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and materials, and coordinated the two days of willing workers.

The efforts of the Parish Council, Suffolk Highways and Chris Dow's volunteers can be seen in these photos: congratulations to all concerned!

Words Peter Kendall
Photos Peter Kendall, Chris Dow

Sprucing up Grundisburgh

The centre of Grundisburgh has recently been the focus of concentrated improvement. The potholed Forge Stores car park has long been a concern until an initiative by the parish council discovered that this site did not belong to a local resident, but was in fact "grey land".

This enabled the parish council to use some of its CIL funds - monies received from East Suffolk Council, which in turn came from the Chapel Field development.

This paid Suffolk Highways to resurface the shop's car park during the road improvements

in the centre of the village.

Parish councillor Chris Dow invited local residents to join him in sprucing up Grundisburgh around The Green. Chris provided all the gear



Above left: Volunteers painting a bridge on The Green **Above right:** preparing the car park
Below: Giant planing machine removing old tarmac. **Right:** Laying the tarmac



**Premier League
cake! p 9**

September

Sunday 8

Scout Group AGM

1st Grundisburgh Scouts
Gr VH 3:00 pm Contact
735352

Monday 9

Council Meeting

*Grundisburgh & Culpho
Parish Council*
Gr PR 7:00 pm Contact
735541 or
johnager1936@gmail.com

Wednesday 11

Panto read through

GADS
Gr VH 7:30 pm

Saturday 14

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

*Suffolk Historic Churches
Trust*
PBE 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Contact 738108

Sunday 15

Panto auditions for children (8+)

Gr VH 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Contact:
charlotte.crown@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 18

Panto auditions for principal roles and adult chorus

GADS Gr VH 7:30 pm .
Contact
charlotte.crown@hotmail.co.uk

Friday 27

Workshop

Community Tech Hub
Gr VH 2:45 pm Contact
events@communitytechhub.org

Sunday 29

Blackdog Antiques

*Debach Airfield & 493rd Bomb
Group Museum*
Open Sunday & Jeep day road
run 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Contact
493bgdebach@gmail.com

Grundisburgh Film Club

GrVH. Doors open 4pm, film
showing 4.30pm. Contact
01473 738267.

October

Thursday 17 to Wednesday 29

Suffolk Open Studios

Grundisburgh House Gallery
Woodbridge Road,
Grundisburgh, IP13 6UD
10:00 am - 5:30 pm

November

Saturday 2

Firework Display

1st Grundisburgh Scouts
Gr PF 4:30 pm Contact 735352

Monday 11

Council Meeting

*Grundisburgh & Culpho
Parish Council*
Gr PR 7:00 pm Contact
735541 or
johnager1936@gmail.com

Sunday 17

Christmas craft market and fair

Grundisburgh Primary School
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Contact
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Friday 22

Workshop

Community Tech Hub
Gr VH 2:45 pm Contact
events@communitytechhub.org

Quiz night

GADS. Gr VH 7:30 pm
Contact charlotte.
crown@hotmail.co.uk

Key to abbreviations:

Gr - Grundisburgh
iao - In Aid Of
P/VH - Parish/Village Hall
PF - Playing Field
PR - Parish Room

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.
Brief details of events with organisation, date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number should be sent up to a year in advance via email to: diary@grunews.com or by post to Ford House, The Green, Grundisburgh IP13 6TA.

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Radio GADS takes to the stage



Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society players took on a slightly different format for their spring production this year, choosing to perform three vintage radio plays for one night only in late May.

These were directed by Brian Hunt and went down very well with cast and audiences alike; as did the reappearance of the ploughman's supper that we all know and enjoy.

Panto auditions

We are back in September rehearsing for the panto season, with read throughs planned for Wednesday 28 Wednesday 11 September at 7:30pm at Grundisburgh Village Hall.

Auditions for children (8+) will be on Sunday 15 September 2pm - 4pm with auditions for principal roles and adult chorus on Wednesday 18 September from 7:30pm. All are welcome. If you are interested in an off stage role such as helping with staging, costumes or front of house please come along and chat to us.

We will also be holding our GADS Quiz Night again this year on Friday 22 November from 7:30pm. If you would like to book a table of six for this please email me:

charlotte.crown@hotmail.co.uk

Dogs on show in Swilland



The Moon and Mushroom pub invites residents and non residents alike to its annual Dog Show which this year will be held on Sunday 22 September from 11:30 am.

There will be 30 show categories in two show rings to include pedigree and non-pedigree dogs as well as classes for puppies and veterans, and junior and adult dog handlers.

If you think your dog has the waggiest tail, most appealing eyes or is the out and out cutest puppy come along as there is a class specially for you! Also, the best six legs - dog and owner!

Rescue dogs can enter free, otherwise entry is £3 per class with funds raised going to the charity Beardies in Need. The show will be held under Kennel Club regulations with Gordon Leaver judging again.

As well as all the dog related fun there will be a variety of stalls including the RSPCA, dog accessories, jewellery and other artisan crafts. Stalls are still available and can be booked using the contact details below.

The Moon and Mushroom bar will be open with their menu served indoors. Outside, a barbecue style menu will be offered.

The show starts at 11:30 am and there is plenty of parking nearby. If you are entering your dog for any of the classes please arrive by 10am.

For details of all classes go to moonandmushroominn@gmail.com or the linked Facebook and Instagram pages. Queries 01473 785320.

Words Rosemary Kneebone
Photo supplied

Garden Visit

The final outing this year for Grundisburgh Horticultural Society members is a self-drive visit to Place for Plants in East Bergholt on Tuesday 8 October.

We have timed this trip to make the most of the fantastic autumnal colour of the magnificent collection of trees in the Arboretum. Rupert Eley will be giving us a guided tour of the 20 acre site and will be sharing his extensive knowledge - bring a notebook and come armed with questions!

The tour is due to start at 10am (aim to arrive for 9.45am) and will last approximately 1.5 hours. Refreshments will be available in the tea room (not

included in the price) and the Plant Centre will be open - they have a very good selection of trees and shrubs.

Catherine Laxton
catherine@laxton-interiors.co.uk



This autumn Suffolk Open Studios are holding their group exhibition at the Grundisburgh House Gallery, IP13 6UD.

This exhibition is their third group show this year, in addition to their open studios event held every June when members of this highly talented organisation throw open their individual studio doors to invite the public in to view and discuss their art.

The Grundisburgh House exhibition runs from 17 to 29 October and will showcase paintings, glass, sculpture, textiles, cards and more. Plenty of on-site parking, the show is open daily, from 10am to 5pm.

Ali Hollingsworth
aliholls248@gmail.com



Autumnal Conversations with Nature

A solo show of new works in sculpture and works on paper by artist Nicola Coe runs from 4 to 8 October from 11am until 5 pm.

Preview evening: Thursday 3 October, 7pm until 9pm at The Grundisburgh House Gallery, Woodbridge Rd, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge IP13 6UD.

Marooned by roadworks: residents and commercial traffic alike



Junction of Jacqueline Close and Half Moon Lane: it won't fit ...

It seems that this summer Grundisburgh and the surrounding villages have been overwhelmed with roadworks and their associated signage, leaving some villagers feeling marooned in their own homes.

It got off to quite a good start at the beginning of August when the potholes on the B1079 at

Grundisburgh were filled and the road resurfaced. Months of pothole avoiding were fixed overnight to everyone's relief.

Currently, however, the same road (B1079 in Grundisburgh) is closed between Lower Road

scheduled to continue until 20th September. The closure of this major route has led to



For Woodbridge, go via Wickham Market

and Mill Lane for road works which include building a new gully to prevent future flooding. The work, which started on 12 August, is

significant disruption for Grundisburgh residents but has also meant that many motorists are using side roads especially through Burgh, Culpho and Bealings to avoid the official diversion route which takes traffic from Grundisburgh to Woodbridge via Wickham Market.

Most drivers have been considerate towards pedestrians who routinely use these narrow country lanes but some have not, making walking at times, rather perilous.

The signage has in places been confusing even to residents.

Also it's taken a while for motorists to realise that "closed road" on this occasion means that the road is closed (so often it doesn't). Half Moon Lane became interesting when a 40 foot articulated lorry driver decided to make his own diversion route and got stuck at the bottom of Jacqueline Close. Fortunately residents rallied round to guide a long reverse right back to a better place to turn!

To cap it all, the Lloyds Bank



Tour of Britain Cycle race comes through the village on Sunday 8 September on its prestigious final stage to Felixstowe. No roadside parking is allowed along the route between 9:00 and 3:00 and "parked vehicles will be towed away". The race should be fun to watch though!

City Fibre Work will also be operating traffic lights on Woodbridge Road, Debach until 4th September and in Charsfield until 20 September. For more information please contact:

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Words Rosemary Kneebone
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Playford village from the air

Playford's Neighbourhood Plan

Playford Parish Council first discussed the possibility of a neighbourhood plan way back in 2015, and in January 2016 held their first meeting to introduce the idea to the residents. There was a positive response and this started a process of talks with East Suffolk District Council and investigations about funding possibilities.

A neighbourhood plan is a series of general planning policies for the development and use of land in the neighbourhood. When properly 'made' it becomes part of the legal planning framework for the designated area. It is a community-led plan for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area and it enables local people to have a say as to how their neighbourhood grows and develops.

Neighbourhood plans cannot contradict the main government planning policies or the strategic policies in the Local Plan for the area. They cannot propose less development than is planned for in the adopted Local Plan, but they can influence the style of that development.

But rather than concentrating on housing, a neighbourhood plan can have a focus on conservation and protection – and for Playford, it can be used to support the beauty of the Fynn Valley by protecting it.

There are a number of Non-Designated Heritage Assets in Playford which need protecting and also a number of local footpaths which should be conserved for future generations to enjoy. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust's survey completed for Playford, demonstrates the rich variety of flora and fauna in the area.



Playford Hall



Rural Playford

and this needs careful consideration too.



The Water Meadow

Parish Councillor Keith Carson stepped forward as chairman of Playford's Neighbourhood Plan and things started to move forward. An online survey was set up on a new dedicated website to ask residents various questions about themselves and what they wanted for their parish - paper copies of this were made available to be completed by those who wished.

A consultant firm was engaged as there were so few volunteers coming forward to help with the enormous amount of work involved. Surveys were completed and boxes ticked. A final draft of the plan was sent to the district council in November 2019 for review and screening, and it was then hoped that by Spring 2020 the

plan would be 'made'.

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However, the pandemic struck and nothing much happened for a while. Different expectations of progress made during the pandemic meant that the original firm of consultants decided to pull out and had to be replaced. But happily another consultant was engaged and progress resumed in 2022.

Eventually, the final draft of the plan was presented to the village at a meeting in the village hall on 18 March 2023 and this marked the start of the six week consultation period during which the villagers were invited to make their comments.

Unfortunately, Councillor Keith Carson who had spear-headed the whole project became ill and was unable to continue with the last stage of the work. After a tremendous battle with cancer, he sadly died in April 2023 and was sorely missed. We were extremely grateful to him and very proud of the all the hard work he had done for Playford.

After various alterations and additions, the final version was sent to East Suffolk Council for their comments and then on to the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner who gave a favourable report and recommended it should be put to the village for its referendum.

This was held as an official Poll at Playford Village Hall on 13 June 2024. With a 40% turnout, the result of the vote was 79% in favour (with no spoiled ballot papers!) and the plan was home and dry. It then needed to be officially accepted at a full meeting of East Suffolk Council which took place on 24 July 2024.

Marian Hedgley
July 2024

Nestled alongside the River Lark and surrounded by a wild flower meadow and open fields, Moons Wood is a tranquil and shady spot to reconnect with nature, space and time. Melanie Gurdon, who owns the wood, recognises the importance of nature and the outdoors and its impact on our health and is keen to share this wonderful space with others while protecting the impact on the environment.



group hires the entire site and can enjoy privacy and space around a fire pit in the idyllic countryside and woodland.

Alternatively, the wood can be hired on a daily basis for children's



parties (or other small private events). It is an ideal spot where children can engage their imaginations to explore and entertain themselves away from computer

screens and more commercial activities. With a picnic and toasted marshmallows, this makes a perfect day.

This year Mel is offering a weekend camping experience for large family groups. Each



Mel now also offers Cabin Stays in two purpose built self-catered cabins, Moons Cabin and Garden Cabin. Both sleep two people and are dog friendly. The Garden Cabin

group and private sessions. Dogs are stimulated and develop their confidence, boosting their bond with their owner and having fun together too. Great exercise for owner

has a fenced garden and a pitch for a family tent so that other family members can enjoy the stay too. This could be useful accommodation for relatives and friends of Grundisburgh News readers. Alongside the camping activities, Mel continues her passion for teaching dog Woodland Agility. She offers taster,



and dog! If you are wondering what to do with your dog after basic puppy training, this is a great enrichment activity.

For more details about what Moons Wood has to offer go to: moonswood.co.uk Melanie will be at the Suffolk Dog Day at Helmingham Hall on Sunday 8 September.

Words Rosemary Kneebone
Photos Mel Gurdon



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Life in Grundisburgh nearly 100 years ago: Keith Burch remembers

Part 2: Trades people and businesses

Despite losing his right hand in the war being replaced by a hook, Sam Dunnett cycled each morning to Woodbridge to collect the post before delivering in Grundisburgh, mounting his bike on a specially made platform on the back. He knew where everyone lived.

There were numerous trades-people and businesses all over the village at different times, and some of these had post delivered by our intrepid postman.

There were the Pipes, basket-makers, descendants of Ezekiel, with the age-old tradition of weaving sitting on the floor, still going until the 1970s.

Nearby, earlier on, there were the saddlemakers, hence Saddlemakers Cottage.

Opposite the Parish Rooms was the cobbler and shoemaker's shop. Starting with the cottages next to The Dog, was Mr Alexander's sweet shop, run by him and his wife; next, Burch the butchers, owned by my grandfather and later by my grandmother; then Borehams the carpenters and in the end house were dressmakers, the Leggetts.

Just up Meeting Lane lived Mr Grey, the first village policeman. We had Nunns the coal-merchant's house with the



coalyard at the back, now called The Bakery (I never knew it as a bakery). Opposite, at the bottom of Rose Hill was Cracknells old Forge, with a building projection housing the original butcher's shop & later a fish and chip shop run by Mr. Ketteringham using a coal-fired range. Further down, with double doors was the slaughterhouse. Edwin Dunnett the wheelwright, worked behind the forge.

Next was another sweet shop! Old Mrs. Foulger ran a bakery in what is now known as Folly Cottage before the family

turned to dairy farming, grazing their cattle on the Green. Later they moved them to a field, now Felgate Way, and led the cows down through the village until the 1990s. Going off The Street, there was The Barley Mow, a beer house, no spirits served, where Joyce Williams was born and it was run by her family.

Facing the Green was Savages, a grocery and hardware store, selling a variety of goods and eventually also the Post Office and Telephone Exchange, now Williams shop.

Ben Cotton was an entrepreneur, running a bus

and taxi service and there were two petrol pumps in the front of the Red House, managed by his two spinster sisters, Rose and Annie. He had a steam engine for 'thrashing' behind his house, and was the first man to own a car in Grundisburgh in 1905!

At the top of Rose Hill there was Gentry's Garage, later Tuckwells, connected to the Cooks. At Pound Corner there was Pound House lived in by the estate carpenters (with a pound across the road for lost animals).

Recorded and illustrated by Carrie Herries

The second in a series of 98 year old Keith Burch's fascinating memories from the early part of the twentieth century in Grundisburgh.

Welcome Wendy



Our new Grundisburgh postie: see next issue for more details.....

Unexpected adventure on the River Stour

Deputy Editor, Richard Watkinson, has just returned unscathed from the voyage of a lifetime – well, to the River Stour actually – encountering a 2 tonne monster of the deep.

Splashing and a grunt from the inflatable dinghy astern of his boat ALAMEA anchored in the river, heralded the invasion of a fully grown seal looking for company on an Air B'B for the night.

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Feel Good Fitness

When the Editor said "Go and find out what's going on at the Farm Shop these days and do a piece for this magazine". "Easy", I thought. So I rang George Howard who, I read, has been holding fitness

Indeed, George has been holding twice-a-week sessions to encourage us to become fitter and he persuaded me to sample one such session

personally this morning. This is the quiet season and George took the opportunity today to take some shots for a promotional video for these 'Feel Good Fitness' classes.

So there were only three of us on the mats but, nonetheless, we went through a range of muscle-stretching,

bending, balancing and other mobility manoeuvres. The classes are not competitive:



classes on the field behind the shop, to find out more.



you do what you can under George's instruction which is virtually 'one-to-one' as he is also a personal trainer and skilled at getting your techniques correct so as to achieve your desired results.

Over time, you should feel the benefits of these sessions and George's objective is not to build muscle-bound bodies, but to give individuals the ability to enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle (mind, body and spirit) - a philosophy fully embraced by Will and Annabel Long, owners of the farm shop.

held in the open air (which today was beautifully warm and breezy), rather than in the confines of an air-conditioned hall or studio. And George's wirehaired vizsla, Oscar, seemed to enjoy it too. Grange Farm Shop's website (www.grangefarmshop.co.uk) expands on this healthy-living theme across a range of products and activities.

George fits well into this mix and to get further information, he (and Oscar) can be reached directly by email:

george.howard.inspire@yahoo.co.uk

That is why the sessions are

Words Richard Watkinson
Photos Linda Plant

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B's Kitchen: cakes designed to order

Over the past couple of years many of us have popped into the Dog Deli and been tempted by the cakes behind the counter. They're beautiful to look at and absolutely

inherited from both her Mum and her Gran. Beth remembers her Gran making and decorating wedding cakes for friends at a time when intricate sugar craft was the fashion.



While at university, Beth would make cupcakes for her friends and also set herself the challenge of perfecting macaroons. Those who've tried themselves will know how tricky they are to get right but she found helpful videos on YouTube, which take you through the process step by step.

delicious as well. It's not hard to justify the treat of taking a couple of slices home with any other shopping.

The cake baker is Beth Browes who was born in Melton but grew up in Grundisburgh and still lives locally. After leaving school, Beth went to Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge to study Illustration and returned to the village after finishing her degree.

Various jobs ensued, including at Joules and Laura Ashley in Woodbridge (both now sadly gone from the town) but cake-baking has always been a passion, one

Over time, friends asked Beth to bake cakes for special



occasions and it wasn't long before this snowballed to friends of friends. Now 'B's Kitchen' gains most business by word of mouth and recommendation, a ringing endorsement for the quality of the bakes!

Everyone who's tried Beth's cakes will have their favourites; pick from lemon and elderflower, lemon, white chocolate and raspberry, carrot cake, or ginger and salted caramel among other

delicious flavours. Beth is happy to cater for individual requests, including those which meet dietary requirements such as vegan, gluten or dairy free. These are always baked separately to others but she can't guarantee a completely allergen-free environment.

Beth has a dedicated kitchen at her home, beautifully equipped and organised, and is fully certified and up to date with Food Hygiene requirements.

Whenever possible, she uses local ingredients in the cakes and her speciality is buttercream decoration. She currently supplies cakes to the Dog Deli and will continue to do so when it becomes Essen and moves to lovely new premises in Woodbridge. Beth also bakes cakes for 1975, the wine bar in Gobbitts Yard.

While working part-time doing admin for a radiology firm and performing as singer for local band, The Uptowns, Beth provides cakes for all sorts of occasions, including weddings and birthdays. She is happy to discuss, and tailor bakes to individual requirements so that each is a stunning centrepiece and makes a celebration day extra-special.

Recently, she made a four-tier wedding cake that was nearly three feet tall! Some bakes have themed decorations and others are simply but beautifully finished with edible flowers.



For larger commissions, Beth prefers two weeks' notice but otherwise a week is fine.

If you would like to order a cake from Beth, she can be contacted in a number of ways such as Instagram, email or phone - see the details below: www.bakedatbskitchen.com @Bs.Kitchen Beth.BsKitchen@gmail.com 07784 119029

Words Noelle Hunt
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GRUNDISBURGH VILLAGE SHOW & HIDDEN GARDENS



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Jump or be flattened....



Jenifer Hammond's three HT roses



Prizewinning Floral Displays



Julie Hoyle and Margaret Quinton at their cake stall, proceeds to the Horticultural Society



Best photo in Show: Robert St. Pier



Bill Mayne: making the most of a large space



Richard Watkinson: making the most of a small space....

GRUNDISBURGH VILLAGE SHOW & HIDDEN GARDENS



Village Show Top Cup: Derek Hayes



Enthusiastic visitors in the show marquee



Rosemary Digby's arrangement



Isla Good and Edward Heaton, joint winners of the 2 - 4 years cup with Horticultural Society President Nicola Hobbs



Roland Copping keeps up his prizewinning record.



Horticultural Society statistics 2024

Hidden Gardens:

28 gardens open, 400 visitors, £3,000 profit.

Village Show:

820+ entries, 750 visitors to the marquee, 1,000 attended the show, but still made a loss mainly because of £4,000 marquee hire. we're working on it to make a profit next year. Evening dance, and Art Show on the Sunday, well attended.

Garden Party:

Sell out event, 82 tickets sold, £1,000 + profit.

Bryan Laxton, Treasurer



Upbeat! in full voice, Carol Jopling conducting

Clopton Off The Bus Project



Plans are progressing very well for September's "OFF THE BUS" project - a club in Clopton Village Hall for all secondary school age youngsters.

Hot drinks, and something to eat, and a relaxing and fun couple of hours spent playing table tennis, doing an activity or playing card/board games with friends, after school on term-time Wednesday afternoons from around 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Some flyers have been passed round and hopefully the word is being spread. We plan to start on Wednesday, 11th September. Hope to see lots of

young people from Clopton there.

And here is a related "Heads Up": on Saturday, September 8th, there will be a CEILIDH in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm, with dancing until 10pm, and there will be a pulled pork supper with home-made cake available in the interval. There will be a chance to win prizes at our wonderful raffle (don't forget, cash only please!). The funds raised will go to "OFF THE BUS", so please support the young people in our village by coming along to raise money for their after-school youth group. You'll have a great time too!!

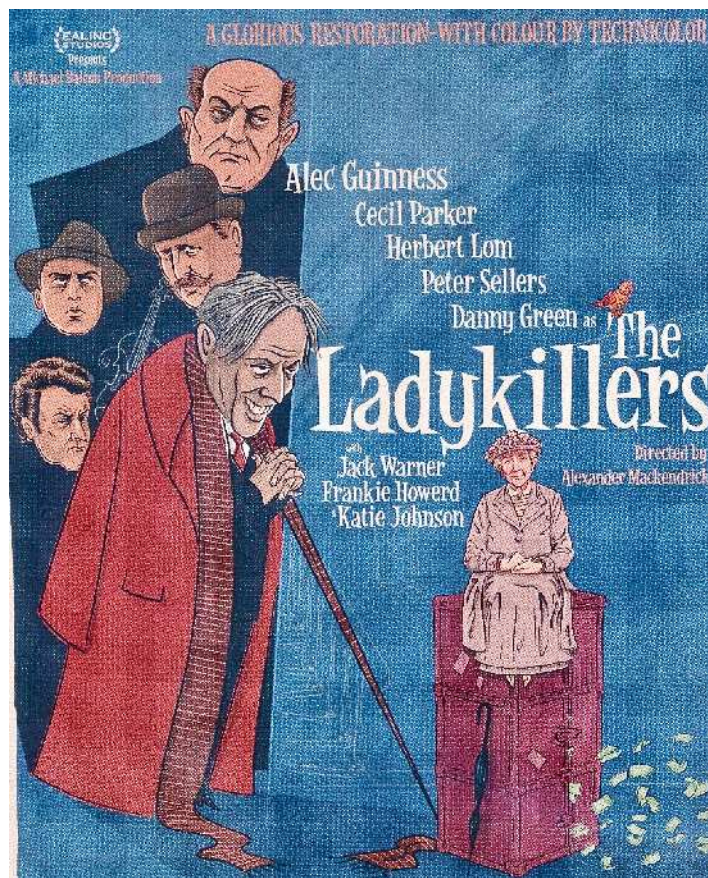
Tickets are really good value for a fun night out for all the family, available in advance from:

juliegittos@hotmail.co.uk
Adults £10; Youth (10-16) £5;
Family £20 (2 adults + 3 children); Under 10s free.

Words: Jenny Schurr



Grundisburgh Film Club is happy to present this "wonderfully macabre black comedy" on Sunday 29 September in the Village Hall, doors open 4.00pm, film starts 4.30pm. To join the club, please contact Peter Kendall, Secretary, peter@peterkendall.com.



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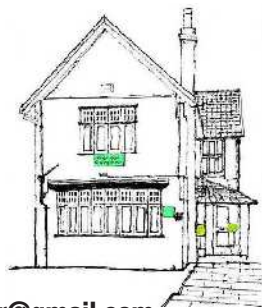
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Hasketon pub reopens under new management

The Turks Head pub in the heart of Hasketon has reopened following major renovations and the introduction of a new management team. The pub has been acquired by Carroll Country Pubs, owned by husband-and-wife team Tom and Ruth Carroll.

A free house, it is the third venture for the Carrolls, who also own The Catherine Wheel in Albury, Hertfordshire, and The Tuddenham Fountain in Suffolk. Their expertise in revitalising historic pubs has



already brought new life to these establishments, each one maintaining its own unique local character, chef-led menus made from local produce, and distinct charms.

They are excited to bring their vision to The Turks Head, which has been missed during its closure, with the announcement of its return receiving over 10,000 views on social media.

Gareth Langdon, who has over 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry, will be leading the day-to-day operations at The Turks Head. Gareth has managed several notable venues across Suffolk, including The Grundisburgh Dog and The Table in Woodbridge.

Well known locally for his passion for creating engaging pub experiences, Gareth has been organising quizzes and live music events for the past eight years and looks forward to bringing life back to The Turks Head.

Gareth expressed his excitement about the reopening, saying: "As a local lad with 25 years in the industry, I understand the importance of a pub like The Turks Head to the community. This historic building has always been a cornerstone of Hasketon, and it's been truly missed during its closure. We can't wait to welcome everyone back and breathe new life into this cherished pub."

Darren Given, head chef, brings over 30 years of experience to the pub. Darren has successfully run his own business and is eager to contribute to The Turks Head's new chapter. With a focus on locally sourced produce and home-cooked meals, Darren and his team will be transforming The Turks Head into a destination gastropub dedicated to quality and impeccable service.

The newly renovated Turks Head will offer a full dining experience, with lunch and dinner services that highlight the skills of the in-house chefs. Every dish, from appetisers to desserts, will be crafted from scratch using local ingredients, ensuring that guests enjoy not only a meal but an experience.

In addition to its culinary offerings, The Turks Head will host live music on the third weekend of every month and plans to feature specialty nights such as steak nights and themed evenings celebrating Mediterranean or Asian cuisine. The pub has already



lined up a number of exciting events to mark its reopening. Experience the charm, hospitality, and exceptional food that Tom and Ruth Carroll, along with Gareth and their talented team, are bringing to Hasketon.

For additional information you can contact the people below, but wherever possible please copy to the pub manager, Gareth.langdon@ccpubs.co.uk and owner tom.carroll@ccpubs.co.uk

Thomas Driscoll-Evans
www.wearetidy.co.uk

More pub news

After 20 years at the Swilland Moon and Mushroom, owner Nikki Gavin who, in her words "has loved every minute running the pub", has decided that it's time to sell and change direction.

At the time of writing, the freehold pub, which incorporates the 'Lunar Cafe', is still up for sale at £375,000. Incidentally, Lunar has rather surprised Nikki: started as a coffee shop, it has morphed into a popular venue for walkers and other interest-groups in the area.

On 'retirement', Nikki is thinking of living in Greece or some other warm place in the winter but coming back to England in the summertime. But not to do nothing: she is considering fundraising for local animal charities, especially for bearded collies and Suffolk Animal Rescue.

Nikki herself is the owner of nine dogs! Whatever the outcome of the sale, the annual dog show will continue as the field is not owned by the pub: Nikki rents it privately and so the show goes on. This year it's on 22 September: details on page three of this issue.

The Grundisburgh Dog lease is still available to purchasers but owners Charles and Eilir Rogers stress that it's still business as usual: their popular quizzes resume on 29 September and on the last Sunday of the month as before. The quizmaster will be Gareth (yes, he of the Turks Head). Their Game Week will be held at the end of November and Charles is about to contemplate their Christmas menu!

The Dog deli closed in Grundisburgh on 31 August and is moving to Woodbridge. Eilir is calling the new shop 'Essen' (as in delicatessen) and aims to repeat her successful operation at the new venue: 23 Market Hill, IP12 8LX (corner of Market Hill and Theatre Street, with parking outside and unrivalled view of the Shire Hall).

She will still champion local producers, with cake from B's Kitchen and Harvey's bread, plus a range of delicious cheeses. The Dog Deli has grown from a plank outside the pub selling perishables during the Covid epidemic to an award-winning feature in the village of Grundisburgh. We wish her luck in this exciting development.

Richard Watkinson

News from Charsfield Primary School

Here are just a few of the things that we have got up to in the summer term!

Rowan Class embraced the joys of gardening, planting a variety of fruits and vegetables and watching them grow. The children learned about the life cycles of plants, the importance of sunlight and water and the satisfaction of harvesting their own produce.



We used our freshly grown lettuce to make delicious cheese and lettuce sandwiches which supported us in learning our fractions. We focused on dividing our sandwiches into halves and quarters before eating them - which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Our geography and history topics this term were "Magnificent Monarchs and Royal Residences." We delved into the fascinating world of royalty, exploring the lives and reigns of various monarchs and their homes. A highlight was our trip to Orford Castle. The



children were thrilled to explore the historic site, learning about its construction, purpose, and the historical figures associated with it.

Pupils in Ash Class based their literacy upon 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' with lots of opportunities to write descriptively, using dialogue and other literary devices. We were very fortunate to be able

to go to the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary at Stonham Barns. Our guide took us to see many different species of owls, vultures and eagles, some of which are extremely rare. Our favourite owl was the Milky White Owl, which performed a little dance for us!

In Oak Class pupils have written their own poems based upon Kit Wright's poem: 'The Magic Box'. They really enjoyed writing these and took great care over the presentation of their work which is now displayed for visitors to see in September.

Pupils in Key Stage 2 performed The Pirates of the Curry Bean to two jammed-packed audiences of parents and relatives in July. The children did a wonderful job of making everyone laugh at their hilarious jokes and entertained with their singing.

The older pupils were also given the responsibility of being the backstage crew – in charge of sound effects, music and props. They did a good job of making sure

everything was where it should be in order to make the performances run smoothly.

In Forest School lessons pupils have been learning to assess risks when exploring and playing and seeing how far they could push their abilities to climb and balance and how



to cope when things didn't go quite as planned, especially their resilience to get back up and try again. They have also been working on crafting skills making clay creatures, spotter books and name bunting and practising fire lighting skills.

We have taken part in lots of sporting events this term: going to Framlingham College to participate in a multi skills carousel with a tennis theme.

Our trip to Thomas Mills gave the children experience of different athletic events. KS2 played rounders at Hartismere, playing five games and improving with each one: They all had a fantastic time, and all worked well as a team. Our final events for the year were Footgolf and Just Dance at

Hartismere: this was the biggest group of children taken at one time and they were all fantastic. All were engaged with their event and had a great afternoon.

In September we are looking forward to running a Parent and Toddler group on a

Wednesday afternoon – more details will follow on our social media.

We plan to open our nursery for children aged 3+ too. If you would like to find out more about our school, please look at our Facebook and Instagram pages.

If you are looking for schooling in the area, we have spaces available in some year groups and welcome visits – please contact us on 01473 737347 or email: office@charsfieldprimary.org.uk

Mrs Reeve, Head of School

Vicar's tea party

I've always wanted to say "More tea, Vicar?" to a real



man of the cloth. I thought my hope might

be realised when I was invited to the Rev. Gary Best's second 'Vicar's Tea Party'.

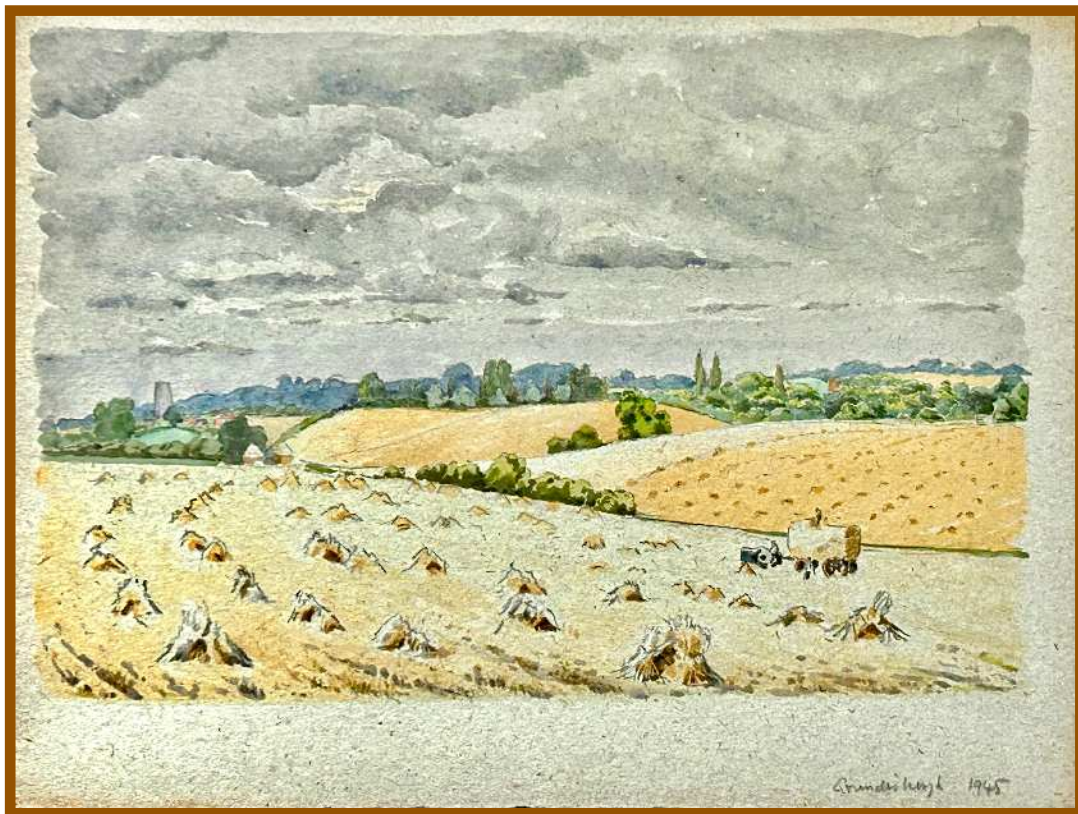
But in no way was this possible - he was far too busy glad-handing the estimated 150 who turned up, despite the almost incessant rain, for a bit of fun - and the chance to win a loaded wheelbarrow (more anon) to be demurely drinking cups of tea.

Gary is rector of the Mid Loes Benefice which includes Charsfield-with-Debach and Dallinghoo. The purpose of the 'party' was to bring together parishioners from all eight of his parishes in a social but purposeful environment, showing that the Church is able and willing to reach out to all and that it can do societal good, at the same time.

Parishes were each invited to contribute in some way to the event: for example, Dallinghoo ran the prize draw for the black wheelbarrow-load of delights (including the barrow itself) and Charsfield-w-Debach laid on wickedly rich cakes and jam scones - and did much serving thereof.

The party would have been held in the rectory garden had the weather been kinder but, at very short notice, Earl Soham offered him the village hall which proved to be a successful alternative. It really was a case of 'In the village hall if wet'.

Gary came to the ministry relatively late in life and has proved to be approachable, down-to-earth and popular with his parishioners, even those who are non-believers. A man



This watercolour image was sent to The News by Antlly Foxell who tells us that his grandparents the Rev. Maurice (who enjoyed painting) and Mariana Foxell came for a holiday in Grundisburgh in Autumn 1945.

of the people who can be seen enjoying a pint when relaxing but who nonetheless takes his beliefs and mission seriously.

Oh, the wheelbarrow, kindly donated by Jewsons, was laden with bottles of drink, garden tools, a meal voucher and other 'necessities of life' on a bed of straw, all to be won by one ticket-holder. Unfortunately my ticket was one digit out.

The proceeds of the party were split between the Church and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Richard Watkinson

The Lunch Club

The Grundisburgh Lunch Club organised the March coffee morning event and the Parish Rooms were buzzing with villagers keen to see the results of renovations after the flooding.

We were all able to enjoy a coffee and a catch up as well as purchasing from a delectable array of scones, sausage rolls and cakes all made by members.



Lunch Club team and Charles Rogers

Charles Rogers has resumed the supply of food from The Dog pub for the lunches for which we are very grateful.

Together with a very successful raffle the grand sum of £224 was raised for club funds. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

Lynda Bridges

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Grundisburgh's art for fun class

You may have seen our marquee at this year's Grundisburgh Village Show. Or visited our exhibition of pictures for sale at the art show the day after, displaying all the types of drawings and paintings we do?

A well supported activity, the Grundisburgh Art Club was started by Culpho artist Paul Bruce in 2006. It has remained popular. When Paul sadly died in 2022 the group was devastated...but not deterred.

We continue to meet every Tuesday morning between 10:30 and 12:30 in Grundisburgh Village Hall. Although we don't currently have an art tutor, there is a mix of talent in the group helping each other and working in all mediums.

If you are looking for a social morning where you can enjoy your art then perhaps you'd like to join us? It costs just £3 per week, which includes a coffee or tea and biscuits.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

This will happen on Saturday 14 September from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Fun for all ages: visit churches where and when you like and as many as you like. Pick blackberries, take picnics. Cycle to Felixstowe on bridle paths, cross via the boat to Bawdsey. All monies will be shared by your chosen church and the Trust.

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Sheila Caryer

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Above: Art group members and some of their work.

Below: Tony Powell with members' work on display at Grundisburgh Village Show..



We always have fun and enjoy getting together and if you come along you will be given a warm welcome...we look forward to seeing you.

Linda Plant for
Grundisburgh Art Group

Painting The Green red

"What excellent timing", I thought, "to smarten up the Grade II listed BT phone box on Grundisburgh Green on the very morning of the famous Duck Race".

Parked nearby was a rather besplattered van, clearly the arsenal of materiel needed to perform this operation and, prone on the ground was a gentleman, paint brush in hand, putting the final touches to a metamorphosis from a rather faded and jaded structure to a gleaming piece of ironwork still containing a real, working "Coins not accepted here" payphone.

Andy Sewter was the artiste in question and, not missing a stroke of his brush, he revealed a life-style, very different from most of ours. Formerly an intensive care nurse and hailing from Brightlingsea, he wanted a complete change in his life and, some six years ago, aged 49, he gave up

nursing and managed to acquire a new and unique role. He is now subcontracted to BT to paint 150 of their remaining boxes in the whole of the British Isles - from Cornwall to Scotland, living in his van and driving nearly 6000 miles in the process. This takes him two months each year.

"What", I asked him, "do you do in the other ten months"?

"I practice yoga and I travel - mostly in India. I'm always on the move. I meet people and I love it". Somewhat different from intensive care nursing!

Clearly, he had made a personal decision into which I was reluctant to pry and, anyway, he had just finished his task here and was getting ready to drive off to his next job - Hickling in Norfolk.

An interesting character and one day he'll be back, brush in hand.

Quiz question: how much red paint is needed to repaint a phone box? Answer: 1.5 litres. So now you know!

Words Richard Watkinson
Photo Eilir Rogers



Scouts launch 3,000 ducks!



A 'fantastic' day for our Duck Race in June, the sun shone and the Village Green was full of people who came to see this event. We even had more ducks this year and still sold out. The BBQ, refreshments, and stalls did exceptionally well and we made the grand total sum of £5094, the best ever!

holidays: Scouts and Explorers joined with Kesgrave to go on Summer Camp for seven days in Thriftwood Campsite, Brentwood. They had an exciting time especially taking part in the Monopoly Challenge in London, visiting an aqua park, bowling and Southend Pier.



Our AGM is on Sunday 8 September now starts at 4pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall, at which all are welcome. The time has been moved to avoid a possible clash with the cycle race.

Thanks to all our leaders, assistants, volunteers, helpers, the parish council for use of The Green, Julia for letting the ducks go through her garden, St. Mary's Church for electricity and toilets, Geoff on the microphone/music, Rosie in Williams Shop, all the companies, businesses, anyone who had donated prizes/ vouchers, and grateful thanks to everyone who had bought duck tickets and also supported us on the day.

Our annual scout group young members competition to see who could sell the highest number of duck tickets was won by Maya who sold 220 tickets!

Beaver and Cub Sections then looked forward to the summer

Another event to look forward to is our Fireworks Display on Saturday 2 November on the Playing Field, gates open 4.30pm, Display at 6pm.

Pat Ross Scout Group

1st Grundisburgh Rainbows for girls aged 4 – 7

Last term we worked towards our Camp Badge learning about survival, looking after the countryside and despite the weather we managed to get outside to build a shelter and do some cooking.

The girls became 'Dino



Detectives' making fossils from pasta shapes before burying them in flour ready to be excavated! We continued with our Fruit & Veg badge and made some fruit sculpture animals which meant the girls could try some fruit and veg they had not tasted before.

The girls made their own musical instruments, underwater pictures and a model from recycled items. We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for the Autumn Term with games, songs and activities.

We ran a Hook a Duck side show at the Scout Group Duck Race in June also selling knitted ducks and cakes. Thank you to all those who supported us on the day.

1st Grundisburgh Brownies: for girls aged 7 – 10

Last term we worked towards our Language Badge and the girls learnt about Italy. They researched what makes Italy, Italy and learnt some basic Italian. The girls designed their 'dream pizza' before making them the following week but they had to ask for the toppings in Italian.



We held our own Mini Olympics including the egg and spoon and sack race! And thanks to Jo, the Guide Leader, and the scouts for the use of their equipment, the girls spent an evening learning the skill of Archery. They all enjoyed it very much and were very good too. This earned them their Sport Activity Badge, presented when Brownies try a new sport.

The girls decided they wanted to design a 1st Grundisburgh Brownies badge, designs were submitted and Lois won with her imaginative and colourful design. The badges are with the printer now so watch out for the launch in the next Grundisburgh News!

We had a games stall at the Grundisburgh Village Show so thank you to all those who stopped to have a go. The support is always much appreciated.

If you know any girls between the age of 4 and 10 years old who would be interested in joining Rainbows or Brownies, we would be delighted to hear from you. You can register on the Girl Guiding website, <http://girlguiding.org.uk/register> or email us at: grundisburghguiding@gmail.com

Sharon Proctor

We had a very busy Summer Term, with lots of



outdoor activities including raft building, camp fire Cooking Challenge, with all 4 items with Cheese in the ingredients. We joined up with the older Brownies for Archery and for Go Karting along with Assault Course Challenges we joined with Martlesham Guides.

Two of our guides joined with Woodbridge/Sutton Heath Guides and went to camp in Gloucester with another local Guide Group. We had a gazebo at the Scout Duck Race, where we ran Duck Shy and Squirty Duck Guttering Races. We also had Duck craft themed items on sale.

We plan lots of activities for the winter months including Sleepovers, Thorpness Meare Day Fun, a trip to Pleasurewood Hills and a District Campfire.

So if your daughter is 10 and above and would like to join Guides and have fun with all the activities we plan, then give Jo Saagi a message/phone call on 07885 265074.

Alison Banham

Increasing digital inclusion and reducing isolation whilst keeping the community safe

Grundisburgh Tech Hub held its third workshop in May, with just over 25 people attending. Taking place in Grundisburgh Village Hall, it covered three main topics - "Using Online Storage Safely" and "How To Avoid Falling For Scams Following The BT Rebranding To EE". These were both presented by Phil Bailey while "The Pros And Cons Of Upgrading/Replacing Devices" talk was presented by Will Barber.

Again there was a very interactive Q&A session which participants feel is an important part of these workshops. Post-event feedback was very positive again and many people signed up for the Tech Hub club. This entitles them to four briefing sessions per year and to be able to call on our "in the home" tech support service.

joining details are shown at the end.

Further workshops are planned in September and October, covering such topics as, "How to Prevent/Deal With Personal Identity Theft", "Is Single Sign On Using Google/Apple/Facebook Safe?", "How To Keep Your Social Media Profile Secure", "Introducing AI And The Impact It Will Have on You". More information will appear closer to the time via the Grundisburgh email distribution.

Grundisburgh Tech Hub has become affiliated to Friends Against Scams. This is a National Trading Standards Scams Team initiative aiming to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering community groups to widen

exposure to advice, guidance and awareness of current scamming activities. The NTS website can be found <https://www.nationaltradingstandards.uk/work-areas/scams-team/>

If you are interested in attending future workshops/training sessions, or subscribing to the Tech Hub Club to receive preferential free invites to workshops and discounted training sessions, in-home support plus collateral from the workshops and curated information on online scamming activities please email: events@communitytechhub.org

If you have an IT issue and would like someone from the Tech Hub to help you, please email:

support@communitytechhub.org

Very many thanks to my fellow members of the Tech Hub team for putting on these events and setting up the Tech Hub Club: Paul Finch, James Mott, Will Barber, Lyn Chapman, Julia George, and to the Grundisburgh Village Hall Committee.

Thanks also to Grundisburgh Parish Council and East Suffolk Council for supporting our activities.

Phil Bailey

A sizzling summer at Grundisburgh Tennis Club



For those looking for something a little less competitive, there are plenty of opportunities to join a group and

play. All our courts are available to book online for members and non-members.

There will also be coaching on offer in the autumn.

To find out more about all the opportunities available at the club, please visit:

www.grundisburghtennis.co.uk

We were able to open the courts during the Village Show so that people could see them and also meet our new coach. This year we have already entered four teams into the winter league – one ladies' team and three men's teams. If you are interested in competitive play, please contact the club via our website.

Tribute

Terry Frost

16/2/1940 - 18/7/2024

Terry was born in Grundisburgh in 1940 and his early life was difficult in many respects. But being one of ten, there was always someone to pick him up, stick a plaster on his knee, show him how to catch a rabbit...

Terry's family meant the world to him. On leaving school, he had various jobs: jobs that village boys of his generation did - farm work, labouring etc, but having passed his 11+ he had gone to Ipswich High School. After having cycled home from school, the day



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didn't end but had only just begun.

There were numerous tasks to do, in a family of 12 post war. He and his siblings were very resourceful – they had to be – their father suffered from shell shock and died young, putting more pressure on a family already under strain.

Having signed up for an extra year of military service, Terry was made a corporal in the RAF and spent most of his time at RAF Wildenrath in Germany. After marrying he and his wife lived in Hoo, before moving to School Lane in Ufford. This was palatial by comparison – with a bathroom, indoor loo with both hot and cold running water.

In 1972 the family all moved to Grundisburgh, into a brand new council house. The village was his spiritual home - he became heavily involved in village life, had an allotment, was a school governor and acted in GADS plays, even playing the panto dame. For some years Terry chaired the Grundisburgh News team.

Terry and all his brothers and sisters had attended the Sunday school at Grundisburgh chapel, a tradition that he passed on later to his own family.

Sundays were something of a whirlwind. After Sunday school, came a roast dinner, followed by a trip to one of the myriad of aunties and uncles, where they were left to play with cousins, while the adults nattered, followed by a sumptuous tea. As they got older, football took over Sundays. He used to ferry his own sons to various places and

stand in the cold and watch. Later he adored his grandchildren, and used to go to the USA to see them.

Terry loved his sport, and took his eldest son Andrew to watch Ipswich town on his fourth birthday, carrying a large homemade wooden crate for him to stand on. Jebba soon followed. They had season tickets for years and rarely missed a game.

Golf later became a passion for Terry, and with other family members he played every Sunday morning and mid-week in the summer at St Audreys. He used to love golf society days out at different courses playing with different people.

For many years Terry worked at what is now Thurlow Nunn, and after redundancy, spent the

last 18 months of his working life working for his son Andrew, learning a whole new set of skills.

Retirement meant more golf, but also a new career, volunteering to be an 'appropriate adult' for minors

in trouble with the police. He enjoyed this immensely.

Losing his son Jebba in 2019 devastated Terry but he often chatted about happy memories. He went on numerous trips the USA to see his daughter and got into baseball. He had had several health set backs in recent years but bounced back, much to his family's and doctors' surprise. Only minutes before he died Terry was discussing Ipswich Town's new goalkeeper.

Taken from the address at Terry's funeral by his son Andrew. The full tribute can be seen in William's store.



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SURVIVAL OF THE SWIFTS: CAN YOU HELP?

Over the summer you may have heard and seen swifts screeching high above the village streets, or across the green whilst you sip your drink at the Dog. Maybe you've also noticed oblong bird boxes pop up in prominent locations in Woodbridge and more recently in the village.

Once the sound of summer, sadly their numbers are in decline, with a 60% reduction recorded between 1995-2020, British Trust for Ornithology.

Swifts are often confused with martins and swallows as they are often only seen distant, sometimes in mixed flocks, and swooping at great speeds.



Swifts are the largest of the three species and have charcoal coloured sickle shaped wings.

Whilst they look similar to martins and swallows, they are actually closer related to hummingbirds. Swifts are amazingly adapted to life on the wing and breed, feed, mate and sleep whilst in the air - not landing at all for their first few years of life.



Swallows are unique with long forked tail feathers, and if you see them close up they have indigo backs, red chins and white underneath. House martins are slightly chunky looking, and can be told apart by their white rumps and short forked tail. We also have Sand martins in Suffolk, nesting in sandy banks. Unlike swifts, both swallows and martins build their own nests out of mud.

Swifts are in trouble. They adapted to life in towns and cities where they use buildings as nesting places. However older homes have been draught-proofed and newer building designs frequently leave no space for nesting birds.

Additionally, a threat that is facing both swifts and hirundines (the collective noun for martins and swallows) is the decline in insects.

Across Suffolk many boxes have been put up, including an

impressive new tower at the Eel's Foot Inn in Eastbridge. In Grundisburgh several residents have put up boxes to help support and boost the local population. I put up boxes on my home in March 2023.

We had some interest in late summer by prospecting birds wing-banging the boxes to see if they were occupied then in 2024 we were lucky enough to attract a nesting pair.

At the time of writing the swiftlets are chirping from the nest box, begging to their parents for food and we've also seen them wing-stretching preparing for their impending first flight and long migration. They won't be dependent for long as they are likely to fledge any day and then won't touch ground again until they are three or four years of age and are ready to breed.

If you look closely you will see that swift bricks have been installed on the new chapel field development. These bricks can be used by other

threatened birds such as house sparrows, also a red listed species in decline.

How can you help?

Please consider putting up a swift box (or two - they are communal nesters) before swifts return back in early May next year. If you'd like advice on siting the box please get in touch. Lawrence Potter is happy to help install boxes - (07860 549366), or contact SOSSwifts for boxes (web page below) or myself (jenny.rawson@outlook.com) for advice.

Alongside somewhere safe to nest, swifts feed on insect prey. Wildlife friendly gardening - not using pesticides or herbicides, leaving some long grassy areas or maybe adding a small pond will all help insect numbers. Jenny Rawson

Further reading, see SWT swift page - <https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/swifts>

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