



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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“Treebilee” oak planted



This tree was planted in 2022
to commemorate the
Platinum Jubilee of
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

2022 heralds a year-long Platinum Jubilee celebration throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's glorious and unprecedented 70-year reign. A major part of the celebration is the creation of living and lasting memorials, courtesy of a project launched by HRH Prince Charles, affectionately called 'Treebilee', where people across the UK are being urged to plant trees to mark this special occasion.

This was the first of Pettistree's celebratory events in this special year and took place on Tuesday 22nd

February at 3pm in the churchyard meadow of St Peter & St Paul Church.

Thankfully the rain and clouds cleared in time to allow local residents to witness and take part in planting the Jubilee Oak. These included the Revd Leslie Siu and his family (Lizzie, Joe, Daniel, Nathan, Mark and Pippin the dog), Jeff and Maggie Hallett (Jeff being Chairman of the Parish Council), Martin Corral (Parochial Church Council), Chris and Mary Garner (Mary also on PCC), Alan and Judy Steventon, Dick and Rita Smith, and Dave and Cath Caudwell.

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Parish Council News

As I am writing this to fit in with the editor's deadline, we are under the first ever Red Warning for severe weather. **Storm Eunice** is already lashing the West of England and is expected here over the next few hours. The Orwell Bridge has been closed since 4.00 AM and we are warned not to travel at all unless essential.

Apart from the storm we have had a remarkably benign winter with no snow at all and no really low temperatures. It is too soon to say that winter is over, but the plants do seem to be a bit confused with early flowering etc. Our roadside salt bins have not been touched at all.

The Parish Council has had to cope without a clerk because we have been unable to re-appoint since the tragic death of Rod Caird last October. I have temporarily taken on most of the clerk duties, helped a great deal by Cllr. Sue Jones. We have now decided to separate the two main parts of the role of parish clerk. One person will be the **Responsible Financial Officer** (RFO) and will have the legal duties to oversee the management of the finances of the Parish Council. The person now called the **Clerk** will deal with everyday paperwork and e-mails, publishing agendas, writing minutes and handling correspondence about planning applications etc. The part-time, paid role of clerk can then be done by someone with good secretarial skills but will not have to do financial management. Training can still be provided with the courses run by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC). Please advertisement on Page 3.

The damage to people and the economy expected from the **Omicron strain of Coronavirus** has been as bad as feared. Restrictions on travel and meeting are being removed and we are hoping to be able to enjoy foreign travel again and a more normal life at home.

A well-attended and successful meeting was held

on Saturday 12th February to agree outline plans for the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**, and to form a smallish organising group. Over the four-day period with two extended Bank Holidays, we will follow the National Plans where feasible, and will add several plans of our own to involve the whole village. On Thursday 3rd June a beacon/bonfire on a piece of higher ground on Park Farm. On Friday 3rd June the Chilvers family plan to host a **village meal**, possibly a repeat of Mary's excellent stew and dumplings. On Saturday 4th June there will be an **art exhibition** and **flower festival** in the Church with craft and heritage displays in the Parish Room. Entries for these will be welcomed. On Sunday 5th June there will be a **"Songs of Praise"** in the churchyard/meadow, as well as a "bring and share" lunch at the Village Hall. The displays will still be in the Church and Parish Room. The bellringers will plan to link their ringing with national plans once the timing is known. We are looking into producing a memento of the Jubilee for the children of the village, and perhaps for purchase by adults.

Hopkins Homes have given the name **"Wickham Gate"**, for sales purposes, to the site of their new development and have put a metal fence around the site. Actual building will probably start soon but we have not been given any further information. We hope that the parish boundary between Pettistree and Wickham Market can be moved so that the new development, and only the development, becomes part of Wickham Market.

Car parking in inappropriate places is becoming an increasing problem for the village. The attractiveness of the village to walkers, pub visitors and many of the church congregation, is a good thing, but unfortunately most of them come by car. This leads to opportunistic parking at the roadside that narrows the highway severely to such an extent that lorries and large farm vehicles cause



damage to the verges as they try to pass, and emergency vehicles may be obstructed. The Parish Council is looking into renting or buying a small piece of land to provide a grass-mat surfaced carpark for the benefit of all those wanting to use the village facilities. Funding would have to be found and it would have to be accompanied by restriction of parking at narrow points. Traffic problems from “rat-running vehicles associated with Sizewell C construction are bound to increase congestion through

the village, as we have pointed out many times to the developers.

Please remember that villagers can always give their views and questions to parish councillors about events in the village, and we shall soon have the usual Annual Parish Meeting, open for all residents, to air problems or make suggestions. The date is not yet fixed but will probably be in late Spring.

Jeff Hallett, Parish Council Chairman

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Jubilee craft exhibition

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations in Pettistree there will be a craft exhibition in the church from Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June.

Anyone interested in exhibiting please contact Geraldine Thompson – 01728 746697

Or

email gerrythompson@btinternet.com for an entry form.

Exhibits can be sold or be for exhibition only.

Entries are free but a small commission is requested on any sales to help with the overall costs.



Your Parish Council needs a Clerk

Can you offer Pettistree Parish Council a few hours a week for paid clerical duties?

The job includes attending five meetings a year, taking minutes, and dealing with Council communications. A separate Responsible Financial Officer will handle the banking, book-keeping and financial reports.

This makes clerical duties less complicated.

Pay is according to experience.

A broadband connection and the ability to use WORD are essential.

**More details available from
Chairman, Jeff Hallett. Tel 01728 746210**



Please, Don't Light my Fire

This was going to be about rules and bonfires. But there aren't any. We can light a fire whenever we want to.

But please don't.

Consider: a freshly baked day, sun shining, birds singing and the garden smells mmm like a smokehouse.

Rush to close the windows, rush inside if you are asthmatic. The garden is wreathed in toxic fog. Is this fair?

I know what the fire lighter will say: it's the easiest way to get rid of garden rubbish, secret documents and unmentionables. Yes, it is but all that can be done on a grey day or at dusk. Otherwise, it's just a nuisance.

And, although there are no rules to stop the lighting of bonfires, there are environmental laws to prevent burning domestic waste if it will be harmful to human health, cause air pollution or affect someone's enjoyment of their property. The controls are contained in the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

So, here are a few questions to consider when approaching that lovely big pile with a box of matches.

- Are you about to roast a hedgehog?

- Is the wind in the right direction to turn thatch into an altogether different bonfire?
- Do you have to do it when people are enjoying the weather and their gardens? If it is causing a nuisance, neighbours are within their rights to complain to environmental elf and safety.
- Is the bonfire wet and going to cause smoke? Any wood that can be bent is likely to be damp and smokeable.
- Is the smoke likely to drift across a road and create a hazard? If so, it will be illegal.
- If you must light a fire in the middle of the day why not warn the neighbours?
- Don't burn or build your bonfire with straw, bark or hay. That is a fire hazard and prohibited by most councils.
- Don't leave a fire to burn itself out without checking that it is out.
- For small amounts of secret documents why not try a bin with a lid and chimney?
Be patient and set the night on fire instead.

Sue Jones

Planning applications

Changes to Hopkins conditions related to "Wickham Gate"

DC/21/5752/DRC—Discharge of Conditions 4, 5, 6 and 7

DC/21/5749/VOC—Variation of Condition 25

DC/21/5721/DRC—Discharge of Condition 24

DC/21/3856/DRC—Discharge of Conditions 21, 22 and 28

DC/22/0273/OUT—Land next to Newstead, The Street. Appeal rejected but a new application made for one new dwelling

DC/21/5667/TCA—Tree felling and trimming at The Laurels

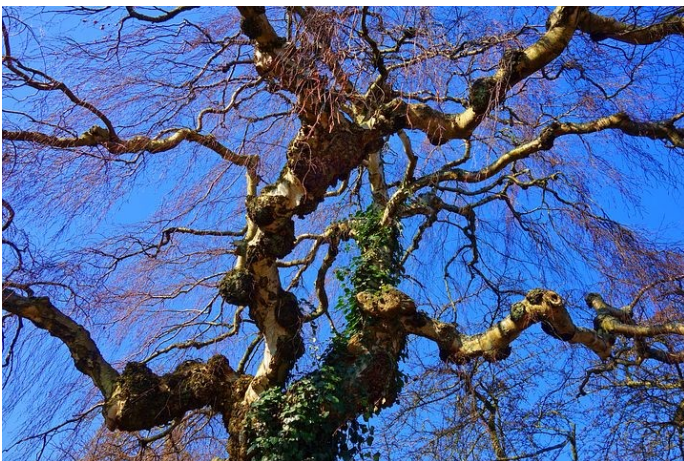
DC/21/5550/FUL—Erection of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array, with a total export capacity of up to 21 MW at Park Farm



From Wintering into New Life

I was listening to the Radio Two breakfast show recently. One of my favourite segments is Pause for Thought, where a variety of people share a two-minute burst of wisdom, usually built around their faith. Rev Richard Coles is always a delight, as is Paul Kerensa. I once missed my turning when travelling to Ipswich listening to a hilarious Scottish vicar talking about porridge versus meringues.

Anyway, on this occasion it was Sheridan Voysey talking about the concept of wintering. I don't know if you've come across it. I had, vaguely, but it was good to hear a bit more about it.



In the natural world, trees shed their leaves in autumn and spend the winter getting ready for the burst of foliage and new life in spring. Animals hibernate and Danish people practice *hygge* (pronounced "hoo-ga"), getting cosy indoors with candles and fleecy throws. It's a time when we can feel a bit more sluggish than usual, missing the natural light and dodging the rain and wind. However, everyone also goes through periods of wintering in their personal lives, when things aren't great and the temptation is to give up. Wintering is a natural process, Sheridan explained, and rather than fighting against it, we can choose to see it as a time of personal growth and a valuable opportunity to take stock.

Looking around our garden at the moment, you'd be forgiven for thinking that a mad person has seized control and planted a line of sticks. We have a fine selection of leafless twigs plus a straggly interlacing wisteria reaching half-heartedly up the house. Around the back, things are no better, even the evergreens are looking a bit battered and sorry for themselves. It's hard to remember what it was like in spring, with enticingly spicy scents floating through the air, birds twittering wildly and daffodils waving their shouting yellow heads next to the scarlet camellia.



Come spring, my twig collection should burst into life and turn itself into a row of lilacs and two mock oranges. That's the plan, anyway. We planted them about five years ago when the fence we put up to keep the children in blew down and we realised that we could have an open frontage. It takes optimism to plant a garden. You have to have the right soil, good nutrition and faith that what you plant will actually grow. Walking around Pettistree is an object lesson in how to plan a garden. Spring and summer is a wonderful time to gaze at other people's flourishing, beautifully shaped wisteria (Dave Caudwell, I'm looking at you), fragrant rose bushes, majestic dahlias and colourful flower beds.

Even though everything looks dead in the garden, underneath the surface, it's a time of growth and potential. Those leafless trees are getting ready for spring, drawing nourishment from the ground. Bulbs are simply dormant under their cloak of soil, but will soon burst into colour and scent. The snowdrops in the wood next to us are starting to



carpet the ground and after they are gone, it's time for the bluebells to light up the woodland with their intense blue flowers and bring sightseers from miles around.

Nature knows what it's doing and I needed to remind myself that there is a season for everything. I'm trying to write my third book at the moment and it's been a struggle. The first one pretty much wrote itself, the second wasn't too hard and I imagined that number three would follow the same pattern. It's proved to be a different experience, however. I became a full time writer on 1st January with my own dedicated writing space and a brand new bookcase for reference books. I've got so many plans and lots of them are starting to come to fruition. But perhaps I'm in a time of wintering too.

Rather than fighting against it, I'm going with it,

taking delight in the weak winter sun, the splendid sunsets and the stark, leafless countryside. I can't afford to hibernate – deadlines need to be hit, bills to be paid – but perhaps allowing my thoughts to mulch down in the seething compost bin of my mind (and what a lovely metaphor that is!) will have the desired effect. I suspect that it's all in there. It just needs to come out.

By the time you read this, we'll be heading out of the worst of winter and will be on the verge of spring. All those twigs will be coming into leaf, animals will be waking up and the sound of frantic tapping should be coming from my defenceless keyboard. Wintering? I'm all for it, but I can't wait for spring to be here and with it all that new life and a whole new story.

Images by Pixabay

Ruth Leigh

Do you have a favourite hymn? (or two!)

A *Songs of Praise* is planned as part of Pettistree's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, 2nd – 5th June.

It will be held in the Churchyard, like the Carols.

However to make it truly a Pettistree event, we need your choices.

Please think about it and send your choices to Mary Garner by Easter,
746097 / 07791 585127, marysgarner@tiscali.co.uk

Platinum Jubilee oak planted - cont



The strong oak sapling was gifted by East Suffolk Council, one of 200 in the district, along with a tree guard and a plaque to commemorate the occasion. An enthusiastic group of diggers cut the turf and dug a suitable hole after which the tree was planted alongside a strong post. Our younger participants watered the tree in. The location should allow the oak to mature without impinging on other trees in the churchyard in the decades to come. A lovely community occasion.

On Wednesday evening, 23rd Feb, our bellringers dedicated a Quarter Peal of '1368 Norwich Surprise Minor' to this celebratory event. The ringers were:
1. Pippa Moss, 2. Christopher McArthur, 3. Mary Garner, 4. Mark Odgen, 5. Mike Cowling, 6. Mike Whitby (C)

Cath Caudwell



Bell ringing news

Sunday service ringing and Wednesday practices have continued to run smoothly throughout the winter. Following much discussion at our AGM at the end of November the ventilation has been adjusted, the west doors remain closed, though not draught excluded. The trap door has been raised and the tower staircase door is opened to aid circulation in addition to the door into the church. We remembered the passing of Hazel Judge, at home on October 21st. Hazel joined the Pettistree band in 1998, she rang in nearly a hundred quarter peals and three peals. She took part in District Striking Competitions for many years and nothing seemed to give her greater pleasure than to remind us of the time when the band she was competing in beat the so-called stronger team. Sadly, her medical conditions forced her to limit her ringing around 2013, but she continued to support in any way she could. She came to all the social events, outings, lunches, New Year's Eve dinners etc. Her meringues were legendary at every event possible. She was our social secretary, remembering everyone's birthdays and much more. We really miss her. Two quarter peals were rung in her memory:

27th October, 1320 Spliced Surprise Minor: York and Durham

1. Mike Cowling, 2. Pippa Moss, 3. Peter Harper, 4. Mark Ogden, 5. Ruth Munnings, 6. Mike Whitby (C).

In loving memory of Hazel Judge

24th November, 1259 Grandsire Doubles

1. Mary Garner 2 Pippa Moss, 3. Mark Ogden, 4. Ray Lewis, Mike Whitby (C), 6. Kate Eagle

In loving memory of Hazel Judge, 9th January 1943 – 21st October 2021.

She will be especially missed by the Ringers at Pettistree and Wickham Market.

This was rung in the week of her funeral. Grandsire Doubles was one of her favourite methods.

Hazel served as Tower Correspondent, unlocking for a great number of visiting bands over many years. Kate Eagle was elected to the post of Tower Correspondent at the AGM whilst all other posts had their holders re-elected.

A quarter peal was rung before the Carol Service on **19th December**,

1274 Cambridge Surprise Minor: 1. Pippa Moss, 2. Chris McArthur, 3. Mary Garner, 4. Mark Ogden, 5. Kate Eagle, 6. Mike Whitby (C)

Earlier this month the 70th Anniversary of the Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II was marked with two quarters:

6th February, 1370 Doubles (5 methods / 1 principle)

1. Pippa Moss, 2. Kate Eagle, 3. Mark Ogden, 4. Mike Cowling, 5. Mike Whitby ©, 6. Chris Garner

9th February, 1270 Platinum Delight Minor

1. Make Whitby ©, 2. Pippa Moss, 3. Mary Garner, 4. Mike Cowling, 5. Mark Ogden, 6. Kate Eagle

To celebrate the planting of an oak tree in the churchyard, the first of Pettistree's Platinum celebrations for H M Queen Elizabeth II.

23rd February 1368 Norwich Surprise Minor

1. Pippa Moss, 2. Christopher McArthur, 3. Mary Garner, 4. Mark Ogden, 5. Mike Cowling, 6. Mike Whitby (C)



Back row—Mark Ogden, Mike Cowling, Mike Whitby
Front row—Mary Garner, Chris McArthur, Pippa Moss

Mary Garner, Tower Captain



Pettistree village hall update

Post lockdown, the activities in the Village Hall are almost back to normal, including meetings of our regular educational and leisure groups. Despite initial concerns, the hall has hosted a number of children's parties, without any problems. As previously advised, our annual Burn's Night was cancelled. The Committee decided 65 plus attendees, sitting in close proximity, was probably not a wise move. An event later in the year was deemed the preferred option and we will have the celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June; details covered by another article in *Pettistree People* that will occupy the Committee until the middle of the year.

Building on the improvements to the carpark and inside the hall last year, the Committee have agreed to increase the security lighting at the side of the building and Paul Ballard our local electrician will complete this in the coming weeks. Following an inspection by the Fire Service we are replacing the lock on the door in the kitchen to make it more compliant with regulations governing village halls. The inspection raised no concerns we were complimented as to the protocols we have in place. Post lockdown, Cath and Dave Caudwell have replaced the curtains and have hung a set to block off the area where the tables and chairs are stored.

On Sunday 5 December the hall hosted a coffee and cake morning to encourage villagers, friends and churchgoers out of hibernation! It was attended by about forty and it was heartening to see everyone socialising and catching up on the local news.



Pettistree now has its own Barista, Dave Caudwell. Using a coffee machine he had acquired for the hall, Dave made numerous excellent cups of filtered coffee, none of them with exotic names found in Costa. Once the restrictions are completely lifted, we may look to convene regular monthly coffee mornings; of course, tea will be also available!, so watch this space!

My thanks go to all the committee and those who have provided so much help and support during the difficult past eighteen months.

Jim Jarvie

Church news

Since March 2020 a benefice service has been broadcast on YouTube at 11.00 am every Sunday from All Saints Wickham Market. The plan is for this to continue long-term so that anyone who is unable to come to church will be able to go on-line and feel part of the service.

Pettistree church services are back to normal and are at 9.30 am every Sunday. All the pews are in use once again as social-distancing eases, but the PCC are aware that many people are still very worried

about catching Covid so appreciate that they may prefer to sit distanced, and will want to wear a mask. The monthly Friday morning communion services have recommenced although the February service was put back a week as there was a 'Red weather warning' in place on the 3rd Friday that month.

Christmas celebrations were different to normal due to Covid distancing and concerns over the capacity of the church.

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The church was decorated beautifully, Suffolk Plants via William Notcutt help donated a Christmas tree and the usual services were held. A very well attended 'Carols in the Churchyard' event was held one afternoon and traditional refreshments enjoyed in the church yard afterwards. There was a Christingle service especially for pre-school children when Presmere Nursery came too.

Unfortunately, at present, no progress can be made on the redecoration work plans until the

new chancellor of the diocese has reached a decision as to the best way forward. The only thing that I can report is that we believe some progress towards a resolution is being made but it is at a snail's pace!

The PCC are concerned that some of the graves have had glass flower vases and jam-jars left beside them. Everyone is reminded that these types of containers will be removed, as they get broken very easily and can be a danger to others.

Maggie Hallett

Harvest mouse – another species for Pettistree

While collecting litter (a lot of litter!) along the road verges of Pettistree Sue and I are often surprised by what we'll find, but earlier this year I stumbled on something that was instantly recognisable – a harvest mouse nest! This tiny little mouse is so light (6-8g) that it can easily climb up a stalk of wheat using their paws and a flexible tail which has a prehensile tip; meaning it can grip on like a fifth limb. No other UK rodent has this ability.

They thrive in long, tussocky grass and reeds where they weave nests to protect their young out of standing living grass stem; not gathered material like most animals. This means that as the season moves on and the green grass fades to

straw colour, the nest changes colour too keeping it well camouflaged throughout the breeding season. Usually it is only in the winter that we start to see these nests as the dead grass stems collapse and the nests are revealed.

Harvest mice are most threatened by cutting of long grass and verges during the summer, when the young are still in the nest, so leaving this cut until late autumn can really help this delightful species to survive. I'm delighted to be able to add another species to my list for Pettistree and if you think you can leave long grass around your boundaries, especially ones that connect to other areas such as hedges and verges, you may find some next winter too.

HARVEST MOUSE



1 SIZE **9** AGILITY **1** HUNTING **8** HIDING

TOP TRUMPS FILE

Our smallest rodent weighs the same as a 2p piece and splits standing grass stems to create ball shaped nests to protect the young. As the grass changes colour during early autumn, so does the nest. Perfect camouflage!

Did you know?
Harvest mice are the only UK rodents that can hang onto tall grass stalks with their tail.



Darren Tansley



SID update



Some of you may, or may not, have seen a speed indicator device dotted around the village. This device is connected to a post and detects the speed of an oncoming vehicle. The Parish decided to invest some funds into the safety

of the village and monitor the traffic running through it with the intention of keeping speeds to a minimum and raising awareness.

The Speed Indicator Device, affectionately known as SID, disappeared for a little while for some minor calibration before Christmas. Since December it has returned and been providing some interesting results. The three locations of the SID are Presmere Road, Thong Hall Road and The Street next to Pettistree Lodge and The Garden House. To keep everyone guessing the SID will be moved around every two to three weeks by our resident Traffic Safety Officer, James Clarke. Each time it is relocated the data obtained is reported to the Parish Council with a view to recommending further safety plans if required. If speeding remains a constant problem some options available are reducing the speed limit, further signage or at worst speed bumps which I am sure no-one wants to see

The data that SID catches includes a count of vehicles passing the device, the times of day and the vehicles speed. From this we can work out peak traffic times, average speeds and when it is most likely drivers are going a little too fast. What SID doesn't do is record individual vehicles number plates. The purpose of the SID is to raise awareness of speeding in the village and remind those perhaps who are not local to us that we would like to keep those speeds down.

Following the recent statistics, the Parish is pleased to confirm some of the findings below:

17th December – 2nd January – The Street

1622 Vehicles
Average of 101 vehicles per day
68 Vehicles driving in excess of 30mph
4.2% of vehicles speeding
Highest speed recorded was 34mph

2nd January – 16th January – Presmere Road

1015 Vehicles
Average of 72 per day
121 vehicles going faster than 30mph
12% of vehicles speeding
Highest speed recorded was 38mph

16th January – 30th January – Thong Hall Road

1144 Vehicles
Average of 81 vehicles a day
10 vehicles going faster than 30mph
0.8% of vehicles speeding
Highest speed recorded was 32mph

30th January – 20th February – Presmere Road

Results to follow

The SID is currently placed on Presmere Rd and will be moved to its new home sometime soon. If anyone has any questions about the SID or any other traffic or roads related issues please contact James on Jamesclarke@gmx.com or 07949 796007

To summarise, speeding doesn't seem to be a big issue in the village although we need to be mindful of it and continue to monitor it especially with potentially more vehicles using Pettistree as a "rat run" to get to the Wickham Market development or the Sizewell project. In an ideal world the amount of speeding vehicles should be zero due to our short and bendy country roads.

James Clark, Road Safety Officer



Fishy word search by Pat Deliss

B	G	U	R	N	A	R	D	S	N	A	P	P	E	R
O	A	E	E	D	N	O	O	P	O	R	T	A	A	A
X	R	W	V	I	O	A	O	R	E	A	H	Y	L	I
S	M	E	L	T	N	C	R	A	E	N	D	O	W	N
A	A	R	E	K	U	H	R	T	A	C	S	S	A	B
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S	B	O	C	V	R	Q	R	U	U	W	I	R	T	A
W	H	I	T	E	B	A	I	T	M	P	R	U	D	D

Anchovy	Piranha	Door	Rat
Bass	Plaice	Down	Razor
Bream	Rainbow trout	Eat	Rear x 2
Carp	Roach	Elf	Rector
Char	Rudd	Ever	Reek
Chub	Salmon	GO	Route
Cod	Smelt	Hymn	Skid
Coley	Snapper	Kip	Soy
Dab	Sole	Lap	Star
Dace	Sprat	Leave	Stop
Eel	Turbot	Lee	Tar
Elver	Tuna	Mary	Tea
Gurnard	Whitebait	Mix	Tee x 2
Hake	PLUS	Near	Too
Halibut	Anon	Papa	Tunis
Kipper	Arab	Pay	Two
Koi x 2	Awl	Port	Unzip
Marlin	Box	Pulp	Veal
Pilchard	Dart	Rag	

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Suffolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more, Whether you want to walk on your own, or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris, the custodian of the website, said “there is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk, part of the Walking in England website, has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy,

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!



DIARY DATES

- 24th March 7.30pm Parish Council meeting in Parish Room
- May 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting, Parish Room
- T B D Annual Parish meeting in Village hall
- 3rd June Village meal at Coopers Cottage, courtesy of Roger and Mary Chilvers
- 3rd June Beacon on Park Farm land, off Loudham Hall Road
- 4th June Art exhibition in the Church
- 5th June Songs of Praise in churchyard meadow

Times for above to be established

13th May COPY DATE for June issue of PETTISTREE PEOPLE

Pup

Bored! Bored! Bored!
Please take me for a walk
then I can run and sniff and play
and you can stand and talk

I'll get to know the latest news
from grass tuft, tree and post
then check upon the rabbit holes
the job I like the most

Or let me in the garden
I'll charge around the shed
bark at passers by
and trample the flower bed

That pesky pigeon needs a chase
and blackbird needs a scare
I'll catch a leaf, I'll chew a stick
show off my youthful flare.

Olivia M J Smith

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The next issue is early June so please send in to - ppedit@uwclub.net - your news, be it personal or of an organisation, by the copy date of 13th May. Do note it in your diary, "All contributions gratefully received"!

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