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Parish Council Report

Ann Sayer

The Parish Council last met on 13th November 1997, and rather unconventionally the Council started its meeting in the village hall car park. There, Mr Chris Lee from the Rural Youth Initiative met the Council and introduced them to the Youth Bus, he showed the members all the facilities on board and outlined the main aims of the scheme. It is hoped that in 1998 the teenagers of the village will have the opportunity to partake in the scheme.

The Council formally received the £20 third prize from the Village of the Year Competition and it was agreed that this prize money should be held for allocation to a project involving the young people of the village.

The majority of the remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussing and deciding on the budget and precept for the year ending 31st March 1999. Full details are available from the Parish Clerk.

The result of the telephone kiosk removal from the village green questionnaire was recorded as being a majority in favour of retaining this facility, so it stays! The telegraph pole is still standing but it is understood that further underground work has been carried out and the pole should be going in the near future.

The Village sign has been removed and taken to Brandeston for a complete restoration. It will take the whole of the winter period and should be ready for erection in the spring

Further trees have been obtained from Suffolk Coastal District Council under the Tree Planting Scheme. Namely some mixed hedging to go along the rear boundary of Jasmine House and a replacement beech tree for Pettistree Cottage.

Another neighbourhood watch sign is to be sited by 'The Bungalow' in Byng Hall Lane before the junction with Stump Street.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

This is a meeting for all Village residents - please try to attend

Rural Youth Initiative to visit Pettistree later this year

The Telephone Kiosk is to stay

Thursday

21st May

Parish Meeting

Don't forget the Parish Meeting - 21st May

Village Hall Happenings

**Quiz Night in
the Village
Hall**

**Great
competition**

**Great
atmosphere**

**The next Quiz
Night**

November

**Don't miss it
!!**

Pub Quiz nights have been around for sometime but until now they have not come to Pettistree, that is not until 21st November when the first Village Hall Quiz Night took place filling the Hall to capacity with over 50 people.

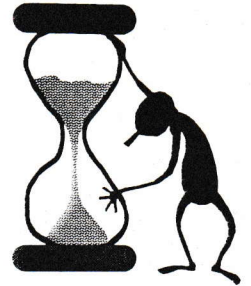
The Question Master's role was very expertly handled by Dave Caudwell who ran a tight ship, standing no nonsense from barracking participants. Above all Dave ensured that the competition was fairly conducted despite the banter from the players.

Twelve teams of four played nine rounds; General Knowledge, Places, Feely Bags (what fun), Sports, Mug Shots, Sounds Familiar, Nature, TV+Films, and finally, Art+Literature.

The winners of the quiz were the "Murpheens" a team of two teachers from Knodishall and a farmer and his wife from Dallinghoo - the *Murphys* and the *Greens*. They scored 133 out of 150 with the "Grange Rangers" (mainly the Horne family) close behind with 130 marks.

The draw was won by Patience Maxwell - a Christmas Hamper.

The evening was a great success and is to be repeated in November - don't miss it - **tickets will be in short supply.**



Village Matters

**100 Club
Results**

	1st	2nd	3rd
September	Paul Welton	Bethany Hunter	John Barker
October	Graham Goldsmith	Rose Clack	Maggie Hallett
November	Mary Norris	Sharon Hunter	Gladys Keeble
December	Joan Peck	Basil Goldsmith	Margaret Spall
January	Kath Hilton	Ann Sayer	C Lambert

The 100 Club costs just £1 per month and has a first prize of between £20 to £25 depending on the number of members - to take part please contact Alan Whitfield (Tele 746794).

**Keeping
Pettistree
People
going**

It is just over two years since the first edition of *Pettistree People* was published and up until now we have been able to maintain a quarterly edition schedule. It perhaps will not have escaped your notice that this edition is late. Why? Lack of material and lack of editorial time. We are all busy people, but all too often the burden of responsibility in a community falls on a disproportionately few shoulders. Come on !! If you want the Village to be alive don't leave it the few - get stuck in and make the difference. Let's have some stories, photos, ideas, themes, contributions to keep *Pettistree People* alive.

Your help is needed

Village News and Information

Year 2000 Heritage Weekend

Amazingly enough it is now over two years since Pettistree staged its successful Heritage Weekend. Since then more information has made its way to our local history recorder, Joan Peck, who has been trying to piece together the Pettistree jigsaw. It has been suggested that a further exhibition be staged to celebrate the Millennium, to be even bigger and better than before and to celebrate not only the past, but the present as well. We cannot do this without your help. So even if you have passed on information before, you might still be able to help afresh. Have you.....

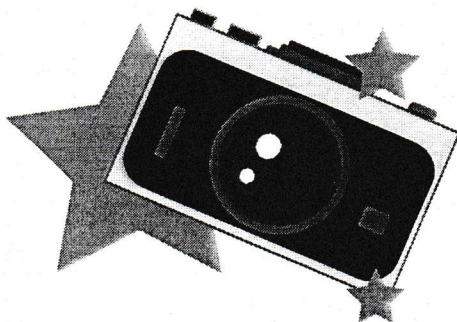
- Anything relating to the history of your house - deeds, photographs, letters or have you kept in contact with former occupiers in the recent past.
- Have you celebrated anything at the local church, or have relatives who have, or are any relatives buried in the churchyard - has any literature been saved relating to events at the church?
- Do you remember any businesses in the village - have you records of transactions or remember any of the people who ran them or how many they employed.
- Memories - we all have them, but would you be willing to share yours that relate to life in Pettistree - of events, characters, church/school outings, sports, national celebrations, wartime - the list is endless.
- Any extremes of weather that you can remember - what did you do and do you have any photographs.



We would particularly like to establish a picture of the estates in the village prior to this century - we had some quite substantial landowners.

THE PRESENT

We all love to see inside each other's houses - would you be willing to share yours with photographs, and we particularly would like a permanent photographic record of today's families with their houses. We hope you will feel able to help us celebrate our very special village in the Millennium. For further information please contact Joan Peck at The Den, or Dave and Cath Caudwell at Rogues Cottage (Tel: 747170). Remember, even the smallest snippet of information could be of interest.



Your help is needed

Please share your memories

Every picture, letter, notice, ticket, birthday card tells a story - please share it with us

Bring out your pictures

Prepare for this Millennium Event

Pettistree Carpet Bowlers Annual

Carpet Bowls Team spreads its wings

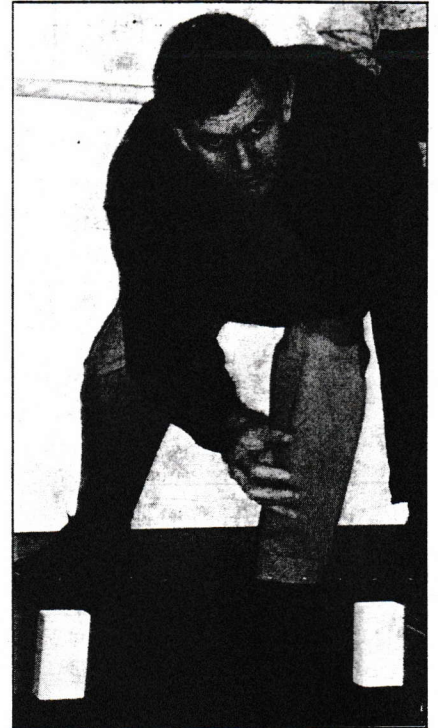
Victory over Dallinghoo despite a surfeit of Chocolate Cake!!!

Playing Carpet Bowls in Pettistree's Village Hall bring a whole new meaning to playing on a "level playing field"

This year the carpet bowlers of Pettistree have extended their links with other villages and to date have taken part in four enjoyable evenings plus involvement with the Inter Village Sports event at Leiston.

February

An invitation to return to Dallinghoo was accepted and having visited this venue once before we settled down quickly to establish a narrow lead before the refreshment break. At the end of the break a chocolate cake appeared, but by this time everybody had eaten well and the cake remained virtually untouched. I have my suspicions that this cake was intended to sabotage the visitors to such an extent as to cause them to relax too much and relinquish the lead they had established. The intrepid bowlers of Pettistree kept their eye on the ball, especially the little white one, and ended the evening with a narrow victory. I have stressed previously that these occasions are a social event with some bowling included, but it is nice when you win!



Mike Manning in action

April

At the Inter Village Sports last year, Mike Manning was approached by a couple of teams who were interested in organising friendly matches. One of those teams was Bealings and Mike arranged for them to visit us in April. We enlightened our visitors about the downward slope towards the kitchen and the unhelpful contribution made by the floorboards. What should have been our home advantage did nothing to upset Bealings, who by the end of the evening had secured a good margin of victory. As on previous occasions our lady bowlers provided splendid refreshments, we had some laughs and a good time was enjoyed by all!



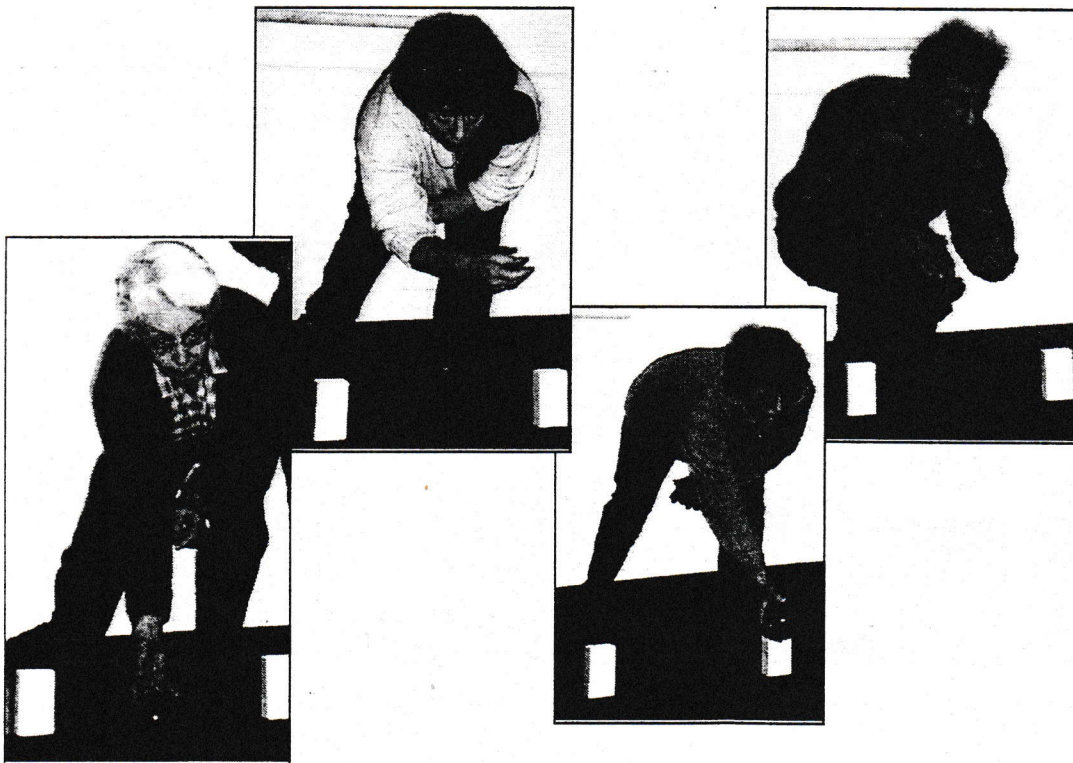
Pam Barker & Sheila Manning - John Barker & Mike Manning
Husband and Wife Team Duo

June

A visit to Bealings was undertaken by the Pettistree Bowlers' on Wednesday 4th June. Two mats were in use, which were positioned diagonally across the large hall; unlike at Pettistree Village Hall when the same position has been tried, there were no worries about hitting the piano or bowls finishing up in the broom cupboard. As with previous matches, Mike Manning rotated the playing order to ensure everybody had as many games as possible. A super spread of refreshments was provided by the hosts and much bowling talk and general discussion took place. Bealings achieved victory but by a smaller margin (3-1) than in the match at Pettistree, which might indicate that we are becoming an Away Team!

On Sunday 8th June Pam Barker, Ann Sayer, Mike Swain and myself carried the flag in the Inter Village Sports Day at Leiston Sports Centre. The team started well with a win against Bealings (5-1) followed by narrow defeats against Orford (1-3), Middleton (2-3) and Thorpeness (2-4). The Thorpeness result was particularly creditable as they topped the group with four wins out of five, including 9-0 in the match preceding ours. The tiring and slightly dispirited team were then soundly beaten by Knodishall (0-9) which rather took the shine off what had been up till then an enjoyable experience.

On Thursday 12th June the bowlers of Ufford came to Pettistree for a long overdue return match; we were at Ufford last year. The mat at Ufford is on a carpet for part of its length and drops slightly to a polished wood floor which means an uphill or downhill situation, not unlike our own. Four games were played resulting in a draw (2-2). Once again our ladies fed and watered us very well and the evening ended with the usual expressed intentions of "We must do this again soon!" Here Here!!



June was a very busy bowling month

Mixed Fortunes in the Inter Village Sports

Hard fought match against Ufford

From left to right

Joan Peck

Kath Hilton

Sheila Manning

John Barker

A Study in Concentration

**Outbowled
but not down
hearted**

**Return
matches with
Ufford and
Dallinghoo
scheduled**

**New bowlers
welcome at
anytime**

September

The next outing was on Sunday 21st September when Kath Hilton, Joan Peck, Mike and Sheila Manning attended the Inter Village Carpet Bowls Tournament at Leiston Sports Centre. Good heartedly they reported back that the opposition was excellent and they were outbowled. So we just say better luck next time folks.

The rest of the year

This has been confined to the regular bowls night at Pettistree, with a friendly return to Ufford being postponed until the new year; which we are all looking forward to.

Dallinghoo have also asked us to visit them again, another date for the new diary!

How about some new faces, come and join us for a laugh, as well as some bowling, on alternate Thursdays.

Finally, on behalf of the Pettistree Carpet Bowls Club members, thank you to Mike and Sheila Manning for all their work in running the club, long may they continue.

Happy New Year.



John Barker

Pamm Barker

Mike Manning

Kath Hilton

Mike Sayer
Sheila Manning

Joan Peck
Ann Sayer

**At Christmas, the Team raise their glasses in a toast to a
successful years bowling in 1998**

Birthday Celebrations

It hard to keep secrets in a small community - especially if that secret is a special birthday. Its even harder to keep that secret if you are 70 , and you are the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

Yes - you have guessed, it was Joan Peck's 70th birthday on 29th January an ad hoc Committee formed to arrange a surprise birthday party for Joan in the Village Hall.

Joan was lured to the Village Hall on the pretext that there was a Bowls Club Night, nevertheless we suspect that she suspected that all was not as it should be when she arrived. It was a give away that rather than 4 or 5 cars the car park was full and the Hall was buzzing with excitement. Soon, Joan made a somewhat shy entrance into the Hall where 50 or so of her friends were waiting to celebrate her birthday.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.



**Surprise
Birthday
Party**

**Joan
certainly
appreciated
and enjoyed
her 70th
birthday**



A letter from Joan

On waking I carefully checked all moving parts and there didn't seem to be any extra creaks - so what was different about today? - Same old routine, breakfast, wash up, make bed, 'do' fireplace (normal procedures). Ah yes I remembered! A meeting with men from "Highways" about flooding in Rogues Lane and Presmere Pond area, lunch to prepare, monthly shopping, delayed from Monday due to staying in for washing machine man. Visitors arriving at tea-time and an extra Carpet Bowls session - must be a practice ready for beating Ufford. Better press my rather baggy looking slacks. Still it was my birthday too, and what a birthday it turned out to be. On arrival at the Village Hall a mass of people seemed to be gathered and it was for me! What a splendid party you gave me Pettistree. It must have taken a lot of planning and work and I was rather overwhelmed by it all. Thank you everyone for both your presence and the quite unexpected presents, but above all thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness, great support and friendship - all very much appreciated. A wonderful village in which to live. THANK YOU

Joan Peck

A Surprise Party for Joan Peck

Editor's Notices

Stuart and Dorothy Whiteley are Grand Parents - their Granddaughter Georgina Louise was born on 28th December, 1997.

Village Hall
Available for Hire
Call Jacki Franklin
Tele 746585

Village Hall Events

Beetle Drive

6th March

Plant Sale at Jasmine House

17 May

BBQ

Date to be confirmed

Treasure Hunt

September

Quiz Night (Not-to-missd)

November

Facts Sheet

Parish Council Membership

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

The Parish Council meet at least four times a year in the Church Room.

County & District Councillors

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

Vacancy for District Councillor - Election Date 19 March 1998

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. Call this number to find out what is happening in your area.
The Parish Police Officer can be contacted at Woodbridge Police Station on 01473 613500.

Useful People to Contact

Vicar	Graham Bell	746314
Bellringers	Mary Garner	746097
Church Wardens	Mike Perkins	01394 460284
	Jeff Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Jacki Franklin	746585
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
The Greyhound Inn	Bill & Jacki Woolven	746451
The Three Tuns	Terry & Merry Foubister	746244
Wickham Market	Health Centre	747101
Post Office	Wickham Market	746201

Calendar

- Carpet Bowls** every alternate Thursday 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.
- Pop-in** 1st Tuesday of the month 2pm till 4pm in the Village Hall - come and have a chat.

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