



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Parish Council News

I mentioned storm damage in my previous news-letter but we have continued to have storms as well as episodes of unseasonably hot and cold weather. There was heavy powdery snow on 28th February that then drifted in the wind. By the weekend it had thawed. The trees, hedgerows and grass now all seem to be about two weeks late but the blossom on the ornamental and fruit trees has been spectacular.

The trees on the Village Green have been checked and a tree surgeon has reduced the top of the willow and trimmed the stump of the broken branch. Some trees on private property are awaiting trimming in the Autumn. Please let the Parish Council know if you see a tree that you think might be a danger to the public.

The Greyhound Inn continues to thrive and we understand that the Three Tuns has been sold. We understand that a local person has bought it and a lot of site clearance has already been done. An article in the Spring edition of Eat Suffolk published by the EADT said on P49 "Look out later in the year for the opening of The Grand Temptationz – a fine dining Indian Restaurant

with 120 covers in what was The Three Tuns Pub in Pettistree". The Parish Council has not been given any information that would confirm or deny this.

In the last week Thong Hall Road and Walnuts Lane have been resurfaced with tar and grit. The surplus has been swept up so we should have road markings again soon. Isolated potholes elsewhere are still a problem.

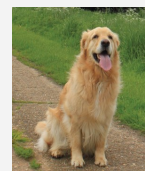
This time of year always sees a rush of parish council meetings. We have had the AGM of the Parish Council at which I was again elected as Chairman with Terry Rowles as Vice Chairman. We then had an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council attended by our County Councillor Mr Alexander Nicoll. He stressed his willingness to be contacted by any concerned villager using his contact details on the noticeboard by the Greyhound—and on page 2. He was optimistic that a grant would be forthcoming from his Locality Budget to help with the costs of our "Battles Over" event on 11th November this year. We have had no news of when work to provide high speed broadband might be completed. Our parish clerk

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Have you seen Pub Walks with Darcy on The Greyhound page on the website?

First published in Essential Suffolk.com there are more than 70 circular pub walks including three from our Greyhound Inn.





announced that the local audit for 2018 had been completed and we then signed and submitted the documents to the external auditor.

Councillors attended a seminar at Ufford on 10th May about the new data protection regulations and systems. This explained the new procedures to keep personal information safe and confidential. This will cover items such as lists of villagers, contact details in Pettistree People and on the website. Information that is no longer needed should be deleted. We may have to appoint a Data Protection Officer but this is still under debate by the government.

The website itself is in need of updating and contributors from the various village organisations will be asked to provide text and photographs to correct and update their sections. This was confirmed at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May with 11 people attending. Another topic at this meeting was the suggestion by some villagers that signs should be set up showing the road names to help delivery drivers and other visitors. The majority felt that we

should avoid more urbanisation than was essential and pointed out that all delivery people now have Sat.Nav. that identifies roads and locations. It is however essential that householders ensure that they have nameboards for their houses that are obvious and legible for the delivery and emergency services.

Regular walkers will have noticed that the three village seats were absent for several days. They had not been stolen but were being cleaned and re-oiled. They are now all back in place. The seat on the Village Green was put there in 1983 so it is lasting very well.

Pettistree has a good record for holding community events through its various organisations. If you have a good idea for an event or celebration please contact a parish councillor or one of the other organisations. If we work together we can almost certainly raise some funding from one of the county charities that have been set up to encourage community activities.

Jeff Hallett, Parish Council Chairman

Your local County Councillor

Alexander Nicoll
Wickham

Here to help

Pothole or road problem? highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk	Schools queries? www.suffolk.gov.uk/schools
Blue Badge issue? www.suffolk.gov.uk/bluebadge	Social care? www.suffolk.gov.uk/helpforadults

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Councillor Nicoll says “he has a very open and transparent approach, and would like to think that local people will find it easy to make contact with him if he can help in any way and it also demonstrates his support for, and partnership with, the Parish Council”.

Stop Press;

See also Councillor Nicoll’s report on Page 11



Bell Ringing News

It was wonderful that so many people came for coffee and cake on March 24th, with a good number trying the bells. Our small exhibition included photographs from the restoration just over thirty years ago. By chance at an exhibition in Cretingham last summer we happened upon a wheel from the Pettistree rehang of 1901, made by Bowell of Ipswich. We are now the proud possessors of the wheel and plan to display it in the ringing room. We also have a clapper from that time.

If you were unable to come and try the bells on that morning, or have thought since it would be nice to learn please get in touch with me. How wonderful it would be to have some ringers from the village taking part in the Battles Over ringing on November 11th.

The next day, March 25th, six of us assembled after morning service to ring a commemorative peal. It was rung in memory of Private David Leggett of the Suffolk Regiment, service no 26430, a Pettistree ringer, who fell on 25th March 1918, aged 33. He is commemorated on the Arras Memorial in France and on the Woodbridge War memorial. He rang in thirteen of the eighteen peals recorded at Pettistree between 1902 and the outbreak of The Great War. Our recent peal took just under two and three quarter hours.

Bringing us up to date May is the month of the annual Striking Competitions. These are opportunities for each tower to compete for the best quality in ringing; that is how evenly, or well struck, a piece of about five minutes is performed. There are no extra marks for difficulty as you would find in diving or skating for example. The South East District event took place at Rushmere St Andrew on May 5th. There were ten teams and Pettistree was placed fourth. St Mary le Tower entered two teams and came first and second. About sixty people enjoyed the afternoon of ringing, chatting and of course the sumptuous tea. On May 19th the Guild Striking Competition took place at Earl Stonham. This was for teams from across the diocese. Thirteen teams took part and Pettistree was placed third, again after St Mary le Tower and a combined team from Woolpit and Drinkstone. These competitions were on six bells. Incidentally three of our ringers were in the winning team from the South East district for the eight bell competition held later in the day at Debenham

Finally our ringing room has new heating. Completed at the end of April it promises to keep us snug and warm next winter.

Mary Garner, Tower Captain

The Beast from the East



Walnuts Lane blocked



Clearance under way

Jim Jarvie



Saved by Acrow!

When Sue and I moved to Well Cottage in the summer of 2015 we already knew we would need to add an extension for our parents' visits. The trek from the guest bedroom to the tiny bathroom, down winding stairs in a dark, wonky cottage was just not practical. After much planning Sue came up with a design that would complement the existing house and we employed the heritage builders, Emmerson Critchley, to build this traditional timber framed extension.

We had our first inkling about what was in store when we returned home from work one day to find a car trolley jack propping up the corner of the house and a forest of Acrow props supporting the main beams inside. The chief carpenter revealed that on removing the 1990s concrete render, which they already knew was completely wrong for a 15th century building, they had discovered a layer of bitumen sheeting. The two had combined to prevent the main structural timbers from breathing and consequently they had rotted away. Most could be crumbled by hand or literally oozed water like a wet sponge. In addition the house had been rewired with thin lighting cable – potentially a conflagration waiting to happen. The carpenter gave the house just two years before a catastrophic collapse.

Within days there were holes in the walls large enough to ride our motorbikes through, and all our possessions were piled up in heaps under blankets and tarpaulins to protect them from the dust and dirt. We enacted a strict social media embargo. There was no point in locking the doors but if we'd advertised the fact it would have been an open invite to burglars. Also with the house unsafe for our two boxers, Lyra and Edie, we reluctantly moved out while the team of carpenters started their tricky task of reconstructing the ailing cottage.

The work was painstaking, using new oak cut into

the old but using traditional techniques to peg in the timbers. It was fascinating to watch long concealed doorways and windows appear as the walls were stripped away and to see the remains of the old thatched roof still visible at the southern end. A lightning strike in the 1960s had burned the thatch and main roof timbers then a new tiled roof was constructed over the top of it leaving the skeleton of the old one in the loft.

Then disaster struck.

At the point where the western elevation was protected only by a plastic sheet and the internal plaster board, Storm Doris hit Pettistree. We spent an uncomfortable night listening to the building materials, garden furniture and even the oil tank, being thrown about outside as the house creaked and groaned like a ship in a hurricane. The plastic sheet and the roof covering on the porch was torn away within the first hour. At one point I had to brace a part of the main wall in our living room that was threatening to blow in. We just about held on, but many of the huge insulation boards, piled up in the garden, were not so fortunate.

After this Sue ended up 'camping out' in the one partially finished bedroom in the extension while I continued living at my parents' house in Essex with the dogs. It would be four months before we would all be reunited, but in late August 2017, after 10 months without heating and hot water we finally moved in and spent our summer "holiday" reassembling the house.

People have asked if we have fallen out of love with our 'dream home'? The total opposite. We now have a place that feels right and works for us and our family. With the help of Joan Peck and Ray Whitehand's extensive investigations we have also learned so much about the history of the house and the people who lived here in the past; I could fill another article with that alone. Our builders really knew how to tackle such a major task so Well Cottage should now stand for another 500 years and we're so glad to be a small part of that journey.

Darren Tansley



Old thatch under present tiled roof



Cutting the new oak into the old



Rotting timbers



Big holes in the walls!



Just about standing up



Montage showing progress of the build



Obituary – Patricia Cook

19/10/1936 - 25/04/2018



Pat spent her early years in the North London areas of Palmers Green and Muswell Hill. At her senior school she became a prefect, was Captain of her house and a mainstay of the netball team. After leaving school, she began a 5 year hairdressing apprenticeship at the end of which she was a highly skilled stylist.

Pat always loved sport and began to play badminton at which she excelled, having a trial for Middlesex. It was also this game that introduced her to her husband, Chris, who belonged to the same club and they married in 1963. Two boys arrived, in 1966 Matthew and 1969 Timothy. This meant giving up her job but she continued to work from home to supplement the family income.

In her 40's Pat found golf, which she loved. She joined a class run by the local college, never missed a lesson in the whole year and really honed her swing. She joined North Middlesex GC in 1985, worked hard to get her handicap down and five

years later she became Ladies Captain. In later years she played several matches for Middlesex Seniors with considerable success.

As well as golf Pat enjoyed knitting, crocheting, made patchwork quilts, lampshades and even tried willow weaving, and her house today still holds many of the beautiful objects she made.

In 2004 tragedy struck the Cook family when Tim, by now an experienced commercial pilot, was killed in a flying accident in Scotland. No reason was ever found for the accident and it remains a mystery to this day. Pat bore the disaster with remarkable fortitude and gave great support to the rest of her family during this very difficult time.

Living in London suburbia was now beginning to lose its attractions and after 45 years in Whetstone, Pat and Chris decided to move to Suffolk and found a property in the delightful village of Pettistree. Considerable building work followed and in 2011 they moved into Byng Brook House. Over the next few years landscaping and planting took place under Pat's watchful gaze; she had a good eye for colour and always planted up the patio pots herself.

Pat continued golfing, joined Ufford Park GC where she made new friends and she, with Chris, enjoyed and entered fully into village life.

In 2017 she was diagnosed with a heart problem and in November underwent surgery at Papworth. It was successful, she made a remarkable recovery and was looking forward to resuming golf.

Sadly, in the early hours of 17th April, she suffered a serious stroke and although she was transferred to Ipswich Hospital within an hour, nothing could be done and she died 8 days later.

Family was always Pat's priority and this was emphasised by the tributes paid at her funeral. She was interested in people, a good listener and, as a result, had many, many friends. She is survived by her husband, Chris and her son, Matt.



THE GREAT GARDEN TRAIL

Supporting St Elizabeth Hospice

Open Garden at 4 Hungarian Close

Pettistree, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0NS
Sunday 1 July, 10am – 5pm
Adults £4, children under 16 free



Located at the end of a one mile single track lane with passing places, this garden is designed around six themes. To the front is a wild garden with a ruin leading into a vegetable and fruit garden. Relax in the Japanese garden with sculptures, a waterway and a bridge, then admire the Renaissance garden featuring a pavilion and sculptures, before inhaling the lavender in the courtyard and discovering the small secret garden.

Parking and Refreshments are available.

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Mike and Sylvia McGee have created an amazing garden.

A real one-off. Well worth a visit.



Church Report

The Annual Meeting of Pettistree church was held on April 16th, this meeting is open to all residents and members of the congregation, but only those on the church Electoral roll are entitled to vote. New members of the PCC were elected and the vicar Rev John Eldridge, who is retiring in September gave a brief over-view of his time in post. At the Annual meeting reports are presented detailing the church's activities during the year in which various highlights were mentioned, the Harvest and Christingle services for pre-school children were given a particular mention as the participation of the Presmere Nursery in these services is welcomed by the more senior members of the congregation. A report was also given of the Consistory Court hearing last September and the appointment of a new Church Architect. A detailed estimate has been submitted (as instructed by the diocesan Chancellor) for the necessary remedial work, but to date the insurers of the original architect are delaying giving their agreement to the necessary preliminary work. A further ruling is being requested from the Chancellor so that the initial investigations can commence to ascertain how best to remove the offending paint and whether any irreversible damage to the plaster has occurred.

Churchyard and gravestones maintenance

The PCC and congregation are very aware that it is important to remember that the church is open to all and that everyone is welcome to visit the building and Churchyard. It is a quiet space that has been serving the Pettistree community for over 700 years. The PCC are very grateful to all those who have given a great deal of their time to ensuring the churchyard looks good, Andy Curtis does regular mowing, Dave Caudwell and Eric Dowker have responsibility for the Hornbeams beside Rogues Lane, and mastermind the regular bonfires. Jeff Hallett looks after the Jubilee fruit

trees and Dick Smith on his regular walks through makes sure here are no problems. The Community Payback Service team to attend 2 or 3 times a year when they trim round graves, tidy hedges and strim the grass around the more recent grave area which is too uneven for Andy to cut with the mower. We are also extremely lucky that Mike Watts has undertaken to keep the graveyard plan updated as otherwise it would be very difficult sometimes to locate a particular grave for a family history enthusiast.

Thomas Bowes concert

On the Mayday Bank holiday the church was full for the Thomas Bowes violin concert in which was on his 'Bach Pilgrimage' tour. Tom gives his time to visit churches around Britain so that they have an opportunity to hear one of the world's finest violinists and raise money for local charities. When he came a few years ago the quality of the music was excellent and very much appreciated, and once again those present were amazed by his performance. It seemed impossible that the music was only being created on one violin, several present remarked that with eyes shut there appeared to be at least two and sometimes three instruments playing. There was a retiring collection in aid of FIND (the food Bank) and Pettistree church fabric fund, and over £650 was raised.

Tom is a delightful man and has been keeping a 'Blog' of his Bach pilgrimage on May 8th he posted "Welcomed by Mary and Chris (Garner) whose hospitality I am enjoying. A full house in the evening at the lovely church in Pettistree and a very responsive audience they were. People really seemed particularly taken with the mystery of the opening movement of the C Major Sonata - mentioned by several post concert. It is one of the hardest in the set to bring off well, I have always felt. Good amounts of money raised for local charities and people are buying the recordings like hot cakes which is very nice. Day off today...



The next day he put the roof down in his car and drove off from Pettistree and wrote later:- “After a packed audience in the church in Pettistree on Tuesday I had the luxury of a day off and wandered around the wilds of Suffolk in blinding sunshine for most of the day on Wednesday.”

DATES FOR THE DIARY.

Pettistree Stroll and Tea.

On Saturday June 16th, a 3.5 mile circular walk starting at the Village Hall at 2.00pm and following footpaths to Byng Brook and back into the village with a stop for tea at The Laurels. Designed to be a gentle walk with hopefully some interesting facts about the history and some of the houses. All are welcome but some idea of numbers would be

helpful for the tea, list at the back of the church or contact Maggie Hallett.

Harvest Festival Services & Lunch

Sunday September 16th at 11.00 am is the date for the Harvest celebrations in Pettistree. Following the successful lunches of the past couple of years we are planning a similar event this year of a Ploughman’s lunch in the Village Hall after the service. We are continuing to support FIND, the local food bank so request donations of non-perishable food (within date please). All cash donations at the lunch will also be given to FIND to help fund the move to new premises this year.

Maggie Hallett

100 CLUB	1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
MARCH	Steve Boardley	Nick Beagley	Louis Deliss
APRIL	Mrs Green	Mary Chilvers	Susie Hallett

The May draw will take place after all subscriptions have been collected.

The 100 Club provides income to the village hall funds which is invaluable. For a modest £1 per month, per person, a prize draw is made each month and the lucky winners receive their prize in cash. A bumper draw is made each December to ensure winnings in the year are approximately 50% of income. Membership starts each May.

To participate please contact Alan Whitfield, 01728 746794 or Dave Caudwell, 01728 747170

Ten Reasons why English is hard to learn

- 1 The bandage was wound around the wound
- 2 The farm was used to produce produce
- 3 The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse
- 4 We must polish the Polish furniture
- 5 There was a row among the oarsmen on how to row
- 6 The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert
- 7 A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
- 8 I did not object to the object
- 9 The insurance was invalid for the invalid
- 10 To help with planting the farmer taught his sow to sow

Joan Peck



That's my boy!



Two or three times a year I visit America where my son Gavin lives with his wife and my three grandchildren.

The last two visits have been very special. First of them was the opening night of a new musical, *SpongeBob SquarePants*, in Chicago.

It chronicles the adventures of the title character and his friends in the fictional underwater city of Bikini Bottom. Gavin plays the part of Squidward Q Tentacles, a squid with two arms and four legs. This involves him dancing with two extra legs! Even tap dancing!

I would find tap dancing with two legs difficult.

Then the show transferred to Broadway in New York so I had to be there for another grand opening night..

So naturally I am a very proud mum

Kath Hilton

Broadband latest

There has not been an official announcement but some residents have reported that they now have a high speed download connection of up to 40 Mps and an upload connection of up to 10 Mps available. It is advised that interested internet subscribers should contact their provider to determine if high speed broadband is available to them.

Distributors wanted

Can you help? Distributors are required for the Loudham area and Wickham Market. It's less than an hour or so four times a year. There are 13 addresses in Loudham and 5 in Wickham Market.

If you can help. Please let me know, Mike Watts 01728 747202

Planning matters

- DC/18/0001/TCA Weeping willow on village green. Permitted and actioned
- DC/18/0710/TCA 1 Hungarian Close extension Permitted
- DC/18/0735/TCA The Laurels- Branch removal on trees Responded
- DC/18/0668/VOC Presmere Day Nursery- Max number of children to be 23 Permitted
- DC/18/0855/FUL The Nursery, Main Road. Store/Workshop Permitted



Insect Word Search by Pat Deliss

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Aphid		
Bee	Amok	Lit
Bug	Ash	Lock
Beetle	Aura	Nil
Butterfly	Awake	Nor
Caddis	Asp	Once
Chafer	Bun	Off
Cicada	Bet	Pins
Cockroach	Cock	Pint
Dragonfly	Dregs	Pot
Daddy longlegs	Doe	Quiz
Dung beetle	Dun	Ran
Earwig	Din	Rat
Flea	Ego	Rod
Fly	Elf	Rot
Gnat	Fad	Scar
Hornet x 2	Fan	Ship
Lice	Fang	Solid
Ladybird	Fare	Tea
Lacewing	Foe	Tide
Locust	Gap	Tie
Moth	Hue	Tit
Midge	Irked	Tub
Wasp	Job	Use
Weevil	Land	War
	Leaf	Yes



Councillor Alexander Nicoll has provided a report to the Parish Council on activities at Suffolk County Council. This is a résumé.

Councillor Matthew Hicks takes the helm at Suffolk County Council, having been elected on 24th May with Councillor Nicoll appointed as deputy cabinet minister for transport.

Suffolk Waste Partnership trial litter campaign started on 30th May. 15 smart litter bins were installed in trial locations across Suffolk in an effort to reduce littering on the county’s trunk roads. They have a bright orange body and illuminated “Litter” sign powered by a solar panel for visibility day and night and a remote monitoring device to monitor the fill level to optimise their emptying.

Suffolk Residents urged to sign up as Dementia Friends. OneLife Suffolk is asking local people to consider how they can support people with dementia by becoming a Dementia Friend. For more information and to sign up as a Dementia Friend visit- [http:// onelifesuffolk.co.uk/dementia2018](http://onelifesuffolk.co.uk/dementia2018)

New George Community Pub for Wickham Market I am delighted to be a supporter of this excellent grass roots initiative. To learn about this unique community project visit- www.wmgeorge.co.uk

Suffolk Day, Thursday the 21st June 2018 is the annual celebration of all things Suffolk with a variety of events . Go to <https://suffolkday.co.uk> to find a local event



DIARY DATES

16th June Pettistree stroll and tea at 2pm from the Village Hall

21st June Suffolk Day—see page 11

1st July 10am to 5pm- Mike and Sylvia McGee’s Open Garden See page 7

19th July Village Hall Committee A G M in Village Hall at 7.30pm

16th September Harvest Celebrations

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Copy date for the September issue will be

17th August

Please send to ppedit@uwclub.net

Would contributors please note this date in their diaries, for punctual sending of copy will enable us to produce the next issue in good time.

There are many activities in the Village Hall .

You can find a list of them on our Village Website

More Contributors Wanted!!

This issue has been made possible by the news and stories from just ten Pettistree and Loudham residents! Our village has about 190 residents so surely there must be interesting experiences, news or stories which the remainder can contribute.

If you would like assistance in writing them, then Pat Deliss, 01728 745083 or myself, 01728 747202 will be pleased to help. Mike Watts