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Local pubs win prestigious food and drink awards

The annual Argent 'eatsuffolk Food & Drink awards' hosted 250 industry practitioners at Milsons, Kesgrave Hall on 29 April to celebrate and recognise their excellence. Two pubs in The News' area received awards. The Dog in Grundisburgh won the coveted 'Pub of the year' and Hasketon's Turks Head the 'Outstanding customer service' award. Congratulations to both.

Charles and Eilir Rogers at The Dog said that the services offered by their pub had been subject to a thorough visit and judging process; they also felt that in addition to the required high standard, the authenticity and traditional atmosphere of The Dog helped their win.

Jemima Withey at the Turks Head said that she is very proud of the award and is particularly pleased at the well deserved peer group and public recognition that it gives

to the staff, most of whom have been at the pub for at least two years.

Stephen Cooper

Road safety matters

The next meeting of Suffolk SAVID (safer village driving) will be held on Friday 21 June at Bealing Village Hall at 7:30pm. All are invited to come along to hear what Savid is doing and, most importantly, to have their say on road safety matters. Grundisburgh speedwatch is now underway again. Reports on this and from the Tuddenham, Little Bealings and Great Bealings groups are on page 7.

Local Plan Hearings

The hearings into the district council's Local Plan update are due to take place in June before Philip Lewis, the inspector appointed by the government to conduct the public examination. As by far the largest number of representations came from Grundisburgh residents (121 out of 543 for the whole area) we are hopeful of being able to air our grave concerns about the lack of consultation and the inappropriateness of the last minute inclusion of Chapel Field.

Continued on page 16.





Photos clockwise from the top: The Dog customers enjoying Easter sunshine and the first appearance of The Frog at The Dog, a converted horsebox producing freshly cooked pizza.

'Elliot's Remedy' will be playing at the Village Show dance and Midsummer Music this summer - see What's On pages 3 and 4. The group, with five Grundisburgh residents and one from Burgh, was inspired to get together after the original Grundisburgh music festival in 2007 and have performed at each event since.

Jane and Paul Watling, who have big plans for the Suffolk Yurts at Bredfield, are featured on the local enterprise pages in the centre of this issue.

Phil Wilcox who runs Logo2Go demonstrated the Otley based company's printing techniques using The News masthead. More on centre pages.



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News Diary

JUNE

Saturday 1 St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Gr Pr 10.30am-12pm

Contact 735775

Bredfield Church Fete

The Old Rectory, IP13 6AX Fete 2pm Free entry&parking Contact 07770 406222

Charsfest 2019

Contact 735838

Charsfield Recreation Ground 2pm Contact 737701

Thursday 6 Centenary Celebration Garden Party Gr WI Gr PF from 3.00pm

Thurs 6, Fri 7, Sat 8

Mightier Than The Sword

GADS Spring Play
Gr VH 7.30pm PBE

Tickets Old Forge Stores or
grundisburghgads@gmail.com

Saturday 8, Sunday 9 Hidden Gardens

Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc 2pm-6pm Contact 735228

Sunday 9 Golf Day Seckford Golf Club

iao Charsfield Rec Ground PBE 10am-5pm Contact 737701

Monday 10 Visit to Haughley House Gr Local History Soc 2.30pm PBE

Tuesday 11 Mobile Clay Workshop Playford

6.30pm-9pm £35 ejrceramics.co.uk

Contact 738108

Wednesday 12 Outing to Kew Gardens Otley & Dist. Gardening Club Otley VH 8.30am PBE

Friday 14 Puddings and Pimms

Contact 07880 627984

Burgh Church Schoolroom iao St Botolph's Church PBE 6.30pm Contact 738877

Saturday 15 Church Fete & Open Garden Playford Hall

Garden open 11am-7pm Fete 2pm-5pm Tickets £5 on gate, u/18's free www.playfordhall.com Friday 21 Safer Village Driving (SAVID) open meeting Bealings VH 7.30pm Contact 785368

Saturday 22 Witnesham St Mary's Fete Manor Farm Meadow, Church Lane 2pm Contact 785669

Saturday 29 Grundisburgh Duck Race 1st Gr Scouts Stalls/games/BBQ/ Refreshments from 4.30pm Ducks race at 5.30pm

JULY

Contact 735352

Wednesday 3 Visit to Ipswich Museum Gr Local History Soc 2pm PBE Contact 738108

Thursday 4
Talk & Lunch 'Farming
through the Ages'
Culpho Manor 12 pm PBE
Tickets £15 iao St Botolph's
Contact 738510

Fish & Chip Supper & Quiz Gr WI BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 6 St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Gr Pr 10.30am-12pm Contact 735775

Midsummer Music Gr House, 1.30-8pm Contact 738831.

Saturday 13 Grundisburgh Village Show Gr Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc Gr PF 12:30pm-5pm Contact 738997

Show Dance in marquee 7.45pm PBE Contact 738081

Saturday 20 Charsfield Flower Show Charsfield VH 2pm Contact 277166

Friday 26
Pop Up Pub
Bealings VH 6pm-10pm
sallyscape@hotmail.com

AUGUST

Thursday 1
Trip to RHS Hyde Hall
Flower Show
Gr Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc
9am PBE Contact 735228

Adventure in Madagascar Gr WI BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 3 St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Gr Pr 10.30am-12pm Contact 735775

Charity Open House Grundisburgh iao Cancer Research & Village

Hall 36 Postmill Gdns 2pm-9pm Contact 07707 868972

Witnesham Nursing Home Fete iao residents' activities 2.30pm Contact 785464

Friday 9
Evening Garden Party
Finndale House, Grundisburgh
6.30 PBE 738997

Sunday 11 Grundisburgh cycle event iao new village hall see new village hall website for details

Saturday 31
Barn Dance and Supper iao
Dallinghoo Church repairs
PBE. Contact 737700

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2
A Year in the Life of a
Cottage Garden
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club

Otley & Dist. Gardening Clu Otley VH 7.30pm Contact 07880 627984

Thursday 5
Harvest Supper: Blossom
Appeal
Gr WI BCR 7pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 7 St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Gr Pr 10.30am-12pm Contact 735775

Saturday 14 Church Fete St Mary's Grundisburgh Gr VG 1pm-4pm Contact 735953

Monday 16
Table Top Equine Sale
12pm-4pm iao RDA
The Bays Monewden Rd
Clopton IP13 6QL
Contact 07796 991418

Tuesday 17
Leonard Squirrell - Suffolk
Artist
Gr Local History Soc

Gr Pr 7.30pm-9pm Contact 738108

Saturday 21
Take the Biscuit
Ceilidhs on the Move
Clopton VH IP13 6QN
7pm-11pm Bring own drink

Friday 27 Pop Up Pub

Bealings VH 6pm-10pm sallyscape@hotmail.com modav61@outlook.com

Tickets 01394 383329

Fish and Chip Quiz Charsfield Rec Ground 7pm iao Charsfield Rec Ground Contact 737701 PBE

OCTOBER

Thursday 3 Orchid SocietyGr WI BCR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 5 St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Gr Pr 10.30am-12pm Contact 735775

Monday 7
The Perfect Growing
Medium
Otley & Dist. Gardening Cli
Otley VH 7 30pm

Otley & Dist. Gardening Club Otley VH 7.30pm Contact 07880 627984

Key to abbreviations:
PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village Hall
PR - Parish Room
PF - Playing Field
VG - Village Green
Pav - Pavilion
BCR - Baptist Chapel Room
BSR - Burgh School Room
Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Brief details of events with date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number should be sent by 5th August for the next issue to Andrea Ockenden, Gabledene, Rose Hill, Grundisburgh IP13 6TG, or diary@grunews.com. Please indicate if tickets must be bought 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 for the website diary, www: grundisburghnews.org.uk



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WHAT'S ON

Dodgy goings on in the publishing business

The latest spring play from Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society is a comedy written and directed by GADS member Phil Bailey.

'Mightier Than The Sword' follows the fortunes of a vanity publishing company whose owners are made an offer they can't refuse by a local ex-gangland villain who's decided to go legit...or has he? Publishing his memoirs brings more attention to their doors than they bargained for.

Featuring blackmail, wizardry, dodgy drug deals, zombies and comedy covering adult themes, this is something a bit different! Come and join us at the village hall on 6, 7 or 8 June, curtains up at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9, and include a ploughman's supper, and are available from The Olde Forge Stores, Grundisburgh. Please bring your own drinks.

Proceeds are going to the new village hall fund, so it would be great to get as many people as possible through the doors to help us raise money for the new hall our village deserves.

Ian Fros

Food & farming

A two course lunch and talk on 'Farming through the Ages' is being held on Thursday 4 July. The speaker, Richard Garnham, was born and raised in rural Suffolk and spent 50 years working within the farming industry. Employed locally, farm management remained his ultimate objective, which he clearly accomplished and became a very respected member of the farming community within Suffolk and beyond. Although recently retired, Richard remains actively involved in agriculture.

Please join us at Culpho Manor, where a warm welcome awaits. Tickets are £15 and available from us, with all proceeds going to support St. Botolph's Church, Culpho.

Lynette and Robert Chapman, 01473 738510, steadfast.culpho@gmail.com

Bredfield Church Fete

Saturday 1 June, 2pm with Grand Draw at 4.30pm

Location The Old Rectory, Bredfield, IP13 6AX

Admission and parking free

Come and have a great afternoon in the lovely grounds of the Old Rectory. We will have over 40 stalls and games, including the auction, book stall, Bredfield Boutique, homemade cakes, china smash, face painting, horse racing, ice creams, candy floss, nearly new, pony and tractor rides, plants, mini golf, tombola, toys, white elephant

Teas and homemade cakes and savouries will also be served.

Organiser Andrew Miller, 07770 406222

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Music returns on Saturday 6 July at Grundisburgh House from 1.30-8pm. Yet again the ticket price has been held to £5 for adults, £1 for children aged 4 to 11. The event is in aid of St Mary's Development Fund (also known as 'The Church needs a Loo' fund).

Musical talent for

There will be a wide range of musical performances, from choirs, the Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra, to bands old and new.

New this year in the area to the side of the main arena Barn Fitness "are you tough enough?" - an obstacle course for the children, a challenge for the adults, plus a children's only draw.

There is a fantastic barbecue, bar and refreshments so please don't bring your own food, alcohol or drinks. No dogs other than guide dogs are allowed and no onsite parking. Good weather is the only extra we need!

Watch the church gate for the soon to be announced programme.

Simon Snowden, grundisburghmidsummermusic@outlook.c

More bridge players wanted

rundisburgh Bridge Club meets on Monday evenings in the Parish Rooms. We start at 7.30pm and normally finish at about 10pm. We have lost some of our regular players and are looking for some new members to boost our numbers. We are a very friendly club and play duplicate bridge or Chicago.

The cost is £1 per person for the evening to include coffee or tea and a biscuit, and an annual membership charge of £5 per player. For further information please contact me.

> Monica Begg, 01473 738830 or monica.begg@sky.com

More What's On overleaf

GADS Presents

Mightier Than The Sword

By Phil Bailey



Proceeds to the New Village Hall Fund

Grundisburgh Village Hall

6,7 & 8 June 2019 7:30 PM £9.00

Includes Ploughman's Supper

Adult language and themes

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Old Forge Stores

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WHAT'S ON

Otley Hall Open Gardens & Café – our final year!

Otley Hall, gardens and popular cafe are open every Wednesday 11am-5pm (cafe closes at 4pm),until 25 September. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, beer and wine are served along with homemade cakes, scones and light lunches. A children's menu is also available.

A single entrance costs £3 while £5 for a seasonal pass allowing access throughout the season. Children under 16



go free! Otley Hall will be closing its doors at the end of December 2019, so make a date to visit soon!

We are delighted to be supporting St Elizabeth Hospice this year by donating all admission fees on Wednesday 7 August (our seasonal pass will not be valid on this day).

A peep into history

Every Wednesday during
June, July and August we are
opening the doors to the Great
Hall and Linenfold Parlour.
Our tour guides will be on
hand to explain the
importance of these rooms
within British and American
history and to regale you with
stories of previous residents!

Tickets can be purchased from cafe £2pp, rooms open 1.30-3.30pm.

For information on any event at Otley Hall, please contact me by on 01473 890264 or email events@otleyhall.co.uk

Karen Gwynne-Vince, Event Manager



Playford Church Fete and Open Garden on Saturday 15 June will be supporting the St Elizabeth Hospice Garden Trail. Stonham Barn Owls will be making a rare road trip to appear, and there will be a Blue Cross Dog Show (has your dog got the waggiest tail?). Dogs must be on leads.

The gardens will be open from 11am to 7pm, Fete 2pm - 5pm with usual stalls, tea and cake, and music. There will be a cake and biscuit decorating competition (with details on our website). Entry is £5, with under 18's free. More information available at www.playfordhall.com and a link to purchase tickets

Jocelyn Saunders clc, Leadership & Career Coach, 07753903056

Grundisburgh's horticultural events

Thirty gardens was the target set to mark the 30th year of Grundisburgh Burgh and Culpho Horticultural Society's Hidden Gardens event. But organiser Catherine Laxton has exceeded this by finding 35 places for visitors to see over the weekend of 8 and 9 June.

Based in all three villages, the very varied gardens include a number which have not opened before or who have returned after some years. Open from 2 to 6pm, admission is £5 per head, with accompanied children free. Advance copies of the programme cost £4.50 and will be available from Williams Stores on Grundisburgh Green from the previous weekend.

On the day the programmes will be sold from Grundisburgh Green and at Finndale House for visitors parking in the field behind. A cake stall and the usual colourful array of plants from our long term supporter Katie's Garden Nurseries will be on The Green. Delicious teas will be available in the parish rooms nearby and the event sponsor, The Dog pub, will be cooking special meals.

An exhibition of sculpture is being mounted in

Grundisburgh House gardens and in the new art gallery

there. This will feature work by the Butley Mills sculpture group. There will also be a display of



work by members of Grundisburgh Art Group.

Village Show

Planning for Grundisburgh Village Show continues at a pace. Our 44 page schedule with details of all the classes is now available at all our usual outlets. Look out for our bright, full colour cover, it's unmissable!

Show classes are open to people from all areas to enter, not just our three villages. All the adult classes carry a £5 first prize, thanks to our generous sponsors.

This year's show will be a fun packed day out for all the family with children's games, bouncy castle,trampolines and races, live music, brass band, a wide variety of stalls, classic cars and an 'animal corner'.

Our usual car boot sale will be on the field, no booking necessary. There will be a licenced bar, B-B-Q, tea and cakes, and other food stalls. Entry night is Wednesday 10 July, 6.30-9pm in the Grundisburgh Parish Rooms. The forms are in the schedule and can also be downloaded from our website:-www.grundisburgh.show

Those village organisations wishing to run a stall at the show should contact the show secretary at secretary@grundisburgh.show as soon as possible.

Dance returns

The post show dance in the marquee returns this year, run for us by Ben and Mandy Cook, and will be held as a tribute to Richard Garrett who sadly died in February. Richard and Brenda were involved with the show for 50 years, and Richard ran the dance for four decades, raising thousands of pounds for charity and helping cover costs of the show. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Music will be provided by Elliot's Remedy, tickets are £13 and include a hog roast. Please make every effort to support this event. A donation will made to Brenda's chosen charity. For tickets contact 01473 735081, ben.cook@eastonotley.ac.uk.

Evening in the garden

Our final event of the year is the evening garden party, to be held on Friday 9 August at Finndale House by kind permission of Bryan and Catherine Laxton. A two course ploughman's supper and a glass of wine or soft drink will cost £8. Tickets will be available at Forge Stores after the show and must be bought in advance.

I look forward to seeing you at as many of our events as you can make this year. In addition to raising money to meet the high cost of mounting the show, the proceeds of our other events will be supporting village charities, including the new village hall fund. More information on our website: www.grundisburgh.show.

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



A LOVE OF ART

Isabella Howard has always had a love of art. This was ignited by her father who was an architect and sometimes took Isabella with him out into the Scottish countryside. There she would enjoy watching him sketch and paint some of the beautiful landscapes. It was towards the end of my conversation with Isabella that she mentioned that her father was a cousin of Charles Rennie MacIntosh and could vaguely recall visiting

him in Glasgow with her father.

When Isabella's husband had to work away from home for a while, she decided to enrol on an art course for one term at the Civic College (now University of Suffolk) and although she enjoyed this, her paintbrushes were put to one side for quite a while.

Then fairly recently she saw an advert on a Grundisburgh notice board and began going to one of the painting groups run by Paul Bruce.

Here she rediscovered her love

of painting and has produced some expressive watercolours mostly of landscapes, birds and flowers. With a particular interest in colours and tone her paintings show her love of nature with a natural range of greens and blues.

I asked her what she had learnt which helped her pictures to have such a good light. The secret she said is to put a yellow wash over it. Also the importance of simplifying the composition and putting the subject so it is aesthetically balanced for the eye to focus.

Paintings by Isabella will be included in the art group's next exhibition which is at Grundisburgh House Gallery during Hidden Gardens over the weekend of 8 and 9 June

Words and photo Jenness Proctor

Paul Bruce's art classes are on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 - 12.30 in the Baptist Chapel and Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30 in Grundisburgh Parish Room.

THE JOY OF SINGING

According to my mother, my enjoyment of singing (although possibly not theirs!) began very early. My first, and only, claim to fame was a write-up in the local Biggin Hill newspaper, when, at the age of five I sang 'The Lord is my Shepherd' unaccompanied in church!

With work commitments over the years, I have dipped in and out of singing. During my SRN training days in the 1960's - as many of us did at the time - I sang and played the guitar. In 1987, when my husband and I moved to Liverpool, I returned to learning the piano.

Our move to Culpho in 1993 gave me the opportunity to join Ipswich Choral Society as a first soprano, and in 2014 I joined Suffolk Singers as a second soprano. For the last four years I've

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been part of the four-strong folk group Shingle Street. One way or another I enjoy the many real health benefits of singing with these three musical groups, and hope to continue for as long as my voice holds out!

But it's not just about the sheer joy of learning and singing wonderful music, it's also about friendship and the many fabulous places where we've sung together: Istanbul and Ephesus, Umbria, Austria, Brussels, Bruges, The Menin Gate, New York ... the list goes on! So if reading this makes you think about joining a choir – don't hesitate ... Carpe diem!



Christine Pearce

https://ipswichchoralsociety.org/http://www.suffolksingers.co.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/search/str/Shingle+Street+Folk+Band/

Shingle Street perform at Culpho Church



The Shingle Street Folk Band, of which Chris Pearce is a member, is well known on the local music scene for performing traditional and contemporary folk songs.

In the 13th Century St Botolph's Church, a Grade II listed building in Culpho on 29 March they presented 'Heroes and Villains'. This included a range of community songs telling the sad story of the The Aldeburgh Lifeboat which capsized in 1899 with the loss of six lives. Jane Burn, member of the band wrote a lovely song about Millicent Fawcett. the Suffolk suffragist who campaigned for equal rights and the vote for women. From the proceeds £300 was donated towards Culpho Church funds.

Future performances include a NHS event on 30 June at Henley Community Centre, Ipswich Music Day on 7 July, the Maybush, Great Oakley on 13 July and the Long Shop at Leiston on 10 August . See the web links for full details.

Words Jeness Proctor. Photos Stephen Newton



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NEWS TRIBUTES

RICHARD GARRETT, 1943-2019

Richard grew up in Nacton
Where his father became
Farm Manager on the
Prettyman Estate. He loved the

freedom of the farm, became a proficient horseman, drove the tractor aged 12, helped bring in the harvest and met Percy Edwards, the 'Bird Man', who often visited the estate when recording for the BBC. School was not popular and, having survived

Amberfield, Ipswich Boys' High School and St Joseph's, Richard left with no formal qualifications.

Farm life was his passion during his teenage years - farm life and motorbikes! Scrambling meetings were a regular occurence most weekends. Practical hands-on chap that he was, Richard's working life took him into engineering with a number of local firms beginning with the Melton Engineering Company and eventually to Agri Hire who were agents for Dowdeswell Engineering demonstrating and selling Dowdeswell Ploughs. There his knowledge and expertise took him all over the country and those ploughs became yet another passion - he claimed that one year he sold 30.

The practical skills Richard acquired during his working years made him a valuable DIY assett in his own home - and other peoples!

Brenda and Richard have always been involved in village life - Richard organised the Village Show dance for many years, as well as helping to set up the showground and the marquee. During the 70s and 80s and beyond he ran many events for charities - Air Ambulance, Suffolk Accident Rescue Services, and the GP surgery among others, plus running discos and fancy-dress dances, and he always set up the tables and chairs for the WI. He and Brenda held

'afternoon teas' in their beautiful garden in August for many years in aid of St Mary's Church.

Richard loved his dogs; his favourites were golden cocker spaniels, and he liked people, so walking the dog was a great opportunity to get out and about in the village.

stopping for a chat and a pat for the dog.

Richard was diagnosed with cancer in October 2017 and although it did seem at one time that Richard had 'beaten the Beast' sadly this was not the case. He died at Rendlesham Nursing Home after a long period when he

found it hard to deal with the fatigue and other symptoms of the disease since they prevented him from being the busy energetic person he loved to be.

Madge Nicholas

LAVINIA MUTTITT (Lovie) 1935-2019

Lovie was born on her Losister Mary's birthday in Dundee. the third daughter for James and Betty Marr, followed by Rita and James (jnr). Her dad went to war in 1939 where he was taken prisoner. Lovie never saw him from the age of four until she was ten. Another brother and sister arrived after the war to complete the family of seven.

She was employed in the jute mills for a short period till 1953 before going to Wittering to train as an engineer in the RAF, servicing and driving 3-ton trucks. She preferred working with the men she said.

Here she met John and they were married in 1957 and they returned to Winston near Debenham (John's home) where Debbie was born in 1958 followed by Steven, John, Lynn and Kevin over the next 14 years. They had moved to Culpho during this time, where John worked as a stockman for Mr Lofts at Playford while Lovie worked as a housekeeper at Branson's College in Playford. Sadly she lost Steven in a road accident in 1991 and John in 2010, and

was widowed in 1997.

Lovie played lawn green bowls for over 40 years for Bealings, Grundisburgh and then Bredfield, winning

quite a few trophies and competitions. She loved going out on the bus usually to bingo, or Felixstowe for lunch and a look round the charity shops. She managed to do this six days a week until last December, when her health deteriorated. She was in and out of hospital before going to Foxearth Lodge at Saxstead for her last 10 days. Lovie passed away on 5 April, her Mum's birthday.

Debbie Palmer,, Lynn Tortice and Kevin Muttitt

LINDSEY REDSTALL, 1948-2018 and MARTIN REDSTALL, 1948-2019

By the time Lindsey and Martin moved from Grundisburgh in 1998, they had both made significant contributions to village life. In particular they were among the founders of Grundisburgh News, with Lindsey providing



illustrations and producing many of the adverts, and Martin as one of the editors, writer and general prime

They were both active in other spheres of village life too. Lindsey served as a parish councillor, as vice chairman at one time, and her skills as an artist and illustrator were used for many community publications. Martin was heavily involved with the purchase and conversion of the old school on The Green into sheltered housing, and in the Raise the Roof campaign to make the playing field pavilion more useable for village groups.

Martin left his mark on the village in another way – as a serial mover and house restorer. First it was the stables at Finndale House, then half the Old Rectory, before converting its ruined stable block into Ford House. His last conversion was turning the Half Moon from a pub into their family home.

After their move to Martlesham Lindsey kept up her village contacts by providing an invaluable service to several older Grundisburgh residents as a

Grundisburgh residents as a gardener and good friend.

Nicola Hobbs, the fortunate successor to the Redstalls at Ford House and the current editor of The News

Left: Martin and Lindsey celebrating The News' community newspaper award.

Below: Lindsey's illustration of the old Half Moon pub.



Our tributes often have to be shortened for space reasons but the full versions can be seen on The News' website and in the folder in Williams cafe on The Green. Ed.

Village speed reduction initiatives

Grundisburgh

Following long standing concerns at the speed of some drivers in Grundisburgh, a number of initiatives to tackle this have been introduced.

Thanks to a grant from the county council to SAVID (Safer Village Driving), we now have access to a SID (Speed Indicator Device). As well as indicating speed with happy or angry face, it will capture data to allow us to analyse patterns of traffic and speed. We are currently deploying this at three officially approved locations on rotation in Grundisburgh.

As we collect more data and analyse the results, further updates will follow. This SID is a shared resource and will also be used by other villages as part of SAVID's aim to collaborate over gathering of speeding data and aspiring to influence speed reduction in our villages.

We also have on loan a portable SID which is mounted on a tripod and currently popping up in various sites in the village. This has been deployed on more than 20 occasions so far.

After a few years' absence, Community Speedwatch has been resurrected in Grundisburgh, thanks to a band of volunteers and a handheld radar detector we have on loan. The objective of this is to reduce speed in areas of concern. These activities aim to get the message across that excessive speed through our villages is dangerous. Enquiries about Speedwatch in Grundisburgh to Geoff Caryer, geoff@caryer.co.uk

Bob Crouch, Grundisburgh representative on SAVID

Tuddenham

Tuddenham has been operating Speedwatch for some five years. It has been difficult to maintain regular activities in recent months owing to limited numbers of volunteers - but we have some new ones so hope this situation will improve. The

numbers of vehicles reported to the police has reduced with drivers being more alert to the presence of the Speedwatch volunteers and reducing their speed accordingly when we are on site and obviously visible.

The SID device located in the main road continues to show that over 55% of vehicles are travelling over 35 mph and speeds of 55-75 mph are being regularly recorded. While drivers report that it is helpful to be reminded about their speed, the data also suggests that a significant number of drivers are not regularly changing their driving behaviour.

Police enforcement is occasionally present on that road but no data about this activity is yet available.

Pauline Procter, chair of SAVID, pauline procter@btinternet.com

Great Bealings

Our Speedwatch group started life in 2012 following an official presentation and basic training. Six volunteers joyfully put their names forward but over time this has reduced to three.

The team were allocated two monitor areas at the beginning - Boot Street and Lodge Road. It soon became obvious that the Lodge Road monitor point, although welcomed by residents, proved a poor 'hunting ground' as very little traffic came past. It was decided to concentrate on the Boot Street site.

There then came a period of experimenting with times. Morning, afternoon and evening trials were carried out but the availability of personnel was the overriding factor. I am the only original member still standing, now supported by Anthony Shepherd, and/or Martin Cripps and Sharon Cripps.

Are we succeeding in deterring speeding motorists from making the village roads a racetrack? Yes. Do we catch speeding motorists? Yes. But the most effective part of the

exercise is the deterrent factor. When drivers see their yellow jackets and hand-held speed camera they do slow down. It makes them think. Plus the team get fewer 'verbals' from passing motorists than earlier, an indication perhaps that motorists now accept that the Speedwatch team are part of the greater road safety programme and are here to stay.

Colin Hedgley, colin.hedgley@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Little Bealings

Little Bealings Parish
Council achieved a 20mph
speed limit for much of The
Street and a part of Lodge
Road, by Bealings Village
Hall and John Belstead

Playing Field, in 2017. It also currently has use of a traffic activated speed signal supplied by SCC on a rota basis along Martlesham Road and Playford Road, and the police do undertake speed checks along Playford Road.

The parish council is a member of SAVID and, subject to resolving an insurance query, hopes to share the Speed Indicator Device that SAVID is purchasing. This will be erected at various points and especially to remind drivers of the 20mph limit through the middle of the village.

Carol Ramsden, littlebealingspc@btinternet.com

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The elections held in early May were the first for the newly constituted East Suffolk Council, after the amalgamation of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney.

They were also the first after the government's reorganisation of boundaries. All the villages in The News catchment area (apart from Ashbocking) fall within the newly created Carlford and Fynn Valley ward which is served by two councillors.

The two elected were Tony Fryatt and Colin Hedgley who has now become chairman of the new district council. Details of how to contact them and their main activities on the council are shown here.

Tony Fryatt:

tony.fryatt@eastsuffolk.gov.uk Tel: 07887 988271



Previously District Councillor for Grundisburgh ward for the last four years.

He is now:

Vice-Chair of Planning Committee at East Suffolk Council; Parish Councillor for Clopton PC Additional interests: Member of SAVID

Colin Hedgley:

colin.hedgley@eastsuffolk. gov.uk Tel; 01473 738468

Chairman of East Suffolk Council (he was Vice-Chair of



SCDC last year and formerly a district councillor for Woodbridge ward from 2015-2019).

Serves on:

Planning Committee and Licensing & Health Committee at East Suffolk Council

Parish councillor for Great Bealings PC

Additional interests: Member of SAVID and a member of Great Bealings Speedwatch team, Deputy-Chairman of Central Suffolk & North Ipswich Conservative Associaton and Churchwarden for St Mary's Church, Playford.

Parish councils

The elections for parish councils were held on the same day as the district council elections. But of the villages in The News' area the only election to take place was for Little Bealings Parish Council, where there were 12 nominations for seven seats. None of the others had enough nominations for the seats to be contested.

In the whole of the old Suffolk Coastal area, only six had elections.



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SCHOOL REPORTS





Grundisburgh Primary School took part in the RHS Cross Country in April.

We had a super morning and we were so amazingly proud of all our runners who put in impressive performances and showed great grit and determination! We had four children who were placed in the top three of their races and lots of great individual performances.

There were nearly 200 children in each race so they all did superbly and represented our Grundisburgh school so well. The Girls' Year 6 team came 1st overall!

Gemma Oakley



Online safety session for parents

An 'Online Safety Evening' was held at Grundisburgh Primary School in early May. It was run by parent, Will Barber (who runs the IT clinics in the parish rooms). Online Safety tips and practical strategies to help parents were given, focusing on different ages of children. The evening provided the opportunity for really interesting and thought-provoking discussions. If anybody would like a copy of the information or handouts, please contact Mr Barber directly (wbarber.ths@gmail.com) or Miss Oakley at the school.

SCHOOL REPORTS



BRIGHT DAY AT CHARSFIELD FOR ROAD SAFETY TRAINING

The Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) at Charsfield Primary School organised a 'Be Bright' day. The children were asked to dress in bright clothing to promote "Be safe - Be seen."

Alongside this, the children also ran an assembly for their peers and two competitions: colouring in a drawing of a person so they were bright and choosing children who were dressed the brightest.

The JRSO chose and bought reflective animal keyrings as their prizes to hand out at the end of the day. All children had a great day and really took away the importance of dressing bright and being seen whilst out and about.

Mrs Reeve, Head of School, said "The JRSOs loved organising this and really built up the enthusiasm with the rest of the pupils for this very important message.



Gold medal winning netball team.

Gold in Netball High 5's contest

A team of eight children headed off to Brandeston School on 19 March for the High 5's netball tournament. Once they had played and won their first match nerves disappeared and their competitive spirit shone through.

The children all played well and won all of their matches to get themselves into the finals. After a tense but very well played match Charsfield were crowned the winners and qualified for the finals, an amazing result for a school with only 47 pupils!

We will now be training hard for the up and coming finals.

Tag Rugby

Charsfield also took part in the School Games Rugby
Tournament. This was held at
Thomas Mills High School on
a cold windy day in early
March and managed a very
creditable fourth place overall.
Fingers crossed for even better
next year!





The badger and the squirrel made by pupils at Charsfield from recycled materials.

Wildlife models created for Suffolk Show

The pupils at Charsfield have designed and created these amazing animals. Their remit was to create woodland creatures made out of recycled materials to highlight current environmental issues.

The models, along with others from lots of different schools, were due to be displayed at the Suffolk Show.

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LOCAL ENTERPRISE

So much more than a Little White Van

Every Tuesday morning at the village hall in Playford you will find a Little White Van. But it isn't any old Little White Van, it's The Mobile Grocer. Inside is an abundance of local fresh food and products alongside greetings cards, stamps, kindling, matches, pet and bird food and cleaning materials.

On Thursday mornings it can be found in two other News' villages - Dallinghoo and Charsfield.



Sonya who runs The Mobile Grocer has everything you would expect from a village shop, much of it from the local area including milk from Marybelle, cold meats and bacon from Suffolk Clarks Butchers, Havensfield free range eggs and James White Suffolk apple juices. Fresh bread rolls, savouries and cakes and fresh fruit, salad and vegetables are all available from inside.

Speaking about The Mobile Grocer, Sonya says
"Customers can come along and shop or pre-order and it will be ready for them to collect. We try and offer everything that customers need and if they fancy a quick tin of soup or are baking a cake, we have everything they need to do that.

"Many villages don't have the benefit of a village shop and that is where we see our service really working. We also find we offer a vital service for those that find it difficult to get out and about as we can bring their food order to their village".

The Mobile Grocer has been operating for the last eight years and can be found in a number of other villages in the area. It visits:

Playford Village Hall on Tuesdays – 9.50 to 10.10am

Dallinghoo Village Hall on Thursdays 12.30 – 12.50pm

Charsfield (layby between the two halls) on

Thursdays 1.10-1.30 pm

For more information about The Mobile Grocer contact Sonya on 07810370314.

Words & photo Elaine Beckett

There's something fishy going on in our villages!

Who loves a piece of fresh fish? Battered, steamed, grilled, baked, any which way you prefer, fish is one of Britain's most favourite foods, with fish and chips being our national dish. And our villages have the benefit of being able to get fresh fish delivered right to our doors by our very own Mick the Fish.

Mick has been selling fish around our villages since 1995 and his stocks include Cod, Haddock, Plaice, Seabass, Salmon, Tuna, Crabs and Prawns, all from the fish market in Lowestoft. His biggest sellers are Salmon and

Cod with Seabass growing in popularity.

To get a delivery all you need to do is ring Mick on his mobile on 07904 188205 and he will schedule in to call or if you know what you want, you just leave a cool box at your door and he will drop off. Deliveries are:

Tuesday:Tuddenham, Bredfield, Grundisburgh and Hasketon

Wednesday Burgh and Clopton Thursdays Grundisburgh

Words & photo Elaine Beckett

A local business dressing for any occasion

In the village of Otley you will find local business Logos2Go, a supplier of embroidered and printed promotional logos on just about any garment you can think of. Whether you need new aprons for behind the bar for your pub or restaurant or fleeces for your walking club, Logos2Go supply them.

Husband and wife partnership, Denise and Phil set up the business two years ago when they converted an old barn building in their back garden.

Workwear for local business

Their workshop has since created workwear for a large number of local businesses including heating and plumbing businesses, building contractors, fruit & veg wholesalers and a large engineering company plus

local pubs and village stores.

Whether an individual item is required or a large number, Logos2Go carefully recreate the business brand logo and embroider it or print it with a heat press onto

Left: Mick at the rear of his white van with with fresh fish supplies.





Top: The embroidery machine in action;
Below: Phil showing just some of the colours available for garments

the chosen garment. With over 7,000 different products and 200 colours to choose from, every customer need is catered for.

Phil says, "Having our workshop in the village we live in, means we get to enjoy village life whilst running a business we love. We are building up a strong reputation locally and want to establish ourselves with more businesses and organisations here and nationally too.

Latest styles

"We supply the latest styles and designs from the leading manufacturers including polo shirts, T-shirts, sweatshirts, fleeces, hoodies, Barwear and corporate clothing, hardwearing workwear and PPE apparel. Our range is so vast we've been able to clothe



LOCAL ENTERPRISE



a lot of businesses and clubs in the area".

Most recently Logos2Go were asked to embroider three dryrobes worth over £100 each for the Three Deaf Penguins – a group of Channel swimmers. Phil says, "Embroidering those important garments was scary but they worked out brilliantly and kept the swimmers warm during their Channel swim challenge".

Logos to go can be found at www.logos2go.co.uk or follow them on facebook: Logos2go. You can call Denise and Phil on 01473 890167 or email: sales@logos2go.co.uk

Words & photo Elaine Beckett

Yurts back in business

The Suffolk Yurts in Bredfield have new owners. Jane and Paul Watling, along with their children, Rose and Alfie, have added their own finishing touches to expand on the



beautiful site. They were officially opened by Woodbridge Mayor, David Mortimer, on 31 March.

Jane and Paul have updated the site at Oak Cottage to include a pizza oven, children's playground and playbarn for those rare rainy days. Parking is off site and entering the site at Oak Cottage, the Yurts are visible in the background. There are five individually decorated yurts, discreetly separated from each other, offering privacy but the opportunity to mingle with your fellow guests at the outside bar, covered outside eating area and the playground.

Each yurt can sleep four to six people. Each yurt has its own style of bed made by the Barn Co at Friday Street, a woodburner and solar powered lights.

Jane and Paul had been looking for this opportunity for several years and have a vision that translated into a family retreat, giving guests the opportunity to hire the whole site for a special celebration.

It is lovely to have the Yurts open for business and we wish Jane and Paul luck with their new venture.

> Words Roswyn Bradshaw, photos Stephen Newton

Paul and Jane Watling, 07976 613602. Suffolk Yurt Holidays, Oak Cottage, Ufford Road, Bredfield IP13 6AR

Left: Paul loads wood into the pizza oven; Below Jane on one of the specially built beds.





Williams Stores get a makeover

Painter and decorator Simon Page was commissioned by the Williams sisters to repair and paint the woodwork at the front of their shop and cafe on Grundisburgh Green. Simon has been in the trade for over 20 years and has been based in Burgh for the past 14.

The Old Drapery within Williams Stores has now added Monday morning to its other opening times, from 10am to 1pm, offering the usual delicious coffee, teas and cakes as well as a new range of soft drinks to eat in or take out. The Old Drapery also now offers a 'book swap'.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall

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Charity Walk

At 10.30am on 2 April, Jari and Martino, who work at the Fountain, left the pub with their friends Petr P, Peter L and Miroslav on a 110km walk to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

They were supported on the first part of their journey to the Barley Mow at Witnesham by colleagues from the Fountain, dog walkers and well wishers.

The journey took three days – they walked 46km on the first to Stoke Ash, 32km on the second to Great Moulton and 32km on the final day to reach Norwich, where they were met by a representative of Guide Dogs for the Blind. They raised £500 for this worthwhile cause – well done!

Retirement of church warden



Jim Punton recently stepped down as one of St Martin's church wardens after 27 years. After the Palm Sunday service Rev Alan Forsdike presented him with a card and a bottle of his native brew. His wife Sue received a lovely flower arrangement.

Jim will continue to be a key member of our village and church community - he'll be after your money for raffle tickets at the church fete in June! However we wanted to take this opportunity to thank him for his service to St Martin's Church - he has been kind and supportive to many parishioners in both happy times and sad. Thank you Jim

Tribute

Julie Welham, August 1964 – April 2019

Julie was born at Manor Farm in Tuddenham and lived there all her life. She was a country girl,

very much at home on the farm with her horses Maddie and May. She was also a member of the

village dog walking fraternity and was often to be seen out and about with her dog Archie.

Over the years Julie was involved in a variety of village activities – from coaching a children's rounders team to organising the village lottery syndicate. More recently she captained the winning team at the annual village quiz.

Julie had a great sense of humour and always ready with a quip or cheeky comment. She was not a chatty person – she was a woman of few words, but one of 'Julie's looks' could say it all! She is sadly missed by her mum Janet, partner Dave, family, friends and neighbours.

Jean Ellinor





A sapling oak was planted on Playford's playing field by parish councillors and helpers to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. This was funded by Councillor Robin Vickery's Locality Budget. From the left Tim Llewellyn (councillor), Sally Herrington, Steve Hicks (Vice-Chair, Playford PC), Joan Metcalfe (Chair, Playford PC), Eric Metcalfe, Ted Herrington (councillor) and David Bagley.

of which entertained the

It could clearly be seen;

all those performing

thoroughly enjoyed

themselves as their

confidence and sparkle

shone through, dazzling

us all. The energy and

incredible, swift scene

pace sustained was

audience.

The performance over **Playford** three shows demonstrated clothing bank acting, singing and Playford now has its own dancing talent from the very youngest of children

clothing bank installed by the Salvation Army, just beyond the bottle bank in the village hall car park. Men's, women's and children's clothes and paired shoes - in a good clean condition may be deposited. Accessories such as belts, handbags, gloves are also welcomed. Profits from the sale of these goods will be shared by East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Salvation Army.

Marian Hedgley, Playford Parish Clerk

Otley Juniors wow with 'Bugsy Malone'

The Junior Otley Players I performed their annual production at the beginning of February. This year the audience had the privilege of watching 'Bugsy Malone' and such a treat it was!

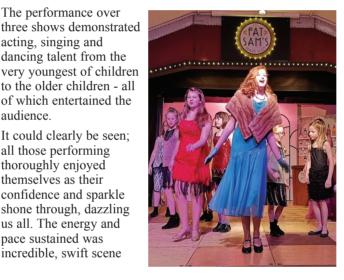
Otley Village Hall was transformed into New York 1929 and a very talented cast of youngsters told the story of two half-witted rival gangs battling for power.

changes, great lighting and sound effects. The ultimate highlight being the splurge guns and custard pies with real splurge! It was everywhere...and it was brilliant!

A huge thank you to the production team, particularly Vanessa Ling, the director without whom there would be no performance. Well done everybody! I wonder what will impress us again next year?

If your child is school year 4 to year 12 and interested in joining a fun and fabulous group please email: juniors@theotleyplayers.co.uk

Rachel Green





CLOPTON VILLAGE **HALL GETS** A FACELIFT

The village hall at Clopton was built over 20 years ago with very little outside funding and huge effort by a small number of people in the village.

Over the years the use of the hall has steadily increased, with regular clubs, village meetings, wedding receptions and parties and other events organised locally and by outside hirers.

If you don't know the hall, it offers a large space, good facilities, lots of parking and is easy to find. More information and pictures on the website http://clopton. onesuffolk.net/village-hall.

As originally built the hall had wooden doors and windows and other external woodwork, requiring regular maintenance. Over the last few years the wooden components have progressively been replaced with low maintenance alternatives

In the last month the final stage of this work has been finished with the replacement of high level external woodwork and guttering.

Generous funding

The work has been made possible by generous funding from three sources. The Village Hall Management Committee would like to say a big thank-you to The Big Lottery Fund, Suffolk Community Foundation and East Suffolk District Council -**Enabling Communities** Scheme for their support. We think the hall now looks very smart!

Diana Dawson, Chairperson - Clopton Village Hall Management Committee



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Churchyard reburials

To enable toilets to be built at the back of St Mary's Church in Grundisburgh, an archeological excavation had to be carried out. This was completed earlier this year,

and following extensive research by Suffolk Archeolology, the remains of 32 people have now been reburied in the churchyard.

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The archeologists reported that

the excavated burials represented only a tiny proportion of the overall graveyard area but symbolised a true cross-section of the local society, dating from the earliest medieval origins of the church to around 200 years ago.

There were no surviving above-ground grave markers within the excavated area and intercutting graves suggest that former sextons didn't always manage to respect the

location of an earlier, unmarked burial. Some individuals were buried in coffins or caskets, leaving wood stains or nails marking their presence, but most had been interred directly into the ground, simply shrouded.

It hasn't been possible to ascertain the gender of every individual and some ages were only possible to identify in broad terms. The group included 13 children - the higher proportion of whom may be influenced by the location of the excavation on

the north side of the church (traditionally less favoured for burial and often used for unbaptised children); but could simply be that it was possible to accommodate more small graves than adult graves.

The bones attest to various conditions and ailments. One individual suffered what must have been very painful arthritis in the right knee. Many examples had teeth worn down through a rough diet and poor nutrition. There was an ulcerated leg and a broken but healed rib. Names may have been forgotten, but some details of peoples' everyday lives remain.

In terms of other finds, the pottery is associated with domestic waste from settlement activity on or around the site prior to the construction of the church, beginning in the Middle Saxon period. Fragments of medieval glazed floor tiles were also found, which point

towards former church renovation and reordering.

A fuller and more detailed report on the dig will be available as soon as the results of carbon dating of the remains has been received.

Permission has now been received from the church authorities for the work to proceed. This will be carried out by Hoggs (who relocated the church font), between mid June and mid November. Updates on progress will be issued regularly.

For the re-interment service in April the Rev Canon Clare Sanders drew on the reburial proceedings for King Richard III in Leicester. It was combined with the regular family service.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photos Peter Kendall.

Photos: Left: Robert and Pat Fletcher place the bags containing the checked and cleaned bones into the grave. Top The Revd Clare Sanders scatters earth.

Washing cars to raise cash





Hard at work: Top, left: Maddie Brame and Charlotte Sampson. Below Charlotte, Martha Frohn and Maddie. Right: Canon Rev'd Clare Sanders.



The Funsters, the group run by St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, for primary school aged children, have been raising money for charity. Their activities have included sponsored walks and a car wash. Despite a cold damp evening in early March, the group were delighted with the response they received.

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SCOUTING NEWS

Fantastic news! In Suffolk there were 80 applicants to attend the European Jamboree 2020 in Poland with only 36 places available - and two of our Scouts have been chosen. Congratulations and best wishes to Annabel and Rosie!

The girls will be carrying out various fundraising activities for this over the next year, starting with a stall at the Duck Race in June; they hope to be bag-packing at local supermarkets.

Cycle Stop Café

They also plan to sell coffee and flapjacks to passing cyclists! Look out for Annabel & Rosie's Cycle Stop Café this summer.

Towards the end of last term Beavers had science teacher Simon Snowden carry out some amazing experiments, one which literally made our hair stand on end – thanks Simon! We are taking part in kite making, 'Backwoods' cooking, hiking to Little Bealings, minibeast hunt at Millennium Meadow, archery, catapult/den building, wet games and crazy golf at Felixstowe.

Cubs will be on Challenge Camp over bank holiday weekend, and taking part in traditional outdoor activities – hiking, pioneering, campfire cooking/singing, archery, wet games and crazy golf at Ufford Park. Cubs recently



Off to Poland: Annabel (left) and Rosie.

had two Muslim tutors attend a programme night and gave a wonderful insight into their religion as part of Our World Challenge badge.

Scouts hiked from Debenham to Grundisburgh with Explorers, then attended Mother's Day Parade, and in May had cycle camp staying at Mundford and Eye, cycling back to Grundisburgh. They will be raft-building and rafting on the Deben, crabbing, Jamboree fundraiser, crazy golf, summer camp in Buckinghamshire and hill walking in Derbyshire.

Explorers took part in the hike, cycle camp, archery, crabbing, and will be on summer camp with Scouts.

Escape challenge

An exciting adventure is that the Explorers are now building an 'Escape Room' which is where you have 60 minutes to solve loads of puzzles to escape. Once the 'Room' is tested it will be open to the public so they can pay to 'escape' and funds will go towards our new HQ.

Remember our Duck Race on 29 June and Firework Display on 2 November.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352

www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Special offer from the youth club

Grundisburgh Youth Club has restarted for the summer term, after a short break, with a special offer of *free* sessions for the term. It takes place on Thursdays from 7 to 8.30pm. Young people from current Years 5 to 9 (and beyond) are welcome.

Please contact Just42 for more details on Facebook (www.facebook.com/just42Ltd) or on their website (www.just42.org.uk) or you can email Hilary Hill (hilary@talk21.com).

Variety at the WI

It is sometimes surprising to learn of the interesting lives and careers that some of our Grundisburgh residents have had. One such lady, who came to talk to us in March, is Pat Dougan who lived in Kenya during the 1970s and 1980s.

She developed a keen interest in the gemstones that were being mined there, so much so that she went on to study gemmology and gained a diploma in the subject, going

on to teach others.

Apparently
the area which
is mined is
very barren
and
uninhabited,
so the first
thing a miner
has to do is to
build his own
shelter and to
arrange for
food and
water to be
delivered.

A variety of rough gem stones are found in the area which are faceted into beautiful jewels. The miners also like to find ornamental stones as these are highly saleable.

Sewing for the Royals

When Clare Perkins, who was our speaker in April, left London Fashion College in the 1970s she was invited to join the legendary couturier Norman Hartnell, where she worked on dresses for the Queen, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

Her job was to sew on embellishment such as sequins and crystals. Each dress took very many hours as her work had to follow exactly with what had been done in the embroidery room.

A passion for vinyl

The queen of vinyl, which is how Amanda Caswell-Robinson of Whizzy Whallop is known, gave us an interesting presentation when she told us about her passion for vinyl records. She insists that the sound of vinyl is far superior to CDs and is finding a great comeback in sales at her outlets at The Darsham Emporium and Marlesford Mill Antique Centre.

Surprisingly many young people are now keen to own these records. When she started out in the business, she found it was very male dominated.

Amanda explained that the value of a copy depends on many things, including its condition, the cover (and these can vary for the same record) and the numbers printed on them even though the records appear much the same to the untrained eye.

As you can see no two meetings are the same. If you are looking for something interesting to do, why not join us in the school room at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel, on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. See diary page for the topics of forthcoming meetings.

Carol Barker. 01473 735838



Scout group archery team who won 13 medals at the National Archery Finals in May: five Gold, two Silver, six Bronze, plus three shields and two cups.

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GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

'Rogue' planning decisions

Continued from page 1

As Grundisburgh's objectors were so well organised, the Parish Council is confident that the public examination can be equally well informed.

We hope that East Suffolk will interpret the policies contained within the new Local Plan, to be published and approved after the inspectors report in December, more logically than they did with three particular applications approved for Grundisburgh in 2018 . These which were all at variance with their own plan.

DC/17/5459/FUL Land adj 5 Post Mill Crescent. Proposed bungalow with garaging.

DC/18/1636/FUL Land south of 24 Pound Cottages, Pound Corner, Ipswich Road/Park Road. Erection of a detached dwelling and double carport.

DC/18/2286/FUL Builders Yard, Charles Avenue, Erection of 4 dwellings.

Three very different applications, but all had one thing in common: SCDC officers had the policies which should have been used to refuse the applications. The impact these decisions have had and will have on various residents of the village is quite unnecessary and the biggest problem of all is that the people have no appeal system.

If developers and landowners, making the financial gain from these applications, had been refused permission they could have gone to the government inspectorate to appeal that decision so policies would have been tested. The man in the street and parish councils have no such opportunity to test the way policies are used and decisions made.

All these decisions have caused Grundisburgh residents and its parish council to lose any faith they may have had in the ability of SCDC (now known as East Suffolk) planning department to defend their village against unsuitable development.

There is growing concern that the officers dealing with these decisions are not applying the impartiality their positions demand. The Local Plan must be interpreted using common sense and the English language not manipulated to satisfy developers and landowners out to make money at the expense of the environment and residents.

A copy of the letter we have sent to the district council will be posted on the parish council website: www. grundisburgh. suffolk.cloud

Ann Willetts, chair, Grundisburgh & Culpho Planning Sub Committee

Easter exhibition at Grundisburgh House Gallery



Grundisburgh's new pop up art space hosted the second exhibition of the 12+ group of artists over the Easter Bank Holiday. This included sculpture, paintings, ceramics and textiles.

The group's next exhibition, which is coordinated by Nicola Coe from Hasketon, is planned for the August Bank Holiday weekend. Before then, the gallery will be hosting work by members of Grundisburgh Art Group as well as the Butley Mills Sculpture Group over the village's Hidden Gardens weekend (8 and 9 June).

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SPORTING STORIES

RELEGATION FOR GRUNDISBURGH FOOTBALLERS

ur 38 season reign in the Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Division is over after we finished second bottom with just 11 points, and have been relegated into Junior football.

We had a ray of hope with five games to go, beating Wenhaston Utd away 2-0 and producing the shock of the season the following week beating title contenders Henley Athletic away 2-1 with top goalscorer Niall Hobson scoring twice. But our fate was then sealed with a 2-1 home defeat against Bramford Utd and a 2-0 defeat at home to Leiston St Margarets. We finished on an embarrassing low, losing 12-2 at Achilles.

The young Reserves finished bottom of Intermediate 'C', but did manage to win five and draw one to improve as the season went on.

Grundisburgh has appointed a new 1st team manager next season: Jason Cook previously managed Diss Town & Haughley United and he has high hopes of an immediate return to Senior football.

Confirmed home pre season friendlies are on Saturday 27 July against Bourne Vale Utd with both 1st team and Reserves games, Saturday 3 August v Bramford Utd with both sides playing again, and Saturday 10 August v AFC Kesgrave. This will be the John Juby Memorial Match with the format 30 minutes for the 1st team, 30 minutes for Reserves and 30 minutes for Veterans.



Summer bowls season underway in Grundisburgh

rundisburgh Bowls Club's J2019 season began on 7 May, when we won our first friendly match against St. John's in Ipswich, and runs to the end of September.

We have a total of 16 friendly matches booked against local clubs throughout the season,

both home and away, and hope at least to maintain last year's great performance of 11 wins out of 16. In addition we hold club roll-ups every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm and Thursday evening from 6.30pm behind the Dog pub. Social events

include a summer BBQ and winter supper evening

We are always happy to welcome new members, and offer up to three free roll-up sessions before you need to decide. Just bring some flatsoled shoes and we'll supply the woods.

Annual membership is £45 for adults and £22-50 for juniors (under 16, or under 22 and in full time education). Anyone interested or wanting more information, please contact me.

Alan Hill, Club Secretary, 01473 735662

Winter bowls end of season prizes



Six teams contested the Stan Kirsopp Trophy for the 2018/19 season. The winners (from left in photo above) John Ager, Gill Girling and Michael Cattermole, received their trophies from Jean Broad. They lost only twice all season.

A celebratory lunch was held at The Fountain in Tuddenham where Stan Kirsopp was remembered for his great contribution to bowls in Grundisburgh and Joyce for her donation of the fine trophies in his honour.

increase the number of teams. so please contact me if you might be interested in joining us. We play on the indoor rinks at Felixstowe Leisure Centre on Wednesday afternoons (with each team playing approximately every other week) from mid October to the beginning of May.

Words Roger Anderson, 01473 738538, photo Stephen Newton

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Micky Squirrell Next season we would like to Calling All Cyclists rundisburgh's first summer cycling event will take place on

Sunday 11 August. There will be be two rides: one of five miles for families, and one of 25 for those looking for more of a challenge. All proceeds will go towards building the new village hall. As well as entrants - from all areas - we are looking for volunteers to welcome, help and encourage. If you would like to be involved, please contact Will Barber on 07526 360956, or Richard Pepper on 01473 735459.



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Coach Carl Douglas, centre, with some of his adult pupils at Grundsburgh Tennis Club.

Discover your tennis potential at Grundisburgh

The new season has got off to an exciting start at Grundisburgh Tennis Club with opportunities on offer for all age groups and abilities.

Carl, our tennis coach, is offering coaching for adults who would like to take up the sport or return to it after a break. These sessions will take place on the last Sunday morning of each month from June until the end of September. They will be free to members and £3 per session for non-members.

We have also established thriving club sessions on Wednesday mornings and evenings and Sunday mornings; the courts are available for members to use throughout the week.

Other coaching offers and events that will be happening this summer include:

- * The LTA's flagship Tennis for Kids programme return for beginner players in the 5-7 or 8-11 age brackets.
- * Mini Tennis the Red (5-7) and Orange (8-11) squads are running again and are a great way for kids to continue to build their tennis skills.
- * Tennis 3's for adults and older kids, a fast paced and fun version of tennis played as a team. This one is all about getting your pulse racing and developing your skills, reaction levels and tactical awareness.
- * Cardio Tennis a great form of cardiovascular exercise and

an effective way to burn calories. No playing experience required, and all equipment is provided.

* Summer Holiday Tennis Coaching For Kids

To find out more about any of the items mentioned above or how to join the tennis club visit: https://clubspark.lta.org. uk/GrundisburghTennisClub Facebook: https://www.facebo ok.com/grundisburghtennis/

Coaching enquiries to carl.douglas@talk21.com or text/call to 07553 966380

Anne Lee

Tennis opportunities in Charsfield

Joining Charsfield Tennis Club is simple and gives you a year's access to the courts. Once signed up you will receive the code allowing you to play at your convenience. The club operates a Household Scheme so after signing up, all members of your household can play.

If you would like to come along to play with other members we have a club night on a Monday from 7pm, These are fun and informal and a great way to play friendly tennis. Anyone who would like to join Charsfield Tennis Club for the new season (1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020) should email charsfieldtennis@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

We look forward to seeing you on the courts soon.

Sian Kingston



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heavy brown John Lewis curtains (each 2.1m x 2.2m wide) £5. 735540.



Children's winter clothes

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Plants - including strongly scented perennial white stock, courgettes, tomatoes and cranesbill geraniums - in return for donations to African development charity Send a Cow. Drop in at Ford House garden near Grundisburgh Church when sign is out in the road or ring 738267.

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Mike Stiff

Thank you!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported me in so many ways over the past year. I feel very blest to be living in this wonderful village of Grundisburgh.

Brenda Garrett

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For the forty-second annual performance of Charsfield Amateur Dramatic Society, our erstwhile Musical Director, Martin Wollacott, penned a tale set on the Mighty Nile just after the turn of the 20th century. Members of the Royal Geographical Society re-trace the footsteps of John Hanning Speke who in 1858 was the first European to reach Lake Victoria when searching for the source of the Nile. A serious play, said Martin, but there was more than a hint of pantomine on a first encounter with colourful and not so well-intentioned characters in Cairo. Our trusty Director, Jeremy Gugenheim, saw to it that we sailed through to a happy ending.

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Like to have a go on stage or to help back stage, you would be very welcome to join us at CADS.

Just drop a line to Jeremy on jeremy@gugenheim.net