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Spring 2011

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Oil buying syndicate takes off

The organisers of a purchasing syndicate to bulk-buy heating oil have had an amazing response since it was set up earlier in February. The scheme started in Wickham Market and Pettistree, and is now being widened to other villages - for The News' area this covers The Bealings, Boulge, Bredfield, Burgh, Charsfield, Clopton, Culpho, Dallinghoo, Debach, Grundisburgh, Hasketon and Otley.

The principal benefits of the syndicate are a lower cost of heating oil, a regular and reliable supply and fewer heavy vehicles on our country roads.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

On 5 May electors have the chance to voice their opinions at elections for parish councils and Suffolk Coastal District Council, as well as on the national referendum on the parliamentary voting system. A campaign is being run to encourage more people to stand for election to their parish council and help shape their community's future in these challenging times.

To qualify to stand for a parish council you have to be 18 or over, live in or within three miles of your parish or work in it. Nomination papers - which are available from parish clerks or the district council - must be delivered to the district council's offices, at Melton Hill, Woodbridge, by 12noon on 4 April.

More information about what is involved is shown on the website of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, www.onesuffolk.co.uk/salc. The association provides support for members of parish and town councils in Suffolk. Many parish councils have their



Top left: James Clarke, winning racing driver from Grundisburgh - see page 18.

Top right: Rosario, chef and pizza maker at the Admiral's Head in Little Bealings. News from local pubs is featured on the cente pages.

Left: 'No Place like Rome' - GADS panto - is reviewed on page 20.

own websites and their services can include allotments, open spaces, leisure facilities, street lighting and festivals.

The local council elections do not apply to villages which have parish meetings (in this area Burgh, Dallinghoo, Debach and Boulge) rather than parish councils.

News deliverer needed

The News needs a new deliverer to distribute around 50 copies in The Street area of Little Bealings. Would anyone willing to take this on please contact Iain Langdon, iain.langdon@btinternet.com, 01473 735517. A small fee can be paid to children.

AN OPEN INVITATION ...

.. TO THE NEWS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FRIDAY 25 MARCH, 8PM IN GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS. WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU A GLASS OF WINE (OR TWO) AND WILL WELCOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

News Diary

FEBRUARY

Monday 28

Harrogate Show & Westonbirt Otley & Dist Gardening Club OVH 7.30pm Contact 890991

MARCH

Tuesday 1

Quiz Night & Ploughmans iao RSPCA Bredfield Castle 7pm PBE Contact 01394 385927

Thursday 3

Nation Osteoporosis Soc Anne Barnes Gr WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 4

Dance to Buckshee iao and at Bealings VH 7.30pm PBE Contact 735230/610169

Creative Chakra

Connections Yoga Bredfield VH 9.20 4.30pm Contact 01728 747409

Saturday 5

Jumbo Jumble Sale Bredfield VH Contact 01394 383155

Monday 7

AGM+The Importance of Play Bredfield Ladies Group VH 8pm Contact 737605

Gr. Parish Council Mtg GPR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 11

Our Family Sails Across the Atlantic Juliet Dearlove Smith Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970

Quiz Night and Fish & Chips Bredfield VH 7.30pm PBE Contact 01394 386977

Tuesday 15

AGM Gr & Culpho Parish GVH 7.30pm 735541

Thursday 17

Otley Hall Past, Present & Future Catherine Beaumont Gr Local History Soc GPR 7.30pm Contact 738455

Diary of a Norfolk Parson

Mrs S Harrison Bealings WI BVH 2.30pm Contact 623985

Friday 18

Quiz & stew supper Three Horseshoes Charsfield 7pm PBE Contact 737701

Wednesday 23

Quiet Day Otley Hall 10-4pm PBE Contact 890264

Friday 25

Band in the Barn – Buckshee Turks Head Hasketon 8pm Contact 01394 610907

Monday 28

All About Vegetables Otley & Dist Gardening Club OVH 7.30pm Contact 890991

APRIL

Monday 4

My Life as a Film Critic 7.30pm Bredfield Ladies Group VH 737605

Thursday 7

Service on the Royal Yacht Peter Barnes Gr WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 8

Molly Smith's Quiz Hasketon HVH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970/383106

Sunday 10

Breakfast Cafe Charsfield VH 9-1pm Contact 7337701

Tuesday 12

Quiet Day Otley Hall 10-4pm PBE Contact 890264

Wednesday 13

Eastern Angles 'Up out o' the Sea' Bredfield VH 7.30pm PBE Contact 01394 385575

Thursday 14

Acupuncture & Yoga Ms A Stoddart Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Saturday 16

Bealings Annual Plant Sale BVH 10am - 12 noon Contact 735565

Sunday 17

Citroen Car Club at Turks Head Hasketon 12noon Contact 01394 610907

Tuesday 19

40 Years at the Brandeston Forge Mary Moore Gr Local History Soc PR 7.30pm Contact 738455

Friday – Monday 22-25

Weekend Special inc live music Turks Head, Hasketon Contact 01394 610907

Monday 25

AGM+French Gardens Otley & Dist Gardening Club OVH 7.30pm Contact 890991

Wednesday 27

Quiet Day Otley Hall 10-4pm PBE Contact 890264

MAY

Monday 2

Plant & Book Sale Hasketon VH 2pm Contact 01394 388970/383106

Thursday 5

When Holidays were Fun Tom Tyler Gr WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 9

Gr. Parish Council Mtg GPR 7.30pm Contact 735541

40th Anniversary Party

Bredfield Ladies Group VH Contact 737605

Tuesday 10

Quiet Day Otley Hall 10-4pm PBE Contact 890264

Friday 13

Hollesley Bay Prison

Governor Declan Moor, Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970/610214

Tuesday 17

Bawdsey & Radar Elizabeth Brooking Gr Local History Soc PR 7.30pm Contact 738455

Thursday 19

Baskets from the Wild - How it all began Ms J Hammond Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Saturday 21

Family Fun Day & Car boot Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field Charsfield 9am Contact 737701

Friday 27

Quiet Day Otley Hall 10-4pm PBE Contact 890264

JUNE

Thursday 2

Yoga etc Rita Dedman Gr WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 4

Bredfield Church Fete, The Old Rectory 2.15pm Contact 01394 383156

Friday 10

Carl Giles John Field Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970/610214

Saturday 11

Guided Tour of Otley Hall Gr Local History Soc PBE Contact 738455

Tuddenham Fete Poplar Farm 2pm Contact 785415

Thursday 16

New Plants for your Garden Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Saturday 18

Hidden Gardens of Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho 1-6pm Contact 738267

Cream Teas in the Garden, 2 St. Peters Close Charsfield 2-4pm Contact 737701

Sunday 19

Hidden Gardens as Saturday

Saturday 25

Mid Summer Music iao St, Mary's Ch Grundisburgh, Grundisburgh House 2pm – 8pm Contact 735857

Sunday 26

Jazz BBQ Shrubbery Farm Hasketon 12.30pm-4pm PBE Contact 01394 383106/388970

JULY

Saturday 16

Grundisburgh Village Show & Summer Disco Contact 738267/

Sunday 17

Guided Visit to Suffolk Punch Trust G.r Local History Soc PBE Contact 738455

Craft Fair Gr.PF Contact 735524

Saturday 23

Duck Race iao Grundisburgh Scouts/Guides VG 5pm Contact 735352

AUGUST

Friday 12

Evening Garden Party Culpho Manor 6pm PBE Contact 735517

Saturday 13

Hasketon Village Fete VH 2pm Contact 01394 388970

Monday 29

Car Boot & Fun Day iao Grundisburgh Football Club GPF 2-5pm Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3

St. Mary's Church Fete GVG Contact 735857

Family Fun Day, Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field Charsfield 10am Contact 737701

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

PBE - pre-booking essential

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise. Diary items to be sent to Heather Langdon (see page 19)

What's On

Buckshee fundraiser

Buckshee is coming to Bealings Village Hall on Friday 4 March. Doors open 7.30pm, and there will be a licensed bar. Tickets at £5 are available from 01473 735230 or 610169. Check them out at <http://www.buckshee.biz/>

Quiet Days at Otley Hall

Otley Hall starts its new programme of 'Quiet Days' in March. We have continued to widen our choice of themes and in response to feedback have included three days on 'deep silence'.

On Wednesday 23 March Revd Gordon Melvin will be taking a day on Meditation. Following this we have a day on Tuesday 12 April with Revd Joyce Willis on Joy in Christianity. Wednesday 27 April is a day for Easter with Eilish Heath entitled 'Spring Song, Easter Blessing' - reflecting on the greenness of earth and new life. In May we have two quiet days: on Tuesday 10th with Revd Jane Hall, 'Walking with St Cuthbert' and on Friday 27th with Revd Dr Brian Raistrick: Growing old with God - the challenge of ageing.

The programme continues throughout the year. The days normally run from 10am until 4pm and cost £18 per person which includes refreshments and a light lunch. The days are guided, include silence and give the opportunity for peace and refreshment. For more information, to book or for a leaflet, please contact me.

*Louise Rutterford, Events Manager,
01473 890264, enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk
www.otleyhall.co.uk*

Jazz on a Summer's Day

For the 15th year the Traditional Jazz and Barbecue event will be held at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon, on Sunday 26 June, 12.30 to 4pm. The good news is that we have New Orleans Heat, a

very well liked seven piece band which includes piano keyboard. Regulars will know that the barbecue with salads and scrumptious desserts never fail to satisfy. Ice cream too and a pay bar with reasonably priced beers and wines. Tickets will be available in March - phone 01394 383106 or 388970. Helpers are needed and may get a reduced price ticket! Please contact me or Molly if interested.

*Gordon Smith, 01394 383106,
shrubfarm@hotmail.com*

Eastern Angles at Bredfield

On Wednesday 13 April the latest touring production from the well known local theatre group Eastern Angles will be appearing at Bredfield Village Hall. The play 'Up Out o' the Sea' is by Andrew Holland and directed by Ivor Cutting.

The story...when Carrie turns up in a small coastal town armed with a laptop and a string of awkward questions her arrival sparks a mixture of emotions amongst the residents. Impressionable young Tweedy is instantly smitten, Mrs Jope the local librarian is full of sage advice but dour old Dolphie, Suffolk's grumpiest fisherman, is curiously cagey about the events of 30 years ago For tickets for the performance in Bredfield contact 01394 385575.

Dog racing day

Burgh Dog Races will be running on Saturday 2 July at the Stables, Mill Hill, Burgh. Starting at 2pm, it is for all sizes of dogs. The terriers will run after a lure from 'traps' and the big dogs will run after their owners or to their owners for a biscuit!

Opened by a famous stage star - who will also judge the fancy dress competition on the theme of 'Over the Rainbow' - there will be children's races, children against dogs races, pony rides, tractor rides, a wide range of refreshments, music and plenty of seating. The whole event will be in aid of The Treehouse Appeal and Burgh Church. Anyone wishing to sponsor something or advertise in the programme or website is asked to contact Gillian Gurdon on 01473 735273.

Revamped village hall

Charsfield Village Hall has undergone several improvements in the last year to ensure that it was ready for all types of business in 2011. In conjunction with local company Damselby Interiors, the bar area has been completely revamped, allowing plenty of room for both servers and storage.

The committee room has had new flooring installed and many of the rooms have had a fresh coat of paint. Suitable

for business meetings, bands and birthday parties, the venue has an online booking service. Visit www.charsfieldvillagehallorg.uk /for more information.

Recreation ground fund raisers

Charsfield recreation ground committee has planned a programme of events for 2011. We welcome the many visitors from surrounding villages who enjoy the facilities on our field. Please support us - fund raising is our only source of revenue, and every penny goes towards maintaining the Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field. The next few events are:

Friday 18 March: St Patrick's Day Quiz Irish Stew and dumplings! Teams of four (we always need extra people to make up teams as well). £10 per person, which includes a two course meal. Licensed Bar and raffle. Arrive at 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start. Tickets from me, Bridge Garage or The Three Horseshoes.

Sunday 10 April: Breakfast Cafe - Start the morning with a leisurely healthy breakfast with a French twist and newspapers! 9 am to 1 pm in Charsfield Village Hall.

Saturday 21 May: Family Fun Day and Car Boot Sale The kids can play while you make some cash. Car boot pitches £5. Set up 9am. Fun, organised games, BBQ from 10am on the recreation ground.

*Jan Pedgrift, 01473 737701,
janpedgrift@btinternet.com*

Real craft fair

Julia Bentley is running another craft fair on 17 July, in the marquee on Grundisburgh Playing Field. People interested in booking a stall to demonstrate and sell their crafts can contact her on 01473 735524, julie-bentley@tiscali.co.uk.

Lots more events overleaf



What's On



Hordes of happy helpers at the Bealings sale last year.

Bealings Annual Plant Sale

The date and venue for Bealings' highly popular annual plant sale is Saturday 16 April, 10am to 12 noon in Bealings Village Hall. Admission is £1 including refreshments.

Now in its 18th year, the sale gains in reputation and popularity with the range of plants growing ever wider: shrubs, vegetables, herbs, flowers, saplings and much more. Of special note are the perennials many of which are not available in the local garden centres.

There will be a cake stall, and at 12noon, why not stroll down to the Admiral's Head to enjoy a leisurely lunch. For families, there is a playing field behind the hall to keep the children amused leaving their parents free to browse. Parking is also available and convenient to load the morning's bounty.

Proceeds of the sale are in aid of Great and Little Bealings Churches. For further details contact Norman Porter 01473 735565 or Geoff/Paddy Bills 01473 610219

Hasketon's Plant & Book Sale

Hasketon's annual plant and book sale takes place on the May Day Holiday Monday (2 May) as usual. Again it will be featuring a mammoth collection of books of all kinds, and both local

and professional stalls of plants. It's a popular event so it pays to come in good time - doors open 2pm.

Growing courses

A second season of courses for aspiring vegetable growers starts in Bredfield in March. Belinda Gray is offering courses for beginners, covering how to get started, what to grow all year round, preparation and maintenance, one morning a week for six weeks. These will be repeated in the autumn.

In addition there are day courses for small groups which include seasonal lunches from Belinda's walled kitchen garden. Details from 01394 384712 or www.the-grower.co.uk

Craft courses

Willowmead Studios in Otley Bottom is arranging more craft workshops. A candle and card design workshop will be on Saturday 12 March, while on Saturday 26 March it will be crochet for beginners. Both last from 10am to 4pm.

In April a 'Fascination of Fibres' and 'An Introduction to all types of weave' workshops will take place, and later textile art and natural dyeing workshops

The Craft Cafe at Willowmead opens on Fridays (when knitters and other craft enthusiasts are encouraged to pop in to meet with like minded people), and on

Sundays - from 10am to 4pm both days. The shop has a selection of handmade woven, knitted and crochet gift items and hand dyed natural yarns, including yarn from their Alpaca herd. The lovely, cheeky Alpacas can be viewed free on Sundays between 10.30am to 3.30pm. Contact 01473 274390 or viewwww.willowmeadspotblog.com

Music for Midsummer

Summer this year will be all the brighter for 'Midsummer Music' - to be held at Grundisburgh House on Saturday 25 June from 2pm to 8 pm. There will be a wide range of musical performances for you to enjoy - all provided by talented members of your community.

The very popular BBQ will provide burgers and hot dogs and the more popular bar will provide all drinks. The draw will be very well stocked with super prizes and there is lots to keep the children amused throughout the afternoon with games, face painting and activities as well as the fantastic music. If you are interested in performing on the day please contact me as soon as possible because time slots are nearly all fully booked!

Julia Bentley, 01473 735524

Packed programme for horticultural society

A new fund raising event is being added to Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society's programme this year: a pumpkin festival on the afternoon of 29 October on Grundisburgh Green.

The starting time for the Hidden Gardens weekend on

18/19 June has been brought forward to 1pm. This should enable people visiting for just one of the days to get to see more gardens - and to sample a special lunch at The Dog. Anyone in the three villages who would like to open their garden for the first time should contact Jason Brown (jason@burghcottage.com) or me as soon as possible.

Details of the classes for the Village Show on 16 July are available in Grundisburgh Post Office or on the society's website gbchs.co.uk. The full schedule will be published in early May.

Anyone wanting to have a stand on the playing field outside the show marquee can contact Julia Bentley, 735524, julie-bentley@tiscali.co.uk. There will also be facilities for car booters as usual.

Liz Binns and Angela Cooper are looking for sponsors - for class prize money, for advertising in the schedule and providing raffle prizes, to help us donate more money to charity. We were able to give £3250 to our chosen charities last year. This year the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Meningitis Trust have been selected as beneficiaries. Anyone interested in getting their company names over to our many visitors should contact 738555, liz.binns@talk21.com.

Our treasurer Iain Langdon (iain.langdon@btinternet.com or 735517) would also like to hear from anyone willing to add their name to the list of vice presidents on the front of the schedule in return for a donation.

Richard Garrett will again be organising the popular disco in the marquee after the show.

The evening garden party is being held at Culpho Manor, by kind permission of Lyn and Robert Chapman, on Friday 8 August.

Nicola Hobbs, horticultural society secretary, nicola@nicolahobbs.com, 738267

(the code for all horticultural society contacts is 01473)

How the world war II evacuees were welcomed in Grundisburgh & Burgh

The first step was a census of all the houses in the village to ascertain which families could accommodate evacuees.

As the small country cottage where I lived had no spare rooms, my family was not affected by the evacuation.

Once the houses able to take evacuees had been identified, people were told the date on which the evacuees would arrive and virtually the whole village turned up at the local school as the buses bringing the evacuees from Ipswich station arrived.

village hall and the Baptist Chapel. Four of we bigger boys had the job of transporting all the necessary books, pens, etc when it was our turn to use one of these outposts. This was done by putting them in a very large wooden box to which to had been affixed two poles - something like a sedan chair. In this way, both local and evacuated children had an equal share of the school and of the outposts.

On the whole, both

over us on their way to London and other towns. At the outset, though, we did not have much to worry about. Food and sweets were rationed, but as we lived in the country we were able to grow plenty of vegetables, keep chickens for extra eggs and during the summer catch rabbits in the harvest fields to eke out a meat ration.

County Hall in Ipswich before becoming the Administrative Secretary of the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. Ron has retained a strong interest in Grundisburgh and Burgh, particularly the history and still regards both villages as home. When he married in 1965 he moved to Selsdon, part of the London Borough of Croydon..

The arrival of the Americans in the area will be the subject of Adam Gurdon's next article in the summer issue.



Ron in wartime and more recently

This report is based on information Ron Last wrote to help a member of his local church choir with a school project about evacuees.

Ron grew up in Burgh, and was at Grundisburgh School when the Second world war started. He later won a scholarship to Woodbridge School and worked first at



Grundisburgh School (probably taken well before the war).

It must have been a traumatic experience for the evacuees, some of whom came from Tooting and some from Forest Gate. Some were unhappy with their new home and were eventually moved, but most found good and sympathetic families to live with.

The evacuees' own teachers accompanied them and, at first, we shared the local school using it for half a day each. Later, we used the nearby parish room, the

village and evacuated children got on well and good friendships were made, although our different accents caused some amusement at first.

There were air raids on Ipswich and Martlesham Heath aerodrome when bombs occasionally fell not so very far away. The most frightening aspect of the war, however, was in 1944/45, when flying bombs ('doodlebugs') used to fly



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NEWS TRIBUTES

Fred Boggis May 1920 to January 2011

Fred was born in Great Bealings, and his parents moved to be the landlords of the Admiral's Head in Little Bealings when Fred was four. He served an apprenticeship

they moved to what became their home and business base in the centre of Hasketon. The lorry business grew and flourished, and Barbara ran a successful village shop and post office there; Boggis's store was a key part of village life when I grew up in Hasketon in the early 50's.

Fred played a central part in the village, serving about 50 years on the parish council; he began bingo and whist drives, which raised thousands for charities. He was a great supporter of the Evergreens, and became chairman of what Barbara refers to as the 'Hut Committee', otherwise known as the Victory Hall; without Fred's devotion and service, the hall wouldn't be as it is now.

Running the shop and the haulage business meant there wasn't much in the way of holidays, but within the village Fred enjoyed table tennis, and bowling and he loved his garden. The

albums I looked through were full of photos of wonderful roses - and of their daughter Linda (Shimmen, who died sadly young) and her three daughters.

Nicola Hobbs (nee Lightfoot) with information supplied by Barbara Boggis



Above: Fred as a boy with his parents when they ran the Admiral's Head and his sister Joyce.
Left: Fred in middle age.



as a motor mechanic, and then joined his father's haulage company in Little Bealings.

Fred and Barbara met aged 14 and were married when they were 20, initially separated by Fred's wartime service overseas. When the haulage business needed to expand,

Chris Davidson sent a poetic tribute to her mother Rene Flexman - who sadly died shortly after Alf (issue 218). As we did not have room to print this, a copy is in the News tributes album in Grundisburgh Post Office.

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THEFTS FROM HEATING OIL TANKS

In the first three weeks of this year 16 thefts of heating oil were reported to Suffolk Police, including two at Burgh, and almost 10,000 litres stolen. The police recommend a few simple steps to help make tanks and fuel more difficult for thieves to target.

- * Screen your tank with fencing or hedges
- * Close and secure any gates leading to the tank
- * Conceal or cover any external pipes and fuel lines.
- * Install dusk to dawn security lighting. CCTV is also a good deterrent
- * Consider installing a tank alarm
- * Keep an eye on neighbouring properties.

As large quantities of oil are often stolen, thieves need sizeable containers and a van or a larger vehicle to take it away. If you see any suspicious persons or vehicles in your road or a neighbour's driveway, contact police immediately by dialling 999.

Any security measures which directly affect the tank or pipe work should always be installed in consultation with the tank supplier.

Further information on oil tank security can be found on www.suffolk.police.uk or by calling local crime reduction officers on 01473 613500.

Kesgrave & District Safer Neighbourhood team, which serves many of The News' villages has a range of items for sale to help prevent crimes. These include door stopper and window alert alarms, cycle locks and property marking kits. These are available from their offices near Tesco on Grange Farm.

Their next community engagement meeting is on Wednesday 2 March in Playford Village Hall, from 6.30 to 7.15pm. Queries 01473 613500, kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

Oil purchasing syndicate

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The service is free to join and is operated by the syndicate on a voluntary basis. It is run as simply as possible, with customers sending their orders by e-mail to the syndicate, who will contact a number of suitable suppliers for the best possible price and delivery before placing the order.

Customers make their payment directly to the supplier after delivery. Order dates are currently six times a year- on 15 February, 29 March, 5 July, 13 September, 22 November-and 10 January 2012. These may be subject to change according to supply and market conditions

The more people joining this scheme, the stronger the bargaining power, the better the terms can be achieved and the better it will work for all concerned.

To join the oil purchasing syndicate or for more information contact; props11@btinternet.com

The PROPS Team" (Tony Franklin, Mike Barnes, Steve Wassell)

RE-CYCLING CYCLES

Wondering what to do with that old bike that's been sitting at the back of the shed then read on.... Re-Cycle is a charity that sends bikes out to Africa to promote low cost transport for health care workers, school children etc. So... if you have a bike or even bits of a bike, pump, trailer or tools then please let me know.

Ten bikes have been collected in Bredfield so far which are due to be picked up by the charity at the end of February.

We can arrange for further group collections either from Bredfield (please contact me) or Ford House, Grundisburgh (please leave at the back of the garage). If anyone else would like to volunteer, other convenient collection points could be arranged.

Anne Ackerley, 01394 384805

FUND RAISING VOYAGE

After months of hard work, Olly Rofix and his 18-foot boat 'Jolly Olly' are afloat and he is continuing to raise money for his Round Britain voyage later this year.

Olly and his boat were on show at the London Boat

Show in January where they attracted a lot of interest - some 10,000 people visited his stand and donated generously but corporate sponsorship was less than Olly had hoped. He still needs £15,000 to pay all his bills to be incurred on his trip.

Currently berthed in St. Katharine Haven in London,



Olly is not only raising money for The Anthony Nolan Trust but also setting up his own charity to help people recovering from cancer: the aim is to help them achieve their own personal goals with financial and practical support. Follow Olly on www.oliverstravels.co.uk

A Chocolate Fair

Saturday April 16th
2.00 - 4.30pm
at the Playford Parish Hall

Come to a Chocolate Fair at Playford and bring the children

Easter Egg Hunt for the children, plus Decorating your own Easter egg

Decorate your own Easter Cards, Cup Cake Decorating Cakes stalls, chocolate fountain, quizzes and games, Teas for all

£1 entry fee per person including the egg hunt
Free car park



Two Bedroom Shared Ownership House for Sale

Ablitts Meadow, Grundisburgh

Viewing afternoons

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March
Between 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Shared ownership property for sale in Grundisburgh for eligible parties. Kitchen/diner, living room, downstairs WC, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. Garden and parking. £84,100 for 58% share.

To enquire about this property or to make a viewing appointment contact Ben Jacobs on 01473 735045 or Steven Bland at English Rural Housing Association on 0207 820 7930 for further information.



Three Bedroom Shared Ownership House for Sale

Ablitts Meadow, Grundisburgh

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY THRIVES

Grundisburgh Local History Society, now in its 30th year, is continuing to attract full houses at the parish rooms for its meetings. The programme starts each September and runs to May.

The autumn and winter series of talks has included topics ranging from a fascinating account of constructing and repairing timber-framed buildings, and the skills of the carpenters who built them, to an illustrated talk by well-known local historian, Dr John Blatchly on the houses and estates along the banks of the Orwell -- this was balanced with an account by another speaker of what was involved in more recent times in the building of the Orwell Bridge.

Usually, two visits are arranged during the summer months, but last October, there was an additional one when parties of members were shown round Thorpe Hall, Hasketon at the kind invitation of Sarah and Barrie Zins. The building, familiar to travellers on the road to Woodbridge, is considerably older than it appears from first impressions of its Georgian frontage and members were intrigued to learn of the early timbered features of the interior.

The spring and summer programme, which has just been published, is just as varied and includes details of the two visits planned for the summer months. The June event will be a guided tour of Otley Hall.

In July, members will go to Hollesley to have an afternoon looking at the Suffolk Punch Trust.

Contact me on 01473 738195 or Jan Whitaker, the secretary, on 738455 for details of membership. However,

visitors are always welcome if they wish to come along to enjoy individual meetings. .

Albert Usher, chairman, GLHS

Women's Institute report

The snow in December caused Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI's Christmas party to be cancelled. But we made up for this in January when we shared a bring a plate supper.

Sally Grahn organised a Desert Island Discs evening with members being asked to provide a favourite piece of music (this provoked many nostalgic memories), a luxury item, which ranged from a wind up radio to a pet dog, and the choice of a book that they would like to have with them in the event of becoming a castaway.

Brenda Sadler, our president, for the past two years has retired and her role has been taken on by Pat Sullivan. Our thanks go to Brenda for all she has done and to Pat for stepping into her shoes.

A varied and interesting programme is planned for 2011 (watch the News diary) including speakers on Osteoporosis, service on the royal yacht, Suffolk churches and their treasures, and an 'antiques road show'. Visitors are always welcome.

Carol Barker

SCOUT GROUP NEWS

Many thanks to all those who participated in our Christmass card postal scheme; we collected 500 cards from the area and are very grateful to Williams Shop, the doctors' surgery and Grundisburgh School, Grange Farm Shop and Woodbridge Library for having our postal bins.

In November Patti Thirlwell, our Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs, gave a talk to our Cub pack on the

Maori people of New Zealand, their dances, songs and culture. The Beavers enjoyed bowling before Xmas, and in March they will be going on camp at Thorrington where they can have a try on pedal 'go karts', crate stacking and a climbing wall.

Explorers went on winter camp to Gilwell Scout HQ in January for which we used a Soames Coach for transport. We joined with Kesgrave, Leiston and Earl Soham Explorers for this camp and on the other side of the field were 1st Otley. Unfortunately it rained on the first night which made the campsite very, very muddy!

A large number of Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a performance of the GADS Panto in January



where 'Thorpey' our Scout leader was called onto the stage to hold a tray of vegetables!

Sixers and Seconders from our Cub pack, and others from the district, are soon to take part in a night hike, staying at Otley Village Hall. The Scouts are having an Expedition Challenge in April - hiking from Framlingham to Grundisburgh in time for the Mother's Day Parade at St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, on 3 April.

The Duck Race is on Saturday 23 July on Grundisburgh Green at 5pm.

More info available on:
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Troop Assistant, 01473 735352

Late news: The 'textile bin' is now in place in the pavilion car park. Any clothes, towels, curtains, pairs of shoes etc. (but not duvets or pillows) will help raise funds.

Charlie Haylock to entertain at parish meeting

This year's Grundisburgh and Culpho annual parish meeting will be held in Grundisburgh's Village Hall on Tuesday 15th March starting at 7.30pm.

The main item will be a talk by Charlie Haylock. His informative and hilarious one-man shows are legendary in the county and his books, *Slightly on the Huh*, *A Rum owd Dew* and his latest *Caw'd a Hell* have all been best sellers. His brilliant story telling can reduce audiences to tears of laughter.

There will be an exhibition of paintings of Grundisburgh & Culpho arranged by the Art Club - some for sale.

As this is election year the minutes of the first parish council meeting in 1894 will be on display. This was the first time parishioners had the opportunity to have a voice in the running of their village and there was fierce competition to be elected. So much so that after a disputed vote was taken it had to be re-taken and a record made of how people voted. This record will also be on display.

During the meeting reports will be given by a representative sample of village organisations. There will be opportunities to ask questions throughout. Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be served at the end to give the opportunity to meet friends and to speak informally to our parish councillors, district and county councillors and our community police officer.

John Ager, parish clerk, 01473 735541

Anyone interested in standing for the parish council at the elections in May (see page 1) can contact council chairman Dennis Crowe for more information: 01473 738174, crowe_d@btinternet.com. More candidates will be welcomed.

Grundisburgh Gleanings



The Sleepsafe team: from left Dean Turner, Jack Adams, Ollie Billsberry and Luke Billsberry.

A GROWING BUSINESS

Last time The News featured Ollie Billsberry and his then new heating and boiler service 'Sleepsafe' in Grundisburgh, it was just Ollie in the frame.

Four years later Ollie has been joined by his brother Luke, Jack Adams from Martlesham and Dean Turner, an apprentice that Ollie recruited.

Dean is the grandson of Sheila Paternoster who will be familiar to patrons of the Olde Forge Stores. Studying at Ipswich College, Dean joined Sleepsafe for the practical part of his training nearly two years ago. He has another six months of apprenticeship still to run.

Obviously, the business is

doing well. Ollie and his group take care of all kinds of heating and plumbing problems, including maintenance and servicing of various gas appliances (oil fired, natural or bottled), heating and bathroom installations, etc.

He has made contact with local letting agents in Framlingham and Saxmundham, and his group takes care of all the agents' letting properties. As a result, Ollie is finding that he can devote more time to building up his business which he wants to be known as 'a reliable, local business working for local people'.

It seems he is well on his way.

Words and photo Wendy Witt

Children's activities at the Baptist Chapel

We are running another children's holiday club this year, from 19 to 21 April, 10.30 till 12.00. Everything is free and all primary age children are welcome. Our Easter Egg Hunt is on Good Friday at 2.30pm on the Millennium Meadow. There is a small charge of 50p per child in aid of African children. Everyone is welcome to our Easter services: Good Friday at 10.30am, Easter Sunday at 10.45am and family service at 4pm (followed by tea).

Colin Grimwood. Tel 738856; mobile 0782 339150; email candgrimwood@tiscali.co.uk

Grundisburgh Annual Litter Pick

9.30 - 11.30am
Saturday 9 April
Gloves, bags and picks available
on The Green
Queries Sally Grahn 738219

Crafty get together

Started some five years ago by the late Irene SBrunning as a ladies' sewing circle, the Grundisburgh Craft Group continues to grow. It currently has about 15 members who meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Grundisburgh Parish Rooms. Sessions last from 9.30am to about 12.30pm and cost £2 - which includes coffee and biscuits.

Members display a wide range of skills; mere beginners (and men, especially coffee-makers) are welcome. They attend the group for pure pleasure and to get away from the phone and other pressures of daily life - and for a bit of mutual

support. Sewing is not their only discipline: when I visited the group, members were also doing knitting, embroidery and quilting - much of it for charity. They're a modest lot - they don't hold an exhibition but the quality of work is impressive.

They would welcome more people to join them.

Words and photos Richard Watkinson



Above: Quilter Heather Langdon;

Right: Pauline Coomber and Sharon Proctor.

Poppy collection

The total for November's 2010 Poppy collection in Grundisburgh was a fantastic £1,836-14. A big thank you to all concerned from the hon. organiser Margaret Quinton.



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HEALTHY EATING FOR DOGS

In 2006, Hilary Pearce found herself with two working gun dogs that needed mental and physical stimulation, so she decided that agility training would be a good outlet for the dogs' pent up energy!

Now, Hilary owns five rescue dogs and has been training them for five years. During 2010, the team claimed 87 rosettes, and Raffles - a pedigree working cocker spaniel - won eight trophies. Hilary and the dogs train at the Suffolk Five Rivers Agility Club once a week.



premium dog food which contains only natural ingredients with no derivatives, and Hilary and Stephen are convinced that these are much healthier for their dogs. They began to market and sell them from their trade stand, 'Naturally Dogs', at dog show events including the Kennel Club International Show.

They have a variety of products so they can find a product that will suit each



Another new product, a drink called "PowWow", helps to rehydrate and revive dogs at shows and is also good for dogs with epilepsy. Hilary and Stephen are the main agility distributor of the drink.

Hilary also supports the use of Bach Flower remedies to treat the emotions of animals and humans. For example, before an agility competition they could be used to calm the nerves of both the handler and the dog. She is now doing the final part of her course to become a practitioner in Bach Flower remedies and hopes to be fully qualified soon. She sells these in addition to the dog food at her trade stand.

Katie Davis

Hilary and Stephen Pearce

live in Chapel Lane, Grundisburgh and can be contacted on 01473 735439 or via www.naturallydogs.co.uk



individual dog with a specific problem, such as allergies. They also stock holistic foods, one being "Green Dog Food" which contains herbs to help

Tootsie - a springer cross cocker spaniel - has a gluten intolerance and can't eat regular dog food. Hilary and her husband, Stephen, sought out gluten-free products and currently feed all their dogs "Omnipro". This is a super

worming, fleas and to keep the dog's eyes in good condition. Hilary and Stephen are now dealing with 12 different companies, with "Fish 4 Dogs", a product they had previously fed to Tootsie, being the most popular.

Top left: Raffles and top right Tootsie in competition, photos courtesy Alan Boutel, FRPS. Below left: Hilary and Stephen selling products at a dog show.

PUB NEWS

Despite the gloom about the economy, our local pubs have been confidently investing in the future.

Gary has refurbished the kitchen at the Otley White Hart. Rosario and Jazmine at the Admiral's Head in Little Bealings have modernised the bar areas and installed a new hot-stone oven to cater for the family customers they hope to attract with their range of hand-made pizzas.

Rosario is a qualified chef from Naples and knows a thing or two about traditional Italian pizzas and pasta. All pizzas are cooked to order - and there is a take-away service, too.

The restaurant at the Grundisburgh Dog has been



redecorated. A new addition to the staff, Harley, is proving very popular with the locals in the bar. It's curry night at the Dog on Thursday 17 March - a week later sees the start of their four-day Pork, Cider and Beer Festival.

The Turks Head at Hasketon has a regular series of quiz evenings for teams of four. The next ones are due on Wednesday 16 March, 20 April and 18 May, starting at 7.30pm. Other events

An emergency crew had difficulty reaching the Dog recently because access was blocked by parked cars. Motorists are asked to leave room for emergency vehicles.

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Top: Burns Night at the Bredfield Castle - see story on page 15. Photo by co-owner Sarah Rayner.

Left: Harley, the new security at The Dog. Photo Eilir Watkinson.

Below left: Rosario at work on a delicious Margherita. Photo Richard Watkinson.



organised at The Turks Head include a monthly date with a 'Band in the Barn' - which on 25 March will be featuring 'Buckshee' and on 27 May the Gordon Bennett Band. Car boots are another regular feature. These start at 10am on one Sunday a month - the next ones on 10 April and 8 May.

On Sunday 17 April the Citroen Car Club holds its open day there, and a whole series of events are being planned for the Easter weekend - with live music from a French band, Reviens Fernande, mini beer festival, bouncy castle, barbeque and petanque.

Richard Watkinson

Pub Contacts:

The Dog, Grundisburgh, 01473 735267

White Hart, Otley, 01473 890312

Admiral's Head, Little Bealings, 01473 625912

The Castle, Bredfield, 01394 385927

The Turks Head, Hasketon, 01394 610907

Paul Garwood, mechanical music arranger and entertainer

Grundisburgh resident Paul Garwood bought his barrel organ from a manufacturer in Berlin about four years ago to provide entertainment and raise funds for local charities. To do this, he and his assistant, Lucy Jane Nightingale, established the Paul and Lucy Barrel Organ Music Show.

Paul's entire 38-year working career was as a watchmaker in Ipswich. In the 1960's he became part of a pop group called the 'Swinging Pendulums', then the strong call of music led him to enrol a few years later at Suffolk College to study the rudiments of music. He joined the Suffolk Fire Service and other brass bands, playing the cornet, flugelhorn and soprano cornet. He also played the trumpet in local classical and variety orchestras and a highlight of this period was playing in the orchestra pit at the Ipswich Regent pantomimes. In 1974, he played with the Fire Service Band at the London premier of the film 'The Towering Inferno'. He also played three times before royalty.

Whilst continuing as a watchmaker, Paul took up making music by computer. He established a suite of software to create and arrange music and make backing tracks for a club singer in Scotland. More recently, music arranged by computer to play on his barrel organ started to

appear in Paul's play list at events like the Suffolk County Show, Art on the Prom at Felixstowe and numerous events in village halls, supermarkets and various other public gatherings. Appearances on Suffolk and Community Radio, as well as Virgin TV followed.

Then, about a year ago, a British organ music roll publisher negotiated with Paul to produce and sell organ rolls based on his own arrangements to home and overseas customers. Thus was born, here in Grundisburgh, a



Paul and Lucy playing at Rushmere Church.

new small business producing special music for the barrel organ.

You can hear mp3 samples of Paul's music and read more about his new business on his web site <http://paul-garwood-mechanical-music-arranger.yolasite.com/> or Google Paul Garwood music arranger.

John Goode



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Hasketon Highlights

2nd Fridays going strong

Our '2nd Friday' events are proving most popular again this year. We always have a ploughman's supper at 7.15pm, followed by a speaker or other entertainment. On 11 March, Juliette Dearlove will tell us how she and her husband gave up their jobs, took the girls out of school, sold their house, bought a boat and sailed through the Mediterranean, across the Atlantic and had a good time around the Caribbean Islands. But it is reassuring that she still loves Suffolk best!

Our quiz master Molly Smith has already prepared a host of questions for us to battle with on 8 April. 'Teams of four' are the order of the day, but if you are on your own, let me know and we shall find a team for you. May I please have the names of all participants by the previous Wednesday.

Declan Moore is the governor of Hollesley Bay Prison and on 13 May he will explain how he runs the prison with understanding, fairness and firmness. On 10 June John Field will tell us about his friend Carl Giles, the clever artist and cartoonist.

Call for walking sticks and brollies

Umbrellas and walking sticks will be the subject of our exhibition in Hasketon Church during our village fete weekend (13/14 August). Any interesting ones we could borrow would be welcomed, ideally with a short note of their history.

Hall improvements

The Victory Hall is so much warmer now since insulation boards were fitted to the external walls of the stage and the rooms on either side. The village's Evergreen Club for older people, noticed the difference immediately when they had their tea party in January. When moving the fuse boxes to fit the new

insulation, we also had the electrics up-dated to comply with the new regulations.

Because The Victory Hall is in such good shape now, we are looking for more groups to book on a regular basis. Most mornings and afternoons are free ... contact Claire Harrington 01394 380644.

Parish council update

Hasketon Parish Council has been working hard on behalf of the village. They are concerned about the registration of the village green, planning applications and the probable reduction in bus services.

Consideration is being given to the request for fencing to be erected around the play area because of unpleasant dog fouling on The Green. As several footpath signs have been dislodged and dangerous potholes have appeared in the roads, the council are asking for outside help to put them right.

Richard Smith, 01394 388970

PLAY LAUNCH

The group of parents and children trying to raise money to replace and extend the playground equipment are having a launch event on 2 April.

Children are invited to come and plant a Sunflower seed for our competition, decorate a biscuit and create something beautiful, while for parents, grandparents and carers the invitation is to come and see the plans, have a cup of tea and piece of cake.

The new play equipment will be for toddlers through to 16 year olds so as many children as possible will benefit. We shall need lots of support. Please come to our launch or make contact with us.

Karen Moodie (610214), Niki Field (382059) or Heidi Hughes (386297)

Two other popular Hasketon events, the Plant & Book Sale and Jazz & Barbecue, are featured on the What's On pages, 3 and 4.

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Clopton Chat

Briefly

MUSICAL FUN IN AID OF THE BELL FRAME

The first fundraising event for the new bell frame in Clopton Church got off to a wonderful start on Friday 28 January. Peter and Jean Day had organised a Musical Fun Evening. Peter is an accomplished keyboard player and he had arranged an evening of dancing, quizzes and games. There was lots of friendly rivalry during the 'plane' competition and everyone thoroughly enjoyed an evening where there was something for each person to enjoy. There was a huge buffet and all agreed that it was a superb event.



Peter Day having fun at the musical evening.

We shall be holding a three day Celebration of Bells from 28th to 30th May. There will be flowers, collections of bells, information and artefacts. Refreshments will be served throughout the weekend. Put the date in your diaries, it would be a shame to miss it!

Doris Main

New play equipment

Clopton now has a play trail and 5-a-side football goals on the village hall field. The exotically named Nevada Desert trail has a wobble

plank, walk and stretch posts, a Burma bridge, a balance beam, traverse wall and log traverse. The new facilities are near the existing shelter with picnic bench (useful for spectators) and all are in a compact area near the car park, leaving plenty of open field for events.

Installation was organised by the village hall committee. The whole of the funding for the play trail came from SCDC Outdoor Playing Space

Funding Scheme and funding support for the 5-a-side came from Councillor Peter Bellfield's Locality Fund. We hope the new equipment will get lots of use when the warmer weather arrives.

Successful dance

The Clopton New Years Eve Dance raised over £550 to help several Wolsey District Scouts who'll be attending the Scout Jamboree in Sweden during the Summer. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Diana Dawson

A date for Mothering Sunday with a difference! On 3 April at 2pm Aldeburgh Music throws open the doors for an afternoon of singing – whether you can/can't read music or love communal singing now is your chance with Raise the Roof! This is the launch of a brand new vocal group called Aldeburgh's Big Shout that is open to everyone of all ages and abilities. There will be an assortment of musical styles.

Tickets are only £2 (including a drink) and are available through the website (www.aldeburgh.co.uk) and box office (01728 687 110). Lunch is also available in the Oyster Bar at 12.30pm, from £13.50 (£11 for under 15s). Contact mpeel@aldeburgh.co.uk



Kyson Probus Club would welcome more members. This is for retired professionals and business men 'over 50'. They meet every second Monday at Ufford Park Hotel for lunch and a talk. The January meeting enjoyed an illustrated talk by member Frank Boswell from Bredfield on the problems and hazards of the oil industry in Nigeria. In March the guest speaker will be the well known tennis player Christine Janes (nee Truman) talking on 'Tennis Past & Present!'. Contacts are (Secretary) Michael Atkins 01473 736668 and/or (Chairman) Paul Thompson 01473 735344 or Rowland Irving 01394 387377.



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Bredfield Barometer

An exhibition of watercolours and oil paintings of the Suffolk coast and farmland by Bredfield artist Mary Bishop will be shown at the Orford Town Hall New Rooms on the Easter weekend from Saturday 23 April until Monday 25 from 10am – 4.30pm daily.

A CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Mid November saw the beginning of Christmas in Bredfield. The village hall was decked in its Christmas finery, a large number of volunteers baked, decorated, brewed up and sold. We owe so much to our volunteers, some regulars, some new who worked so hard – thank you.

We had two new stalls running alongside our regular plants, toys, over 60s, tombola, raffle, face painting, books and mulled wine – a nearly new children's clothes stall and a boutique clothes stall.

We also had a range of professional stall holders in the marquee selling a wide range of gifts and Christmas essentials. Having struggled to find a chimney in the hall, Santa made a grand flying entrance through the marquee and lit up the faces of the children already queuing to see him.

Once again the wonderful Bredfield community spirit was flying high and with all the help of our many visitors we raised a total of £1600 which was split between St Andrew's Church and East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

Thanks also go to the Bredfield Ladies group who recycled some of

our unwanted raffle prizes and raised an additional £66.

Popular among the menfolk was the mulled wine, at least that's where my husband was to be found fairly often, but as with so many of Bredfield's wonderful events, it is hard to

put your finger on why they are so special.

It could be that we just enjoy each other's company or that it's a great opportunity to bake some cakes or even that a bubbling thriving community such as Bredfield needs such events so that it can burst out now and then.

Whatever the reason, I know

many of you had a great time, including myself, and I'll be in touch a bit later in the year to ask for help with next year's event – you know who you are!

*Words Roswyn Bradshaw,
photos Luke Taylor*

Above Roswyn Bradshaw and Maria. Below Andy Meades with Bea and Alfie



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Bredfield Barometer



Residents at the first CAMEO meeting.

New group gets together

The first meeting of the Bredfield CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) group took place in St. Andrews Church Room in January. Fourteen people were present, including all ages from baby to 60+, men as well as women, and representing several different churches. We all enjoyed copious coffee, cake and chatter, and nearly everyone met someone from the village they had not met before.

We do hope everyone who came enjoyed themselves and that CAMEO will grow to become an established part of village life. The next meetings are on Wednesdays 9 March, 13 April, 11 May and 8 June, between 10am and 12pm in St Andrew's Church Room.

Steve Stammers, churchwarden

BELLS BACK IN BUSINESS

Like Grundisburgh, Bredfield has problems keeping the church bells ringing every week. But, after a silent summer, they are now ringing out for Sunday services, though there are not always enough ringers to ring all six bells.

The regular weekly practices have also re-started on Friday evenings. Following some advertising in the village,

seven people came along for a 'taster session' in January, and four came back for more than the next week! They are progressing well, and we'll be holding regular teaching sessions on Friday evenings from 7.30 till 9pm through the spring. So, if anyone is interested, please contact me or just come along to see what it is all about.



It would be particularly good to have some from our own congregation to keep this ancient 400 year old tradition going.

Anyone from 9 to 90 can ring bells and learn change-ringing. It is a good team activity, gently exercising the brain as well as the body. The socialising often continues over the road in the welcoming atmosphere of 'The Castle'. Ringing offers a ready-made circle of friends wherever you go, and some of our ringers have rung bells in Australia, the USA and Italy as well as throughout the British Isles.

Ann Pilgrim, 01394 3882773

A jumbo jumble sale

A Jumbo Jumble Sale in aid of St. Andrews Church is being held in the village hall

on Saturday 5 March from 2 to 4pm, with teas, coffee and cakes, and a raffle.

Most important is the donation: all unwanted goods, clothes, books, china and glass, bric-a-brac, toys, etc. Please contact Susie France 01394 383155 at Chapel Farm, Woodbridge Road, Bredfield for collection or leave items in the cart lodge. Any help on the day would be much appreciated.

EVENTS AT THE CASTLE

There was a hearty welcome and a blazing fire to welcome 35 people happily joining in the carol singing on the Tuesday evening before Christmas. Steve Stammers accompanied on the piano and requests were given in rapid succession. A half time break was taken for mince pies, cheese scones and lemon cake, and a collection was made for EACH. A grateful thank you to Sarah and Andy. Hopefully this will be repeated next year. A lovely way to meet people and get warm on a cold and icy evening.

A traditional Burns night was enjoyed at the Castle Inn on Saturday 29 January along with a menu featuring traditional Scottish food. The haggis was piped in by a highland piper, before being addressed by local resident, Anne Henderson. Everyone dressed in traditional tartan for the occasion and took part in a very enjoyable evening.

Ann Stammers

A photo of the piper outside The Castle on Burns Night has been included on the centre pages, to take advantage of the colour.

Sarah and Andy are organising more events at The Castle, including quiz nights on the last Wednesday of each month and live music with guitar duo 'Versatility' on 16 April. A royal wedding celebration is being planned.

Briefly

For 50 years, Cruse Bereavement Care volunteers have offered practical and emotional support to the families and friends of those who have died. Cruse in Suffolk is in urgent need of people not only to train as bereavement support volunteers but also to help in many other ways, such as fundraising, admin, PR, etc. Further information from Mrs Robin Meares, Area Administrator, Suffolk Cruse, 01245 233518, suffolk@cruse.org.uk, www.suffolkruse.co.uk

Community radio for the Deben Valley area is growing fast. New 'Listen Again' programmes are being added all the time and on-line streaming features regular music and information programmes. Deben Radio is run by volunteers and more people are always welcome behind the scenes or as presenters. Get in touch via www.debenradio.com.

The Suffolk Foundation has a number of different funding schemes which award grants to Suffolk's community and voluntary groups. Information about all the schemes, criteria and how to apply for them can be found on www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk or by ringing Sue Wright on 01473 734127.

I'm helping to beat cancer, you can too! The message from Louise Cook, Cancer Research UK's East Anglian organiser. "Ride a bike, go for a hike, sing a song, knit-a-thon. It doesn't matter what you're good at, there's a way to raise money and help save lives. Our research is funded entirely by the public, so we really need your help to raise as much as we can to continue our work to beat cancer. Find out how by visiting www.cancerresearchuk.org/fundraising or calling 08701 602040 and register for a fundraising pack.



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The Elm tree experiment



Briggett Quinlan and Kate Pirkis planting the elm sapling.

Dallinghoo tree warden, Jeremy Quinlan, heard about the Great British Elm Experiment and applied to take part. The experiment is being run throughout the country by the Conservation Foundation to try and find out why some trees survived Dutch elm disease - which wiped out over 25million trees in the UK.

Saplings propagated from cuttings of trees which had resisted the disease for over 60 years, are being offered free to schools, organisations and private landowners - who are asked to log their tree's progress over the long term - up to 15 years.

Jeremy's sapling arrived in December and has been planted on nearby land

farmed by Jonathon and Kate Pirkis.

A number of schools, community organisations and private landowners are also taking part in the experiment. More information about this is available from the foundation: 020 7591 3111 www.conservaationfoundation.co.uk



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Otley Offerings

PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS SUPPORT

In May elections to the Otley Parish Council will be held and a vacancy has arisen as one of our parish councillors is retiring.

We have nine elected members who serve for a four year term. As custodians of village interests we liaise between the village and district and county councils and monitor amongst other things - roads, footpaths, pavements, traffic movements (e.g. HGVs through the village and local area), speed restrictions and speeding, planning issues including the growth of the village.

We are funded by Suffolk Coastal District Council out of council tax and over the last few years we have installed a bus shelter and bike shelter, a village notice board, new seating, doggie bins, a war memorial, piped a ditch between school and village hall car park and provided financial support to many organisations within the village. We also arrange the maintenance and twice yearly cut of the village footpaths.

Minutes and dates of the meetings are displayed on the notice boards within the village. You will also find a copy of the minutes on our

website - www.onesuffolk.co.uk/otleypc/

Is this a task that you are willing to take up? The only criteria are that you are over 18 and have lived in the village for more than one year.

There is also a vacancy for the position of parish clerk. This is the only paid post on the parish council. It is an interesting and fulfilling job and would suit somebody who is looking for an average of three hours work per week working from home.

If you are interested in either of these roles please contact either Malcolm Smith (Chairman) on 01473 890403 or Richard Treloar (Clerk) on 01473 890271.

Otley Parish Council meetings are held in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. Residents are encouraged to attend - the next date is Mondays 14 March. The annual parish meeting on Tuesday 19 April and starts at 7pm.

Friendship Club welcomes more people

Otley Friendship Club has published its programme of activities for the rest of 2011. These take place twice each month and include visits, talks, quizzes and social events. The club is run for people of all ages and they would welcome more people. More information is available from John Jay, 01473 890477.



John Jay with postman Dave after the presentation.

Farewell to Postman Dave

A thoroughly popular man who became part of our community, having delivered our mail for 15 years: it was a complete surprise when we heard Dave was leaving the village within a week to be transferred to Holbrook - his home patch. Quite a bombshell - what to do?

I felt that his departure should not go unnoticed and the village would like to make some tribute to him; he had made many friends and his acts of kindness were legendary. The answer was a monetary collection. The parish magazine deliverers, who each have a patch, agreed to make the collection of the whole village - and were amazed by residents' generosity - and heard many

stories of praise for Dave's kindness.

An astonishing amount of money was collected. The presentation was made on 12 February, and Dave arrived in his van resplendent in his uniform and was nonplussed by the number of residents assembled in the hall who greeted him with spontaneous applause.

The presentation included a bouquet for Dave's wife. He was slightly overwhelmed by the number of people who had turned up to bid him farewell and also by the amount of the donation. He voiced grateful thanks and expressed his regrets and said he had enjoyed his 15 years among us. A large farewell card produced by the pupils of Otley School summed up our feelings. 'We shall miss you'.

Edited from information from John Jay



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Sporting stories

A PASSION FOR SPEED



James Clarke with the trophies won during 2010.

From an early age James Clarke has followed Formula 1 and British Touring cars, and has always wanted to be a racing driver. When he still seemed keen at six, his family started spending weekends visiting race tracks such as Red Lodge in Newmarket and Ellough Park in Beccles, watching the karting. This was the natural thing to do as most racing drivers, including Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton, begin with karting.

As James was unable to start racing until he was eight his parents bought him a 90cc quad bike which he drove around the garden of their house in Grundisburgh - until he put it through the dining room window!

Next step was attending the young drivers racing school at Red Lodge on Sundays and getting his first kart for

Christmas in 2007. The first race came in 2008, on the weekend of his eighth birthday.

Soon after James gained his MSA (Motor Sports Association) licence, which had involved a full written exam and driving test, and was able to race at the MSA tracks and race meetings around the country.

2009 was used to gain experience as James was one of the youngest drivers in the cadet class. In 2010 James won both the Beccles MSA Championship and the Red Lodge Club 2000 Championship, where he was also voted 'Drivers Driver' by the club. He also competed further afield.

This year James has been entered for The Formula Kart Stars British Cadet Championships which starts at

Easter in Cumbria. Here he will be racing against the top young drivers in the country; He will also be travelling to Belgium for the international round during the summer.

All this involves his parents, Malcolm and Nicola Clarke, in a lot of time and travelling. But they both love cars, particularly fast ones, which probably accounts for James' passion.

The Clarkes have lived in Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh, for the past nine years, and James attends Gorseland Primary School in Martlesham. The school is extremely supportive of what James is doing and has achieved so far, particularly as he will need several days off this year to attend race meetings.

The News looks forward to reporting further victories from this budding racing driver.

Nicola Hobbs

to help with match day reports and programmes. Please would any interested in getting involved contact me.

Jon Trenter, Chairman, 01473 735377

The new season of Saturday morning car boot sales on the playing field to raise funds for the club starts on 30 April. The sales continue on 28 May, 25 June and 30 July and are from 8am to 1pm. The last car boot of the year links with the annual fun day, on Bank Holiday Monday (29th) from 2 to 5pm. The contact is Sandra, 01473 738111

Another fund raiser for Grundisburgh FC is its 100 Club. The December winners were: £50 Sandra Walker, £35 Adam Gardner, £25 Ethel Quinton, £20 Tom Cunningham. In the January draw winners were: £50 Peter Girling, £35 Phil Smye, £25 Tom Bradlaugh, £20 Marion Warmisham.

New tennis season

Grundisburgh Tennis Club will be starting its summer season on Sunday 3 April with a club mix-in session starting at 10.30am. All are welcome to join in - they just need to bring a tennis racquet - everything else is provided.

Subscriptions for membership are being held at last year's rate (individual adults £59, individual juniors £25.50, couples £79.50 and families £100. Coaching for adults and children is being arranged. There are club sessions at the three hard courts on Grundisburgh Playing Field on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The courts can also be hired by non members through Forge Stores.

Monica Begg, chairman, 01473 738830

Grundisburgh Football Club

The First Team and Reserve Team are performing well in their respective Leagues, both with a chance of winning, although there are still many games left to play, but everything to play for.

This season we welcome a new youth side, Grundisburgh under 15s, who are playing in the Alliance League. They are performing well at this high level and it's an exciting new venture for the club. We hope to encourage more youngsters to participate.

As always any help on match days would be very much appreciated, whether it be setting up goals or helping with refreshments. We are also looking for a press officer

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After editing all the issues for many years, this will be a wonderful break for me!

Nicola Hobbs

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NO PLACE LIKE ROME - GADS PANTO SCORES AGAIN

This was to be my first visit to a Grundisburgh Pantomime and I wasn't sure what to expect. Hopefully there would be the attractive Principal Boy falling in love with the fine damsel, then the not so good looking Pantomime Dame in outlandish clothes, mothering the rest of the cast.

I was not disappointed, 'No Place Like Rome' had it all. Within minutes I was caught up in the infectious excitement of the audience, booing loudly at the tyrant Bilious, played by Joe Brown, singing with the delectable Dame Lotta, played by Ian Frost, and jigging along with all the singing and dancing 'children of Rome', many of whom I recognised from Grundisburgh School. They had learnt their words and moves really well, making for some very proud parents.

Maximus, played by Kate Adams is well known in the school and her buffoonery, along with sidekick Minimus, played by Adam Kearney, went down a storm causing much hilarity while making pizzas and sampling ice cream.....all over the face. There has to be some slapstick.

Although the cast numbered 40 plus there are many more working tirelessly behind the scenes, whether it be in costume design, choreography, lighting, scenery painting and publicity, not forgetting the excellent musicians of course.

GADS is always looking for



Above: Kate Adams, Ian Frost and Adam Kearney.



Top: The finale; above left: Camilla the Camel; above right: The Emperor (Steve Newton) is pelted with rotten cabbages by disgruntled citizens.

new members, should this have whetted your appetite for entertaining.

If I have one criticism, well maybe two, it's that I didn't see enough of the gorgeous camel Camilla (hope your wind has cleared up) and I wasn't sitting within reach of the sweets thrown in the finale. Better Luck Next Year!

*Roving Reviewer
Photos Brian Robinson*

This year's spring play from GADS is a black comedy thriller entitled 'Tiptoe Through the Tombstones' by Norman Robbins. The Tomb family comprises a bunch of off-beat characters running a sinister family business, very tastefully and respectfully but the nature of the business is rather macabre. Set in relatively modern times, in a Gothic mansion on a foggy night, it has all the ingredients of a classic horror story but all is not what it seems and as the gruesome plot unfolds many will jump to wrong conclusions.

An intriguing mystery, it is hilarious in parts and anything but predictable. There's poison in the decanters and bodies in the cellar – not to mention a meat cleaver dripping with blood. Directed by Judith Bignell-Pepper, this play is definitely not for the faint-hearted and it should prove to be good entertainment. It will be performed on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June at Grundisburgh Village Hall; tickets will be available from The Olde Forge Stores later.

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