



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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*The Parish Council, the Editorial Team
and our Distributors wish you
a Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous and Peaceful New Year*

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Parish Council news

This report is being written before **the General Election** that is due on December 12th. At this stage we do not know who will form the next government or what the decision will be about Brexit. We also do not know whether **Sizewell C** Power Station will go ahead with its two nuclear reactors. Yet another unknown is the decision of the Planning Inspector on whether **the Local Plan** of the District Council will be approved which will in turn allow Hopkins Homes to apply for planning permission to build the **125 to 150 new homes** on Pettistree Parish land adjacent to the Wickham Place development of Wickham Market.

I attended a **meeting of local parish councils** at Snape Maltings on 11th November where it was agreed that local parish councils have serious concerns about the lack of coordination of the seven major energy providers who are each presenting their own plans to erect buildings or route power cables etc. through our Suffolk countryside. The cumulative impact of all these plans on our environment, social structure, road system and everyday life is very worrying. For your information **the seven energy businesses** are:-

- 1 Sizewell C nuclear power plants
- 2 Power cables and Friston substation.
- 3 National Grid Ventures to link with European electric power interconnectors.
- 4 Nautilus links with Belgium. (Landfall between Thorpeness and Sizewell)
- 5 Eurolink to link with Netherlands. (Landfall between Thorpeness and Sizewell)
- 6 Substations for expanded Galloper and Greater Gabbard windfarms.
- 7 Crown Estate auctions for Round 4 of Offshore Wind Leasing sites

(The Crown Estate is an independent commercial business, created by Act of Parliament to invest in and manage some of the UK's most important assets,)

Suffolk and Norfolk are being called “The Energy Coast” by the government but local business leaders now believe that any job creation benefits will be short lived, that tourism will be deterred by the permanent environmental damage, and the local economy will not show the promised upturn except perhaps for Lowestoft. The conclusion was that **Offshore Energy Projects could bring On-shore Chaos.**

At our recent **meeting of the Parish Council** on 12th November the above matters were reviewed. We noted that several large potholes had been repaired by the Highways Department of the County Council (SCC). Quotes for repair of the roof of the bus shelter near the “Three Tuns” have been requested and we hope to get this done soon after the New Year.

Sue Tansley has continued to check and report on **our footpaths**. There are still a lot of problems with access along several footpaths and especially at unsafe stiles. Sue and I met Martin Williams, the Rights of Way Officer for SCC to discuss what could be done. Some footpath signs have been repaired or replaced by SCC but a lot of work will need to be done by the Parish in conjunction with landowners. On Mr Williams’ advice we also met with David Findley, the Footpath Warden for Ufford Parish Council. Ufford have already linked in to the Self Help scheme of SCC to use local volunteers to do certain tasks (because Highways have insufficient funds to do more work). We agreed that there should be a joint **Pettistree/**



Ufford working party in the Spring to clear the footpaths that link our two parishes.

The Parish Council agreed that Pettistree now needs to **form a group** prepared to work occasionally on our different village projects. We have been successful in raising a team for one-off events such as putting up the marquee but if we can form a group of 10 or 12 people who are prepared to listen to safety briefings and then turn out in sufficient numbers (not the whole group) and work as a team we can get advice and certification from SCC that will then ensure we are covered by SCC or Parish insurance. We would need to use our own power tools etc. to start with but a properly organised group would be much more likely to be able to obtain grants for equipment or materials. I suggest that we call a meeting early in the New Year for our usual helpers, and any others, to discuss this over suitable food and drink in the Village Hall.

Extreme weather has continued to be a major topic of conversation and often of real difficulty. Despite being on land that is high for Suffolk we have had significant flooding of some of our lanes. Fortunately this has been short lived and certainly not as bad as on the A12 in Woodbridge where the road was closed recently. An overnight change is now bringing moderately severe frosts that hopefully will get rid of some of the pests in the garden. Nobody is attempting to predict the weather for Christmas and the New Year.

One effect of the heavy rain was to make it difficult and messy for the contractors to harvest the sugar beet crop on some of our fields. A combination of tidying up of the roads by the relevant landowners and further rain meant that the road problem was short lived. If you do see obstruction or damage around the village please take a photograph at the time and report it on-line to SCC Highways, and if necessary, to a member of the Parish Council.

The four main village groups (Church, Village Hall, Heritage Group and Parish Council) organise various **community events** every year. The **60's Night** in the Village Hall on 16th November was a success as described elsewhere in this issue. However, we do want villagers to make every effort to come to our events and to make suggestions for other celebrations or entertainments.

Jeffrey Hallett. Chairman of Pettistree Parish Council

100 CLUB	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
October	Pam Hind	Chris Garner	Mike Manning
November	John Speedman	Chris Cook	Dick Smith

The 100 Club Bumper December draw will take place at the Xmas Bring a Plate Lunch





Pettistree Village Hall, vinyl night

On Saturday 16 November villagers and friends gathered in the village hall armed with their vinyl LPs, 45s and 78s. Vinyl records which are experiencing a real revival and outlets like HMV sell modern LPs. I understand cassette will be next! Most of the charity shops stock both 45s and LPs. A record player (unfortunately not a Dansette) was set up and some of us, dressed in 60s and 70s gear, turned the clock back several decades.

There was a strong smell of Brut (which can be bought in B&M for £1.99) and Old Spice aftershave in the hall. A lot of effort went into providing food which we all enjoyed in the 60s and 70s. Prawn cocktails, meatballs, cheese sticks, vol- au- vents, cheese and pineapple hedgehog was followed by angel delight. Although nobody managed to find Party Seven tins of beer or Black Tower wine, Babycham, Liebfraumilch was the order of the day.



Although some of the records were a bit scratched, the sound was as we remembered it and with our knees and hips permitting a few hit the dance floor.

Thanks to those for providing the food, records and dressing the part and please let the committee know if you want to have a similar themed evening.

Jim Jarvie



(Ed: Pleased to know they have “grown out” of their adolescence and “come good”).



100 not out! Another notable milestone for our bells

St Peter and St Paul, Pettistree

16th November 2019 in 2hours 35 minutes

5040 Surprise Minor (7 methods)

One extent each of London, Carlisle, Annable's London, York, Bourne, Ipswich & Norwich

100th peal on the bells



The band, clockwise from the front right

Mary S Garner, Michael J Cowling, Peter W Harper, P Mark Ogden, Richard J Munnings, Michael G Whitby (C)

The first peal* on the bells was on 6th December 1884. The next 21 were rung between 1902 and the outbreak of The Great War. One was rung in 1920 and then 77 since the rehang in 1986.

As a band we were curious about these early dates. The bells had been augmented to six in 1848, yet it took a further 36 years before they were pealed. Perhaps, as not infrequently now, the bells were augmented and rehung following a legacy rather than as a result of having too many ringers. Perhaps by 1884 they had become tricky to ring so one peal by local enthusiasts was considered sufficient at the time. The bells were rehung again in 1901, by Bowells of Ipswich. The frame would have been wooden. Bowells was not noted as a highly rated firm of bell hangers but their wheels were beautifully made. There is one leaning against the wall just outside the ringing chamber door. However they must have done a pretty good job for the bells to be pealed so frequently over the next 18 years.

The bells fell silent in 1938, just before the outbreak of the Second World War. Apart from a

quick ring in 1945 to mark the end of hostilities they remained silent until December 1986. One of the ringers in 1945 was George Pipe and he can remember travelling around the area in an open lorry ringing bells in various villages. No doubt they carried a good supply of oil and spare ropes.

When the bells were rehung in 1986 they were put back lower in the tower, which helped to reduce the tower movement as they were swung. The new frame was made of steel which would not be affected by the weather in the same way as the previous one.

***peal** - The word peal is used two ways as a noun:

- 1) Pettistree has a peal of six bells.
- 2) When a peal is rung on the bells it has a specific definition in terms of length of ringing. For our bells all six will be rung 5040 times each. The length of time this takes varies from tower to tower depending on the weight of the heaviest bell. For our ring a peal usually takes between 2 hours and 30 minutes and 2 hours 40 minutes.

Mary Garner



THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS BRING AND SHARE LUNCH



SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 1.00 pm

PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL



ALL ARE WELCOME

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE
AND YOUR OWN DRINKS

Christmas at St Peter & Paul's church, Pettistree

A **Christingle** Service, particularly for the pre-school children, but for all age-groups from babies to grand-parents will be held on Wednesday December 18th at 10.30am. Hot drinks and mince pies will be available following the service.

All are welcome at the **Carol Service** on Sunday December 22nd at 9.30 am. The benefice choir and the handbell ringers are rehearsing their parts of this popular occasion which starts the Pettistree celebrations. We hope that everyone will stay to enjoy the traditional refreshments after



the service and take the opportunity to admire the decorations and to chat to their neighbour. With the **Midnight** and **Communion** services on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm and Christmas Day at 9.30am we hope to provide enough choice for all to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

On December 29th there will not be a service in Pettistree church as there is a Combined Benefice Morning Service at All Saints, Wickham Market 10.30 am

Maggie Hallett



The Pettistree Parish Marquee and a Big Thank You to All

During the summer we celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary. All year I was busy with plans and organising, however the village came up absolutely trumps in so many different ways, and made everything a delight. In January by sheer coincidence, Pettistree Parish Council purchased a splendid marquee, to be used by the residents of the parish. We were the lucky ones to have it on its first event. The icing on the cake was that it came with a team who put it up. Two days before our celebrations the marquee was up in our garden. Thank you team.



Thank you Village Hall for the loan of tables and chairs, all transported by a good neighbour. We were able to provide a meal in the marquee for those who had travelled far and we were blessed with absolutely glorious weather.

The evening gradually arrived, and with it a such a good crowd of Pettistree people; everyone in excellent spirits. A hog roast for all, people chatting, dancing, eating and drinking. Roger Chilvers had researched music from 1969 and entertained us all as the sun set, darkness fell, lights twinkled and the full moon shone.



Thank you all for making it such a memorable occasion.

Judy and Alan Steventon



Hallett's Mediterranean Cruise 2019

Some readers may recall that I wrote in 2014 about our cruise to the Norwegian fjords during which we ran aground, got a bad chest infection and were unimpressed with the boat we were on. Since then we have successfully and uneventfully completed 5 cruises on different lines and booked this year for a cruise to the Western Mediterranean with very few qualms, apart for a slight concern about the Bay of Biscay!

All went according to plan with a day spent in Jerez sampling sherry and enjoying a performance at the Spanish Riding School. However when we were sailing through the Straits of Gibraltar the Captain announced that a boat in distress had been spotted. Luckily the weather was good so we watched from our balcony as the ship's lifeboat was launched and proceeded to collect 17 people from a rubber boat. The crew obviously had a well-rehearsed drill of taking one person at a time off the rubber boat. Each one took about 10 minutes presumably while they checked them over for weapons and health before getting the next man. Our ship then had to rendezvous with a Spanish Coastguard cutter and the men were transferred to that. We lost half-a-day of the cruise which meant a reduction in our time in Barcelona, but as the Captain said when thanking the crew and passengers, 18 lives were saved that morning.



Migrants, rescue boat and tender (lifeboat)



Migrants transferred to coastguard boat,

The cruise continued as scheduled with a day in Marseille which we enjoyed on a trip to Bandol. Our ship then went on to Monaco. This was the place I was particularly looking forward to because my nephew Tim is a yacht broker and lives there. We had not seen him for more than three years. The Saturday we were there was the last day of the Monaco Yacht show which is the 2nd busiest weekend of the Monaco year. Because of this the cruise ship has to anchor off-shore and use tenders (i.e. the ship's lifeboats) to get their passengers ashore. We got a place on a tender and were on land by 11.00am. We were able to get into the Yacht Show and meet up with Tim, in between him showing very expensive boats to super rich clients. We had been told to be properly dressed to go to the show; smart-casual was the dress code and we were suitably attired. What we were not suitably attired for was to spend the night on camp beds with foil emergency blankets in a sport's stadium!



Monaco Yacht Show



Jeff and Maggie at the Monaco Yacht Show



The Monaco Basketball Stadium



Setting up the bedding.



Jeff and Maggie on camp beds.

What had happened apparently was that there was an unforecasted change of wind and sea-state during the afternoon, which meant that for safety reasons the Captain had to stop tendering passengers back to the ship. There were then roughly 1000 cruise passengers and 70 crew members stuck ashore in Monaco with the tenders. I gather that company policy in these circumstances is to find hotel space, but Monaco that night was already full so we became a 'civil emergency' and the police took over part of the National Stadium for us. After 3 hours standing around waiting for information until 9.00pm a crocodile of mainly British pensioners were escorted on foot through the streets to the Basketball Stadium and initially asked to sit in the Basketball Arena. A youth match was in progress between Monaco and a French team with around 20

spectators, presumably their usual number. Within 25 minutes they had 1000 enthusiastic supporters all of whom were pleased to be sat down and out of the wind. We all followed the lively game and cheered and hissed when appropriate. At the end of the game they applauded us and took photographs of their unaccustomed supporters. Bottles of water were made available and some biscuits, but sadly no WRVS equivalent to provide hot drinks.

The emergency plan swung into action and Police, Fire Brigade, Civil Defence and Red Cross volunteers appeared with stretchers and camp beds to try to ensure that all could be as comfortable as possible. Those with health issues were identified and within a couple of hours three different rooms had been filled with some sort of beds. Jeff and I were lucky to get fairly stable camp beds and he made himself a pillow using a water bottle. I used my 'smart-casual' hand-bag which has suffered a bit by being squashed! Sleep was possible but quite difficult as there were several enthusiastic snorers, and the foil blankets although very effective at heat retention, are extremely noisy when anyone moves or turns over.

At 5.00am brioche and Baby-Bel cheese appeared and we were told that the plan was go by coach to the Monaco railway station and to board a train to nearby Villefranche where our cruise ship would meet us. We had a 'blue light' police escort for the speedy bus trip through very quiet Monaco streets and then onto a very comfortable French train. My neighbour on the train was obviously struggling to comprehend why his normal 7.00am Sunday train ride was full to bursting with English speaking passengers, some still wrapped in foil blankets! Unfortunately my French was not up to the job of explaining the situation during the 20 minute train journey.

The tedium of a further couple of hours waiting in a car park by the quay in Villefranche for the tenders back to the ship, was alleviated by drinks, some fruit and rolls arriving from the ship. Once back on board we were met by senior officers and there was a letter already in our cabin detailing the compensation that P & O would provide. Sadly that day's visit to Ajaccio in Corsica was cancelled so we missed revisiting an island where we spent a couple of excellent holidays over 40 years ago.

The final few days on board passed uneventfully with days spent in Cartagena and Gibraltar and then home to Southampton for the end of another slightly different cruise. On getting home we were surprised to find a hamper waiting for us, courtesy of P & O, who in spite of the difficulties we will be happy to travel with again. However we may think carefully before going ashore for excursions at ports where the tenders have to be used.



An article!

Pat collared me the other day,
' An article please', I heard her say.

I wandered home and racked my brain,
Which was empty and now in pain.

I searched the garden for what to say,
But it was raining, cold and grey.

Struggling not to repeat myself,
I probed the books upon the shelf.

Unable still to find the words,
I changed the plan and watched the birds.

The reds and golds of autumn leaves,
And busy little, last few bees.

Not so easy, pen to paper,
Kettle on, I'll do it later!

Olivia Smith

PoppyAppeal



To date £734.91, including Gift Aid which greatly increases your donation, was collected in Pettistree and Loudham this year.

Jeremy Quinlan, the area organiser, says “On behalf of the Armed Forces’ community and their widows and children, many, many thanks”.

And “thanks to Mrs Hilton, Mrs Stollery and Mr and Mrs Jarvie for their door-to-door collecting”

Planning applications received

DC/19/3012/FUL Hungarian Hall Change of use to holiday let	Approved
DC/19/3499/FUL Pettistree House extension	Pending consideration
DC/19/3826/FUL Suffolk Sports Cars Change of use from gym and studio	Pending consideration

Thieving magpie muntjac!

At last I have managed to determine the identity of the rascal visiting our garden.

It had been a couple of times before and destroyed a hanging bird feeder on each occasion, but I caught it on camera on its’ third visit.

I have now made sure the feeder is at least six feet off the ground!

Philip Westrope





Pat's names wordsearch Ladies, is your name in here?

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| Ann | Lana | Anger | pettOil |
| Anne x2 | Lesly | Arm | Ramp |
| Bella | Liisa | Bar | Read |
| Bonni | Louise | Blue | Regnal |
| Carol | Maggie | Body | Relic |
| Carolyn | Mairead | Cab | Rim |
| Cath | Marlene | Data | Tan |
| Clare | Mary | Eat | Teal |
| Cynthia | Maureen | Eel | Tie |
| Dora | May | Gin | |
| Eve | Olivia | Inn | |
| Evelyn | Pam | Inter | |
| Gay | Pat | Jane | |
| Gayle | Pauline | Jar | |
| Gigi | Rita | Jelly | |
| Gwen | Ruth | Lay | |
| Heather | Saska | Lass | |
| Jenny | Sara | Liar | |
| Jill | Sue | Lien | |
| Joan | Susan | Mew | |
| Judy | Toni | New | |
| Kate | Una | Noel | |

Representatives' News

We have not received a report from our County Councillor nor our District Councillor but have to hand a report from Therese Coffey, our MP.

It is very comprehensive and includes the following matters which affect our village

Energy/Environment I hosted a public meeting in Leiston regarding Sizewell C in which most of the 140 attendees opposed nuclear power and Sizewell C. The biggest issues were transport and the environment, and financing. I am keenest on the rail-led option to lessen pressure on the roads. It is also important when assessing this huge energy infrastructure project that we consider the cumulative impact on local communities.

Climate change and marine protection The UK is committing to double its investment on international climate change finance to help developing countries turn the tide against climate change. Also an independent review to introduce Highly Protected Marine Areas has been undertaken.

Ambulance Service I hosted two meetings for MPs to discuss the latest C Q C report on the East of England Ambulance Trust, which received another "Requires Improvement Report", and it needs an ongoing culture change.

Ipswich northern bypass, buses, railway, broadband and mobile phone signal are also included.

Next surgery December 13th or 20th TBC

You can receive her reports direct by registering on her website- www.theresecoffey.co.uk



DIARY DATES

Christingle Service Wednesday 18th December at 10.30 am, primarily for pre-school aged children including those attending Presmere Nursery, but open to all youngsters with their parents, grand-parents and friends.

Carol Service Sunday 22nd December at 9.30 am in the church followed by hot drinks and mince-pies

Christmas “Bring a Plate and Share” lunch on Sunday 22nd December 12.30pm in the Village Hall

Midnight Communion Tuesday 24th December at 11.30 pm

Christmas Family Communion Wednesday 25th December at 9.30 am

Parish Council meeting 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

“Antiques Roadshow” 10.00-12.00am on Saturday 15th February in Dallinghoo Village Hall Entry £3 for their church repair fund.



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