



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Remembrance and Celebration

Events in Pettistree to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War on 11th November

The four main groups in Pettistree and Loudham agreed to hold a village event to mark the anniversary. Representatives of the Parish Council, the Church, the Village Hall and the Heritage group met on 2nd February this year. We then had a total of five meetings to plan and risk assess the various parts of the event. A successful application was made to our County Councillor, Mr Alexander Nicoll, for funds to cover expenses such as mobile toilets and decorations. He was one of our notable attendees as was Mark Amoss, our District Councillor, and our new vicar the Rev Leslie Siu. Many different people provided cakes and puddings and others helped with the logistics of setting up and taking down the furniture and fittings.

Here follows reports of the events

The Piping of 'When the Battle's O'er'

by Jim Jarvie AKA The Pettistree Piper

Hundreds of highland bagpipers registered with the National Piping Centre, Glasgow to mark the end of the First World War. The tribute started at 06.00 on 11 November, the time when the Armistice of Compiègne was signed. All the pipers played the tune 'When the Battle's O'er' in memory of the millions killed or wounded including 2000 bagpipers who invariably were the first "over the top".

Along with other members of the Ipswich Piping Society, who attended other locations, I played at the memorial in Pettistree churchyard. I couldn't warm my bagpipes up at that time of the morning so it was straight into the tune followed by Coming Home and Amazing Grace.

Thankfully, a few Pettistree residents and friends turned up; I was feeling a bit lonely standing around in the church grounds although the weather was kind to us.

As the dawn started to break we all headed to Cath and Dave's for 'life saving' bacon rolls and tea. A memorable start to the day's proceedings.

Spectator's note by Jeff Hallett:-

Jim was in full Highland Dress standing beside the War Memorial. It was still dark so it was hard to count the audience but I thought it was between 15

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and 20. Our lamps gave just enough light to see what was going on. Jim's piping was good despite the cold and he was reassured later to hear a recording that Maggie made from our bedroom window about 50 yards away. I managed to take one decent photo and I sent this with an e-mail to Lesley Dolphin on BBC Radio Suffolk. She read it out on her Sunday morning programme so Pettistree and its piper were early 'on the map'.

Bell Ringing by Mary Garner

Six bellringers met at 8.45 am to ring a quarter peal on the half-muffled bells, followed by service ringing which included other members of the band. To half-muffle, one side of the clapper is padded so that alternate strokes are open and then muffled. Half-muffled bells have a sonorous quality enhanced by the echo effect. Half-muffling is reserved for sombre occasions and times of reflection. Many find the sound particularly moving.

After the service our steeple keeper, Chris, went up the tower to remove the muffles so that we were ready to ring after the sounding of the Last Post and lighting of the brazier just before 7pm. The open bells made a joyous sound to mark the 100th Anniversary since the end of hostilities.

In the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 201 out of the 204 ringable towers sounded out over the Remembrance weekend. Many Suffolk ringers have reported people coming out to listen to their bells in even the smallest of villages. This was part of Ringing Remembers, a worldwide campaign to have as many bells as possible ringing for Remembrance. Coupled with this was a drive to recruit 1400 ringers in the UK, the number who did not return from The Great War, a number which has been greatly exceeded.

Church Service of Remembrance and the Silence by Maggie Hallett

Pettistree Church of St.Peter and St.Paul had been beautifully decorated for Remembrance Sunday

and Rev. Rob Rose led the 10.00 am service. During the service the benefice choir sang an anthem, Elgar's setting of Binyon's poem 'For the fallen'. The service ended with the congregation walking out to the war memorial in the churchyard. Over 80 people participated in the Act of Remembrance during which nine names of the Pettistree dead from WW1, and one from WW2 were read out.



The Pettistree wreath was laid by Maureen Stollery





The traditional two minute silence was held at exactly 11.00 am and the service concluded with the playing of Darren Tansley's recorded composition on the theme of the Last Post, the sound of which was particularly beautiful in the sunny quiet churchyard. Rob Rose then invited all to come to the village hall for coffee, cake and conversation.

Refreshments & Exhibition

by Cath Caudwell

Following the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial everyone wound their way to the Village Hall for tea and coffee. Wonderful cakes had been kindly donated by local people and were much appreciated.



Pettistree Heritage, in the form of Cath Caudwell and Joan Peck, with a little help from Ray Whitehand delving into the Suffolk Record Office, had been busy over the past months researching three service-men who returned from WWI and went on to live in the parish. All three of them were linked in some way to Pettistree Lodge. Our own Pettistree archives formed the basis of the exhibition but were well supplemented by further research on the internet, which brought forth revealing insights into the lives of these men, and sometimes their spouses as well, at the time of the Great War and afterwards. Most poignant was the story of Lieutenant Colonel Gilligan, whose tragic death was well documented in our records, but we'd never found a picture of him. After contacting the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum, a magnificent portrait of him was forwarded to us, which we were delighted to be able to use. Stories and artefacts supplied by local people gave a personal touch to the display.



The room was buzzing with chatter, with more than 80 in attendance. Tables had been laid out café style, with patriotic bunting and flags decorating the walls. The kitchen folk were very busy serving the drinks – thank goodness for the urn!



On offer at lunchtime was home-cooked vegetable soup, much enjoyed by those who had remained at the hall.





Last Post, Bells and Brazier

by Jeff Hallett

The national "Battle's Over" scheme for marking the anniversary of the end of WW1 included synchronisation at 6.55 PM of playing the "Last Post", and then ringing the church bells in celebration as was done at the end of the WW1. A more modern innovation has been to also light bonfires or braziers all over the country.



In Pettistree we had asked Peter Hollowaway from Charsfield to come and play the Last Post for us. He does not use a bugle but is an expert trumpeter. A crowd of about 40 had gathered in the dark outside the church and heard Peter play the military signal beside the War Memorial. The bells had had their leather muffles removed and were rung "open" as was being done all over the country. The clear sounds of the trumpet and then the bells were truly memorable, especially as a metal firepit had been lit in the churchyard at 7pm as our version of a brazier. We had checked that the wind was blowing away from the thatched cottages in the centre of the village. It was then time to move on to the Chilvers' barn at Stump Street.

The Wipers Times by Jeff Hallett

There is another heart-warming story about WW1 besides the legend of football at Christmas. It is the fact that soldiers in the trenches found the energy, skills and equipment to produce a newsletter. It was called "The Wipers Times" because the area of Ypres, where some of the worst fighting was taking place was known as "Wipers" by the British troops. The newsletter was completely unofficial and must have brought moments of relief and amusement to the troops. We encouraged Mike Watts, as editor of Pettistree People, to copy the style and produce an edition to be given out at the evening celebration. It was not meant to be read then but to be taken home, read at leisure and perhaps kept as a souvenir. Surplus copies will probably be passed on to local schools.

Mike obtained a DVD with scans of all the editions of Wipers Times and its successors. He then read through them to select suitable extracts with a combination of humour, irony and tragedy. This was no easy or quick task. His edition consists of 16 pages of spoof news, made-up adverts, poetry and a mock 'agony column'. This excellent edition contains a brief history of the Wipers Times and details of the DVD. It was much appreciated.

Professor Dodgits Academy.

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"MACHINE GUN SLITHER,"
"WHIZZ-BANG HOP" AND THE
"CRUMP CRAWL," ETC., ETC.

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COURSES ARE CONTINUOUS DAY AND NIGHT.
PARTIES OF 100 OR MORE SPECIALLY CATERED FOR.

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FINEST ORCHESTRA ENGAGED, PERSONALLY CONDUCTED BY
O. B. SERVER.

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"Come and learn to skip and hop,
Ere you venture o'er the top."

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TELEGRAMS: "BERTHA," TELEPHONE: "I, HOP."

A typical advert



Evening meal and entertainment by Chris Cook

The “Battle’s Over” events culminated in a community dinner held in the Chilvers’ barn. Roger had decorated it spectacularly with Union flag bunting and had managed to source a WW2 Jeep. Close to 100 villagers and friends attended and as we arrived, we were greeted by the sounds of sirens and bombs exploding, all very realistic and very reminiscent of the dreadful days of the blitz. Mary and Roger had prepared a wonderful meal of beef stew with vegetables and dumplings and, in order to cater for the volume required, had managed to beg and borrow 11 slow cookers which stood on the side waiting to feed us all. Beside them stood a barrel of beer which had been donated by Stewart and Louise from the Greyhound which was much appreciated and soon disappeared.



In view of the considerable numbers, serving of the meal was table by table and was accompanied by bread rolls generously donated by Sarah Moss of “The Bakehouse” in Woodbridge. Dessert took the form of cakes and pastries supplied by many in the village.



After appetites were sated we were entertained, firstly by the “Soldier Boys” under the command of Major Rita Smith who regaled us with songs popular during or associated with WW1.



Then Peter Holloway appeared as a Tommy, aka Private Parts, and amused us with a series of comic stories before finishing his act with some superb trumpet playing. He left the stage to great applause. The resident DJ, Chuck Chilvers, completed the entertainment with a variety of music, including



Darren Tansley's beautiful recorded arrangement of the Last Post. People then drifted away at the end of a most enjoyable evening which all felt was a fitting end to a very full day of events commemorating the centenary of the end of that most terrible of wars, WW1.

Through it all, our youngest resident, Blair Robert MacKenzie slept the sleep of an innocent.



Thank you Pettistree for an unforgettable celebration on the 11th

I was only able to join in for the evening celebrations, the last post, the lighting of the beacon, the celebratory bells, and then the evening activities. Many thanks must go to the Chilvers for the great evening in their wonderfully decorated barn, for the great food, and to Peter Holloway for his entertainment and of course to the 'boys' who were on parade...it was truly a memorable evening...so thank you Pettistree!

Regards, Rev'd Margaret Blackall, Wickham Market

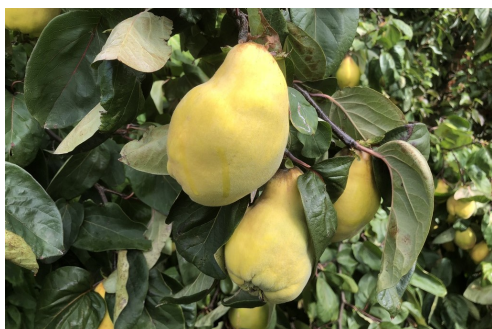
Generous Donation

There was no charge for any of the refreshments during the day's events. There was though a donation box at the evening event in Chilvers barn which resulted in £415 being sent to the Royal British Legion Amenity Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Mary Chilvers

Parish Council News

Since the last edition of Pettistree People in September the weather has become Autumnal although still almost frost free. The apple harvest continued and was a good one. More remarkable was the large crop of quinces reported all over this region. As in the photo below they are about five inches long and bright yellow. Unfortunately, they do not have a lot of culinary uses and are much too hard to eat raw. There will be lots of quince jelly for Christmas! Walnuts have also done well with too many for even the squirrels to eat before we could harvest them.



The Parish Council has invested in two new dog bins. They may well be in position by the time this is published. Like our other two they will be green in colour and will be emptied regularly by Norse for the District Council.

We hope that dog walkers from our village and the surrounding area will use them on their dog walks to keep our lanes and verges clean. One is sited beside the small wooden footbridge midway along The Street, and the other is on the corner at Presmere Pond.

Our six yellow grit bins are filled and ready for use on the roads at strategic slopes and corners. They are filled by the District Council and are for use by the accredited volunteers in the village. Will we get another "Beast from the East" to make them essential? Our County Councillor, Alexander Nicoll, and our District Councillor, Mark Amoss have been very supportive. They not only attend our Parish



Council meetings regularly, to inform and advise us, but they have also supported our projects with grants from their locality budgets. Councillor Nicoll has supported the cost of the equipment we needed such as portable toilets for Armistice Day and Councillor Amoss is contributing to the cost of a sturdy medium-sized marquee that we are buying for use in the village. The marquee will be used for events by the Parish Council, the Village Hall, the Church and the Heritage Group. We plan to allow it to be borrowed by villagers for special family celebrations.

Pettistree has a very good record for community events and the most recent one has been a triumph. On Sunday 11th November we had a whole day of events from 6.00 am to 11.00 pm to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Other contributors will describe the day in detail, so I will simply say the morning was a time for Remembrance, including the two minute silence and Last Post, while the evening was for celebration with bells and a brazier lit. We then



moved to the barn of Roger and Mary Chilvers to enjoy beef stew and dumplings with entertainment afterwards by Rita Smith's "Soldiers' Choir", and then Peter Holloway from Charsfield doing a 'turn' and playing his trumpet.

A lot of people had worked hard to prepare the day's events and we were pleased to welcome residents of Pettistree and Loudham as well as people associated with the village from the surrounding area. The barn was full with about 100 people, all of whom had a good fill of the stew or the veggie option. Since the last newsletter we have had two meetings of the Parish Council. On 11th September we made the usual comments about the state of the roads and footpaths and were able to pass them on to Councillor Nicoll who has special responsibility for transport for the County Council. Planning matters were discussed and we were pleased to report that Bridge Classic Cars on the old Notcutt's site had held a very successful show to open their new workshops on Sunday 26th August. Concerns were expressed about the speed of cars near Presmere Pond and the children's nursery. Since then we have asked the police to monitor the safety of driving in that area. We have also asked Highways to make the 30 MPH signs more visible.

Our most recent meeting was on 13th November. We heard of the success of the Armistice day events and also discussed the possibility of further village events in 2019. We noted that there had been a lot of work done on the buildings of the Three Tuns site but we are no closer to knowing what its future holds. There has been no planning application. We reviewed our accounts and budgets. We do not anticipate any need to increase the precept; that is the money we request from Suffolk Coastal District Council to carry out our work for the village. The cost of the precept is added to the council tax paid by each property.

As usual there are gloomy forecasts being circulated about the risk of bad weather at Christmas. Let us hope that this is not the case, but if it is we are at least prepared with our salt bins and good community spirit to help each other.

Jeff Hallett, Parish Council Chairman



Fishing in Borgie

This year saw Louis and me salmon fishing in northern Scotland on the north coast which has an incredible landscape - desolate but beautiful with wide open spaces - moors and mountains, myriad lochs, wonderful beaches and almost no inhabitants. We stayed in a rented house with old friends so had good company. The weather was reasonable with only one day of really heavy, much needed, rain, as the rivers were virtually empty of water as they, like us, had a very dry summer. In consequence the salmon were not able to get in from the sea although they did start while we were there so fishing began. Louis wasn't lucky, but even had he caught one, he would have had to return it to the river as it is the rule in all Scottish rivers to conserve the fish.

We broke our journey up with a night in Moffat. The last seventy miles to Borgie are on a single track road with passing places - fortunately not many people choose to go up there and we had a trouble free drive. On the way home we spent a night in the Lake District and then another in the Peak District with our daughter, so a lovely trip.

Pat Deliss



Gardening thoughts

As I sit down to write this and look out of the window at a wet and windy day, I think back to the hot summer we had; water butts soon ran dry, lawns were brown and crispy, flower beds hard and dusty, shrubs droopy and some plants giving up all together; as I did. I am pleased to see that most things have since recovered; water butts are brimming, lawns are green again, flower beds are workable and shrubs revived.

There has been a fantastic display of roses this year and yet again we have had a bumper crop of tomatoes and chillies. I was a little disappointed with some of my dahlias but they were set back by being munched by the bunnies.

We were a little concerned to see a mother duck with some ducklings only a couple of days old on our pond in early November, also we haven't seen our Kingfisher all year which is a shame.

Bulbs are in, beds are mostly tidied, so to see what spring will bring.

Olivia Smith

The Seed Shop

Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie,
Faded as crumbled stone or shifting sand,
Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled, scentless, dry-
Meadows and gardens running through my hand.

In this brown husk a dale of hawthorn dreams,
A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust;
It will drink deeply of a century's streams,
These lilies shall make summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple house of death,
Sealed in their shells a million roses leap;
Here I can blow a garden with my breath,
And in my hand a forest lies asleep.

Muriel Stuart



The Holly and the Ivy – but mostly the Ivy!

As we approach Christmas and start singing about the Holly and the Ivy perhaps you are thinking that the latter is more of a pain than something to be celebrated. But before eyes roll as I leap to the defence of another species that is considered dull, irritating and in the way, let me explain why I think this is one of the most underrated plants in the parish.

I have to confess that even I get the loppers out from time to time to clear patches of ivy from my garden as it can inhibit the growth of leaves on hedgerow trees in extreme cases if left entirely unchecked. But I also leave different sections to flourish each year in order to support wildlife. This approach certainly bore fruit this autumn when I discovered a new species to Pettistree feeding on this much maligned plant – a beautiful solitary mining bee known as the ivy bee *Colletes Hererae*.

This species was new to science in 1993, remarkable for such a striking looking insect, and was not even recorded in Britain until 2001 when it was found at Langton Matravers in Dorset. But since then it has gradually been moving north through England and can now be found as far north as Shropshire, Staffordshire & Norfolk. Like all bees it is a pollinator, but it appears surprisingly late in the year for a bee, with its main emergence matching the time when ivy is

flowering.-and yes – ivy does have flowers; not particularly showy ones but flowers nonetheless. Ivy bees love these flowers and may be seen collecting pollen from any large ivy stands between September and November.



Like many mining bees it digs burrows and these are usually in soft earth, the sort of habitat that can be found along the road verges in Pettistree but ivy is essential to the

survival of this species. Ivy bees are as large, or even larger, than honey bees and have very obvious banding on the abdomen. This is a very distinct orange hue in freshly hatched bees that fades over time. Males may be seen in frenzied mating clusters as they "mob" females emerging from their nests but you're still more likely to find them by checking the flowering ivy.

The discovery of this new bee was certainly an exciting bonus to my ivy watching this autumn, although it is in the winter that this plant really comes into its own. During the cold, dark months of December and January, food for birds can be very scarce. However, the dense ivy canopy not only contains a huge amount of insect life and spiders, essential sustenance for birds like robins, sparrows and blue tits, it also develops blue-black berries that are among some of the few 'fruits' available for species like blackbirds to feast on over winter.

My advice to those thinking of removing ivy in their garden is to rotate your cutting. That way you gradually keep on top of any spread but have a continual growth somewhere to feed the birds. And in the meantime get ready for next autumn and check your crop of ivy flowers for the return of the Pettistree ivy bees.

Darren Tansley





A tour of Iceland:

Land of Fire, Ice and Waterfalls, a Commonwealth, Land with Sagas, Trolls and Elves

Iceland has a fantastic mix of active geology and very variable scenery where a population of only a third of a million people produce a football team that defeated the best of England. It's a land of surprises and it maintains its unique culture and independence. We decided to join a group tour, led by a knowledgeable Icelandic guide in his own purpose built off-road minibus, which attracted so much attention everywhere that people took selfies next to it!



Our off-road minibus.

Nowhere else on Earth is volcanic and tectonic activity so visible and accessible. Geologically, Iceland sits astride the North Atlantic ridge where magma from the Earth's mantle rises and pushes the American and European tectonic plates apart. It does so at 2cm a year, which means Iceland is growing bigger, with the famous crack in the earth's crust at Thingvellir being the site where the Icelandic settlers established a parliament to manage their country in 930. Here each year the Law-speaker would recite from memory one third of the nation's laws, the attendees would resolve disputes and families would arrange marriages. In the year 1000 they decided to change religion from the Norse gods to Christianity overnight. The law-speaker went home collected his Norse statues and threw them into the local waterfall, now called Godafoss (waterfall of the gods). Despite having an established law code, they failed to have a way of

enacting decisions which meant the aggrieved party would have to gather family and friends to enforce the decisions. This is superbly described in many of the sagas written much later but about actions of the tenth and eleventh centuries. One reviewer summarised the sagas as "farmers come to blows"! Some are very readable; including the unambiguous discovery of America.

Sitting on a mass of molten magma means Iceland has huge resources of geothermal energy. In fact all houses are heated to 22°C either from hot water pipes, or geothermally generated electricity. Hotels, houses and even in the fjords there are free steaming natural plunge pools.



The geyser Strokkur erupts

If waterfalls are your thing, a trip to see the Victoria or Niagara falls may be on your bucket list, but a trip to Iceland provides spectacular falls on a daily basis. Many have seen Gullfoss on the Icelandic golden circle, but can you imagine a water supply that could fill an Olympic swimming pool every 6 seconds; visit Dettifoss, the largest output in Europe. How about a waterfall which you can walk behind, Seljalandsfoss, or one whose braided cascades create the Bridal Veil falls.

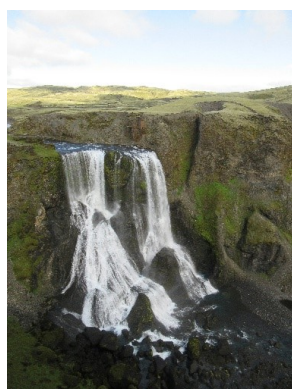


Dettifoss

Another unexpected feature of Icelandic volcanoes, is that many of them are under the vast Vatnajokull ice cap, resulting in flattened volcanoes, rather than cones. The lava flows, from which Iceland is basically made, produce many large flat topped mountains, with eroded cliffs and valleys to form stunning scenery. Then of course there are the strings of mini-volcanoes along fault lines.



Borgarfjordur, Western Fjords



Emerging from Seljandsfoss Baejarfoss (Bridal Veil) falls



Volcanoes on a fault line

Some of you may have been caught out by the impact of volcanic ash from Eyjafjallajokull or for short E16 . In this eruption in 2010, magma broke through the surface, through 250m of glacier, and hurled ash, dust and rocks up to 8km into the atmosphere, and produced a flashflood that totally flooded the valley below and washed out the road. We visited the zone just below the outlet glacier from E16. It's now a mass of black basalt chippings, with large pits into which house sized blocks of ice had been thrown. We were amazed to find that in this desolate area beautiful plants had already found a footing; only 8 years after the E16 eruption.



Turf wall of Vidimyarkirkja Church



The Icelandic people have always had to be self-reliant. They settled Iceland to maintain their freedom from the King of Norway. They learned to live in their harsh environment, taking with them their domestic animals, which still remain the farming bloodstock. They lacked wood for house building, and any driftwood landing in Iceland even now, belongs to the landowner where it settles.



Similarly the eiderdown of any Eider Duck which nests on your land belongs to you, after the ducklings have left; a valuable cash crop. In the absence of driftwood, they developed real skills in building with turf, producing thick walls with a herring-bone pattern from turfs, cut using specialist tools, and roofed with the aid of drift wood, or sometimes they would pop over to Norway and get a boat load of wood.

We had a great time in Iceland with a friendly group while we enjoyed the midsummer, Land of the Midnight Sun. The country has many other excellent attractions, superb albeit expensive fishing rivers, lots of whale watching opportunities, good walking routes and of course, during their long dark nights, the spectacular Northern Lights.

Alan and Judy Steventon

Very well done, Maureen

Congratulations to Maureen Stollery who has been recognized and recently rewarded with these two beautiful enameled badges for collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Pettistree and Loudham -the first badge for ten years and the second for twenty years. Kath Hilton who has collected with Maureen, was also recognized after ten years, but has since missed some years due to visiting her son and grandchildren in America in November and so has not clocked up her twenty years. Hopefully she will do so in the next few years.



Church News

Harvest

We have had a busy few months starting with the Harvest festival service on September 16th when we thank God for all his goodness during the past year with particular reference to the fields, gardens and allotments. The church was looking wonderful, there was some excellent singing of many of the



well-known harvest hymns led by the benefice choir, and a large number of bags and boxes of food products were donated to be passed on to FIND, the Food Bank in Ipswich.

Following the service there was a Ploughman's Lunch in the Village Hall which

was very much appreciated by all who came and donations of £185 were given for the work of FIND. The following day Margaret Blackall and Jenny Catchpole led a Harvest Celebration designed for pre-school children during which they explored the church to find leaves, listened to the story of The Little Red Hen and joined in some songs. A sunny day meant that the refreshments of fruit and rice-cakes for the children could be taken out into the church-yard which made clearing up after 20 children a lot simpler!

The pre-school events that have been held in Pettistree church over the past few years are becoming an important part of the village life.





Introducing little ones to the church is vital so that they can learn that though the building may be big and very old it is not a scary forbidden place. By coming with the pre-school nursery, their parents or grandparents they hopefully will realise that the village church is not only part of village history, but is a happy place where they are always welcome.

Retirement

A Farewell tea for the Eldridge family took place in All Saints church to mark John's retirement as Vicar of the Benefice of Wickham Market and Pettistree. They were presented with gifts to mark John's 16 years as Vicar and a large card signed by many of the people at the tea. The family are staying living in their own home in Wickham Market but he will no longer be part of the Ministry team.

Arrival

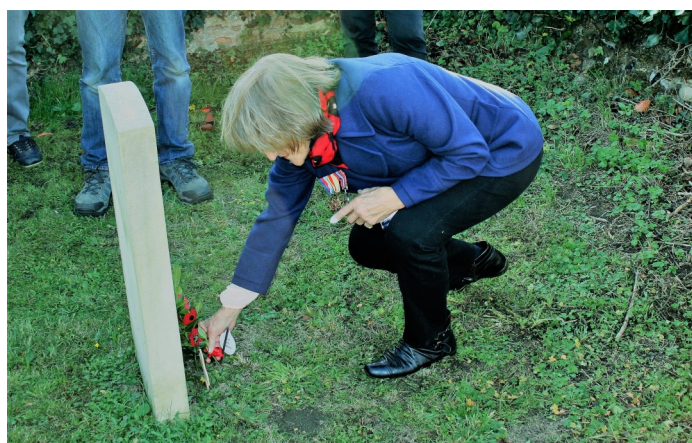
The Reverend Leslie Siu and his family are now living in the Vicarage in Crown Lane, Wickham Market. The service at which he was officially installed by the Bishop of Dunwich took place on Wednesday November 7th at All Saints church Wickham Market. At this service there are various official things that have to be said and promises made. Several members of both congregations took part and Jeff Hallett, in his capacity of Parish Council Chairman, welcomed Leslie as Vicar to Pettistree with Loudham.

NB Unfortunately during the brief change-over period the vicarage BT telephone number was lost so we now have to learn a new one!

It is - 01728 561572

War Grave recognition

The Suffolk Royal British Legion asked that all the War Graves on the county should be recognised by locals on Thursday November 8th. A special small medallion was produced and so at 11.00 am a small group of Pettistree villagers met in the churchyard. The war grave is for Issac Thurkettle



whose family lived at Park farm and it can be seen close to the notice board in the churchyard. The medallion was placed with a spray of poppies by Maureen Stollery and a minutes silence held during which we also remembered all those who died during the wars who have no known grave. Jim Jarvie played Amazing grace on his bagpipes to complete the short but moving ceremony.

Maggie Hallett



I'm settling in

The last couple of weeks have been a blur of faces, names and mountains of information as we've continued to settle into life in Suffolk. But what an



exciting time it's been! I'm so glad to have been able to meet a number of you who live in Pettistree already, particularly on Remembrance Sunday at the Chilvers' Barn where we were so wonderfully hosted by Roger & Mary. Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me,

and I very much look forward to getting to know more of you over the coming weeks and months.

I must confess that, in a number of ways, this is all a bit new to me. Not least because I spent my childhood and youth split between the bustling cities of Hong Kong and London. In Hong Kong,

many people live in a single building that houses more people than the whole of Pettistree added together! More recently, we spent 3 years in Oxford, and then Newcastle-under-Lyme, before moving here to serve the churches and villages of Wickham Market and Pettistree. I've been struck by the real sense of village community and hope that the church can continue to build and develop greater links with those who live here.

As well as the village community is the fellowship of the church – what is often called the church family. The Bible again and again speaks of the welcome and invitation that God extends to all, to come and enjoy being a part of God's family. The invitation to come and experience the love, compassion and mercy found in the Lord Jesus. You are very much warmly invited to come and share in this with us. The best place to begin? Why not come along to one of our Sunday gatherings! It'd be great to see you there. If I haven't already met you, then I hope to do so soon.

Leslie Siu

Bellringing News

The ringers have continued to meet twice a week. We continue to be very grateful to several of our regular practice night visitors who enable us to ring all six bells for every Sunday service.

Harvest Festival was celebrated at Pettistree on 16th September and a quarter peal was rung before morning service.

At the end of September we joined with the Hollesley ringers for an outing to Essex. The weather was wonderful and we rang at Great Easton, Great Dunmow, Thaxted, where we also had lunch, Great Bardfield and Finchingfield. At the end of the day twenty or so tired and happy ringers crossed back into Suffolk.

Our new vicar, Rev Leslie Siu, took up his post on Wednesday 7th November. There was a big service at Wickham Market, attended by Bishop Michael

and many local clergy together with a large local congregation. A joint Pettistree and Wickham Market band of ringers rang a quarter peal beforehand. At the same time another band rang a celebratory quarter at Pettistree.

The following weekend a quarter, half muffled, was rung before the Remembrance service and a number of our ringers rang bells at Ufford and Iken too.

As I write this we are looking forward to our AGM on 25th November, where we review the year, plan Christmas and New Year ringing and events for next year.

As there have been a few cooler evenings recently we have at last tried our heating, newly installed at the end of April. It warms our ringing room quickly and without the smell or damp from the gas heater we used previously.

Mary Garner, Tower Captain



Pettistree's Stiff Upper Lips—albeit a bit damp

Having looked at the long term forecast we thought our planned village get together and BBQ would result in us all complaining about the heat. It would have been the case if we had held the event on any other day apart from Sunday 23rd September.

Although it was raining heavily, the villagers and friends are made of sterner stuff and we quickly moved to plan 'B'. Thankfully, Dave and Cath were able to provide a pop up gazebo under which the BBQ sat. I am used to barbequing in all weathers but Revett's sausages are not so tasty when marinated in rain water.

The gazebo worked a treat and despite the rain the sausages and burgers had a moist but not wet texture. As usual a number of volunteers helped with the barbequing—not just to keep warm.

Over 30 villagers and friends attended the event and entertained themselves with table tennis, jenga, shove ha'penny and generally chatting. It was great to see our youngest villager, Blair Robert

McKenzie, with parents of course, attended. He is not at the stage of liquidised Revett's sausages yet but I am sure it is just a matter of time. Good to see Stewart and Louise 'this side of the bar and restaurant'.



Thanks to all those who helped to make it such a good day, particularly Mick Hilton who transported my BBQ and table tennis table to the hall and Cath and Dave for the use of the 'brollie'.

Despite the weather, everybody enjoyed the event **and we hope to see you all at our Xmas Bring a Dish get together on Sunday 16th December at 1.00 pm in the village hall.**

Jim Jarvie

New residents

We are pleased to welcome David and Sarah Clarke, and their young daughter Olivia to Pettistree.

We wish them every happiness in their new home.

100 CLUB	1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
SEPTEMBER	Sheila Manning	Chris Cook	Jenny Barnes
OCTOBER	Evelyn Whitfield	Pauline Jarvie	Mary Chilvers

Planning Matters:

- DC/18/2489/PN3 Granary Whitehouse Farm convert to dwelling Withdrawn
- DC/18/3548/CLE Green Farm Clinic Use of swimming Pool Permitted
- DC/18/4062/FUL Extension to rear of Presmere Nursery Await decision No objections raised by Council
- DC/18/4502/FUL Bridge Classic Cars Await decision No objections raised by Council



Three generations cruise August 2018

Those with good memories may recall that I wrote in Pettistree People in 2014 of our difficulties on a Norwegian Cruise so may be surprised that we booked another trip to Norway this Summer. The difference was that this was on a P&O ship, the Azura and being summertime meant that we did not have to contend with the very short days, so were able to see much more of the stunning fiord scenery.

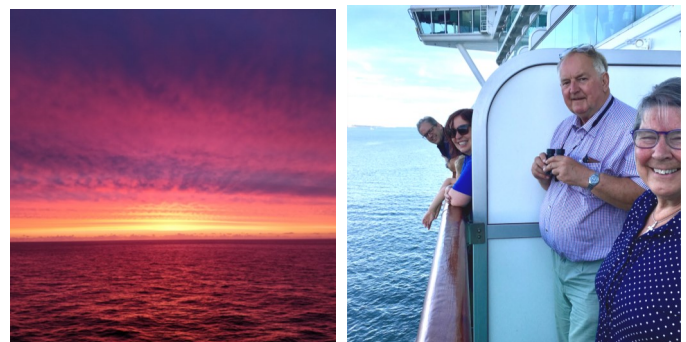


It was also different in that three generations of Halletts were on board, David and Gen having decided that it was worth spending a week on a cruise to see if they and their two boys liked it, and Mary was already coming as she finds it an excellent way to travel during school holidays.

I can report that it was a great success, we were in adjacent cabins, met up for some meals as a large family but often 'did our own thing'. There were activities on and off the ship of interest to all the different ages and tastes. We were able to spend some quality time with the grandsons- Olly can nearly beat me at backgammon now- but did not have to worry about entertaining them all day. Jeff and I saw many different areas in Norway from our last visit, but did not take the 2 hour RIB ride up a fiord as the young did. They all enjoyed it hugely in spite of having to get dressed like deep sea fishermen for the trip.



Instead Jeff and I met a very interesting guide in the Sardine Canning Factory Museum in Stavanger -we had no idea that sardines in olive oil improve with age like wine!- which the younger generation would not have appreciated. At Olden there were various trips to a glacier so we took the easy, river cruise, coffee and waffles and a 15 minute stroll to see one glacier. The rest of the family hiked uphill for over an hour on a hot day to get much nearer to a different glacier and appreciated the exercise, while possibly learning a bit of practical geography. The adults hoped that the exercise would counteract the amount of excellent food to suit all tastes that was always available onboard ship! One of the joys of the cruise was the spectacular scenery as we travelled up the different fiords, and also when in the North sea the sunsets were amazing, we all appreciated them.



On several previous holidays I have noticed the 'Kids Clubs' that are available on the cruise ships



but never had the opportunity to find out what is involved. For our two grandsons aged 14 and 8 they were a great success, they made new friends and particularly on the days we were at sea, were kept busy. Very quickly this meant that even when not in the 'Kids Club' they had friends to go swimming with or just 'hang out' as teenagers apparently do! Gen felt she had had a really relaxing break, which as her job is head-mistress of a primary school she was afraid would not be the case.

Overall we thoroughly enjoyed the week away, it was easy to travel from Southampton, the ship was

very comfortable although a bit larger that we prefer and it was very good to spend time with the family without any house-keeping concerns. The only downside is that the cruises that cater for the summer school holidays are not always to the places we would like to visit, but I think the pleasure of spending time with the family outweighs that drawback.

Our cruise for next year is not yet decided but as the family are off to Disney in August, we can choose where we want to visit rather than when we have to go!

Maggie Hallett

County Councillor Alexander Nicoll's Newsletter

This is a summary. It can be found, in full, on the Pettistree website

Sizewell C 3rd Stage Public Consultation

It is likely to be launched early in 2019 as EDF have been advised it needs to be concluded prior to the elections to new East Suffolk Council in May 2019. It will be very important that all Parishes and the public engage with this process so that local concerns are given focus and EDF pressed to respond as fully as they can.

My Locality Budget

I am delighted to have been able to support wonderful local schemes within my Division. I still have funds left for one-off financial support for qualifying proposals. The most recent I have supported have been the inaugural Ufford Arts Fair and events connected with commemoration of WW1 including Pettistree's.

Call for family carers to share their views

Suffolk County Council recently undertook a survey to understand what currently works well for family carers and identify gaps in support.

Provisional GCSE results show continued progress for Suffolk students

Provisional GCSE results, released on 16 October illustrate that 1% more students in Suffolk are achieving the expected standards in English and Maths compared to last year. Suffolk is now in line with national figures

Budget consultation held as Suffolk County Council looks to save £25 million in 2019/20

They asked residents' which services are most important to them. The Council faces financial challenges to deliver essential frontline services to support the most vulnerable residents. The Council has saved £260 million since 2011 and established innovative ways to engage with communities but there are still tough calls ahead.

Parents were urged to have their say on school admissions policy for 2020/2021 school year

It is to ensure school places are offered to children in a fair way. The County Council are not proposing changes but sought views on the proposed arrangements



District Councillor Mark Amoss's Report

to Pettistree Parish Council

This is a summary. It can be found in full on the Pettistree website .

Ward boundaries finalised for new East Suffolk Council

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England proposes 55 councillors should represent East Suffolk's wards. Pettistree will be in the Wickham ward. The proposed new arrangements must now be implemented by Parliament.

Free Parking announced to support good causes

The free parking will be for specific events such as Christmas Markets and switching on Christmas lights in weeks leading up to Christmas. It will be in two hour blocks to support local shops and community events on two occasions in the four week period before Christmas.

Getting Suffolk Coastal connected

In May this year Suffolk Coastal put £250, 000 to pay for work to improve coverage of broadband in more than 50 parishes in the top half of the District. The work is in progress. The aim is to provide 100% superfast fibre broadband across the county.

Support available as Universal Credit rolls out

The rollout of Universal Credit continues across Suffolk Coastal's area with support in place to help local people through the transition. Applications have to be made on-line. A huge amount of information is already available on the Suffolk Coastal website to assist and help is available for person's claims at customer service centres, which have computers on hand and at Citizens Advice Bureaux. For more information see-

www.eastsuffol.gov.uk/universal-credit

Green Bin Rollout & Removal of unwanted brown bins

The delivery of larger green bins is nearly complete and the collection of about 40,000 unwanted brown bins is underway. You can still opt into the scheme to receive an upgraded bin. The collection of unwanted brown bins is a bit complicated but a hanger with information on the process will be provided the week before on your grey bin, when it is left out, by the refuse crew. This will explain the logistics.

Polling Station Review

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils are reviewing the Polling Stations before the local elections in May 2019. A report will be published and open for public consultation until 30 November. Final proposals will be presented and considered at a full meeting of the East Suffolk Shadow Council on 28 January 2019. Everyone can comment on the facilities, in writing, to Electoral Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1RT

Deben Leisure Centre officially opened

This was on Saturday 6 October after its £3.5 million redevelopment. It is first significant investment in the facility since 1984 which will serve the needs of the community for the foreseeable future.

Woodbridge Skate park set to expand

Plans are being developed to expand the popular skate park in Woodbridge in the area behind the leisure centre, which is now vacant. On 16 February 2019 designs will be presented to the users who will vote for their preferred one.



Can you find the 42 car manufacturers in Pat Deliss's Word Search?

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Ditch maintenance

After last years efforts by many residents to clear ditches and gullies, the standing water after heavy rain in the village was much reduced. Hopefully the same can be achieved this year.

Anon

Obvious signs that humanity is regressing!



Editor's Comment. This issue is the largest, with 20 pages, that has ever been produced.

I thank all contributors for sending in their articles in very good time; not least the contributors to the WW1 commemorations, so soon after the events.

Also, copies of the Wipers Times are available. If you would like one please let me know.

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Christmas in Pettistree

Friday 14th December at 10.30am. A Christingle Service, for younger pre-school age children through to grand-parents will be held.

During the service children help to create the Nativity scene and will be given a Christingle. This is a decorated orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits and a candle which is lit to celebrate the light that Jesus brings into the World. Money raised supports the Children's Society which has helped thousands of children and young people to move on from the effects of suffering, harm and abuse.

Sunday 23rd December at 9.30am. All are welcome at the carol service

Tuesday 25th December at 9.30am. Christmas Day morning communion.

Note There will be only one Midnight Communion service on Christmas Eve which will be at All Saints,

Carols In The Barn

We are sorry to say we're not having a "Carols In The Barn" event this year at Church Farm.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us make this such a success over the last 13 years- particularly Jim and Pauline and their helpers with their famous BBQ-ing skills, and all those who have joined us singing, reading and playing at this Christmas celebration. You have enabled us to send £4,000 to the various charities.

Thank you to you all. **Dick and Rita Smith**

"Where is it?" in last issue are the gates on south side of Loudham Hall

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