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Traffic Calming in Wickham ! Does this mean more Village Traffic?

During April a traffic calming scheme is to be evaluated in Wickham Market which it is hoped will slow down traffic through Wickham Market. At their meeting on 29th February the Parish Council invited an Officer of the County Council to explain how the scheme was to work and how it was to be evaluated. Also at this meeting was our County Councillor, Mr Peter Monk, and our District Councillor, Mr Ned Cavendish.

The main concern the Parish Council has about the scheme is that traffic may try to avoid the road restrictions that the calming scheme creates by making a detour through the Pettistree, thus causing an increase in the amount of traffic passing through the Village.

To add to this concern it became evident that no measures were planned by the County Council to monitor the traffic flow through the Village while the scheme was being evaluated. Mr Monk acknowledged this concern and agreed to look into the possibility of carrying out a traffic count before and during the evaluation.

Parish Council Column

At their meeting on 29th February the Parish Council discussed the future of Bentwaters and invited our District Councillor, Mr Ned Cavendish to outline the District Council's concern about the Chris Parker Group proposals for Bentwaters. It was agreed that Pettistree must keep itself informed about this matter and it was decided to accept the offer made recently by the Chris Parker Group to come to Pettistree to tell the Village about their proposals - watch out for the visit date.

National Spring Clean Week starts on Sunday 14th April and to mark this event the Council is to organise a Pettistree Litter Pick. Volunteer litter pickers should gather in the Greyhound car park at 10.30am on that Sunday; rubber gloves, tabards and dustbags will be supplied by the District Council.

Annual Parish Meeting - The date for this meeting will be Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - don't miss this chance to come and tell the Parish Council what you think.

**Explanation from
the County**

**Parish Council
Concerns**

STOP PRESS

Just before going to press news came in that Suffolk ACRE had made a grant of £250 to the Parish Council towards the cost of publishing the Pettistree People. The Editor and the Parish Council wish to thank ACRE for their generosity.

Come along to Pettistree's Litter Pick on Sunday 14th April

Village Hall News

A little history

Running costs

The cost of running the Hall is about £1000 and therefore the Hall Committee is always on the lookout for ways of raising money through arranging entertaining events in which Village people can take part. Any new ideas out there? Please contact any of the Committee members.

Call Mike Swain to book the Hall

Games nights Beetle Drive

100 Club The Winners



Congratulations Eric & Betty on your Gold Wedding and to Alan & Evelyn on your Silver Wedding

Our Village Hall was built in 1928 with money raised by Pettistree WI on land for which they paid a peppercorn rent. It was built by a wheelwright from Wickham Market for £206.

In 1993 the WI donated the Hall to the Village and since then the Hall Committee and the whole of Pettistree have been working very hard to refurbish the Hall. A toilet for disabled people has been built, the car park resurfaced and new drainage installed. The cost of doing this work has amounted to about £25,000, some £18,000 of which has been received in the form of grants.

What can the Hall be used for? About any community event you can think of, recently it has hosted weddings, birthday parties, band practices, educational classes and Pettistree Cricket club teas. If you are wanting to book the Hall for an event please contact Mike Swain on ☎ 746187.

Regular games event includes an indoor bowls evening every alternate Thursday at 7.30pm. It is understood that the floor has a "hill" in it. Local players can take advantage of this when playing visiting teams! In addition to indoor bowl there is a table tennis table which can be used by Villagers; bring your own bats and balls and £1.

In March a number of Villagers took part in a Beetle Drive; it was a most enjoyable evening and if you missed it this time make sure you don't miss out next time.

January 1996	No 81 Pat Mitchell,	No 109 Sam Runnacles,	No 85 Mrs Vickers.
February 1996	No 73 Alan Hunter,	No 35 Mike Hilton,	No 16 Tracey Swain.
March 196	No 110 Mrs Keeble,	No 15 Mrs Dawson,	No 86 Mrs Lambert

Gold & Silver Weddings

On 14th April, Eric and Betty Whitfield of the White House are to celebrate their Golden Wedding. Eric and Betty were married in 1946 at a time when our country was struggling to recover from the war. This was no ordinary marriage; Eric travelled to Bury St Edmunds with an armed guard to collect the pay roll for the Polish Squadron he was with at RAF Chedburgh - Betty travelled to Bury on a one day leave pass from RAF, St Athan in North Wales - while they were both in Bury they were married in the Registry Office then immediately parted company to returned to their own RAF stations; not to see each other until 14th June when they came together at Altringham for their wedding to be blessed in Church.

Eric's career in the RAF as Accountancy Officer took him to many postings including Woodbridge in 1951. It was during this posting that Eric and Betty bought the White House and moved to Pettistree. When Eric left the RAF in 1962 he started up the kennels business at the White House and together Eric and Betty raised their family of four children one of which, Alan, lives in Pettistree today with his wife Evelyn and their four children.

On 29th May, Alan and Evelyn are to celebrate their silver wedding and so the Whitfield family has a double anniversary to celebrate, and they intend to do this in a special way. Eric and Betty's children have arranged for the whole family to get together, children, grandchildren and as yet the only great grandchild for a celebration lunch - it will be the first time that the whole family has been together, and the lunch venue is being kept secret from Eric and Betty !!



People and Social Events in the Village

Neighbourhood Watcher at Work!

One dull, dismal, Saturday morning in February a Vigilant Villager noticed a rather decrepit van parked outside the Village Hall gates. Two rather dubious looking characters emerged from the van whilst a third drove the van into the car park at the back of the Hall. The three aforementioned characters took bags from the van and swung them across their shoulders (was **S W A G** written on them?) and then made off diagonally across the ploughed field in the direction of Wickham Market.

What to do ?? - Ring Mike Swain (Village Hall Letting Secretary) to find out if we were expecting anyone to be using the Hall that morning. No, but Mike offered to investigate.

Was the van a stolen vehicle now secreted by a gang of villains behind the Hall? Mike called the Police - no, the van was not reported stolen.

The farmer who owned the field was called - no, he had not given permission for anyone to cross his land.

What was happening ?

Soon a police car was on the scene, the land owner arrived to investigate and a solution to this puzzle emerged.

The police and everyone else involved had reacted very quickly to what had appeared a 'suspicious circumstance' which on investigation turned out to be an activity which was perfectly harmless to people and property - the three men were found in Wickham Market Cemetery carrying on their lawful business of gassing rabbits. All was well that ended well.



Suspicious circumstances

Villains about ?

Mike investigates

Mystery solved

Morale : *Always be vigilant, for you never know when it might make the difference*

Oftcumdns !!

Hello! allow us to introduce ourselves, we are Bernadette & Alan Eklid, now living in Low Farm, Pettistree. This we have rented from Mr. & Mrs. Whyte.

Work has brought us to the county from Rossendale in Lancashire, where we had lived for many years on the edge of the Pennines, about 800ft above sea level. From our little eyrie we had views across to the Yorkshire/Lancashire border due East and to the South across Manchester to Jodrell Bank and the Cheshire plain. So we thought

-oh dear! - -Suffolk - flat.....

Nevertheless we came to look and found Suffolk to be a very pretty, slightly undulating, peaceful and quiet county. After looking around for months (all this time living in West Lawn, Ipswich, in a rented house) we bought a derelict barn in Easton. I know, yes we are potty, but as scruffy Northerners we are allowed a little eccentricity. Between moving into Pettistree and out of Ipswich I have lodged at Melton Grange and for a short time we rented a cottage in Wickham Market. For over 12 months I was a regular commuter between those addresses and Rossendale, over 500 miles round trip. That is behind us now and we are looking forward.

As newcomers to the village it is with some temerity that I comment on the water tower. However fools rush in etc., we find the pastel green quite pleasing, but the array of aerials is something I could not describe as attractive.

We found the article on the pond at "Sunnyside" to be very interesting. The barn we have bought at Easton has an old pond in what will become part of our back garden and this may well require similar remedial action. Maybe we should start saving now!

Finally we hear that there is an annual Barbeque event in the village, that together with the carpet bowls could bring us out of the woodwork. Just an explanation about the term "Oftcumdns", it means newcomer or outsider. In the Yorkshire Dales it only takes 30 years to become accepted, so by the time we are 80 - who knows???????

Alan and Bernadette Eklid

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Well bor thass loike this here. Yew say yew loike people ter wroight ter yer but thet fare ter me whully difficult cos oi int got th' book larnin' o some o' the mawthers in this 'ere villige. Oi 'spects yew loike a letter cos there's so much o' this duzzy junk mail droppin' thru our letter boxes now a days. Howsumiver oi was whully glad ter see there'll be another newsletter cors oi thout th' just one wus so darn good.

"Nawthen iver happen in Petstry" so's oi've bin towd. Ut fare t' me thass a rummen how much there is o' intrest in a place where nawthen iver happen. B'leve me thass surprisin wots a-goin' on!

Kep up th' gud wuk.

A. Dumpling.

Out and About + Letters to the Editor

Emma Brooker - career in the making

*Head Girl at
Thomas Mills*

*A passion for
athletics*

*First competition
at 13*

*Motivation to run
cross country*

*“...I run better in
warm weather”*

Emma Brooker has lived with her family at Pettistree Lodge for almost 8 years. She has a sister, Katie and a younger brother, Thomas. Since living in the village Emma has attended Wickham Market Primary School for one year and since then Thomas Mills High School in Framlingham. Today she is Head Girl in the Upper Sixth and is currently preparing for her A-levels in June. Next year she hopes to go to Cambridge to study Natural Sciences at St John's College.

Outside of academic studies Emma's main interest is athletics, and many of her weekends are spent competing for her club, county or representing at regional level. Her main events are 1500 and 3000 metres on the track and cross country in the winter.

Emma's interest in running started 4 years ago when she was 13. Initially she competed in local fun runs on the road, her first race being at the Aldeburgh Festival where much to the surprise of her family she finished 2nd in the women's race. Although she had not received any coaching some encouraging results led to greater motivation and in her first cross country race at the Suffolk Cross Country County Championships she finished 4th. After which Emma joined Ipswich Harriers, the Ipswich based athletics club and started to compete as a club runner in national and regional leagues, one being the Southern Women's Cross Country League where she won the Southern Counties Championships as an Under-15, her 2nd year at competitive level.

Emma has competed in four English Schools National championships, having been Suffolk Schools Champion for the past 4 years, and the National Inter-Counties where this year she achieved her best position to date, finishing in 13th position.

Emma says that her most notable athletics achievement so far was winning the South of England Championship last year at 3000m setting a new record and reaching the Top 10 in the UK national rankings. Emma remembers that day vividly - as it was one of last summer's hottest days - over 90. However, she says "I prefer running in warm weather, it doesn't suit many runners in this country but I seem to run better - I hate the cold weather especially when it's also windy".



Gravitas and determination to win - are Emma's qualities

...she has great potential

Her other best results include finishing 2nd this year at the South of England Cross Country championships and most recently finishing 5th at the National Cross Country championships in March at Newark to complete a successful cross country season, in which she has beaten several junior runners who have represented the country.

Emma is now coached by Harry Wilson, a coach with great experience who has handled many international runners over the years, including Steve Ovett.

As well as normal track sessions, she trains regularly at Ufford Park golf course, where she can run over various distances from 2 miles to 8 miles at varying speeds.

Emma says her aim is to represent Great Britain at either cross country or on the track. "I think my better distances on the track will be 3000m, 5000m and maybe looking to the future 10,000m". She knows that to get to this level a lot of hard graft and dedication is required. As she says "Many good young runners give up athletics when they reach 18 or 19 and when they get to University. It requires a lot of very intense hard work and many cannot cope with the added pressures of studying for a degree and maintaining a high athletics standard. I hope that I can manage to balance both of them successfully".

If Emma gets to Cambridge she is aiming to run for the University at track and cross country. Currently she is looking for sponsorship to help with the increased travelling and equipment costs and is approaching a number of companies in the region.

Emma's Athletic Achievements

1993

Anglian Schools Under 15 Cross Country Champion
Suffolk Schools 1500m Champion
Reached final of 1500m at South of England Champs, Crystal Palace
3rd in Under 15 Southern Women's CrossCountry League (Harrow)
Suffolk Under 15 Cross Country Champion

1994

Selected for Southern Women's Under 15 Cross Country Team
Under 15 Southern InterCounties Cross Country Champion
5th at South of England Cross Country Championships
21st at UK Inter-counties Cross Country Championships (Under 17)
2nd in Under 17 Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships
Suffolk Under 17 CrossCountry Champion
Under 17 1500m SuffolkCounty Champion

1995

2nd Under 17 at Southern Women's League (Bedford)
Invited to represent Southern Women's League at IAAF World Cross Country event in Luxembourg
Suffolk Schools Under 17 800m and 1500m Champion
Suffolk Under 17 1500m County Champion
2nd Anglian Schools Under 17 3000m
South of England Under 17 3000m Champion and Record Holder
Suffolk Under 17 Cross Country Champion
Represented Eastern Counties at Junior (Under 20) Women's Inter-regional Cross Country

1996 (to date)

Suffolk Schools Senior Girls Cross Country Champion
2nd Under 17 at National Inter-League Cross Country Championships
13th at UK Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships (Luton)
2nd Under 17 at South of England Cross Country Championships
Anglian Schools Senior Girls Cross Country Champion
5th Under 17 at National Cross Country Championships (Newark)

...best results

**professional
coaching**

**Ambition to run for
Great Britain...**

**...but intense hard
work will be needed**

**Sights set on
Cambridge**

Reporter Wanted

The Pettistree People is looking for a person to be its Reporter. No previous experience is required but a keen nose for News would be a distinct advantage. There is no age limit for the job but applicants must be able to at least write their own name in joined up writing. Above all, the person for this job needs to be able to listen out for those little snippets of News that will give the Pettistree People a little spice.

Anyone who is interested please give the Editor a call on 746585.

Watch out for Emma succeeding

Holiday Report - An Escape to Cyprus

**A report from
Ned & Angela
Hogg**

**The Island
and its People**

As a regular contributor to the Parish Magazine I know how difficult it is at times to produce articles. Ideas either flow or they don't; so for the Pettistree People I would like to "float" an idea which may take root and become a regular feature or die after the first attempt. What I would like to suggest is that we tell others of how we spend our holidays in UK or abroad. Why we go there, why we continue to go there, why once is enough, or never again.

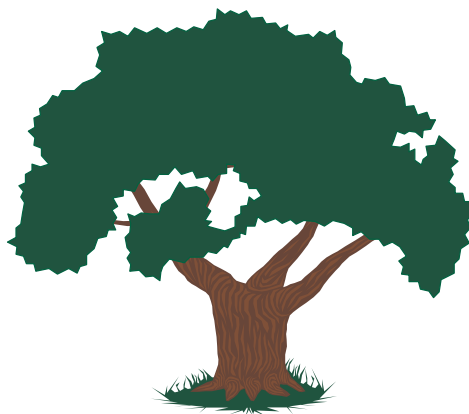
I am writing this article on the 3rd March in Larnaca on the island of Cyprus. We are here at this time to escape the British winter and to cheer ourselves up with a bit of healthy sunshine. We have been coming here for over 25 years during which time we have grown to love the place despite political and geographical changes that have taken place over the years.. The Island is partitioned, Turkish to the North, and Greek to the South. Travelling between the two is difficult so people holiday in either one or the other but not both. Talks have been going on for some years to peacefully unify the Island, hopefully they will succeed in the end - it is anyone's guess when. To the holiday maker the people on both sides are all Cypriots, thus cheerful, helpful and honest; their welcome is real and the country is safe. It has become over the years our second home.

For the newcomer there is plenty to see. In Nicosia, the capital, the National Museum is a must. The age of its exhibits makes the mind boggle - anything AD is modern. In the Mountains of Troodos you can ski in winter or escape the heat of the central plain or coast in summer. For the sun seekers the beaches of Kyrenia in the North and of Aya Nappa, Limassol and Paphos in the South provide all the water sport which you could want.



The Cyprus pound is strong but prices of many things including wines and meals are low compared with UK so this is a compensation.

**Climate
Flora
& Fauna**



When should you come to Cyprus? November to January usually cold and wet, snow in the Mountains with the occasional sunny spell. February to mid May, Spring and warming up. Spectacular wild flowers and for the twitchers, migratory birds. June, July and August can be very hot and humid in spite of air conditioning. Time best spent bathing which in most places is both safe and superb off sandy beaches. September and October getting cooler.

Cyprus throughout the year caters for all ages and many interests; for Archaeologist there are sites in abundance, for Botanists wild flowers are in profusion, Twitchers can have a field day, for sun seekers, sand, sea and sunshine.

Cyprus is Aphrodite's Island of love - this, of course, is why we come!

**Aphrodite's
Island**



Letter from Cyprus - Ned and Angela Hogg

Obituary

Dorothy Pearson - 1916-1995

Many people in the Village may have only known 'Dot' as the lady who held out the collection box at 'Poppy Time' although she had lived in the Village for over twenty years. Her quiet unassuming manner was born of the fact that as a baby, she was given to Barnardo's and taken to Norfolk where she was brought up in a small village not unlike Pettistree. At that time such circumstances carried a stigma which Dot was able to bare with the fortitude that was to become characteristic of her.

At the age of 11, Dot won a grammar school scholarship but to take advantage of it she had to leave the home in which she had become a happy child, and move to one which while catering for her intellectual ability, did little for her emotional needs.

At 18, Dot went to Portsmouth Training College where she qualified as a teacher. After becoming a teacher, she married and had two children but unfortunately during the war her husband was taken a prisoner of war in Singapore. Perhaps it was this incident that led to the break-up of Dot's marriage after the war.

Not deterred, Dot moved to Ipswich where she taught for over twenty years at Whitehouse Junior School until her retirement in 1976 by which time she was living in Pettistree. Those who taught with Dot remember her as a patient teacher who brought wisdom and fairness to those children in her care - she was regarded as an outstanding teacher who quietly took charge of her pupils regardless of their ability. Perhaps this sentiment is best captured by one of her colleagues who wrote *"..her clarity of thought and action, together with her caring concern for others had a profound and beneficial influence on me...."*

In retirement Dot enjoyed her garden, the countryside around her and her books. She never grumbled about the hardships that she encountered in her life, her terrific sense of humour protected her from that as did her enormous faith which not only helped her but also the people around her.

For those people who got to know Dot it was the twinkle in her eye and a wicked sense of humour that they will remember most of all



Fostered as a Baby

**Grammar School
Scholarship**

**Teacher
Wife
and Mother**

**An
outstanding
teacher**

**Fortitude, faith and
Humour**

Twinkle in the Eye



Dot Pearson - remembered for her wit, wisdom and fortitude

Welcome to Pettistree

Bernadette & Alan Eklid, *Low Farm* - see their letter to the Editor on page 3.

Richard & Emma Taylor, *Home Farm* - Moved in from Letheringham on 8th Dec, they have two children, Eliza 3 and Kitty 2; Richard works for Bidwells at Martlesham. Richard and Emma are expecting to live in Pettistree for many years and they are planning to restore Home Farm and to dig out the moat; they enjoy horses and sailing when they have the time!

Dave & Cathy Caudwell, *Rogues Cottage* - Dave & Cathy will be moving in on 20th April from Wickham Market with their two daughters Helen 13 and Nicola 11. Dave works for Suffolk Health Authority and Cathy, who is the Wickham Market Parish Clerk, works in Wickham Primary School. Their ambition is the restore Rogues Cottage to its full potential and appearance. For those Pettistree people who are in our sports team they will already know Dave a & Cathy as keen members of our Volleyball Team,

Facts Sheet

Parish Council Membership:

Joan Peck (Chairman)		The Den
Jeff Hallett (Vice Chairman)	746210	The Laurels
Tony Franklin	746585	Scott's Hall
Maureen Stollery	746653	1 Presmere Rd
Sharon Hunter	01473 737784	Merton Farm Barn
Nigel Holland	746344	Gelham Hall
Neil Arbon	01473 737784	Merton Farm Barn
Ann Sayer (Clerk)	01394 460639	4 Hungarian Close

The Parish Council meet at least four times a year in the Church Room; watch the Parish Notice Board for the dates.

County & District Councillors

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor ☎ 01394 411373 or **Mobile** 0850 843055

Mr Ned Cavendish, District Councillor ☎ 01394 450046

Neighbourhood Watch

Ned Hogg	746814	
Mike Sayer	01394 460639	4 Hungarian Close

For Crimeline Information, ☎ 01473 613617. Current crime update available after 5pm on Tuesdays. Please give it a call to find out what is happening in your area.

The Parish Police Officer is PC 1029 Peter Lickert who can be contacted at Woodbridge Police Station ☎ 01473 613550

Useful People to Contact

Vicar	Graham Bell	746314
Bellringers	Mary Garner	746097
Church Wardens	Ned Hogg	746814
	Maggie Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Mike Swain	746187
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
The Greyhound Inn	Bill & Jacki Woolven	
The Three Tuns	Terry & Merry Foubister	
Wickham Market	Health Centre	747101
Post Office	Wickham Market	746201
Police	Woodbridge	01473 613550

Calendar

Carpet Bowls every second Thursday from 4th April (7.30pm in the Village Hall)

Church Services 1st Sunday of the month Evensong at 6.30pm
Morning Prayer at 9.30am on all other Sundays in the month.

WI Meetings Every third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall

7th April Easter Day

11 May - Inter-Parish Sports Tournament - Contact Mike Manning on 747321 or Alan Hunter on 747430 if you would like to take part this year (entries need to be made before the end of March).

25th August - Village Barbeque on Bank Holiday Sunday

People Profile

Tony Franklin



Tony Franklin came to live in Pettistree in December 1970 first of all in Rogues Cottage and then since 1974, in Scott's Hall. Married his wife Jacki in August 1974 in Pettistree Church. He became a Parish Councillor in 1978 and a Governor of Wickham Market Primary School in 1984. He is the Consultancy Services Manager at BT Laboratories. Together with his wife Jacki he has brought up three children in the Village; James who is 18, Amy 17, and Sophie 10. Currently he is the Editor of the Pettistree People.

Regular Dates

Next Issue - July 1996 - send in your news now, dont leave it too late