



# Pettistree People

*A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham*

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## Pettistree VJ Day celebrations—the forgotten Army

In the three months after the surrender of the Germans, the war against the Japanese was continuing in the Far East. There were celebrations throughout the country whilst soldiers from the UK, Commonwealth and Allied Forces were engaged in fighting against a ruthless enemy. Following the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki the Japanese finally surrendered on 15 August 1945.

Given the devastation of the atomic bombs it was deemed inappropriate to have street parties and celebrations similar to those held on VE Day. There were no welcome home parades for the returning soldiers and ex-prisoners of war. Many returned by ship, often via Australia, to give them time for their malnourished and tortured bodies to recover.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> battalions of the Suffolk regiment were deployed to Singapore and many were killed or became prisoners of war, some working, and dying on the notorious Thai-Burma railway. Those returning thought they had been forgotten. Pettistree did not forget. Houses and gardens were again decked out with flags and bunting and Dave Caudwell & I put up flags and bunting, supplied by Clare Signy, around the Greyhound.



Proceedings commenced at 06.00 with the playing of When the battle's O'er on the pipes. This was an initiative by Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, the VJ 75 Pageant master. Apologies for those who were woken up by the skirl of the pipes but it was particularly poignant for me. My Grandfather fought in Burma and was one of the Chindits that were cut off by the Japanese for months. He had nothing but praise for the Indians and Gurkhas that he fought alongside during these trying times. Unfortunately, when he returned home, he was a changed man. He died aged 53 from a heart attack which was brought on by the malaria he had contracted in the Far East and the poor diet he had to endure in the jungle.

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At 11.00 villagers gathered at the war memorial for the two minutes silence



This was followed by Darren Tansley’s excellent version of the Last Post. Pettistree vicar Leslie Siu provided the blessing which was followed by another rendition of Battle’s O’er and Amazing Grace. Sue Jones, our new parish counsellor, read a poem ‘The life that I have’ by Leo Marks. Sue adapted this for the day to ‘The life that I had’. How appropriate.

Observing socially distancing protocols, we were able to meet and catch up in the church gardens. It provided us with some semblance of normality. I remember saying at VE day in May we may by out of lockdown in August and we could have a village barbeque. How wrong was I.

Thanks to Jeff Hallett and Cath Caudwell for pulling the event together, Clare for the bunting, Dave for decorating the pub and Darren for his last post, Leslie for the blessing and Sue for the wonderful poem. David Harris was hoping to perform a fly - past—this type of event must give Pettistree some

sort of bragging rights! - but the weather put paid to that. Thankfully, the fly-past took place on Thursday 20 August and many residents were able to wave and fly flags in the garden. Well done David and Sue.



One of our youngest villagers Blair McKenzie was watching the proceedings from the pub on father Stewart’s shoulders.



He was fascinated by the bagpipes and now refers to me as Jim Bagpipes!

It is a testimony to the community spirit that we were able to pull this off in such trying times.

Well done everybody – **Jim Jarvie**

## Parish Council report

The Parish Council has continued to function in the period of COVID-19 restrictions but has not yet met face to face. This should be possible for our next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September but our most recent meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July was held by Zoom. It worked remarkably well and we had even arranged for a concerned resident to talk to us about the worrying number of sightings of unfamiliar vehicles suspected of “casing the village” for stealable dogs or other mischief. This is still a matter of concern and anyone feeling

threatened or believing that a crime is in progress should dial 999. Less urgent concerns can be reported by using the police 101 number or our local WhatsApp groups. Try to get the registration number of any suspect vehicles and/or photograph if this can be done discretely and safely.

At the Parish Council meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July a message of thanks and encouragement from the Lord Lieutenant, Lady Clare, Countess of Euston, was read and copies of HM The Queen’s messages



for VE Day and about the COVID-19 pandemic were received. They have been kept for the village archives.

Steve Hind resigned from the Parish Council in June after serving for several years. We are grateful for his work for the Pettistree community. After due process he has been replaced by co-option at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July by Sue Jones of Holmleigh who has an impressive background in journalism, media advisor to politicians, Office of Fair Trading and her own businesses. We had been able to avoid the work and expense of a formal election. Sue is now mainly retired and is able to give her time to village projects. Another candidate withdrew in favour of Sue but he is ready to help in the future when needed.

I have tried to chase up the Highways Department to make progress on our SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) but Sue Jones has taken over the lead in this matter and I suspect we shall now see some progress!

When it was decided that pubs could re-open, the Parish Council and Village Hall decided to offer the use of the village marquee to the Greyhound pub to allow them to re-open and serve meals with appropriate social distancing. Any village functions for which it might have been used had of course been cancelled. A team of volunteers erected it on part of the car park area and secured it well to beer barrels filled with water. With its tie-over straps it has stood up well to the weather including strong winds over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July. As I write we are threatened with the arrival of storm Ellen after an amazing series of weather events from heat waves to thunder and lightning. There is a very beautiful sky at the moment with sun, blue sky and lots of “mares’ tails” that usually portend strong winds.

We have not yet heard if the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan has been approved by the Government’s Planning Inspectorate but Hopkins Homes have applied to the East Suffolk Planning Department

to ask if Environmental Assessments are needed before they apply for full planning permission on the Pettistree field adjacent to the recent Hopkins Homes development between High Street and Chapel Lane, if the Local Plan is approved. If and when a full application is made, then will be the time for villagers to write to the East Suffolk Planning Department to make their comments. Details of the address etc. will be given via the Pettistree message systems when an application is made.

Pettistree produced a very attractive and moving event at the war memorial to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VJ Day. The end of WW2 in Japan. This will be described elsewhere in this edition but once again Jim Jarvie came up trumps with his tributes on the bagpipes and was supported by music from Darren Tansley, a reading from our new councillor Sue Jones, and a prayer from the vicar, Rev. Leslie Siu.

We seem to have had a staggeringly good season for soft fruits and it now looks as if the apple harvest will be a good one. I suspect that the low rainfall may mean that the apples will not keep too well, so if people have a surfeit of apples the village could hire or buy a press to produce apple juice. Contact me or any councillor if you think we may need one.

**Jeff Hallett Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council**

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## Our new Parish Councillor

Susan (Sue) Jones of Holmleigh, The Street, has been co-opted as a parish councillor to replace Councillor George Steve Hind.

She said: "I'm delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to parish matters although I can't say I ever expected to be a parish councillor. Life takes some interesting turns... My introduction to councils was as a newspaper reporter, my interest in politics involved the Old Bailey. Happily, I wasn't the one in the dock, that was fraudster and spy John Stonehouse MP. And now I've confessed to a distressing amount of age.



After newspapers I became media adviser to rather too many Government ministers including Edwina Currie (don't ask!), Michael Portillo, David Mellor and John Redwood. Low spot: trying to spin the poll tax, high spot finding the killer fact to sell the council tax. Name dropping now ended. My partner - Dave the flying Australian - and I run a consultancy advising the pensions industry on business development and innovation and an aircraft hire business because we love Piper Warriors.

One of my better decisions was to move to Suffolk 30 years ago. I've travelled a lot, but this has always felt like home. And for my great great grandmother it really was home. Charlotte Warner was born in Walton, Felixstowe, married in London and died in Staffordshire. I've taken the return route. Finding Pettistree though was a surprise as I was looking for somewhere entirely different when I chanced upon Holmleigh. I would have preferred it to be called The White House but others got there first.

We're very happy to be here enjoying Pettistree's verdant charm and community spirit protected by the Parish Council and enhanced by the support group. I hope I can add something useful to the mix".

## Pettistree Bells ring out for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day

It was an exciting day, although in many ways for a sombre occasion, because Pettistree Bells were rung for the first time since March 15<sup>th</sup>. With the incumbent's permission we are now allowed to ring for specific occasions, other than services, for a maximum of fifteen minutes. The risk assessment having been completed and all measurements taken we can ring three bells, either the treble, third and fifth, or the second, fourth and tenor, and still meet the social distancing requirement. We rang at about 11.10 following the act of commemoration at the War Memorial. The ringers were Mike Whitby, Chris and Mary Garner.



We rang the second, fourth and tenor because Chris and Mary had removed the clapper in the fifth to be sent away for re-bushing. It was very hot on the day it was removed and no wonder Chris was so tired because it weighs 20kg, 44lbs and is a very awkward shape to bring down the narrow tower steps. Over the years since 1986 the fifth has been re-bushed on three occasions, each with a different design, in 1997, 2006 and 2010, The tenor has been re-bushed too in 2002 and 2010. The treble was re bushed in 1997. The second, third and fourth still have their 1986 bushes.

Mary Garner



## Pettistree and Loudham Community Effort Fly-Past

The Queen had one for her birthday and Captain Sir Thomas Moore had one for his sterling efforts in raising £33 million for NHS Charities. However, neither of them had the experience of having two fly-pasts in the space of 30 minutes. Pettistree and Loudham did!

On Wednesday 3 June at 13.45 David Harris, from Holmleigh, The Street took off from an airfield at Little Snoring, Norfolk. David was piloting a 1979 Piper Warrior II Piper Cub light aircraft. I received a text to say that the plane would be circling Pettistree at 15. 20. Jeff Hallett managed to take a photo whilst most of us just waived in the garden.

I texted David at 15.28 to thank him but after I had sent it, I was concerned it may have interfered with the plane's controls. He came back immediately to confirm he was flying to Ipswich and we would have a second fly-past before returning to Norfolk (I hope he had his passport ready!).

Many villagers were able to observe the 'fly-past' and David has indicated he will be making another 'sortie' some time in the next few weeks.

A big thank to David and Sue for arranging this memorable event.

**Jim Jarvie**







## Did beavers save Finchingfield?

In March 2019 I finally saw the fruits of 18 months planning to bring beavers back to Essex. Although this wasn't a full scale reintroduction, a pair of European beavers were released into a 4 hectare (8 acre) enclosed woodland plot with a stream running through it, and we couldn't wait to see what they would do to help prevent flooding in Finchingfield.

With climate change really starting to play havoc with our weather patterns we need all the help we can get to manage water supplies. Ironically our past efforts to prevent flooding have made matters far worse. Land drains are very effective at clearing water quickly away into our rivers that have been straightened in an attempt to make them flow quicker. But a straightened river may have up to 40% less channel length than a naturally meandering one, and with ever increasing housing and road drains also funnelling flash floods into these artificially shortened rivers they cannot cope. These rivers quickly converge with others to make the problem ever greater for downstream communities.

But it is not just flooding that causes problems. When we have long periods of drought, the land dries out and the valuable water we could have retained during high rainfall is gone. We are effectively wasting the one resource we can't afford to in the East of England- water.

So back to the beavers. We were really worried after 6 weeks that the stream feeding the beaver enclosure, as well as others in the parish, had stopped flowing entirely. Little did we know this was the start of 7 months of drought and of course beavers need water to create the ponds which they live in. But the beavers were smarter than we gave them credit and found a spring seeping in the woodland. They dug a short canal and diverted the water into the stream behind a dam and in just a few weeks had a large, clear spring fed pool. A series of smaller dams followed, all filtering the water and releasing it at a steady rate into the main stream. During one of the worst drought periods in Essex, the beaver stream continued to flow out of the beaver enclosure despite all the other water courses in the parish drying up.

That winter we were hit by massive flooding. The Village of Finchingfield sits on the convergence of three streams that eventually flow into the River

Blackwater.

They felled many trees, some up 300mm thick, to build their dams with thinner ones interwoven and then packed with mud.

The network of beaver dams held back enormous quantities of water both above ground, and below it, and the two busy rodents were out every night extending the walls, repairing any cracks and even created a new stream to take water away from the main channel. The road bridge at Finchingfield remained passable all winter despite the level of rainfall that would normally flood it for days or even weeks. Other villages in the area did not fare so well.

The water the beavers store underground extends to double the depth of that in the neighbouring land so creates a sponge like water supply that would otherwise be lost to sea. They have created a habitat rich in wildlife; water shrews, water voles, kingfishers and freshwater shrimp have all arrived at the beaver pond, and they appear to be helping to lessen flooding, while storing flood water to be release back into the river at times of drought. They can certainly teach us all a lesson in water management.

This spring we were delighted to see two additions to the family. Two young beaver kits are now exploring this amazing wet woodland habitat created by their parents, the first beavers born in East Anglia for possibly 600 years. Busy beavers indeed.

Darren Tansley





Beaver activity

### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

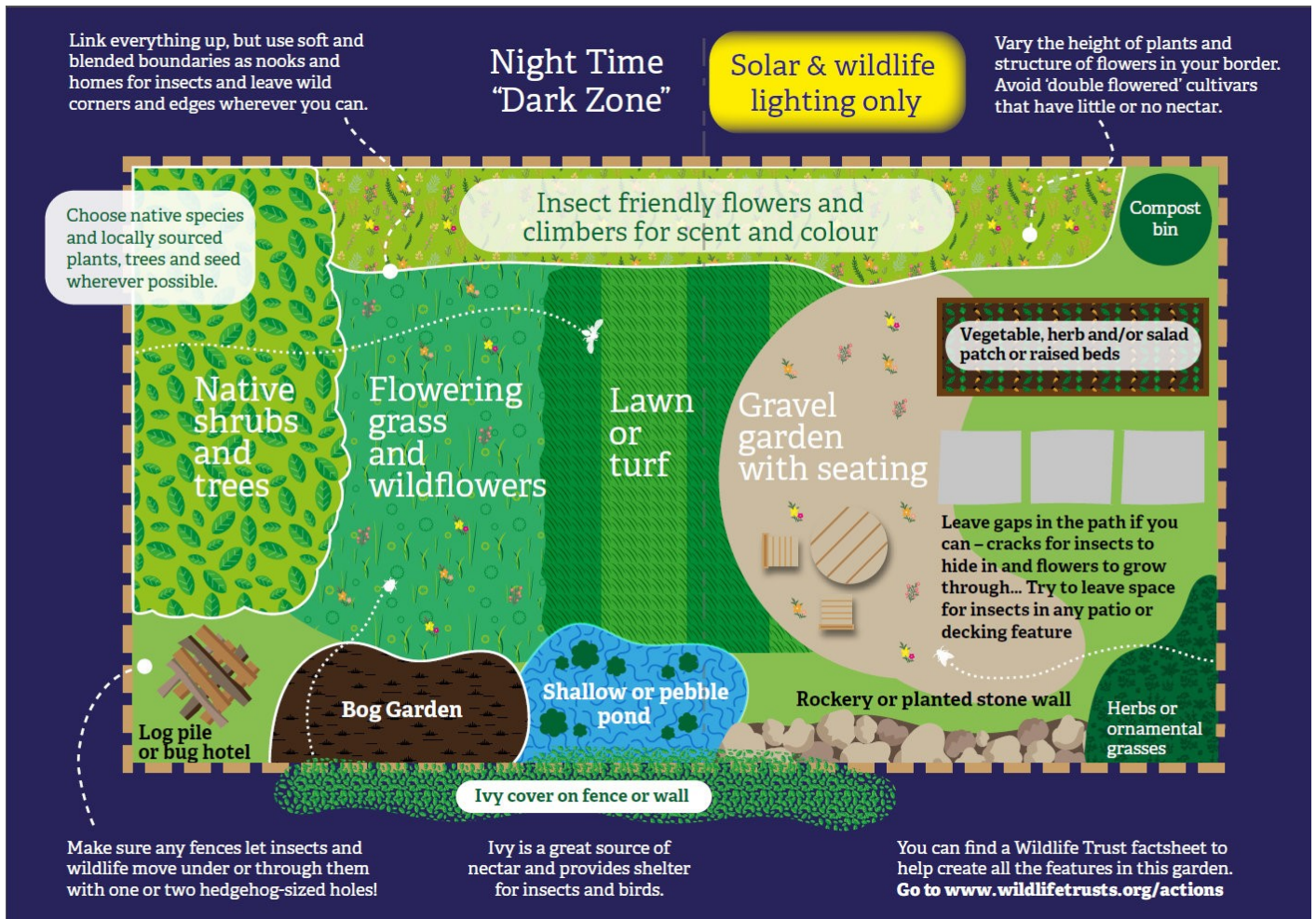
The beaver enclosure is on a 2000 acre conventional arable farm upstream of Finchingfield and the project is a partnership between Spains Hall Estate, Environment Agency, Essex Wildlife Trust (I am the ecologist on the license) and the Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust. A huge amount of research is underway on the flood management and wildlife benefits of beavers on the estate and also methods of protecting Cricket Bat Willows from beaver activity. If you would like to learn more visit the Spains Hall website and click on Beavers and Flooding:SpainsHallEstate.co.uk

## Action For Insects Reminder

As I mentioned in the last issue BIRDS NEED INSECTS! This means that wilder road verges, field margins and gardens are essential habitat at this time of year to feed the new fledglings as well as ensuring that we have plenty of essential pollinators such as butterflies and bees. Do your tidying up in late September to maximise the benefits of this wild food resource.

For a free guide on how to help, download the Action For Insects pack from the Wildlife Trusts here: [www.wildlifetrusts.org/take-action-insects](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/take-action-insects)

Darren Tansley







## Ends and beginnings

Friday 17th July was the last day of the school term at Wickham Market Primary. A hot, sticky, muggy day with heavy clouds chasing each other across the sky. For the past two weeks, I'd been cycling through Pettistree each morning with my daughter on the way to school and then back again in the afternoon. The last time I wrote about my bike route, it was spring, the hedges and trees a bright, shouting green and the grass verges alive with wild flowers. Now it's high summer, the leaves are still green, but a duller shade, that fresh scent of spring replaced by the heat of summer.

In the early days of lock down, we were blessed with one of the hottest springs on record. The lanes were alive with cheerful cyclists, waving and shouting, "Hello!" as they whizzed past each other. Now, there are more cars around and that feeling of being in a strange land is dissipating, but the community spirit is just as strong as ever it was. My phone beeps, twangs and buzzes constantly with notifications from WhatsApp, including the fine Pettistree group, Instagram, Facebook, email and all that stuff we carry around with us on our mobile telephonic devices.

July hasn't been the hot, sunny month it often is. We've had plenty of rain and dark skies, ominous thundery clouds stretching out over the corn fields. Rain in July is good news for the fruit and veg growers and we're no exception. In April, my garden-loving husband took advantage of his furlough to build a poly tunnel. We've had a disappointing crop of broad beans (eight, to be precise), the pak choi and spinach never came up and some of the dwarf beans turned out to be climbers. That said, the trauma of losing our first ever crop of sweet corn to a hungry gang of gourmet rats has been healed by a magnificent grid of towering corns, almost ready to pick and eat.

My cycle route from Loudham into Wickham is just as much fun as ever it was. Dave and Cath's

wisteria is just a memory, but has been replaced by a magnificent display of brightly coloured hollyhocks.



Dick and Rita's beans are looking good and their beautiful red floribunda peeps over the wall, covering it with many-headed fragrant blossom. A marquee has popped up at the Greyhound which is, once again, full of happy diners. Two days after school ended, we enjoyed a socially distanced birthday lunch for my mother's ninetieth birthday. We were giddy with excitement at the thought of actually going out and seeing other actual people. The food and welcome were just as fabulous as ever they were.







Cycling down Walnuts Lane on that last Friday of school, the golden ears of corn made a sharp contrast against the thundery sky.

Paper thin poppies waved against the yellow field and corncockles and the remains of yarrow lined the hedgerow.



*Emotions* were running high in the playground as we said good-bye to nearly fourteen years of a close and wonderful relationship with primary school. That last bike ride back was a time of reflection, looking back but also looking forward to the next stage. What better place is there to think such thoughts than the winding Pettistree lanes?



It's the end of one stage, but the beginning of another. 2020 hasn't been the year any of us expected, but it's been quieter, gentler, more introspective and that can't be bad. If nothing else comes from it, one thing I do know is this. The Leigh household will be chowing down on the freshest, juiciest sweetcorn they've ever tasted and the rats can whistle for it!

Enjoy your summer, whatever your plans.

**Ruth Leigh**

## Robin

You're back my little Robin friend, so nice to see you again,  
You have just missed a juicy worm, for you that is a shame.

Was that you the other day who perched upon my spade,  
And found some tasty creatures, on the pile that I'd made.

You're welcome on my wheel barrow or fork that's not so near,  
As when you sing your cheerful song, it is so pleasing to my ear.

Some may like your chest of red or marvel your blue eggs,  
For me I think your best bit is, your skinny skinny legs!

**Olivia Smith**



## A message from across the “Pond”- Not Presmere

*In early July I received the following message through the Pettistree News email from a supporter and reader of Pettistree People, which I thought would be of interest to you all:*

Dear Cath Caudwell and all who contribute to the Pettistree People magazine.

I just sent a note to Joan Peck with a short note to pass on to you and other contributors to the magazine – which I faithfully read on-line every quarter. Since we are ALL dealing with COVID 19 at this time and feeling rather isolated, I wanted to write and give you a big thank you for all of the wonderful articles you have in each issue and to let you know that your publication reaches all the way to me in Colorado, USA.

My husband and I live in an independent senior living facility and have been in a lockdown situation because of the virus since March 15<sup>th</sup>. I was especially interested in reading about how you

were handling/coping in your area. It sounds like you are looking after one another and we hope you have stayed safe and well! In our facility we have all stayed well – we are thankful to the staff here that have followed the guidelines and taken such good care of us. We still have not gone out on our own, we wear our masks faithfully and keep our distance. How we wish the rest of our state and country (what a mess) would have followed suit.

I corresponded with Joan for many years regarding my family connection of the Peirsons in Pettistree. My husband and I finally made a trip to your lovely village and that is why I still read your publication and find out what is happening there. It makes me feel connected once again to those we met and came to know.

Thanks to all of you!

Regards,

Grace ‘Peirson’ Gudgel

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### Historical context

Charles Pierson was a business man with assets in New York but had his origins in the Lowestoft area. When he came to England on business he rented the houses of absent landlords. Raveningham Hall in Norfolk and Java Lodge now Pettistree House, being two of them. At the time he was at Pettistree House the Walkers, who farmed Loudham, also farmed there as well. Susan, the daughter of Charles, and Jacob Walker met and

married.

We have the east window in the church and a very significant monument in the churchyard telling some of the story.

When David and Grace visited in 2009 they stayed at Old Carleford. Don and Cherry White the owners, were in Florida visiting her brother at the time)

Joan Peck

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### The Peirson memorial & East window of St Peter and St Paul Church, Pettistree

The memorial in the churchyard to Charles Peirson and his family is situated just to the north- east of the church chancel and is very distinctive. Its four sides record the family story as does the inscription on the east window of the church itself.







## Transcript of East window inscription; written across the four panels

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES PEIRSON / CITIZEN OF NEW YORK U.S.A. AND / SEVERAL YEARS RESIDENT IN THIS PARISH / BORN AT UGGESHALL SUFFOLK 1814 / DIED AT BRAMBLEHURST SUSSEX 1880 / ALSO OF JULIA FRANCES HIS WIFE BORN / U.S.A. 1820 DIED AT HOULGATE FRANCE 1886 / ALSO OF SUSAN ELIZABETH DAUGHTER OF / CHARLES AND JULIA FRANCES PEIRSON / AND WIFE OF JACOB WALKER BORN AT / HUNTINGDON LONG ISLAND U.S.A. 1840 / DIED AT LOWESTOFT SUFFOLK 1880



Thank you Grace, for your letter. It is pleasing to learn that our newsletter is read on-line in USA! Mike Watts, Editor

## Planning matters

DC/19/4935/FUL	Green Farm new build extension	Permitted
DC/19/4936/FUL	Green Farm new build extension	Permitted
DC/20/0043/FUL	Three Tuns new build kitchen	Withdrawn
DC/20/0322/DRC	Hungarian Hall conversion- holiday lets	Permitted
DC/20/0755/FUL	Three Tuns change—dance /yoga studio	Permitted
DC/20/0799/FUL	Three Tuns erect building for kitchen	Permitted
DC/20/2325/FUL	Pettistree Grange removal of tree limbs	Pending

## Clap for the NHS rainbow over Old Carleford



Captured by Alan Steventon just after 8pm on Thursday 30th April



## Three Cheers for the Greyhound

The Hub of Pettistree Village is the Greyhound Pub.



The pandemic was casting its wave across the nation; as with all communities Pettistree was wondering what it would bring. Doom and gloom abounded; over seventies were locking their doors. The Prime Minister proclaimed all pubs were to shut their doors too. What happened in Pettistree? On that Friday, landlord Stuart sent the message, bring your containers and free beer for all on collection. So much better than pouring it down the drain; spirits were lifted, and electronic messages circulated. As the evening progressed Pettistree residents, in their homes, were getting happier by the hour. Meanwhile Stewart and Louise were planning a strategy to support the village through the lockdown, and their business too, so vital for us all.

Fresh vegetables, fruit and salad boxes were ordered for us from their suppliers. How would we have managed without our locally grown fresh produce.

Finish at Home menus circulated weekly, with 3 day use by dates. Our orders often provided us with 2 or 3 days ready cooked meals, all delicious. Louise, I used to dream of your famous fish pie and our Sunday Special. The Greyhound Store was there to pick and choose; mackerel pate was a welcome lunch for us on many days. Wines and beers all carefully selected were available too.

Lockdown eased, and the big time came for pubs to reopen... with social distancing! The Parish Council came to the rescue and the marquee was erected. Stuart and Louise were versatile as always to ongoing changing situations. On lockdown opening day Alan and I ended a seven mile walk just as we were passing The Greyhound at 6pm. It was a hot day and the garden looked so inviting. We shall not forget that first pint we so enjoyed.

The Greyhound provided our first meal out, celebrating our wedding anniversary with our family. Everything was perfect with a choice of three venues, garden, marquee or in the pub. The menu and wines were great. The service with clear safety procedures were all in place. Above all the food was absolutely delicious. We had a wonderful day to remember.

Thank you Louise and Stuart, you have kept so many of us going through the lockdown; and 'eating out' with you is excellent too.

Take care, keep well. Your Pub is our Village Hub.

**Judy Steventon**

## “Good night, Sun”

By

**Maureen Stollery**







## Village Hall - Lockdown Update

Following the Government's announcement in March, like many organisations, the Village Hall was forced to close its doors until the country returns to the 'new normal'. All activities were cancelled and access to the hall restricted. The Committee had already agreed to have some work completed and the period allowed us to forge ahead with the initiatives.

Prior to lockdown, the hedges were cut; thanks to Louis Deliss and Philip Westrope for sorting this out. We are still looking to improve the car park and hopefully will have a tarmac entrance in the next few months. The outside floodlights were not working efficiently and our local electrician, Paul Ballard, installed two new units. They were so efficient Claire Signy rang up to ask whether the hall was being used for a film set as when activated, their house and paddocks were spectacularly lit up. The sensors have now been adjusted and the Signys can sleep peacefully! Paul also replaced the strip lights and other units inside the hall with LED bulbs.



The heaters are now wired in rather than having three pin plugs which will improve the efficiency and make them child proof.

Conscious of the fact that the ladies' toilet doubled as a disabled facility, the men's urinal has been removed and both toilets will now be unisex. A portable baby changing unit has also been purchased and it will be a useful addition for those using the hall with babies and young children.



A storage cupboard will be built in the space previously occupied by the urinal. Once completed, we are hoping to redecorate the inside of the hall.

A curtain pole has been fitted across the recess where the tables and chairs are being stored and a suitable curtain will be acquired to match those covering the windows.

We normally have our AGM mid- July but this will be deferred until an appropriate time. Our accounts have been audited by Elaine Boardley - thanks to her - so we have everything in place when things are relaxed. In addition to the AGM, the 100 Club is also on hold and the collections will be made by Alan Whitfield and the team when it is safe to do so.

The hall continues to incur costs and the lack of income was eating into our savings. Cath Caudwell identified a grant for village halls which was successfully applied for and a sum of £10,000 to see us through this difficult period, received.

The committee is mindful of the requirements regarding deep cleaning the hall, having Covid 19 Risk assessments in place and providing a safe space for users and those tasked with looking after the facility. It is unlikely we will be in a position to fully open up before September but like everybody else we are keeping an eye on government announcements. Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) has also provided us with useful information and guidance.

My thanks to the Committee, but particularly to Dave and Cath Caudwell, for all their efforts in keeping our splendid facility afloat.

**Jim Jarvie** Chairman Pettistree and Loudham Village Hall Committee



## PETTISTREE WITH LOUDHAM

### SUPPORT NETWORK

*Supported by Pettistree Parish Council,  
St Peter & St Paul Church & Pettistree Village Hall*

With the easing of some of the lockdown restrictions many of us are starting enjoy a little more freedom in our day to day lives. However, I am conscious that this could be a very difficult period for some of our residents who have had little or no face to face contact with others for the last five months, particularly if they have been Shielding. We also do not know what the future holds with Covid 19 so it is important that we are more than ready for this.

I would like to reassure people that our wonderful neighbourhood support network will carry on for the next few months at least. If you feel you need continued help with collecting essential shopping or prescriptions, or indeed anything else, then I know that those more able to help will be more than happy to do so.

#### **A reminder of who you can call on and how we can help each other:**

If you think you may need help do get in touch via the Pettistree News email (see below) or by phoning Cath Caudwell on **01728 747170 / 07305 607428** or Flora Beagley on **07580 236231**, giving your preferred phone number for contact. Do keep these numbers handy.

If in self isolation we will of course make sure that helpers keep their distance when delivering items. This can include **prescriptions** as well as **small scale essential food / cleaning products shopping**.

#### **WHATSAPP**

Join our village WhatsApp group and keep up to date and in touch with village people – but do remember that this is open to all members, so conversations are seen by everyone in the group. You will also get a lot of ‘pings’ on your phone! Just send your mobile phone number to the Administrator, Flora (**07580 236231**), and she will add you to the group – you will need to download the app for this onto your phone if you don’t already have it and then you will receive a simple invitation to join the group.

#### **PETTISTREE NEWS EMAIL**

If you are on the village email ‘Pettistree News’ do check your junk folder regularly as some people find these emails go into that. If you would like to join this just drop an email to **news@pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk** and you will be put onto the list (no-one else can see your email address) - another way of keeping in touch. Larger messages will be circulated via this method, together with future events news and neighbourhood alert messages.

**Cath Caudwell**

100 CLUB	1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
APRIL	John Speedman	Olivia Smith	Eric Dowker

Please note: The 100 Club has been suspended due to the Covid-19 threat.

When appropriate the collection of subscriptions will resume when safe for collectors and participants.

A deer was found drowned in Presmere Pond . The terrapin is safe and well, enjoying sun bathing.





# Suffolk place names Word Search by Pat Deliss

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- Kesgrave
- Melton
- Needham
- Orford
- Otley
- Parham
- Pettistree
- Ramsholt
- Snape
- Southwold
- Trimley
- Ufford
- Wickham Market
- Woodbridge
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## Pettistree Church news

In July the Diocese sent out guidelines to allow churches to be open for private prayer. The vicar and church wardens decided that it was possible to have Pettistree church open every Thursday and visitors should use the sanitiser, avoid touching too many surfaces and only to be in family groups. This means that the church is empty and cleaned before the next Thursday, so is minimal risk of any residual virus.

The church has continued to be involved with the life of the villages of Pettistree and Wickham Market. The service broadcast every Sunday at 11.00am from the Vicar's study has continued and on August 6<sup>th</sup> the first Sunday service was in Wickham Market church restricted numbers of both the congregations. It is strange to have to book and then in a mask attend a service, sitting apart, no singing, and no bread and wine distributed. It is however very comforting to be back in the church building and seeing friends

again.

It has been very odd not to hear the church bells and it was good they were able to ring on VJ day. The rules mean that only 3 bells could be rung but it was a fitting end to the gathering in the churchyard that marked VJ day.

New guidelines for increasing attendance at church services have not been given yet, but the vicar is working to ensure that once congregations are able to return to the All Saints church building, modern technology will let those who cannot attend receive the service at home. It will probably not be possible to do the same for the Pettistree services, but the building will be measured to see if a suitable seating plan can be organised, and services held.

If you have any queries or concerns, then please get in touch with Leslie our vicar **email:** [leslie@wickhammarketchurch.org](mailto:leslie@wickhammarketchurch.org) or

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**Maggie Hallett**



**DIARY DATES**

15th September 7.30pm Pettistree Parish Council Meeting- probably on Zoom. Link up details from the Parish Clerk

13th November Copy Date for December issue

**“On reflection”**

by Mike Whitby



**Surprising what you can find in a puddle— Double Rogues Cottage!**

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A benefit of the lockdown has been the number and excellence of your article and reports. Also, not least, the superb photographs . This has resulted in yet another 16 page issue full of interesting reading. However lockdown against Covid has stymied any forward planning of events, therefore the Diary Dates is a bit short!

**Please note the next copy date for your articles and photos is Friday 13th November**-hope it will be lucky! Send them to ppedit@uwclub.net Mike Watts, editor and Pat Deliss