one side and, in a slick logistical move, they were replaced by seating for 54 (again orchestrated by Whistling Mike Manning!). The fish and chips were piping hot, tasty and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Neil, Sarah and James at the 'chippy'.

The second set of games proved equally tense and enjoyable and the top three teams had only a couple of points between them. The cup will remain in the Jarvie household (last year's winners were Tony, Helen and Alistair) as the eventual winners were the 'Pettistree Poachers', three out of the four were born in Lincolnshire.

There was a surprise for Steve Boardley who was celebrating his 60th birthday (it didn't stop us beating him and his team at table soccer!).

Elaine had kept it secret from Steve and he was genuinely surprised when a cake, baked at Elaine's school, was brought out.

It was a great evening and we raised £155 for the village hall funds. Thanks to everybody that attended and participated wholeheartedly in the games and to Mike Barnes (our bouncer on the door) and 'Gladiators are you ready' Mike Manning for preparing and managing the evening so well. And not forgetting our 'Games Makers' who helped with the food and clearing up afterwards.

Many thanks,

Jim Jarvie



"The Pettistree Poachers" and "Whistling Mike"



Wedding day for Susie Hallett and Steven Williams in Pettistree Church.

To wake up to a covering of snow on March 30th, Easter Saturday, was a 'heart-sink' moment for those of us responsible for planning a wedding in Pettistree. There were further wintry showers but by the afternoon the settled snow had gone, the sun shone and although it was very cold we were able to enjoy a wonderful wedding.

The day before we had decorated the Village hall with gingham bunting, and put vases of narcissi and pale pink tulips on the tables. The church was filled with flowers as well, arranged by many friends to celebrate the wedding, but also for the Easter services and it looked glorious. One advantage of the cold weather meant that the flowers continued to look lovely for the following four Sundays as well!



The church bells started ringing at 2.30 and we discovered that a big advantage living so close meant that the bride was able to hear and appreciate the bells while getting ready. Susie and Jeff then walked over the road to the church without needing the umbrellas, but a woollen wrap helped to stop the bride shivering. The Vicar, Rev John Eldridge led the service which everyone agreed was a very special occasion, particularly when Susie and Steve were joined at the altar by their baby daughter Bethany as prayers for the whole family were said.

It was too cold to stay for long outside the church for photographs, so we all walked on up to the Village hall while Susie and Steve, with help from Jeff's mini Swiss Army knife, divided her specially prepared bouquet into 3 smaller ones, which they then placed on her Grandmothers and her Great-

aunts graves.

They then strolled to the Village hall, causing confusion to a group of ramblers who had not seen the advance party, so were puzzled to see a 'Bride



and Groom' in all their finery wandering up Walnuts Lane. I think they thought at first it was some sort of theatrical performance and didn't like to march on past them in case they ruined someone's production.



The Lawrence and Holland family from Farmhouse Cooking surpassed themselves, producing delicious and very warming soup on arrival at the hall, followed by a magnificent tea. The bride's father made a short amusing 'non-speech', as formal speeches had been vetoed by the bride, the three different wedding cakes were cut, eaten and all pronounced delicious, especially the 'Passion cake'.

The children were kept occupied making egg shaped Easter baubles and small Easter baskets, which they were allowed to fill with mini Easter



eggs. The craft ideas kept the younger element busy while their parents chatted, and as this activities area was on tables near the table football, that was also utilised and kept the youngsters happy.

The bride and groom left for the Brudenell hotel in Aldeburgh for a few nights, Bethany was to join them after one night staying with her grandparents, and the party finished around 6.30pm

Within a remarkably short time the washing up was done, the tables cleared away, bunting retrieved and the hall returned to normal.

We are so grateful to all those who helped to make Susie and Steve's wedding such a wonderful day for them and for our whole family. So many of our friends both from the village and Wickham contributed in so many ways and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all.

Jeff and Maggie Hallett

Neighbourhood watch-What's happening in your area

Pettistree is a wonderful village to live in, and what makes it so great is that we all take the time and trouble to talk, socialise and generally look after one another. How can we make that even better?

One way is to report any anti-social behaviour that you observe or become aware of to the police non-emergency line which is simply **101**. As soon as you ring you are patched through to Suffolk police, who will take details and record your complaint. This is always best done first hand as you may be asked questions about what you have seen. Always ask for an incident number and record this, in case there are any follow-up incidents. It really couldn't be simpler. As the school summer holidays approach there is often an increase in such incidents, and places like the Village Hall can suffer damage, as well as our own homes being targeted

for petty theft or abuse. By nipping this type of behaviour in the bud, you could be saving yourself, and others, a lot of bother.

Suffolk Police also have Facebook and Twitter accounts that you can use to follow local problems. You can find these on www.suffolk.police.uk Another way to keep up with local NHW events is to register your email with myself. News items are passed around as soon as they are reported and read. There are currently 30 households on the mailing list – if you would like to join them please email your request to: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Enjoy the summer ahead, keep safe and be neighbour aware, especially when they are on holiday.

Cath Caudwell, NHW Co-ordinator

Were “The Ashes” in Pettistree?

The Australian cricket team will soon be in England to contest “The Ashes”.

It is therefore of interest to recall the article, written by Joan Peck, in the 22nd Issue of Pettistree People exactly ten years ago in June 2003. *See the Pettistree website for the full article.*

The humiliating defeat of the English team at the Oval on 29th August 1882 resulted in a mock obituary in “The Sporting Times”, which stated that English cricket had died, and “the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia”. So began the publicity for “Ashes” contests.

Soon afterwards an English team captained by Ivo

Bligh, promising he would regain “the Ashes”, sailed to Australia, won the series and returned with a terracotta urn containing ashes of unknown origin presented to him by a group of Melbourne women. It remained in the possession of Ivo Bligh, later Lord Darnley, until his death in 1927 when it was presented to the Marylebone Cricket Club for safe keeping, by his family.

Joan found the 1901 Census reveals Ivo Bligh was living at Pettistree Lodge. It was claimed he kept the urn on the mantelpiece of his library so it is reasonable to assume it was in Pettistree at that time in 1901.



Pettistree Village Hall Management Committee

Before I forget, please make a note of the following two dates. Firstly the Annual General Meeting of the Committee takes place on Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7.30pm and every resident of the village is very welcome to come along and hear the reports and to have a say on what is happening and what you would like to happen and any ideas for future events. We hope you will be able to come along; we have a super village hall and over the years a lot of people have put in a lot of effort to create this very useful village amenity and it just needs your support to keep it going. Secondly the next date to note is 26th August when we hope to organise another 'Fun on the Green' event, more details will be available at the AGM and notices will be posted around the village and on the website.

At our last meeting this week, on 30th April, Rob Martin our freshly recruited and very welcome new committee member came up with a suggestion from his fellow residents at Loudham for an event based on 'Mother Knows Best' where people bring along a plate of food which is a family favourite and also the recipe and possibly a photo relating to it. The recipes could then be reproduced into a book for sale for fund raising. From the Jubilee and other events we know what keen cooks we have amongst us. It would be a chance for others to taste and possibly learn something new or just enjoy a social event eating

and drinking. It could be incorporated with another event. It is going to be discussed again in July so further ideas welcome, start looking back at family favourites and does anyone have any Suffolk recipes, I can only think of 'Suffolk Rusks'. With regard to the building itself, our electrical survey has been completed and Alan Hunter is in the process of doing some small remedial jobs. After inspection we are assured that our wayward floor is not putting pressure on the outside walls. Like last year, after a drier, slightly warmer spell the floor has settled again, but it may need sanding down and it is being reviewed on a regular basis. A little more decorating is now required and hopefully this can be done during the better weather.

Finally the 100 Club subscription renewal started again on 1st May and for those of you who have not renewed their subscription already, please pay your collector as soon as possible. For those of you have not joined in our Pettistree form of the Lottery, for just £1 a month you have a chance of winning a monthly first prize of £20, second prize of £10 and a third of £5 with a special bonus drawn in December. Much better odds than Ernie or the main Lotteries and if more of you join, the prize money would go up accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Ann Sayer

Acting Secretary (**Still in search for a replacement!**)

Annual Meeting of St Peter and St Paul's Church

At the Annual Meeting on April 21st 2013 Brian Nobbs stood down having served as Churchwarden for 6 years. Kevin Blyth and Maggie Hallett were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. The current members of the PCC were re-elected and Brian Nobbs, Mike Whitaker and Lynette Tucker were also elected to the PCC. There are now 52 names on the Pettistree church electoral roll, so we are entitled to have two members on the Deanery Synod and Daphne Rose and Maggie Hallett agreed to represent us. It is particularly important to have representation on the Deanery Synod as the reorganisation of the parish groupings (benefices) in the Deanery is being decided this year. We are very grateful to all those who give freely of their time to help run Pettistree

church, and the Vicar expressed his thanks to all those who work so hard to maintain the church. The Annual report was presented which is presented to the Diocese to show what is happening in the church and its community in Pettistree. All reports are available for any interested parishioner to see.

During the coming months decisions will have to be made about the redecoration of the interior of the church which we would like to be carried out in May 2014. We hope that an estimate will be received shortly which will give us an achievable target, then Grant applications can be made and fund-raising begin in earnest.

Maggie Hallett



Palawan and the British Palawan Trust

I am sure you will remember a previous article about the British Palawan Trust when I received the Gold Medal of the British Orthopaedic Association. The work of the Trust has continued since then. There has however been a major difficulty, Soc (Dr J A Socrates who founded the Trust) died of a massive heart attack in September 2012. His loss will be felt by the staff and the indigent people of Palawan. We are all, especially Cecile, Soc's widow, very keen to carry on his work. There is a full obituary on the web site.

I have just returned from my annual visit. The main activity was the opening of our new clinic with a blessing by the Bishop of Palawan. The occasion was attended by many local supporters and patients. It was, as always in the Philippines, followed by "merienda" a feast of local food. The new clinic and workshop are on a piece of land bought with a large donation from a London doctor and the buildings paid for by a special appeal both in the UK and locally. The plan is to move finally and start work in the new site by the end of May.



The majority of our work can continue even without Soc. We provide physiotherapy for post injury patients, those who need rehabilitation following strokes and the many children with cerebral palsy. The workshop makes artificial legs and braces as well as aids for the disabled, and offers wheelchair maintenance and modification. Currently our old clinic is surrounded by a building site where they are extending the hospital. This means that many disabled patients cannot reach us so the staff do more home visits.



We continue our visits to outlying parts of Palawan. This is arranged through the Mayors and their municipal health units. I went with them to Coron, an island in the north which used to be a leper colony. I saw many patients with a very wide variety of disorders some of which were orthopaedic. These "medical missions" stretch my brain as I have to go back to my basic medical training. Many require simple treatment, exercises and reassurance, but we gathered up a number of patients who need to be seen in Puerto Princesa for referral to other doctors or to be supplied with an artificial limb or a wheelchair.

Whilst in Palawan I saw many patients, some of whom had fresh fractures. The local Orthopaedic specialists, as all doctors in the Philippines, work privately and would not treat the patients until they had raised between £300 and £1000. Most cannot afford this so receive no treatment and tend to go to the Hilots who are traditional healers of variable efficacy and honesty! Soc used to treat these patients but now I do so, if there, and when back in UK I am sent clinical photos and x-rays by e-mail so I can advise our staff what to do. Many fractures only require a simple Plaster of Paris splint which our physiotherapists can apply; others may need specialist treatment or sometimes surgery. We try and help as many such people as possible advising where they can raise money locally such as from the Municipal Medical Social Workers or from the Philippine sweepstake funds and occasionally paying from our funds. We are able to get reimbursed from a Dutch charity for children we support but the rest relies on our loyal donors in the UK.



Not all my time in Palawan is spent working. I now have many friends there and we meet up for meals or to go swimming in the local hotel. I also visit some of the sights such as the islands in the bay, marine parks where snorkelling over coral reefs is wonderful or just walking in the tropical rainforest.

I did not, this time, visit the now famous underground river which is one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. This fame has increased the tourists a great deal which has plus and minus points. I rather preferred the island before it had been “discovered” but tourists do bring in money and generate employment.



More details about the British Palawan Trust can be seen on our website www.britishpalawantrust.org.uk with some photographs on the trust’s Facebook page. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Louis Deliss
Chairman British Palawan Trust

The London Marathon

On Saturday 20th April I travelled to London with our son Kevin and his wife Helen in preparation for the London Marathon and stayed overnight at a Travel Lodge in Dartford. We were up early at 6 am ready for breakfast at 6-30. Kevin was now mentally and physically ready to run the London Marathon, for which he had been preparing during the last six months.

Kevin was five when we moved to this lovely village with his two sisters and two brothers. They spent eleven very happy years together. They were all very active and athletic children and maybe because of this Kevin decided at sixteen he would enlist in the Army and join the 1st Royal Anglians in 1976.

As part of his time in the Army Kevin served a two year term and six terms of six months in Northern Ireland, saw active service in Belize and Bosnia and had some very great times in Gibraltar and Bermuda. For the last thirteen years he has been the Combined Cadet Force officer and games master at Woodbridge School.

Through all the good and bad times The British Forces Foundation is on hand to boost the morale of British servicemen and women on operations all over the world and because of this Kevin and daughter Amanda decided to run a marathon in their support.

Amanda ran the Paris Marathon on 7th April and had a time of 4 hours 50 minutes. I was very sad we were unable to be with her, but her sister Heather was able to support her.

London was packed to capacity, people lining the route three deep on the railings, but we did manage to get a place at the eleven mile mark, where Kevin rushed by giving us the high five. We did not have time to take a photo. We then pushed our way through to the other side of London Bridge, in hope of spotting him again at mile 23. We could not get near the railing and not even on tip toes could we spot him. There was no more for it but to leg it to Horse Guards’ Parade where we found Kevin and Helen under the letter “S” by the lake.



Amanda and Kevin talking it over

Kevin looking rather tired but very pleased with himself. He had run the London Marathon, all 26 miles 385 yards, in 3 hours & 55 minutes and raised at least £1,600 for The British Forces Foundation. It was then time for a very happy family group to make their way back to Suffolk.

Maureen Stollery



Planning Matters

1. FEATHERBROOM APPLICATION

C12/2123

The meeting of the Planning Committee of Suffolk Coastal District Council on Wednesday 24 April 2013 was attended by myself and a large number of residents of Wickham Market.

The application was outlined by a planning officer who presented the outline of the proposal and it became apparent that it would be recommended for approval.

Doctor Elliott from Wickham Market presented a summary of objections which reflected most of the concerns which had been expressed by our Parish Council. I therefore had little to add with my submission.

The District Councillors on the committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

2. EDF SIZEWELL COMMUNITY FORUM

A meeting of the above forum was held on 25 April 2013. It related to the questionnaire which EDF had circulated. The evening consisted of an analysis of the data gleaned from the responses. There were no conclusions reached, but members who attended were able to comment and question the officers of EDF on a wide variety of topics. It was stressed that the process is at an early stage of consultation and that the response from nearly 1300 people and 49 District and Parish Councils was encouraging. The next forum meeting was scheduled for 17 October 2013.

Peter Hayward

Fun and Games in Wickham Market

The Wickham Market School Association is organising a Village Extravaganza at Wickham Market Community Primary School on Saturday 15th June between 11am and 4pm. This is a huge community event which promises to attract people not only from Wickham Market and Pettistree, but as far as afield as Woodbridge and Rendlesham.

There will be a central arena with professional sound provided by Ipswich firm Sound 4 Pro Audio. Children from the school will be entertaining guests with Tudor dancing, Sensation Samba, a big band march with cornets, a cricket demonstration and a cooking show. There will also be a Dirty Dancing workshop, belly dancing and Pettistree's own Roger Chilvers giving a thatching demonstration. Refreshments will include the WI tea tent (Mary Chilvers' sausage rolls will be on sale!), a Pimms and beer tent, a barbecue and ice cream. **There will be an all comers tug of war -**

People of Pettistree, we invite you to put in a team!

Please contact me on 01728 746599 to enter.

In addition to all this, there will be vintage cars, the Mini Club, agricultural vehicles, a vintage fire engine, police car and penny farthing bicycle.

A mega slide and a bouncy castle are ideal for children and the young at heart and there will be lots of shopping opportunities at our many lovely stalls. There is plenty to do for adults and children alike.

Best of all, entry is completely free. We welcome you along, with all your friends and family.

The WMSA gratefully acknowledge the support of their many sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible. At the time of going to press, they include the Pettistree Greyhound, and Green Farm Clinic,

Ruth Leigh

The Three Tuns

George has returned to look after The Three Tuns and is looking forward to getting the pub and restaurant back on track and he would love to see everyone again. At the moment he has no programme for the summer but is working

on it. George asks you to watch the notice board outside the pub for all the information you will need, such as the Sunday Carvery and Summer BBQs.



Bell Ringing Snippets

The jackdaws are again presenting problems in the tower having eaten through the wire netting yet again!

Our annual dinner was held at The Greyhound on 9th February attended by almost thirty of us. The annual award, Mary's Plate, was presented to Timothy Stanford, a recent returner to ringing.

On March 30th the marriage between Susie Hallett and Steve Williams was a lovely occasion. The ringing was good and after the service the ringers attended the Wedding Reception in the Village Hall which was like a ringers' tea, but with champagne!

April 13th was a sunny morning and the band visited three towers in Essex; Langham with six bells, Earls Colne with eight and after an enjoyable pub lunch, Coggeshall with a fine ring of ten bells.

It's always interesting to visit other ringing chambers and try the bells, but it makes us

appreciate our own ring of six all the more.

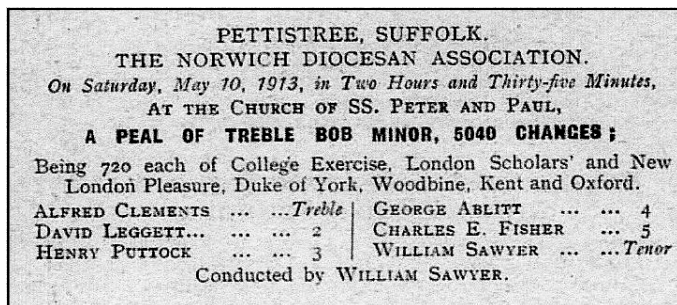
May 4th was another sunny day, and this time warm. It was the day of the South East District Striking Competition, this year held at Brandeston. There were two competitions, one for method ringing, the other for call changes. Pettistree entered a team in both, coming second in the method ringing and fourth in the other. More than sixty people enjoyed a splendid tea in Brandeston Village Hall, before the judges gave their verdicts.

We also had a request for a band from Norfolk to ring a Centenary Peal in Pettistree to commemorate a distinguished peal in 1913; an account of which follows .

If you would like to find out more about this fine English skill, or even have a go, come along to Pettistree Church on a Wednesday between 7 and 7.30pm or call me on 746097
Mary Garner

Centenary Peal at SS Peter and Paul, Pettistree, Suffolk – 10 May 2013

On the 10 May 1913 my Grandfather William Sawyer rang a peal in 7 methods at Pettistree Church :-



I had only recently found information regarding the peals that my Grandfather had rung and an idea started forming that I could maybe replicate some of his peals on the actual centenary day.

As the dates inevitably fell on a week day, I put the idea to ringers who would be able to take part in a daytime weekday peal. Very quickly I had a band available to ring at Pettistree.

I contacted Mary Garner explaining my idea and requested if we could attempt such a peal at Pettistree on Friday 10 May 2013. Permission was thankfully granted and we assembled nervously at the tower at 10.30am to ring these rather unfamiliar methods.

Luckily we were under the watchful eye of David Brown who kindly agreed to conduct the peal.

After 2 Hours and 44 minutes "that's all" was called and we had done it – It was a superb experience for me especially.



The Band – L-R – Peter Sawyer, Trish Hitchins, Janet House, David Brown, Simon Rudd, Simon Smith.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local people of Pettistree, especially Mary Garner, for allowing us to ring on your delightful bells for this historic occasion, which we enjoyed tremendously.

Best Wishes to All , Peter J Sawyer



KindWater – a Pettistree company and the UK number one

Kind by name and kind by nature – well that’s the aim anyway. I established KindWater in 2001 to provide good employment (starting with myself) and friendly, affordable, water softening expertise. Having put down strong roots in Pettistree, we hope that we can be valued neighbours. So who are KindWater?

Well we are now recruiting our tenth team member, who will be our fourth office based administrator. And, along with our field based team of engineers serving the four eastern counties, all but one of us live locally (between Aldeburgh and Ipswich). Meantime we are a small enough team to give a genuinely personal service, but probably the largest installer of water softeners in the UK. So how have we overhauled many longer established companies?



We believe it is people who make the difference. When we recruit, we work hard to find individuals who really care about doing a great job for our customers. Having the right aptitude obviously matters and we provide extensive training to ensure that every team member becomes an expert, but it all starts with having the right attitude. And our measure of success is that 60% of our customers report that they are delighted and 36% pleased, with the remaining 4% satisfied.

Of course it helps to offer customers a real choice from budget to best, so in 2004 it was great to be appointed East Anglian main dealer for Kinetico, the world leader in water technology. And by being more efficient and productive than any of our contemporaries, KindWater is able to offer highly competitive prices without cutting corners. But in the end we find that most people ‘buy from people’ and we take a pride in championing old fashioned Suffolk values that our customers can trust.

More of an accident has been our rapid rise to become one of the UK’s top three independent salt distributors. Starting with a few bags to homes, then the odd tonne to hotels and hospitals, most of our salt business is now delivered in 27 tonne loads direct from manufacturer to large retail and food customers. So growth in traffic to our Water Tower Yard premises has been minimal. And with two of our administrators now normally cycling to work (and two of the next three jobs that KindWater creates to be home based), we trust that our neighbours will continue to enjoy this tranquil spot. as much as us.



That is once the builders have come and gone this summer. Because after six years as tenants, we were fortunate to be able to buy the freehold in December 2011 - and we have some subsidence that needs underpinning; an office that needs upgrading; the goal of improving our energy efficiency to match our 95% recycling rate; and a real desire to smarten up the appearance of the site. Even though the work is mostly indoors, there is bound to be some noise for which we apologise in advance. Perhaps when it is finished you would like to pop in and say hello – we will be pleased to see you, and hopefully you will do so.



DIARY DATES

Pettistree Heritage AGM 6th June at 6.30pm
in The Greyhound. You are warmly invited.

Wickham Market Extravaganza at Wickham
Market Primary School 15th June between 11am
and 4pm.

PROPS Cut off dates 9th July, 10th September

Pettistree Village Hall Committee AGM

16th July at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Fun on the Green with BBQ

26th August- Bank Holiday Monday

Pettistree People copy dates for 2013
4th August, 3rd November
Email - ppedit@uwclub.net

Off course and in the drink (*perhaps
too much drink!*)

PETISTREE

AN ODD ADVENTURE.—On Friday night last, between eleven and twelve o'clock, as a gentleman and his wife were returning from an evening party, on reaching Petistree Green they heard screams from the direction of the pond near the letter-box. The gentleman at once alighted from his trap, and, taking one of his gig lamps, went to the pond, and there found a woman immersed to her waist. Finding that he could not extricate her alone, he went to Mr. Goymer's and procured assistance. The woman was taken out of the water, and Mr. Goymer kindly took her to his house, and lodged her for the night. She stated that she had walked from Easton, and was going to Tunstall, and, having lost her way, found herself in the pond. As the hedge is thick, and the bank high between the road and the pond, it is difficult to imagine how the woman could have got into her unfortunate predicament. She appeared to belong to the labouring class, and, whether from fright or otherwise, a little "queer" in her manner. Next morning, after a thorough drying and refreshing, her hospitable entertainer started her on the way to Tunstall. What the consequences might have been but for the timely and kind assistance rendered by all concerned, it is useless to speculate upon.

Ipswich Journal 12 March 1881

Joan Peck found this snippet and discovered "Mr Goymer" farmed Home Farm. Records show his surname was in fact Gormer.

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