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CONCERNS ABOUT STORAGE AT DEBACH

The objections made by Debach Village Meeting to developments at Debach Enterprises have been supported by SORR (Save our Rural Roads). This grouping of 15 local villages have been working together since 1997 to improve the adverse conditions on roads mainly brought about by heavy lorry traffic.

The development which is causing particular concern involves the transport and storage of polypropylene chips.

Keith Gipp, who is chairman of Debach Village Meeting, feels that the number of lorries delivering bagged materials to the site and taking material out in bulk is mainly responsible for the 63% increase in HGV traffic revealed in the lorry count carried out in late 2004.

"No planning consent has

been given for this use of the site, and the fire service has advised us that there are fire risks in the way the materials are stored" Mr Gipp told The News.

"We are pressing the district council to take action. The ever increasing heavy lorry traffic has implications for many villages in the surrounding area"

Picture removed

Tuddenham's production of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs': Above: The junior chorus dancing to 'I'm putting on my top hat'. Right: Fraulein Frankfurter (alias Paul Jennings).

More photos from the pantomime on centre pages.

Extra space for Tuddenham players

The production of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at Tuddenham in February was the first to benefit from the recent extension of the village hall. "We were able to accommodate a larger audience in more comfort, and there was much more room backstage" said producer Monica Pipe. "This meant that the cast could avoid going outside when they needed to come on again the other side of the stage. We also benefitted from new curtains - at the windows and stage".



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News Diary

MARCH

Saturday 25th

FOGS Spring Nearly New Sale G'burgh School 10-11.30am. Contact 735774.

Quiz G'burgh Football Club G'burgh Pavillion 7.30pm. Contact 07977963162.

Thursday 30th

FOGS collection of clothes etc G'burgh School 3-3.30pm. Contact 735151/738907.

APRIL

Thursday 6th

'Woodland Trust' G'burgh, Burgh and Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735469.

Down Memory Lane Otley Friendship Club OVH 2.30pm. Contact 890856.

Sunday 9th

Grundisburgh Parish Walk Start from G'burgh Pavilion 2pm. Contact 738219/735481.

Saturday 15th

G'burgh Dining Club The Crown Gt. Glenham 7.30pm. Contact 735495.

Sunday 16th

Race Night & supper Moon & Mushroom Swilland 7.30pm. Contact 785320.

Tuesday 18th

'Diaries of a Georgian Vicar' G'burgh Local History Society GPR 7.45pm. Contact 738918.

Thursday 20th

G'burgh & Culpho annual parish meeting GVH 7.30pm. Contact 735541.

Annual General Meeting

Otley Friendship Club OVH 2.30pm. Contact 890477.

Friday 21st

Quiz iao Swilland Church Winesham VH 7.30pm. Contact 785262.

Saturday 22nd

St George Celebration Playford PH 7pm. Contact 735444.

Sunday 23th

Supper & cards Moon & Mushroom Swilland 7.30pm. Contact 785320.

Tuesday 25th

Otley Parish Council Meeting & AGM. OVH.7pm Contact 890271.

Wednesday 26th

Quiet Day Otley Hall. Contact 890264.

Thursday 27th

The Golden Club GVH 2.30pm. Contact 735650.

Saturday 29th

Car Boot Sale G'burgh Football Club GPR 8-1pm. Contact 735681.

Bealings Plant Sale Manor House Little Bealings (opp Admiral's Head Pub) 10am - 12noon. Contact 620865.

Sunday 30th

Otley Hall Open Day 2-6pm. Contact 890264.

MAY

Monday 1st

Plant and Book Sale Hasketon VH 2.30pm. Contact 01394 383106/388190.

Thursday 4th

Resolutions and Social Evening G'burgh, Burgh and Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735469.

The Great Wall of China

Otley Friendship Club OVH 2.30pm. Contact 890477.

Saturday 6th

GADS Quiz GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738824.

FOGS Spring Fair G'burgh School 11.30-1.30pm. Contact 735929.

Wine Tasting Quiz & Auction of Promises iao Otley Under 5s. OVH 7.30pm. Contact 785993.

Monday 8th

G'burgh and Culpho Parish Council Meeting GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735541.

Friday 12th

'Sutton Hoo' Hasketon VH 7.15pm. Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th Playford Art Exhibition & crafts PPH 10-5pm. Contact 01394 385295.

Tuesday 16th

Grundisburgh Bowls Club v Leiston bowling green behind Dog pub 6.45pm. Contact 738326.

Quiet Day Otley Hall. Contact 890264.

'Creating Theatre from Local Sources' G'burgh Local History Society GPR 7.45pm. Contact 738918.

Thursday 18th

Clopton Parish Council Meeting CVH 7.30pm. Contact 830398.

Coach Outing Sudbury Otley Friendship Club 10am. Contact 890856.

Friday 19th

'Did we really evolve from

apes?' A scientific case for creation' G'burgh Chapel 7.30pm. Contact 738836/56.

Thursday 25th

The Golden Club GVH 2.30pm. Contact 735650.

Saturday 27th

Car Boot Sale G'burgh Football Club GPF 8-1pm. Contact 735681.

The Golden Club Cake Stall G'burgh Green am. Contact 735650.

Sunday 28th

Otley Hall Open Day 2-6pm. Contact 890264.

Charity bike ride/pub crawl Moon & Mushroom Swilland iao St. Elizabeth's Hospice 12 noon. Contact 785320.

JUNE

Tuesday 6th

Quiet Day Otley Hall. Contact 890264.

Thursday 8th

Outing & Pub meal G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho WI 7.30pm. Contact 735469.

Reg Snook Artist & Traveller Playford PH 8pm. Contact 735444.

Saturday 10th

Hangar Dance Debach Airfield 7.30pm. Live band. Contact for tickets 737236.

Sunday 11th

Open Day Debach Airfield 10am-5pm. Contact 737236.

Sponsored Bike Ride iao Friends of Bealings Playing Field. Bealings VH 11.30-1pm and **Fun on the Field** 1-3pm. Contact 614855

Thursday 15th

GADS Spring Play GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738824.

Friday 16th

GADS Spring Play GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738824.

Saturday 17th

Hidden Gardens, G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society 2-6pm. Contact 735932.

GADS Spring Play GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738824.

Big Day Out Fun for families Otley College 10-5pm. Contact Sally Hunt 784153.

Sunday 18th

Hidden Gardens, G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society 2-6pm. Contact 735932.

Monday 19th

'Murder on the Orient Express and Supper' Moon & Mushroom Swilland 8pm. Contact 785320.

Friday 23rd

FOGS summer barbeque G'burgh School 6-9pm. Contact 738907.

Saturday 24th

Car Boot Sale G'burgh Football Club GPF 8-1pm. Contact 735681.

Sunday 25th

Jazz & BBQ Shrubbery Farm Hasketon 12.30pm. Contact 01394 383106 /388190.

JULY

Saturday 1st

Concert iao Crossroads St. Mary's Church G'burgh. Contact 01394 388970.

Thursday 13th

Quiet Day Otley Hall. Contact 890264.

Saturday 15th

Village Show G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, GPF 12.30-4.30pm. Contact 738267.

Post Show Disco Marquee on GPF 8pm. Contact 735469.

Saturday 22nd

GADS on the Green 6.30pm. Contact 738824.

Friday 28th

Evening Garden Party G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, Purbrook House, G'burgh, 6.30pm. Contact 735719.

Saturday 29th

Car Boot Sale G'burgh Football Club GPF 8-1pm. Contact 735681.

AUGUST

Saturday 5th

Hasketon Village Fete 2pm. Contact 01934 388970.

Sunday 27th

Otley Hall Open Day 2-6pm. Contact 890264.

Monday 28th

Fun Day & Car Boot Sale G'burgh Football Club GPF 2-5pm. Contact 735681.

*Key for abbreviations:
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PF - Playing field
PR - Parish rooms*

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise. Entries are free and must be supplied in writing by copy date.

JAZZ AT THE FARM

The jazz Sunday on 25 June (12.30-4pm) is the tenth to be held at Shrubbery Farm Hasketon. We celebrate it with an internationally renowned traditional band, Phil Mason's New Orleans All-Stars with Christine Tyrrell.

This band is booked solidly every day, only fitting in a four day break now and then!

Christine is a Caribbean lady with a great personality and strong voice, singing blues, spirituals and a few mildly 'naughty' songs from the 1920's. The band members all have their own specialities and are well named as 'Stars'.

The barbecue food will be of the usual high standard, with generous portions, salads and pudding included in the £12 ticket now available. Book early, we sell out!

Vegetarian or special diets are available if ordered at time of ticket purchase. Phone 01394 383106 or 388190.

Gordon Smith

FOGS fundraising for play areas

This year the friends of Grundisburgh School are raising funds mainly to enhance the outside play areas at school by providing more shelter as well as some activities and games for the children to enjoy.

Our Spring Nearly New Sale is on Saturday 25 March at 10-11.30am at the school.

On Thursday 30 March between 3 and 3.30pm there will be another collection of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and household textiles (including old pillows, duvets, curtains, tablecloths etc).

Our Spring Fair will take



Phil Mason who will be appearing with his jazz band at Shrubbery Farm on 25 June

place at school on Saturday 6 May at 11.30-1.30pm. There will be games, stalls and lots of entertainment, plus refreshments - for both children and adults. Please contact Rosie Stoodley (735929) for further information. (see page 7 for other ways to support the school.)

Amanda Sheridan 01473 738907

LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

Grundisburgh local history society's talk on 18 April is entitled 'The Diaries of a Georgian Vicar' and will be given by local historian Michael Stone, who is a retired solicitor and clergyman. His subject is John Longe who was Vicar of Coddensham from 1797 to 1834. He was a JP, ran a farm and had 11 domestic staff. His papers, pocket books and diaries give a fascinating insight into the life of a wealthy man and his servants in the early 19th century.

On 16 May Ivan Cutting, artistic director of Eastern Angles at the Sir John Mills Theatre, will give a talk on how he set up this production company in 1982.

Since then he has been involved in creating and directing many works based on local material, such as farming and herring fishing.

The most successful productions have been 'The Sutton Hoo Mob' and 'The Wuffings', both dealing with the Anglo Saxon royal family which was buried at Sutton Hoo. He will take us behind stage by explaining how background facts are researched and turned into drama.

The cost is £2 to non-members. Visitors are always welcome. Talks take place in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms at 7.45pm.

*Roger Anderson
738918*

Grundisburgh Dining Club

A most enjoyable evening was had when the Grundisburgh Dining Club held their February dinner at the White Horse Inn, Easton, near Wickham Market, where we welcomed five new members. The excellent food and friendly service were appreciated by all. Helpings were generous and prices most reasonable.

The date for the next dinner is Saturday 15 April when we shall be at the Crown Inn, Great Glemham at 7.30pm. Please book ahead by calling me. We look forward to seeing you there.

Roy Compton, 735495,

A guided tour of St Mary's

Clive Paine's popular all-action series of guided visits to Suffolk churches comes to Grundisburgh Church on Friday 16 June. The series goes under the title 'Clive Paine Let Loose'.

Clive will follow his usual and successful formula. He begins inside the church tracing the building's history, aisle by aisle, window by window. After a brief interval, it's outside and round the church, with a short summary session back inside. Lifelong local residents often say they learn more about their church from

an evening with Clive than they've picked up in a lifetime.

Two of the church's outstanding features are the superb angel hammer-beam roof and the bell tower, much loved by ringers.

Tickets are £6 on the door - with half the profits going to the host church and half to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust for grants for repair and maintenance of our churches of all denominations. The evening begins at 7pm.

Ivan Howlett

Playford Art Exhibition....

The annual art exhibition will be held at Playford Parish Hall on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 May, from 10-5pm. There will be a wide selection of paintings in watercolour, pastels, pencil and oils, as well as craft stalls.

A painting by our tutor Richard Cox will be raffled during the weekend, and we will tempt you with delicious refreshments making browsing doubly enjoyable. Members will be manning the displays to welcome you, so do come and enjoy our exhibition.

Playford Art Club meets on Thursdays from 10-12noon at the hall, and we welcome new faces. For further details contact 01394 385295.

Mary Spillett, Secretary, Playford Art Club

...and Playford honours St George

Playford Parish Hall is holding a celebration in honour of St George on Saturday 22 April at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets cost £12.50 to include a beef dinner (with vegetarian alternative), a glass of wine, country dancing and other diversions, with prizes for the best appropriate dress. For tickets/further information please ring either Diana on 611007; Sally on 735751; or Anne on 735444.

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel News

It is great to have spring back after the long winter! The reappearance of new life from the winter's deadness in the plant kingdom always reminds me of the death and resurrection of the Lord. With this in mind we warmly welcome you to our Easter Sunday services at 10.45 and 6.30. We are joining with Otley chapel for Good Friday at 10.30, and you would be very welcome to this too.

'Did we really evolve from apes?' - The creation/evolution debate is very much alive at the moment, with a growing scientific movement back towards 'design'. We have

Paul Garner from the Biblical Creation Society to speak on this issue on 19 May at 7.30pm. We believe it has some massive implications for our lives! It should prove very interesting - why not come along? All are welcome and entry is free.

Colin Grimwood
738836/56

EASTER IN THE PARISHES

A donkey will be taking part in a procession around Grundisburgh as part of our service on Palm Sunday.

During Holy Week there will be Easter activities for children in the Victory Hall in Hasketon on Good Friday.

In Grundisburgh on the

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week at 7.30pm, there will be a service of Compline, a quiet and reflective time to think and pray the passion story.

On Maundy Thursday there will be a service of the Last Supper and washing of feet at 6pm in Grundisburgh, as well as an opportunity to share in a Passover Meal in the Victory Hall, Hasketon at 7.30pm.

Good Friday brings opportunities for worship, through words, dramatised readings and music in Grundisburgh at 11am and at Hasketon at 2pm.

Perhaps something new will be a service on the Saturday night, Easter Eve, at Burgh at 7pm, when the Easter fire will be kindled and the Easter candle lit from it. Bring some fireworks to celebrate with at the end of the service.

The following Saturday there is an opportunity to share in food and worship in a joint venture shared with our neighbouring parishes of Clopton, Otley, Ashbocking

and Swilland. This is open to adults, children of all ages, everybody and anybody. You are invited to bring food to share - drinks will be provided. The evening will take place in Otley Hall, from 6-8pm. Please come and join us.

Easter Services

April 9th Palm Sunday
8am Grundisburgh BCP Communion

9.30am Hasketon Family Communion
11.00am Grundisburgh Family Service
11am Boulge BCP Communion

April 16th Easter Day
8am Grundisburgh BCP Communion
9.30am Hasketon Family Communion
9.45am Burgh Family Communion
11am Grundisburgh Family Communion
(Sunday Club in Parish Room)
11am Boulge BCP Communion

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Tuddenham Village Church Fete

Saturday June 10th - 2pm
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'Friends' help out.

Funds raised by the 'Friends' proved of great assistance when St.Mary's was recently faced with two large bills. The water supply piping to the churchyard tap was corroded and had to be renewed and, in order to comply with the current environmental legal requirement, the boiler fuel oil tank was replaced. The total money required came to £4,400.

The Friends considered that, as both these items were directly of benefit to the churchyard and to the maintenance and care of the fabric of the church, they came within the criteria for providing funds to the church. Thanks to Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council for giving a grant of £1250 towards the cost of renewing the water supply; the outstanding amount of £3150 was met by the Friends.

Brian Robinson, 735710

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More Memories of Guides

I have to hold my hands up and admit that I missed noticing my own mother in the photograph of the guiders in the last edition of The News. The date would have been around 1920 and she would have been only about 16 or 17 years old, therefore I cannot blame myself too much.

It transpires that the photographs did originally belong to her and I seem to remember that she loaned them out for an exhibition of some kind at the village hall. I have recently been given more photographs from that time by my sisters Jill and Val who now live in Ipswich - (featured here)

The guide camp was held at Glemham Hall and I have names for the majority of people pictured. Millie Harris, a frequent contributor to The News from her home in Australia, will recognise her daughter Sandra in the group of four guides. She is on the right of the picture with my sister Jill next to her. There appears to be some doubt about the young lady next to Jill, but it is believed her surname was King and that she came from Woodbridge. There is no doubt, however, about the one on the left who is Nancy Bailey from Culpho. Nancy was a real star, and excelled at everything she put her mind to whether it was at sport or organising other people.



The back garden photograph above shows my sisters, Val as the guide and Sheila as the brownie. Legend has it that Sheila's brownie hat prompted the first ever UFO sighting in the area! At that time they were referred to as flying saucers. I feel that rumours of a squadron of Sabre jets being scrambled at RAF Bentwaters to investigate were somewhat exaggerated!

There must be hundreds of old photographs like these that are stored away in drawers or chests within The News' distribution area. They really need to see the light of day before they end up at Foxhall tip, courtesy of some house clearance company.

If anyone has any, especially one with a story behind it, please contact the News.

Terry Frost

.... the Bennett family

I am trying to trace my ancestors. My maiden name was Bennett and my research shows that my great grandfather, John Bennett, emigrated with his brother Joseph from Clopton to South Africa in 1862.

I found that my ancestors were heavily involved with three churches in the area - those of Otley, Clopton and Grundisburgh. The family names that are of interest to me primarily are: Bennett, followed by Broome, Hazelwood, Nunn and Meadows. In August of this year I visited these churches. I spent a lot of time at the

amazing Grundisburgh church - with which my family is connected dating back to the late 1700's. My many-times great grandfather, Joseph Bennett, was buried there in 1862 and his wife Elizabeth, nee Meadows, in 1863. He also lived in the Clopton area in 1842. I would love to be able to contact any people with the above names - especially Bennett. If there are people with these surnames in these parishes, I would be so happy to hear from any of them. Thank you very much.

Dafanie Goldsmith

PO Box 527 Warkworth New Zealand - or
email goldsmith@paradise.net.nz



Nancy Bailey, Miss King, Jill Frost and Sandra Harris at Glemham Hall camp.

Do you remember the founder of the Wood Trust?

Mrs Wood bequeathed two and a half acres of land to Burgh in 1944, thus founding the Wood Trust. This trust is still running and benefitting the people of Burgh, but no one seems to remember Mrs Wood.

She was born Emily Eleanor Douglas Round, c1867, at Chanderghant, Hyderabad, India. In 1891 she was living with her aunt, Mrs Clara Round-Turner, and cousins George, Charles and Emily, at The Cottage, Grundisburgh.

Emily Round was married in Grundisburgh Church on Valentine's Day, 1895, by the Reverend Arthur Maude, Rector of Burgh. Her husband, Thomas Montgomery Hunter Wood was a clergyman, then at St. Saviour's, Shanklin. He was a son of James Russell Wood, the headmaster of Woodbridge School.

In 1901 Mrs Wood was visiting her aunt Clara Round-Turner and cousin George at Sibton, but her husband does not seem to have been in the

country at census time.

In 1924 Mrs Wood came to live at Mill Cottages, Burgh, where she lived at least until 1939 and possibly until her death in 1944. She was elected to Burgh PCC in 1933 and bought the land she left to Burgh in 1939 from Arthur Moss and Frederic Ernest Doughty.

It seems sad that such a kind benefactor should be forgotten, so I am trying to compile a short biography. As you can see, there are large gaps. I should love to know when Miss Round came to England, where the Reverend and Mrs Wood lived after they were married, and why she bought the piece of land.

If anyone has any memories of Mrs. Wood (even second or third hand) I should be very grateful to hear them.

Photographs would be a real find - I could copy them, with the owner's permission, without harming the originals.

Sheila Brechin (735783)

.... and world war two veterans

I am anxious to trace any WW2 veterans who were in the 67th Medium Regiment RA who may be living locally, or any family members.

Through tracing my father's war history I have discovered that there is no record of the 750 young men from Suffolk, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Wickham Market and surrounding areas. So my friend, who has done similar research, and I have started a project to give these men the recognition they deserve. They were captured at Tobruk and they have many stories to tell of their capture at the hands of the Italians and Germans.

We have organised a reunion on 2 April - we have so far found 10 men who are delighted with the work we are doing.

Diana Watts 01473 681411 or email:Wattsdm@aol.com

Grundisburgh Gleanings

NEWS TRIBUTES.....

Bob Rayfield 1922-2006

Bob Rayfield was born and bred in Grundisburgh. He joined the army when he was 14 years old and saw service both throughout Europe and in Rangoon.

He married his childhood sweetheart Rene and their marriage spanned over 60 years. Together they had two children and six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

During the war Bob was rescued at Breda in Holland by three Dutch girls and hidden from the German troops. Bob and Rene kept in touch with those three girls and used to visit them in later years.

Bob enjoyed country and western music and many outdoor pursuits, particularly his gardening, camping with his children and grandchildren, and, not least, his fishing.

Bob and Rene moved from Grundisburgh to a retirement home in Felixstowe in July 2004 but maintained close



Bob reclining at home.

links with the village through friends and family.

Bob's funeral procession was aptly led in and out of St Mary's Church by the haunting tones of a single piper. It was Bob in his younger days who used to play the Last Post at St Mary's to mark particular occasions.

He had been stationed at Oban and Campbell Town in Scotland for several years and became used to the early morning 'Reveille' played outside his barracks

Di Waters

Heather Chatfield nee Quinton 1946 to 2006

Heather Chatfield was born at Hawes Cottage on Lower Road in the village. It was a tied cottage belonging to Armstrong's farm where her father Frank was a gardener. The family later moved to, and lived for many years, in Stoney Road.

The majority of her working life, 28 years infact, was spent at Turban Foods, formerly known as the Woodbridge Canning Company. It was originally based at Woodbridge, but later moved to an industrial estate at Martlesham.

One of Heather's great loves was football, and she helped raise funds for the local football club for many years. She also helped form the Grundisburgh Ladies Football Club for whom she also



played. Heather and her husband Roy were also keen dart players and very well known in the local leagues.

Heather was a very popular person during her time in the village. Although living in Woodbridge for the last few years she never lost her links with her friends here in Grundisburgh. Proof of this was the packed West Chapel at the Ipswich Crematorium for her funeral service.

Terry Frost

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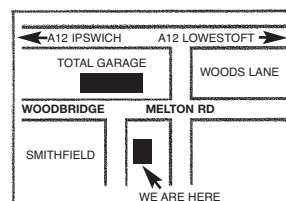
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Question time at the parish meeting

This year's annual meeting for Grundisburgh and Culpho parishes will be held in Grundisburgh Village Hall on Thursday 20 April starting at 7.30pm.

The main item will be the Parish Plan. Now virtually complete, this plan will be distributed to every home in the two villages shortly. The very comprehensive report was gathered from the analysis of 562 questionnaires completed by parishioners - a remarkable 84% return. The 'action plan' has over 40 recommendations on issues as varied as housing, public transport, sport and entertainment, education, youth services, services for the elderly, policing, services, road safety, village hall and conservation.

Reports will be given by a representative sample of village organisations. Two should be of particular interest: the restoration of Culpho's St. Botolphs Church, a remarkable success story, and the imaginative schemes from St Mary's PCC members for developing the church buildings to meet the needs of the community and the church in the 21st century.

There will be opportunities to ask questions throughout the meeting. Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be served at the end to give the opportunity to speak informally to parish councillors, the community police officer, and district and county councillors.

ADOPT A ROAD SIGN

Suffolk County Council washes all road signs once a year but, looking at the signs in Grundisburgh, this is clearly not enough. Many, particularly near main roads, are so dirty they are barely readable, but a few minutes with a bucket of soapy water would make them clean and legible again - and improve the appearance of the village no end.

If you have a road sign near your home could you be a good neighbour and give it a clean now and again.

John Ager, clerk, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council, 735541, jager@tesco.net

Parish website

News from Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council is kept up to date on the website grundisburgh-culpho.suffolk.gov.uk

This was set up by parish clerk John Ager with what he describes as "invaluable help" from One Suffolk. This non profit making organisation offers software and training at low cost to voluntary organisations. It can be contacted on 01728 626174, www.onesuffolk.co.uk.

News from neighbourhood watch

George Newson, who was Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for Cranworth Close and the bottom half of Stoney Road, has moved away. We now welcome Pat Dee (16 Cranworth Close, 735311) as his successor.

A car was stolen from a driveway in Grundisburgh recently and was later found abandoned and burnt out. Apparently villages are being targeted for this sort of crime at the moment, older cars without modern immobilisers are particularly vulnerable. So please be extra vigilant and keep your cars locked and, if possible, garaged.

Colin Grimwood

Police Report

Police are continuing to investigate the incidents of criminal damage in the village and have identified suspects who are being interviewed. The report to the parish council meeting on 13 March, from community police officer Vicky Gilmore, mentioned 12 incidents of vandalism as well as five other crimes, including the breaking into the post box in Ipswich Road.

She had also responded to complaints about speeding and had stopped and cautioned seven drivers

FOGS FUNDS

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There are a couple of other ways you can help our school on an ongoing basis: cereal box tokens and supermarket vouchers will be gratefully received (in the box outside the school office). Also we have registered with two online services through which the school can receive a donation from participating retailers every time you shop (www.easyfundraising.org.uk and www.helpmyschool.co.uk).

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websites when you shop, and then up to 15% of the purchase price is donated to FOGS. Special offers and discounts are often available when you use these sites. This is an easy way to raise money for our school - please help! Everyone is always very welcome at our events - which are featured on page 3 and we really appreciate your support.

Amanda Sheridan, Secretary, FOGS

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Local History Society

Agriculture and the Secret Army

In February Michael Weaver gave an illustrated talk to Grundisburgh Local History Society on probably East Anglia's and, in most agricultural circles, the world's most famous company, Ransomes of Ipswich.

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The talk took the society through from the origins and up to the present day. Although probably most famous for their lawn mowers, (patented in 1832), Michael showed examples of the diverse nature of Ransome's products ranging from plough shears, their first product, through elephant ploughs (strange as it may seem - pulled by elephants), Stoke Bridge in Ipswich, trolley buses, steam engines, the last being produced in 1939 which did not sell well and was eventually broken up, to a 17lb artillery gun.

The Ransome family existed, mainly, to give the people of Ipswich a job and was not so much a company as more of a way of life. Michael showed slides of artists impressions of the factory and those attending found it difficult to appreciate the size of the company which covered most of the area we now know as the town of Ipswich. Many of the

street/road names we still see, e.g. Foundry Street, were named after the location of some of Ransome's departments. For those wishing to continue their interest there is a book titled, Ransomes 1789-1989, 200 years of excellence ISBN 0951471201.

At the March meeting the society was given a most impressive presentation by John Waricker on the Secret Army of World War 2, recently featured on Channel 4 programme 'The Real Dad's Army'. John gave a brief history of the most secret army organisation, effectively set up as an underground terrorist organisation, had Germany invaded Britain. It was estimated that, should the worst have happened and the group were made operational, an individual's life expectancy was measured in the region of two weeks.

The personnel underwent a very exclusive selection and training process which included, in one location, a post mistress who had a machine gun concealed under her desk in the event that things got out of hand. John gave a description of the organisation from the selection, training and distribution of the personnel through to a description of their operational bases which consisted of underground mines, caves etc. In Suffolk, because of its terrain and topography, these HQs had to be excavated and built, most appearing to be like large

underground shelters with a concealed vertical entrance and an horizontal large diameter drain tube as an escape route.

For those wishing to further their knowledge of the organisation, John said that there is a most impressive display at the airfield museum at the old Parham airfield (located off the A12 by Glemham) which is open on Sundays from 27 March to the end of October.

Tom Coomber

Details of our next two meetings appear on Page 3

Gems and Quilts for WI

In February Robin Cornell, from Fournel Jewellers of Aldeburgh, talked to us about his great love of amber and its origins. He took over the Amber Shop in Southwold 18 years ago, and he urged us to pay a visit to the Amber Museum situated at the rear of the shop. Entry is free with no obligation to purchase. Robin passed around pieces of amber - from the roughest piece of stone through various stages of polishing - to the smooth beautifully finished piece of glowing amber. We were told how to recognise fake amber and we were also privileged to handle amber necklaces worth thousands of pounds.

Pippa Moss gave us a talk on quilts at our March meeting, telling us about the Amish people of Pennsylvania. They are pacifists and dress in dark clothes and live in very plain houses, without carpets or curtains. They have no machinery and work is mainly in farming. We were shown a large number of beautiful but very sombre quilts which Pippa had made in Amish patterns. Apparently if they had been originals made many years ago, they would be very valuable.

Our next meeting is on 6 April in the Parish Room and the speaker Mrs J Tyson will talk about the Woodland Trust.

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A twenty year old's story of being diagnosed with leukaemia

I was having a great summer last year. I sailed, water-skied, partied and enjoyed myself as do most 20 year olds. I even climbed Snowdon twice in a week with my mates, just for fun!

Then, late in July, I woke early with a really severe headache and could not get out of bed to go to

work at the Port of Felixstowe, where I was enjoying the 2nd year of an apprenticeship.

I was admitted to hospital, with presumed meningitis, and diagnosed with glandular fever later in the day. Phew! Thank goodness.....back to work after a few days and just slow down for a while!

A month later my GP requested that I go to the surgery for a routine blood test. I had been feeling rather tired and lethargic for the past week or so, and went along on the Friday morning. Within 10 hours I was in hospital having been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic leukaemia.

This was September 9th. I remember that day so well. Leukaemia....what is it?...sounds quite serious...am I going to die?

Until you yourself, or another member of your family or a friend have a rare illness you can be totally unaware of what it means, or its implications.

This was the beginning of endless days and hours spent at the hospital, Somersham ward and the day unit there. Chemotherapy, blood transfusions, blood tests infections.....more injections, more drugs.

I've been lucky, the doctors tell me - I've sailed through my treatment, so far.

In November I was told that my diagnosis had changed to a very rare form of Acute



Oliver's story was featured in the East Anglian recently.

Myeloid Leukaemia and that my best hope of survival and cure would be a bone marrow transplant from a donor who shares the same tissue type.

I attended Addenbrooke's in December and met the Transplant

team, who began the search from national and international donor registers for a suitable donor.

Thankfully, in a search of unrelated donors worldwide, two donors were found, one here in the UK and one in the America. I do appreciate how lucky I am.

I was due to start treatment on 20 February in order to receive the transplant a week later, but due to a dose of the 'flu this had to be postponed till 20 March.....then full speed ahead!! I expect to be in Addenbrooke's for about six weeks and I know it is a lengthy recovery. Still, must be in good shape for the summer again!!

My reason for writing about my illness is to bring to your

attention that despite access to over 9 million donors worldwide, many searches are still unsuccessful. Every year thousands of people with fatal bone marrow diseases reach a stage when their only hope of survival is a blood stem cell transplant. Exact donors cannot be found. All we must do is increase the size of the register in order to increase the chance of finding more patients an exact tissue type match.

The Anthony Nolan Trust manages the world's first, and one of the largest, fully independent registers of potential blood stem cell donors. If you are between 18 and 40 the register needs you to join now.

All that may ever be required of you is one small blood test, but you never know.... You may turn out to be a match for someone like me and could go on to save a life.

For further information contact the trust now on 020 7284 1234, or email: newdonor@anthonymolan.com

Stephen Cole, my former headmaster at Woodbridge School, is running the London Marathon this year on behalf of the Anthony Nolan Trust. He would welcome your sponsorship. Telephone him on 01394 615000.

My hope is that next year I will be running it with him!

Oliver Rofix, Clopton

Oliver on the slopes last year.



BRIEFLY ...

The charities chosen for support at this year's Hidden Gardens of Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho are Parkinson's Society and the Digestive Disorders Clinic at Ipswich Hospital. The event on 17 and 18 June is being coordinated by Wendy Witt (01473 735932) who would welcome hearing from more gardeners in the three villages willing to open up the treasures in their back gardens.



Age Concern Suffolk's 'Your Rights Week' is being run again in April. The nearest surgery to The News' villages is in Woodbridge on 13 April, at Felbridge Court, Bredfield Street, from 10am to 12noon. It is open free to anyone over 60 wanting advice on coping with spiralling living costs. Appointments are not needed. In addition the charity is publishing a free booklet called 'Enjoy the benefits of getting older'. More details from 01473 257039.



Patricia Monk, the house to house organiser for the RSPCA, is pleased to have found a second collector for the Grundisburgh area but still needs at least three more. The money collected is used to support the animal centre in Martlesham. The branch total for 2005 was £13,225, of which £71 was collected in Grundisburgh for which she is very grateful. Patricia Monk can be contacted on 01394 284605.



January prizes for Grundisburgh Football Club 100 club are £50 Andrew Munroe, £35 John Russell, £25 Darren Howell, £20 Ethel Turner. In February the money went to £50 James Shepherd, £35 Ben Ottaway, £25 Henry Thorpe, £20 Gill Juby.

Thespians tread the boards in local village halls.. Narnia comes to Otley

Drama continues to flourish in Otley and to attract more people willing to have a go or to help behind the scenes. This was very evident on 3 and 4 March when the junior section of TOPS performed 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' based on the wonderful book by CS Lewis.

It complemented the latest film version extremely well and gave the audience and cast a different taste of the same deep truths. Vanessa Ling and all the production team are to be congratulated on bringing out the best in the young performers and in giving us just enough help, with minimal props and scenery, for our imaginations to do the rest. The prompt did play a key role but there were a lot of words to learn and no musical interludes in which the cast could recuperate.

Young people react differently when asked to perform in public and the cast displayed a wide range of techniques in coping with the situation. They worked best when together and this was most obvious in the battle scene – some stirring music or battle noise might have helped, but the participants certainly fought with passion.

Heidi Baker probably had the hardest role as Aslan. She

gave just the right contrast to the cold evil of Jessica Chisholm as the White Witch. Congratulations to them and to all the other performers.

Confident actors and good technology made every word audible, something rarely achieved in young people's drama. A lot of hard work must have been done and it was a most enjoyable evening, particularly because the performers were so clearly committed to their parts and enjoying themselves too.

James Hall

GADS springing into action...

There's lots going on with Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society. A new venture is an initiative to build on the talents and enthusiasm discovered among young people through in pantomime. Adam Kearney and Nikki Brown are to direct and produce a short play for young actors which we hope to perform at the Village Show, and repeat as part of 'GADS on The Green' in July.

Fortunately we have gained the talents of new members right across the age range recently. Some came for the panto and have stayed for more! We meet on Wednesdays, 7.30pm, in Grundisburgh Village Hall.

Otley Junior Players: Alice Stebbings as Mrs Beaver, Alana Horne as Mr Beaver, Molly Cutting as Edmund, Katie Robinson as Susan, Matthew Newson as Peter and Amber Hale as Lucy.

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On Saturday 6 May GADS is holding another quiz which has proved so popular in the past. Dates for the other events are in The News Diary.

Madge Nicholas

Tuddenham per

The spring play is to be an Emlyn Williams classic. Set in the England of the 1950s, 'Beth' concerns the fortunes of a diverse family of somewhat eccentric Welsh exiles and calls for some good character acting - we hope (and believe) we'll be up to it!

The play is directed by Diane Ffitch who is experienced both as an actor and director; the cast will no doubt rely quite heavily upon her as they tackle this intriguing work. Incidentally if you come across people wandering around Grundisburgh uttering what sound to be strange oaths, don't worry - they are probably just rehearsing their Welsh vocabulary!

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OUR VILLAGES!

Charsfield actors deserve Oscars!

An engineer, a teacher and an artificial inseminator starred in a new play with Otley College's marketing manager, Sally Thompson, 'The Adventures of Angie in Bugs Land.' The Charsfield Amateur Dramatics Society performed this new work (directed by Paul Clarke and Tony Hale) at the village hall over three days in March.

The budding thespians all enjoyed their moment in the spotlight. For some of the cast this wasn't the first time they had flirted with fame. Peter Holloway (Dame Ladybird) had previously trod the boards with Paul Barber, aka Denzil from 'Only Fools and Horses' and once had dinner with Cliff Richard, Richard Murby (Stag Beetle) is a distant relative of the Sheriff of Nottingham, Sally Thompson (Angie) shared the limelight with 'Babylon Hotel' star Dexter Fletcher in an episode of kids TV show 'Press Gang', Colin



Charsfield players, from left to right: front row Peter Holloway, Sally Thompson, Richard Murby and Colin Richardson. Second row Andrew Reeve, Ed Ford, Alan Smith, Ed Winworth, Philip Reid and Mark Jenkins. Back row Margaret Graystone, Angie Whittleton, Mary Mackinlay, Rosie Focus, Malcolm Peck, Chris Bayfield, Jeremy Gugenheim, Tony Hale, Paul Clarke, Hazel Boyd and Trevor Boyd.

Richardson was lucky enough to share a kiss with Aussie pop pin up Holly Valance.

The play was a great success - some 300 people watched a show that highlighted environmental issues. Sally Thompson said "I would like to pay tribute to everyone for

all their hard work - Charsfield is well known for its theatrical zeal thanks to Sir Peter Hall's 1970's film Akenfield, and whilst we won't be hitting the big screen just yet, who knows what the future will bring."

John Nice

To join the 'CADS' call Sally Thompson on 784153 or email sally.thompson@otleycollege.ac.uk. Peter Holloway and Malcolm Peck are featured in a new book called 'Return To Akenfield', a follow up to Ronald Blythe's bestselling classic 1970's novel.

Performs Snow White & Seven Dwarfs

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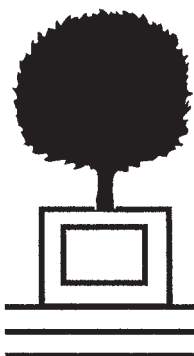
Tuddenham panto pictures, clockwise from top left:
Awakening Snow White;
Prince Bernhardt and Snow White (Julie Irving and Mandy Hindle) getting to know each other;
The Queen and Count Igor (Erica Lopez and Bill Jennings) hatching a plan;
Snow White and some of the animals in the wood;
Lodi, Blotto, Otto and Heidi (Cherrie Starling, George Jennings, Sam Cowley and Paulene Procter) practising the waltz.

Bredfield hosts Eastern Angles

Eastern Angles brought their revival of The Sutton Hoo Mob, by Peppy Barlow, to Bredfield in March. First performed in 1994, the production is full of comedy, dotted with period songs sung with relish by the cast! We were easily transported back to 1939 (which Eastern Angles always achieves effortlessly) and the ensuing confrontation of such a large scale find by those not employed by the British Museum, ie Basil! Ed



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Hasketon Highlights

Fridays nights at Victory Hall

The Victory Hall committee has planned its 2006 entertainment programme. Members decided that we shall have an event in the hall on the second Friday of each month. These will be preceded by a Ploughman's Supper at 7.15pm. Tickets cost £5 per evening

The events planned are as follows:

May - Sutton Hoo talk by Mike Weaver.

June - Bingo.

July - Poetry reading and a

competition between Hasketon's aspiring poets. August - (summer break). September - Barn Dance. October - Quiz night. November - Indian photographic slide show (with an Indian supper).

But the event that should attract all our readers is the Tug of War Festival and barbeque on Saturday 26 August on Hasketon Village Green. All local villages/towns, or pubs, etc. are invited to enter a team. There will be three classes - Ladies, Men or Children (Under 12). Please let me know the name of your team captain.

Richard L.Smith 01394 388970

Playford Piece

WI learns craft of comic verse

At the February meeting of Playford WI the programmed speaker was not able to attend. However Mr Erik Punacks kindly stepped in, and his subject was 'The craft of comic verse'.

A former school teacher in Liverpool and at Kesgrave High School, where he taught English and Drama, Erik explained he had retired early due to health problems.

Thankfully he had come through the difficulties and resumed his interest in comic verse and songs.

He uses his experiences and thoughts of every day happenings for his work. Telling us the background of the different verses, he recited a wonderful selection, including those about Thursday mornings in Woodbridge - a caravan rally - thoughts of second home owners - Jason and daddy's mobile phone.

Erik also sang two songs playing the guitar in the style of George Formby. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Yvonne Woollard

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The pub already has a glowing reputation for wonderful home made food and impeccably kept real ales from independent East Anglian breweries, which are tapped straight from the barrel. A good selection of wines is also available.

Perhaps all this goes some way to explain why The Moon and Mushroom has been voted

'Best Country/Village Pub' for the second time.

We host a very popular quiz night every other Wednesday and, from 23 April, we will be serving Sunday evening supper and card games.

Nikki and Martin are the proud owners of this lovely old pub and so impressed are they by the strong village community spirit, it seemed only natural to expand upon the friendship and bring everyone together in a series of fundraising events throughout the year.

The fund raising begins with a Race Night and Supper evening on Sunday 16 April. Soon after on 28 May there will be a sponsored bike ride/pub crawl covering 10 miles.

On 19 June come along for an evening of suspense to a Murder Mystery Evening, to include supper. This repeats an earlier successful night - this



Nikki in front of her award-winning pub, the Moon and Mushroom

time the subject will be Murder on the Orient Express.

The year's fund raising will culminate in a one-day event on Sunday 27 August, entitled 'Moonfest'. The day will be centred around the pub and adjacent primary school grounds and will be along the lines of a traditional fete.

It will commence with a sponsored balloon release and there will be real ale/wine and food tasting, with a display of

classic cars, a full crèche and a programme for children.

In the evening there will be an auction and Race Night, ending up with a firework display.

The entire event will raise much needed funds for St. Elizabeth's Hospice, as well as for our local primary school.

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LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 January

Affordable Housing: Suffolk ACRE were arranging for the printing of the survey forms and covering letter to be distributed by Councillors at the beginning of February.

Police Matters: Two incidents of criminal damage had been reported since the last PC meeting in November, to the Village Hall and Mallard Business Centre, with nothing reported stolen in either case. Crime in the parish was still low compared with other local villages. The Community Police Officer, Victoria Gilmore, would visit Bealings School to talk about pedestrian road safety if a suitable date could be found, in view of concerns about the safety of those walking to school. She had now received training on the speed gun and would be able to use it in the village.

Highways: The possibility of providing a footpath from the River Fynn Bridge at the boundary with Gt Bealings along the field edge towards the Village Hall had been discussed with the landowner in view of pedestrian safety concerns. There was a need to clarify demand and address maintenance and liability issues before this could be progressed. SCC had refused the request for a 30mph limit along Holly Lane, citing the low level of roadside

development as the reason. SCC had been requested to clear leaves from the end of Holly Lane, replace the centre white line from the Martlesham/Playford Road crossroads to the level crossing and resurface the road either side of the level crossing. Work on soakaways was also awaited. SCC had resurfaced part of Footpath No 3 and advised of the diversion of part of this route along Michaels Mount and Richards Drive.

Planning Applications: SCDC had granted permission for the erection of a bungalow and garage on the plot adjacent to the Admiral's Head. Permission had also been granted for hedgerow coppicing, replanting and hedge trimming at The Oak Walk, Martlesham Road.

Correspondence: SCC had advised that the height barriers at household waster recycling centres would be raised to 2 metres.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 27 February 8pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27 February

Police Matters: There had been no reported crime in the parish since the last PC meeting. The speed gun had been used in Lodge Road and Playford Road. The speeds

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recorded in Playford Road justified using the gun again at this location in the future. A date had not yet been fixed for the Community Police Officer, Victoria Gilmore, to visit Bealings School to talk about pedestrian road safety. Details of a new SuffolkSAFEKey scheme were received, whereby residents and businesses could register property key holders with the police. A poster would be displayed on the Parish Noticeboard.

Outdoor Play Scheme: It was agreed to ask SCC Cllr Bellfield if any location budget funding was available to help with the design stage of the project.

Highways: Details of the demand for a footpath from the River Fynn Bridge at the boundary with Gt Bealings along the field edge towards the Village Hall were not available yet, although Gt Bealings PC and Bealings School supported the idea in principle. SCC would be asked again to clear leaves from the end of Holly Lane, replace the centre white line from the Martlesham/Playford Road crossroads to the level crossing and resurface the road either side of the level crossing. Work on soakaways had now been carried out. The damaged Hall Road sign would be reported to SCDC.

Correspondence: SCC had consulted on a review of the Mobile Library Service and a response would be sent. New bus timetables had come into

effect on 31 January and were displayed on the Parish Noticeboard.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 3 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room: - Annual Parish Meeting following by Parish Council Meeting.

*Carol Ramsden, Clerk, 01473 610088,
littlebealingspc@btinternet.com*

WI enters a miniature world

Bealings WI afternoon meeting started with 'Soup and a Roll' arranged very ably by Betty Slim and committee members. As usual, the soup was delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

Mr Peter Carr was later introduced, with his talk 'Small Worlds - The Fascination of Miniature'. His special hobby was constructing dolls houses and cabinet houses, each in various sizes, on display, fully furnished. The earliest known dolls house was in 1558 owned by Albert, Duke of Bavaria. Peter the Great of Russia had great interest and later Queen Victoria and Queen Mary. Mr Carr had collected a large number of figures over the years but made many himself. These were expertly made from pipe cleaners, cotton wool pads and fino for the shaping of arms and legs etc. A lot of patience needed no doubt, but the effect was perfect. A vote of thanks afterwards was given by Joan Moon, our President.

Dorothy Yul

FRIENDS OF BEALINGS PLAYING FIELD

There has been much interest in Great and Little Bealings for the refurbishment of the playing field which lies behind Bealings Village Hall. It lies on a slope and is in a sorry state of repair. The ground will need to be levelled, then play and sports equipment will be installed and the area landscaped.

With great support from both parishes, a management group named Friends of Bealings Playing Field has been created to take the project forward. This will be a wonderful asset for the villages and the surrounding area. It is a major undertaking, which will require considerable cash injections as it progresses. We have a calendar for fund-raising events with, in time, something to appeal to everyone.

These are the first of the entries:

Car Washing at Bealings Village Hall

Saturday 1 April 2 – 4pm
Saturday 6 May 2 – 4pm
Please bring your car. £5.

Sponsored Bike Ride and Fun on the Field – Sunday 11 June.

This will be something for all the family. The day starts at 11.30am with the bike ride, which follows a two mile circuit round both villages, starting and ending at the Village Hall. Riders will have 90 minutes - to 1pm - to complete as many circuits as they can. All are welcome to take part but children under 12 must bring an adult. Marshals will be present around the course throughout the event.

For all those weary cyclists and other revellers, 'Fun on the Field' runs from 1pm to 3pm. There will be a barbeque, with beer tent, plus a variety of entertainments and games. Buy a balloon to release in the grand finale; the one that travels furthest wins a prize.

To register and get a sponsorship form, please contact me by email: malx@malx.co.uk or call 614855. Please register by 7 May.

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Notes from the parish council

It was with regret that the Chairman reported the resignation of John Dawson as a Parish Councillor. John has been a loyal and hard working member of the Parish Council for 18 years and his wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed. Fortunately John is expected to continue to take an interest in Parish Council business and no doubt his expertise will be requested. Everyone at Clopton Parish Council wishes to convey their very best wishes for the future to John and his family.

John's resignation means there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor at Clopton. The statutory Vacancy Notices from the District Council are in place on the Parish Notice Boards. Unless a by-election is requested the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-

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option. If you feel you may have an interest in this vacancy, or if you require further information, please contact any one of your Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council approved, in principle, the idea of a teen shelter in the village and has requested the Village Hall Committee to present detailed findings to a future meeting.

Members of the Parish Council agreed that a Clopton Newsletter should be produced which will be funded by the Council. The newsletter will be produced on a bi-monthly basis and Tony Dockerill has kindly agreed to lead an editorial team, which will be independent of the Parish Council. It is anticipated the first issue will be distributed early in May, if you would like to help, in any way, with the newsletter please contact Tony.

A public meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 30 March at 7.30pm. This meeting will discuss the formulation and production of a Parish Plan for Clopton. Annette Gray, the Rural Services Officer at Suffolk ACRE will give a presentation on the benefits of having a Parish Plan and will be able to answer any queries you may have. A Parish Plan is a blueprint drawn up by the residents for the future direction of the village and is very much a community project. All Clopton residents are invited to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place at 7pm on Thursday 18 May in the Village Hall. This meeting belongs to parishioners and is a chance to hear annual reports from the County and District elected representative, the Parish Council, the Police and local organisations. This is your chance to come along and hear what has been happening in Clopton during the past year and, more importantly, to let us know what you would like to see happening next year. This is your meeting; do not miss the opportunity to raise any issues

or concerns you may have. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

*Janet Clarke, Parish Clerk
Telephone Ipswich 830398*

CHURCH NEWS

The Quiz held on 11 February proved very successful. The £400 raised is to be divided between the church and a youth project at the village hall. We thank all those who worked behind the scenes preparing questions, food and tables, and equally all those who supported the event in any way.

The Coffee morning at Corner Farm, by kind invitation of Sylvia Freeman also proved a great success. There was a grand draw, a bring and buy, various competitions to keep us busy, resulting in £121 for church funds. Thanks go to all those who supported her in any way - a special thank you to Karen who came from Otley and, of course, special thanks to Sylvia for her hospitality.

Ladies Group

On 6 April Nicola Hobbs is giving a talk to Clopton Ladies Group about the Grundisburgh News and about the African charity, Send a Cow. The speaker for May has not yet been finalised.

Flower Festival

At the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May, we are holding a Flower Festival in Clopton church. As so many flowers are needed and we have only a small band of arrangers, we wonder if anyone would care to sponsor us.

If anyone feels able to help us decorate the church or help in any other way, we would be most grateful. We are having to hold a number of events in order to collect enough money to pay for the repair of cracks in the tower.

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Peggy Martin


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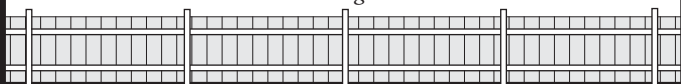
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Otley Offerings

UNDER 5'S GO BUILDING

So far this term the children at Otley Under 5's have had a great time learning nursery rhymes and exploring colours – renditions of Mary Mary Quite Contrary and Hickory Dickory Dock are echoing around Otley! They have been busy planting, waving their magic wands and making clocks.

The dental nurse visited the group. The children talked about good and bad food for teeth and learned a new song to the tune of Wheels on the Bus - The toothbrush on my teeth goes round and roundfor three minutes long. In case you were wondering!

And on 8 March the children visited Otley College to meet 'Bob The Builder'. The college is soon opening its new construction block and Bob was along to help out!

On 6 May we will be holding a wine tasting quiz, followed by an auction of promises, in Otley Village Hall. Details of auction lots and tickets will be on sale at Otley Post Office.

Sara Young

Parish Plan

Annette Gray from Suffolk Rural Services will be speaking on Wednesday 10 May in the Village Hall at 7.30pm about Otley's Parish Plan. Please come along to this important meeting which will launch the parish plan. This survey will be your

The Under 5's visit to Otley College's new construction block - meeting up with 'Bob the Builder'.

chance as a villager to have your say on the future shape of Otley. The survey may cover such issues as:

- what are your concerns for the village?
- what additional services would you like provided?
- what would you like the parish element of Council Tax spent on?

With new planning legislation currently under consideration by the district council, it is important that the parish council represents your views in these negotiations. The survey itself will be undertaken over the summer.

Parish Council AGM and Hubbards' relocation

Hubbards are looking to relocate to a new site away from Otley. This will result in the present premises being sold - either to another commercial user or, more likely, for redevelopment.

Picture removed

The company has approached the parish council for its views and the matter is to be discussed in full at the council's AGM. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 25 April at 7pm in the village hall.

The parish meeting belongs to you. It is your opportunity as residents to participate in local government, so do come along and make your views known and join in the debate. There are proposals for significant developments in Otley and it is important that villagers have their say in what is planned.

Richard Treloar

until 6pm. The owners and a historic guide will be available to answer any questions about the hall.

Otley Hall will also be open on Sunday 28 May and Sunday 27 August. Admission prices are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. For any further enquiries please contact me on 01473 890264.

Kat Pennington, administrator

Otley Hall

Otley Hall will be hosting its first open day of the year on Sunday 30 April. There will be Tudor dancing, children's arts and crafts and a bouncy castle.

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Grundisburgh Bowls Club

Grundisburgh Bowls Club will be opening for the new season in the latter part of April, weather permitting. This year we will only be playing in the Woodbridge league which will be six home games and six away, the dates of these will be published in The News and a list will be shown on the board at the club house.

There are also a number of club competitions, which will take place on the club green during the course of the season.

New members, anyone wishing to take up the game, or just to have a go to see if they like it, are most welcome.

On most Wednesday afternoons through the summer several members have a friendly roll-up, anyone who wishes to come along we start at 2pm.

For those who are unaware of where the club is, it is situated at the back of the car park behind the 'Dog'.

Mick Jones 738325

Reaching for the Top

The fortunes of Grundisburgh Football Club this season still remain in the ascendancy with a realistic chance of finishing at the top of the league.

With most of the other clubs in the running finding it difficult to string together a good run, it remains a case of finding some consistency.

Our recent matches have seen us lose two home games by the odd goal to Ransomes 2-3 and Haughley 0-1. Good performances at Leiston 4-1 and Framlingham 3-2 redressed the balance. Westerfield - the old enemy - proved a tough nut to crack, but Julian Beaumont's 15th

goal of the season earned us a point in our last Senior home game of the season.

Our remaining seven games are all on the road. But everything to play for.

At the time of writing the Reserves have at last hauled themselves off the bottom with three wins from 5 games. Phil Peck the manager is working hard to change the fortunes and the good news - we are scoring plenty of goals, Paul Miller has 27 already with 10 games to go.

A Golf Day was enjoyed on 10 March at the Seckford Golf Club.

The Social Committee have held another successful Quiz, and another is fixed for 25 March, (General Knowledge) 7.30pm at the club.

The Football Club Presentation will be held at the club on Friday 13 May, Fish and Chips/Karaoke, including Grand Draw. Tickets £8.

Robin Dale

Work to tennis courts delays start to season

The new season at Grundisburgh Tennis Club starts on Sunday 23 April, slightly later than usual to enable the courts to be cleaned. Painting is due to take place in May which means the courts will have to be closed for a few days. A notice will be put up at the courts and at Forge Stores once the dates are known.

The club will be entering a mixed team in the local league - and is keen to hear from more people who would like to play for Grundisburgh.

Ladies morning coaching sessions will again be run by John Ager (735541, j.ager@tesco.net). Sue Haddock can be contacted on 738872, suehaddock@dsl.pipex.com about other adult and junior coaching. There will be a reduction of 50% off coaching courses for juniors joining the club.

Membership rates for the 2006/7 season will be: juniors £23, seniors £55, couples £75 and families £93. Anyone paying before the end of April can benefit from last year's rates (£21, £53, £71 and £88 respectively).

The courts can be hired by non members through Old Forge Stores at £5 an hour. Leaflets and application forms will be available in local shops soon.

Monica Begg 738830, monica.begg@tdirect.net



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March the 19th marked the first anniversary of the new hosts at the Three Horseshoes in Charsfield.

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There is a fine selection of well-kept real ales, with guest beers changing on a regular basis, plus a list of forthcoming ales listed atop the bar. There is also a good selection of other beers and ciders available on draught or bottled, with wine available by the glass or bottle.

The pub has two reception areas. The main bar, which has a real fire and all the accoutrements of a pub - dartboard, ashtrays etc. and the bistro-style rear bar, which



Martin and Emma Jackson, hosts of The Three Horseshoes pub in Charsfield.

is smoke-free and where the majority of food is served. The menu is a respectable size and the food is traditional good quality 'Pub Grub' with good portions at a sensible price.

Over and above the dartboard, entertainment is frequently provided in the form of live music from local bands. One popular event is the 'Jam Night' where all are welcome, either to twang a suitable

stringed instrument, tinkle the ivories on the old Joanna, or to belt out their interpretation of some long lost Suffolk folk classic, it's really a lot of fun.

Martin and Emma are also keen fundraisers and contribute to many local charities, amongst which are EADT Children's Hospice, Charsfield Recreation Ground and Charsfield School playground fund. There is a Thursday night Darts Club and

all proceeds from this evening are put into the charity fund.

Whether you fancy a traditional meal of homemade shepherds pie or stew & roll washed down with good wine, or a couple of pints to unwind and chat with the locals, then the Three Horseshoes in Charsfield is a good venue.

*Tim Goddard,
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