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OTLEY GETTING GREENER

Two very successful events launched OtleyGreen's campaign to reduce Otley's energy costs and carbon footprint.

A showing of 'The Age of Stupid' and a talk by a climate change expert from an oil exploration company attracted 96 people to the village hall on an October evening. A sign perhaps of increased concern about global warming. The Energy Saving day was a chance to find out what individuals can do. Well over 100 people turned up to quiz energy companies, meet Otley's solar and wind turbine pioneers and make a commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.

OtleyGreen has now launched several new projects - news of these on page 17.

Angel arrives in time for Christmas

The Zillionaires, the group formed by Chris Towndrow of Clopton and other local musicians, has produced a CD and accompanying video in aid



Chris Towndrow (left) recording the 'Angel' video with the choir from Amberfield School.

of East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). 'Angel' was written a number of years ago by Chris, and has been updated in collaboration with Diane Towndrow and Pat Grueber. It is being released on 29 November at a special event on Angel Hill in Bury St. Edmunds, and all profits go directly to the charity.

It was a song looking for a home, and it has finally found one, says Chris. "It's for anyone who has ever lost somebody, or cared deeply for somebody, and most of all it's for all the angels. I have been really touched by the amount

of time and effort people have been prepared to give to this project over the last year".

A video will be included on the CD. It is also available on YouTube. CD's are available from the websites www.each.org.uk and www.zillionaires.co.uk, from EACH charity shops, as well as selected Tesco and Asda stores. Downloads will be available from iTunes and Amazon on-line music stores.



Grundisburgh School pupils in the early stage of production for their contribution to the 'Big Crib Exhibition'. covering branches for the figures. Details of this county-wide venture are on page three.

THE NEWS WISHES ALL ITS READERS, CONTRIBUTORS,
ADVERTISERS & DISTRIBUTORS A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

News Diary

NOVEMBER

Monday 30

Highlights of Chelsea talk
Simon White from Peter
Beales Roses iao Otley & Dist
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 890991

DECEMBER

Thursday 3

Xmas Party Gr. Burgh &
Culpho WI PR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 5

Christmas Dinner Otley
Com. Council OVH 7.30pm
PBE Contact 890264

Monday 7

Otley Parish Council Mtg
VH Contact 890271.

A Pleasing Terror (ghost
stories) with Robert Lloyd
Parry Otley Hall 7.30pm PBE
Contact 890264

Tuesday 8

A Warning to the Curious
(ghost stories) with Robert
Lloyd Parry Otley Hall
7.30pm PBE Contact 890264

Thursday 10

Let Us Entertain You with
June & Geoff Bealings WI
VH 2.30pm Contact 623985

Friday 11

Christmas Tours Otley Hall
inc. refreshments 6.30-9pm
PBE Contact 890264

Saturday 12

Santa Special Grotto and
steam traction engine rides.
GPR 10.30am - 2.30pm
Contact 735096

Table Top & Coffee Shop

Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Monday 14

Christmas Tours Otley Hall
inc. refreshments 6.30-9pm
PBE Contact 890264

Tuesday 15

**The Iron Age & the
Dallingshoo Hoard** talk Dr
Edward Martin iao Gr Local
History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738195

Wednesday 16

Christmas Walk to Hasketon.
GrVG 7pm Contact
738219/735481

Monday 21

Fund raising evening GrVH
7.30pm Contact 735459

JANUARY

Thursday 7

Golden Club New Years
Lunch GVH Contact 735650

Friday 8

Solomon Islands talk Tom
Tyler Hasketon VH supper
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970/610214

Saturday 9

Table Top & Coffee Shop
Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Sunday 10

Parish Walk GrVG 2pm
Contact 738219/735481

Monday 11

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
mtg** PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Tuesday 19

Who Lived in Your House
talk Pam Walker iao Gr Local
History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738195

Saturday 23

Barn Dance Clopton VH 8pm
Contact 737417

Monday 25

Garden Design talk Julia
Holloway & Jayne Vaughan
Otley & Dist Gardening Club
VH 7.30pm Contact 890991

Friday 29

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
iao GADS GrVH 7.30pm
Contact 738648

Saturday 30

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
iao GADS GrVH 2.30 &
7.30pm Contact 73864

FEBRUARY

Friday 5

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
iao GADS GrVH 7.30pm
Contact 738648

Saturday 6

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
iao GADS GrVH 2.30 &
7.30pm Contact 738648

Friday 12

Drug Dogs in Prison Service
talk Chris Place Hasketon
VH. Supper 7.15pm PBE
Contact 01394 388970/610214

Saturday 13

Table Top & Coffee Shop
Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Sunday 14

Parish Walk GrVG 2pm
Contact 738219/735481

Monday 22

A-Z Roses talk Simon White
of Peter Beales Roses iao
Otley & Dist Gardening Club
VH 7.30pm Contact 890991

MARCH

Monday 8

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
mtg** PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 12

Bayeux Tapestry talk Mark
Mitchels Hasketon VH supper
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970/610214

Saturday 13

Table Top & Coffee Shop
Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Sunday 14

Parish Walk GrVG 2pm
Contact 738219/735481

Monday 29

**All You Need To Know About
Fuchsias** talk Eric Bromley &

Bob Bartrum iao Otley & Dist
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 890991

APRIL

Friday 9

Molly Smith's Quiz Night
Hasketon VH supper 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394
388970/610214

Monday 26

AGM & Quiz Night iao
Otley & Dist Gardening Club
VH 7.30pm Contact 890991

MAY

Monday 3

Plant & Book Sale Hasketon
VH 2.30pm Contact 01394
383106/388970

Monday 10

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
mtg** PR 7.30pm Contact
735541

Friday 14

Mercy Ships Charity talk
Ase Baldwin Hasketon VH
supper 7.15pm PBE Contact
01394 388970/610214

JUNE

Saturday/Sunday 12/13

Hidden Gardens Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc Contact
738267

JULY

Saturday 17

Village Show Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc GrPF
Contact 738267

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

S - School

PBE - pre booking essential

iao - in aid of

*All codes are 01473 unless
given otherwise.*

*Diary items to be sent to
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What's On

THE BIG CRIB EXHIBITION

Local children have been contributing to the largest collection of big nativity cribs exhibited at one time in churches across Suffolk. They have been making large scale nativity scenes to be displayed for a week. Following this the cribs will go back to the schools to be used during their Christmas celebrations.

The displays are all due to open on Friday 27 November and will remain open until 5 December.

The cribs are being constructed as part of the Art Curriculum. The Diocesan led project aims to integrate the curriculum with children's expression of their spirituality. A total of 54 schools from across Suffolk are taking part, and 17 churches with enough capacity to hold big displays of cribs are hosting exhibitions.

This includes St Mary's, Grundisburgh, which will feature cribs from primary schools in Charsfield, Grundisburgh and Woodbridge (Kyson), Brandeston Hall Prep School, as well as Grundisburgh Playgroup and St Mary's 'Funsters'.

For more information on the county wide venture contact Liz Kirby, Discovery Centre Administrator 01284 748731 admin.dc@stedscathedral.org.

Invitation to walk

Come and join us on Wednesday 16 December for a walk in the dark from Grundisburgh to Hasketon. Leaving the Green at 7pm prompt, we will walk to Hilary and Trevor Hill's home on the outskirts of Hasketon where we will partake of some festive fare - sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine. This is a free event supported by the parish council. All you need is warm clothes and a

powerful torch. It should be fun. Our first walk of 2010 will be on Sunday 10 January at the usual time of 2pm from Grundisburgh Green. A chance to walk off any Christmas over-indulgence! Any queries to 01473 738219 or 735481.

Pub festivities

Many of the pubs in The News area are organising events for the festive season.

Gary Gilling, who has just acquired the tenancy of the White Hart at Otley, plans a variety of events including a children's party (all welcome) on the afternoon of 20 December.

Nikki at Swilland's Moon & Mushroom is holding a 'Spectacular Film Race Night' on 4 December and a quiz night with a gallon of ale on offer for the winners on the 16th. There will be carols by candlelight on the 22nd with mulled wine and mince pies. New Years Eve dinner and cabaret sees the return of Dane, the 'singer with style'

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS TUDOR-STYLE

The popular Christmas tours return to Otley Hall again this year. Visitors are invited to experience a Tudor-style Christmas with a guided tour of this 16th century building, followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles in the Great Hall. Otley Hall is Grade 1 listed and has been named one of the top twenty historic houses in Great Britain. As well as having a wealth of medieval architectural features, it is rich in history and in particular is linked to the founding of America.

Tours run from 6.30pm-9pm

on Friday 11 December and Monday 14th, and cost £12 per person including refreshments. Groups and individuals are welcome. Booking is essential - contact Otley Hall on 01473 890264 or visit www.otleyhall.co.uk to book tickets online.

Tickets are fully booked for the ghost story reading on 7 December but some are still

available for 'A Warning to the Curious' on Tuesday 8th. Performances start at 7.30pm and cost £14 per person. Again pre-booking is essential.

Santa Special

For the tenth year 'Father Christmas' will be in his grotto in Grundisburgh Parish

Rooms. This year the event takes place on Saturday 12 December from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Admission is £2. For the children this includes a visit to Santa's Grotto, a goodie bag, soft drink and biscuit, and mince pie and mulled wine for the adults. There will also be face painting. Proceeds will be for the RNLI Aldeburgh Station.

Marion and Dennis Pratt

Christmas entertainment

An evening of carols and a 'local talent' with mulled wine and mince pies, biscuits and soft drinks, is being arranged by Grundisburgh Village Hall Fund Raising Committee. This takes place in the hall on Monday 21 December, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets (£4 for adults and £2 for children) and more information are available from Judith Bignell (01473 735459) or Adam Kearney (735409).



Dane returns to the Moon & Mushroom on New Year's Eve.

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News tribute

Brian Warren June 1939 - October 2009

Brian and his wife Sylvia moved to Grundisburgh in 1994, having done an exchange of houses. He thought it was a lovely village, and wished they'd known about it years before. He had lived much of his life in Kesgrave, and followed his father into the RAF for 13

years as a radio/radar technician when he travelled widely. He later worked as a lab technician at Kesgrave High School.

After retirement Brian's main hobbies were

tending his garden growing all his own vegetables, metal detecting, playing snooker and especially walking his own and his son's dogs, come rain or shine.

Sylvia and family would especially like to thank the Reverend Canon Clare Sanders for the lovely service, and family and friends for

their kind words and support. Over £300 of donations have been gratefully received, and passed on to the British Heart Foundation.

Based on information supplied by Helen Warren, Brian's daughter-in-law.

Because of space constraints we often cannot use all the information provided. The full tributes are held in the special folder in Grundisburgh post office.

Baptist Chapel

We are pleased to see increasing numbers of children and young people at Chapel Club and Seekers, but there is still room for any others who would like to join. Chapel Club is for Primary age children and meets on Mondays at 6.30pm. Due to an expanding age range Seekers now starts from Year 7 and meets on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. Both clubs are free.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Christmas events:

Sunday 20 December
Christmas Worship 10.45am
Family Carol Service 4pm
(followed by refreshments)

Tuesday 22 December
Carols at the Dog 8pm

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HOW THINGS WERE ...

Brigadier Adam Gurdon, who moved to Burgh House as a small boy in 1942, will be contributing a series of articles to The News about 'how things were' then in Burgh and Grundisburgh. His first looks at shopping and amenities.

Both Grundisburgh and Burgh were very self-sufficient. There was no petrol so forays outside the village were dependent on a good bus service.

The two main shops were Savages, where the Williams' now are, where a portly Mr Lingley ran a grocer and a post office, and Burch, the butcher. On the corner near the Harvest stores was Mr Lambert the shoemaker. In those days most men wore boots and because, during the war, they were almost unobtainable, constant repair was essential.

Near the forge was Mr Cotton and his bicycle repair shop, another essential facility for a community almost entirely dependent on bicycles. Mr Gentry's garage at the top of the hill harboured a Rolls-



Above Savages shop and the school c1944; right Half Moon pub c1929; left Adam Gurdon today.

Royce under dustsheets for the duration. The Pipe family, the basket makers at Pipe's corner, were always busy.

At Burgh, Larkeshayes was the post office and sweet shop run by Mrs Stammers. Mrs Stammers was always giving away sweets to the children much to the disgust of a very bad tempered old Mr Stammers.

Both The Dog and Half Moon public houses thrived. Both had rooms set aside for women, who were not allowed into the main bar. The Half Moon had no bar so you sat at a table and Mrs Titshall, the landlord's wife, took your order and brought it to you. Both pubs had very good draughts and domino teams.

Both villages had blacksmiths. Mr Crapnal in Grundisburgh and Mr Baxter in Burgh. Apart from the shoeing of horses and ponies they were the only



people who could make metal parts for farm or garden implements. It cost five shillings to shoe a pony.

The only institutions other than St Mary's and St Andrew's (now St Botolph's) churches were the Women's Institute and the primary school. The WI was always a hive of industry during the

war. Their hall was in constant use for dances, whist drives and war-associated fundraising.

The school run by Mr Wurr was never less than outstanding and in its old site, very much the centre of village life. The children always walked in the crocodile to the parish room for lunch.

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KEEPING HEALTHIER: LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

One of Grundisburgh's residents is involved with a range of initiatives to improve health, particularly among older people, in the Suffolk Coastal area. Olive Quinton, in her role of Health Improvement Manager, works across both health and Suffolk Coastal District Council services.

'Stepping Out in Suffolk', sponsored by Suffolk Coastal, is a healthy walks programme. Its aim is to help people who have become inactive, and often therefore isolated, following medical emergencies, such as strokes and heart attacks, to enjoy walking again. These risk assessed walks start short and increase in length as the group feels more able, and are led by trained leaders. The walks help lift depression and forge friendships; Olive finds that people who no longer need supported walks are often reluctant to leave the group behind! She also finds they are often of benefit to recently bereaved people who have become nervous of walking on their own in the countryside.



Anyone interested in joining the walks programme (or becoming a leader!) should contact the Health Walks Team (01394 444501 or Google the Suffolk Coastal District Council website). Olive is hoping to link the walks programme to local GP surgeries.

In addition to the walks Olive is keen to establish local 'falls prevention' classes, aimed at strengthening muscles and improving stability through a series of chair-based exercises. Falls can also result in isolation and depression due to hospitalisation, or being housebound and the subsequent lack of confidence in getting about. A charge of between £1.50 to £2.50 is made for classes to cover the cost of instructors and hall hire. Anyone interested in joining such a class should contact Olive and she may be able to arrange a 'taster' session.

Another of Olive's projects is the 'GP exercise referral scheme' which is run at local leisure centres, including the Deben Pool in Woodbridge. Each individual's health needs are discussed with a fitness instructor and a programme of exercise agreed.

Olive's brief enables her to help promote other initiatives such as the 'HeartWise' cardiac rehabilitation class which meets each Friday morning in Melton. People are referred to



Above: Amanda Mallet who runs the chair-based exercise classes.

Left: Olive Quinton.

this group by Ipswich Hospital or their GP - or may self-refer. Although this costs £6 per session - well worth the money in the opinion of my fellow group members who say they feel real benefit.

Olive grew to love Grundisburgh when she worked for Age Concern Suffolk, then based in the parish rooms. Since marrying into one of the oldest established families three years ago (Tony is Grundisburgh born and bred) she has become a full time resident.

Words Madge Nicholas,
photos Wendy Witt

*Contacts: Stepping out in
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Rehabilitation Class Fridays
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

A good year for the WI

Most Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members won't forget the year 2009 in a hurry. Apart from being our 90th birthday year, there were also other memorable events.

Our quiz team came 1st in the annual area quiz at Needham Market, and were runners up in the Grundisburgh village quiz. Pat Polley won 1st prize at the Suffolk Show with her beautiful piece of tatting, which was on display in the WI tent. Pat Sullivan was rewarded with The Gavel for her competition entry at our group meeting this year. Her home made tiara was judged to be worthy of 1st prize by our guest speaker Patrick Thompson.

Several members were able to visit Endeavour House in Ipswich, where the South East Federation of the WI staged an exhibition to mark 90 years of WI in the area.

Our summer outing saw our ladies enjoying a pleasant evening at Cotton Steam Museum. Badger watching is probably something not many would associate with the WI, but this goes to show how times have changed. Some of our members were thrilled to be able to do just that. Their patience was rewarded, when eventually, several badgers appeared while they watched from the comfort of their hide.

Our birthday celebration in September was a resounding



This photo of mostly Grundisburgh residents on a steel quoits trip in about 1949 was sent to The News by Allan Quinton; his brother Fred filled in most of the names: From left, front row: Pat Watling, Freddie Branch, Tony Woods, Albert Woods, unknown, Fred Quinton, Harold Cotton, Alfie Last, 'Brushy' Last.

Back row: Frank Massingham, Jack Thorpe, Charlie Mortimer, Arthur Lambert ('Brassy') Charley Smy, Les Quinton, Albert Cotton, Bob Quinton, Arthur Quinton.

Any readers who can identify the unknown person are invited to do so on a copy of the picture in Williams Store.

success, with many villagers joining us to see Charlie Haylock. Our grateful thanks to all who supported our Macmillan coffee morning, which raised £171-50.

Our AGM was held in November where our guest speaker gave us a fascinating talk on DNA. This was followed by the cutting of our 90th celebration cake.

The bells of St Mary's church rang a celebratory peal on 14

November. We will finish our special year with a Christmas Party night in December. What a year we have had, with so many interesting speakers and activities. Who can be bored when you belong to the WI!

Carol Barker



Amendment: we have been told that the man driving the tractor in the photo of a WI float in our last issue was Ray Jordan and not Rodney Pryke. Our apologies. Ed.



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SCOUTING NEWS

Link camp for the older Cubs and younger scouts was held in October half-term weekend at Wardens Campsite, Sizewell, organised by Joe Thorpe (Thorpey) our new assistant scout leader, and Anthony Gibson, assistant scout leader with 1st Westerfield Scout Group. Our congratulations to both for the excellent camp which everyone enjoyed, especially the chip supper at Leiston provided by Grundisburgh's very own 'Tuesday Chip Van'. Thorpey and Anthony have now been invested and presented with their warrants.

Earlier in October over 50 cubs, scouts, explorers, leaders and helpers hiked the Fynn Valley Walk from Bealings to Crown Point Chip Shop at Martlesham where we had supper. Many thanks to all parents and adults who helped with the hike. After finishing the hike the explorers had a weekend camp in the scout hut and went ice skating, go-karting and bowling. We had an excellent turn-out for the Church Harvest Parade on 4 October and thanks to all members who looked very smart.

The beavers are currently doing their Friendship Badge and recently enjoyed an excellent talk from Paul Whittingham about his travels in Africa. They earlier enjoyed a footpath hike from The Green to the home of Petra, the beaver leader in Burgh. The cubs have finished their Naturalist Badge, and are currently working towards the Map Readers Badge, while some scouts are doing their Global Challenge/Creative Challenge Awards.

In February some of our older scouts will be joining Explorers on Phoenix 5 Camp.

We are starting to organise our big scout and explorer summer camp combined with Kesgrave Scout Group for August 2010 at Phasels Wood Activity

Centre in Hertfordshire. We would welcome volunteers to help with the scout group and in particular we need assistant leaders for our cub pack.

We finish on 18 December for our Xmas break. Both the scout group and explorer unit websites are now online: www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk and www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, group secretary/ sectional assistant 01473 735352

Editor's note: The News' 'house style' throughout the publication is to limit the use of initial capital letters to proper names, and not use them for generic terms such as scouts. This is thought to be easier to read. So our apologies for changes made to text supplied - and if we are inconsistent at times.

Top photo: The cubs say farewell to assistant cub scout leader Millie Klein (second left at back) before she went off to university.

Below: Playgroup enjoy the covered outdoor play area, after a visit from the police.



ALL WEATHER PLAY AREA

The children of Grundisburgh Playgroup are really benefitting from the large canopy which allows them access to the outdoor environment whatever the weather. Earlier this year when it was decided to

revamp the outdoor/garden area, chairperson Sarah Willett secured funding through a grant. A new decking area, raised flower beds and a wiggly pathway completed the makeover.

This half term the children have a lot of activities: a visit from the local police, a visit from Clare Sanders who will be talking to the children about the about the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah and of course their Christmas nativity play and party. The children have also been very busy making their exhibit for the 'big crib' exhibition which will be held in churches locally and this year the children are constructing their crib from natural materials, using the woodwork bench and learning to use tools safely.

Please ring 01473 735161 to request an application form, arrange a visit or for more details.

BROWNIES HAVE FUN!

1st Grundisburgh Brownies is a group of currently 21 girls from a variety of different local primary schools. Our basic aim is to have fun! We try to work towards completing at least two badges a term covering a wide range of topics. This term we are doing our Fire Safety, Home Safety and Advanced First Aid badges.

We are also raising money by growing and then selling daffodils and giving the money raised to the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity. Last term we held a sleepover at Grundisburgh School which was a huge success. This year we are going one step further and camp with the cubs!

Girls aged between 7 and 11 who would like to join or want more information, should contact Kate Adams, brownie leader, on 01473 735144 or Stacey Jay on 01473 735985. Brownies meet every Tuesday (during term time) from 5.30-7pm at the scout hut on Grundisburgh Playing Field. Our leaders are CRB checked and hold current First Aid Certificates.

Grundisburgh Gleanings



Chris Grahn poetry launch

What a wonderful evening it was to launch the first book of Chris's poems - something he had already started planning before his death in May.

Around 60 people came to St Mary's Church in early November to listen to the poems and prose being read by friends and family, to buy his father's pictures and to listen to beautiful live music. The readers made his poems poignant, funny or thought-provoking. A loyal band of helpers helped the family and the result was over £600 profit. This is going to St Elizabeth's Hospice. My sincere thanks to those who

came and those who helped me.

A reprint of 'A Trace of Life' has been ordered as over 90 have been sold already. It costs £5. To get a copy or to view his father's pictures please contact me on 01473 738219.

Books are also on sale at Grundisburgh Post Office, Williams Stores, Grange Farm Shop and Browsers, Woodbridge.

Words Sally Grahn, photos Peter Kendall

Top: The musicians
Below: poetry readers included Chris's mother Joan Hercliffe and his widow Sally.



Dennis Crowe, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council Chairman, lifting the newly restored sign back on its post on The Green. The metalwork was restored by Terry Pearce at Bredfield, and the gold leaf work on the three leopards' heads by Ashwell Signs of Earl Soham. The restoration cost £1,505 and should last 25 years. The sign bears a representation of the 2nd Lord Cranworth's Garter Banner, copied from the one hanging in St Mary's Church.

Words & photo Richard Watkinson

Parish plan still guiding action

Since the parish plan was completed three years ago, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council has been working through the action plan developed from the responses. Already action has been implemented on a wide

range of ideas and there have been several important spin offs.

Details are on the parish plan section of the web site www.grundisburgh-culpho.suffolk.gov.uk. The action plan is reviewed every six months and a further report will be given at the next parish council meeting due to be held on 11 January.

There will be an update on progress in the next issue of The News.

Golden Club need more support

Members of the Golden Club would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning in Grundisburgh, the total of which was £143. The club has been going for 50 years, but we do now desperately need new members so that it can remain functioning; also in the not too distant future two committee members would like to resign.

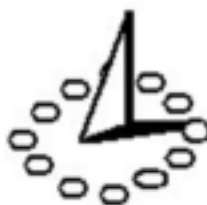
The prospect is rather daunting - so come on Grundisburgh your village needs your support for it to continue. Please contact me for further details

Mary Thompson, 01394 380455.



The Dunnett family cleaning the war memorial site, from left John Dunnett, Allen Dunnett, Joe Dunnett, Charlie Havard, Ben Dunnett and Tom Havard.

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LOSING WEIGHT AND GAINING FITNESS

A lot of energy is expended every Wednesday morning in Grundisburgh Village Hall. This is when members of the local Rosemary Conley group get together to improve their fitness and check on how their weight loss is going.

The leader is Dawn Quantrill who has the Rosemary Conley franchise for East Suffolk and runs 11 classes in the area.

“Since the Grundisburgh class started in January 2008, current members of that group have lost an amazing 37 and a half stones between them” says Dawn.

“But my classes are not just about losing weight, increasing fitness is vitally important too for health and well-being. Members have also found their self- confidence improves weekly - so much so that several had the courage to strut their stuff at a charity fashion show on 20 November”.

For Dawn the work is a complete change of direction. She had worked in London, latterly in interior design, and decided to become a Rosemary Conley franchisee after managing to lose two stone herself through a group. Becoming a franchisee has involved a lot of training through the organisation, including nutrition, teaching exercise to music and business management.

She and her husband Paul originally met when they both lived in Suffolk in the early 90's before moving to Hertfordshire. They had always hoped to come back to the county eventually and the Rosemary Conley opportunity brought them back earlier than intended.

Dawn stayed with an old friend (and now class member Lisa Miller) in Little Bealings for a year while she launched her business and sold their house in Hertfordshire. She

and Paul are delighted to have now found and moved into a house in Swilland - which they both love.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the classes can contact Dawn (07836 539, rosemaryconley.com).

Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall

Right: Charles Rogers and The Dog's new beer equipment. Below: Dawn Quantrill and members of her Grundisburgh diet and fitness group.



The Dog's new beer

Following their freehold purchase of The Dog at Grundisburgh, brothers James and Charles Rogers have unveiled a direct barrel dispense system, installed and operational for the many real ale lovers.

This is significant investment, but one the brothers believe will see real ale at the pub flourish. The new direct system will run alongside a wide range of hand pulled ales, ciders and a wide choice of selected wines.



Peak Challenge for charity



Si Thompson (above right) from Charsfield took part in the Three Peaks Challenge at the end of October. The challenge involves climbing Ben Nevis (Scotland), Scafell Pike (Lake District) and Snowdon (Wales) in 24 hours. Along with 10 others, they hope to raise £10,000 for Camille's Appeal.

“Camille is our friends' little girl” explained Si, “in June, at only 26 months old, she was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour.

She is currently undergoing chemotherapy in the hope that the tumour reduces enough to be operated on but we are raising funds in case pioneering surgery overseas is required”. More information about the appeal can be found at www.camillesappeal.co.uk.

In terms of the challenge, the guys fell outside the 24 hour target but the conditions were exceptionally appalling. Si says it is the hardest physical thing he has ever done”.

er venture

The brothers have long been champions of all that is good and wholesome in the area and now owning the freehold to the pub have the freedom to support many of the wonderful local brewers.

Charles says their new beer system will enable customers to savour a range of East Anglian beers, delivered direct from the barrel in tip-top condition. "We've chosen to open with a selection from top brewers, such as Woodford's, Nethergate, Adnams, Earl Soham and Green Jack; and with the kind assistance of Woodford's Brewery, we are delighted to also be launching our own Grundisburgh Dog Ale."

Along with these new beers, chef James Rogers and the kitchen team are extending the range of bar food on offer, to include bites such as venison sausage rolls, wild boar scotch eggs, home pickled eggs, spicy sausage cooked in red wine and homemade crisps. James is also planning to experiment cooking with the new Grundisburgh Dog Ale.

For some time James' culinary creativity has been put to the test in a range of inter pub catering competitions, frequently winning awards. More recently he made it onto TV in the MasterChef series - while not victorious he gained high praise from the judges.



TASTE BUDS ON TEST AT GRANGE FARM

Marjorie Reeve (above left), general manager of Grange Farm Shop, Hasketon, gave cooking demonstrations during the farm shop's twelfth annual food tasting weekend in the autumn.

Plenty of eager food tasters turned up to sample some of the stock from Grange Farm's 120+ suppliers, free of charge, and give their verdict. The purpose of the food tasting weekends are to raise awareness of the different foods they stock by letting the taste sell the product, rather than its label. This is why the food tasting weekend is such a great success. It also encourages children to try new foods and Marjorie says they thoroughly enjoy it.

Although the annual food tasting weekend is the main chance to sample their products, they have mini food tasting sessions every Saturday. In addition, they also make

hampers all year round and make special ones for Christmas.

Marjorie, who joined Grange Farm nearly two years ago, has worked in the food industry for many years, performing cooking demonstrations and getting the chance to work with celebrity chefs such as Marguerite Patten. Her other interests include walking with her new puppy and she says she loves her caravan.

Born originally in Orkney, Scotland, Marjorie moved from Newmarket to Tunstall with her husband, Eric, and two now adult daughters.

Grange Farm is renowned for its very good product range and customer service, and they will soon have an alcohol license. Marjorie also says that their customers are the best customers ever. She says, "I love my job with a passion - there are never two days the same".

Words Katie Davis,



Above and below: more photos from Burgh Church's very successful flower festival which took place just before the last issue went to press.

Photos on this page by Wendy Witt and Peter Kendall.



Staff at Grange Farm had their faces painted for the Children in Need appeal and raised £302, from left Margaret Williams, Di Taylor, Richard Youngman, Marjorie Reeve, Alison Youngman and Jackie Cooke. Steff Jackson was the artist and donated her fee to the cause.

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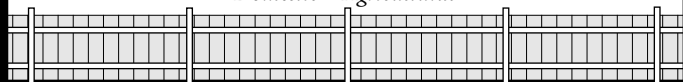
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Hasketon Highlights

OPEN SPACE RESOLUTION

At last a satisfactory arrangement has been reached with Suffolk Coastal District Council over the open spaces around Tymmes Place. Hasketon Parish Council has already celebrated by making a tarmaced drive up to the area that we often use for car parking. While they were at it, the contractor has made a hard surface around the netball goal.

Big audiences for 'Second Fridays'

Our recent '2nd Friday' monthly events in The Victory Hall have attracted a wide range of families from Hasketon, Grundisburgh and surrounding villages. Usually we provide a ploughman's supper at 7.15pm which is followed either by a talk or other entertainment, and

tickets cost £5 each. Sometimes we are asked to pay the entertainer higher fees and so have to charge a little more.

Looking back over the records of the last 18 occasions involving talks with slides, archive films, ceilidhs, quizzes and comedy shows, I found that they attracted over 160 families, with an average of 60 or 70 people attending each

event. Anyone interested in joining us, can phone 01394 388970 for a 2010 programme.

On 9 January Tom Tyler, who recently told us about 'When motoring was fun', will return with stories about the Solomon Islands, which are in the Pacific, a thousand miles from Australia. Once a British Colony, they were the scene of a decisive WW2 battle. Amongst other things, Tom will tell us about village life, which has not changed in decades. The people are happy, self-sufficient and living on islands separated by language as well as by the sea.

On 12 February Chris Place, from Hollesey, will describe how, in the Prison Service, his dogs 'Rusty' and 'Buzz' have been trained to search for Class A drugs, Cannabis and mobile phones.

The March evening brings Mark Mitchells back to give one of his exciting talks, this time on the Bayeux Tapestry and the events of 1066. Then in April, we shall have another of Molly Smith's Quiz Nights.

HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Victory Hall committee met in October and discussed the idea of refurbishing the toilet area, for which a grant would be necessary. It is also concerned about the roof but hopes that it can be treated to last a while longer!

Committee members want to encourage more clubs or societies to use the hall, especially during the daytime. The cost of electricity for heating and light is included

in the hire charge. The contact for enquiries is Claire Harrington on 01394 380644.

This year the harvest lunch was held in the hall following an 11am service in the church. This proved popular with families with young children and will probably be repeated next year.

Village notelets



We are very pleased with our new Hasketon notelets. Diana Purchase has painted a collage of watercolours, showing views of our round tower church, the village sign with the old post office in the background and our pub, The Turks Head.

Packs of 10 notelets and envelopes sell for £3.50 in aid of St Andrews Church, and can be bought from me at The Old School House.

Richard Smith.



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Pub back in business

After a year closed, the Castle Pub has been redecorated and considerably brightened in time for the grand opening on 31 October. Joy Morriss, the new manager, was very pleased with the good turn out for Halloween and is hoping to attract customers throughout the year with music and quiz nights and of course with delicious food.

When the kitchen has completed its refurbishment, the Castle will be serving home cooked traditional food using local ingredients where possible, all cooked by their experienced chef. Bredfield is delighted to have their pub back. Come and join Joy for a drink or tea or coffee - the pub is open Monday 7pm to close, Tuesday to Friday 12 to 2.30pm and again from 6pm to close, Saturday 11 to 3pm and 6pm to close, Sunday 12 to 3pm and 6pm to close.

Roswyn Bradshaw

VILLAGE WILDLIFE

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in the surveys and events run by the environment group this year.

We have had over 25 contributions to the surveys which for a community our size is a great start. The moth evening at the church attracted 35 people, 41 species of moths and 4 species of bat. The surveys have provided some interesting information and a full copy is available from me and will be on the Bredfield Village websites soon.

The garden survey highlighted the wide range of habitats in the village, lots of ponds, wild flower areas, compost bins and mature trees in gardens to attract invertebrates and insects, therefore birds and other

predators including a surprisingly wide range of mammals. There were 58 species of bird recorded, Buzzard being the most notable newcomer whilst swift, house martin and nuthatch numbers seem to have declined. Twenty two species of butterfly were seen including Comma and Purple Hairstreak. Badger and stoat as well as the more common weasel made it onto the list of 15 mammals sharing the village with us.

Should you see anything that you think is unusual or rare in the parish and may not be on the survey please contact me. At the meeting on 28 October it was agreed not to create too formal a structure for the group, so please take part when and if you can any help is always appreciated.

A series of events has been agreed for 2010, probably from May onwards. These will include the ever popular bat evening (to be organised by Peter Tilley), butterfly and bug hunt (Paul Wiggins), bat and nest box making (Angela Derham), and a fungi foray (Anne Henderson). Another possibility is a tree walk looking at their history and uses (Paul Wiggins/Peter Tilley).

Anyone with ideas for other events or activities or who wants to take an active role in any of these can contact me.

Peter Tilley, 01394 383494 or
Bredfieldparish@googlemail.com.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

We count ourselves lucky that despite the weather, the Christmas Extravaganza not only went ahead, but our marquee stayed anchored to the ground, and plenty of visitors ventured out into the wind and rain to spend their hard earned



Top: Janie Taylor acted as Santa's elf and helper for his visit to the Extravaganza;

Below: Sue Miller whose hand painted and embroidered cards and paintings were much admired.

money. Our stall holders were also very brave as the wind whistled noisily around in the afternoon, but were cheerful to the end.

Unfortunately, Just42 youth club's marquee was damaged on the previous night and they were unable to put on games as planned - we hope next year will be more successful for them.

We are extremely grateful to all who supported our fundraising for EACH and St Andrew's Church for which we raised a combined total of £1600, over £100 more than last year.

To those who drank plenty of tea, ate our rolls, soup and cake, bought plants, tombola and raffle tickets and visited Santa, thank you. I would also like to thank our cheerful volunteers for all of their

hard work - and it was hard work!

Words Roswyn Bradshaw,
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Briefly

The Suffolk Foundation has new funding programmes with grants available now. Community and voluntary groups are invited to apply for £4000 from the Healthy Ambitions Fund, aimed at making the county's people the healthiest in the country. A grant of £2000 is also available for groups to undertake training for staff and volunteers. As always, the Grassroots grants programme is giving grants of up to £3000 to local groups with an income of under £30,000 per year and have been established for one year or more. The Suffolk Single Gateway programme is managed by the Foundation, and grants are available, sometimes up to £3000. All details, forms and guidelines are on the Foundation's website www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk. Interested groups can also discuss ideas with Sue Wright on 01473 734127.

St Elizabeth Hospice's Light Sup a Life appeal invites everyone, not just those touched by hospice care, to remember their loved ones at an event on Sunday 13 December at 4pm at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich. This

includes Christmas carols, music and readings as well as a time for reflection. A lantern procession leaves Cornhill at 3.45pm. For more information call 01473 723600 or visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk

The hospice is looking for good quality furniture to sell in some of its shops - and can collect it (01473 744080). Donations of eveningwear will also be particularly welcome as the party season gets under way - dinner jackets, ties and accessories such as bags, shoes and shawls. To donate eveningwear, contact the shops in Ipswich or Woodbridge, or just pop in.

Suffolk Coastal District Council is warning people to beware of bogus telephone callers telling them that they are entitled to a council tax or a business rate rebate, and asking for bank account or card details. Suffolk Coastal only ever asks for such details over the phone if the resident has contacted them to arrange a payment and always sends confirmation of a refund or any action in writing. Calls of this nature are criminal activities and should be

reported to the police and the local trading standards office on 08454 040406.

The classes for the Grundisburgh Village Show 2010 have been agreed. For people who want to get planning early, lists are available in the post office. The show itself will be on Saturday 17 July..

Anyone over 60 is able to apply for a free swim card at Woodbridge pool through a government funded scheme, supported by Suffolk Coastal District Council. Under 16s are able to swim at a discounted rate by purchasing a Coastal Card from any of the DC Leisure centres in the district or by downloading an application from www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourfreetime/leisure/coastalcard, or contacting DC Leisure on 01394 670411.

Sizewell is considered by Government to be potentially suitable for a new nuclear power station, and the public's views are being sought. An exhibition will be held at: Sizewell Sports and Social Club from 3 to 4 December and at Leiston Community Centre on 5 December. Visit www.nuclear-nps-events.info for further information and to register for the public meetings or telephone 0845 004 8841.

Travellers' tales at Bealings WI

Bealings WI met for their September meeting all agog to hear once again Mr C Parfitt give one of his travel talks - this time entitled An Antarctic Odyssey. He began his trip in January 2008 by flying to Argentina. There he boarded a cruise ship, the Explorer by name, and thence travelled by sea south wards to the Falkland Islands and then onto the Antarctic Peninsula - a cruise of roughly 3500 sea miles - and with 400 passengers aboard.

Bright red anoraks were issued to passengers, each with an integral black life belt. Luckily on this trip the life belts were not put into use. Previous ships, Chris told us, had not been so fortunate with the weather and at least one had had to abandon ship. The Explorers' voyage was blessed this time by glorious sunny weather, even so temperatures were well below 0 degrees. Chris took hundreds of wonderful photographs, many enhanced by showing the bright red anoraks, the bright dark blue seas, often full of pieces of ice and enormous ice bergs. Even photographs taken at 4am were in brilliant colours!

Before coffee was served our president, Mrs Joan Moon, told us of the death of Joan Churchyard in her 90th year. Joan had been a famous villager who had been the post mistress of Little Bealings for many years.

Edited from information supplied by Rosalind Fleck

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"ON YER BIKE!"

Bird notes of a local nature from Reg Snook

Several people have commented on the sighting of a lesser spotted woodpecker in Grundisburgh. Quite a number have thought that they too have seen this rare bird. However, most descriptions given have been those of the great spotted woodpecker. There is a great deal of difference between these two species. One positive sighting was that of juvenile birds in Keith Burch's orchard.

That eminent Grundisburgh ornithologist Eddie Marsh thinks the decline of the lesser spotted woodpecker is due to predation by its larger cousin. The great spotted woodpecker will enlarge the holes of the nest boxes in which great tits and blue tits are nesting in order to get at the contents of the nest. Eddie believes that it does the same to Britain's smallest woodpecker, and that is the reason for its disappearance. It is strange to think of 'dendrocopos major' as a predator!

A couple of years or so ago, renovations were carried out to Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel. New boarding was placed under the eaves of the roof, and Colin Grimwood, the pastor, knowing that swifts have traditionally nested in the roof, acquired swift nest boxes

from the RSPB to replace the supposedly lost sites.

I spoke to Colin recently and enquired if the swifts had used the boxes. He replied that they had not, but smiling, he added that swifts still managed to



nest in the roof as the birds had found unintentional gaps in the eaves!

I was asked by Clare Sanders recently to give a short talk to 'The Funsters', a group of youngsters who meet regularly at the rectory. I briefly explained about the joys of bird-watching and was amazed that these youngsters had turned up armed with binoculars and bird books.

Clare suggested that we went outside for a short walk to see what was about. I said that the

chance of seeing anything of interest was nil. At that point a young girl asked what a bird was on the roof. It was a grey wagtail! Not a pied wagtail - a grey wagtail on the rector's roof! Two minutes later we saw a male kestrel, and overhead we saw two skeins of geese - probably grey lag geese, totalling about 200 birds. And then, just a little further on, we put up a buzzard. So, after the children that we were going to see nothing, in 20 minutes we had had four sightings that any bird-watcher would want to view. Wrong again Reg!

Most days Reg Snook cycles to his studio in Grundisburgh from Ipswich. He is particularly well known for his wildlife paintings, and in recent years has also been painting large full length portraits of local people.

His next exhibition, entitled 'The changing

face of Grundisburgh' will take place at Hill Farm, Grundisburgh Studio, from 5 to 20 December, between 10am and 4pm.

Reg says "It is over four years since I last painted village people. Sadly many have passed away, some have moved on and newcomers have arrived. There will be around 36 new portraits as well as bird paintings. Everyone is welcome to come and view".

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Village Quiz

The Burgh Church and Grundisburgh News teams were joint winners in the annual quiz held between different village groups from Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho. As usual the quiz master was Clive Willetts and the questions set by Ann

Willetts (above left). It was 23rd year the quiz has been run and Burgh Church's third victory. The winners are responsible for running next year's event - on the first Friday in October.



Middle photo: Nicola Hobbs (left) of The News and Sheila Brechin of the Burgh Church team collecting the winner's shield from Clive Willetts.

Below: The News' team members celebrating their unexpected victory, back row from left Terry Frost, chairman, Richard Watkinson, Nicola Hobbs, editor, Peter Kendall, picture editor, front: Wendy Cole, typesetter, Pat Hall, who handles subscriptions, and her husband Dick. The eighth member of the team was Deborah Pynn, one of the News' founders.

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Otley Offerings

OTLEY GETTING GREENER

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Otley Energy Monitors - one of the best ways to see just how much electricity you are using. We can lend you a monitor for three months and help you set it up.

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We are looking into ways we can provide cut price or free insulation but in the mean time the local authorities have simplified finding a grant by bringing all the options into one place. Just go to

<http://www.easterncri.org/> or call 0800 2321677

If you are interested in any of OtleyGreen's projects or would like to be kept informed of future events please contact me.

Otley's Carbon footprint

At 18 tonnes per household Otley's carbon footprint is slightly better than the national average though much higher than the UN targets to stop runaway climate change

Just a quarter of Otley's households generate a massive 4.4 tonnes of CO2 by flying. This is one area where our choices have a big impact. A family of four

flying to Florida generate as much CO2 as the average Otley car emits over two years.

There is a good level of insulation in Otley's houses, although few meet the current recommended level of 10 inches in the loft. Heating and lighting our homes releases an average of 8 tonnes of CO2.

The rest of Otley's footprint comes from car use, mostly for shopping and commuting. We didn't measure other causes of CO2 such as manufacturing the things we buy

With energy costs set to rise the things we do to reduce our footprint also saves money

OtleyGreen surveyed 20% of Otley's households reflecting the mix in the village.

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Village Show

Another successful Otley Village Show took place in September - despite a rather dry summer. Even though entries were down, there were still some wonderful exhibits and plenty of visitors in the afternoon.

Highlights included a flower arrangement in the theme of a



film, which was Casino Royal, a lovely Victoria sponge which won best exhibit in the cookery section and a photograph which won best exhibit in the craft section.

Unfortunately this was



Otley Under Fives' visit to Otley College

Christine Childs' last village show, as she has decided to step down after many years of support on the committee.

However, we welcome Caroline Manning who has volunteered to step into Christine's shoes.

Many thanks to my fellow committee members, Christine Childs, Vanessa Ling, Mary Wood and Caroline Manning for organising the show and all the entrants and members of the village and surrounding areas, who came on the day.

We are now planning for next year's show, scheduled for September 2010, so if you have any ideas or suggestions about any aspect of the show, please contact a committee member or email me.

Helen Quilliam,
helen.quilliam@btinternet.com

PLAY GROUP MEET BOB THE BUILDER

A group from the Otley Under five play group went to Otley College to meet Bob the Builder, aka Paul Williamson, the director of construction. He showed them around his department and let them participate in a fun thirty minute painting session.

The youngsters also got to see some snakes and fish in

the animal studies area.

This was their third visit to the college in recent years. Mel Soames from the under fives group, said, "We have built up a great relationship with the college. We approached them as we were learning about building and construction. at the time."

Paul Williamson said the college was keen to work with the local community, adding "Dressing up as Bob the Builder isn't in the job description but I was happy to do this and hope that the visit sparked an enthusiasm for the college and construction.. Maybe some of the youngsters will come back to Otley and study with us in the future."

Late news:

Otley College won the 'Community Involvement' Award at the annual Anglian Business Awards on 19 November. Competition was tough, with two other finalists, CPW Computing and Willis, shortlisted. This is the third time Otley has won an Anglian Business Award. In previous years the college has gained an environment and a rural business of the year award.

The college, which celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2010, is grateful to the local community for continued support.



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Sporting stories

End of season report from Otley Bowls

Season 2009 for Otley Bowls Club started off with a friendly match against Harlow Bowls club who were touring this area, they must have enjoyed our company as they have requested to come again in 2010.

The winter months were taken up with trying for grants to fit an insulated ceiling inside the pavilion also to resurface the car park. We were successful in both, the ceiling being completed before the start of the season and the car park after. The latter can now be used by church users and will hopefully help the parking during services. The pavilion is also available for meetings during winter months for any groups other than the Bowls club if required.

Our playing season went very smoothly and simply flew by; although enjoyed by all with not too much success. Three of our ladies - Beryl Last, Pauline Llewellyn and Elizabeth Aldred - reached the final of the County Triples and Elizabeth played in the victorious County Donald Steward team.

Our club competitions were all played off, the winners being:-

Ladies 2-wood singles: J Whitlock, Ladies 4-wood singles: B Last, Mens 2-wood singles: A Morey, Mens 4-wood singles: J Hodgson, Senior singles: J Hodgson, 4-wood Handicap: A Morey, 2-wood singles (mixed): A Morey, Pairs: P Quilliam and J Whitlock, Mixed Pairs:

Elizabeth and Edward Aldred, Triples: M Stiff, P Quilliam and A Dale, Leverett Trophy: M Amos.

Work has been completed on the green. A gang of eight members turned up to scarify both ways and clear the debris. It was then deep spiked by a contractor, fertilized and hopefully will be fine for next season.

Our membership for 2009 remained the same, but we do need more, as several are reaching the age when fewer games are required.

Bill Kemp, secretary

Carpet bowls

Grundisburgh Bowls Club new season of carpet bowls has started again in Hasketon Village Hall and will continue every Monday at 7.30 pm until next April.

There is no need to be a member of a bowls club, or even have to have played bowls to go along and have a bit of competitive fun. The cost is dependent on the number of people playing but should be no more than £3 per session.

For further details please contact Kay Fitzsimmons on 01473 738768.

Football winners

Grundisburgh Football Club's 100 club winners in September were £50 Paul Allen, £35 Betty Lancaster, £25 Edna Warren, £20 Jenny Tampin. In October £50 was won by Isabel Georgia Pettitt, £35 Bobby Grimble, £25 Paul Gladden, £20 Alison King.

Unfortunately this is the only information received from the football club. Ed

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Your letters

I would like to thank the Unknown lady who, after discussing my very old Beco cookbook at the Burgh Flower Festival, returned later and gave me an up-to-date copy! It was much appreciated.

Gillian Gurdon, Burgh

The total of the Grundisburgh Poppy appeal this year was £1,082.16. My grateful thanks to everyone concerned.

Margaret Quinton, honorary organiser

News of The News

From next year The News will be published quarterly rather than every two months - until we have one or more 'guest editors' able and willing to take on occasional issues. Richard Watkinson has volunteered, and we are applying for a grant for more computer equipment. Anyone else interested in taking on some issues - or helping in other ways - can contact Nicola Hobbs.

We will be coming out at the end of February, May, August and November. Because of the longer gap between issues, the

diary listings are to be published at the end of the months when The News does not come out. Details should be sent to Heather Langdon (see box above right). A variety of outlets are being developed.

Six issues of Grundisburgh News can be posted for £4 within the UK, £8 to mainland Europe and £12 elsewhere. Contact Pat Hall, Crest Cottage, Chapel Road, Grundisburgh IP13 6XL (01473 735319). With fewer issues a year, the subscription will now cover 18 months.

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"There is nothing like a Dame"

... so sang the cast of South Pacific, and it is perfectly true - especially a GADS dame, outrageous, gorgeous and always great fun to play. I know because in 27 years with Grundisburgh's amateur dramatic society I played 14 and am glad to see the present company keeping up the tradition. They've even had one sporting a moustache!

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John Frost

Dames past and present: clockwise from top John Frost in one of his many appearances, Joel Tatham getting used to his role in the next production; John Richards and Ian Frost as the Ugly Sisters in 2004, John Doherty in Treasure Island in 2002.



GADS 2010

The panto from GADS this winter is 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' with Joel Tatham making his debut as our dame (Wizzo Gran), adding an American flavour. Joel is assisted by his daughters: Charlotte, as Princess Twinkle and Jess as Puffy the pet dragon.

The general synopsis goes something like this: Wizard Maz (Ian Frost) is advertising for an apprentice to help him in his work. This is answered by Christa (Nikki Brown) disguised as a boy to improve her chances, aided and abetted by Wizzo Gran.

The Dark Creeper (Steve Newton) has destroyed the brightness of Princess Twinkle, the twinkling star which shines brightly over

everything, keeping nightmares at bay. To rectify this, a bright stone must be found. But it is hidden in the Crystal Valley guarded by Hilaria the Snake Queen (Jo Bailey).

Prince Valiant (Vicky Hart) has vowed to find it and to destroy the Dark Creeper, thus winning the hand of Princess Twinkle. Christa, the wannabe Wizardess is set to help him. Will he/she succeed? And where does the Globe of Chaos fit into all this? Fun and games ensue with Doom the pessimist (Brian White), Yapper the dog (Tess Bailey) and Scag (Adam Kearney).

With such a varied cast, including 20 children, directed by Madge Nicholas and produced jointly by Adam Kearney and Vicky Hart, this panto is sure to be a success. So come along and see for yourselves and join in the fun.

Performances dates are on page 3.

Marian Rosling



Tuddenham's TADPOLES will be performing 'Red Riding Hood' on 18, 19 and 20 February at 7.45 pm with a matinee on the afternoon of the 20th in Tuddenham Village Hall.

CADS will be on stage in Charsfield Village Hall on 25, 26 and 27 March at 7.30pm. As yet untitled, this year's Charsfield panto is being written once again by Tony Hale. It has a highwayman theme - so be prepared to stand and deliver!



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