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Northern Ipswich Bypass proposals scrapped

Excellent news for those opposing the Northern Ipswich Bypass – the ‘STOP’ campaign has finally triumphed. By highlighting the issue and actively encouraging people to engage with the consultation, they have succeeded in all proposals being quashed.

The results of the consultation and the Strategic Outline Business Case for the proposed Ipswich Northern Route were released on 27 January. They revealed that two-thirds of the 4286 respondents to the consultation were totally opposed to any of the proposed routes and only 26% were in favour of the project at all.

Suffolk County Council leader Matthew Hicks further announced that the county will not do any more work on the northern route proposal. He said the project could only continue if it had widespread support, but with three local councils and two of the county's MPs, Dr Dan Poulter and Dr Therese Coffey, opposing it, as well as the public response, he could not recommend any further work.

East Suffolk, Babergh and Mid

Suffolk Councils all came out against the proposals. But there has been a recognition that Ipswich is in urgent need of improvements to its traffic problems.

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CHAPEL FIELD CONCERNS

Grundisburgh residents, while relieved at the Northern Bypass proposals being scrapped, still have major concerns over plans for the development of at least 80 properties on Chapel Field at the junction of Chapel Road and Park Road. The petition opposing the development now has some 650 signatures.

The report from the government's planning inspector has yet to be received at the time of going to press. This will determine whether the site can be included in the Local Plan and whether development can take place at all.

The parish council argued very strongly that the site had been included without proper consultation and that the access roads made it entirely unsuitable and unsafe.

Though the Government want to prioritise house building the properties must be in the right place and comply with National Planning Policy.

More on page 17.



They say "It's an ill wind...." and Storm Ciara gave the Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra an unplanned opportunity for it to hold its first candlelight concert.

Much of the village lost power on Sunday 9 February but it didn't deter the orchestra's stalwarts who illuminated St Mary's church with candles and torches to give them enough light to play by and which also gave the audience a delightfully moody atmosphere in which to enjoy the music.

Right on cue and to cheers from the audience, the lights came back on half-way through the penultimate piece! This gave us plenty of light to see the selection of yummy buns and cakes on offer at the back of the church. With Gift Aid and matched-funding, the event raised over £400 for the new village hall fund. It also led to a spot on BBC's 'Look East' programme.

Words Richard Watkinson, photo Peter Kendall

The annual general meeting for Grundisburgh and District News scheduled for 27 March has been cancelled. The reports due at the meeting are published on our website www.grundisburghnews.org.uk. Comments and offers of help are welcomed at any time.

NEWS DIARY

March

Sunday 1

40s/50s Swing jive rock and roll tea dance Gr VH 2:00-5:30pm.
Contact 07909 561164

Monday 2

Seasonal Containers
Otley & District Gardening Club Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 07880 627784

Thursday 5

Wood Sculpture
Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI BCR 7:30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 7

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

Tuesday 10

Beginner's Guide to Astronomy
Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30 pm
Contact 785368

Wednesday 11

AGM Grundisburgh VH
GVH 7:30pm Contact 735951

Thursday 12

Pests & Diseases
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
Gr Pr 7:30pm

Friday 13

Scheherazade Supper
St Mary's Church, Dallinghoo
Dallinghoo Jubilee Hall PBE
7:00pm Contact 737700

Tuesday 17

A 'Voyage' round the coast of East Anglia
Grundisburgh Local History Society Gr PR 7:45pm
Contact 738108

Thursday 19

Craft Group
Gr PR 9:30 - 12:00pm
Contact 735517

Saturday 28

CulphoMusic2020
St Botolph's Church Culpho
PBE 3:00pm and 7:30pm
Contact 738324

Pudding Evening

The Holme, The Green
Grundisburgh 7:00pm PBE
Contact 735517

Sunday 29

Volunteer Conservation Day
Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust White House Farm, Hasketon 10:00 - 2:00pm
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

April

Thursday 2

Trees & Hedgerows
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
Gr PR 7:30pm
Contact 735228

Minsmere Reserve

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI BCR 7:30 pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 4

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

Table Top Sale

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI Gr VH 12:00 - 3:30pm Contact 735469

Monday 6

The Scents of the Garden
Otley & District Gardening Club Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 07880 627784

Tuesday 14

Paper Sculptures
Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30pm
Contact 785368

Tuesday 21

Made in Ipswich?
Grundisburgh Local History Society
Gr PR 7:45pm Contact 738108

Sunday 26

Volunteer Conservation Day
Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust White House Farm, Hasketon 10:00 - 2:00pm
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

Open Day

Debach Airfield & 493rd Bomb Group Museum
11:00 - 4:00pm Contact 07720 506841

May

Saturday 2

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

Monday 4

History of Henstead Exotic Garden
Otley & District Gardening Club Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 07880 627784

Saturday 9

Village Quiz *Tuddenham WI*
Tuddenham VH 7:00pm
Contact 785682

Sunday 10

Family Crafts in the Woods
Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust White House Farm, Hasketon 11:30am and 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm
PBE
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

Tuesday 12

Resolutions Discussion
Tuddenham WI Tuddenham VH 7:30 PM Contact 785368

Thursday 14

Craft Group
Gr Pr 9:30 - 12:00pm
Contact 735517

Saturday 16

Afternoon Garden Party
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
Grundisburgh Hall PBE
Contact 738997

Tuesday 19

Woodbridge Long Shed
Gr. Local History Society
Gr PR 7:45pm Contact 738108

Sunday 31

Volunteer Conservation Day
Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust White House Farm, Hasketon 10:00 - 2:00 pm
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

Open Day

Debach Airfield & 493rd Bomb Group Museum
11:00 - 4:00pm
Contact 07720 506841

June

Saturday 6

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

Church Fete

St Andrew's Church, Bredfield
Old Rectory, Bredfield 2pm
Contact 01394 383156

Tuesday 9

Garden Meeting
Tuddenham WI
7:30pm venue tba
Contact 785368

Saturday 13

Hidden Gardens
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
2:00 - 6:00pm
Contact 735228

Church Fete

St Martin's Church, Poplar Farm, Tuddenham 2pm
Contact 784545

Sunday 14

Hidden Gardens
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
2:00 - 6:00pm
Contact 735228

Summer Concert

Upbeat! Choir
Warrens Barn, Otley
2:00pm Contact 735853

Sunday 21

Family Flora Explorer Events
Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust White House Farm, Hasketon 11:30am and 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm
PBE. Contact
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

Monday 22

RHS Wisley trip
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
Gr VH 7:15am PBE
catherine@laxtoninteriors.co.uk or 735228

Saturday 27

Open Gardens Trail
Tuddenham VH 11:00 - 5:00
Contact 735853

1940s Hangar Dance

F G Taylor & Son
Debach Airfield 7:00pm
www.493bgdebach.co.uk

Sunday 28

Duck Race
1st Grundisburgh Scouts Gr
VG 1:00pm Race 2:30pm
Contact 735352

Key to abbreviations:

Gr – Grundisburgh
PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PR - Parish Room
tba - to be arranged

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Brief details of events listing date, name of event, organisation, venue, time, whether advanced booking needed, email address and contact phone number should be sent to
diary@grunews.com.
Paper versions should be sent to Ford House, The Green, Grundisburgh IP13 6TA.
Entries will be included up to a year in advance in the online version.

Warning! Many events are being cancelled or postponed due to Covid. Please check with the contacts shown.

WHAT'S ON

Swing-Jive & Rock 'n' Roll Tea Dance

Nigel Woodhouse currently runs a fortnightly 'Simply-Swing' dance class on Friday evenings at Clopton Village Hall. On Sunday 1 March he returns to his home village of Grundisburgh for a Swing-Jive & Rock 'n' Roll Tea dance at the village hall.

Between 2 and 5:30pm he will be providing some great 40s & 50s swing music - and squeezing in some fine dance moves too! All in aid of Grundisburgh's new village hall!

Also showing off some classy moves and hoping to get the dance off to a cracking start with some basic tuition will be Teresa Bonello, a Lindy-Hop dance teacher from Kesgrave who currently runs a Sunday afternoon 'Hep-to-Step' dance class in Westerfield Village Hall.

Heather Langdon will be baking cakes. Tea and coffee will also be included for an on-the-door entry of only £6. All proceeds will be match-funded for the new hall. Here's looking forward to a great afternoon...

Stephen Newton

Puddings galore

Another event being organised to raise funds for Grundisburgh's new village hall is a 'Pudding Evening' organised by Heather and Iain Langdon at their home on 28 March. Tickets cost £15. To book email heather.langdon@btinternet.com

Feasting and fund raising to repair Dallinghoo Church

St Mary's Church in Dallinghoo is thought to date from the 12th Century and it could be that returning Crusaders helped in its construction. Unfortunately

the church's cruciform shape was lost many years ago - and without urgent repairs the rest may follow.

They may also have brought Middle Eastern flavours to Suffolk cuisine; inspired by these ancient links, a generous feast of Middle Eastern dishes will be served, cooked by renowned chef, Ruth Quinlan.

Ruth has cooked for prime ministers and pop stars; she worked for many years at the Eagle in Farringdon, hailed by the media as the first gastropub, and was the mastermind behind the compilation of their recipe



book 'Big Flavours & Rough Edges'. She has gone on to cook on six continents and is returning to her family home in Dallinghoo to prepare the Levantine feast on Friday 13 March.

The three course meal of simple, tasty Middle Eastern dishes will cost £27.50. Tickets from 01473 737700 jeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk.

BILLFEST 2020

Save this date - Saturday 25 July. Live music festival for all the family at Grundisburgh Playing Field.

Following the success of the last Billfest held in 2017, where we raised over £7,000 for 'Cancer Campaign Suffolk', this time proceeds will go to 'The Bus Shelter Ipswich' and 'Suffolk Lowland Search & Rescue'. There will be plenty for the kids: bouncy castles, inflatables and slides, food



Events in Burgh Schoolroom

Since its renovation, the old schoolroom by Burgh Church has been used as a community hub as well as for the church. Soup lunches are extremely popular, with our customers enjoying a choice of home-made soups and seasonal desserts at very reasonable prices. Coffee mornings are also well attended, with a wide range of cakes plus sausage rolls and scones on offer. We believe our raffles at these events are unrivalled!

Every event we hold is in aid of local charities apart from the annual one for Macmillan Cancer Care. Our December soup lunch (shown in photo below) raised £320 for the Ipswich Night Shelter. Do come and join us. You will receive a warm welcome, friendship and good home-made food. Look out for adverts on the village email systems and posters. Our next event is a coffee morning and raffle on Saturday 15 March from 10.30am to 12 noon. See you there!

Sally Butler, sally@martinandsally.co.uk, 01473 738

stalls, bar provided by 'The Dog' and the football club. Camping will be available too. More details soon.

Thanks to everyone who made it such a success last time: let's make Billfest 2020 a day to remember. Anyone who would like to help out in any way is most welcome. Call Ollie Billsberry on 07766 464336.

Charsfield Village Hall Bar

The pop-up bar in Charsfield Village Hall is open most Fridays from 7pm until late. Everyone is welcome, so come along to enjoy local real ale, wine, spirits, soft drinks and snacks at very reasonable prices. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. There is a car park and we are easy to find at Charsfield Village Hall, The Street IP13 7RG.

Some Fridays there is hot food available provided as a local charity fund raising event. If you would like to find out

more about our village hall email us on enquiries@charsfieldvillagehall.org.uk or visit our website at www.charsfieldvillagehall.org.uk.

Table top sale

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members are holding a table top sale in Grundisburgh Village Hall on Saturday 4 April. It runs from 12noon to 3.30pm.

Light refreshments and a cake stall will also be on offer. The cost of a table is £5 and pre-booking is essential. Contact 01473 735469.

Bredfield fete

Bredfield's famous church fete takes place on Saturday 6 June at the Old Rectory. With over 40 stalls and games, the event is due to start at 2pm. The contact is Andrew Miller 01395 383156.

**More what's on
overleaf**

WHAT'S ON



New growth for the village show

I am delighted to announce a new sponsor for Grundisburgh Village Show. Chris and Lucy Shemmings, who live in the village and are proprietors of Home Style Windows have agreed a sponsorship arrangement with the horticultural society into the 2020s. We look forward to working with them and their partner business.

This year's events begin with our Garden Party on Saturday 16 May at Grundisburgh Hall. Afternoon tea and fizz will be served, with musical accompaniment in beautiful surroundings. Tickets at £10 a head will be on sale around Easter; numbers will be limited.

Our popular Trips & Talks have already started with a lovely day out at Daws Hall surrounded by snowdrops under a clear blue sky (photo above). Our April visit is fully booked but places are still available for RHS Wisley on 22 June. Next on the list of talks is 'Pests & Diseases, a gardener's nightmare' by Darren Brooks of Notcutts on 12 March. 'Trees & Hedgerows', now more important than ever, by Anne Westover will be on 2 April. Full details on our website or from Catherine Laxton (01473 735228).

The list of classes for the Village Show 2020 can be found in Williams Stores and on our website. Some new classes have been added and we have two new trophies to award this year; so start planning your entries!

Local groups and organisations who wish to have a stand or stall should contact secretary@grundisburgh.show. If you would like to sponsor a class or advertise in the schedule then please contact Georgie Keates (01473 738459). Volunteers will be most welcome to help set up on the Friday before the show or on show day itself - 11 July.

The Show Dance will again be organised by Ben and Mandy Cook, with live music, food and dancing till late. Tickets will be on sale soon (for info contact bencandmandya@googlemail.com).

The ever-popular Hidden Gardens which attracts 100's of visitors from all over the county and beyond to our lovely villages is over the weekend of 13/14 June.

A good growing season to everyone and I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Martin Cripps, Chairman, 01473 738997,
www.grundisburgh.show*

Local gardens in national scheme

Three gardens in The News' catchment area have been chosen by the National Gardens Association to open this summer as part of its popular nationwide scheme.

The gardens at Grundisburgh House and nearby Finndale House (IP13 6UD) will be opening as part of our scheme for the first time - on Sunday 3 May from 11am to 5pm. The combined admission charge

will be £6. Sunday 7 June is the date for the Berghersh Place garden opening, from 12noon to 5pm, admission £4.50 (Ashbocking Road, Witlesham IP6 9EZ). Children are admitted free.

In addition we have the garden at Larks Hill in Tuddenham St. Martin available to take groups. These can be booked by contacting 01479 785248.

The NGS Scheme now has about 3,700 gardens open across the country listed in the famous 'Yellow Book'. In addition each county has free booklets giving details of all its openings. Last year the NGS gave donations totalling well over £3m to some 11 different charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie who each received £500,000. These huge sums are raised by people visiting lovely gardens, having tea and cake and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The arrangements are run by unpaid volunteers which enables more than 80p in every pound raised at the gate to be donated. In Suffolk last year we raised over £83,000, our highest figure ever. If you would like to consider opening your garden for the NGS please contact me

*Jenny Reeve, Suffolk NGS
organiser, 01638 715289*

Tap moves to Grundisburgh

A long-established tap class has moved from Woodbridge to Grundisburgh. Since mid February two tap dance classes have been taking place every Thursday morning at Grundisburgh Village Hall.

At 9.30am there is a basic class for those who have done some tap before (not suitable for complete beginners) and at 10.30am there is a faster, more challenging class for experienced tappers.

But it's not just about tapping. Former professional dancer and class tutor Jill Streatfeild wants this to be a social occasion too, so all are

welcome for coffee and a chat after each session. These classes will provide an opportunity to keep fit, have fun and make new friends.

A series of ten consecutive lessons is just £40, but single classes are also available at £5 each. For more details contact Jill on 07778 746315, visit the website at <http://woodbridgetapdance.weebly.com> - or just go along, make friends and join the dance!

Events at Debach Airfield

Debach Airfield and 493rd Bomb Group Museum will be open as usual on the last Sunday of the month from April to September.

In addition, FG Taylor & Son are hoping to hold a 1940s Hangar Dance on Saturday 27 June ahead of the monthly open day on Sunday 28th.

This event, held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, will involve dancing, bar and food stalls. 1940s dress welcomed! Camping facilities will be available for those wishing to stay overnight. Anyone wishing to bring along their own vintage or military vehicles to the open day is welcome.

On Sunday 21 June, a Ladies' Tractor Road Run will be held at the airfield to raise funds for Art for Cure, the breast cancer charity.

For further details on any of these events, please contact Julia Taylor on 07720 506841, email teamtaylorpics@gmail.com or visit the 493rd Bomb Group website at www.493bgdebach.co.uk

Planning an event?

Check The News on-line diary to try to avoid clashes. Details can be shown up to a year in advance. Brief details should be sent to diary@grunews.com

OTLEY COLLEGE GETS NEW PARTNER, NEW NAME AND NEW HEAD

Otley College was set up in 1970 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. On 1 January 2020, Otley officially joined forces with Suffolk New College and became Suffolk Rural, moving on from a seven-year link with Easton College in Norfolk.



The new principal of the Suffolk Rural is Viv Gillespie, who is

delighted to be at the helm of an institution that has huge potential.

She said, "Previously I worked for a land-based college for nine years (in Warwickshire) and I have a passion for farming, horticulture, rural crafts and all of the many businesses associated with these fantastic industries."

"I know how important they are to Suffolk and the surrounding areas and I want to see rural industry thrive and develop, as it is crucial to the success of our economy."

In terms of future plans for the college, Mrs Gillespie said, "We are looking to develop food technology to help join up the important link between food and farming and we are keen to work with local food manufacturers. We also created a vision wall at Otley

and Suffolk New College so that staff could put forward their ideas. We are really pleased with some of the responses as we look to widen access at Otley to the community.

"There have been suggestions of forest schools, rural cafes, a plant centre and we are going to carefully consider all of these ideas and see what are the most viable in terms of affordability and commerciality. Of course, all plans will help to develop the work experiences of students as well."

"Our message is that we will do everything we can to ensure that students who come and study at any of our campuses get the skills and exceptional experiences they need to be able to progress."

And in terms of working with local villages and the community, she added, "Thank you for your support so far and we look forward to working with you. We will share plans as they develop and there will be opportunities to become more engaged with Suffolk Rural."

"Help us build a strong platform for those seeking careers in land-based and associated industries. We will be setting up stakeholder groups relating to the industries we support and we will be looking to appoint two new governors with the right



backgrounds to add experience to our board. So, my message is, come and work with Suffolk Rural and help us make this a success."

If you want to get in touch with Viv, you can call Cheryl on 01473 382457 or email cherylmiller@suffolk.ac.uk.

John Nice

Is the bus coming?

Users of the 70/70a bus service between Ipswich and Woodbridge will be well aware that bus arrival times

can be a bit erratic, with some services suddenly cancelled or running late.

I know that sometimes villagers have given up waiting for the bus because it has been 20 minutes or more late. This leads to reduced passenger numbers, and then when Suffolk County Council reviews passenger numbers for the services it subsidises, lower numbers might result in further cuts.

Realtime information

I've just recently installed the First Bus app on my smartphone. It gives realtime information on when the bus is coming and is really useful for planning journeys. You can even buy tickets using the app.

I don't want to sound like a free advertisement for the First Bus company, but I did think sharing information about this app might help make use of what's left of our public transport system. The app can be found easily on the the Google Playstore or the Apple App Store.

Adrian Frost, Tuddenham



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Campaign to get Little Bealings pub back in business

The Admirals Head in Little Bealings sadly closed in 2012. Concerned that the pub may be lost to the village and wider community for ever, Little Bealings Parish Council applied to register the Admirals Head as an 'Asset of Community Value' – an ACV.

Also at that time, a Save the Admirals Head group formed and, with the thought that Lord Nelson had been the Admiral the pub was named after, 'Lady Hamilton' began issuing invitations for locals to join her at social events, keeping the pub spirit alive. Then in May last year the owners of the Admiral's Head decided to put the pub on the market.

A public meeting at Bealings Village Hall in June was attended by more than 80 people, who were overwhelmingly supportive of the proposal to try and re-open the village pub; and so the 'Friends of the Admirals Head' was formed to launch a bid to purchase, re-open and run the Admirals Head for the benefit of the community. Many followed progress on the website at <https://friendsoftheadmiralshead.org.uk>.

'More than a pub'

The vision of The Friends of The Admirals Head is that a thriving, community-owned Admiral's Head would be 'more than a pub'. We want the pub to return to its invaluable place in the community, a place to meet, socialise and enjoy great food and drink.

The management committee has worked tirelessly, grappling with budgets, business plans, publicity, surveys, grant applications, setting up a community benefit society, and all that goes with getting any community business off the ground.

With the invaluable support of so many members of the community, individuals pledging over £87,000 to buy community shares, combined with loans and grant applications, Friends of the Admirals Head were able in November, to lodge a formal bid to buy the pub.

As things stand, the community bid has currently not been accepted by the owners but we continue with our efforts and hope that a buyer – whether private or the community bid – will be throwing open the doors in 2020! Thanks so much to all who have supported in any way.

Chris Mason, Chair, Friends of the Admirals Head, chrism2208@gmail.com

This article was edited from a longer version written by Chris for the Fynn Lark News.



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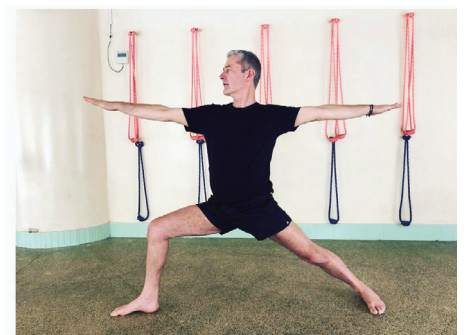
There's a sense of quiet, modest assurance about Andrew Beattie which clearly demonstrates the benefits that 20 years' of practising yoga has given him..

Physically lean and flexible, he teaches the type of yoga (Iyengar) that puts an emphasis on detail, precision and alignment in the performance of yoga postures (asanas).

The style often makes use of props, such as belts, blocks and blankets, as aids in performing the asanas. The props enable beginning students, the elderly, or those with physical limitations to perform the asanas correctly, minimising the risk of injury or strain.

Fully equipped

Andrew's studio in Clopton is fully equipped with all these things so you don't need to carry anything with you when you go. Unusually, his studio has a series of ropes on one wall to enable many postures to be performed easily and safely. Everything is designed to help improve one's flexibility,



Andrew demonstrating classical yoga poses.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE

stamina and alignment.

When I met Andrew, he was about to set off to India for a four week stay at a yoga centre to further develop his technique in the country where yoga originated some 5,000 years ago and where today, Andrew says, more men than women take part.

He has been attending a renowned teacher's weekly class in London so he is well qualified to bring to Clopton all that he has learned and is still learning.

Older age group

He currently teaches at Halesworth and Diss. On his return from India in March, Andrew will be starting five classes at Clopton, and he would particularly like to attract an older age group, men and women equally, who could experience the rejuvenation that yoga can bring if done correctly.

As you can see from the photos, the attention that Andrew pays to posture and alignment has given him his great flexibility but, don't worry, he won't be expecting new-comers to yoga to achieve that degree of perfection straight away!

Garden view

His studio (which has views of the garden from its huge windows and is heated by traditional radiators - plus a log burner) is in the house which he has been renovating since moving in about three years ago.

As an ex-heating engineer, he is well experienced in solving problems that would defeat the average DIY'er. He is creating a place has an air of calmness that puts you in just the right mood for yoga.

Andrew's studio is at The Old Rectory, Grundisburgh Road, Clopton IP13 6QB and his website is www.yogasuffolk.com

Richard Watkinson



An Eye in the Sky for Grundisburgh

Just about every film or TV drama has some drone footage, so much so that we take for granted those aerial shots.

However drones also have an extremely practical application, for example, aerial surveys for architectural purposes, crop management whereby farmers are far better able to detect areas deficient in nitrogen, land surveys, surveillance, inspections of pipelines, seeing into areas inaccessible by foot, roof inspections, photography and filming, search and rescue operations as used by emergency services, police forces (drones can also be fitted with infrared devices to search for missing persons, animals, etc) and a host of other applications.

Since the chaos last year at Gatwick airport caused by rogue drone operators, the Civil Aviation Authority has introduced a licensing system. All operators of drones now have to show an understanding of compliance with the rules and their ability to operate safely.

There are basic rules for drone operations such as, to fly no higher than 400' above ground

level, operate within a radius of 500 metres and within visual line of sight, not within 150 metres of a crowd of 1000 or more people, not closer than 50 metres to people, vessels, vehicles or structures not under the operators control.

So what drew me to drones? Before retirement I was an airline pilot up in the sky looking down on the ground, but now my feet are on the ground as I look up at the sky and it is for me a form of flying.

The drone I use is very sophisticated with a Hasselblad camera of 20 million pixels and a 3 axis stabilised 4k video up to 30fps, it can also track a moving object up to 40mph.

I have taken many photos of



Top: Burgh Church by Chris.
Below: Chris photographed by Peter Kendall.

churches in and around Grundisburgh which reveal their natural beauty.

My new website (www.aerialhawkdrones.com) should be up and running soon. But if you can't wait, call me on 07810296725 to discuss your aerial photo needs.

Chris Harrison

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editor@grunews.com**

UPDATE FROM THE SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING GROUP (SAVID)

The group set up to promote safer driving in many of the villages in the News area has agreed a range of actions to continue encouraging speed reduction activities across its area.

Grundisburgh and Tuddenham have been using the shared SID (speed indicating device) owned by the Safer Village Driving group (SAVID), and Playford and Little Bealings are expecting to make use of it soon.

We intend to develop a 'toolkit' which gives ideas of how communities can support road safety, including the 'Quiet Lanes' initiative (described in the last issue of The News).

Our next meeting will be in Charsfield Village Hall on Wednesday 1 April, starting at 7.30pm. Rotating meetings around member villages gives the opportunity for local concerns about speeding and other road safety worries to be aired and follow up actions put in place.

Pauline Procter SAVID Chair



Watching traffic speeds

Speedwatch volunteers have been active in Grundisburgh in recent weeks and continue to detect drivers going too fast. Speeding vehicles are reported to the Police who maintain a tally of such vehicles with details of time, place and registration number.

Suffolk Police are beefing up their Speedwatch support effort and are now able to offer increased finance to communities with Speedwatch teams. Additionally, trials are to be conducted in 20mph areas to see how effective Speedwatch can be and villages with 20mph limits are invited to participate. With this extra effort from the Police, now is a good time to ask for more

volunteers from the community to help make our roads safer. The time involved is for only an hour or so a week, arranged entirely to fit around volunteers' prior commitments.

If you are interested in joining Speedwatch, please do contact Geoff Caryer on 01473 738108.

Words: Richard Watkinson; photo: Peter Kendall

Northern Ipswich bypass

Continued from page 1

The Stop! campaigners are continuing to work behind the scenes and its research team, headed up by Alan Walmsley, has now reviewed the 800 pages of the Strategic Outline Business Case and concluded that despite Cllr Hicks maintaining there is a strong economic business case, in fact it looks increasingly weak.

The county council will absorb the reactions from the district councils and local businesses and conclude its decision at a cabinet meeting due on 25 February. We are optimistic that this project does not have sufficient support to be taken any further but the 'Stop' campaign still has significant work to do to ensure that this issue is never brought forward again.

We are asking for all banners to be returned to us so that they can be recycled and do not end up as landfill. These can be dropped off at Lowood, Hasketon or we can arrange collection. Please email stopbypass@gmail.com

Start! Ipswich Moving

March will see the official launch of our Start! Ipswich Moving Campaign which we hope will also be a great success. We have a list of potential improvements to try to resolve some of the traffic congestion. It was with interest that only hours after the consultation results were announced that

Highways England reported that they are very much hoping to have new measures in place to reduce bridge closures during high winds.

We are going to be setting up a petition online for Highways England to take immediate action to reduce closures of the Orwell Bridge - please keep an eye on our website and social media platforms over the coming days. Cllr Hicks has also recently stated that he is enlisting a task force to look at alternative options to ease traffic congestion - we very much hope that we, as Start! Ipswich Moving, can work with Suffolk County Council to ensure changes are put in place. It is time for a modal shift. Thank you all for your continuing support.

*Amy Waspe on behalf of The Stop! Team, stopbypass@gmail.com
Story on page 1 written by Marian Hedgley*



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New homes for our flying friends made in Hasketon

Up to 20 families were booked into four sessions for making bird and bat boxes at White House Farm Conservation project in late January. When I arrived some were already busy following a plan to make a box to take away. They were using a variety of tools including saws, chisels, set squares, hammers and nails and were wearing safety gloves.

An open barn provided a sheltered space to work in and a few metres away hot chocolate, tea or coffee could be taken in the cosy barn where a log fire burned.

In the trees to the side of the barn natural pine cone bird feeders hung and these were packed with vegetable suet.

Red Poll and British White Cattle help with conservation grazing. Goats and sheep may

The next four volunteer conservation training sessions are being held on Sunday 29 March, 26 April, 31 May and 26 July, from 10am to 2pm. Participants are asked to take a packed lunch.

Also skilled volunteers are being sought to help with a variety of surveys on breeding birds, and butterflies including the Small Heath and the Silver-washed Fritillary. Also terrestrial invertebrates, fungi, mosses, and lichens using methodologies developed for the nature reserve.

Orchids

The meadow area has seven species of orchid which usually flower in May or June and include the Pyramidal, Early Purple, Common



also be introduced later in the year since they are not such fussy eaters. A polecat was sighted for the first time in 2019 and barn owls nested in one of the boxes.

Volunteers needed

With over 100 acres of nature reserve managed by The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust there is never a shortage of work to be done. A busy time of year is coming up and volunteers will be very welcome to help with a range of activities.

For those who like fresh air and the outdoor life the nature trail and scrub management will offer an opportunity to help keep the environment sustained. There will be training in the use of any hand tools required for this work.

Spotted, Southern Marsh and Bee Orchids. So anyone with botanical knowledge could enjoy helping with the meadow surveys being undertaken.

There are a range of events planned for crafts and nature-based activities:

Sunday 10 May - Family crafts including bow and arrow making. This will take place in the woods and cost £5 per child.

Sunday 14 June - Family flora explorer event. Free.

Amanda Daniel, who is a trustee, will be leading both long and short walks to show groups around the farmland so that they can then go back on their own during the open season (1 May to 30 September). These will take



Application can be made by post or online. There is also a 40% discount on a midweek stay (outside of school holidays and July) at Secret Meadows where luxury lodge tents may be hired. Secret Meadows was shortlisted for the Staycation Awards in late 2019 for the Rural Escape of the Year. It also has a Green Tourism Gold award.

This really is a special place with a lot to see and do and right on our doorstep too.

Words Jenness Proctor,

place throughout May and June starting on Sunday 3 May at 2.30pm. Booking in advance is required. Please see sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com for times and details. Or contact 01394 382992.

Membership

Membership of The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust is £15 for concessions, £25 single, £55 family. Membership includes 50% discount on future events tickets. The membership pack has a greeting card and FSC Guide to Butterflies.

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SCHOOL REPORTS

Charsfield Primary School

We have been very busy at Charsfield C of E Primary School - here are just some recent highlights. Class One learned all about "Superheroes" - not just those in a cape but our everyday superheroes such as the Police, Fire Service, nurses, doctors and farmers to name but a few. We welcomed parents into school to work with their child, taking part in superhero themed activities.

Year 3 and 4 pupils learned about the Roman Empire and visited 'Hands on Heritage' to find out more about Roman life, becoming archaeologists for the day looking for hidden clues!

In Class Three the children learned about the Victorians and spent the day at Gressenhall Workhouse and Farm, travelling back in time to learn about Victoria's Empire in a school lesson (where the teacher was very scary and had a cane!).

This term we are learning about Europe and the pupils have been designing leaflets to

persuade people to visit Paris for a holiday.

The whole school had a fantastic time watching Aladdin at the Wolsey Theatre. We had front row seats so had the perfect view of all the action! A big thank you to our PTA who kindly paid for the tickets so everyone could enjoy this fabulous Christmas treat!

In the spring term Key Stage 2 will be following a series of forest school sessions, which allow children to learn in a holistic manner, encouraging growth of confidence, self-esteem and independence and giving them skills that they can put into use in other aspects of life and learning, building on their problem-solving skills and improving both gross and fine motor skills. See also forestschoollassociation.org.

On 29 January, the school basketball team played in a tournament at Debenham Leisure Centre. The atmosphere was buzzing: we played four games winning



Superheroes

two (3-2 & 19-1), and drawing two. We were runners up in Group A and had to play runners up from Group B for third or fourth place. The game against Fressingfield was fast and they had some really tall players but we handled the game well and won 23-7 achieving a 3rd place medal of which we are all very proud.

So far we've held two cafés for parents, relatives and members of the community.

On Remembrance Day, there were remembrance themed activities before we finished the morning singing "Remember" (see our Facebook page) followed by a minute's silence at 11am. Last month we held a French-themed café, complete with croissants and pain au chocolat. The parents and pupils were encouraged to use their French vocabulary to order. We finished the morning with number bingo

YMCA Childcare Grundisburgh

YMCA Childcare Grundisburgh have had a busy start to the spring term, focusing on their growing garden. They are planting flowers hoping to be able to give to their mums on Mothers Day. They are watering the garden weekly, taking an interest in watching how plants grow and how we take care of them.

If anyone has any allotment space we could use (benefiting both the children and the community!), I would love to hear from them.

We have introduced a playdough station, where the children and staff participate in playdough discos daily and where they are able to measure out and make their own dough. The children have enjoyed enhancing their fine motor skills within this area. We have now created home learning bags, with the playdough disco song plus ingredients and how to make dough inside, as well as some dough to use at home, encouraging home and parent partnerships.

Learning Makaton

The children have also been busy learning new skills in the form of the language programme 'Makaton' to communicate. The staff have been on a Makaton training course and are now introducing it into the daily routine here. We use screens in a safe manner, so introducing the idea of 'healthy screen time' for parents in an engaging manner - both as a way to learn and to enhance skills.

The children celebrated world food day on 4 February, where they were able to try a range of cultured foods from places they and their families had visited on holidays - as well as celebrated themselves. The new textures and flavours that were introduced got the thumbs up from the children!

We believe that children deserve the best possible start to their education and we hope to provide this by offering a safe, secure and happy environment in which children will feel confident and ready to learn. For more information, please do contact me on 01473 738017 Email: jessica.booth@ymcatrinity.org.uk

Jess Booth, Childcare manager.



Playdough work station;
Makaton session;
Planting flowers.



SCHOOL REPORTS

Grundisburgh Primary School

The children at Grundisburgh Primary School enjoyed a very happy and seasonal end to the autumn term.

Our children brought in 'gift filled' and 'gift wrapped' shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal (or 'Love in a Box' as we like to call it). They were keen to send their parcels to help children in troubled parts of the world feel loved and remembered at Christmas. During assembly, the whole school helped count the total of 101 boxes donated by the Grundisburgh community and our Year Six helped Jenny and her husband load the vehicle to transport them to the depot in Ipswich for their onward journey.

Our youngest children enjoyed Forest School where, under the guidance of our qualified and experienced Forest School Leaders, they used tools to source the materials to create their own Christmas decorations.

FOGS festive films

The Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) organised our first 'Festive Film Night' which was very much enjoyed by children, parents, staff and Governors. They also ran a village Christmas draw to add to funds already raised to help refurbish our Thrive Room, which is used as a hub for pupil wellbeing, enhance our class reading corners and expand and further develop our library to reflect the high profile reading has in our school.

We are most grateful to the FOGS for their valued contributions to our school.

Year Six have enjoyed taking part in the Paws B Mindfulness programme, which they started in the second half of autumn term. They have reported that they have used the practices to help with things like getting to sleep at night, calm pre-assessment/match/performance nerves, help with anxious thoughts and support focus and readiness for learning when starting a lesson. Year Six will become Mindfulness Mentors and share their practice throughout the school during registration and at assemblies.

Parents and pupils have already enjoyed two Celebration Assemblies this term, one led by Year 5 and the other Year 6. These assemblies are a lovely opportunity for the children to share their work from the previous few weeks with their parents and the rest of the school. It also provides us with the opportunity to open the 'Golden Book' and celebrate pupils' achievements together.

Our assembly theme this half term is Going for Goals and we have been talking about our ambitions, how we can work towards them and that, while aiming high: it is OK to make mistakes as this is part of how we learn. We have also discussed how much the encouragement of those around us can help us persevere and do our best.

Hip Hop

At the start of spring term, we enjoyed a wonderful display of dance skills from both our Hip Hop Clubs who gave a showcase of their work from last term. They performed with confidence and enjoyment, supporting one



Victorian school

(in French of course!). We hope to hold another café in the summer term and hopefully we will be able to make use of our wonderful grounds in the lovely sunny weather,

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Amie Reeve, Head of School
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another and sending the entire audience away with a huge smile.

In January we had a visit from Tim Harrison, Bristol University's Education Outreach and his amazing science show. Tim always 'wows' with his fantastic freezing experiments, big bangs, fizzing colour changes and mini explosions! A great way to stimulate and inspire our children's scientific curiosity.

We look forward to our Modern Foreign Languages Day, World Book Day, Music Concert, Year 5's dance performance at Dance East, parents joining us for class roast lunch and shared reading afternoons - and FOGS' Curry and Quiz night.

Sue Marks, Headteacher



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TUDDENHAM TALES

Burns Night Celebration

Every two years Tuddenham dons the tartan to celebrate, in traditional manner, the birth of Robbie Burns, The Scottish Bard, and on the evening of 25 January they did so again.

The evening commenced with resident Scot, Jim Punton, saying the Selkirk Grace. Then haggis was piped in by our Tuddenham Piper, Andy Offord. Scott Punton presented the “chieftain o’ the puddin’ race” to Master of Ceremony, Adrian Frost, who read the address to the haggis.

A meal of Scottish fayre was served by Monica, Carol, Dymphna and their helpers – they even provided vegetarian and gluten free haggis!

The Immortal Memory was read by Adrian which was followed by traditional Toast to the Lassies by Steve



Piping in the haggis

Levinson and the hilarious Response from the Lassies by his wife Elaine.

After the formalities, I acted as the caller for the usual lively attempt at Scottish dancing – plenty of enthusiasm but not much style - however, everyone enjoyed it. The evening ended, as always, with a rousing rendering of Auld Lang Syne

Words and photos: Jean Ellinor



Steve and Elaine Levison

Tuddenham sings Christmas

On Saturday 1 December members of St Martin’s Church organised an evening of well loved carols and songs with poems and readings to celebrate the Christmas story. The evening was held in the village hall to provide a relaxed setting outside the church. Everyone enjoyed the

evening – especially the finale singing the Twelve Days of Christmas with actions ! Thanks to all who took part.

Monica & Jim (Church Wardens)

Summer Garden Trail

A number of Tuddenham residents will be opening their gardens to raise money for St Elizabeth Hospice and St Martins Church on Saturday 27 June.

Come and explore a selection of beautiful gardens, most of which haven’t been open before. Varying in size and style, features include stunning views across the village and Fynn Valley. Parking and trail maps available at Tuddenham Village Hall, Westerfield Lane, IP6 9BH where tea and cake will also be on offer.

The gardens will be open from 11am until 5pm . Admission will be £5 adults, under 16’s free

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Top: Christmas: singalong. Photo Jean Ellinor.

Below: One of the gardens due to open in June.

BREDFIELD BITS

ORCHARD FRUITS IN BREDFIELD

Bredfield had a fruity end to 2019

We squeezed fruit

Down at Bredfield's Jubilee Meadow and Orchard, our annual 'Apple Juicing Day' took place on Saturday 5 October. It may have been a poorer year for the apple crop, but it was a great event for adults and children to get involved in the process of chopping, squeezing and pouring. Families took home bottles of very cloudy, but very delicious apple juice.



... and we cooked fruit

On Saturday 23 November, a cookery workshop took place in Bredfield Village Hall. The theme was 'cooking with orchard fruits and nuts' and the workshop was run by cook and food historian Monica Askay (centre in photo).



A group of residents from Bredfield and the surrounding area prepared, cooked and then sat down together to eat a range of dishes, all containing orchard fruits and nuts. The dishes included: an apple-based soup; a root vegetable and pear bake; a red-cabbage, apple and nut slaw; and an apple and blackberry crumble. Local resident Jo Belfield said "I learnt a lot about cooking with orchard fruits and it was a great community event, cooking and eating together."

Words and photos Stewart Belfield

DALLINGHOO FUND RAISING

Dallinghoo residents are involved with a major fund raising campaign for church repairs. The latest event was an extremely successful antiques roadshow and valuation day on 15 February, sponsored by Lockdales Auctioneers & Valuers.

Lockdales' advance advertising was impressive. On the day, they brought three experts and, working from 10am to 2pm, saw around 80 people altogether. Items valued varied from a ventriloquist's dummy (in white tie and tails complete with top hat), Rolex watches, a ten foot long punt gun, stamp collections, swords and bayonets, pictures, rings and silverware to a copy of The Times proclaiming the end of the war. Some were bought by Lockdales on the spot, others consigned to future auctions.

Committee members served soup and rolls, coffees and cakes. Including the generous donations on the door, nearly £850 was raised. We are very grateful to everyone who came, it seemed from far and wide, and particularly to Lockdales who enabled us to hold such an enjoyable and profitable event.

Jeremy Quinlan



More improvements to Bredfield Village Hall

The opening ceremony for Bredfield Village Hall's Field Room - a conservatory style extension with bar facilities - was carried out by long term Bredfield resident Sheila Woods on 25 January.

The new annex to the hall can accommodate up to 30 people standing and also has a fully equipped bar area. The new room and bar can be hired out with the main hall, or separately.

East Suffolk ward councillor for Carlford and Fynn Valley, Cllr Tony Fryatt, donated £1,000 from his Enabling Communities Budget to support the work. At the opening he praised the people of Bredfield who had worked so hard to raise the funds. "The new Field Room is a fantastic new space which will be a great addition to the hall and village life" he said.



Top from left: Anne Henderson, Chair of Bredfield Village Hall Management Committee; East Suffolk Councillor Tony Fryatt; Damian Lavington from Viridor Credits and Sheila Woods. Below: Sheila cuts the ribbon leading into the new room.

The refurbishments were also supported by grants and donations from a number of trusts and companies. In addition, several Bredfield residents helped with the construction, carpentry and plumbing work.

Anne Henderson, Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, 01473 737605, Henny@dircon.co.uk

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FULL HOUSE IN CULPHO

Culpho Music is pleased to report a full house on 25 January at St Botolph Church for the first of our concerts in 2020.

'Our Fairest Queen' was a magical evening of early music with Elizabethan song and verse. Our two soloists Gillian Keith and Tom Randle set aside their busy international lives for a day, to create a beautiful, and amusing programme full of history and atmosphere.

Performing with them were four of the five London Viols - Peter MacCarthy, Mark Caudle, Louise Jameson and Reiko Ichise. The rich velvet tone of these early instruments and the virtuosity of the musicians was, without doubt, food for the soul and at times completely mesmerising.

Thanks go to Richard Garnham and John Lapsley for help with the parking 'challenges' and to Margaret Gornall, Christobel Garnham, Lyn Chapman and 'volunteers' who helped with the catering and service of food in the interval, and Edward Morgan for his generous gift of IT and photography skills. Final thanks

to Lord Cranworth for being our patron and supporter. Future concerts will be taking place on 28 March, 21 June (please note changed date) and 11 October. We have just 60 tickets to offer for each of these concerts, so please book early to be sure of a seat, <https://culphomusic.uk.index..html>

Christine Pearce, 01473 738324

Upbeat! concert success

Following the sell out success of their Christmas concerts at St Mary's Church in previous years, Upbeat! Ladies choir decided to hold two performances this year. The first was on the evening of Friday 6 December with Saxophonist Jonathan Farnhill as the guest performer.

The second performance took place on the afternoon of Saturday 7 December and featured the Grundisburgh Primary School choir as guest performers.

Both performances were very well supported and the Ladies raised £1,000 each for local charities, Ormiston Families and East Anglian Sailing Trust.

Choir Leader Carol Jopling is pleased to announce that after a break of several years the



Carol presents the cheque for £1000 to Julia Keeble of Ormiston Families.

choir will again be performing a summer concert at Warrens Barn, Otley. This will take place on 14 June. Further details to follow.

The choir meets at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings during term time at Grundisburgh Primary School. If you're interested in joining why not come along for a free taster session?

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CHARLIE AND ROB TAKE UP A WINTER CHALLENGE FOR ALZHEIMERS

At 3am on 16 December Rob Attwater of Grundisburgh and former Clopton resident Charlie Linsell set off from Nottingham to walk to Woodbridge. This was to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Charlie's grandfather who passed away two years ago. They both knew it was going to be one of the toughest things they had done but needed to find something to inspire people to support them.

Planning took some time but with the use of an app which



had maps of roads, footpaths, and bridleways a route was found which avoided main roads. Another friend, Harry Lamb, agreed to be their support car driver and met them at suitable locations with food and equipment. This was a great help as only a small rucksack had to be carried. Charlie has a background in sports and exercise sciences so was able to estimate the energy expenditure and how much food and water they needed.

From Nottingham their route took them through the north of Leicester, Peterborough, Ely, Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket, Needham Market and Witlesham before finally arriving in Woodbridge on 18 December after 58 hours of walking.

The most challenging part was dealing with severe sleep deprivation coupled with navigating unknown roads on cold and dark December nights. Sore feet, aching legs



Rob (left) and Charlie at journey's end.

and cold hands brought discomfort and after 40 miles. Rob had a sharp pain searing through his left knee and doubted his ability to finish the walk. Fortunately, after resting for a while he was able to carry on.

They did have their fun moments too. On one occasion they could not find the footpath and spotted a 5 foot high ridge of sand which they climbed only to find it led to a 60 foot drop! The map had not been updated and it had become a working quarry so a large

detour had to be made. Quotes from 'Lord of the Rings' kept them entertained during their darker more gruelling moments.

On the last morning just outside Ely Cathedral whilst having a five minute rest, Charlie was replying to one of the many motivational text messages and fell asleep.

Rob's grandmother Gill Twissell heroically joined them for the last seven miles and, despite their exhaustion and Rob's injured leg, she was almost running to keep up.

Over £2000 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society. They were in the top 3% of fundraisers for December out of 4000.

Both would like to thank everyone who donated and supported them in their adventure – not least of all friends who met them along the way with treats and Lemon Drizzle cake.

Jenness Proctor

NEWS TRIBUTES

Dorothy Wheeler 1929 to December 2019

After a childhood first in the north of England and then in London, Dorothy read history at London University, gaining an honours degree and enjoying sports and drama.

Entering a competitive exam, she won a job with the London County Council and went to work in the Architects



Department - where she met Geoffrey who also worked there.

They married in 1956 and lived in Hertfordshire. When Geoffrey became an area planning officer for Staffordshire County Council, they moved to the West Midlands. And the size of the family increased with the births of Mark and Elizabeth.

Always open to new ideas and interests, Dorothy studied the architecture of old buildings, and French and Italian, becoming fluent in both languages.

The Wheelers came to Grundisburgh in 1992 and 'rehabilitated' one of the six cottages in Half Moon Lane - with Dorothy acting as 'builders mate' - and created a

lovely home. Dorothy made many friends, joining book clubs, flower arranging clubs in the village and further afield. She became a 'holy duster' helping to keep the church clean and served on the parochial church council and the deanery synod.

She joined the Grundisburgh News team in the mid 1990s and acted as advertising manager, jointly with Joseph Awad, for several years. Dorothy died in hospital after a brief illness and is much missed by Geoffrey, and her family and friends.

Madge Nicholas

Brian Potheary 1923 to 2019

Brian passed away peacefully in Rhoda Read Continuing Care Hospital in Morrinsville, New Zealand, just one week before his 96th birthday.

Brian and Sheila moved to Finndale House in Grundisburgh in 1978 and spent several years renovating it. Brian travelled extensively as an international agricultural engineering consultant so was not much involved in local village life.



Subsequently they moved to Great Bealings and Tuddenham and emigrated to New Zealand in 2009 to join family. Brian leaves his wife, Sheila, and three daughters, Sue, Frances and Sarah.

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REPORT FROM THE WI

We began 2020 with a buffet and quiz night. Sally Butler was proud to be the first holder of our new centenary cup having gained 14 points throughout 2019 in our monthly competition.

Hot on her heels with 13 points each were Marion Minns and Carol Barker, closely followed by Barbara King with 12 points. A very competitive year.

The Beehive home in Nakuru, Western Kenya, was formed by Jane and Alan Hutt (from Rendlesham) in 2014, to help young girls who have become pregnant as a result of being raped.

When she visited us in February Ruth Leigh told us about the remarkable work that this ordinary couple are doing. Many young girls some as young as 10 are repeatedly raped, and when they become pregnant many are thrown out of their community, shamed

and ill treated. The strict cultural rules call for the babies to be killed, as illegitimacy brings shame on the tribe.

Jane and Alan felt very strongly that they should do something to help these young women. Although they had no funds they decided to go ahead and rent a house in faith that their needs would be met. Miraculously, every month they received just enough donations to cover costs. They now have 22 young girls plus babies living with them as a family, giving them love, compassion and hope.

Ruth is very involved in fund raising in Rendlesham, working to raise money in any way they can to enable the work to continue. Anyone who would like to help could contact Pam Jenkins on 01728 748367.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838



'The Olde Forge

The front cover of the latest Grundisburgh Local History Society Magazine features the forge by The Dog in 1910, long before it was converted into a shop as it is today.

The magazine is now on sale from a range of outlets including, appropriately, the Olde Forge Stores, Williams Stores and Grange Farm Shop. It costs £3 a copy.

Articles included in this issue feature the village's medieval Charter Fairs and the 1964 Carnival, a visit to the basket-makers workshop, the village Home Guard in World War II, Grundisburgh's overlooked link to an Olympic athlete and tips on researching family history. It was put together by the society's chairman, Albert Usher.

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GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

NEW VILLAGE HALL AGM

The next 12-18 months are critical in the new Grundisburgh Village Hall building project. Please come along to the Village Hall AGM on Wednesday 11 March at 7.30pm in the old hall to hear about the recent developments, the options for the future and the proposed next steps.

Bryan Laxton (Steering Group Chair)
07793 808178,

Chapel Field

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All the evidence of past decisions and the experience of residents today shows that the road network in the area cannot secure safe access and egress from the site for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. Access by emergency and service vehicles on the very narrow single track lanes is already problematic and the efficient delivery of goods difficult.

The extra 500 vehicle movements per day 80+ properties would bring would, we suggest, be a nightmare for our lovely village. Should the site remain in the Plan, the Parish Council will fight vigorously to oppose the scheme put forward by Hopkins Homes.

Details can be found on www.parkroadgrundisburgh.co.uk

Ann Willetts, chairman of Grundisburgh Parish Council's Planning Sub Committee

SCOUTING NEWS

Everyone enjoyed great activities before the Xmas holiday. Beavers had a party in the Scout Hut and campfire with Cubs, Cubs had Christmas games and campfire, Scouts went ten pin bowling and Explorers had a party with a sleepover in the hut.

The Xmas Card Postal Scheme

was well supported and many thanks to all for taking part. The total cards collected was 773 and Williams Stores was again the 'winning collection point' with 445 cards; we made just over £206. This may be the last year we take part in this event: we will keep you 'posted'.....

European jamboree

Our two Scouts chosen to attend the European Jamboree in Poland this year, Annabel and Rosie, have been busy fundraising as they have to raise £1500 each for the trip. They did a great job delivering the Christmas cards around the Grundisburgh area for us, helped by their families, and the money raised from the cards will be donated to their fundraising. Three of our Young Leaders, Lorna, Ryan and Josh, celebrated their 18th birthdays in January and were proud to receive their 'Purple' Scout Group polo shirts.

In January a large number of our Cubs along with Leaders and other members attended the GADS Panto 'Sheer Luck Holmes'. It was excellent and they thoroughly enjoyed it, sitting in the first three rows with much shouting, laughing and general booing, until they got nicely 'squirted' with water from the 'baddie's' umbrella!

Archery

Our archery training has started again and we look forward to the National Finals in May. In March we are attending Mother's Day Parade and in June holding our famous Duck Race – this will be on Sunday 28 June.

Beavers had welcome back games, 'Chinese New Year', book reader, gardening and faith activity badge nights, did pancake cooking, soap making and box creating, and had a young leaders night. Cubs ended last year with a 'Secret Agent' night in the surrounding hedgerows and a joint campfire with Beavers.

The year started with a 'Mission Impossible' event in the hut where you have to



Grundisburgh Cubs working their Fire Safety Badge with an indoor fire (but not setting light to it!)

negotiate through 'laser beams'. They attended the GADS panto, worked towards badges, including Fire Safety Badge (making an indoor fire but not setting light to it!), enjoyed 'Creative Pancakes' and night hikes around the surrounding villages with sleepover at Hasketon Victory Hall.

Scouts had a newspaper quiz, hiked to Hasketon eating hot dogs on arrival, held a world challenge debate, visited 'Clip n Climb', Explorers also hiked to Hasketon to enjoy Hot Dogs, Alien Games, went to 'Clip n Climb' with Scouts,

had Pancake Cooking, 'Secret Agent Night', Cooking Challenge and Easter Egg Hunt.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary 01473 735352
www.grundisubrhscouts.org.uk

Thanks!

I would like to thank Alistair Davies who has been collecting glass bottles for recycling in Post Mill Gardens. He did this for his Duke of Edinburgh Award, and collected every Saturday for four months without fail since he started in October.

Marianne Finch, a grateful resident of Post Mill Gardens.

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SPORTING STORIES

Things looking up for Grundisburgh footballers

So, the season continues at a pace. Grundisburgh Football Club's 1st Team have won 6 and drawn 2 of the 16 games played and are currently seventh in Division 1. Our young Reserve side have won 10 and drawn 1 of their 11 games and sit at the top of their league, with 5 games in hand over the second place team.

All looks positive for the club after a number of seasons struggling to bring players in. The future looks promising with a young Reserve side with a lots of lads looking good enough to progress into the 1st Team.

As always the bar continues to open on Saturdays for games and Wednesday evenings for training. The club is open to all so please come along.

Jon Trenter, 07927 141169

BOWLS UPDATE

The bowls green, behind The Dog pub in Grundisburgh, has been much improved after major treatment during the autumn: thorough moss treatment, top dressing of the entire green, and the purchase of a much better mower to improve the quality of cut.

Grundisburgh Bowls Club remains active during the winter months, when we cannot use the green. We play Carpet Bowls from October to April in Grundisburgh Village Hall every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. There is also a social winter supper evening during February.

In addition this year, the Bowls Club is sponsoring a 'pudding evening' to raise funds for the new village hall, courtesy of Heather and Iain Langdon, at The Holme, The Green, Grundisburgh on 28 March at 7pm. Tickets cost £15. To book please email heather.langdon@btinternet.com

The new outdoor bowls season runs from April to September. Following last year's success, we will kick off with a bowls open day with a free BBQ during the spring, to give non-players a chance to have a go at bowling.

We have 17 friendly matches arranged against other clubs, and there are club roll-ups every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm and Thursday evening from 6.30pm. If you're interested in joining and can't make the Open Day, there are also three free roll-up sessions before you need to decide, so contact me:

Alan Hill, Club Secretary, 01473 735662



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Plants - the Send a Cow stall will be opening soon. Visit Ford House garden when sign is out or ring 01473 738267.

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Rector retiring

The Rev'd Canon Clare Sanders, rector of many parishes in The News area, will be retiring in early May. She will be much missed for all her church based activities and her pastoral work in the villages. Her last service will be in Grundisburgh on 3 May. The News will include more about Clare's contribution to our communities in the next issue.

News from The News

A big thank you is due to Diane Waters who is standing down as advertising manager for The News after four years. While living at Old Rectory East in Grundisburgh she had worked on the editorial side, standing in as editor from time to time, Diane will now be moving from Saxmundham to be nearer family in Sussex.

The advertising role has been taken on by Peter Knights who lives in Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh. The email address remains the same: adverts@grunews.com.

After typing our copy for many years Wendy Cole is also standing down. With more and more information coming in by email already typed there has been a decreasing role for her. Now it is almost all emailed. Wendy had joined The News fairly soon after our first issue in 1981 and we are very grateful for many years of extremely accurate typing.

Although Ian McIvor has left Suffolk he remains a key member of the News team. He maintains our website and incorporates the additional information from obituaries. The website has seen a sharp increase in visitors recently..

Ian also develops the online diary and asks organisers to send him brief details of events as early as possible on diary@grunews.com. He scans the Grundisburgh Google messages to pick up dates and is keen to be kept informed by other villages

Nicola Hobbs, editor@grunews.com

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SHEER LUCK HOLMES: GADS 2020 PANTOMIME

This year's panto, 'Sheer Luck Holmes', was another success for Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society members, with some saying it was one of the funniest we've done! Steve Longbottom, as Dottie Watson, certainly lit up the stage with his lamp-like hat, and there was a lovely scene with Amy Adams and Abigail Radwell singing while their characters, Wendy and Prince Hugo, were shown in black and white film behind them in various scenes of Victorian courtship!

Massive thanks to everybody involved in putting the panto together and well done to directors Nikki and Debbie for another brilliant production.



Above: John Cuff as Sheer Luck Holmes;



Above: Amy and Abigail.
Left: Angela Mitson, scenery designer



Photos Stephen Newton



Steve Longbottom

GADS members are now into rehearsals for our two spring plays, 'Feedem Fighters' and 'The Luvvies'. These will be performed on 18, 19 and 20 June. Look out locally for ticket details.

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