



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Sibling rivals! We wish them well

In the last issue of Pettistree People my younger brother Jake did an item on his love of cricket and how he had been picked for Suffolk under 10s squad. His training is now in full swing and enjoying every minute of it.

Both Jake and I also play hockey for Felixstowe Hockey club and just before Xmas the under 10 team of which he was a member were the winners of the Suffolk Youth League division 1, winning all their games and not conceding any goals!

Back in November Felixstowe put me forward for Suffolk Hockey JDC training and again just before Xmas I found out I had been picked for the JAC under 14 squad and have been to a couple of training sessions so far.

In order to strengthen my game I have also been playing for the ladies third team at Felixstowe and also played for the seconds a couple of weeks ago. It is a lot harder and tougher game which has improved my stamina (and bravery!) no end.

As far as sibling rivalry goes Jake and I are ultra competitive so it was a relief for mum and dad that we both got into county squads even if it is a logistical nightmare!

As well as the hockey I still compete regularly with my pony Velvet who unfortunately is now far too small for me and will soon be going on to another home, but before that we have got one more big event to go to as at the beginning of January we

represented Finn Valley Riding Club at the area dressage qualifier and were really pleased to qualify for the British Riding Clubs Winter Dressage Championships. These are after Easter at Keysoe in Bedfordshire so another trek for my mum! We have now been trying to find a replacement for the wonderful Velvet so if anyone has a nice 15hh showjumper/ dressage horse they would like competed please let me know!



I am also doing PE for GCSE and have to do four sports to a high level so the extra county hockey training is a great help and as soon as I can find the next horse I can start getting a partnership together with it ready for competing and also for my GCSE assessment.

You may see us both running around the village as we both have to keep our fitness levels up, you probably won't see our parents running but keeping up on their bikes

Daisy Kiddy

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Parish Council News

The winter weather has been unusually mild up to the time of writing this in early February. Fortunately we have escaped the serious flooding that has occurred in the North of the Country as most of Pettistree is on fairly high ground. However the heavy rain has done further damage to a lot of our lanes but the highways department has done quite a lot of work to mend some of the worst holes in Byng Lane. Other holes remain to be dealt with in that lane and in others.

The Parish Council met on 2nd February with a good turn out of councillors as well as our County Councillor, Michael Bond, and our Suffolk Coastal District Councillor, Mark Amoss. Their regular attendance means that we receive news and advice from the higher levels of local government. They also have access to funds that can support work such as the redecoration of the village hall.

For the last six years we have been very lucky to have the services of Clive Mann as our Parish Clerk. Unfortunately for us he has decided that he needs to cut down his commitments to be more in line with his retired status. He will continue until the end of March so that everything is in his usual "apple pie" order for the end of the financial year but from then on we need a replacement. Do let one of our parish councillors know if you, or someone you know, would like to hear more about the post with its small but useful pay scale, depending on experience. Lots of information is available. It does not need to be someone in the village.

The village Burns Night organised by Jim Jarvie and his Village Hall team was again a great success. It will be described fully elsewhere in this edition but a special feature was the visit of the Chairman of Suffolk Coastal District Council. Mrs Susan Harvey decided that she would visit all 118 parish councils in the Suffolk Coastal District during her year of office. We were number 101. She has been particularly keen to see what community activities take place in the parish so our Burns Night was an ideal opportunity. She was pleased to come with her husband to support the fundraising and even wore her tartan and her gold chain of office. She has written to say how much they enjoyed the evening.

Plans for the celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday are going ahead well. The group representing all areas of the village met and agreed on a bring-and-share lunch and an evening BBQ or similar. The date is Sunday 12th June and it will be based in the churchyard meadow as explained in another notice in this edition.

Please make a note of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 24th May at 8.00 PM in the Village Hall. There are a number of matters that should be widely discussed in the village such as protection of the village green, whether we should put up street names, the future of the Woods, formerly Notcutt's, nursery site, road maintenance, need for a village emergency plan etc.

Jeff Hallett Chairman Pettistree Parish Council



Our new Footpaths Officer

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that Sue Tansley has agreed to be our Footpaths Officer. During her walks with Lyra, her brindle boxer, she will experience the condition of our footpaths and report any issues to the Parish Council. Sue asks that if any of you wish to raise a matter regarding footpaths she will be pleased to hear from you.

Her telephone no is 01728 748489



Your Parish Council needs a Clerk

Clive Mann, who has served Pettistree Parish Council for the past 6 years will leave on 31st March. Therefore the Council needs a replacement, who does not have to reside in the parish

- The clerk issues notices of meetings and takes the minutes at 6 meetings a year
- Deals with correspondence to the Council, in both printed and electronic forms
- Is the responsible Financial Officer and produces accounts and budgets for publication after approval by the Councillors

Salary is based on experience and currently for around 78 hours per annum

Training is available and it is hoped that this important position is filled soon

Please contact Jeff Hallett, the Council's Chairman, on 01728 746210

An evening with the Broadside Boys

Our Village Hall regularly holds social events for local residents, friends and family, also welcoming people from further afield. So how about coming on down to experience a musical event featuring a local folk duo, **The Broadside Boys** (Mat Bayfield & Eric Sedge).

Saturday 30th April @ 7.30pm

Tickets cost £10 & include a fish & chip supper

Booking essential – contact Jim on 745030

The Broadside Boys are fast establishing a name on the national Folk scene, with performances at Folk clubs and Festivals across the country, and appearances on Television and Radio. With a catalogue of songs inspired by their experience of country life in the East of England, and the characters and events that have shaped them, the Broadside Boys are a dynamic and entertaining celebration of our rural heritage.



In aid of Village Hall Funds (Charity no.1026073)



Carols in the Barn, Church Farm 18 December 2015

About 70 people came to sit and sing on the straw bales at this year's Carols in the Barn and the weather was very kind to us, being the mildest evening that I think we have ever had. It was made extra special by the fact that Stephen was with us for the first time. He has been living in Indonesia for the past 19 years and this year he had made the decision to return to the UK and continue with his accountancy job and running the orphanage via computer from home with occasional visits to Java.



He helped Dick serve the mulled wine and Church Farm cider and apple juice, and then went with us into the small barn, where he spoke briefly about the latest events at the orphanage and thanked us all very much for the contributions that we have given over the years towards the children's care and schooling. He said that 2 of the children, Chandra and Ning, have recently married, Chandra being the first boy that the orphanage accepted back in 2007. He had been living on the streets beforehand. He also said that several of the children have left recently and all have found jobs, such as working in a department store, a pharmacy and a TV station.

Dick and I then welcomed everyone to Church Farm, and gave a special welcome to the people who had recently moved into the area at the new Hopkins Homes development – Wickham Place, only to discover that one of them – Mike Cooper, had been Stephen's boss at KPMG where he worked 20 years ago before leaving the UK!

To begin the actual event I had chosen a very topical poem which Chris Cook read for us. The astronaut Major Tim Peake had travelled to the International Space Station this week, and the

poem by David Orme entitled *A Martian Christmas* seemed very apt:

*After a long year and a half in space,
We reached Mars –
December 25th, 2033*

.....

*Then we saw the star,
Hanging like a lantern in the East.*

'It's earth' someone said.

*We just looked and looked –
It must have been the brightness of it
That made our eyes water.*

The event continued with some old and new carols, with solos from Mary Garner and Daf Rose, and three readings of poems by Louis Deliss, Maggie Hallett and Rob Rose, finishing with our version of 'The Peace':

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with
me.*



During the singing, Jim and Pauline and their helpers had prepared the barbecue for us, and we tucked into that readily whilst Ron Bossingham entertained us on the bagpipes.

We would like to thank all of you for making the evening so special and for your generous donations towards the 2 charities – The Starlight Children's Foundation and Stephen's orphanage (gungungan.org). As a result we have been able to send £225.00 to each charity, together with some individual donations to the orphanage.

Thank you so much to you all.

Rita Smith



Celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday



Our community here in Pettistree with Loudham is such a strong one that it is felt we should celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with a 'street party on the meadow' to coincide with the Queen's lunch party on The Mall. You are therefore warmly invited to come along and enjoy this social occasion on:

Sunday 12th June 2016 *(time to be confirmed)*

It will be held on the meadow adjacent to St Peter & St Paul's church so that we can take advantage of the facilities nearby.

A small group of people representing our various village organisations met recently to discuss how we could do this whilst at the same time encouraging everyone to play a part. The event is intended for village residents, relatives and friends who participate regularly in village events such as the Village Hall, Church and similar groups. (It is understood that Wickham Market may be holding its own tea party on that day too).

In the tradition of street parties we will be asking people to bring and share plates of food plus drinks too. Shelter will be provided with marquees, tables and chairs (so no need to balance your lunch on your lap!).

Festivities will continue into the evening with one of Jim's BBQs (donations requested) and we aim to have some music on the go. Other activities will be added along the way – a 'crown making competition' has been suggested for example.

Arrangements are in their very early stages, but do put the date in your diary. If you would like to be kept informed you can be added to the 'Pettistree Events' email listing (details sent round by blind copy) – just contact me on: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Cath Caudwell (representing Pettistree Heritage)



100 CLUB	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
December 2015	Rita Smith	Mary Norris	Mick Hilton
January 2016	Pat Cook	Mike Watts	Louis Deliss



Walking the Suffolk Coastline

This journal charts the progress of a group of friends on their journey walking from the port of Felixstowe to the port at Lowestoft.

Our reasons for making this journey have been a mixture of ambition, adventure, enjoyment and fulfilment.

Wherever possible we kept as close to the shoreline as possible which meant that in places we did not adhere to the official Suffolk Coast & Heaths Path. By doing this we discovered some stunning views and locations which despite living in Suffolk for over 40 years were unknown to us.

We split our journey into 12 stages over a period of 12 months each stage being 3 to 8 miles in length and always finishing close to a pub where we could have lunch.

Our journey began in October 2014 and finished in the following September enabling us to experience the Suffolk Coast through the seasons; Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.

Felixstowe Port to Ferry – 3rd October 2014

We set off after having breakfast in the Languard Viewpoint Café from where began our twelve month journey to Lowestoft

After walking over the heathland around Landguard Point we enjoyed a sunny stroll along Felixstowe promenade, past the pier, around Cobbold's Point and then along the sea wall past the golf course to the Ferry Boat Inn at Felixstowe Ferry where we wolfed down an excellent fish 'n chip lunch.



Bawdsey Quay to Shingle Street – 7th Nov

We left the Quay in howling south westerly gale and driving rain and arrived at Shingle Street in warm sunshine.

On reaching East Lane en route we were greeted by the sea breaking over the sea wall – it was spectacular. Workmen were frantically filling a breach in the sea wall which made the path impassable. This forced us to double back and detour through Alderton then back onto the sea wall beyond the breach, adding 2 miles to our walk as we detoured through Alderton.



Shingle Street to Butley Ferry – 5th Dec

This walk took us along the seashore going north from Shingle Street and then along the sea wall which bounds the western bank of the River Ore and passing Boyton Marshes, an area of outstanding beauty and an RSPB reserve.



The day was cold and damp, much in keeping with a winter walk through marshes and along a river bank. Along the way there were

some stunning views of the marshes, Orford Ness and Havergate Island where avocets nest.

For lunch we treated ourselves to a Christmas Buffet at the Froize Inn, Chillesford. Splendid!!

Butley Ferry to Orford – 2nd January 2015

Unfortunately the Butley River Ferry does not operate in the winter months and we were unable to start this walk from Boyton Dock crossing the river by way of the ferry. Instead we made this walk a circular walk starting from Orford Castle to the Butley River then along the sea wall path back into Orford via the Quay.



We walked this stage in splendid winter sunshine across the fields away from the castle towards the river. The walk along the sea wall along the Butley and Ore rivers and then out to Chantrey Point with views of Orford Ness and the Lighthouse and onwards to Orford Quay.

We enjoyed a hearty lunch in the Jolly Sailor close to Orford Quay.

Orford to Thorpeness - 6th February

We had intended to cross the Ore by the ferry at Orford onto Orford Ness but unfortunately the National Trust had closed public access to the Ness. To get around this obstacle, we sailed on the *Regardless* from Orford Quay to Slaughden Quay at the top of the Ness then walked to Thorpeness passing by Aldeburgh.

The wind on 6th February was North East Force 6 to 7 - down the river directly into our faces. The river was rather choppy and some of us got a little wet but we were sheltered by the Orford Ness that was until we landed at Slaughden Quay. Here the wind was blowing sea spray over the sea wall.



We walked to Thorpeness directly into the wind – it was very hard work but most exhilarating. We all enjoyed a fine lunch at the Dolphin.

Thorpeness to Sizewell – 6th March

This walk was the shortest of our 12 walks en route to Lowestoft and in order to make it meaningful we walked to Sizewell along the cliff path for lunch at the Vulcan Arms and after lunch walked back along the beach to Thorpeness.

Again we were blessed with warm sunshine tempered with a north-easterly breeze.





Sizewell to Dunwich – 3rd April

Before starting this walk you may like to have breakfast in the Sizewell Beach Café (Open March to October) – they do an excellent Bacon Bap.



This walk was one of our longest at 5.6 miles and took us back in time from the nuclear age to the middle ages. At Sizewell we passed close by the Sizewell nuclear power stations A & B, 1966 and 1995 respectively, and at the

end of our walk we passed through the grounds of Greyfriars; first established in 1290. Along the way we passed by the Minsmere RSPB bird sanctuary. You get classic science, nature and history all in this one walk.

Lunch was taken in the Ship Inn; a great pub with home cooked food.

Dunwich to Walberswick - 1st May

This walk is a pleasant mix of beach and marshland although the beach section is a bit of a challenge with about a mile of shingle. The beach section borders a fenced off area where terns are nesting – please keep dogs on leads at all times during this walk.

Walberswick to Southwold - 5th June

This is a circular walk using the Walberswick – Southwold Harbour foot ferry and has a mixture of riverside, marsh, promenade and beach which offers a variety of scenes and vistas from the bucolic to the brash, meadows, river, boating, seaside attraction and classic architecture. We started by



crossing the River Blythe from the Southwold to the Walberswick side then followed the river crossing it by way of the old railway bridge, then we came back down the river then across the marshes to Gun Hill and

from there to the Pier where we turned back to make our way via the promenade and the beach for lunch at the Sole Bay Fish Co. Hut 22E.

Southwold to Kessingland - 3rd July

This walk took us through some of the most stunning beach scenery to be found in the UK; Covehithe Beach is listed by the Daily Telegraph as one of Britain’s 10 best hidden beaches, “... Covehithe beach sits at the end of the world ...”. In the initial plan for our port to port journey Stage 10 was to be Southwold to Covehithe and Stage 11 Covehithe to Kessingland. However, Covehithe is rather remote and without any facilities, especially a convenient Pub in which to have lunch. The solution was the combining of Stages 10 and 11 and to take a picnic lunch to have on the beach at Covehithe.



Because of the coastal erosion and the lack of a public footpath immediately north of Southwold pier a detour inland was required. The first part of this detour was a pleasant walk through water meadows while the second part involved a walk along a busy road without a footpath where extreme care was required.

Kessingland to Lowestoft; the end of our journey 25th September 2015

We postponed the date of this walk and instead of the first Friday of the month we moved it to the 25th September to allow more of our troop to come along on this walk. We also changed the time of the walk from a morning walk followed by lunch to an afternoon walk followed a late teatime meal.

We reached our starting point in Kessingland by public transport; rail and bus. This was the last of our walks along the Suffolk coast from Felixstowe to Lowestoft. This walk was surprisingly scenic and it took us over the wide beach at Kessingland then under the cliffs passing Pakefield and onto the esplanade into Lowestoft where we stopped at Claremont Pier for our meal. From there it was a short walk to Lowestoft Rail Station for our return journey home.



The weather for this walk was perfect; sunny with a light breeze from the northwest. Along the way we enjoyed close-up encounters with a kestrel and a baby seal.





Doing Lent Generously:40acts

Say the word “Lent” and many of us will automatically think of giving something up. Chips, chocolate, alcohol, Facebook – whatever it is, the idea is that you give it up for the 40 days of Lent to focus your mind on the significance of Easter. Six years ago, the Christian charity Stewardship came up with a radical idea. What if instead of giving up you gave out? Instead of calling time on carbs, or whatever, you carried out a small act of kindness or generosity every day throughout Lent. In 2010, Stewardship launched a Lent campaign, called 40acts, with just that idea in mind. Since those small beginnings, 40acts has become a multi award winning movement, with over 100,000 people worldwide subscribing this year. It’s simple. Once you’ve subscribed, every day you’ll receive an email in your inbox, or an update on Facebook with a different daily



act. These could range from writing a thank you note to someone, to going screen free for a day, to baking cakes for your neighbours or helping someone who normally gets left out. The genius of 40acts is its accessibility.

Once you decide to do it, you can select three levels. Green is quick, easy and generally free. Yellow is a little more challenging and may take around 15 minutes and cost a couple of pounds. Red is for people who have done 40acts before or who feel like being extravagantly generous.

A great example of an act is the one that generates the most feedback every year, Chocolate Tuesday. Let’s have a look at the three levels. If you go for green, you’d pop into the Post Office and buy a Freddo, or similar. You’d then give it to a family member, or a friend. Easy. Everyone’s happy. Should you choose

yellow, you would buy a few more Freddos (let’s say 10) and give them out to whoever you choose. Red however is on a far larger scale. Last year, a lady bought 100 and handed them out on a busy commuter train, explaining to everyone that she was being generous because of 40acts. Coincidentally, at the other end of the train, another person was doing exactly the same thing for the same reason. The normally quiet train was alive with laughing and chatting while Twitter went mad with tweet and retweets about this ridiculously extravagant generosity.

Locally, last Chocolate Tuesday, the same thing was happening in Wickham Market. A home group from All Saints decided to go chocolating and bought out every Freddo the Post Office had in stock. Post-it notes saying “#40acts. Enjoy!” were stuck to each one and the whole lot were handed out around the village. Being given a free gift with no strings attached is a wonderful thing. It may not seem like much, but a small act of kindness and generosity can have a huge impact. The next day, one of the group decided to do it all again in Framlingham. She went into a coffee shop where the lady serving looked very dour and miserable. Slightly nervously, the chocolate bar was offered and the reaction was unprecedented. The lady burst into tears, explaining how sad and lonely she felt, that no-one had had a proper conversation with her for weeks and that she felt completely unloved. Sitting at a table with her chocolate and a listening ear was just what she needed that day.

It’s easy to join the campaign. Simply visit www.40acts.org.uk and subscribe. You don’t have to do every day. You don’t have to spend a fortune. However, your small acts of kindness may have an effect which sends ripples out into our community and far beyond.

It’s Lent. Let’s do it generously

Ruth Leigh

Bellringers News

The Pettistree bellringers have been making good use of the new ringing room gas fire in the colder months. We have had some good practices and welcomed visitors, especially Hilary Stern who continues to visit despite moving away to Cratfield.

Quarters rung this month include: Bourne Surprise Minor on the 20th January. A Quarter of Cambridge on 27 January, for the birthdays of Mason Crane and Alex Bull. This was Derek Martin’s second of treble bob on the treble.

A visiting band rang College Exercise on the 30 January.

On the 3rd February we rang Warkworth Surprise for the 103rd birthday of Valerie Garner. And on 7 February, we rang Bourne for Evensong. This was also for the 86th birthday of Don Price of Reydon.

The bellringers are looking forward to their annual dinner in late February.....venue still to be confirmed...

Pippa Moss



Let's help our hedgehogs

One of our most unmistakable mammals has to be the hedgehog, but at present there are fears that this once familiar animal is disappearing from our countryside. Surveys undertaken by the People's Trust for Endangered Species in 2007 estimated that there has been a 50% decline in hedgehogs in Suffolk.

Thankfully we still have a good hedgehog population in Pettistree, despite two being run over on Presmere Road last September. I had the pleasure of filming them in the garden at Well Cottage throughout the summer and autumn and was surprised at how little attention they paid to Amy's cat while sharing a water bowl!

Despite their generally squat, shuffling appearance they have surprisingly long legs enabling them to move much faster than expected. But of course the characteristic most people associate with hedgehogs is their ability to curl up into a tight spiny ball at the first sign of danger. In reality this is more often a last resort and their first reaction to a threat is to dip their nose, curling their spines over the top of their head in a spiky mane. Baby hoglets are unable to roll into a ball until they are about 11 days old, their muscles being too poorly developed, so this is when they are most vulnerable to predators. When they are born, the spines are soft and white but they soon harden up and start to change colour.

Despite speculation that badgers are responsible for the decline of hedgehogs, no studies have yet confirmed this link. Badgers are certainly capable of preying on hedgehogs, especially young ones, but the proliferation of impassable walls and fences, changes in agricultural farming methods and wide scale application of slug pellets and insecticides, have all had a huge detrimental effect on hedgehogs during the post-war era. Hedgehogs require a home range of 10-30 hectares (up to 60 acres!) in which to forage for insect prey, so by blocking their usual foraging routes and removing most of insects in our fields and gardens, it is not surprising they can no longer find enough food to survive. (Remember when even a short car trip through the countryside meant a windscreen plastered with insects?).

Hedgehogs are mostly nocturnal visitors so how do you know if they are visiting your garden? The first signs I saw at Well Cottage were the distinctive droppings. They are usually a few cm long (1-2"), dark, dry and crumbly. They will often glisten with metallic blues and greens depending on which beetles and insects they have been eating. You may also find some little holes under hedges where they have pushed themselves through night after night on their regular foraging



routes. But there is nothing like putting out some mealworms (NEVER milk and bread - hedgehogs are lactose intolerant) and actually watching them feed in front of you. As long as you remain still their eyesight is so poor they will just ignore you. Listen out for the snuffling and grunting noises in your hedge or flower bed for which their name seems so very appropriate.

So can Pettistree hang on to this wonderful 'friend of the gardener' and we, as gardeners, become 'friends of the hedgehog'? With a few simple actions across the parish the answer is an emphatic yes!

- Whilst hedgehogs are perfectly capable of swimming, they can tire quickly and drown if unable to get out of a steep sided pond. A small wooden ramp leading from the water to the bank top can prevent these deaths.
- Hedgehogs rest up in leaf litter and brash piles so leave untidy areas, perhaps tucked in along the edge of your garden, for they are very useful even if the rest of your lawn is immaculate. (If you're feeling generous then why not buy a hedgehog house from a wildlife or garden centre?)
- Be careful when driving at night. That is when hedgehogs are most likely to get squashed by cars.
- Create a beetle pile out of piled up dead wood to encourage 'food' for hedgehogs.
- If you are surrounded by solid boundaries, a CD-sized hole in your fence or gate will allow hedgehogs to move around their territory unimpeded in search of food. Try to put at least one in each side.
- Check your bonfires before lighting them between October and February, the time when hedgehogs may clamber in to hibernate. (I recently had to collect a dormouse that died in a bonfire whilst hibernating too.)
- Report your sightings to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust hedgehog survey or email or phone them through to me and I will record them on the Suffolk Biological Records database.

Darren Tansley

darrent@essexwt.org.uk - tel 01728 748489



Burns Night

Pettistree Village Hall Burns Night on Saturday 6 February was well attended by over 55 guests who braved the gale force winds. I didn't give the wind a second thought until Pauline pointed out that I, along with others, would be wearing kilts. I can confirm that although the wind was from a southerly direction we all felt an icy blast!

Rod Caird, our piper from our very first Burns Night in the hall, welcomed the guests as they arrived and Jen and Mike Barnes ensured the ticket sales went like clockwork. We were particularly pleased to welcome Susan Harvey, Chair of Suffolk Coastal Council (complete with her chain of office) and her husband. Susan must have felt at home with Mark Amoss our local councilor, Jeff Hallet and Mary Chilvers from Pettistree Parish Council also attending.

This year we decided all the profits from the event would go to the local charity, Riding for the Disabled. Following the opening of the evening, Cath Caudwell provided us with an insight into the charity and the positive affects their work has on the disabled riders and families.

Rob Rose gave us the Selkirk Grace which was followed by organised chaos as 55 plus bowls of Cock O' Leakie soup were served. In line with tradition, the haggis was piped in to the Burns tune of A Man's A Man and delivered to John Speedman. He flawlessly and without looking at any notes, addressed the haggis. Mind you a few of the guests

nearby had a fearful look in their eyes when John was waving the knife demonstrating the 'cutting off the legs and head' of the haggis! The main dish was followed by Scottish desserts.



At the end of the meal Ron Bossingham and I played a duet on the pipes, Highland Cathedral, a well known tune written relatively recently by two German brothers. I couldn't have been that bad as no rotten fruit or uneaten haggis came hurtling towards us.

The Toast to the Lassies allowed me to thank all the ladies, who were ably supported in the kitchen by the men folk, for their sterling effort providing the food and drink. My thanks go to Pauline, Maureen, Jill, Rita, Cath C, Kathy H, Jen B and Jacki who helped prior and during the evening. Thanks also to those friends who supplied raffle prizes, particularly Claire Signy for the wonderful hamper. The raffle raised the incredible amount of £215.

IN TOTAL WE RAISED £700 FOR RIDING FOR THE DISABLED. WELL DONE EVERYONE. Jim Jarvie

Planning Applications

DC/15/4043/FUL for construction of 3 brick buttresses and a pier to stabilise a garden wall within the curtilage of Pettistree Lodge by Mr & Mrs Signy was approved

DC/15/4321/LBC for retention of wood store, roof lights, glazing to windows/doors and internal alterations at Pettistree Cottage by Mr & Mrs Bierowiec was approved

DC/15/5097/LBC for removal of roof lights and re-instatement of roof at Pettistree Cottage by Mr & Mrs Bierowiec was received

DC/16/0182/FUL for erection of domestic single storey store/general purpose lightweight building at Sandpit House by Mr & Mrs Gilbey was received



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Sports and hobbies Wordsearch by Pat Deliss

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| Keen | Get | Jigsaw |
| Weir | Hockey | Rugby |
| Ape | Nick | Event |
| Art | Arm | Way |
| Dust | Games | Gardening |
| Bridge | Gone | Pentathlon |
| Tennis | Neat | Liar |
| Wag | Nun | Coy |
| Fishing | Stoat | Loin |
| Tip | Tea | Scar |
| Bowls | Noun | Trap |
| Cycling | Nasty | Darts |
| Film | Sing | Pan |
| | | Ties |

Church notes

“Thank you” to all those who helped to ensure that the Christmas celebrations in Pettistree church were so special. The church was beautifully decorated, and the tree which had been donated by Edward Carter, cut by Aaron Nobbs, transported by Phillip Westrope, trimmed and erected by Jeff Hallett and Martin Corral, and decorated by the Beagley family looked particularly good this year; a wonderful symbol of collaboration.

It was a great pleasure to see so many people at the Christmas services and we were particularly pleased that the Christingle service, that was organised with the pre-school and younger primary children in mind, was so well attended. The feed-back from those present means that we are planning to include a similar service next

Christmas. It was particularly good to be able to send over £90 to the Childrens Society, for their work with disadvantaged children, from the Christingle service.

Services at Easter will include a short ‘Sunrise’ service on Easter Sunday at 8.00am, in the churchyard, weather permitting, and followed by Breakfast in the church room. The normal Easter Communion service will be in the church at 9.30 after the breakfast, all are welcome to either or both of these services.

On Saturday May 21st there will be an afternoon circular walk to and from the church with tea and cake at Loudham Park Farm mid-way. For details check with Maggie Hallett nearer the time.

Spring Forward on 27th March!

British Summer Time starts. Not all agree with this– when told the reason for daylight saving the old sage said “Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom and have a longer blanket”.



DIARY DATES

27th March -British Summer Time starts

27th March—8.00am Easter Sunday Sunrise service followed by Communion at 9.30am

30th April—An evening with The Broadside Boys with fish and chips supper in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

17th May—Parish Council AGM in the Parish Room at 7.30pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm

21st May Circular Walk from the Church in the afternoon

24th May—Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

12th June—HM Queen Elizabeth’s 90th Birthday celebrations

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