



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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H M Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday Celebrations

Oh. What a splendid day we had on Sunday 12th June!

Over a hundred adults and children attended the festivities in the church meadow, the rain held off and socialising was the order of the day.

The grass had been cut, four marquees were erected bedecked with bunting, tables and chairs brought down from the village hall, games were set up and all was ready for the events.



The first was a church service at 11.00 in St Peter and St Paul's, The following report was written by Joan Jordan-

"A morning *Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving* prepared and led by Revd Margaret Blackall was

held in the Church reflecting on the Queen's belief and trust in God. Prayers were said for the Queen giving thanks for her unwavering commitment to her people. Whilst preparing the service Revd Blackall decided that asking the congregation to choose their favourite hymns might result in too many options so she decided to go to the very top - writing to Her Majesty explaining her predicament and asking what her favourites were. The Queen declined to comment but during the Service a letter from a Lady-in-Waiting was read out expressing Her Majesty's appreciation that a service was taking place in Pettistree to celebrate her birthday and sending very good wishes. The enthusiastic singing of the hymns chosen by Margaret suggested that they might very well be on the Royal short list anyway".

At 12 o'clock the food for the Bring and Share lunch started to arrive witnessed by Judy Steventon who describes the "Food, Glorious Food; a feast fit for a queen"-

"Pettistree people certainly know how to party, with food being one of the main ingredients for a good celebration.

The Church Service over, people ambled through to the Meadow; and what a perfect venue to enjoy a delicious meal and good company. The grass was freshly mown, and the wild flowers and grasses surrounding us, swayed gently in the breeze. The marquees looked inviting, set out with chairs, tables and with vases of fresh summer flowers.

Walking into the large buffet marquee there was a veritable feast fit for the queen. The tables were laden with dishes galore of mouth watering delights. There was much home grown produce in evidence, even red poll beef grown in the field we were looking out on. The variety was amazing:



slices of thick cut ham, prawns and salmon with bowls of delicious salads of every imaginable taste. Plates of sandwiches and rolls too. Wonderful home baking was so tempting, quiches, sausage rolls, scones, cakes, both large and small. Fruit pots, trifles and chocolate desserts, all deliciously sweet. To round off the many course lunch a sumptuous cheese board, with cheeses for all palates”.

Roger Chilvers had set up his mobile sound and PA system and entertained as DJ playing a continuous range of music from his extensive record collection, ably supported by his wife Mary.

After all our appetites were sufficed the Crown Making competition was judged. There were entries in both the children’s and adult categories. Sue Tansley was called forward by Jeff Hallett to decide the winners and Pat Deliss describes it-

“Children and adults alike made a splendid effort for the 'Crown Competition' with a wide variety of ideas and designs. Margaret Hawes was the adult winner with her reproduction coronation crown. Other outstanding efforts were made by Jeff, and Maggie Hallett with her colourful fun crown. Rita Smith and Pauline Jarvie had also put their minds to the challenge. Some of us lacked imagination and enthusiasm!

Lots of fun was had by the children. They were asked to parade their creations and linked hands and walked around the judging table. The winner was Geraint Webb with his amazing creation. All the children did very well. They were Bethany, the Hallett granddaughter, the Caudwell twin grandchildren and Francesca and Isabel Moss. Congratulations to them all. They were all given a colourful windmill, although fortunately for the rest of us there was very little wind”.

Then it was time for the cutting of the celebratory cake, with a chocolate crown on it, made and donated by Margaret Holland. Cath Caudwell carefully cut it making sure there was a piece for everyone. Cath had also arranged a Heritage Display in the Parish Room which was viewed by many. It comprised photos, maps, tickets, advertisements etc collected by the Pettistree and Loudham Heritage Group recording the past activity of our village. It evoked many a comment on times past, often of themselves!

At 5.15pm our champion bell ringers returned, having rung for the Songs of Praise service in the morning. They rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor which sounded superb.

Come six thirty about forty people attended A Celebration in Poetry, Prose and Praise for the Queen’s



Birthday which was held in the Church. Joan Jordan records “This Celebration was devised and led by Rita Smith invoking the changes and events of the last 90 years as well as thoughts to what the future might hold. The songs and poetry covering technology, ecology, war, immigration from the viewpoints of all ages showed that all generations share similar memories and concerns. Through all of these changes the steadfastness of our Queen and all those that care about our heritage shines through. Rita’s choice of poems and thoughts brought Pettistree and its Church congregation together in praise and laughter – what a wonderful gift.

We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to both Revd Margaret Blackall and Rita Smith for the time and thought they brought to providing Pettistree with such special celebrations”.

Two poems were entered for the Poetry Competition. Pauline Jarvie read the one that she and Jim had written and Dick Smith read his. Rita says “It would have been very difficult to choose a winner from these two, but, unfortunately for him, Dick didn’t enter his in time to be judged before the closing day. So Jim and Pauline Jarvie became the worthy winners and were rewarded with a prize of a curry meal for two people at the Greyhound, with thanks to Louise and Stuart”.

Jim and Pauline’s winning entry was-

A magical special birthday 90 is the year
 What an inspiration for those she holds so dear!
 Her majesty she greets us all in every place we know
 She’s truly one in a million, with her consort prince in tow.
 We would like to wish her majesty on this unique special day
 A very happy birthday and many more we pray.

Dick’s composition was -

The Best Birthday Present for Her Majesty

‘If you would like a Birthday present Ma’am
 What would it be?’
 ‘Could there still be one winner at Epsom?
 Oh for just one Derby win
 Over fifty times of going and not one!
 If only, If only Aureole had made it for Sir Gordon’.
 ‘There may yet be time for one great celebration
 When hats fly high in the sky!
 Will it be next year, or the next
 When we may see the Royal Colours racing
 Up the straight? To win for you Ma’am!
 May God Bless You! Do, do keep on trying!’





The celebrations continued with more food, and Roger Chilvers provided more music to accompany the BBQ overseen by “Chef Jim Jarvie” dispensing perfectly cooked hot dogs and burgers.

And so ended a very memorable day. The ambience was perfect. People chatted, children played and dogs scampered.

Thank you for the music. Thank you chefs, cooks and bakers. Thank you furniture and marquee gatherers. Thank you planners and organisers.

We also thank Joan Jordan, Judy Steventon, Pat Deliss and Rita Smith for their excellent reports included above, and additional photos from Mary Garner.

A photographic record will be created by The Pettistree Heritage Trust and a copy will be deposited in the Ipswich Record Office.

Copies of the photos illustrating this article will be available on request.

A final comment is made by the organising committee who wish to remain anonymous-that’s a pity for their superb effort resulted in a brilliant day of celebration

“The organising committee wishes to thank the following people for their contribution to the day: Mick & Sarah Johns, of Mick Johns Garage Services, Dallinghoo, for their kind sponsorship; Roger & Mary Chilvers, for the music and PA system; Stewart & Louise at The Greyhound for their sponsorship of the poetry prize; The Bakehouse Bakery, Woodbridge Farmhouse Cooking for the Crown Cake; Sue Tansley for organising the Crown competition; Pettistree Heritage Trust for the display of local records; Claire Signy for the bunting & flags; Mick Hilton Haulage Services; All those who provided marquees – you know who you are.

Pettistree and its people are wonderful”



Pettistree Council News

As I write this in late June it seems a very long time since our Parish Council AGM on 17th May and the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May. At the AGM I was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Terry Rowles as Vice Chairman. Our District Councillor, Mark Amoss, from Suffolk Coastal District Council attended and gave helpful advice.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall and was better attended than most years. A topic of major interest was the new tenancy of the nursery site on the B1438 previously occupied by Notcutt's Nurseries and more recently by Woods Nursery. We welcomed Mr William Notcutt to the meeting. His company, Notcutt Estates, owns the land and buildings. He was accompanied by Mr Martin Norris from the new tenant, Plant Pro Ltd. They explained that Plant Pro is a well-established company who will trade here as The Suffolk Plant Store. They are open to the public on a daily basis and plan to grow most of their plants on site. They had had a lot of customers following their recent opening and many local people had been impressed by the quality and value of the plants on sale. They already employ some local people and expect to increase their numbers in the near future. The meeting welcomed the news of this new tenancy. Our County Councillor, Mr Michael Bond attended and gave a brief account of the recent activities and plans of the County Council. The chairman read a report provided by our MP, Therese Coffey. There was a discussion about the possible need for signs showing road names in the village. However, the meeting felt that the benefits to visitors and delivery drivers were outweighed by the need to avoid cluttering up our verges and walls with more signs. The meeting concluded with tea, sausage rolls and cakes made by Mary Chilvers. Draft minutes of the meeting and my report as Parish Council Chairman will be put on the village website:- www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

Sue Tansley has taken on the role of Footpath Officer for the village. She has already produced a detailed report on the condition and access of our footpaths. Among other things she has pointed out the obstruction to the easy access of several stiles, some of which are in poor condition. This information from her walks with her boxer dog, Lyra, is helping us to make well-informed representations to land owners and the County Council.

The Parish Council is still without a parish clerk. Do encourage anyone who you think might be interested in this paid post to contact us.

It has been suggested that Pettistree should prepare an

Emergency Plan. This would include information that would help visiting emergency services to find us and help us, and also a bank of information about who could do what to help ourselves and our neighbours if outside help was not immediately available. Fortunately we are unlikely to be affected by major flooding, but many other scenarios such as deep snow, fire, power cuts, vehicle or plane crashes and even illness could arise. We shall be looking into this and will welcome any comments or advice.

A major cause for satisfaction is the great success of the Village Celebration for the 90th Birthday of HM The Queen on Sunday 12th June. There are other accounts of the day in this issue so I will restrict my comment to saying what a good example this was of the people of this village, and those who visit regularly, working together in a real community event. I was helped on the organising committee by Jim Jarvie from the Village Hall Committee, Rita Smith from the Church, Cath Cauldwell from the Heritage Group and Sue Tansley as a fairly new resident. Many other people gave their time and physical strength to make it all work. Costs were kept to a minimum and were covered by generous donations and an on-the-day collection at the BBQ which avoided the need for any entrance fee.

I make no apology for including the picture below (taken by Clare Signy) showing me on the day with my celebration crown complete with decorative horse brasses.

Jeff Hallett
Chairman





PETTISTREE AND LOUDHAM VILLAGE HALL – AGM

THURSDAY 14 JULY AT 19.30 –VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME

(GET THERE EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH!!)



REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Rita Smith and Friends invite you to

A SUMMER SOIREE

looking at the changes throughout the Queen's 90 years

in **POETRY, PROSE and SONG**

Sunday 24th July 2016 @ 6.30pm

Wickham Market Village Hall

Donations invited towards Wickham Market's

New Village Hall

100 CLUB	1st	2nd	3rd
FEBRUARY	Jenny Barnes	Andy Curtis	Olivia Smith
MARCH	Jacki Franklin	Judy Steventon	Jane Welton
APRIL	Roger Chilvers	Eric Dowker	Jill Wassell



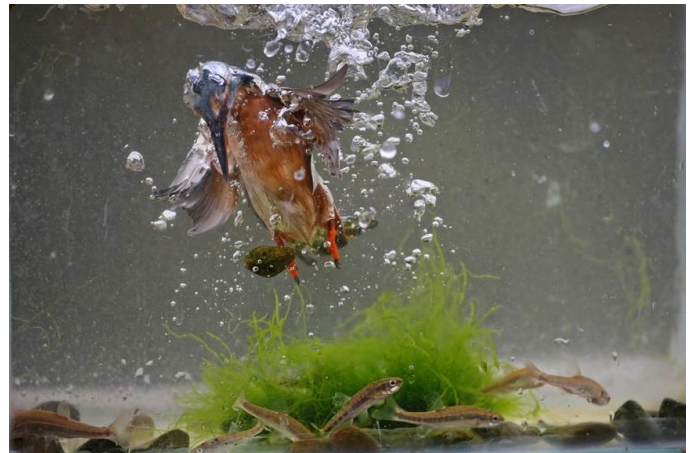
Kingfishers

I spend most of my working life on rivers and yet I still take great delight in the piping whistle and electric blue and orange flash of a kingfisher streaking past. Whilst not an uncommon bird, most people I speak to have rarely, if ever seen one in the wild. Thankfully you don't have to travel far to catch a glimpse as kingfishers can be seen on Byng Brook.

Although the dazzling blue colour of the wings is what is most associated with our kingfishers, in fact their feathers contain no blue pigment at all, being in reality a quite disappointing grey brown colour. The blue is actually a refractive effect as structures within the feathers bounce blue light back but absorb reds and yellows.



Males and females look almost identical however the males have an entirely black bill whereas the females sport an orange lower mandible. Sticklebacks, minnows and the small fry of larger fish make up much of their diet. Surprisingly a breeding pair of kingfishers will catch up to 100 fish each day to feed their brood - a staggering total of 3000 fish in one month! This is roughly equivalent to the number of fish an average otter will eat in its entire lifetime!



Unlike most birds, kingfishers nest in a specially excavated long, straight burrow high up in steep earth cliffs along the river bank. Vertical or overhanging banks help protect them from predators such as stoats and weasels but rats and mink can still be a big problem.

Once fledged the young ones face severe obstacles including predation, starvation and drowning. About two-thirds die within the first few weeks but those that survive soon find their own territory to occupy. Winter can be difficult as floodwater laden with silt makes it impossible for kingfishers to see their prey so at these times many head for lakes or coastal areas to feed.

We're lucky to have Byng Brook and the River Deben close to our village so please do listen out for the whistle of a kingfisher if you are out walking. If you see small burrows near the top of steep banks and there are trails of white droppings running down the outside, there may be young birds inside.

There is nothing better to brighten your day than the sight of these amazing birds plunging from an overhanging perch into the water.

Darren Tansley

New Residents

We welcome to Pettistree, Joe and Bonni Oberholzer and their children Christian and Alice

Recycling Centre Changes

SCDC have decided to close the centres on Wednesdays and have introduced charges for hardcore, rubble and soil. Whilst the limit on number of bags has been removed they now charge £2 per bag. Payment is only by debit or credit card! Let us hope this will not result in more fly tipping to avoid the charges.



Church Notes

Thankyou

Once again there is a big “Thank you” in this edition to all those who helped to make Pettistree church look so lovely over Easter.

The sunrise service in the churchyard followed by breakfast was much appreciated and it was good to be able to join with so many for Easter Communion afterwards.

Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting on April 11th, Kevin Blyth and Maggie Hallett were re-elected as Churchwardens and Betty Beale and Brian Nobbs were welcomed onto the PCC following the retirement of Joan Jordan and Mike Whitaker. The Annual report for 2015 was presented, this is now sent to the Diocese as part of the parish’s annual return, it will also be posted on the Pettistree website. Mary Garner presented the Bells report detailing all their activities during 2015 and told those present that the ringers would be delighted to welcome novices to the practice on a Wednesday and introduce them to the activity. Since the oldest bells in Pettistree date back to the 1400’s it is fascinating to think that this has been a village hobby for 600 years!

Spring Walk

On Saturday May 21st the afternoon circular walk took place, from Pettistree church via All Saints church in Wickham, along the River Deben and back to Pettistree. There was a very welcome break for tea and cake at Park Farm Loudham mid-way, all those who went are very grateful to the Westropes for their hospitality.

Special events

On September 18th the Harvest festival service will also be moved to 11.00am as we are planning to once again hold a Harvest lunch after the service, this was done for the first time last year, in the village hall.

Is The Greyhound Pettistree’s other Bus-stop?

We have no record of a second regular bus-stop in the village but for the second time in 20 years a vintage double-decker came to The Greyhound. This was on Saturday May 7th for the wedding of Millie Dawson and Ben Stone. It was one of the first lovely sunny days for some time and 200 of their families and friends filled the church which had been beautifully decorated with hedgerow and garden flowers masterminded by Ben’s mother.



The bells rang both before and after the service, and with so many people singing familiar hymns it was a memorable occasion. The bus took some of them, including the bridesmaids, to the reception at Millie’s home while others strolled back through the village enjoying the lovely weather.

Maggie Hallett

Planning Matters

Info only DC/16/0460/AGO Hungarian Hall, Pettistree. Steel Frame Portal Building.

DC/15/5097/LBC Planning application from Mr & Mrs Bierowiec for Removal of roof lights and re-instatement of roof was approved.



Green Farm A Short History, Past and Present

In September 1985, Rosie and I with our children moved into Green Farm, having exchanged our house in Marlesford with Anne and Frank Bilton. The move was brokered by Joe Arbon who also acted as the removal company. He transported our furniture and effects by tractor and trailer while doing the same for the Biltons on the return trip. The early days of our arrival in Pettistree were affected by two tragic events. The son of one of our neighbours in Marlesford was killed in the USA, this was followed by the death of Rosie's mother in a RTA on the A12. This was very sad since it was planned for her to join us by moving in to the converted "bull box" now called "The Granary". So, our early months of living at Green Farm were somewhat overshadowed by these tragedies.

However, we were kept very busy by the necessity for a lot of renovation and repairs to make to the farmhouse which needed central heating; a floor which had to be restored since it had no membrane under the concrete and eradication of rampant death watch beetle. Ill fitting windows were addressed by installing secondary glazing. In 1989, the hurricane caused a lot of damage to the roof of the older part which had to be replaced. The attics were also renovated and the dormer windows were repaired. After living here for over 30 years, we are still finding problems. This is to be expected in a house which is 500 years old in one part. Green Farm is a traditional long Suffolk farmhouse. The older part is thought to date from Tudor times while a late larger addition was added in the eighteenth century. An inscription carved into the lead roofing on a dormer window reads."DAN-L WALLER 1781". The house is timbered framed with lath and plaster walls and is rendered. There are no foundations and the structure is Grade two listed which brings its own complications.

The main reason for coming to Pettistree was to develop some of the farm buildings to establish a



clinic for physiotherapy, hydrotherapy and rehabilitation. And so, for the next few years, this development took shape with the conversion of an old semi derelict cowshed which we linked to a newly constructed covered and heated swimming pool. In spite of some local objections, this was operational by October 1989. It has proved to have been a very worthwhile project and has benefitted a considerable number of patients. The resurrected cowshed now provides an office, treatment room and changing facilities. Hence, it became Green Farm Clinic.

In 1986, my father was widowed and moved into the converted "Granary" and remained there for over 20 years until his death in 2007 10 days short of his 99th birthday.

So much for recent events. The long history of Green Farm is well documented and very interesting. Joan Peck and Rosie have researched it with help from the Suffolk Records Office. It was once owned by Thomas Mills---the benefactor and philanthropist of Framlingham. He married Alice, the widow of Edmund Groome of Vale Farm Ufford, who was a wealthy farmer and shipowner. She was also an heiress in her own right. It is recorded that she took herbs grown at Green Farm to inmates in the gaol in Melton. So, from having been a humble wheelwright, Thomas Mills became a rich man after Alice died in 1691.

Thomas Mills died in 1703. He had no children and bequeathed his fortune to charity in order to endow facilities for the poor of the area and for



their education. This continues today as The Mills Educational Foundation and Mills Charity.

After Thomas Mills's death, the farm was leased by the Mills Trust to a succession of tenants including the Threadkell family from 1844 to 1885; and a lady farmer Maria Cole (who was William Threadkell's niece) until it was purchased by George Saville an ironmonger from Woodbridge in 1925. When he died in 1929, the farm was sold to John Lawn, who raised pigs there. He owned Lawn's stores a grocery shop and butcher in Wickham Market. (now a hospice charity shop) He also owned Home Farm. He moved to Melton in 1944 selling the farm to Richard Hayward senior. In 1947, the farmhouse was rented to C.C.Nesling the proprietor of Neslings Garage in Wickham Market. (which is now the Co-

op supermarket). Anne Hayward, the daughter of Richard, married Paul Cutting in 1954 and took over the farmhouse and farmed the land until we purchased it in 1985. But most of the land was retained and farmed by Anne's brother, Richard Jnr Rosie and I have enjoyed our occupancy of Green Farm and consider it to have been a responsibility to preserve its long history. Our children and grandchildren have had a great affection for it, making use of the facilities, particularly the swimming pool. Also, we have been able to celebrate the weddings of Rebekah and Daniel with receptions on the front lawn. It has been a very happy experience in that we have been allowed to maintain a part of the heritage of Pettistree.

Peter Hayward

Bell Ringing News

The last few months have been busy for the bellringers. In addition to our usual Sunday and Wednesday ringing we have enjoyed an outing, rung for a wedding, won a trophy and participated in the village celebrations for Her Majesty's 90th birthday as well as a birthday party for one of the ringers.

On May 7th, having rung for a wedding in Pettistree we hurried across to Wickham Market, where we competed in the SE District Striking Competition. Eleven teams took part, each having two minutes practice followed by their "piece", the order having been decided by a draw before the start. There were two types of competition, there being 6 teams in ours. We were delighted to come first, especially as we beat (not for the first time) the premier tower in our district, St Mary-le-Tower.

It was a lovely afternoon with the opportunity to meet together with many friends around the district. The weather smiled on us, which was great, because the church had been double booked at teatime. However we were able to enjoy an excellent tea in a Church Fete atmosphere, outside on the grass. The band celebrated Mike Whitaker's birthday on May 20th, just a week before he moved



house to Devon. Mike has been a loyal member of the band for just a few months short of 20 years. At his last practice he was presented with folder which included listings of almost 200 quarters he had taken part in. He rang in many Sunday evening quarters as well as for most Remembrance Days. He is greatly missed.

We were pleased to be part of the Village Celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday on June 12th. As well as ringing for the Songs of Praise service in the morning, we rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the late afternoon. Many of us enjoyed the Bring and Share lunch and the evening BBQ too.

Mary Garner

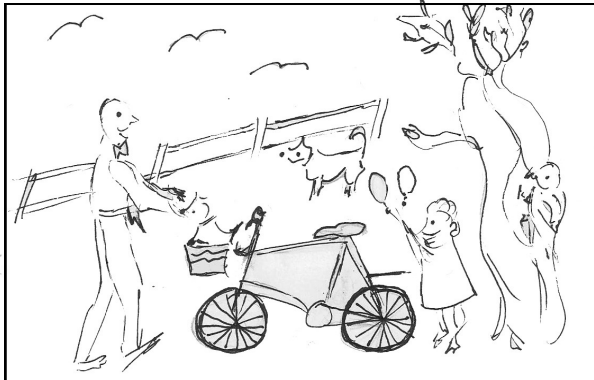
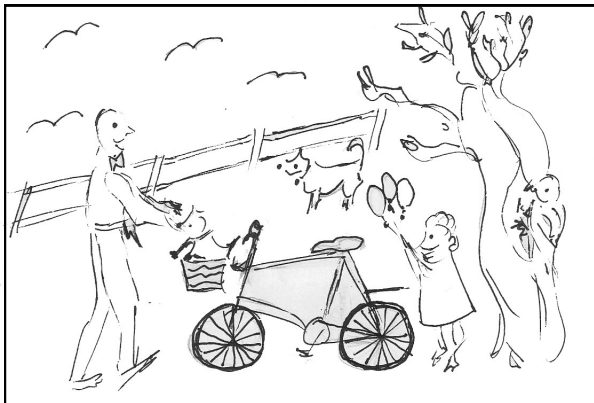


DIARY DATES

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- 24 Jul Soiree 6.30pm Wickham Market Village Hall See page 7
- 18 Sep Harvest Festival See page 9

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By Pat and Louis Deliss Answers below



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 Dog's bell Tree bird's foot One line on bicycle basket

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