



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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County Champions!

On a lovely sunny Saturday morning, May 18th, six Pettistree ringers ventured to Polstead, a village next to Hadleigh, to take part in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers Six Bell Striking Competition for The Mitson Shield, which has been awarded annually since 1963. We were the first of 12 teams to ring. The results were announced at lunchtime and WE WON. As Tower Captain I showed off the Shield to the congregation at church the next morning, to great applause. The photo shows five of our team in the centre plus most of our regular Wednesday evening practice band. Mike Whitby, our teacher since 1986 was taking the photo!

Although some of us are closely connected with Pettistree Church, you will see there are no actual residents in the picture, neither is everyone a church member. We meet every Wednesday between 7 and 9 pm, but most of those in the picture are ringing in their own village churches on Sunday mornings.

We would dearly love some Pettistree villagers to join us. Being a church member is not a requirement. If you would like to learn more about the ancient art of ringing, perhaps learn to handle a bell—no more difficult than riding a bike - and then become part of a team, which adjourns to The Greyhound afterwards, it's not compulsory!, Please come and give us a look. The best time is between 7 and 7.30 on any Wednesday, or get in contact with me. Mary Garner, Tower Captain. 01728 746097 / 07791 585127 / marysgarner@tiscali.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you in our tower soon.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Gardeners in the village are having a more uncertain time than usual thanks to the very changeable weather going from icy NE winds with hail to hot sunny days. We had very little rain until the beginning of the May but even after a good soak the soil is still pretty dry.

Some of the trees have been late to come into leaf and this has given a good opportunity to look closely at our large roadside trees to see if they are safe or have dead branches overhanging roads or paths. We have had some tree work done at The Laurels by the expert tree climbers and a dead flowering cherry in the churchyard is going to have to be taken down. This appears to be last of the avenue of short-lived flowering cherries that have been replaced by the 14 apple trees that are doing well with a good amount of blossom.

We held an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 23rd April that dealt with routine matters and preparations for the Annual Parish Meeting.

The shambles of discussions about **Brexit** has continued with no end in sight. We are now told that the election for members of the **European Parliament** will have to go ahead but there is no enthusiasm and little interest for this. We have had **local elections** that were of more direct interest to us. We did not have to vote for the Parish Council because the existing councillors were happy to be nominated again and there was no other nomination. Because of this the election result was uncontested and the Parish Council is unchanged. District councillors were also elected. Mark Amoss did not wish to stand again so we now have a new district councillor to represent us (and other parishes) and this is **Carol Poulter**. Our county councillor is still Alexander Nicoll.

On 7th May we held the **Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council**. This was a brief meeting for councillors to elect the officers and

representatives on the council. I remain as chairman and Terry Rowles is vice chairman. We hope that **Sue Tansley** will find time to continue as our Footpaths Officer. She has produced some very helpful reports on the poor state of many of the gates and stiles as well as blockages of some paths. We are now trying to get the Highways Department of SCC to take notice and help sort out these problems.

On the same night (7th May) the **Annual Parish Meeting** took place in the Village Hall. All the parish councillors were there but otherwise the meeting is poorly attended. Despite this, some helpful discussions were held and reports were given by myself as Chairman of the Parish Council, and by the Heritage Group, the Parochial Church Council, and the Village Hall Committee. These reports will all be placed on the Pettistree website.

One of **Mark Amoss'** last actions as a district councillor was to arrange a generous grant for Pettistree to go towards obtaining a **Speed Indicating Device (SID)**. It will be moveable between three locations and should both reduce traffic speeds and give us clear evidence if there is speeding problem that needs police action. It will indicate and record speeds but will not identify individual vehicles. We shall need volunteers to move SID from site to site every couple of weeks.

Yesterday (15th May) our Parish Clerk, Keith Bridges, and I attended an interesting presentation by Suffolk County Council to introduce their **Highways Department "Self Help" scheme**. It has had quite a lot of publicity today on BBC Radio Suffolk and in the East Anglian Daily Times. They are trying to encourage parish councils to do some of the jobs that the Highways Department cannot afford to do. They will provide training and safety advice for things like cleaning signs, trimming verges and minor drain clearance. They will not



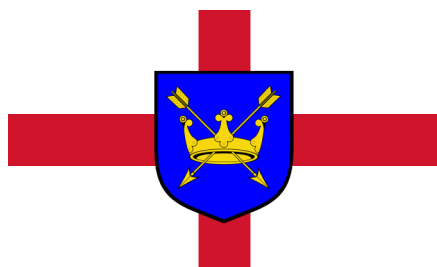
include repair of potholes or other work in the road itself. The work can be paid for by the Parish Council or done by volunteers after safety training. This scheme may prove to be hard to organise or controversial so we shall look further into it.

Pettistree Village has been very successful in organising community events that have been well attended and enjoyed by villagers and friends. An example of this was on Easter Monday when Roger and Mary Chilvers hosted a celebration of St George's Day in their barn. Despite a chill wind

outside we were well fed and entertained with Roger providing appropriate recorded music. We now need **suggestions for other events** that could be held this year or next to make good use of the facilities we have and the expertise in running community entertainments. Leadership by the Parish Council is not essential but it does mean that we can easily arrange the insurance cover that is now needed for such events. Please contact me or any parish councillor with your suggestions.

Jeff Hallett, Chairman , Pettistree Parish Council

The next event at Pettistree Village Hall is the Suffolk Day BBQ - please let Jim or Dave know if you would like to come (see below)



PETTISTREE & LOUDHAM

SUFFOLK DAY

BARBEQUE

SATURDAY 22nd JUNE

4.00pm at

PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL

Contributions towards the barbecue -

please bring your own drinks

Contact:

Jim on 01728 745030 or Dave 01728 747170 to book

100 CLUB	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
March	Eric Dowker	Oliver Signy	Dick Smith
April	Nick Beagley	Sheila Manning	Mark Welton

In the past year the 100 Club subscriptions, from 85 members, were £1020 and it paid out £515 in winnings



Feeding the birds the wilder and cheaper way

Sue and I were delighted to find that for the first time since we moved to Pettistree, we have starlings nesting in the pantiles on the roof of Well Cottage. We are used to the families of house sparrows that call the gappy old tiles home, but this was a welcome new addition to the breeding species list for the garden.

But although we're providing a home, birds need food as well and I suspect that the first image conjured up in people's minds when talking about 'feeding the birds' is a collection of dangling tubes filled with seeds, peanuts or fat balls. Of course this is a very valuable way to help our garden and farmland birds, especially in cold weather, but is often only useful for adults, not pre-fledged chicks.

This becomes very clear when you think about the first few weeks of a fledgling's life. Whether in a natural nest, a nest box, or under roof tiles there is no accessible supply of water. Seeds and peanuts cannot provide this essential element of a chick's diet which is why insects are such an important part of their diet. Blue tits tend to search for juicy caterpillars among the foliage of oaks and other broadleaved trees, while starlings catch flying insects until their mouths are packed. These nutritious meals provide both the food and water that the young need to grow and fledge successfully.

Our rural landscape is now incredibly impoverished in the context of feeding farmland and garden birds. Old maps of Pettistree illustrate just how many miles of hedgerow were grubbed up to create the larger fields required for the efficient use of farm machinery. In the early 20th century this habitat would have provided nesting opportunities and insect rich foliage for massive populations of farmland birds that are simply beyond living memory. In addition fields are now sprayed to prevent insect pests that can reduce crop yields, further impacting the food available for wildlife. So gardens are now vital feeding stations in a modern farmed landscape.

Darren's top tips for feeding birds

Wild patches – Not every part of your lawn needs to be a bowling green. Pick some patches along the edges and leave them to grow throughout the summer. They will throng with insect food for robins, woodpeckers and blackbirds and you can tidy them up in late Autumn after the bird breeding season.

Unpopular plants – You may not like thistles or dandelions, but goldfinches and other birds love the seeds. Leave some to grow to maturity even if you are mowing the rest of the garden. Again these small patches may make all the difference.

Habitat piles – instead of burning a fallen branch or tree, leave a log pile at the side of your garden. Half buried in the soil is even better as this will encourage wood boring beetles and other grubs which birds and hedgehogs will feed on.

Trees and hedges – Again the key is timing. Tidy them up after the bird breeding season so you don't destroy any nests and leave the maximum amount of time for feeding – especially those broad-leaved caterpillar rich species.

Photo panel

A) One of the wild meadow flower patches left unmown.

B) Close up shows the riot of colour from naturally seeded species such as germander speedwell, thyme-leaved speedwell, red clover, creeping buttercup, dandelion, daisy and dove's-foot crane's-bill to name just a few.

C) My new habitat pile was created from a small tree that came down at Easter. The larger trunk and branches are half buried in the soil.

D) This habitat pile made is three years old and home to newts, toads, beetles and insects – the ideal feeding station for robins, wrens and hedgehogs.

Darren Tansley- Wildlife gardener



Church News

The Pettistree Church Stroll.

This is scheduled to take place on Saturday June 15th. Consists of a 2-3 mile circular walk starting from the Village Hall at 2.30pm and following footpaths around Pettistree finishing with tea at The Laurels. It is designed to be a gentle walk on which all are welcome. There is a sign-up list at the back of the church as some idea of numbers would be helpful. All non-walkers and children are welcome to come for the tea at about 3.45pm.

Date for the diary:- Harvest Festival and Lunch Sunday September 29th at 11.00am

The PCC invite all Pettistree & Loudham villagers to join with church members at the Harvest Festival service and then to have a Ploughman's lunch in the Village Hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or you can let a church-warden know you hope to come.

A pre-school Harvest celebration is planned for one morning in the week following the Harvest festival, details will be in church and on the notice boards.

Once again we will be collecting dried goods and tins to be given to FIND the Food bank based in Ipswich. Please check the Best Before date, last year some donations had to be thrown away as they were well out of date!

FIND receives referrals from local statutory agencies - not self-referrals, and last year they helped over 8,000 people. Pettistree church members are committed to supporting this charity, and as well as our Harvest donations of both food and money there are always two boxes at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food, which are delivered to the Ipswich headquarters regularly.

Bug Hotel

The PCC wonders if anyone would be able to assess the success of the "Bug Hotel" on the Church Room wall. It was hoped that this will be colonised by a variety of 'bugs' during the year, and it would be very interesting to have regular updates on occupants, and even better to have some photographs.

Maggie Hallett



Pettistree St George's Day

On Easter Monday, the day before 23 April, St George's day, forty villagers and friends gathered at Mary and Roger Chilvers's Barn in Stump St. The barn was decked out with Union Jacks, the cross of St George and bunting with the odd Texan and US flags.



The weather, unlike the year before, when we were suffering the 'Beast from the East', was kind to us. Two BBQs were at full speed manned by Jim, Dave (charcoal is best) and James cooking with gas. Dave did venture to the dark side and moved to the gas BBQ but the pull of charcoal brought him back.

Roger manned his disco decks inside the barn, although the word disco is so eighties! The ladies kicked off the dancing followed by a few of the men who seamlessly moved into 'Dad dancing'.

It was another memorable village event and thanks go to Roger and Mary for organising the day, getting the barn ready and providing the sausages, burgers and buns. Profits from the event will go towards the British Legion, Woodbridge.

Jim Jarvie

New residents

Hello, we are Thomas and Alice Over and we moved into Home Farm Pettistree late last year. We got married at St Peter and St Paul's, Pettistree in June 2018 and had a wonderful day in the sunshine with lots of our guests enjoying the Greyhound's hospitality! Tom is a farm manager locally and grows a wide selection of root and cereal crops for the UK Foodservice; he is passionate about sustainable farming and enjoys playing golf, hockey and cricket! Alice markets vegetables for a local company which Tom grows produce for and has recently introduced a brand

exclusive to Suffolk called Humdinger Produce, which you will find on East of England's Cooperative's fresh produce shelves.

Alice loves going on long walks with their Labrador Mango, playing netball for Framlingham Netball Club and horse riding. We both love everything about Pettistree, from the excellent food at the Greyhound, the church we got married in to the beautiful footpaths surrounding our village. We have met many lovely neighbours on our dog walks and look forward to meeting many more as the years go by!

Planning matters

Planning applications received

DC/18/4813/FUL Hungarian Hall Erect summerhouse Permitted

DC/19/0153/CLE Hungarian Hall Change of use of building Pending decision



84 words to find in Pat's Word Search—

50 food related and 34 others

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- Flan
- Grain
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- Icing
- Lentil
- Liver
- Loaf x 2
- Lamb
- Marmalade
- Mash
- Meat
- Mousse
- Muesli
- Oat x 2
- Offal
- Omelette
- Pea
- Pie
- Pitta
- Rabbit
- Ram
- Risotto
- Rissole
- Rye
- Roll
- Salami
- Salmon
- Salt
- Sardine
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- Sea x2
- Sect
- Sob
- Sod
- Sort
- Tat
- Than
- Tidy
- Tin
- Try
- Two
- Wise

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BRIDGE CLASSIC CARS

CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR & BIKE SHOW

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2019
10AM - 3PM

The Nursery, Main Road, Pettistree, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 0HH

SUFFOLK Plant Centre

After the success of last year's open day our Classic and Sports Car Show returns, bigger, better and now with bikes too! All makes and models, classic and sports, cars and bikes, everyone is welcome and it's **FREE** to attend.

Refreshments available, bring along the family and enjoy the day.

For more information log on to bridgeclassiccars.co.uk, let us know you are coming so we can let everyone know of the cars and bikes they can see on the day.

“It is with great pleasure that we invite everybody in Pettistree to our Classic Car & Sports Car & Bike Show on Sunday 28th July, in the grounds of our workshop at The Nursery, Main Road, Pettistree.

After last year’s Open Day it will be bigger and better with bikes too.

Our gates open at 10.00am and the event is completely free.

Refreshments will be available .

We welcome you all to bring your classic car or bike as well as your friends and family.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 28th July”.

Craig Ranson, Bridge Classic Cars



DIARY DATES

15 June– Pettistree Church Stroll. For details see Page 5

17 June— approximate date. Highways’ cutting of verges

22 June—Suffolk Day BBQ at village hall. For details see Page 4

28 July– Bridge Classic Cars show. For details see Page 7

16 August—Last copy date for September issue of Pettistree People. See below

29 September—Harvest Festival. For details see page 5



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Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.
Please sign off your computer and come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad.”

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