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MARKING HISTORY

This year two of The News' villages are celebrating anniversaries of international importance.

Playford Church is the setting for a special service to mark 200 years since the Slave Trade Act was abolished, in which Thomas Clarkson, a resident of Playford Hall for 30 years, played a major part.

The 400th anniversary of the founding of the first English speaking colony in America is being celebrated in Otley because of its links with early settler Bartholomew Gosnold.

More information is included in this issue.

Age Concern leaves Grundisburgh

Staff of Age Concern Suffolk based in Grundisburgh's parish rooms have relocated and the office has closed. Unfortunately, due to cuts in funding from the county council and increasing costs in general, the charity has had to find ways of saving money which has resulted in office closures and several staff redundancies. Age Concern occupied the parish rooms from 1991 to January



GADS seasonal production of 'Dracula the Panto'. More on page 10.

2007, with a short break of two years in the mid nineties when it was sublet to another organisation. Originally its head office was based there until moving to Ipswich in 1994. The building has recently been occupied by the charity's development team and a number of other Age Concern services.

Maggie James, Age Concern's Development Officer said "We will really miss working in Grundisburgh, especially the local shops and the friendly people - it is a very special village with a very strong caring community spirit. We will keep in touch with everyone and, who knows, we may be back one day!"

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County council contact

Peter Bellfield, the county councillor serving all The News villages, would like to apologise to residents - he is under doctor's instructions to take a break because of illness. He has been advised to take no phone calls until mid February and not to resume his normal responsibilities until mid March.

Youth news

Grundisburgh Scouts now have a locked notice board on the Grundisburgh Village Green bus shelter where youth groups can display details about their activities. Pat Ross (01473 735352) can supply the key for notices to be put up.



An invitation ...

to The News annual
general meeting:

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News Diary

JANUARY

Friday 26th

GADS Panto GVH 7.30 pm.
Contact 738824.

Saturday 27th

Burns' Week Supper
Playford PH 7pm for 7.15pm.
Contact 735444.

GADS Panto GVH 2pm and
7.30pm. Contact 738824.

FEBRUARY

Friday 2nd

Grundisburgh Business Group Grundisburgh Dog
12.30-2pm. Contact 738267 or
738321.

Friday 9th

Chinese Evening Hasketon
VH 7.15pm. Contact 01394
610214.

Thursday 15th

Puss in Boots TuddenhamSt
Martin VH 7.45pm. Contact
785003.

Friday 16th

Puss in Boots As above

Saturday 17th

Puss in Boots 2.30pm and
7.45pm.

Tuesday 20th

'Inns and Inn Signs'
Grundisburgh Local History
Society GPR 7.45pm. Contact
738321.

Thursday 22nd

Ali Baba BADS Bredfield VH
7.30pm. Contact 01394
385629.

Friday 23rd

Ali Baba BADS as above.

Saturday 24th

Barn Dance and Supper
Otley Community Council
OVH 7.30 pm. Contact
890970 or 890283

Ali Baba BADS Bredfield VH
7.30pm. Contact 01394
385629.

Monday 26th

Talk Rubbish. Grundisburgh
Environment Group GPR
8pm. Contact 735641.

MARCH

Thursday 1st

'Pearls' Grundisburgh Burgh
& Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735088.

Friday 2nd

Grundisburgh Business Group Grundisburgh Dog
12.30-2pm. Contact 738267 or
738312.

Saturday 10th

Quiet Day Otley Hall. 10am-
4pm. Contact 890264.

Monday 12th

Grundisburgh Parish Council Meeting GPR
7.30pm. Contact 735541.

Tuesday 20th

'The River Deben and its History' Grundisburgh Local
History Society GPR 7.45pm.
Contact 738321

Friday 30th

'Any Number Can Die'
TOPS Otley VH 7.30pm.
Contact 890970.

News AGM GPR 8pm.
Contact 738866.

Saturday 31st

Chocolate Fair Playford PH
2-5pm. Contact 624077.

'Any Number Can Die' as
Friday.

APRIL

Monday 2nd

Burgh Parish Meeting BPR
(next to church) 8pm. Contact
735727.

Thursday 5th

'Barbeques and Meat'
Grundisburgh Burgh &
Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm.
Contact 735088.

Tuesday 17th

'How Britain's folk tales were saved' Grundisburgh
Local History Society GPR
7.45pm. Contact 738321

Saturday 21st

Bealings Plant Sale The
Manor House, Little Bealings
10am to midday. Contact
620865

Sunday 29th

Car Treasure Hunt iao
Bealings PF 2-4.30pm. To
book contact 614855.

MAY

Saturday 5th

Otley Flower Festival St
Mary's Church 10am-5pm.

Sunday 6th

Otley Flower Festival, as
Saturday

Special Open Day Otley Hall
1-5pm. Contact 890264.

Monday 7th

Otley Flower Festival, as
Saturday

Plant and Book Sale

Hasketon VH 2.30pm. Contact
01394 383106.

Sunday 27th

Open Day Otley Hall 1-5pm.
Contact 890264.

JUNE

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th

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

Saturday 30th

Playford Fete Hill House
Farm 2pm. Contact 624077.

JULY

Saturday 14th

Grundisburgh Village Show
GPF. Contact 738267.

Village Show dance GPF
8pm. Contact 735469.

AUGUST

Friday 3rd

Evening Garden Party
iao Grundisburgh Burgh &
Culpho Horticultural Society
Grundisburgh Hall. Contact
738330/738550.

Saturday 4th

Hasketon Village Fete
Contact 01394 388970.

Sunday 26th

Open Day Otley Hall 1-5pm.
Contact 890264.

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

*All codes are 01473 unless
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What's On

Bredfield Amateur Dramatic Society presents ... Ali Baba

Just when Christmas has become a distant memory and the short, dark days of winter seem to be lasting forever, BADS promise to transport you to a land of warmth and golden sunshine. The wicked thieves are frightening all the merchants and want a terrible revenge on Ali Baba for finding their treasure cave. Will they succeed, or will the dancing girls outwit the thieves and save Ali Baba's life?

To find out, come along to Bredfield

Village Hall for an evening of family entertainment, Thursday to Saturday, 22 to 24 February, at 7:30pm. Tickets for the Thursday are £2.50, for Friday and Saturday £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. They are available from Bredfield Village Shop or 'phone the Bence family on 01394 385629. We look forward to seeing you!

PUSS IN BOOTS IN TUDDENHAM

Rehearsals are well advanced for the Tuddenham panto, now in its 21st year. Once again it will provide an evening full of wit, merriment, song and surprise. Bring your children, your friends and have a great evening at Tuddenham St Martin Village Hall.

'Puss in Boots' is on for three nights only - 15, 16 and 17 February, starting at 7.45pm. There is also a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday 17th. Tickets are £4.50 for adults, £2.50 children, on sale from 1 February. Ring 01473 785003.

Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society's production of 'Dracula The Panto's last performances will be on

Saturday 27 January, at 2pm and 7.30pm. See page 10. Details of Otley Players' next production are on page 17.

Barn Dance in Otley

Otley Community Council is holding a barn dance and supper on Saturday 24 February at Otley Village Hall. We are delighted to have 'Workhouse' providing the music for what should be a very entertaining evening. There will be a licensed bar and doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 per head and can be purchased from Ruth (890970) or Diane (890283).

Chocoholics heaven

Playford is going chocolate mad on Saturday 31 March. A 'Chocolate Fair' takes place at Playford Parish Hall, starting at 2pm.

There will be cake stalls, a chocolate cake to taste with recipe, a chocolate fountain to try, as well as an Easter egg hunt for the children, and a chance to decorate your own Easter egg.

Teas will be served. The £1 entry fee per person includes the egg hunt; car parking is free.

Judith Dunnett, 01473 624077

BUMPER PLANT SALE

For a fifth year Bealings Plant Sale, will be hosted at The Manor House, Little Bealings, by the Willis family. It takes place on Saturday 21 April.

For the ten years before that it was at The Cottage, Great Bealings, and organised by Hugh Philbrick, the founder. It's a friendly occasion with a lovely village atmosphere, and people travel miles to come to it. There is an abundance of plants for sale for all types of gardens, and a cake and produce stall in the barn. Free refreshments will be served, also in the barn. And there is a large field to park in.

Everyone is welcome. The entrance is opposite The Admirals Head Pub, and the entry fee is £1 (all proceeds from the sale go to the church).

Anniversary flower festival

A maritime-themed flower festival will be held in St Mary's Church, Otley, this May Bank Holiday.

May 2007 marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, the first English-speaking colony in America. This is strongly linked to Otley, as the prime mover of the voyage, Bartholomew Gosnold, spent much of his time there, with many of his family living at Otley Hall, the family seat of the Gosnolds.

The festival will take place on 5, 6 and 7 May, coinciding with the celebrations at Otley Hall on the 6th (see page 16), and elsewhere in Suffolk. The festival will be open from 10am-5pm, and refreshments will be available.

PLAN EARLY TO WIN THE PRIZES

The class details for this year's Village Show in Grundisburgh are now published so that exhibitors can start planning their entries.

Copies can be collected from Grundisburgh Post Office or

on line through The News website, www.grundisburghnews.org.uk.

New classes this year include one for fresh eggs, and another for sloe gin or other fruit based alcohol: to encourage makers to keep their brew until the show, sponsorship is being arranged for the latter. The subjects for photographs - always the best entered classes - are for 'has seen better days', 'new life' and a village activity.

The latter is being sponsored by Maureen Hyde who hopes to incorporate some local entries into a calendar for 2008. However, like all the classes, they are open to people from outside as well as in Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho, and the photos can be from any village.

The show itself is on Saturday 14 July. The society also runs other events to subsidise the show (the marquee is very expensive to hire). Hidden Gardens is on the weekend of 16 and 17 June, and Wendy Witt (735932) is the initial contact for anyone interested in opening their garden.

Richard Garrett will again be running the dance in the marquee after the show, and the annual evening garden party is returning to Grundisburgh Hall, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Cranworth. This will be on Friday 3 August.

Nicola Hobbs, secretary, Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, 01473 738267, hobbs@fast-mail.net



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NEWS TRIBUTES

Ken Tuckwell, January 1930 to December 2006

One of seven children, Ken was born in Raydon and started work as a trainee mechanic at the age of 14. He joined the Navy at 16, but was invalidated out after a short time, having contracted TB. Periods of treatment followed over a number of years and he eventually had a lung removed. This was just six months after Ken and Maisie married.

They moved to Grundisburgh in 1966, when Brigitte and Joy were aged six and four years



respectively. Ken ran the garage in Ipswich Road as well as building up a large land draining and contracting business for over 30 years. At its peak, the business employed 35 men and a large amount of heavy machinery. Contracts included the dressage arena at Helmingham Hall, the clearing and grading of land at BT in Martlesham, flood defence projects on the Deben and drainage work to



May (right) with Fred and her sister Iris at their grand-daughter Elaine's wedding last July.

ITFC's practice ground. When he was retiring, Ken spent a lot of time and no small amount of money making sure the remaining workers found other employment.

The ten years of Ken's retirement were spent in poor health, but he always managed to keep cheerful and loved the company of his six grandchildren. His last five days were in St Elizabeth's Hospice where staff looking after him included his niece, Glynis.

May Quinton, February 1929 to November 2006

May Quinton was born in a coal mining village called Dinnington in Yorkshire, and met Fred, a long time Grundisburgh resident, in a park after asking him the time. Fred was in the forces then, and he got May a job in the old hospital in Ivy Street, Ipswich, where she served meals to doctors and worked in dining rooms. She lodged with Fred's mother in between (she was only 16).

When Fred came out of the forces, they married in Yorkshire, and in 1948 came back to Grundisburgh. Fred

and May had to wait six years to get a new bungalow, No 36 Orchard End, and lived there ever since. May loved the bungalow, and Fred produced a lovely garden.

May worked at Mr Nisams at Bridge House for 11 years, before becoming a home help until Fred retired.

She used to enjoy going all over the country by car on holidays. As they became older they went on coach trips, and Fred would take May out to lunch nearly every Sunday. She had diabetes and was suffering with angina attacks which got worse.

Family thanks see page 18.

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel

I would just like to highlight the various meetings we regularly hold during the week at Grundisburgh Chapel.

All ladies are welcome to our Ladies' Meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 2.30pm. It takes the format of a short service with visiting speakers, followed by refreshments and time to chat.

Chapel Club caters for children of primary school

age, and is held on Tuesdays from 6.15 to 7.15pm. Seekers, which has just moved to Tuesdays (for the time being at least) from 7 to 8.30pm, is for those who are 10 or above. Both groups are a good introduction to the Christian faith coupled with a variety of different activities, including some outings for the Seekers group. They are also absolutely free (except for the outings) and all children/young people are welcome.

If anyone needs transport to any of these meetings please contact me.

We also invite you to our 209th church anniversary service on 31 March at 7pm.

Colin Grimwood, 738836/56

THE WELL CHAPEL, WITNESHAM

Once upon a time, many years ago - in the early 1200's to be roughly precise, a Richard Weyland built a Free Chapel dedicated to St Thomas on the north side of Witnesham. Divine Service was held there regularly until it was demolished around 1485-1505 apparently because of a tithe dispute.

That chapel "as gesture that rises up out of the depths of time" is the inspiration behind the recently opened Well Chapel at the top of America Hill/Mow Hill, and which is dedicated to St. Raphael, the Archangel of Healing. Likewise a Free Chapel, the Holy Eucharist is celebrated the first Sunday of every month at 11am, and a Healing Service every third Sunday at 11am.

The Revd Charles Mugleston, The Well Chapel, Paradise Now, Mow Hill, Witnesham, 01473 785 672



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GRUNDISBURGH CARNIVAL MEMORIES

For several years in the sixties Grundisburgh Carnival was the highlight of the year. Here are some of the pictures kindly lent to The News. The processions started at Pipes Corner bus stop after gathering outside the old Half Moon pub. They made their way past The Green, where families lined up on both sides to watch, up to the playing field where there were stalls and other activities, and the prizes were awarded to the best floats.

From time to time we hope to reproduce more photos and spark nostalgic memories. Margaret Quinton is collecting the material for future issues - which can be passed direct to her or via The News.



Top left: Apollo 10 spacemen float in 1969 carnival: Karen Paternoster (Pearson), Marion Girling, Judith Quinton (Rayfield):

Above left: Carnival Queen Jill Jessup (Osborne) with Kathy Godden (Turner) and Jane Rayfield (Milldown).

Right: Gypsy camp with Renee Rayfield and grandchildren, Shirley Grey with sons, and Doris Grey, her mother-in-law.

Top: In the Brownies float from left: Josephine Lankester, Margaret Martin (now Quinton), Sheree Rook (Lambert), Susan Nicholls, Trudy Billsberry, Elaine Frost, Judy Quinton (Rayfield), Wendy Quinton (Page), Janice Spurling and Sarah Foulger.

Above right: Tracey Mutimer (Kearney).

Above left: The 'fertility wagon' with John and Pam Cameron and their son Brian.

Left 'Tulip Time' - any information will be welcomed.

MARKING BICENTENARY OF THE ABOLITION OF THE SLAVE TRADE ACT

Playford will be joining in the national commemorations by marking the 200th anniversary of the Slave Trade Act being abolished. There will be a commemoration service at Playford Church at 3pm on Sunday 25 March. This will be an address by The Diocesan Bishop, Richard Lewis and the singing led by the benefice choir and members of the Bond Street Seventh Day Adventist choir. All are welcome to attend.

This is because Thomas Clarkson, one of the founding fathers of the abolition movement which started in the 1780s, lived at Playford Hall for 30 years until his death in 1846. Clarkson was the 'originator' and Secretary of the Committee for the Abolition of the African Slave Trade, formed in 1787, and he was the architect of the ensuing campaign. As the fact-

finder who scoured the slave ports of London, Bristol, Liverpool and Hull, he reported back to this committee, and it was this committee that appointed Wilberforce to take up the cause in Parliament.

Sadly, history has not been kind to Clarkson. His endeavours have been overshadowed by those of Wilberforce whose name remains synonymous with abolition itself. While Wilberforce undoubtedly had a higher profile in the House of Commons, it was a biography of their father by his two sons that deliberately set out to destroy Clarkson's reputation so that they could exaggerate their father's contribution way beyond anything that he himself would have wished. Published in five volumes and

containing thousands of original documents it has ever since been assumed to be the authoritative version but it has never been read with the caution that it deserves. It was ten years before the brothers made an apology but it was never made public, and

Clarkson - being too modest to indulge in open argument - allowed the record to stand.



But how did he come to live in Playford? Born at Wisbech, educated at Cambridge and married to Catherine Buck from Bury St Edmunds, he was very much an East Anglian and it was while in Bury that he became friendly with the Marquis of Bristol - a fellow liberal and alumnus of St John's College Cambridge. Clarkson needed an income to support his abolition work and his great friend Bristol, a large landowner in the county, conveniently had a vacancy at Playford Hall, then a farm of some 340 acres.

There is, though, an occasional misunderstanding over what it is that is being commemorated. It is not the abolition of slavery which came later in 1833, it is the abolition of the slave trade.

Clarkson's committee of 1787 considered that the only effective way to end the suffering was to make the trade illegal by banning British ships from carrying human cargoes to the American and West Indian colonies where slavery had become a way of life. Slaves were regarded as any other form of possession and the abolition of the ingrained right to own them was considered too great a challenge in the early part of the campaign.

It was to be another 26 years before total emancipation was achieved and, when the the Slavery Abolition Act was finally passed in 1833, plantation owners in the Caribbean were awarded £20m in compensation for their 'loss of property' while the slaves, of course, received nothing at all.

Brian Seward, Church Lane, Playford

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Why doesn't
the council
do something
about it?

Do you ever say this?

If so, why not stand for election to your local parish council and influence what they do?

Elections are being held this May. A booklet 'How to become a Parish or Town Councillor' is available from Suffolk Coastal District Council offices in Melton Hill, Woodbridge, or from parish clerks.

You are eligible if you are 21 or over, live or work within three miles of the parish in which you are standing and are on the electoral roll. Nomination papers have to be submitted by 3 April.

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Recycling spectacles

There's a bag in the porch of St Mary's church, Grundisburgh, in which you can put unwanted spectacles. They are sorted and cleaned, and then go to help people in the developing world.

Over 200 have been collected so far and we'd be delighted to have more.

Dee Hibble, GrEG Secretary. 01473 735641 g.hibble1@btinternet.com

Insulation grants

As I write this, the wind is whistling round the house, trying its best to suck heat out of it. But failing because we've had insulation put into our cavity walls. It made such a difference.

I also know that loft insulation really helps to keep a house cosy in winter. The recommended thickness for that pink loft insulation is now 12 ins (~30 cm) - the same as a standard school ruler. That's so much thicker than most of us currently have.

Earlier this year, the Grundisburgh Environment Group - GrEG - arranged for grant application forms to be put into The Grundisburgh News. Dozens of households took up the offer.

Grants for able-to-pay households are getting more difficult to get, but there's still plenty of money for those in receipt of certain benefits and/or credits.

GrEG wanted to ensure that

people on low incomes could discuss their benefits/credits confidentially and with someone outside the area, so they have arranged that the Ipswich and Suffolk Credit Union handle the administration.

If you want a Home Insulation Application Form, GrEG has put them in all post offices in The News' area. Alternatively, 'phone the Ipswich and Suffolk Credit Union on 01473 690690.

Frances Green, chairman, GrEG

Recycling cartridges

Sense is a charity helping to raise money for DeafBlind children in the UK. Just by donating your old inkjet cartridges, Sense will receive at least £2.50 for every usable empty inkjet cartridge.

Please drop them in to me at 7 Post Mill Gardens,



An invitation to come and talk rubbish with GrEG

The Grundisburgh Environment Group invite you to an evening of talks and discussion on waste, recycling and what happens to the contents of bins and recycling banks

with Mark Deer, Suffolk County Council
Daniel Waring, Suffolk Coastal District Council
8 pm Monday 26 February Parish Rooms,
Grundisburgh

RSVP GrEG Secretary: Dee Hibble
g.hibble1@btinternet.com 01473 735641



Grundisburgh, preferably in their boxes. Mobile phones can also be put to good use.

Paul Garwood, 01473 735654

Reducing rubbish

The Suffolk Waste Partnership (made up of the district and county councils) is encouraging people to reduce the amount of junk mail they throw away. Householders can avoid direct mail (addressed to named recipients) by registering with the Mailing Preference Service by ringing 0845 7034599 or www.mpsonline.org.uk.

DOG CLOSES ON MONDAYS

The Grundisburgh Dog is now trading on new winter opening hours. We will be closed on Mondays, but are trading fully in both food and drinks for the other six days of the week.

We hope this does not disappoint too many people

but it is essential that we have time to develop the business and complete works. It will enable us to keep the business driving forward and make The Dog (your local) one of the best pubs in Suffolk.

There's lots happening at The Dog in the forthcoming months. Please pop in and collect an events calendar. And thank you for your continued support

James and Charles Rogers

Otley College launches new courses

Otley College is launching a brand new set of 'Leisure Learning' courses starting in early 2007 and saying goodbye to the popular head of this department.

Sally Butler from Burgh - who is leaving the college after 13 years - has been in charge of leisure learning for the last four. Her final programme will offer over 100 courses in subjects ranging from angel workshops to art, and eBay to family trees.

So far over 4000 students have participated in our courses, and our eldest student is currently an 80-year-old dressmaker. Brochures can be obtained by ringing 01473 784206 or emailing info@otleycollege.ac.uk.



John Nice

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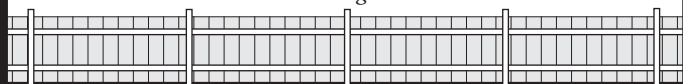
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Rehoming retired greyhounds



Terry and Jack Spark

I'd heard that greyhounds had a lovely temperament and made great pets, so when I lost my last dog 'Bobby' the lurcher and was left with a big dog sized hole in my life I contacted the retired greyhound trust and met Kevin and Sally who run the local Ipswich branch.

I went along to the kennels and met 'Jack Spark' a lovely fawn dog. After a home visit, Kevin and Sally brought him to me. He settled in very quickly to home life and bonded within a few days.

Greyhounds are called 40mph couch potatoes, laying around, they only need two 20 minute walks a day - but do enjoy longer ones of course!

New owners are never alone as Kevin and Sally are always there to offer advice and support. Greyhounds really do make marvellous pets. If you're interested in giving a greyhound a loving home, Kevin and Sally can be contacted on 01473 420232 or www.Greyhoundhomer.org.uk.

*Kevin Lambert, Post Mill Orchard,
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This photo was lent to Jane Awad by June Mayes (nee Parris) who was born in Grundisburgh in the thirties and lived in Squeech Cottage. Sadly on the death of her father, June and family had to move and so went to Ipswich. She now lives with her husband in a thatched cottage in Hitcham near Stowmarket, but has never forgotten her early years in Grundisburgh.

In the picture is Priscilla Copping (June's great grandmother), Elizabeth Copping (grandmother), Dorothy Copping (June's mother who was born in 1911).

The Golden Club turns 50

The Grundisburgh Golden Club held a party in January to celebrate its anniversary. The club was founded by Pamela, mother of Humphrey Lyttleton, 50 years ago. We had a wonderful meal cooked by caterers. The raffle and music followed this, provided by Frank Hercliffe who also played requests and some of the members danced. The chairman Mary Thompson, was thanked for all her hard work, and everybody had a wonderful time.

The club meets every fourth Thursday at 2.30pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall. We have speakers and quizzes and outings. New members are very welcome; the only requirement is that you are 50 or over. If you would like any information, Mary Thompson would be very pleased to help: 01473 735650.

Maisie Caryer

WI NEWS

In December Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members were greeted in a beautifully decorated village hall for our Christmas party. We were entertained by Ally who did some amazing things with balloons, followed a buffet supper, and a great time was had by all.

January started on a more serious note when Raza Ahmed, director of Day Services and Counselling for East Suffolk Mind, gave a talk. He informed us that at least 300 people out of a thousand will suffer mental health problems every year, out of which 250 will consult their GP. Rather alarming statistics!

Our speaker at the next meeting will be Mrs Griffiths on 'The Fun of B&Bs' which will be held in Grundisburgh Parish Room at 7.30pm on 1 February. All are welcome.

Peggy Gandy



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Grundisburgh Gleanings

A stroll in the dark

The Footpaths Committee of Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council is delighted to report that our first ever evening walk, on 20 December, was an astounding success. Over 60 people of all ages and levels of fitness took part in a circular walk round the fields in the dark. It was great - the weather was cold but dry, and the fields were not too muddy.

Best of all was the planned stop at Little Thatch where Richard and Libby Cooper provided shelter for us to rest and enjoy the mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls.

We must thank Susannah Roberts for giving us the idea, having 'stolen' it from her sister's village, and the Coopers for their kindness and hospitality on the evening. Members of the committee and friends served the drink and food, which had been provided by the parish council.

All in all a fantastic evening which hopefully will become a regular feature.

Don't forget our regular Sunday afternoon walks on the second Sunday of each month starting on Grundisburgh Green at 2pm. Anyone can just turn up - the next ones are on 11 February and 11 March. Volunteers are needed to lead these two walks, if anyone can help they should please contact me or Peter Brunning (735481). Walks usually last one and a half to two hours, with short cuts home usually possible if you get tired.

*Sally Grahm, Chair, Footpaths Committee,
01473 738219*

Church Christmas party

Grundisburgh Church hosted a Christmas Party for village children again this year. It was slightly different from last year's party, in that the younger children had their fun before tea and older children after. Tea was provided by many villagers and crackers were popping all



around the festive tables, overseen by helpers.

Then Clive and Ann Willetts, with their band of helpers, provided great fun for the older children with games and competitions. Music was provided all through by Iain Langdon - and a good time was had by all! Singing, dancing Santa was brought along by the kind gentleman, again, and greeted the children cheerfully. The hall was beautifully decorated.

Without all the support received, the children would not have had this party. Thank you very much to all those who were involved.



Warming up at Little Thatch, from top left: Pauline Mayhew and Simon Crowe; Hannah Roberts, Bob Crouch and Kate Bolton; Peter Brunning of the parish council's footpath sub-committee.

AGE CONCERN LEAVES GRUNDISBURGH

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Age Concern will continue to run all its services and to seek funds to expand some in order to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of older people in Suffolk.

The main contact number for Age Concern's services is 01473 257039. An information and help desk is open 9-5, Monday to Friday, at 8 Northgate Street, Ipswich.

Maggie James added, "We need to continue to fundraise to maintain and expand our support for elderly people. If anyone would like to help us by making donations or by organising a fundraising event, I would be very grateful if they would contact me on 01473 230413 or by email: maggie.james@ageconcernsuffolk.org.uk."

The top floor of the parish rooms is now being redecorated and refurbished. On completion the trustees will be advertising for new tenants. Anyone interested in renting it should contact Peter Brunning 01473 735481.

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GADS SCORE WITH 'DRACULA THE PANTO'

The captain's understudy did not have his own costumes. The show started 15 minutes late; there was also a scenery malfunction, which meant another quarter of an hour wait. Timings were missed due to audience reactions, etc. etc. This was the third preview of 'The Sound of Music'.

However Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic's panto was so slick, so professional, so wonderful - and cost my family £26, not £460.

I asked them what they liked about it. Lauren 11, loved the singing. Georgia 8, loved the farting. Olivia 5, loved everything. Adam 35, the wonderful pastiche on Fantasia. Julie 38, liked the intricate and hilarious singing routines, Dorothy 89 loved the incredibly beautiful sets. Wow!

Sheila Caryer



Clockwise from top:
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Kate Adams, Vicky
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THE COTTON CLUB



Clockwise from top left:
The double bed quilt which is the top prize in the raffle;
Selecting the quilts for the exhibition;
Cotton Club members at work in Bredfield Village Hall;
The child's cot quilt which is also being raffled.
Photos in the hall taken by Wendy Witt

The Cotton Club meets at Bredfield Village Hall on the third Wednesday evening of each month. Inaugurated in 1993, the club promotes the love and creativity of patchwork and quilting through inspiration provided by local and international speakers and demonstrators.

We currently have around 60 members. We also hold twice monthly workshop days where like-minded quilters, sewers and knitters can meet up for a chat, seek advice on their projects and generally beaver away in congenial surroundings.

From time to time the club undertakes to support charity; in the past, it has held a two-day 'Quiltathon' to support British Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine. This year it's the turn of East Anglian Children's Hospices with the staging of a quilt show. This is being held in the Community Centre, Station Road, Woodbridge, from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 February. Everyone is welcome to come along and view the handiwork of our members and associated quilt groups or individuals from all over East Anglia. It is open between 10am and 4pm.

A raffle, refreshments and a warm welcome are on offer as well as an opportunity to purchase some of the exquisite work that will be on show. Admission is £2.50 (accompanied children free).

If you would like to join us at our monthly meetings please just come along to Bredfield Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm or call our chairman, Valerie Winchester on 01394 441564, to obtain details.

We look forward to welcoming you. Membership of the Cotton Club is £10 per year plus £2.50 per meeting when attending. Guests pay £4 when they come.

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Hasketon Highlights

Christmas time in Hasketon was well celebrated. People had gone to a lot of trouble to put Christmas trees in their front windows and add lights to their houses with reindeer chasing across the sky and Father Christmas climbing up to the chimney pot.

The church, illuminated by candles and bedecked with holly and other Christmas flowers, welcomed a happy congregation for the traditional service of carols and nine lessons. On Christmas Eve it was packed with children and their families for the Crib service. During their special time, the children wore angel and shepherd costumes, and it was great to see them help Clare recall the Christmas story. Midnight communion and the family service in the morning were also well attended.

The Christmas dance, organised by Norman and Pat Kerridge in the brightly decorated Victory Hall, had been a great success - good company, live catchy music, delicious filled rolls and of course the welcoming bar. It was great to see a good crowd from the village and their friends, many of whom found the rhythm continually enticing them to the dance floor.

Our Beetle Drive for the children took place in January, and now we are looking forward to the Chinese Evening on 9 February, when we shall offer a Chinese supper (or English for those not keen on such foreign fare)

followed by a talk with slides by Andrew Woods. Tickets cost £15 from 01394 610214 or 388970)

Our monthly St Andrews Village Lunch is always thoroughly enjoyed by between 35 and 40 of us. The Christmas lunch, in mid December, was no exception, because Maurice and Miriam Buchanan, with the aid of their faithful helpers, prepared a truly delicious three-course meal with all the trimmings. Afterwards, Roy Taylor presented them with gifts showing our appreciation.

The WI's Christmas buffet supper was followed by an enthralling talk by Deborah Preston about her long career in hotel housekeeping. She had started as a receptionist at the age of 20 and rose to being the Executive Housekeeper for the Grosvenor House Hotel and then the London Hilton. Looking after 171 house-keeping staff with a wage bill of £2.75m, spending £180,000 on uniforms and a mere £160,000 on flowers, seem daunting to us mortals.

Coming down to earth, the Victory Hall is all but refurbished. Fitting the new heaters, buying comfortable chairs and repainting the inside of the hall should complete the job. We are now ready for the hard-of-hearing with loudspeakers and a loop system. To hire the hall on a one-off or regular basis, please contact Heidi Hughes on 01394 386297.

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Clopton Chat

The parish council reports

At its meeting on 18 January Clopton Parish Council received complaints of dog fouling on the public rights of way and would remind all dog owners of their responsibility to clean up after their dogs, for the health of the whole community. It is an offence under the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 for a dog owner not to do so and owners could be liable for a hefty fine. The parish council is looking into further measures.

The council agreed to increase its precept by £250 for the financial year 2007/8. Any shortfall will be covered from reserves. The aim is to produce a three-year financial plan in line with the needs of the local community.

It is pressing for a position statement on the B1078/1079 junction alterations and the provision of a footway at Potash Corner. A request for the creation of a footway between Shop Road to the bus stop will be taken up the parish council with Suffolk County Council.

Parish council member Mrs Sylvia Freeman is the local transport representative; a copy of a revised bus timetable, which starts on 27 February, will be placed in the bus shelter and on both parish notice boards.

Local elections take place on the 3 May when most district, town and parish council seats come up for re-election. Clopton Parish Council welcomes nominations from parishioners interested in joining the council. Details of the procedure for nominations are on page 6.

Scheduled meetings of Clopton Parish Council for 2007 will take place at 7.30pm in Clopton Village Hall (unless stated otherwise) on:

Thursday 15 March
Thursday 17 May at 7pm (this is the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)
Thursday 19 July
Thursday 20 September
Thursday 15 November

Any extraordinary or other unplanned meetings will be notified as soon as possible.

Janet Clarke, Parish Clerk, 01473 830398, janetinclydon@aol.com

CHURCH NEWS

The weather stayed fine for the Christmas services, which made travelling easy. At the Gift Service there were some lovely toys which were later taken to the Deben Family Centre in Woodbridge. The money on the tree resulted in £36.50 being sent to the Children's Society. Everyone enjoyed mince pies, coffee and a chat afterwards.

There was a good congregation at the Midnight

Service when we were delighted to have Helen Jay as organist. The service was taken by Joy and Nigel.

We have just heard of the death of the Rev Frank Rowell who was rector here with Otley, Ashbocking and Swilland before retiring to Melton.

Whilst here he wrote a history of the church which is on sale there. He also researched many of the graves - not such an easy thing to do before computers. He also made the red candle sticks which we put up every Christmas. He was very good at catching mice too - one year he caught 50!

We remember him with great affection, and send our

condolences to his wife Phyllis, who also made a great contribution to our church with her lovely embroidery, which we treasure.

Peggy Martin

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

An enjoyable evening was spent dancing to 'In Step' with caller Phil Smith when 80 people saw the New Year in at Clopton Village Hall, raising £495 for the Wet Weather Hut at the Scout Camp, Nacton. Everyone took a plate of food to share. The variety was excellent and the quantity huge! Why not make a note in your diary and join us next year.

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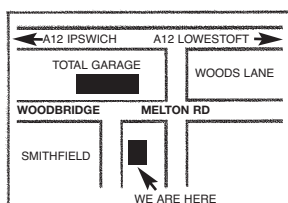
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Bealings Bylines

Little Bealings Parish Council

Notes from meeting on 27 November

Parish plan: It was agreed to invite Playford PC, as well as Great Bealings PC, to the next meeting so that a joint plan could be considered.

Police matters: Visitors to village halls were reminded to lock their cars and not to leave valuables in them. There had been a break in to 11 businesses at Mallard House, though little had been stolen.

Footpaths: Suffolk County Council (SCC) had agreed to extra funding so that cutting had continued later in the year than usual. George Ball's invoice for the work during 2006 was paid. Details of the works for the proposed footpath to Great Bealings and a draft licence were still waited from SCC.

Highways: In view of continuing concern about traffic volume and speed it was agreed to discuss traffic management issues with representatives from Great Bealings and Playford PCs at the next meeting.

Planning: It was agreed that, unless a PC meeting was due to take place, responses to planning application consultations would be determined at specially convened meetings of the PC. Meetings would take place in the Bealings Village Hall Committee Room and plans would be available for public inspection for 15 minutes

before the start of each meeting.

Communication: Development of the PC's website was continuing on www.onesuffolk.co.uk. It was agreed to send all parishioners a Christmas card and message about the PC's role and work.

Meetings in 2007: Parish council elections will be held in 2007. It was agreed that there will be six PC meetings in 2007, on 15 January, 5 March, 14 May, 9 July, 10 September and 12 November. starting at 7.30pm in the Bealings Village Hall Committee Room. Up to the first 15 minutes of each meeting would be set aside for parishioners to raise any matters of concern with councillors. The meeting on 5 March 2007 will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at 7pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall. The meeting provides an opportunity for the PC and local groups to report on their activities during the last year and for parishioners to discuss any matter they wish. Any group wishing to participate should contact the Clerk.

Finance: New bank signatories were agreed. SALC's invoice for councillor training was paid. The budget for 2007/08 was agreed, with an increase in the precept to £4,000.

Carol Ramsden, Clerk, 01473 610088,
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Bealings Bylines

Fundraising for the playing field

Our first year of fundraising for the John Belstead Playingfield was rounded off by two very successful events at Bealings Village Hall.

In September we held a Curry and Quiz night, which was attended by more than 70 people. The quiz was brilliantly devised and delivered by Chris Mason. Alasdair and Harriet McEwan and Rohit Sharma cooked up a delicious spice-fest of different dishes, while Chris Cook and Emily Lynch displayed clinical precision in their management of the well-used bar table. The quiz was a keenly fought contest, with the Davis/Hall-Wright table emerging as the eventual winners. The event raised £602 for playingfield funds. Many thanks to all who helped, ate, drank and competed.

In November we concentrated our efforts on the Casino/Auction of Promises. As the new James Bond film hit cinemas a team of charity croupiers hit Bealings Village Hall, which had received a casino makeover for the evening. With blackjack, roulette and horserace videos to bet on and a case of champagne for the winner, chips were won and lost faster than you can say 007. After a hectic session the dapper croupiers needed a break, so



Dishing up the curry.

the Auction of Promises took centre stage. Edward Fletcher used his wit and charm to persuade the punters to lighten their pockets in aid of the playingfield. Bottles of wine and boxes of vegetables (to name only two lots), together with skills and services offered by local people all went under the hammer to raise a magnificent £1899, with every single lot sold. Many thanks to all those who donated and those who bought, and most of all to Edward Fletcher.

After that it was back to the gaming tables where a number of high rollers battled it out for the case of champagne, which was won on the last spin of the roulette wheel by an all-or-nothing pile of chips placed on a single number by Sarah Youngman.

Including ticket sales and bar takings the total raised on the evening was £2291, bringing the total for 2006 to more than £5000. This is a very impressive total, and as well as providing a big financial boost to playingfield funds, it shows

that the community is giving the project its full and enthusiastic support.

Enthusiasm for car washing faded with the arrival of autumn. We had one session in October which raised £97. Further sessions have been postponed until the spring.

Dates for your diary:

29 April - Search Bealings and local villages for clues in a car treasure hunt (2.30-4.30pm), followed by tea in Bealings Village Hall.

17 June - Orwell Sponsored Charity Walk (www.orwellwalk.org.uk). Join a team from Bealings walking along the banks of the Orwell a minimum of 3 miles and maximum 25 miles!

7 July - 'Bealing's got Talent' Evening - a village variety extravaganza, a chance to show off your entertainment skills (and enjoy everyone else's!).

More details of events will be included in future issues.

Malcolm Watson, 01473 614855

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Winners of Crossroads 100+ Club draw in December were M.Richman, Hasketon £15 and B.Taylor, Clopton £10 and in January L.Pettitt, Woodbridge £15 and W.Wood, Foxhall £10. There are still a few available £6 tickets for 2007 to support this charity. Please phone Katherine Smith on 01394 388970.

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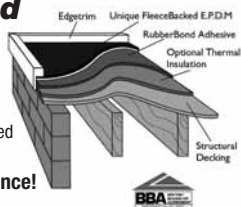
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Activities at Otley Hall

2007 looks set to be an exciting year for all at Otley Hall. It is the 400th anniversary of Bartholomew Gosnold's founding of Jamestown in Virginia, the first English speaking colony in America. Otley Hall was the family seat of the Gosnolds for many years and it has been said that some of the talks to plan the voyage were carried out at the hearthside of the Great Hall.

Many events are being planned across the region and in America. Otley Hall will be holding a very special open day on 6 May. This will include Tudor dancing, children's activities and guided history tours of the house and gardens.

Another exciting development for the hall is a big increase in the scheduled number of 'Quiet Days' being held. Owner Catherine Beaumont is a practising Christian and feels that Otley Hall has been given to her to share with others. For this reason she holds quiet

days for people of all faiths and no faiths. They are for anyone who needs space and time to reflect. They are an opportunity to grow spiritually and a chance to relax in beautiful surroundings. The days are guided, include silence, and they give the opportunity for peace and the chance to enjoy peaceful walks through the gardens. Refreshments and lunch are provided.

We held six of these days in 2006, we have doubled our number of dates for 2007 after being inundated with bookings last year. The first of these is on Saturday 10 March and is entitled 'Seeing Salvation: Reflections on Luke's Gospel in Art'.

Otley Hall is the perfect location for dream weddings and has just been granted its licence to hold civil ceremonies.

With all this going on, more staff to help with the running of the home and with events at Otley Hall are being sought. A part-time housekeeper is needed five mornings a week from 9am-1pm to carry out general household duties including cleaning, laundry and ironing. Casual staff are also needed to serve and help run events.

For more information on events or on the staff vacancies, please contact me.

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See page 3 for details of the flower festival celebrating Otley's American links.

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Otley Offerings

Scouts help unveil the war memorial

On Saturday 11 November, Otley Scouts went to the unveiling of the Otley War Memorial. Three Otley Scouts carried flags. There were a lot of war veterans who layed wreaths of poppies. We sang some hymns. The Woodbridge Excelsior Brass Band played. There were a lot of friends and family of the war veterans. There was food and drink at the Village Hall after the unveiling.

Gabriel Powell (Blue Six, Otley Cubs) age 10

...and support Children in Need

Otley Scout group held a fund raising evening for Children in Need on 16 November. The Beavers had made chocolate wreaths and the Cubs Pudsey biscuits and truffles to sell. The Scouts organised some games.

The evening itself raised £80 but all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders were also doing a sponsored bike ride during the evening. Every member cycled for two minutes to see how far we could ride, on an exercise bike, in 90 minutes. We managed 33.64 miles and so far have raised £225. Thanks to all who came along and supported us at this event.

Jayne Vaughan (Akela)



Rehearsing March's murder mystery.



Above: Brian Childs (Otley Group Scout Leader) presented Nicholas Ling with his Silver Chief Scout award at Otley Church Parade in December.

IN PRAISE OF THE PLAYERS

It never ceases to amaze me ... the effort and commitment given by members of village drama groups. I don't just mean the hardworking performers on stage that generally, it is

assumed, will provide props, costumes and put everything else in life on hold so as to learn lines and rehearse in return for the glory of treading the boards.

There is a whole network of people who are drawn in, unseen heroes with loads of experience that will give time, energy and enthusiasm.

October 2006 saw the Otley Players present 'Wyrd Sisters' by Terry Pratchett, and I experienced again first hand the amazing transformation from first read through to last performance. The work involved in directing, the planning, the forgetting of lines and the sometimes flagging belief that it will be "alright on the night".

Why put oneself under so much stress and pressure? I needed to answer this question, as we have started the rehearsals for our March production of the mystery comedy 'Any Number Can

Die' by Fred Carmichael.

The answer for me is being part of a team that is committed to the one end, the entertainment of the public who support their endeavours. The unseen stage builders, the lighting and sound effect wizard, the unsung prompt, the people who organise and man the bar, the people who sell tickets and who print the tickets, the families whose lives are taken over by rehearsal schedules:

I could go on and on. They all slot in and join with the guys on stage and becoming one organised whole. Everyone helping everyone else and enjoying being part of the team is an experience in a village that is worth so much.

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Sporting stories

Grundisburgh Football Club still going strong

The season moves on apace for Grundisburgh Football Club and every week seems to throw up a big match for one of the two sides.

The first team are involved in both cups and it looks a two horse race between for the Senior Division title with Haughley. Playing a style of

football that has proved too strong and fluent for most opponents the side have gone eleven games unbeaten and only just 90 minutes of football and Debenham LC stand in the way of another trip to Portman Road in May.

However nobody is counting their chickens at this stage. There will be a lot of football and hard work between now and the end of season.

The reserves recently lost their first match since September's opening day of the season and in so doing ended their interest in this year's Suffolk Reserve Cup. However, they are still involved in the League Cup and Reserve Division title so there is still much to play for.

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Thank you letters

The 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group would like to thank everyone involved in our Christmas coffee morning on 9 December, for their help with the stalls, cakes/produce, tombola items, bric-brac and draw prizes. The event raised £178.15 for our funds, and we are very grateful to all volunteers, particularly Brownies/Guides, Cubs/Scouts/Explorers for their hard work, time and effort. If anyone would like details regarding our scout group please contact us.

*Stuart Ross, Scouter-in-Charge, 07855
089520 and Pat Ross, Scout Group
Secretary 01473 735352*

Many thanks to all the carol singers and everyone who contributed so generously to the Children's Society. We collected £175.66 singing around around Grundisburgh on two nights before Christmas.

Hilary Hill

Once again Santa visited Grundisburgh and enjoyed seeing lots of children in his Grotto on 16 December. Our thanks go to Martin Hunt for providing steam traction engine rides, Ann Willetts for giving her time and talents for face painting, and lots of other helpers, especially 'Santa'. Your support was much appreciated

Marion and Dennis Pratt

A sincere thanks to readers who have supported The Home Farm Trust (HFT) these past few weeks. The sale of Christmas cards went well to

the extent 9,495 were sold and profits of £5,895 earned, with the Round Table and Grange Farm Shop being the largest outlets. The latter is particularly generous to us and other charities throughout the year in that they do not charge a penny for selling space.

The charity was also fortunate to be the recipient of the profits from the Santa Special which benefitted us by £360. Sincere thanks to Dennis and Marion Pratt, and their committee for their hard work in not only raising money for charity but in giving the local children such a lovely relaxed experience. If anyone wishes to know more about the learning disability services provided by HFT please feel free to contact me.

*Mike Stiff, Chairman, East Suffolk Group
of Friends HFT, 01473 738393*

Thank you from Fred Quinton and family to those attending May's funeral. And also for the donations, which totalled £423, for Ipswich Hospital Diabetes Department.

Manny, Margaret and family would like to thank everyone who attended Dennis Martin's funeral, and for their generous donations to the British Heart Foundation in his memory. The amount collected was £556. We received a staggering amount of cards, and were very touched and proud of the wonderful things people wrote about our father.

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ANSWERING BLUE PETER'S SHOE BIZ APPEAL



All bagged up and ready to go - on their way to Malawi. Children from Grundisburgh School, and Grundisburgh and Hasketon churches collected 425 pairs of shoes for the children TV programme's appeal.

In early January there was a special Blue Peter service at Grundisburgh to which everyone was invited wearing the most outrageous shoes they could find. And they did - from the rector's shocking pink high heels to Dutch clogs, dolphin and Yeti slippers, and especially decorated wellies.



Far left: Funster Club members after bagging up the shoes.
Left: Laura Polley and Tom Sanders.





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