

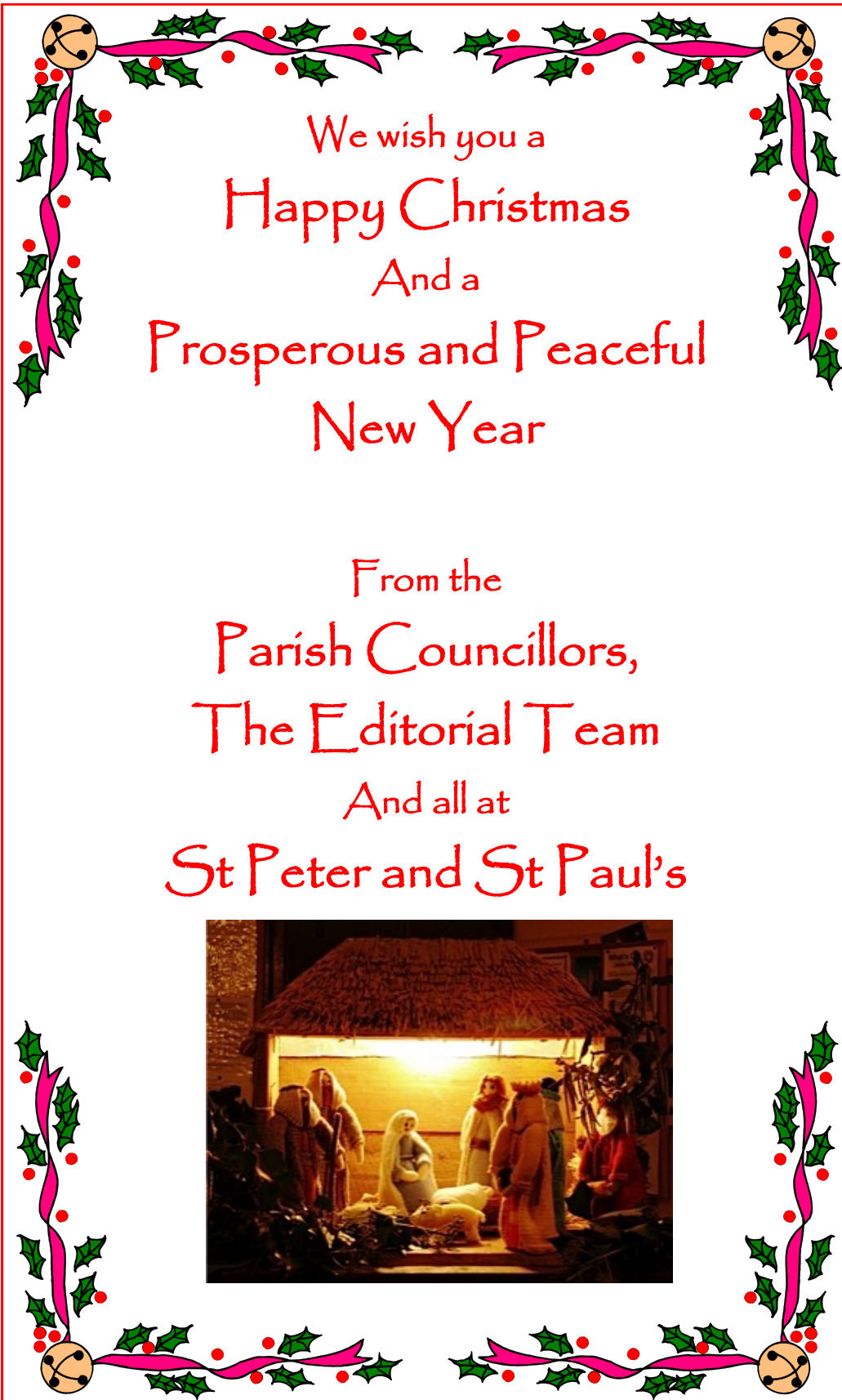


Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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We wish you a
Happy Christmas
And a
Prosperous and Peaceful
New Year

From the
Parish Councillors,
The Editorial Team
And all at
St Peter and St Paul's



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Parish Council news

This Autumn has been very wet and windy but the village has been lucky that damage from **the storm on St Jude's day**, 28th October, was only moderate. A few trees were brought down over the roads but these were cleared away relatively quickly by local efforts. Since then the sound of chain-saws has continued as the fallen timber in fields and gardens has been cut and stored ready for firewood in a year or two.

At our Parish Council meeting on 6th November we reviewed plans to deal with **winter weather**. Grit bins are all in place and names of volunteer gritters have been collected and notified to the Highways Department so that they are covered by relevant insurance. Most of our roads are low on the priority list for salting by the Highways Department but our own efforts with the salt/grit mix in the bins can reduce risks at the worst corners and junctions.

Our last meeting was well attended with District and County Councillor Michael Bond in attendance as usual. Our neighbourhood police team also attended and were able to report a low incidence of **crime in the village**. However those of you who have signed up for the Police Direct e-mail message service will know there has been a recent spate of break-ins and theft of heating oil and tools in surrounding villages. Do remember to lock cars and outbuildings as well as following advice to protect oil tanks.

Surprisingly few people have commented on the absence of the Fison's Best Kept Village sign from

the Green. It is being sandblasted and repainted and will soon be replaced beside the main village sign. With the anniversary of World War One coming soon we hope to give the war memorial a special clean when the weather allows.

In my last Parish Council News I was out of date saying that the **Three Tuns** public house was not patronized by villagers. Now that George is back in control standards and popularity are obviously good. The Parish Council agreed unanimously at its meeting on 6th November to object, in principle and detail, to a planning application to replace the Three Tuns with houses. The loss of convenient accommodation and catering facilities would be a real disadvantage to locals and tourists alike. We are lucky to have both The Greyhound and The Three Tuns to cater for us.

As mentioned last time we hope to further improve rapid **communication in the village** by using modern technology. We are fortunate in have the latest expertise available in the village and we are taking advice on a local system using computers and text messages for those who want them. It will probably take until our Annual Parish Meeting next May before we shall be ready to launch a new system.

Your Parish Council sends its best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We know that several events are planned for the festive season and early 2014 so do watch the notice boards and give the events your full support.

Jeff Hallett

Recognition for Pettistree People

When I attended the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) AGM on November 12th, representing Jeff who had a previous engagement, I was delighted to hear our village newsletter being highly praised and then awarded first prize in the 'Small Village' category.

"A good use of colour & photos that have impact and capture the reader's interest; a comprehensive diary and Parish Council information. A deserved winner!" As editor, Mike Watts was presented with a framed certificate, a trophy, a cheque for £100 for Parish Council funds and given a well deserved round of applause by the assembled members who represented many of the 421 Suffolk local councils.

Maggie Hallett



I am of course building on the foundation established by Joan during her 11 year tenure, and I rely on Maureen Stollery "digging out" your news stories, Pat Deliss for her proofreading, and printing by Sharward Services Ltd.

Mike Watts



Village Hall Management Committee meeting – 29 October 2013

At the Village Hall Management Committee meeting the following issues were discussed:

- Pat Deliss has volunteered to take on the role as VHMC Secretary and at the meeting she was welcomed, and re-assured the role would not be too onerous.
- The Petanque/ French Boules cheese and wine event was attended by 25 villagers and friends. The enjoyable event raised £40 profit which will go towards the VH funds.
- The water leak outside the hall in the road has been repaired so hopefully the puddles will subside.
- The gate post has rotted and will need replacing (already in hand) and a new

outside light will be fitted.

- The VH funds have a healthy balance and the committee is looking to replace the chairs and decorate the inside and outside of the hall..
- Burns Night date has still to be fixed but will be at the end of January/ beginning of February.

The indoor bowls team is keen to recruit more members for their Thursday evening league and should contact Eric Dowker for the details.

The next VHMC meeting will be on
Tuesday 14 January at 20.15

Jim Jarvie Chairman

100 CLUB	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
August 2013	Alex Jarvie	Liisa Beagley	Colin Shimmon
September 2013	Pauline Jarvie	Jenny Barnes	Ellie Jarvie
October 2013	Mike Hilton	Nick Beagley	Pat Cook
November 2013	Jill Russell	Guy Signy	Colin Shimmon

Planning matters

These are the applications forwarded by the Planning Department of SCDC.

- 1. Suffolk Sports Cars DC/13/3454/VOC** To vary the conditions of application C/06/0910 to allow 5 parking spaces.
- 2. Suffolk Sports Cars DC/13/2953/FUL** An application for the erection of a building to park customers cars under cover and to use as storage.
- 3. A Kirkpatrick of County Leasing DC/13/2621/FUL** Conversion of the Three Tuns Public House to form 2 dwellings plus the construction of 4 new dwellings including 3 houses for renting. This will involve the demolition of the recently erected block of rooms which provide bed and breakfast accommodation.

Peter Hayward

Pettistree Regional Oil Purchasing Syndicate – PROPS

PROPS was founded, voluntarily, by us in January 2011 to help the community buy heating oil at a best price.

Facts & Figures : Number of Members = **500** (the maximum we can manage).
 Number of orders placed by PROPS Members = **2,497**
 Volume of Heating Oil ordered through PROPS = **2,248,350** litres.
 The average saving achieved per litre = **5.7p**

Total savings made for PROPS Members = £128,156

Steve Wassell, Mike Barnes & Tony Franklin



Pettistree petanque day



Pettistree Village Hall hosted its first Petanque/ French Boules event on 29th September, which also included tasters of cheese and wine. The day was organised by Dave Caudwell who marked out four pistes/lanes/rinks in the village hall car park. Twenty five participants were divided into a number of teams and commenced the 'knock out' phase of the competition.



In no time at all the friendly spirit of the games was interrupted by the cry of 'has anybody got a tape measure' as the players, newcomers and old hands became serious.

The surface played well, although the odd comment was overheard when a perfectly positioned boule suddenly veered off after hitting a 'foreign object'. Most of the Greyhound team is used to playing on varying surfaces including tarmac, pub car parks and weed strewn sandy soil.



Petanque surfaces are a great leveler, almost as much as copious amounts of red and white wine. Some players improved after lunch, others went downhill rapidly.

The final was a close thing with Pauline and Jim Jarvie narrowly defeating Cath Caudwell and Tony Franklin. The Jarvies cleaned up by winning the raffle prize, a French themed hamper given by Clare Signy.



It proved an enjoyable way to spend a Sunday lunchtime and hopefully we will hold another event next year.

Thanks go to Dave for organising the day which raised £40 for the Village Hall upkeep.

Jim Jarvie Village Hall Chairman, Pettistree Petanque champion and raffle prize winner!

Footnote: Jim & Pauline deserve a huge thank you for organizing the cheese, wine and breads – a good French spread. Dave

The Three Tuns

Despite all the rumours and the Planning Application to build four houses at the rear of The Three Tuns, and convert it into two dwellings, George has signed a lease and is fully committed to cater for the hotel and restaurant trade. Being multilingual George attracts and welcomes guests from far and wide.

His Christmas menus are available and you are advised to book early . Tel: 01728 747979



Daisy and Jake Kiddy have had a successful summer of competing with their ponies Prince and Missy - and mum Amy was a winner too!

Daisy age 11 and 21 year old Prince qualified for both the UK riders and Trailblazers championships. They came 2nd in the junior dressage UK riders National final at Arena UK in Lincolnshire in



August and 4th in the open warm up class against all ages, returning home with some fabulous prizes and memories. Unfortunately they didn't compete in the show jumping as Prince is now

starting to feel his age and we thought that would be asking too much of him!

The pair of them have also been on the riding club dressage team qualifying for the Summer championships at Lincoln and the team coming 3rd in the dressage competition held during Houghton International Horse Trials in Norfolk in May where they were lucky enough to bump (almost literally!) into eventers Mary King and Tina Cook members of our GB Olympic silver medal team who wished them luck.

7 year old Jake and his 18 year old pony Missy only compete when Jake feels like it (typical boy!) but every time they did resulted in great success including wins at Finn Valley annual show and

Reserve Champion at Make A Wish Show at Easton in September and coming 2nd in their first jumping competition at Tophorn Arena.

Not to be left out Boots aka Gometra Aquilla belonging to mum Amy (her remaining Shetland pony from her scurry driving

days) was Supreme Veteran Champion at Suffolk County Show in June at the age of 28 years old scoring 98 out of a possible 100 marks from the two judges and winning a lovely embroidered Show Champion rug which all three ponies can get in as



it was large enough for a Suffolk Punch, not a 34 inch high Shetland!

All three ponies and both Jake and Daisy featured in the October issue of

Absolute Horse Magazine, something we will probably never manage to achieve in one issue again!

All in all a fun and memorable season.

Amy Nicholls

Carols in the Barn 2013

Dick and Rita Smith would once again like to invite you to come and sing carols in the barn at Church Farm, Pettistree, on Friday 20th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

The carols will be followed by one of Jim and Pauline's BBQs. Donations are invited for the Starlight Children's Foundation and Stephen's Refuge in Indonesia (www.gunungan.org)

Please phone Rita to reserve your places (746708) and if you have a favourite carol that you would like to be sung please let us know.



Freedom of the City of London

I was privileged to spend some of my school life at the City of London Freemens School, Ashted Park Surrey.

The City of London Corporation funded the school in 1854 and established it at Brixton, which was then countryside, to undertake the education of orphaned sons and daughter of Freemen of the City. This made it one of the oldest co-educational schools. In 1926 the Corporation of London decided to move the school and they bought Ashted Park and turned the lavish house into a school, and fee paying pupils started to be admitted.

In 1951 a visit to the City was organised for the whole school and this annual visit remains an important date on the school calendar. I remember having tea at the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen. The school visit also incorporates a church thanksgiving service at the Guildhall. In 2004 the whole school of 800 pupils celebrated its 150th anniversary with a service at St Paul's Cathedral and was represented with a float at the Lord Mayor's Show. As part of the 150th celebrations the Old Freemens Association organised a dinner at the Guildhall in the City, and a number of my decade have continued to meet for an annual lunch at The Farmers Club in London—supervised by our head girl and head boy!

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, and many of the Governors, are members of the City's Court of Common Council. A large number of awards and prizes are distributed on Prize Day, made possible by the generosity and support of the City and its associated Livery Companies, with the Lord Mayor in attendance.

Having attended the school pupils can apply for a Freedom of the City which is bestowed by patrimony or servitude. Honorary Freedoms are an award or reward and are rare and only given to the great and the good, notably such people as Dick Whittington, Florence Nightingale, Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela, to mention a few. All applications have to be endorsed by two Liverymen and then considered and given permission by the Court of Common Council.

The origins of the Freedom date back to medieval times when craftsmen and women organised themselves into trade guilds which protected employers, employees and customers by checking

standards of work, quality of goods and weights and measures. Penalties were imposed on those who broke the rules.

The cost of a Freedom in the 14th century was very high as it was a major source of income for the Corporation of the City. It carried rights and privileges including exemption from market and bridge tolls. Only Freemen could vote or have a say in the governance of the City.

So what are the perks in 2013? It does not empower you to drive a flock of sheep across London Bridge!

There are very few perks nowadays.



However there is an attraction for those of us who feel sentimentally attached to the City and take pleasure in being part of a very ancient tradition. Personally because of my school days, and memories of my father suitably dressed with a bowler hat and furred umbrella for his visits to his City office. Not to mention access to the most wonderful buildings.

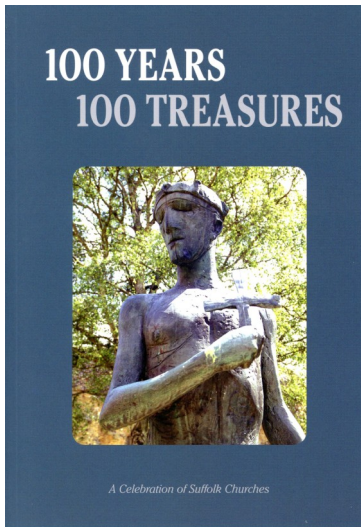
The ceremony takes place in the Chamberlains Court, Guildhall. It is conducted by the Chamberlain of London or his clerk. A sheepskin parchment called a "Copy of Freedom" is presented and a book of the "Rules for the Conduct of Life". The Chamberlain offers the right hand of fellowship to the recipient and they are greeted as a Citizen of London.

Damien Lewis, the actor, received his Freedom on the same day as I received mine.

Rosie Hayward



100 Years of the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese



A book has been published as part of the centenary celebrations; it contains a brief history of the diocese by Roy Tricker, and describes 100 of the varied treasures of the churches of Suffolk illustrated with some excellent photographs. Pettistree's rare stone altar is treasure No 74!

Inside the back cover is a very useful map of the county with each parish containing a 'treasure', marked on it; this makes a very handy reminder of places to visit in the county.

Publication costs have been generously sponsored so the price is only £5.00; of this a contribution goes to the Royal British Legion, and £2.00 for all copies ordered through us, will be given to Pettistree church. A sample copy is available in Pettistree church, please make time to look at it and consider ordering one for your own bookshelves.

Maggie Hallett

Church Fabric Problems



Following consultation with the church architect the PCC have now realised that we have an urgent problem in the two buttresses which support the East Wall. Cracks have opened in these buttresses and this is allowing water to enter the structure which will be causing deterioration of the central core. This could cause the buttress

same time replace the asbestos guttering and downpipes, as well as undertaking the repair and redecoration of the Nave ceiling and walls we have already planned. The first step is to request permission from the Diocesan authorities for this work, and then apply for grants, as well as initiate and encourage local fund-raising.

In the past there has been an assumption that funds from the Church of England are available for repair and maintenance of churches, but this is not the case. Church members and the local parish have to fund all repairs to the church buildings, which may also attract grants from various charitable trusts, if anyone feels able to help with applying for funds please do get in touch.

to collapse leading to serious damage to the East wall and the stained glass window. In 2014 the PCC are determined to tackle this problem, and at the

Maggie Hallett

The Pettistree Parochial Church Council wishes Happy Christmas to all, and invites you to join us to celebrate the Birthday of our Lord at the Special Christmas services



The Carol Service on Sunday December 22nd at 9.30 am.

This service is led by Rev Margaret Blackall and followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.

The Candlelit service of Holy Communion at 11.30 pm on December 24th led by Rev John Eldridge.



Christmas Day, December 25th a service of Family Communion
at 9.30 am led by Rev John Eldridge.





National Final 100m Breaststroke— Lane 1, Thomas Beagley from Deben, long whistle, up on the blocks, “Take your marks”, BEEP, dive.....

Three years ago our then 10-year old Tom was whizzing up and down the Green Farm swimming pool in Pettistree in his usual weekly lesson when his teacher, Rob Ward, suggested he should go for a trial at Deben Swimming Club in Woodbridge. He was accepted and within two months had progressed to the top squad for his age, training 6 sessions a week including two 5.30am starts!



Competitive swimming starts at club level attempting to swim fast enough to get County qualifying times then Regional qualifying times then (hopefully) National qualifying times obviously increasingly difficult to achieve the higher you go. Tom has qualified for the Counties held at Crown Pools every year since he started at Deben and for the Regionals held at UEA Norwich in 2012 and 2013. This year we were very excited when he swam fast enough at the Regionals to get his National time in 100m breaststroke.

Qualifying for the National Championships is a big deal for swimmers it being the ultimate level of competition in the UK so there was great excitement from his coach and so many lovely cards and good wishes from his fellow swimmers and their families. The Championships are held at Ponds Forge, Sheffield every year with hundreds of

swimmers from all over the UK competing. We hadn't even contemplated we would be off to the Nationals when we had invited the entire Beagley clan for that very weekend in July to celebrate Nick being 50! We had to leave Tom's siblings in charge at home to welcome our guests whilst Nick and I took him to Sheffield. Normally Nick and I alternate taking Tom to competitions but neither of us was going to miss this one!

We entered Tom for the 100m breaststroke 12 year old boys competition, it is all done online so you can see who you are competing against and there were 16 boys his age who had qualified – not many considering the thousands of boys his age in the UK! We could also see their entry times and Tom was the 12th fastest qualifier. Ponds Forge is a 10-lane pool so there are 10 places in the final up for grabs and being 12th fastest we thought it highly unlikely he would get through. We did however take the precaution of buying tickets to see the final as well as the heats hoping it wouldn't jinx anything.



Race morning dawned and Tom had his usual large bowl of porridge, gathered his kit and arrived at the pool ready for the warm-up starting at 7.30am. Only Tom and Deben Head Coach Nikki Merrill can be poolside so we found seats in the enormous viewing gallery. We were so nervous for him that we could hardly sit down. We watched him line up looking calm and dive in for the race of his life. He swam 7th fastest and through to the final. We thought we'd be on our way

home by 10am so had to phone home and tell them not to wait up as the final was at 5.30pm...

After lunch (carbohydrate!), lots of water and a rest we returned for another warm-up session prior to the finals. There was a great atmosphere and every swimmer lining up for the final is announced over the loudspeakers.” In Lane 1 Thomas Beagley from Deben” – we cheered as loudly as we could.

.....and he finished 6th – yes, that is 6th fastest in the UK.



Fabian Stedman—Who?

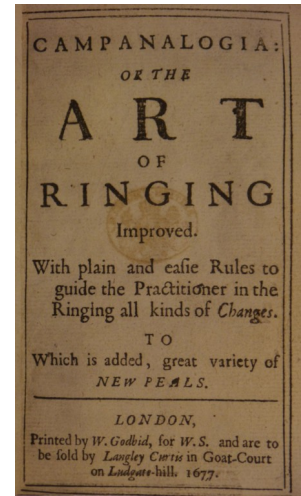
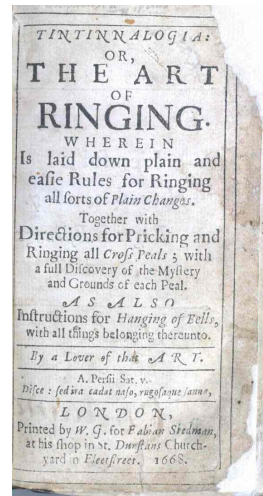
If you live anywhere close to the church you will realise that the ringers enjoy their art greatly, especially if you are around on Wednesdays and Sundays. As ringers we consider ourselves to be very lucky, having pleasant sounding, easy going bells and a good teacher who has been part of the band since 1986 when the last restoration of the bells took place.

As well as regular practice and service ringing we have marked many occasions, both national ones including the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, the Millennium and the 400th anniversary of the Spanish Armada back in 1988, as well as local ones, including weddings, funerals, births and birthdays etc. Every year for the past 26 or so we have enjoyed the evocative sounds created by half muffled ringing for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

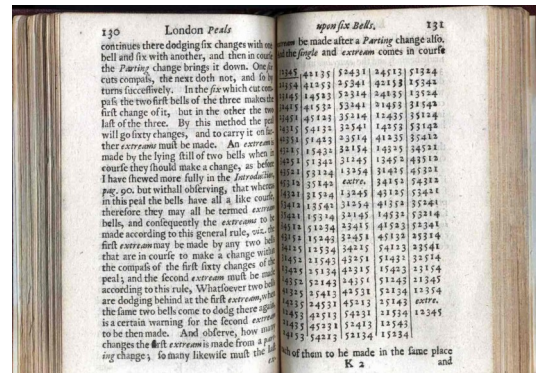
All this would not have been possible in the current form without Fabian Stedman (1640-1713). The tercentenary of his death was marked up and down the land around November 16th this year. Stedman is considered to be the father of change ringing, or ringing methods as we refer to them.

“The peculiarly English art of change-ringing developed from the late 16th century. A way of hanging church bells had been found which enabled ringers to control the speed at which they rang, making it possible to change the order in which the bells sounded – hence the name change-ringing. So for example five bells in a tower no longer had to ring over and over in a single basic order 1-2-3-4-5, 1-2-3-4-5, but pairs of them could now be swapped round each time: 1-3-2-4-5, 1-3-2-5-4, 1-3-5-2-4 etc.

As the 17th century progressed, some ringers began to further develop the range of changes which could be rung. Fabian Stedman was one of them. The son of a Herefordshire clergyman, he was apprenticed to a printer in London, where he became an active ringer. In 1668 his professional and personal interests combined when he published the anonymous *Tintinnaloga, or the Art of Ringing* (attributed to ‘a lover of that art’), the first book on change-ringing. It was followed nine years later by *Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing Improv’d*.



The importance of these works was that they set out the theory and practice of what were then called ‘cross-changes’. In the example above, only one pair of bells at a time swaps places. In cross changes more than one pair can swap at once; we can go from 1-2-3-4-5 to 1-3-2-5-4, then 3-1-5-2-4.



“Stedman’s principle” on five bells, as printed for the first time in *Campanalogia* (1677) – and as still rung today

A wide variety of patterns can be formed this way – growing larger as you increase the number of bells. These patterns, known as ‘methods’, are the music of change-ringing, and Stedman was the first to produce printed versions which helped to codify them. Today ringers are used to seeing the methods printed, but in 1688 this was an innovation. It is the method (known as a ‘principle’) which bears Stedman’s own name which keeps that name alive more than anything else for today’s ringers. It appeared for the first time in *Campanalogia*.”

With thanks to The British Library website.

<http://britishlibrary.typepad.co.uk/music/2013/11/fabian-stedman-300th-anniversary.html#sthash.idAQ2xMJ.dpuf>



Cider making in Pettistree

Last year at Rita Smith's *Carols in the Barn* Pettistree's **Cider Making Alliance** was formed, led by Dick Smith who recruited Tony Franklin, Jim Jarvie and Alan Whitfield with an invitation to anyone else who may be interested in joining our Alliance.

The New Year came and went and the months went by, the apple blossom bloomed and the fruit grew but to some extent the memories of our endeavour began to dim. All of a sudden it was September and the apples were nearly ready to harvest and we needed to get the cider making gear together. Dick, who was "in charge", directed Tony to muster the cider making crew and assemble the tack needed to make the brew.



Picking took place in the last week of October – we picked, chopped, pulped, pressed and decanted the apple juice; some 18 gallons into three

six gallon fermentation vessels. Dick, Jim and Tony each took charge of one vessel and was made responsible for nurturing the brew and bottling and maturing the end product.

Maturing our cider will take some weeks but we are hopeful that there should be some samples available for tasting at this year's *Carols in the Barn*.

Next year, if this year's cider comes up to scratch, we are planning to produce a Pettistree 2014 cider vintage on a semi-industrial scale.

Watch this space!!



By mid-September it was clear that there was a bumper crop of apples abroad and the pickings promised to be very good indeed. Three apple growers were approached, Joan Peck, Carol & John Speedman and Pettistree's champion of apple tree growers, Dick Smith himself. Despite other apple growers in the village wanting us to harvest their crops these three orchards could produce more than enough apples to meet our needs.



Tony Franklin



The Story of the Book

At the Heritage AGM last June Clare Signy produced an old ledger containing the names of several Pettistree farmers in the 19th century. No one had any idea as to whom it belonged and neither were there any other clues as to the original owner. He was obviously a very clever chap evidenced by the variety of jobs he was able to undertake. Was he a blacksmith, a carpenter, or perhaps a wheelwright? Cath and I spent an afternoon trying to sort out the names of the villages where he worked to see if a pattern emerged. All the places were local but nothing was conclusive.

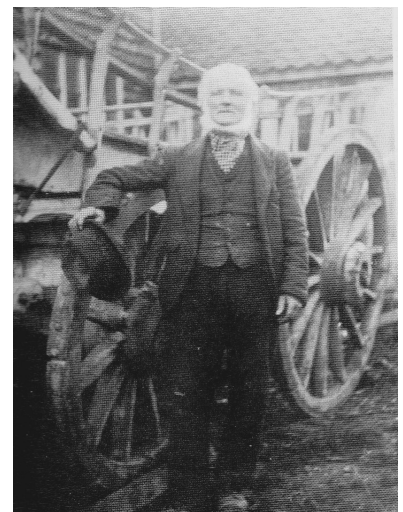
One morning I had the thought (an unusual time of day for anything like that!) that the name of the Reverend Walford happened quite often .

Walford, father then son, were the vicars of Dallinghoo and one account for that name was for the Vicar and Churchwardens. If those churchwardens were like Pettistree Churchwardens there was a strong possibility that they would have deposited their accounts or records in the Ipswich Record Office. Ray Whitehand said he would see if he could find anything on his next visit. Dallinghoo had done the correct thing –Yes there were some records of their accounts. Whilst our book itemised everything, the Dallinghoo Churchwardens settled their accounts about every six months. Amongst the Dallinghoo accounts Ray found a bill dated March 1881 for £1 11s 8d from Andrew Blake, and in our ledger there was the amount of £1 11s 8d settled in March 1881. We had a match! It would seem that the book was once the property of the Blake family who owned a workshop in Dallinghoo.



Andrew Blake

Interestingly we already had some information about Andrew. He was born in Pettistree on 5th August 1827, the eldest surviving son of Charles Blake (1795-1834) and Ann nee Fulcher. Charles was landlord of the Three Tuns and perhaps Andrew was born there. Charles Blake died 3rd December 1834 aged 39 years leaving Ann with four children. The youngest son inherited from his father according to the custom of the Manor. Ann married again and in the 1841 Census Andrew aged 14 was still living in Pettistree. He was apprenticed to the wheelwright John Motum, the owner of a “Works” at Dallinghoo. This was a carpentry shop, a smithy, and a wheelwright’s shop. Andrew was an ambitious lad because later he was apprenticed at his own expense to Ransomes at Ipswich. During the week he lodged in Ipswich but returned to Dallinghoo at weekends to play his violin in church.



He purchased the business from John Motum in 1857 remaining in charge for almost half a century and the name Blake has been associated with Dallinghoo ever since.

In Dallinghoo, where the workshop once stood, there are three holiday cottages called “Robin’s Nest,” “Wheelwrights” and “Carpenters Shop.

Source:-“Suffolk Roots” Vol 34 No1 (Suffolk Family History Society

Picture by kind permission of Peggy Cole.

Joan Peck

Welcome

We would like to welcome three new families who have recently moved to Pettistree,
We hope you will all be very happy here

John & Patricia Ellam

Mike & Christine McGee

Dale & Nicky Mayhew with children Liva, Charlie & Harry



11th November remembered



Photo: Daphne Rose

The collectors, Maureen Stollery, Kath Hilton, Jim and Pauline Jarvie, thank all of you in Pettistree and Loudham who generously contributed to the collection for the Poppy Appeal. Your generosity has resulted in at least £508 for the Royal British Legion, including £59.22 through Gift Aid.

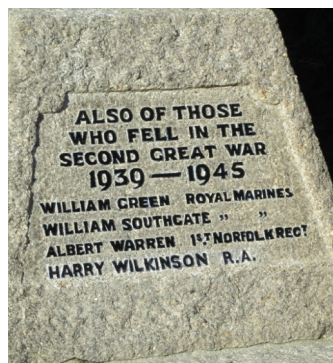
The Remembrance Day service held at our war memorial was conducted by Rob Rose and was well attended, as illustrated in the above photograph. After the prayers Peter Schurr CBE laid the wreath in memory of all who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Recognition after 70 years

For the first time in my life I heard my father's name read out on Armistice Sunday as his name has taken its place on the memorial in the village he left as a soldier.

Mum and Dad were married at Belstead Church on Christmas Eve 1939 and lived in the village. He was called up to the 67th Medium Regiment and was assigned to D troop 232 Battery and stationed in Sevenoaks, Kent. On my arrival into the world dad was given leave just to see us both and to register my birth. Dad's regiment was then sent to the Middle East and he found himself fighting Rommel in the North African desert. Communication was not easy and when Dad was captured Mum would listen to Lord Haw Haw as he gave out the names of those who had been captured. He was taken at Tobruk in June 1942 with all of the 67th Regiment. One sad aspect was there were no communications with POWs so mum never knew if Dad ever received any of her letters or photos. The conditions in POW camps were very bad, and rife with dysentery

which in the end contributed to dad's death. The doctor told mum it was because he had "Christmas Disease", where the blood doesn't clot. He had in fact died from loss of blood and enteritis and was buried in Italy. Mum and I visited his grave in 2005.



Jane Bradburn has researched 67th Medium Regiment as a hobby and with her help and the co-operation of the Belstead Parish Council my dad's name has now been added to the Belstead War Memorial. As a little girl I could not understand why I could not find his name on any war memorial and for some time believed one day he would walk in through the door; there were some cases where soldiers were found year's after the end of the war.

On Sunday 10th November 2013 family and friends gathered at Belstead War Memorial for a service and laying of the poppy wreaths. Our son Kevin laid on our behalf. The first time in seventy years my dad's name is inscribed and we are so pleased my mother is still alive and could attend.

Maureen Stollery



Neighbourhood Watch and Events emails

A group list of email addresses has been operating for some time, to distribute Neighbourhood Watch news quickly. Whenever the police inform me of a criminal event that is relevant to this area, this is forwarded to people on the list. I also distribute items that people bring to my attention, when appropriate, all by blind copy.

By being better informed we are in a better position to protect our homes and those of our friends and neighbours. As always, if you see something happening that you feel is suspicious and requires urgent attention, dial 999. To report other or non-urgent information you can now use 101, which will patch you through to Suffolk Police. Please don't wait to tell someone in the village – by then it will be too late.

This has been augmented by group list of email addresses which has also been set up to inform

residents and friends of the village of any Pettistree event that is on the horizon. Information is also circulated by blind copy and reaches not only Pettistree but some of our regular visitors from nearby parishes who support Pettistree events on a regular basis.

If you would like to join either, or both, lists please forward your email address to roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

If you have an event you would like to advertise please send full written details to me (I'm not in a position to edit them, so they must be as you wish them to be circulated). This can be in the form of an email, or an attachment. To ensure reaching as many people as possible posters should still be displayed around the village.

Cath Caudwell , Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator

Young writers and photographers – WANTED

The Editors congratulate Rosie Martin for her article recording the Food Fest event. **Very well done!**

We believe this is the first that Pettistree People has published that was not written by an adult. Nor have there been any photos over the years. We wish to publish your news and photos in future issues and ask you to record things you have done, and see them in print.

We propose the best, each year, will be awarded a prize!

Food Fest at Pettistree Village Hall

On Sunday 24th November my dad organised a food fest at Pettistree village hall. Around 20 residents arrived from Pettistree & Loudham and they all brought delicious dishes, from family traditions to farmhouse food. All of the dishes were fabulous but my personal favourite was the Lemon Cake by Jackie Franklin.

This is the delicious & yummy food that was there:

- Blackcurrant cheesecake - Eileen and Roger Cooper
- Austrian coffee cake (with booze) - Chris and Pat Cook
- Guinness cake - Cath and Dave Caudwell
- Lemon cake - Jackie Franklin
- Welsh cakes -my Mum (Jacqui Martin)
- Fish pie - Steve Boardley
- Date & walnut cake - Jenny and Mike Barnes
- Grandma's pudding - Pat Deliss
- Red poll beef casserole - Judy and Alan Steventon
- Apple cake - Rita Smith
- Spanish chicken bake -Pauline and Jim Jarvie
- Curry and rice -Tony Franklin
- Quick 'n' easy fish risotto -Steve and Jill Wassell
- Chocolate shortcake -Steve and Jill Wassell



All of the recipes will be made into a recipe book for other families to enjoy.

Everyone had a brilliant time and it was very nice to meet new people. There was a range of sweet and savoury dishes but I think every one enjoyed trying different ones.

By Rosie Martin. Age 10



“Please Mr Overseer” – Caring for Pettistree’s Poor

The Pettistree Heritage Group talk on 15th November was given by Ray Whitehand who was born at Potash Cottages in the village. He has a wide interest in local history and recently researched and produced our Church Guide for he has maintained his links with us.

In the first half of his talk Ray gave a timeline detailing the changes in treatment of the poor over the centuries. In medieval times ecclesiastical establishments had given help to the poor and needy but with the dissolution of the monasteries that changed. Help was confined to legacies and charity until Elizabethan times when Poor Relief Acts were passed and Parish workhouses created. A compulsory system of taxation in the form of poor rates was introduced. Some of the workhouses were built specifically for the purpose whilst in larger towns a Guildhall might be used and at the other end of the scale in a small parish a labourer’s cottage might be taken and used as a workhouse. Long Melford’s capacity was 150 whilst Somerleyton’s was 3. Materials such as flax, hemp and wool were provided and the poor received board and lodging for their work. Unpaid overseers were appointed by the parish officers to supervise aid.

In the 1700s the passing of Knatchbull’s Act meant the parish could contract out parts of the maintenance of their poor and allowed parishes to unite. A major change occurred with the creation of Incorporations. Large Houses of Industry were built which could take 250 – 600 inmates. Not all parishes joined which meant two systems were operating at the same time. In 1834 the New Poor Law Amendment Act was passed and Poor Law Unions were created.

The second half of Ray’s talk concentrated on Pettistree. The dissolution of the monasteries had brought an end to the aid given to the poor and relief was piecemeal and largely dependent on charitable parishioners. To avoid losing valuables to the Crown at some churches, the churchwardens would sell off silver and the money was used for the benefit of the poor. A certificate dated 1547 reveals Pettistree Church sold a pair of chalices for this purpose. As a result of acts passed in 1564 and 1574 parish officers had to have accommodation for the willing poor and stocks of materials to provide employment. The appointment of an overseer came into being in 1597 and an amendment in 1601 differentiated between the deserved poor who received assistance and the idle vagabond who did not. Relief was funded by the levying of a poor rate on parishioners. This varied from year to year.

Ray had recently discovered a report in the Ipswich Journal of the death of the Pettistree Overseer Isaac Levett, who had been found dead in a field. He had been carrying poor relief money in his purse. When he



was found the money was missing. He had no injuries on his body and the verdict was death by the ‘Visitation of God’ and one can only wonder if a passing ‘idle vagabond’ took the money.

Pettistree had a town house where the poor were housed and the earliest reference goes back to 1609. Changes took place in the mid 1700s when parishes joined together to form Incorporations. The able bodied poor of Pettistree were moved to the Melton House of Industry in 1768 and the Town House occupants were limited to the old and infirm. Due to various problems the incorporation closed in 1826 and the Melton building was sold and converted into the County Asylum. The inmates were returned to their parishes. The town house became the parish workhouse until 1834 when the New Poor Law Amendment Act was passed and Poor Law Unions were created. It then reverted back to being a town house.

Pettistree came under the Woodbridge Union, whilst Wickham Market was in the Plomesgate Union. This meant the poor of Pettistree would be sent miles away to Nacton, which seemed illogical as a new workhouse was being built at Wickham Market. When premises in Nacton were condemned the inmates were sent to Ipswich workhouse which became so overcrowded, paupers were on the move again, this time to Claydon.

Ginny’ Goddard, nee Boon, lived at the Town House at various times from 1881. At one point in her life she was an inmate at the Nacton workhouse. After her husband died she moved back into the Town House where she stayed until her health deteriorated and she was moved to Blythburgh geriatric hospital; formerly the workhouse. She is buried in the churchyard. The Town House located on the land beyond Stump Street was eventually sold but one of the fields has been named after Ginny - a fitting tribute to one of the ‘deserved’ poor.

Evelyn Whitfield



Drain Blockages



In the June Issue we included an article from Suffolk County Council, which referred to the problems caused by unsatisfactory materials poured down drains.

Unfortunately it happened to us last month and we personally experienced a horrible stinking overflow. Firstly the toilet didn't flush

properly and the trap outside the back door was overflowing. We rodded our drain to the manhole in the road without success.

So realising it was not our problem but one for Anglian Water we called them at 8am and they arrived at 4.30pm. They tried to find the manholes in the field down to the Presmere Pumping Station, even in the dark with torches, and metal detectors, then blasted

water into the drain from the pumping station towards Scott's Hall, all to no avail. At 8pm they called it a day.

Next morning at 8am they decided to blast water into the full manhole in the road next to Scott's Hall. Hey presto! It was at last flowing.

What, you may ask, caused the problem? Very large lumps of congealed fat and other debris in the cross sewer which connects the one for all the properties at the western end of The Street and upper Presmere Road, to the sewer in the field which goes down to the pumping station.

These concretions can be avoided if plates are cleared of food before they are put in a dishwasher, and never, never, pour oil down the drain.

This could happen to any of you on main drainage. **Please take care; and remember you could put your neighbours at risk.**

Maureen Stollery

Police Direct

For those of you who haven't signed up for Police Direct yet, please don't forget about it! The service is free, easy to use and is proving to be a very valuable policing tool.

The service doesn't just assist us it also benefits you. You will receive regular updates either via text, email or landline letting you know what is happening in your area.

Leaflets are available at all police stations or visit our website PC1328 Jo Clark—your local Police Officer

News in Brief

Shine Marathon Heather McConville and her daughter have raised over £6,000 from a sponsored Shine Marathon for research into pancreatic cancer.

Burns night celebrations will be held on Saturday 8th February at the Village Hall. Contact Jim & Pauline Jarvie 01728 745030

Greyhound closure Stuart and Louise will be on holiday from 13th to 27th January and the pub will be closed during those dates. Burn's Night dinner will be at 7.30 pm on 28th January

Open Gardens 2014 Plans are being drawn up and Dave Caudwell will welcome more participants for this very worthwhile cause to raise funds for the urgent church repairs. 01728 747170

Last of the Summer Wine made a late visit to Pettistree in November when Foggy Jarvie and Compo Caudwell were spotted, along with their partners in crime, Foggy Junior One and Foggy Junior Two, walking a greenhouse down Walnuts Lane. Not to be outdone, Crusher Wassell was persuaded to spirit the greenhouse over his garden fence.

They were caught in the act by Nora Jarvie who was twitching her bathroom curtain at the time.





DIARY DATES

Carols in the Barn—20th December at Church Farm. Contact Rita on 746708

Church Services— see Page 7

PROPS orders. Next Cut-off dates in 2014
7th January, 4th February and 4th March

Pettistree People copy dates for 2014

10th Feb 12th May 11th Aug 10th Nov

Please deliver your stories and photos to Maureen Stollery or Mike Watts, or send by email to ppedit@uwclub.net.

REGULAR EVENTS

Bellringing 6.30pm on Wednesdays in St Peter & St Paul's church. Contact Mary Garner on 746097

Carpet Bowls at 7.30pm on Thursdays in the village hall. Contact Eric Dowker on 01728 746419

Pilates in the village hall. Contact Sam Whitfield on 07716 316294

Zumba fitness classes to Latin American dance, in the village hall.
Contact Sandra Johnson on 01728 685 609

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VACANY

Wanted

A History Recorder for Pettistree

Job Description

An awareness of what is happening in the village

An ability to attend events

A camera

A method of recording and saving the “now” for the future

Looking out for historical documents which might be overlooked or lost for ever

Short annual report to Suffolk Local History Council and a copy to Annual parish meeting

Further details from de.rola@virgin.net

It is a very worthwhile service for our village and is not very time consuming

We look forward to receiving your news and stories in the coming year. Direct or by email to

ppedit@uwclub.net

Mike Watts and Maureen Stollery