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Anti bypass campaign still going strong

The STOP! campaign, spearheaded by Hasketon residents Nick Green and Nick Deacon, is still gaining momentum in its attempt to reverse Suffolk County Council's proposals for a northern route to bypass Ipswich.

The consultation on the northern bypass proposals finished on 13 September. This was marked by the STOP! campaign's lively protest march which ended with a petition of 5000 signatures being handed in to Cllr Matthew Hicks, leader of SCC at Endeavour House in Ipswich. A copy was later handed to the Transport Minister Grant Shapps at the House of Commons on 31 October.

The results of the submissions to the consultation are still being analysed by the county council and were expected by the end of the year - but it seems the impending general election may delay this a little. The total of 4000 submissions was a massive response, compared to other consultations.

Generous donations to the campaign have been received from private

individuals, businesses and parish councils alike. Fund raising is still in progress to keep the campaign alive and to fund expensive legal costs required to challenge the legality of many aspects of the proposals.

An update on the campaign is included on page 5 of this issue..

Marian Hedgley, Clerk to Playford Parish Council

Otley Hall - Past, present & future

The most recent custodians of Otley Hall, the Beaumont family have opened the hall and gardens for the last 16 years. With the family grown, it is time for them to move to pastures new and hand over the reins of this exceptional Grade 1 listed hall to a new family.

I'm not able to confirm future of events held here at the hall yet, but hope to do so in the spring edition of The Grundisburgh News.

The Beaumont family would like to express their thanks to all who have visited and enjoyed Otley Hall during their tenure, and hope that the hall will continue to welcome visitors, both local and from around the world.

Karen Gwynne-Vince, Event Manager, Otley Hall



Christmas cards in aid of East Anglia Children's Hospices designed by Grundisburgh artist Carrie Herries are available again this year. Part of the Hallo! range, they are on sale at Grange Farm Shop, Williams on Grundisburgh Green and the charity card shop on Market Hill in Woodbridge, as before on a non profit basis.

Left: A packed jumble sale in aid of the Stop! campaign in Hasketon's Victory Hall, raised £1,800 for the cause.

Below: Creativity at Grange Farm, Hasketon, one of our latest local enterprise features. See page 11.



NEWS DIARY

December

Sunday 1
Breakfast Meet Up
Victory Hall, Hasketon
9.00am - 11.30am PBE
Contact 01394 384184

Christmas Bazaar
St Mary's, Dallinghoo
Dallinghoo VH IP13 0JX
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Contact 737700

Christmas Social & Singalong
Tuddenham VH 4.00pm
Contact 784545

Thursday 5
Late night Christmas evening
All Grange Farm shops
Hasketon 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Contact 735610

Flute Cocktail
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho WI
BCR 7:30pm
Contact 735838

Friday 6
Christmas Exhibition
12+Arts
Grundisburgh House Gallery
Woodbridge Rd IP13 6UD
10:00am - 5:00pm
Contact 01394 601975

Christmas Concert with saxophonist Jonathan Farnhill
Upbeat! Choir
St Mary's Gr 7:30pm
jean.ellinor007@btinternet.com

Saturday 7
Coffee Morning
St Mary's Church Gr
The Holme, The Green
10:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735517

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12+Arts
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Upbeat! Choir
St Mary's Gr 2:00pm
jeanellinor007@btinternet.com

Sunday 8
Christmas Exhibition
12+Arts
Grundisburgh House Gallery
Woodbridge Rd IP13 6UD
10:00am - 5:00 pm
Contact 01394 601975

Tuesday 10
Christmas Crafts
Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30pm
Contact 785368

Ipswich Wet Dock
GLHS GrPr 7:45pm
Contact 738108

Wednesday 11
Live Nativity
Lightwave Project
Otley College
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Contact 07394 568396

Thursday 12
Carol Service - with Upbeat!
St Marys Winesham 7:30pm
Contact 857432

Tuesday 31
New Years Eve Ceilidh
Clopton VH PBE 7:30pm
Contact 737417

January

Thursday 2
Social Evening and Quiz
Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI
BCR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 4
Coffee Morning
St Mary's Gr
Gr PR 10:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735775

Tuesday 14
How to use less Plastic
Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30pm
Contact 785368

Thursday 16
Craft Group
GrPr 9:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735517

Tuesday 21
Suffolk Mills on Film
Viv Codd
GLHS GrPR 7:45pm
Contact 738108

Friday 24
Sheer Luck Holmes - The Pantomime
GADS Gr VH 7:30pm
Tickets Olde Forge Stores
Contact 738229

Saturday 25
CulphoMusic2020
London Viols, Tom Randle and Gillian Keith
Culpho Church. 7.30pm
Contact 738324

Sheer Luck Holmes - The Pantomime
GADS Gr VH 2:00pm
Tickets Olde Forge Stores
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Friday 31
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GADS Gr VH 7:30pm
Tickets Olde Forge Store
Contact 738229

February

Saturday 1
Coffee Morning
St Mary's Church Gr
Gr PR 10:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735775

Sheer Luck Holmes - The Pantomime
GADS Gr VH 2:00pm
Tickets Olde Forge Stores
Contact 738229

Sheer Luck Holmes - The Pantomime
GADS Gr VH 7.30pm
Tickets Olde Forge Stores
Contact 738229

Thursday 6
Beehive Nakuru
Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI
BCR 7:30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 15
"Antiques Roadshow"
St Mary's, Dallinghoo
Dallinghoo VH - IP13 0JX
10:00am - 12:00pm
Contact 737700

Tuesday 18
Farming through the Ages
GLHS GrPr 7:45pm
Contact 738108

Thursday 20
Craft Group
GrPr 9:30 - 12:00pm
Contact 735517

March

Thursday 5
Wood Sculpture
Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI
BCR 7:30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 7
Coffee Morning
St Mary's Church Gr
Gr PR 10:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735775

Thursday 19
Craft Group
GrPr 9:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735517

Saturday 28
CulphoMusic2020
Goldberg Variations - Robin Walker
Culpho Church
3pm & 7.30pm
Contact 738324

April

Thursday 2
Minsmere Reserve
Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI
BCR 7:30 PM Contact 735838

Saturday 4
Coffee Morning
St Mary's Church Gr
Gr PR 10:30am - 12:00pm
Contact 735775

Table Top Sale
Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI
GrVH 12 Noon PBE
£5 per table
Contact 735469

Key to abbreviations:
PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village Hall
PR - Parish Room
BCR - Baptist Chapel Room
Gr - Grundisburgh
GLHS - Grundisburgh
Local History Society
GADS - Grundisburgh
Amateur Dramatic Society

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.
Send brief details of events - date, venue, time, contact information by **3 February** for next issue to
diary@grunews.com or
Andrea Ockenden,
Gabledene, Rose Hill,
Grundisburgh IP13 6TG.

Please indicate if tickets must be booked in advance.

The diary was introduced to promote planned events and to help organisers avoid clashes of future events
Details can be sent up to a year ahead for inclusion in the website diary.

WHAT'S ON

Artists exhibition for Christmas

A Christmas exhibition is being mounted by the 12+ARTS group at the Grundisburgh House Gallery from 6 to 8 December. Open from 10am to 5pm each day, this will be the fourth time this group experienced artists and artisans will be exhibiting at the gallery.

The formation of the group was the brainchild of Hasketon resident Nicola Coe, a mixed-media artist who uses natural materials to make inks and dyes for her work. The other artists this time will be



Martin Coe, Gerry Spiller, Alex Westcott, Cathy Outen, Heather Williams, Lesley Fisher, Otis Luxton, Zoe Rubens, Eileen Revett, Jake Robson, Val Armstrong, Colin Slee and myself. Our work will encompass a wide range of media - paint, paper, clay, wood, ink, metal, ceramics, textiles and print, and include bespoke furniture and craft.

Poetry readings will take place from time to time.

Grundisburgh House Gallery, in Woodbridge Road, IP13 6UD, was created last year by Linden Hibbert in what was originally a two storey listed coach house.

David Spiller, dgspiller@btinternet.com, 01394 446057

Upbeat! goes from strength to strength!

The ladies of Upbeat! are busy rehearsing our Christmas repertoire. Due to the level of demand we will be undertaking two performances at St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh this December. They take place on Friday 6th at 7.30pm and Saturday 7th at 4pm).

Since our formation in 2012, the choir has raised almost £20,000 for a number of charities – this year we are supporting Ormiston Families and East Anglian Sailing Trust (sailing for disabled).

We are also delighted to have been asked by Talitha Koum (a charity supporting women recovering from addiction) to join them and perform at their carol service at St Mary's Church Winesham on 12 December at 7.30pm. As a ladies' choir we are keen to link with charities supporting women and families.

In addition to our Facebook page, Upbeat! now has our own website thanks to Will Barber of Caption Designs – check us out on www.upbeatladieschoir.co.uk

If you'd like to come along and give it a try - we meet at Grundisburgh Primary School on Thursdays at 7.30pm during term time. There's no need to audition and our fees are very reasonable compared with other choirs in the area – only £25 per half term.

Jean Ellinor, Choir Secretary, 01473, jean.ellinor007@btinternet.com

Panto time!

Where does the year go? Once again, we find ourselves in rehearsal for next years panto. This time, there'll be a crime to solve as we perform 'Sheer Luck Holmes - The Pantomime', directed, once again (they love it!!) by Nikki Brown and Debbie Osborne.

Set in Victorian London, there's loads of laughs along the way as Sheer Luck, assisted by his companion Dottie Watson, goes on the trail of his nemesis Mary Arty as numerous valuable paintings go missing. Will the blundering coppers manage to track him down? Maybe. Will there be songs, slapstick and sausages? Definitely!

Come along to the village hall on 24, 25, 31 January and 1 February to find out what happens and join in the fun. Tickets will be available from the Olde Forge Stores.

We hope to see as many of you as possible to cheer the goodies and boo the baddies!

Lastly, a reminder that the group is still looking for an area of accessible weatherproof storage for props and set as the store we currently use is going to be unavailable very shortly. If anybody has any suggestions or can help us in any way, please contact Judith Bignell Pepper on 01473 735459 or any member of GADS.

Ian Frost, Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society; ianfrost68@gmail.com,

Dallinghoo fund raisers

We are trying to raise funds (perhaps £100,000) to repair our church, St Mary's, Dallinghoo, so are running a series of events.

The first, a barn dance, was held in August. The second is a Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 1 December, from 2 to 4pm in

Dallinghoo Village Hall (IP13 0JX). This will include stalls, children's activities, teas and Santa has promised to visit - his transport is always a surprise! Entry 50p.

The third will be an 'Antiques Roadshow' on Saturday 15 February, 10am to 12, again in the village hall. Doors open at 9am and entry is £3. Come and find out if you have a fortune in your house!

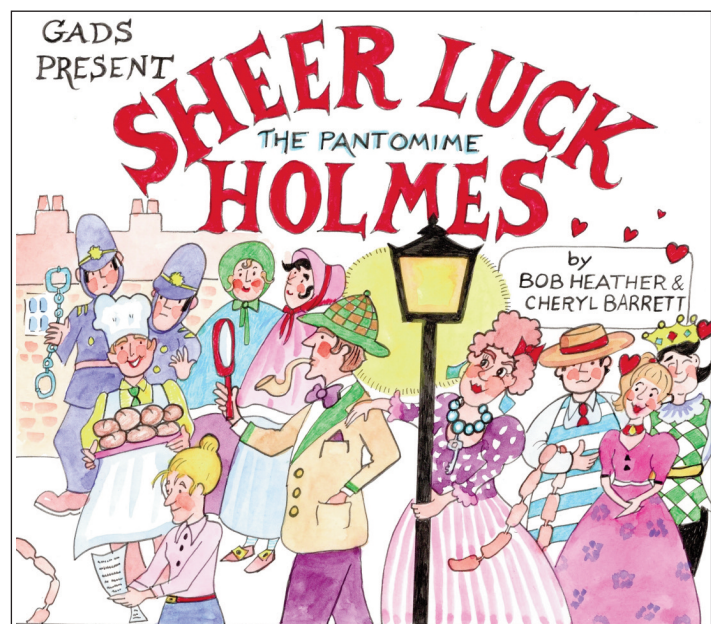
Jeremy Quinlan, 01473 737700

Planning an event?

Check The News on-line diary to try and avoid clashes.

Details can be shown up to a year in advance. Send brief details to diary@grunews.com

More What's On overleaf



GRUNDISBURGH VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 7.30PM
SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 2PM & 7.30PM

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 7.30PM
SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2PM & 7.30PM

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WHAT'S ON



CulphoMusic 2020

A new and exciting series of concerts will be performed in St Botolph Church, Culpho during 2020.

As an amateur singer in two choirs I am fortunate to meet some wonderful professional singers and musicians. Many of these visit



St Botolph and comment on its delightful atmosphere and excellent acoustics ...

and that's how CulphoMusic 2020 has come into being.

Four concerts will be performed by nationally and internationally known singers and musicians.

The first of these is on Saturday 25 January at 7:30pm: Gillian Keith, Tom Randle & the London Viols 'Our Fairest Queene'

Step back in time to the reign of Elizabeth I with glorious

music by Johnson, Byrd, Dowland, Purcell and other masters of the age. Acclaimed period ensemble London Viols is joined by soprano Gillian Keith for a perfectly tuned programme of delights. Tickets cost £25 (including refreshments and programme).

For information about all concerts and to purchase tickets please contact me.

Later concerts will include

*Christine Pearce, 01473 738324,
email: cmp0601@hotmail.com*

The other concerts will take place on 28 March, 14 June and 11 October.

Photos top: London Viols:
Left: Tom Randle, Tenor
Right: Gillian Keith, Soprano.

Village show - and other horticultural events in 2020

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society's AGM on 8 November was well supported and we welcomed a number of new faces in the audience.

We discussed this year's charity donations and decided, as we had a successful year and a healthy bank balance, to make a donation of £1,000 to www.caringforme.org.uk in memory of Richard Garrett. The New Village Hall Fund will receive £2,500 which with match funding will become £5000, community funding for a much needed community project.

Planning is underway for next year's events, beginning with our Garden Party which will be held earlier than in recent years. The Honourable Robin Gurdon has kindly invited us to hold this event at Grundisburgh Hall on Saturday 16 May, when the wisteria should be in full bloom. Details are yet to be decided, but please remember the date,

Our Hidden Gardens takes place on 13 and 14 June - and our co-ordinator is already busy planning. This two day fundraiser attracts many visitors to the village so if you would like to enter your garden, small or large, or volunteer to help, please contact catherine@laxton-interiors.co.uk

The 11th July will be Village Show day with all "the fun of the fair". Class lists will be available around Christmas and be found in Williams Stores and on our website. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers, so if you feel like getting involved I would love to hear from you: chairman@grundisburgh.show.

The Evening Dance after the show will again be organised by Ben and Mandy Cook, with live music, good food and great fun! Catherine Laxton is again planning a busy schedule of Trips &

Talks. This will be advertised as soon as bookings are confirmed. So be sure to renew your membership to enjoy discounted prices.

A huge thank you to all who supported the Horticultural Society's events in 2019 and we look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New "Growing" Year.

*Martin Cripps, chairman, Grundisburgh
Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society.
chairman@grundisburgh.show,
01473 738997*

A live nativity

There is an open invitation to a 'Live Nativity' at Otley College on Wednesday 11 December, 6pm for 6:30pm until 7:30pm. Visitors will experience the sights, sounds and story of Christmas complete with live nativity, music, refreshments and family-friendly fun.

Dress-up warm and bring yourselves and your wellies for an outdoor celebration of Christmas - see the sheep and other animals and smell the straw of the stable as we re-tell the Christmas Story with a difference.

Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be on offer. The event is suitable for all ages - but limited seating is available and it may well be cold!

Free entry, free parking and free refreshments. Sat Nav users should follow IP6 9NE. For more details contact Charlotte Cook on [Charlotte](mailto:cook@cofesuffolk.org). cook@cofesuffolk.org or go to www.light-wave/events.

Pub pops up again

Back by popular demand is the pop-up pub 'The Kicking Donkey' at Playford. The venue is again Hill House, Hill Farm Road, and opening time is 6 to 11 pm on Friday 6 December with the bar being provided by The Grundisburgh Dog. 'The Kicking Donkey' was a local pub demolished around 1892: the name lives on even though the buildings have long disappeared.



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STOP! CAMPAIGN SEEKS POSITIVE SOLUTIONS

The public consultation on proposals to build a bypass north of Ipswich has closed, having garnered an impressive 4,000 responses. The 500 people who attended the march through town to oppose the road have packed their placards and drums away. But the Stop! Campaign has certainly not stopped!

The petition against the road, which would devastate precious countryside and hasten climate change, continues to grow. The first 5,000 signatures were presented to Parliament by MP Dr Dan Poulter in October, but many thousand more are needed. If you have their permission, you can add your friends' and family's names to the online petition (even if they don't live locally) – why not send them an email today?

The Stop! Campaign has taken out full-page adverts in both the East Anglian Daily Times and the Ipswich Star making the case for alternatives to the road. Meanwhile Birketts Solicitors in Ipswich have agreed to represent the campaign in the legal fight against the bypass: there is an enormous amount to challenge.

Several events have been held, most recently a Grand Jumble Sale in Hasketon where a wonderful turnout helped to raise £1,800 in campaign funds. Regular drinks evenings are planned too: keep an eye on the website.

The next phase of the campaign aims to Start! Ipswich Moving by finding



Stop! campaigners outside Endeavour House, headquarters of Suffolk County Council in Ipswich.

real, sustainable solutions to the traffic issues in and around the town.

Our villages hold such a wealth of talent and energy that a 20-strong research team is now investigating these solutions in detail. They would love to hear your thoughts: email research.stopbypass@gmail.com

To all of the volunteers, researchers, marchers, petition-signers and jumble-rummagers who make the campaign possible, thank you – together we can Stop! this road and protect our precious environment, both local and global.

*The Stop! Campaign team
Stopbypass@gmail.com*

Local Plan Enquiry

Philip Lewis, the inspector appointed to conduct the examination to determine whether the Local Plan is sound was due to publish his report in mid November.

The Inspectorate issued this statement on East Suffolk District Council website recently; "in order to avoid making announcements that could be politically sensitive, the Planning Inspectorate will not be issuing any letters

regarding the soundness or legal compliance of local plans, or final reports (including for fact check), until after the election. The fact check report is the version of the report the Planning Inspectorate sends to the Local Planning Authority to check for factual errors or inconsistencies."

The final report is issued after this process has been completed'.

Chapel Field

Many people in Grundisburgh are understandably very jumpy about what is going to happen about Chapel Field, the site allocated in the Final Draft Local Plan for 70+ dwellings. Whenever anyone is seen looking official walking around, digging it up or making notes, residents think 'that's it, they are getting ready to build'.

As far as Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council knows, nothing will or can happen until the Government

Inspector submits his report to the Local Planning Authority (East Suffolk). We will make sure that the relevant parts of the report are publicised via Google group, notice boards etc as soon as it is published.

Ann Willetts, Chairman, Grundisburgh & Culpho Planning Sub Committee

Grants for groups

Just 42 who run youth clubs and meetings at Grundisburgh Village Hall has needed a modern projector for showing entertainment and educational films for some time. I was very pleased to be able to help out and awarded Just 42 with £500 from my Community Enabling Fund so that the projector can now be purchased.

If you know of a worthy cause in need of some financial help or a group that needs assistance please contact me. I may be able to help.

*Councillor Colin Hedgley,
colin.hedgley@eastssuffolk.gov.uk*

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SCHOOL REPORTS

Charsfield Primary School

As part of their Roman topic this term, Class 2 at Charsfield School visited Hands on Heritage, an activity-centre based in Tunstall Forest near Snape.

In small groups, they took part in several workshops, including weaving sheep's wool on looms to create Roman bracelets, making and cooking flatbreads on an open fire and smelting pewter to make their very own Roman amulets.

The highlight was being real-life archaeologists when they helped excavate a Roman villa by clearing away loose sand and earth to reveal Roman artefacts, ranging from pieces of pottery,

oyster shells, animal bones and roof tiles. The most exciting find was the mosaic floor and the painted fresco on the wall of the bath house.



Class 3 recently visited BT at Adastral Park where they spent a day programming robots called "Crumblebots". The children had to programme their Crumblebot to flash its light (twinkles) and move, as well as programming it to following a black line course.

Once the children had mastered this, they competed against each other to choose the best two Crumblebots to represent their school. The two Crumblebots that won the Class 3 competition were: Tilly and Megan's, and Harry and Keir's. They then competed against the other schools in a race and I am delighted to report that Harry and Keir's Crumblebot won the overall competition!

It was a super day and the children learned a lot about programming and the work that BT does.

On Friday 6 December, Friends of Charsfield School are running a Christmas Fair with Secret Shop, raffle and all sorts of stalls. The event starts at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome!

Amie Reeve, Head of School, 01473 737347



Exploring the past and the future:

Top :Year 2 children making and tasting flatbread, Roman style;
Above: Year 3 making robots at BT'.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Grundisburgh Primary School

Sue Marks, the new Head Teacher at Grundisburgh Primary, cares about children. This was clear when I went to see her, not long after her 'installation'. She delayed the interview because she was dealing with a child's welfare and, quite rightly, that took precedence over talking to me!

Coming from a large school in the private sector, I wondered how she would adapt to a state school in a village environment. She says the move has been made easy because of the genuinely warm welcome from staff and pupils alike and is impressed with the way the teachers really do care about their charges. Getting to know the children has been her first objective - helping them to become good citizens and safe in an environment increasingly driven by social media and on-line 'attractions'. She wants the school to develop more links with other groups in the village: a number of events have already taken place, with more to follow - so watch this space.

Sue has a scientific background and is a Fellow of the Primary Science Teaching Trust which aims to improve and support excellent teaching of primary science in every classroom in every school across the UK. The Trust is helping Sue set

up a 'nurture room' for 7 to 11 year old pupils to have a quiet space and to take the time just to observe, think and develop their intellectual curiosity. Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) are helping to decorate the room - with a generous contribution from John Lewis - and adapt it to provide the setting for mindfulness and as an oasis of calm.

Sue's other plans include teaching French as a second language (including linking with a school in France); if the money was there, she would also like to to raise staffing levels and improve the fabric of the building.

Academisation was on the agenda last year but the school felt that the Trust's financials weren't robust enough and the matter was put on hold. If academisation does come to pass, Sue would insist that the school's core values of respect, kindness and putting children first are not undermined and that progress towards improving the school's overall performance continues.

The school held an open afternoon on 6 November when parents of prospective new pupils met the staff, saw children's work and toured the classrooms, guided by Year 6 pupils. Also on hand was Caterlink, which provides the school meals (including specific requirements, such as

vegan, kosher or halal). The company gives presentations on food and healthy eating to school assemblies - and even bakes bread every day on the school premises.

FOGS is an effective supporter of the school and welcomes anyone with (or without) children currently at the school to get involved. It is raising money (£1,277 so far this term - twice winning the village quiz has helped!) towards the 'Read, Learn, Nurture' campaign, aiming to 'buy a full set of 100 books to read' for each year group, as well as refurbishing the library and reading areas around the school.

There's a children's Festive Film Night on 6 December - showing *The Star* and *The Grinch* - with popcorn and Christmas lucky dip. For adults, there's a lounge with mulled wine and mince pies!



The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on 10 December. Tickets are £1 each and every home in Grundisburgh will get a book; parents are selling them in surrounding villages, too. All the 30+ prizes have been donated by local businesses. For details, check out the FOGS' facebook page www.facebook.com/FOGS Friends of Grundisburgh School/ Tickets will also be on sale in The Dog.

Words Richard Watkinson,
photo: Sue Marks

Otley Primary School

The school has continued with its busy schedule of activities as usual: class 3 came third out of 14 schools - which included two high schools - at the annual 'Crumble Bot' computer programming challenge hosted by BT at Adastral Park.

Class 1 had an enjoyable morning with Kimmy's Zoo and really enjoyed touching and holding rainforest animals including snakes and giant snails!

All children in Years 3-6 participated in a creative dance workshop morning led by the River Deben Trust, based on the flow of the river. Other activities have included a visit to Farlingaye High School to a science workshop on the subject of electricity, as well as a very well supported Halloween disco run by the PTA.

Christmas festivities

With Christmas just around the corner children and staff are preparing for the very popular Christmas fayre on Saturday 7 December from 11am to 1pm - all welcome. The school is busy practising for the Christmas service in the church on 1 December and, lastly, Classes 2 and 3 are looking forward to the panto at the Wolsey on 16 December and Class 1 to a theatre trip on 9 December.

Everyone at Otley Primary School wishes you a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

Ian Liddell, Chair of Governors



Grundisburgh resident Kim Billsberry with two prospective pupils and two Year 6 guides who showed visitors around.

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE

DEFEATING PAIN

Sam Ellingham's change in career came about as a result of a Christmas present - "the best I had ever been given and didn't know I needed - a sports massage."

Originally Sam had worked in the equestrian profession as a British Horse Society qualified instructor. Like many people working with horses all their lives, she typically put up with a lot of pain.

But after the massage her life was transformed - no pain. This co-incided with Sam wanting to spend more time with her two children in Great Bealings, but still wanting to help people.



She has since embarked on a journey and retrained as a Sports Massage and Soft Tissue Remedial Therapist.

This involved travelling up to London, learning anatomy, writing essays and case studies, doing exams both written and practical - and eventually in May gaining a



Sam with Maggie, a little four year old former race horse. Below: in her treatment room.

Dip BTEC L5, the highest qualification in its field:

Over the past two years she and her partner Matt have been renovating their home which now includes an extension, with a cosy and relaxing treatment room. So now she can work from home and be there for her daughter who is unable to access

mainstream education.

She also has a treatment room in Woolpit Complementary Centre.

Sam says "I really enjoy helping people discover the joy of reducing pain, increasing their range of movement and their movements quality. Through

advanced techniques I have successfully treated clients suffering from Osgood Schlatters disease to lumbar disc issues, Hip Burstitis to neck pain. The part I love is seeing people's pain reduce, knowing I've made a difference.

"I thoroughly enjoy working with my clients. I love the freedom working from home

offers and best of all I am here for my children, even if they are both taller than me now!"

Words Nicola Hobbs,
photos Isobelle Ellingham

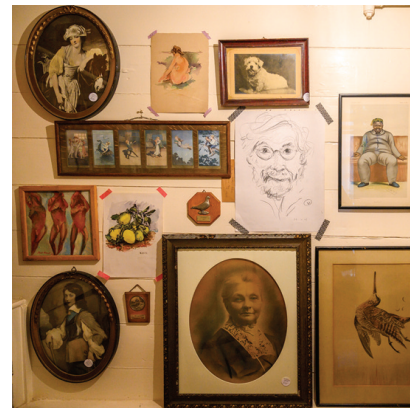
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SECRET TREASURE TROVE

Victoria's secret - no, not that one - can be found at the end of a track in a village not far from Ipswich. To quote a well-known actor, "not many people know that" because Victoria Norfolk and her business partner Andy Hussey want to please only those customers who are serious about vintage furniture and effects and who have taken some trouble to contact them.

Visiting 'Farmhouse Suffolk' is a delight, if you love vintage furniture, books and artefacts and want something different from, say, the flat-pack Scandinavian.

Displayed through the ground-floor rooms of the farmhouse are chairs, tables, settees, bundles of books, pictures and other items - antiques and 'not quite antiques' - that Victoria and Andy



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Andy, aka Lord Rust.

have collected from sales, auctions and even car-boot sales across the country. In one year, they clocked up 250 days on the road.

They lead busy lives as they also run their Ipswich shop 'Lady Norfolk and Lord Rust'. Andy, aka Lord Rust, has a love of all things rusty, industrial and fascinating while Victoria has a

background in interior design and loves to combine opulence with benign neglect.

Her university degree dissertation was prophetically entitled 'The selling power of nostalgia' and it sums up what her business is. She says many of her customers are first-home buyers in the 25 to 45

age-group who want something that no-one else has; they buy items, be they pieces of furniture or ceramics, that remind them of something in their past.

Her traditional English merchandise is very much in current vogue with the young Japanese who buy it "by the container load". And she feels her customers are environmentally aware in that they buy, in effect, up-cycled items rather than new-build.

When my young granddaughter visited the house, she was intrigued by a working, portable, manual typewriter: all she knows are computers, screens and printers - how quickly things change!

To unlock Victoria's secret, contact her via her Instagram page @farmhousesuffolk (where you can see many items on sale) or ring 07898 992125.

Words Richard Watkinson,
photos Stephen Newton



Inside Christchurch Mansion

Paul Bruce, who lives in Culpho, has written a book on 'The Furniture of Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich from the 16th to the 19th century.

This describes three main periods of English furniture, broadly speaking under the three headings. Oak period embracing the furniture of the 16th and early 17th centuries, the Walnut period including the late 17th century and early 18th century and the Mahogany period beginning with the reign of George III 1727-1760 through to George III 1760-1820. The book also focuses on the Victorian period up to 1892 when the Fonnereau family sold the house.

Co-incidentally the three periods of furniture ties in with the three families who lived in Christchurch Mansion. This book is an endeavour to illustrate the furniture and lifestyle of each period with over 60 photographs and illustrations.

It is on sale at Christchurch Mansion, the tourist information centre in Ipswich, Browsers of Woodbridge and major bookshops in Ipswich. The book can also be purchased at Williams Stores in Grundisburgh or from Paul - pauldbruce@tiscali.co.uk/ 01473 738265 at £7.50 per copy.

The book was funded entirely by the Friends of Ipswich Museums and all proceeds will go towards further purchases of fine art and artefacts to enhance the collection at Christchurch Mansion.

Paul runs Grundisburgh Art Club and tutors the two weekly classes. He is vice-president of the Friends of Ipswich Museums.

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NEW MANAGEMENT AT GRANGE FARM

Grange Farm Shop is one of the oldest farm shops in the area having been established in the 1950s to sell apples grown in Grange Farm's orchards. Fast forwarding some 65 years Grange Farm sees a bustling family-run business supplying the best of local fare, covering your needs from a family weekly shop to a pit-stop picnic, gifts and plants, not forgetting treats for pets.

Suffolk has a proliferation of high quality local producers and Grange Farm has long been at the heart of this. The shop has always moved with the times, catering to the changing needs of its much loved, loyal customers providing top quality local produce. The other key ingredient in the success of Grange Farm is that it has become a space for other businesses to flourish and mutually support each other.

At the outset when Mrs Tile and her farm manager Arthur Hubbard started selling apples, people bought in bulk, apples sold by the bushel (45lb/20kg). Now apples are sold by twos and threes.

Twenty years later, in the early 1970s, the apple farm and shop were taken on by my father Nicholas Longe. Together with Arthur Hubbard, the shop expanded its range to include more veg, with apples now being sold in

10lb paper bags. Nicholas further expanded the range of food to include sausages, cold meat, milk, Christmas turkeys and Christmas trees.

In 1985 Penny King opened Kings Saddlery in the 230 year old Black Barn and quickly established it as the leading saddlery in the area. And when Jenny Dow moved Clopton Flowers into the farmyard a few years later, a real base had been established. A base from which Richard and Alison Youngman, incidentally a cousin of Arthur Hubbard, grew the shop when they leased it in the late 90s. They added more delicious produce to the shop and had the inspiration to start the thriving hamper trade. Together with Ric Ackland Snow, who had taken on King's Saddlery, they opened the now very popular Barn Café.

Another important addition to Grange Farm has been Richard Rush Antiques. For many years Richard has run his furniture repair business in Hasketon and five years ago branched out with his partner Angela to open his popular shop, now twice featured on the BBC's Antiques Road Trip.

2019 has rung more changes, Richard and Alison have retired from the farm shop, leaving myself - the son of Nicholas Longe - and my wife Annabel to take on the reins of the shop and Grange Farm.

Kings Saddlery has sadly closed but in its place EJaRt Creative has sprung up providing a much needed space that is not only a show case for the wealth of local creativity but also a place where you can channel and develop your own creativity under expert tuition.

As for the farm shop, we are determined that it not only continues to serve our customers, offering the same levels of quality and value, but also that it doubles down on local excellence, for example selling organic produce grown in the Deben valley and gorgeous local milk from Guernsey and Jersey cows. At the root of our philosophy is sustainability, every new choice must be balanced so that it is a step towards a better future. A tough road but necessary.

All eyes are now on the Christmas period and following the successful tasting evening on 14 November, a special Christmas Evening is planned for Thursday 5 December with carol singers, roast chestnuts and Father Christmas, staying open until 9pm, with all the Grange Farm enterprises collaborating.

Words Will Longe, photos Peter Kendall

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*Clopton Dried Flowers and
Barn Cafe will be featured in
a future issue of The News.*

Creativity available to all

Having run EJR Ceramics for several years, I opened my new larger premises at Grange Farm, Hasketon, in July this year. EJaRt Creative aims to bring together all aspects of creativity.

I had established EJR Ceramics in 2009, after completing my Masters' Degree in Contemporary Applied Arts, and had been been selling and exhibiting my ceramics in galleries and shops nationwide, operating from my small studio in Kenton.

I really enjoy passing on expertise and experience to others and have been tutoring

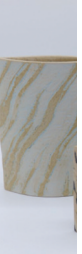
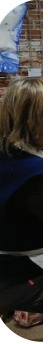
in schools and operating mobile workshops for all ages and abilities around Suffolk for many years.

This year is rather special for me now I have taken over The Black Barn, at Grange Farm, Hasketon (where Kings Saddlery was). I now work from my larger studio space at EJaRt Creative, enabling me to produce and exhibit more of my own ceramic art.

If you manage a visit to The Barn, you will see this wonderful space is now fully utilised and there is a long list of workshops in all sorts of



Will Longe (left) and Dan Howard brewing Pump Street hot chocolate at the tasting evening;
Below: Annabel Longe.



LOCAL ENTERPRISE



or indeed return to a hobby perhaps. They include anything from clay, felting, jewellery, porcelain, textiles, drawing, painting, printing, glass: the list is just endless. Individual or group bookings are welcome and we have already held birthday parties, from age 4 to 104.

The 'wow' factor certainly hits you as you walk into this beautiful place, where tranquillity and peacefulness,



surrounded by the beautiful building and artists' work, can be an inspiration. The work for sale is of excellent quality and prices are reasonable.

EJart Creative is open seven days a week : 10am - 4pm during the winter months.

So, when you are next visiting Grange Farm Shop or meeting with friends at the 'yummy' café, do pop in and have a look; the EJart Creative Team would be pleased to greet you. We are on the B1079, a mile from the A12 (Dobbie's Roundabout). We may well be able to solve some of your Christmas present problems. Gift vouchers also available.

Emma Jayne Robertson, The Black Barn,
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www.ejartcreative.co.uk

Granary Home and Antiques

The last of the buildings in the Grange Farm complex to be converted is The Granary Home & Antiques. Owned and run by Richard Rush and Angela Hart, it opened in 2014.

Richard has a long history in the conservation and restoration of antiques, working in Woodbridge at Hurst Antiques for over a decade and supplying and restoring antique furniture for Peter Jones in Sloane Square (part of The John Lewis Partnership). Angela brings admin and design skills from a background in film production and garden design.

The Granary Home & Antiques has two large rooms of fully restored furniture where you may find a George III chest of drawers sitting next to a pair of Danish armchairs, art, decorative items (new and antique) and a selection of locally made products including jewellery and scented candles.

In addition to restoring items he has bought, Richard will also make pieces from scratch if he finds an exceptional piece of wood, like the gnarled elm in the table below. He also undertakes to source specific pieces for clients if requested. The business can be contacted on 01473 735491 or via the website www.antiques.eu.com/. The opening hours are 9:30am-4.30pm, Wednesday to Saturday.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photos Peter Kendall



If you run an enterprise in one of the 18 villages covered by The News, why not tell us about it. Contact editor@grunews.com



POKER FOR WILDLIFE



Over £1,350 was raised for the Suffolk Wildlife Trust at the annual poker tournament held at the Otley White Hart in early November.

Sixty four participants played Texas Hold-em Poker with a £8 buy-in, all of which went to the charity. The pub also provided a brilliant Sunday pre-tournament meal. As happens every year we had lots of novice players; they always seem to do well against the more seasoned players.

The event benefits from sponsorship from local businesses including the Otley White Hart, Homes Plant and Construction, Coastal Building Supplies, Killik & Co, Adnams and Helmingham Hall. This means that every penny raised goes to the charity.

The tournament began at 3.30pm. Players start with 6,000 chips and are eliminated as they lose them - until we have a winner sitting there with all 400,000.

The top eight players all win valuable prizes; there is even

a free drink for the first player to be eliminated.

As always there was a great friendly atmosphere in the pub with a lot of excitement and new friends being made. Among the players were eight from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

Poker is just one of the events held at the Otley White Hart and it is very popular, with a game every Thursday and a monthly tournament to find the 'player of the year'.

Tony Barrett, 01473 890384



This year's poker tournament winner Connor Marsh with organiser Tony Barrett.



Debach's welcome to safe drivers

Scarecrows appeared in Debach this autumn, decorating driveways and hedgerows in the village. These included a flowerpot scarecrow, a beautifully skirted scarecrow and a gardening scarecrow, greeting those passing through.

It was an event planned to accompany the Debach and Boulge Show, scheduled for 21 September. Sadly, the show was cancelled as a mark of respect for the passing of Don Ewings, who had been a key supporter of the show for many years. Indeed, we have him to thank for resurrecting the show when it had lapsed in the sixties. His efforts and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

The decision was made to continue the scarecrow event, as it was also designed to alert drivers to our community and hopefully ensure greater awareness when people drive through the village.

Julie Taplin, julietaplin1969@gmail.com

St Martin's Church Gift Day

On Saturday 26 October St Martin's Tuddenham held its annual gift day to raise money for the maintenance of the church premises. This year in particular they were looking to raise money to replace and repair the Celtic Cross which had fallen off the roof.

Church wardens Monica Pipe and Jim Bird were on duty at the foot of Church Hill during the morning – accompanied by Jackie Lugo with her ever popular cake and produce stall. Just over £2,800 was raised and they would like to thank Tuddenham residents for their generosity.



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Clopton craftswomen keep traditional skills alive

I found an incredible range of crafts being worked on when I visited the group in Clopton Village Hall. The group began in January 2014 and is 12 strong. They hope to welcome new members, including men, who are keen to bring a craft to work on. A small fee of £2 includes coffee and helps towards the cost of hiring the hall.

Last Bank Holiday £960 was raised towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church, Clopton. Many local people helped and a wide variety of crafts were on display and a lot of local produce was sold. Two local musicians played the organ and the violin and helped to make it a successful and enjoyable community event.

Julie sat weaving a rug made out of sheep's wool in natural colours and she was using a peg loom. Quite a mesmerizing skill to watch as the wool was intricately woven around the pegs. To prepare the wool the fleece had to be washed, carded to get the tangles out, and then spun. A few years ago Julie took on the challenge of making a tailored jacket from the fleece of a Jacob cross.

Alix was creating a polar bear by needlefelt. She also does lino printing to make cards. Another interest is repairing and recycling vintage jewellery. If anyone has any pre 2000 jewellery which they wish to donate to the group this would be very much appreciated. Similarly, any blue or cream coloured cottons such as old shirts

would be gratefully received by Katherine who was beavering away on a large rag rug which is taking many hours of pegging. Book-folding and paper flowers are two other activities undertaken to provide a change from rug making.

Jenny was taking on the delicate task of following a



Top: The dogs created by Della;
Above: Julie weaving a rug from local sheep's wool on a peg loom
Right: Katherine with her rag rug.

vintage cardigan pattern knitted with 4ply wool. If anyone needs help with their knitting she is happy to do this during the session.

90 year old June is teaching herself to crochet and was enjoying chatting to members and hearing their craft stories.

Della was making a beautiful white needlefelt Golden Retriever from the hair combed off her dog. Sadly she told me that her dog had since died but she loved the idea of having such a wonderful memorial of him. Her other activities include knitting, tapestry, weaving and sewing.

When asked what they liked about being in the group they said giving each other support to share and try out new skills. Being motivated to set time aside on a regular basis to meet together because staying



at home often meant chores got in the way.

What a very talented group of crafters we have keeping the traditional skills alive in our area. Any unwanted old jewellery or cotton materials can be taken to Clopton Village Hall where the group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 10am-12noon.

There is also a free coffee morning on the third Wednesday of each month from 10-12 noon - so do drop in for a chat.

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NEWS TRIBUTES

Rosemary Helen Mutimer (Bud) 1934-2019

Rosemary Helen (Bud) was born on an Army base in Scotland. Her father Hamilton was in the Black Watch and Batman to Major General Gurdon. After both were medically discharged from the Army, Major General Gurdon suggested the Ferguson family move to Burgh House with the Gurdon family.

A happy childhood at Burgh House followed playing with the Gurdon children, games of tennis, swimming in Pratts Hole as well as helping themselves to Mrs Gurdon's Turkish cigarettes' and having a secret puff in the sandpit.

Bud and her older sister Estella attended Grundisburgh School, both getting told off on their first day for having "fancy joined-up handwriting". The school had a Young Farmers club which Bud and her friend, Babs Last, would not join. The club kept two pigs which to their horror, were duly named Bud and Babs.

Following the arrival of brother Hammie, the family moved to a brand new house in Stoney Road.

After leaving school Bud worked in the accounts department at The Ancient House, Ipswich, and then in Grundisburgh Post Office. In later years Bud worked for the Antique Collectors Club undertaking the magazine subscriptions, continuing to work over retirement age.

Bud met Wally at a Grundisburgh Village Hall dance and they married in 1957, setting up home in Maltings Lane. Daughter Tracy was born and Wally secured land in Meeting Lane



and began to build the bungalow. It was after Bud mixed 14 tons of cement that she discovered she was expecting Alison.

The move to the new bungalow took place in 1968. It was heaven as it had an indoor bathroom. Bud appreciated her new home and liked to keep it spic and span.

Sons-in-laws' were welcomed into the family and grandchildren began to arrive. Daniel, Adam, Amy, Jake and Livia all knew Bud as their Granma, spelt without a D as she was clear that she was a Granma, not a Grand-ma.

Family was everything to Bud, with the arrival of her first great granddaughter Florence she became Great Granma Bud and at Easter, we celebrated the birth of second great granddaughter Josephine Ella-Rose, the Rose in honour of Granma Bud. We all have so many treasured memories of Bud, a little lady who has left a big gap in all our lives.

The Mutimer family

Alison Dillon, 1928-2019

Alison Dillon (Lady Alison Janetta Drummond Dillon) who died in September aged 91 was by all accounts a moving force in Grundisburgh, described as 'a big presence' by Norman Davis, vicar of St Mary's in 2005.

She is remembered with much gratitude for her fund-raising efforts, particularly in the 1980s when a huge campaign was needed to renovate or



restore the church building. Alison and her husband Brian took on the task with gusto, holding regular coffee mornings at their home, Bridge Farm House, plus events such as supper in 'the barn' - a beautiful and well appointed building, ideally suited to such gatherings.

A very independent lady she

not only had ideas but turned them into action, such as providing curtains for the vestry around the altar when she detected a draught coming from that direction - oh, and providing a new carpet for good measure! Similarly, she presented the choir with a set of new psalters when she became aware that the choristers were struggling with the demands of the psalm singing.

Alison's interests were not confined to church activities - she and Brian were very actively engaged in the setting up of the village Local History Society.

In September 1981, responding to an article in the Grundisburgh News asking if there was any interest in 15 people attended a meeting at Bridge Farm House. Brian who had been a high-court judge, put his legal expertise to formulating a constitution, and Grundisburgh Local History Society was born.

Alison and Brian moved to Woodbridge when Brian's health made it necessary but Alison long continued her association with Grundisburgh. The editorial she wrote for the first edition of the local history magazine explained 'It is not that we dislike the present; it is simply that the present seems to mean more if we have a knowledge of how our neighbourhood came to be the sort of place it is today'. It seems that she herself had no small impact on the sort of place we live in today.

Madge Nicholas

John Titshall (October 1928 – August 2019)

Cecil John Titshall was a quiet, contented man, but was always willing to stop and chat to people he met.

The only child of the family, John was born at the Grundisburgh Half Moon pub, which his parents ran. Later they moved to 'Laneside', aptly named, being on the junction of Meeting Lane and Half Moon Lane.

For a man who loved the countryside, the bungalow had a very country feel about it, surrounded by hedgerows

and plum trees, almost invisible from the road.

When John was nine he contracted polio, which left him with a crippled leg, and he had to wear a caliper. This didn't stop him though, and he played in goal for the village football team and went everywhere with the lads.

He would go on trips to Felixstowe, and speedway was one of his passions. His friend, Alan Lankester, used to take him about on the crossbar of his bike. Later on he loved going shooting and wood cutting with Alan.

John worked as a gardener for various people, including at Buttrum's Mill in Woodbridge. During WW2 he worked at Burgh Mill, but even there he wasn't safe from the dangers of war as one day American servicemen at Debach aerodrome decided to use the mill as target practice!

When he could no longer cope at home, he moved to Allonsfield House in Campsea Ashe, where he was well looked after and made a good friend in Jim. He was able to enjoy the birds on the feeders just outside his window, which he loved.

Colin Grimwood



The tributes supplied to The News are often longer than we have room for and have to be cut back.

The full tributes are published on our website: www.grundisburghnews.org.uk and printed versions are put in our folder on the information table in Williams cafe.

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

Speed matters

If a car travelling at 40 mph hits a pedestrian, there's a 90% chance that the pedestrian would be killed. At 30 mph, the chance is still 20%; at 20 mph, the chance is 2.5%. In response to growing concern about speeding in Grundisburgh, a number of volunteers have come together to form a Speedwatch group - you may have seen them in hi-vis jackets with a radar 'gun' recording the speed and identity of vehicles.

In partnership with the Police, local councils and the community generally, the aims of Speedwatch are to raise drivers' awareness of the 30mph limit and to reduce speed in areas of concern. Since April, 264 vehicles have been logged at 35mph or over: the worst was 49 mph, with several at 47 mph. Details are regularly forwarded to the Police.

SID is also making his appearance at various sites around the village. SID is a Speed Indicating Device which is shared with other villages in the SAVID group and provides useful data on traffic flows: it has shown, for example, that 30% of vehicles entering Grundisburgh on the B1079 from Woodbridge exceed the 30mph limit.

Additionally, a portable vehicle-activated sign has been deployed - one survey on Rose Hill revealed that, in one hour, 31 vehicles were doing more than 30mph - two at 40 mph. Much of the traffic was heading towards the school.

The Speedwatch team would welcome more people who could spare just an hour, as and when they can, to join them: Geoff Caryer is the team's co-ordinator and he would be pleased to explain in more detail what it's all about. He is on 01473 738108 or geoff@caryer.co.uk.

Quiet Lanes

We are currently looking at the possibility of having a number of roads in



Magda Snowden with the winners' shield presented by Rev. Mark Cresswell.

Annual Village Quiz

As the winners of last year's Annual Village Quiz AFOGS (Friends of Grundisburgh School) had the pleasure of organising this year's event on 4 October in the school hall. And again came out on top with a score of 91 points.

Equal second were St Mary's and The Ex Dad's of school with 83, and equal third the horticultural society, tennis club and Grundisburgh News with 81.

As we clashed with a quiz in Woodbridge that night our numbers were reduced to 13 teams, though we still had a very enjoyable and convivial event. A total of £476 was raised, shared between FOGS and their chosen charities Inspire Suffolk and The Children's Appeal.

Words Ann Willetts, photos Peter Kendall

Grundisburgh designated as 'Quiet Lanes'. These are minor rural roads which are appropriate for shared use by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and drivers.

Possible roads being considered include: Half Moon Lane, Meeting Lane/Chapel Road, Chapel Lane, Lower Road, Pound Lane, Gull Lane and Wood Farm Lane. Designation of roads as 'Quiet Lanes' requires approval of the community (e.g. residents, parish council) and the highways authority.

It is planned to pursue this initiative in co-operation with other SAVID member villages.

Richard Watkinson (material supplied by Geoff Caryer)

Top Dog: another award

Grundisburgh's pub has been named as the most dog friendly one in the east of England, to add to its other canine accolades. 'The Dog' regularly hosts groups of walkers. Recently the Suffolk Greyhound Trust's monthly walk brought 54 dogs and their companions for a drink (as seen on its website www.greyhoundtrust.org.uk). This walker's sweater carries the message 'Keep calm and walk a greyhound'.



Photo Peter Kendall

New village hall funding

Recent donations to the Appeal for funds to build a new village hall for Grundisburgh have come from:

* Grundisburgh Burgh &

Culpho Horticultural Society donation of £2,500

* Upbeat! Donation of £500

* The Safari meal coordinated by Jenny Sewell, profit £480.

The total of these donations amounting to £3,480 will be doubled by match funding to £6,960. We are very grateful.

Bryan Laxton, Chairman, New Village Hall Steering Group

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

Grundisburgh's YMCA pupil Daisy is a real star



YMCA Childcare manager Jess Booth was excited to share the news that one of her pupils, two year old Daisy, had secured a place in the finals of the Mini Me Card Company's National Art Competition.

Jess told me that the children really enjoyed making their artwork and seeing it turned into greetings cards, but they never thought they would get into the finals.

Finalist's artwork from across the UK will now be judged; the overall winner of the competition will have a star named after them and their nursery will receive an information pack about the sky at night. Jess and her children will all be keeping their fingers crossed.

The YMCA Childcare Centre in Grundisburgh caters for children aged two to five between the hours of 8am and 3.15pm. Jess says that it offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities for children to choose.

She added that these stimulating and enjoyable play-based activities are designed to promote all areas of development, allowing the children to feel confident and ready to learn. All children are supported by experienced staff, who are committed to providing quality nursery education and support.

As the centre is situated next to the Grundisburgh Primary School, it enjoys a close working relationship with them and often links up with their Reception Class to share Forest Schools projects, plays and events days. If you would like any further information on this facility, please contact Jess at Jessica.booth@ymcatrinity.org.uk or call 07395791487. Alternatively, you can call the centre directly on 01473 738017.

Angela Drury



Baptist Chapel meetings

Everyone is always welcome to the services at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel. We meet each Sunday morning at 10.45am. Please contact me for details of our afternoon/evening services as these vary quite a bit. On the first Wednesday afternoon of each month we have our Wednesday Fellowship at 2.30pm. It is a fairly informal meeting with a variety of speakers, many of whom speak about their own life and faith.

We also invite you to our Christmas service on 22 December at 10.45am and our Candlelit Carol Service at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve.

Find out more about us at www.grundisburghchapel.org.uk where you can download sermons to listen to.

Pastor: Colin Grimwood. Tel 738856, mobile 07979 120549, email colin.grimwood12@hotmail.co.uk.

Shoe boxes for Christmas cheer



(from left) Jenny Sewell, Mollie Bolton, Jenny Taylor, Anne Ledgley and Sharon Barrows in Grundisburgh Parish Room with some of the shoe boxes collected and packed with gifts there. The children at the Grundisburgh School Assembly counted 101 boxes and, with a further two collected en route to the drop off point in Ipswich, the Grundisburgh total rose to 103 boxes packed ready to bring Christmas cheer to families around the world. This is part of the Samaritans Purse project.

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

SCOUTING NEWS

Fantastic Fireworks Display, shame about the mud! It rained practically all day and just before the 'countdown' it poured heavily again. Despite the weather we still had over 800 people attend which raised £2800 towards a new HQ. A very big thank you to everyone who supported us at this event in any way.

We welcome Daniel Turner who has volunteered to join our Scout Group and assist us with the Cub Pack – thanks Daniel and best wishes. If anyone else would like to help our group please do not hesitate!

Annabel and Rosie, our two Scouts chosen to attend the European Jamboree 2020 in Poland, were fundraising for the trip by selling sweets at our Fireworks Display and will also be 'Bag-Packing' at Marks & Spencer in Martlesham on Saturday 14 December – please go and support them.

We took part in the Harvest Festival Parade and in October

Cubs and Scouts joined together in a Halloween Camp at Hallowtree, Nacton.

Beavers had a 'Sleepover' with Cubs at Thorington Campsite, Essex, a safety night, cookie night (delicious!), badge and air activities, junk modelling, a great Halloween party and will be packing Shoeboxes for Jenny and Mike's Appeal, Xmas Crafts, Party and Xmas Campfire with Cubs.

Cubs had some superb section nights run by various parents, a 'Swedish Candles' night linked to a campfire, Keep Fit night, emergency aid activities, road safety. We really do appreciate the support from Scouting families, keep it coming! Joint Cub/Scout Camp overlooking the River Orwell with grass sledging, go-karts, blind trails, fireworks, campfire, games, 'monsoon' conditions! Good food, small amount of sleep! Astronomy nights, Xmas campfire and games are planned.

Scouts had Patrol and Skills Challenge Badge and Games, Mystery Cooking Night (no labels on the tins!) Halloween

Camp with Cubs, Fynn Valley Hike, Knots and Woggle Branding, will have Xmas Party Sleepover, Ten Pin Bowling and 'Bag-Packing' at M&S.

Explorers had Outdoor Challenge, picture scavenger hunt, pioneering, mystery cooking, blind drop hike and will be having a newspaper challenge, cooking competition, and Xmas party sleepover.

Our popular Scouts Xmas card scheme is starting on 25 November and finishes on 10 December when cards of any size can be sent for 30p *but to certain areas only*. Our collection box in Williams Stores and cards can also be dropped at 3 Post Mill Crescent (but please phone 735352 first if large amount).

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Beaver Assistant 01473 735352,
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

WI Reports

Following our centenary celebrations in June we have enjoyed a variety of speakers and meetings.

Eddie Marsh, who lives in Grundisburgh and has an absolute passion for bird watching, said he was not used to public speaking. Well he certainly held our attention when he told us of his trip to Madagascar.

The fantastic photos of the many wonderful birds and animals he had encountered,

Scout group harvest parade; very wet Cub/Scout campers by the River Orwell.

Photos Archie Adams.

along with his enthusiastic commentary and vast knowledge, made for a very good evening.

A breast care nurse joined us for our Harvest Supper to tell us about The Blossom Appeal. They are desperately trying to raise £2.5m for a new breast care unit at Ipswich Hospital.

The present facilities are cramped and only open three days a week. Patients have to be assessed in three different areas, requiring dressing and undressing several times to visit each area, adding more stress to what is already a very difficult time in their lives. Many fund raising events have been held resulting in £452,000 so far towards their target.

Our AGM in November marked the end of our centenary year. However, our president Barbara King had one more surprise in store for us. As we began the meeting with the singing of Jerusalem, cup cakes made by Barbara were handed to members, each one bearing a lighted golden candle

After the business of the AGM, members Sally Butler and Brenda Garrett gave us a demonstration of Christmas flower arranging. They made it look so easy and the end results were lovely. Even those who do not excel at flower arranging picked up a few useful tips.

We are looking forward to being entertained by the musical group Flute Cocktail at our Christmas meeting, which will bring a very enjoyable 2019 to a close.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838



SPORTING STORIES

Update from Grundisburgh Football Club

So the new season is well underway, with the 1st team now playing their football in Division 1, following relegation from the Senior Division after 38 seasons. Our young Reserve side continues in the Intermediate C League. Following relegation many

changes have taken place, and focus is now on building for the future.

In charge of the 1st Team is ex-player Luke Reid with Alex Day and Matt Carley as joint Managers. Long serving ex-players Julian Beaumont and Adrian McAlister continue to manage the Reserve side for their second season, assisted by former Ipswich Town player Neil Gregory. Micky Squirrel has taken the role of General Manager, his experience, knowledge and history of the club will be invaluable as we re-build after some tough seasons.

The 1st team have won four and drawn two of their first ten games and the Reserves have progressed to the next round of the Primary Cup.

Upcoming matches are posted on Facebook on a weekly basis and local support is always appreciated. The bar is open for all home games and refreshments available throughout. If anyone is

interested in getting involved with the Club, either on, or off, the pitch we would love to hear from you!

Jon Trenter, 07927 142169

Competition success at Grundisburgh Tennis Club

Grundisburgh Tennis Club now has four men's teams playing in local leagues and they are going from strength to strength with an extra two teams participating this year. Visiting players have been very complimentary about our newly cleaned and painted courts, which now sport the official Wimbledon colours.

With a growing membership, we have had a very busy spring, summer and autumn. There have been lots of opportunities available for a range of different age groups

and abilities. These have included: coaching offerings, regular playing sessions, themed family days, competition play, and the popular Tennis Threes matches.

We won't be letting the colder weather stop us. We will be volleying the winter blues away with regular daytime playing sessions and the teams in the league will continue to play matches. Our coach, Carl, also offers indoor sessions for kids during the colder months so that they can hone their skills ready for the spring.

Winter is also a great time to get together socially with other members and we have various events planned for the coming months from Christmas meals to festive fun with other local clubs.

For more information go to: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GrundisburghTennisClub>. For coaching enquiries go to: carl.douglas@talk21.com

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A number of coffee mornings to raise funds for Macmillan cancer care were held around The News area.

Jean Marsh, Wendy Sanders-Pugh, Debbie Palmer and Lynn Tortice (left to right in

the photo below) held their fourth coffee morning in Post Mill Gardens, Grundisburgh, raising £371. This was their best result so far.

For a third year a Macmillan event was hosted by Kerry Dring at Little Thatch in Culpho where she had a steady flow of visitors from 9.30am to 3pm and raised £346.

Both groups are very grateful for the support they received.



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MURDEROUS SCANDAL TAKES TUDDENHAM BY STORM!

A scandal involving gangsters, gambling debts, extra-marital affairs and murder came to light in Tuddenham one evening in October recently! The village hall was transported back to 1959 to the Bonnywood Ballroom at Bonkers Holiday Camp, Tuddenham-on-Sea. Many villagers were involved, dressing up in style.

Despite the fact that the Punch & Judy man had been murdered, the fun and frolics of the Holiday Camp Gala Night carried on amid the murder investigation.

Fortunately PC Dixon 'Doc' Green (Adrian Frost) was on holiday at the camp and took charge of the investigation. He was aided by the happy campers - who also took part in various competitions including Nobbly Knees (won by Ian Watson) and the Cracker Eating competition (won by Lizzie Hollier).

The eight suspects were rigorously questioned by the campers in an attempt to find out who dunnit.

At the end of the evening it was revealed that although cabaret singer Shirley Shassey (Jo Tickle) had a motive and camp cleaner and handyman Ernie 'Scrubs' Earnshaw (Paul Jennings) had the means, it was the dance instructor Barry 'Gene' Kelly (Dave Woods), an ex-gangster with a vendetta, who was the perpetrator of the crime!

A delicious meat and cheese Ploughman's Supper was provided by Monica Pipe and her catering team.

Another great social event organised by our theatrical group Tadpoles.

Words and photos: Jean Ellinor



Clockwise from top left: Judy Pugh and Ernie Earnshaw (Teresa and Paul Jennings); Stephanie, George and Megan in holiday camp mode; Nobbly knees contestants; Sue Mann's winning team with all the suspects; Holly and Lottie Hollier 50's style; Bobby Socks Smith and Tommy Fury (Debbie Cowley and Garrie Parker) Yvonne Rogerson and Barry 'Gene' Kelly (Fi and Dave Woods).

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