



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Parish Council News - Chairman's Report

Since my last report we have had a general election and the UK has formally left the European Union. There has also been a very recent reshuffle of the Cabinet by our prime minister, Boris Johnson. Our MP, **Therese Coffey** has retained her cabinet position as Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

More locally, people are just about cleared up after minor damage from **storm Ciara** but we are now awaiting the arrival of **storm Dennis** which threatens even higher winds and a lot of rain. The Orwell Bridge has been shut again and this prompts me to remind villagers that plans for a **Northern Bypass** around Ipswich have been rejected by the County Council because of opposition to the effects of the road on our countryside, and especially the huge amount of house building that would have been a condition of getting the finance for the road.

The weather is very confusing. It is unusual to get such severe winds at this time of year and the temperatures are unseasonably warm. The **plants are also confused** with the grass starting to grow and our wild plum tree on our front paddock now in full flower. I fear that we are bound to get a frost soon and this will spoil any flowers left after the storm, and consequently our chance of a decent crop of the tasty, but not sweet, plums.

The hedges along the roadsides and around properties have been neatly cut well ahead of bird-nesting time. They have been done either by the landowners or by our new specialist contractor with his excellent machine that shreds the cuttings to leave little obvious debris. I have heard no reports of tyre punctures as a result.

We are still waiting for 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.

Worries about the impacts on our Suffolk countryside and prosperity of the **seven energy projects** that I listed last time continue, with even more support from our local parish councils. EDF will probably put in their application in the next few months for development consent to actually build Sizewell C with its two nuclear reactors. We have had no reassurance about the effects that we think the construction traffic would have on our neighbourhood.

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The East Suffolk District Council has decided to use their newly devolved powers (to regulate parking) to radically change **parking arrangements in Wickham Market**. This is causing a lot of concern to businesses that we rely on in Wickham Market, and for the services that we rely on such as the health centre, library and dentist. The increased charges are bad enough, but a worse problem will be the insistence on payments by smartphone rather than cash. We all know people who either do not use a mobile phone or will have difficulty entering the required information. Even the shorter period of free parking will require entry into the payment machine of the car registration number rather than simply getting a ticket. Looking ahead, it is probably worth reminding people that the **May Bank Holiday** has been moved. It will not be on Monday May 4th as was expected by everyone; including those printing diaries and calendars! It will now be on Friday 8th May and events such as the Woodbridge Horse Show have been moved. The reason is said to be to allow communities to arrange celebrations of the anniversary of the end of the Second World War in

Europe (**V.E. Day**). Please keep an eye on our notice boards and e-mail messages for any news of local Pettistree plans.

Our latest meeting of **Pettistree Parish Council** was on 4th February. It was well attended and fairly quickly covered the items mentioned above and other matters as well. It was decided to postpone the planned meeting about forming a group of residents who can help with various village projects. The plans for Suffolk County Council to support such groups are being revised and the speakers I had hoped could attend a February meeting were not available. I expect to call an evening meeting later in March. Once again we are not planning a village litter-pick as there appears to be very little litter since regular walkers continue to clear up on their way.

Please put the date in your diary for **the Annual Parish Meeting** on Tuesday 5th May at 8.00 PM in the Village Hall. This is your chance to meet parish councillors and to suggest or discuss plans for the village and any local events.

Jeff Hallett, Parish Council Chairman

Pettistree Burns Night

This year's celebration was held on 18th January to avoid a clash with that held in the Greyhound. The village hall was decorated and tables set out the day before. Come Saturday morning there was a flurry of activity with Steve and Jill Wassell and Cath and Dave Caudwell preparing the vegetables whilst Maureen Stollery and Rita Smith prepared the traditional cranachan and tipsy laird Scottish desserts. It is satisfying when a plan comes together and all the food arrived piping hot. Pat and Louis Deliss were our bouncers on the door so all was set.

Rob Rose delivered the Selkirk Grace and I piped in the haggis, which had been hunted down by Pauline Jarvie, and it was carried to the top table by Ron Bressingham. Unfortunately John and Carol Speedman were unable to attend but a recording of John's 2019 address was played on the sound system provided by Jeff and the Horse Society. We look forward to their return next year. Maggie Hallett ran the raffle for a number of

prizes including a fantastic hamper donated by Clare Signy and another of alcoholic drinks by Sue Jones and Dave Harris, malt whisky from John Speedman and others from Mary Chilvers. The raffle made £225 towards the profit of £775 donated to the Riding for the Disabled Association. To date £3,837 for them has been raised over the years.

Cath Caudwell co-ordinated the Scottish country dancing which was performed without a foot being out of place. Thanks to everybody who helped.

It was a truly sterling effort by the village. **Jim Jarvie**





Rabbit

Oh you naughty little bunny, you have made me very cross,
You've dug up my new plants, and the soil you did toss.

Not only are there roots exposed, and dirt upon the path,
But bulbs are strewn across the lawn, and no I did not laugh.

I hope that you had fun last night, with your destructive rampage,
I'll breath in deep and count to ten, to calm me in my rage.

There's holes and scrapes everywhere I look, I can't believe your cheek,
And sure enough I know too well, you'll be back again next week

Olivia Smith

Christmas get together- Sunday 22nd December

You know when Christmas is almost on us. No, not when the shops start to stack their shelves with decorations and presents -most of us are still in shorts when that happens! The key is when Dave Caudwell and myself initiate the Rogues/ Walnuts Lane versus The Street 'Who Can Put Up the Most Tackiest Christmas Lights' competition. Pauline and Cath Caudwell act as arbiters during the planning phase to ensure we do not go over the top.

However, it is the Village Hall Christmas get together that really kicks off the festive period. This is the third year this event has been held and each year the numbers attending have increased

It was good to see our vicar Leslie and his family even though he had to be rescued by Louis Deliss when his team bus got stuck in the mud! The hall had been decorated with a tree and lights and as with previous years villagers and friends brought a plate of food to share. Despite the lack of prior co-ordination a balance of savouries and sweets worked out perfectly.



Rita Smith kindly offered to play the organ so we could all sing our favourite carols. I did feel under pressure having to choose which carols we sang next and was grateful when somebody shouted out bingo style 'number 16'. We intend to hold the event this year so please keep a look out for announcements and spread the word -and I accused the shops of starting Christmas early!.

Jim Jarvie





The Perfect Summer wedding



The wedding of our younger daughter, Nicola, to Andy on 17th August was a wonderful occasion for both families.

More than a year earlier a slightly nervous Andy had appeared on our doorstep to ask for Nicola's hand in marriage. We quickly cottoned on to what was afoot and put his mind at rest early on in the proceedings – we were delighted that this was the step he wanted to take. The route to actually popping the question was quite a circuitous one as Andy created a treasure hunt trail for Nicola based on their early meeting places, with friends and family popping up at each location, but not Andy himself, and culminating in a candle-lit proposal.

Preparations for the big day began, with seven venues booked to be viewed in one day - picnic and thermos packed to eat on the hoof ; they chose the first one! Dress chosen, sloe gin made for the favours, wedding flower course attended, flower girl baskets made and gradually the day came together.

The countdown in the last week:

Five days before, the garden was raided for foliage, much to Dave's relief as he'd been banned from pruning anything for months. Three days before, the flowers were collected

and prepared.

Two days before, the Welsh contingent arrived and flower arranging began in earnest. Olwen, Andy's gran, is a regular church flower arranger so quickly set to work doing the altar, pedestal and font. Helen and Nicola concentrated on the pew ends with a little help from the granddaughters, whilst I spent most of the day climbing up and down pews doing the windowsills. The result was gorgeous, using all the flowers that Nicola loves.

One day to go and the reception venue was decorated and the cake, which Nicola had made, was put together. So much for the weekend there had to be brought from Pettistree! Olwen and I battled with getting a garland fixed and decorated, in the wind and rain, around the church door, the final flowers going in Saturday morning.

After the rehearsal on Friday evening Helen, Nicola and I enjoyed a meal at The Greyhound whilst everyone else retired to the reception venue. We returned home to do the button holes, sprays and the last minute steaming of bridesmaids' dresses late bedtime!

The day itself dawned bright, clear and sunny if a little windy, with a collective sigh of relief from everyone. Hair arranged, make-up done, dresses and suits donned, bells ringing and guests arriving and we were spot on schedule, though with the inevitable rush at the end. It was so lovely to be able to walk to the church.

Maggie was verger for the service whilst Mary did us proud with her beautiful organ playing, the bride's party entering to Pachelbel's Canon in D Major. Abigail and Emelia, our excited granddaughters, led the way with their baskets of rose petals, followed by our elder daughter Helen, in tears!, niece Louise, friends Gemma and Vicky, then proud father Dave with Nicola, who looked absolutely stunning. The happy couple were



married by Andy's uncle Malcolm, which made it a very personal occasion, and the hymns included 'Cwm Rhondda', 'I Vow to Thee, My Country' and 'Jerusalem'. Local friends had joined us at the back of the church to share our special day, or waited outside to see the wedding party emerge. Mendelssohn's Wedding March accompanied the procession of the wedding party.



After the service guests lined the path to throw the rose petal confetti, collected during the year by my WI friends. A memorable moment was Jim steering Jill through the throng just prior to the bride and groom walking through!



The reception was held at Bruisyard Hall Barn, a beautiful location, where the members of staff were so helpful and accommodating. We had the privilege of being able to stay in the 12 bed-roomed 15th century Bruisyard Hall for the weekend, and we welcomed guests back on the Sunday for a barbecue with games on the lawns.

Such a beautiful and memorable weekend for the new Mr & Mrs Caudwell-Smith.

Cath Caudwell

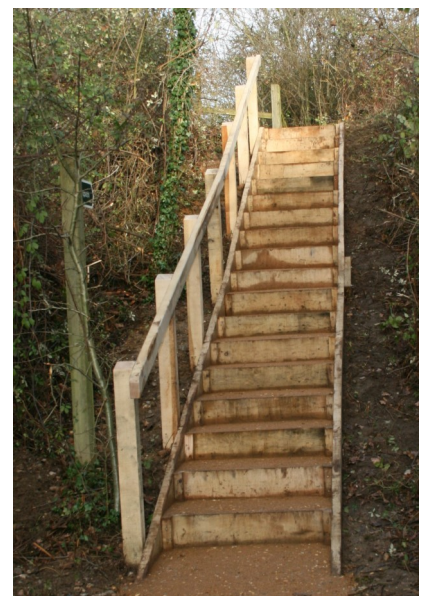
Steps repaired by Suffolk C C

Hi Mike, I noticed that the public footpath steps up the side of the A12 embankment/flyover off Byng Hall Road were being worked on yesterday so on my way along there stopped for a look today. The old rotten steps have been replaced with nice new ones and it looks like a good job. I don't know whether Sue Tansley was the instigator of this but I wondered if the pictures are any good for the Parish mag! - just so people can see that these things are being done.

Terry Rowles

This excellent work was undertaken by Suffolk CC for the upkeep of footpaths, steps, gates and stiles is the landowner's responsibility, to maintain public access.

Please advise the Parish Council of any problems you encounter .





Church News

The church was, as always, decorated beautifully for Christmas and we are grateful to William Notcutt for once again arranging with Suffolk Plants to supply the tree.

The Christingle service, was the first Christmas service and was well attended by many children their family and friends. During the service the children were invited to place the figures in the crib which was at the base of the Christmas Tree. After a short talk about the meaning of the Christingle 'oranges' every child went to stand in front of the choir pews, with a responsible adult, and they were each given a decorated orange and then the Christingle candles were lit. It should be pointed out that a sand bucket, damp tea towels - excellent for extinguishing hair flames- and fire extinguishers were close at hand. Coffee and mince pies were provided and most of the children demolished the sweets on the Christingles before they left, although some took them home to show their parents.

At the Carol service on December 22nd more than 120 people met to sing the carols, hear the familiar words from the bible and spend time socialising with friends and neighbours. The benefice choir, sang beautifully and the hand-bell ringers also

showed how much they have learnt. These groups were part of the slightly less traditional carol service at All Saints, Wickham Market the week before

On Christmas Eve an enjoyable carol singing session in The Greyhound preceded the Candlelit communion service in the church led by Rev Leslie Siu at 11.30 pm. On Christmas morning at 9.30am a less formal communion service meant that all were able to appreciate the importance of the day.

Evening Prayer Last year, because of the difficulty of attending church in the dark winter months the PCC decided to try a change and have Morning Prayer on the First Sunday of the winter months, but agreed to review this in April 2020. If you have any views as to whether the service should be restored for the summer or not please can you let the vicar or a member of the PCC know by Easter. All suggestions are welcome including alterations to the time of an evening service

Dates for the Diary

Mothering Sunday March 22nd

British Summertime starts on March 29th. Clocks go forward 1 hour!

Easter Sunday April 12th. Keep a look out for service arrangements for Easter on the notice board.

Maggie Hallett

Bellringing News

The Bellringers' AGM was held at the end of November. Reports were given and events planned for the coming year. A quarter peal was rung before the Carol Service on December 22nd and the bells sounded for all the Christmas services, but unfortunately we were unable to ring in the New Year.

We were relieved that a new set of ropes arrived just before Christmas, having been ordered back in

January. There had been many breakages in the preceding months and we were very grateful to Ron for so much rope splicing.

We are to host to SE District Striking Competition here in Pettistree on May 2nd.and two weeks later we shall be defending the trophy we won at the Guild Six Bell Striking Competition last May. This year's competition is to be held at Metfield.

Mary Garner



“It’s the boys this time” Word search by Pat Deliss

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Planning Matters

Applications received

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| DC/19/3012/FUL Hungarian Hall. Change of use to holiday lets | Permitted |
| DC/19/3499/FUL Pettistree House extension | Refused |
| DC/19/3826/FUL Suffolk Sports Cars. Change of use of gym and studio | Permitted |
| DC/19/4935/FUL Green Farm. New build extension | Pending consideration |
| DC/19/4936/FUL Green Farm. New build extension | Pending consideration |
| DC/20/0043/FUL Three Tuns. New build kitchen | Pending consideration |
| DC/20/0323/FUL Hungarian Hall. Variation to DC/19/3012/FUL | Pending consideration |

Re-Vamp

I have revised the front page heading and considered a change to the copy font but will continue with Gentium Basic. If you can submit your articles in Gentium Basic it will be of great assistance. If you do not have Gentium Basic it is available, free of charge, to download via Google.

Also please note the last copy date for your articles has been brought forward for the printer has to change his printing times. This should enable publication by the first day of each issue. Mike Watts



DIARY DATES

22nd March Mothering Sunday

29 March British Summertime starts. Clocks go forward 1 hour!

12th April Easter Sunday

Tuesday 28th April Annual Parish Council AGM in the Parish Room at 7.30pm

Tuesday 28th April Parish Council meeting in the Parish Room at 7.45pm

Tuesday 5th May Annual Parish meeting in the village hall at 8.00pm

True extracts, from *Disorder in the Courts*

Word for word exchanges recorded by court reporters

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at moment of impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: 16th July.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty eight or thirty five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty five years.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8.30pm.

ATTORNEY: And Mr Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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