

# Pettistree People



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## Parish Council News

On 19 September, the Parish Council met to discuss their routine business. The following items may be of interest to readers.

Remember the traffic calming scheme in Wickham Market and the traffic counter that were installed in the Village - they detected a 20% increase in traffic while the scheme was in place.

The leaning pole of Pettistree is going - the telephone pole on the Green is to be removed as part of the electricity cabling work that is to take place soon near the Green (work started as we went to print).

More mobile phone aerials are to be put on the Water Tower.

The circular walk finger post marker from the church yard went missing - since found in the garden of Rogues Cottage.

The Greyhound is applying for an entertainments licence which has proved a little controversial with some of its neighbours.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 14th November, 1996 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

## Police Matters

The Parish Council Meeting was attended by our new Parish Police Officer, PC Mark Wakefield.

PC Wakefield introduced himself to the Parish Council saying that he was keen to be known and be out and about in the Village. He realised that it was sometimes difficult to get to know your local policeman but he would try to make it as easy as he could.

PC Wakefield drew the Parish Council's attention to the current review and imminent renewal of the Suffolk Policing Policy. Although Pettistree does not have any specific policing provisions in the policy document, PC Wakefield was keen that Pettistree people should have the opportunity to comment on the document. What he wanted to know from the Village was what the police should be concentrating upon both in the Village and beyond.

The Parish Council will be discussing the policy document at their next meeting on 14th November; anyone wanting to comment on the document should contact the Clerk, Mrs Ann Sayer (see Page 8), or any of the Parish Councillors.

One final police matter, a police Forum is to be held at the Kesgrave Bowls Pavilion on 14th November at 7.30pm - members of the public are warmly invited to attend to hear a presentation, ask questions and take part in an open discussion and debate.

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pole of  
Pettistree is  
going**

**We have  
a new  
Parish  
Policeman**

**PC Wakefield  
is keen to get  
to know us**

*Parish Council on the Record*



## University Record

### Note from the Editor:

People and children of Pettistree are doing things and achieving goals all of the time. If you are proud of what you or any member of your family have done then please let me know so that I can tell our readers.

It does not seem very long since many of these young people were children playing in the Village - now they are launching themselves into the world, and this is what they are doing:

**James Franklin** - James has just begun an honours degree course in Photography at Nottingham Trent University.

**Emma Brooker** - Emma is beginning her honours degree course in Natural Sciences at St Johns College, Cambridge.

**Daniel Hayward** - Daniel is now in his second year of a four year course at the British School of Osteopathy.

**George Smith** - George has graduated in Anatomy & Cell Biology at Sheffield University

**Katherine Smith** - Katherine has graduated in Behavioural Sciences at Nottingham. Then she went giant otter hunting in South America and spent a year in Australia working her passage - now she is off to study for 5 years at the Royal Veterinary College, London to be a Vet (like her Dad).

Looking for a novel  
Christmas present ?

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also be hired.

*Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat!!*



## School Camp in Pettistree



On the weekend of the 5th & 6th July a class of 7 to 9 year olds from Yoxford School camped in the Park here in Pettistree. For those readers who have children at primary school you will know how excited your children get as they approach the great adventure of their first camping expedition. The children from Yoxford were no exception - they arrived in Pettistree in a fever pitch of excitement.

Why Pettistree? you may be asking. Simple, Rita Smith teaches at Yoxford School and it seemed a good idea to have the camp on the Smith's side of the Park.

What did the children get up to? - first of all getting to know their neighbours, the COWS who they were very wary of at first but by the end of the camp they were good friends - of course they had a camp fire around which songs were sung and music played - they visited Presmere Pond which prompted a recital of the poem by Mhairi O'Neil "NO FISHING".

The children learnt a little about Pettistree's history when Ned Hogg visited them to talk to them about the Church. On the games front they had lots of fun playing table tennis in the Village Hall where they had meals and washed-up afterwards.

What did the children get from their camp? Above all they learnt a little independence, they gained confidence, they grew up a little while they enjoyed their camping experience. As visitors to Pettistree they are welcome back any time.

## Visitors camping in Pettistree

### NO FISHING by Mhairi O'Neil

'No Fishing' the sign read In big bold black capitals.  
'No Fishing!' yelled the gamekeeper, when he saw us  
Brandishing our puny little rods  
And our tin full of worms.  
We never did fish there.  
Instead, we hid away in the bracken  
-Watching and waiting .....

We watched the trout glide through the ferny reeds  
And voles as they scurried through the undergrowth.  
We were charmed by the dragonflies  
Skimming the surface, like dainty ballerinas.

Then we saw the Kingfisher.  
His turquoise plumage flashed like some rare gem.

A streak of sunlight .....

A ripple of reflections .....

Then he reappeared.  
Clasped in his beak, a sliver of silver star.  
'No Fishing' we said.

## Pettistree Carpet Bowls Team in Competition

On 22nd September the Suffolk Coastal District Carpet Bowls Tournament took place at the Leiston Leisure Centre and for the first time Pettistree entered a team.

Our Team, Pam Barker, Joan Peck, Kath Hilton and Mike Sayer were keen to make their debut in style by arriving just in time to play their first match at 10am. However, registration time was 9.30am, so Mike Manning, a non playing enthusiastic supporter (and Coach?), agreed to arrive early to sign the team in.

Pettistree opened their account with a victory over Bealings 'B'. Half an hour later they chalked up another win over Wenhasston before moving on to their next victim, Westleton who held them to a draw. This was enough to qualify with Westleton for the next round of the competition.

From here on the games got tougher as our intrepid bowlers found out when they went into action against Kelsale and although they held their own in the first half they succumbed to the oppositions greater consistency.

In all, 46 teams played in the event, and Pettistree finished in the top half of a field which contained many experienced teams who play league carpet bowls.

Our Team did very well in their first competition and they justly deserve our congratulations.

**An early  
start on the  
Teams first  
outing**

**Two quick  
wins then the  
competiton  
gets tough**

**Congratula-  
tions for a  
splendid effort**

## Out and About

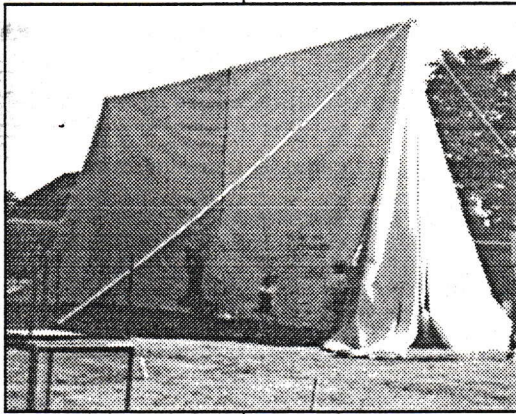


# The Village Barbecue

## BARBEQUE 1996 or how to spend August Bank Holiday weekend in Pettistree

Following on from last years very successful Village Barbecue the Village Hall Committee decided, back in April, to do it again this year on August Bank Holiday Sunday - it was a great day, but more about the event itself later - what about the work behind the scenes that goes to making such events so successful.

*On Friday August 23rd the marquee was due to arrive at 4 o'clock. Several willing helpers arrived but not the marquee while Joe Arbon continued to sit rather glum-faced in his kitchen. At 4.30pm the phone rang informing us that the marquee we were to have was still at Buxhall, the lorry bringing it had broken down (or something) and the marquee was smaller than we'd hoped for. Thanks to Arbon & Son an arrangement was made to fetch it the next morning. Shortly after dawn had cracked Joe and Mike Manning left Pettistree,*



*Buxhall bound. As soon as they returned a start was made putting up the marquee. 'Instructor' John Barker initiated his raw recruits into the art of lacing the sections together and by early afternoon it had been erected.*



*Dallinghoo Village Hall was then plundered for extra plates, cutlery and chairs. Bunting loaned by Douglas Holland was looped around the Park and by early evening a very hard working group of villagers had done an excellent job of preparing for*

*the Barbecue whilst quietly in their homes ladies were slicing, mixing, baking, peeling and boiling food ready for the next day. All was ready for the Village Barbecue.*

*What happen next see page 5.*

*When it was all over the clearing-up started. By Monday afternoon it was done and three days hard work by the Committee and extra volunteers had been well rewarded.*

*Cameras recorded the action. What a pity the camaraderie and good humour could not have been recorded too. Twenty chairs belonging to Dallinghoo went AWOL but were rounded up during the week. If anyone has seen nineteen dinner plates looking lost the Committee would be grateful to know of their whereabouts.*

*Next year we will be looking for helpers once again and hopefully a happy band of volunteers will come forward - please don't wait to be asked because the call may never come. One volunteer is always worth ten pressed men / women.*



## Mike Manning Master of Ceremonies in the Tent



**Work behind the scenes is what makes it happen**



*by Joan Peck*

### What about the day itself?

It was of course an excellent day - the weather was kind apart from a shower during the meal and again during the sports. The food was top quality. The band stayed in tune most of the time! The Table Top Horse Race would have been more exciting with a photo-finish instead of 'Loudham Lady' leading the field from the start.



Alan Hunter, once again enthusiastically organised the sports for all ages. Egg and spoon, sack, three legged and running races were keenly competed in by children and adults alike, and to complete the sports a great tug of war was fought.

One very competitive contestant of the the older generatation tried just that bit too hard and went B-over-A in the running race. Luckily Peter Hayward was on hand to deal with this minor sports casualty as the Red Cross failed to turn up.



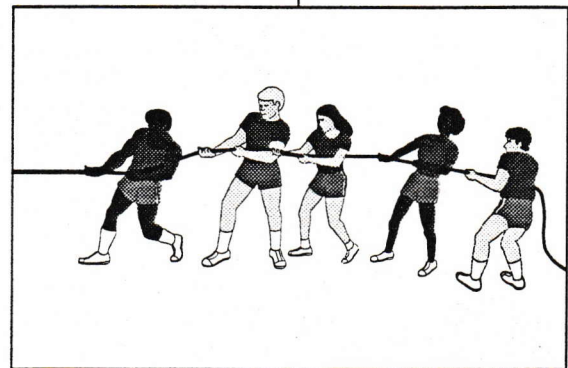
In the Grand Draw the first prize was won by a Village resident, Jeff Hallett. The draw made £455 (well done ticket sellers!) and the Barbecue £493.19 making a total profit for the event of £948.19, a sum which will enable us to pay back all the loans for the Village Hall.

Those of you who could not make it to the barbecue missed a very enjoyable afternoon's entertainment - so watch out for it next year; if you can get there you will be assured of a great deal of fun.

**We hope to see you all again next year.**



**A traditional afternoon of eating, drinking and entertainment**



*Thanks to all our supporters, helpers, friends from Pettistree and other villages for another successful Barbeque held by kind permission of John and Yvonne Clarke in very pleasant surroundings.*

***A great days fun was had by all***



Pettistree has three sons who are on active service in the Army - here is a short profile of each of them:



**Richard John Speedman** - Richard joined the Army Intelligence Corp in 1986 and those of you who are observant and have long memories will have seen Richard running around the Village at the time with a rucksack full of bricks preparing himself for the training that he knew lay ahead.

After 6 months of training as an "Operator Intelligence and Security" he was posted to HQ 4th Armoured Division in Hereford and then Germany from where he spent a short time behind the then Iron Curtain. From Germany, Richard was posted back to the UK with the 93 Security Section in the North East where he provided specialist advice to the Army on counter terrorist and intelligence matters. During this time Richard spent some time on detachment to Force Intelligence in Belize. One mission that he was involved in out there resulted in the seizure of £12M of uncut cocaine, enough to fill 6 mailbags, which was being smuggled from Colombia to the USA. Like most soldiers, and much to his Mothers anguish, Richard served in Northern Ireland from 1991 to 1993 collating information about terrorist organization and on a few occasions coming face to face with significant members of the Provisional IRA. Just one year after leaving the Province the IRA called a cease-fire, perhaps partly due to Richard's work - who knows? In 1994 Richard married Cindi and they now live with their year old daughter Niamh, in Brecon. Last year Richard was promoted to Staff Sergeant working in his specialist area, security. Now, NATO is calling for his attention to help stabilise the unsteady peace in Bosnia where he was posted in June.



**Kevin James Stollery** - Kevin joined the Army in 1976 when he was 16 and is now a Warrant Officer Class 2 with the 1st Royal Anglian Regiment.

Since 1979 Kevin has had five tours of active service in Northern Ireland including South Armagh and a 4 month tour in both Bosnia and Belize. As a soldier Kevin has discovered that you don't need to join the Navy to see the world; the Army has posted or exercised Kevin in Belize, Germany, Australia, Gibraltar (a 2 year posting), Norway, Denmark, Canada, and the USA. Kevin grew up in Pettistree with his parents Brian and Maureen and is now based in Colchester with his wife Helen and their two children, Amanda 7 and Heather 5. Getting married (in 1985) was somewhat an Army affair as Kevin met Helen while he was posted as a training corporal to Royston where Helen was serving as a LCpl in the Postal and Courier Service. Today Kevin's Battalion is part of the the 24 Airmobile Brigade which is a rapid reaction force using helicopters.



**Brian Rawlings** - Brian joined the Army when he was 16 just as the Gulf War was starting in September 1990.

He trained in Harrogate before being posted to the Royal Signals in Catterick where he met his wife Kerry who was also serving in the Royal Signals. Brian and Kerry married in April 1993 before being stationed in Germany where they are today with their 15 month old daughter Shani-Leigh. Brian was promoted to Lance Corporal in January 1995 while on active service in Bosnia and has recently under gone a training course which will help qualify him for promotion to Corporal. Currently Brian is just completing his second tour of duty in Bosnia and is due home this month. While being interviewed for this item Brian's mother, Mrs Rawlings, said she had "mixed feeling" about her son being in the Army and like all mothers worries when he is on active service, "nevertheless" she said "Brian needed the Army" and for those readers who know Brian, they will know what she means.

**Three men of action, three soldiers, three sons of Pettistree**



# **THE MATTERHORN** by Andrew Maxwell

**4478m (14,554ft)**

Saturday the third of August 1996 was a rather cloudy day in Zermatt. The weather forecast for Sunday was good; clear skies with only slight winds, however, the rest of the week was to bring thunder storms and snow at high level. With the agreement of Rob (our Guide), and my father Philip, we decided to make our attempt on the Matterhorn on the Sunday.

That afternoon, we walked up to the Hornlihutte, a primitive 'hotel' which sits on a pyramid at the base of the mountain. The five hour walk from the Bahnhof Hotel in Zermatt took us through the original village of Zermatt, quiet and undisturbed from the busy tourist infested streets of the new 20th century Zermatt! The walk up was uneventful, however our arrival at the Hornlihutte saw the start of a snow storm. Bad news for the following day, as the snow would inevitably freeze to form ice on the rocks that night.

At three o'clock on Sunday morning, the Hut beamed into life and by four, it was empty. The moon provided a dull glow on the mountain, which looked like a Chinese lantern display, with literally hundreds of head-torches lighting up the ridge, like a swarm of fire flies.

The first 800 metres, (2,600 feet) was relatively straight forward. Sunrise was at about 5.30 and the Hornlihutte, which stands at about 3260 metres, (10,600 feet) was the starting point for everyone on the mountain, and for the first 700 metres, (2,275 feet) conditions seemed frighteningly similar to those of Oxford Street in early December! There were literally hundreds of people.

At about 3800 metres, (12,350 feet), we stopped briefly to put on Crampons. (Metal spikes attached to our boots, to enable walking on ice). From this point onwards the climbing became increasingly difficult. The snow from the previous evening had frozen into a thin film of ice on the rocks, to thick for walking only in boots, but the crampons had no difficulty in cutting through the ice to the rock underneath. We soon reached the Solvay Bivouac Hut. Situated at 4003 metres, (13,000 feet). A small wooden 'shed', capable of sleeping no more than ten people. We did not stop, as it was already overcrowded, but climbed on past and soon reached the fixed ropes that eventually led to the summit.

The number of people on the mountain seemed to be decreasing and by the time we were within feet of the summit, there was scarcely anyone else on the climb. The summit was extremely exposed, but with the feeling of exposure came an indescribable sense of achievement, and a view that stretched as far as the lakes of northern Italy to the East and South, Mont Blanc to the West and the Bernese Oberland in the North.

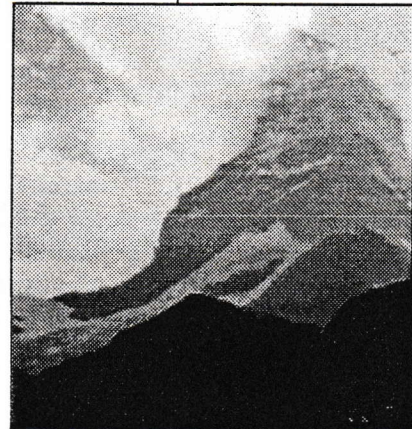
The wind on the summit however was hostile, and we did not hang around to be pestered by the helicopters flying within a stones throw from the summit. Our descent was expected to, and did take as long as the ascent, (six and a half hours in total), and even though gravity was on our side, there were still many people climbing on the mountain. Having been on the summit at 10.15am, we did not reach the Hornlihutte until 5.00pm, and having arrived at the Schwarzee as the last cable-car was leaving for Zermatt, we were faced with another two and a half hour walk down to the village.



The sixteen hour day had been one of our longest ever, but there were definitely no regrets!

*Andrew Maxwell (17 years)*

**Andrew is the  
Grandson of  
Col & Mrs  
Maxwell**



**Climbing the  
Matterhorn is  
more than a  
Sunday  
afternoon  
stroll**

**The higher  
you climb the  
harder it gets**

**Going down a  
mountain is  
always harder  
than going up**

**An acheive-  
ment that will  
last a lifetime**

***The climb of a lifetime - especially if you are young and fit!***



## Editors Notes

Readers may notice a slight change in the appearance of the Pettistree People which is due to the Editors use of new computer editing package. If readers would like to talk about the layout and appearance of the Pettistree People then please call the Editor, Tony Franklin on 746585.

## 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

David Horne 746637 The Cottage, Pettistree Grange  
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 760 Mark Wakefield 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	

## Calendar

Carpet Bowls & Table Tennis every second Thursday from 5th Sept  
7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Bellringing Practice night is every Wednesday 7pm until 9pm - you will be  
equally welcome as a beginner or an experienced ringer.

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

25th Oct Race Night in the Village Hall - a great nights fun.

29th Nov Social Evening with Entertainment in the Village Hall.

### People Profile Joe Arbon



Joe Arbon, probably the best known of all Pettistree residents, was born in Charsfield in 1930 and started his working life at the age of 14 as a farm worker in Bredfield earning 25 shillings (125p) a week. Joe came to work in Pettistree at Stone Hall Farm in 1951 and married Joyce, a Pettistree girl, in 1959. In 1965 he started his own building business in which he prospered and retired from in 1990. Shortly before his retirement Joe returned to his roots in farming and started to keep sheep. He also bought a Suffolk Punch foal, Gem of Pettistree which launched him on a new career of Suffolk Punch breeder and showman. Joe is now dedicated to his horses to such an extent that when Pettistree Valentine was born on 14 February 1995 and then rejected by her mother, Joe looked after her for 14 weeks, sleeping with her and feeding her up to 11 times a day. Joe has many stories about the exploits of his colourful life, alas there is not enough space here to tell these stories. Hopefully, Joe will soon start work on his autobiography.

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