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Save our rural roads campaign gathers strength

The group campaigning to 'Save our Rural Roads' (SORR) has launched a fighting fund to enable it to continue its work to reduce the heavy lorry traffic from the unsuitable roads in our area. So far over £2,700 has been received from donations in just two villages indicating the strength of feeling among residents in the area.

A major source is the traffic to and from Debach Enterprises to support their unauthorised storage and distribution of plastic chips at the Clopton site. To enable Debach Enterprises to enter into this contract, they have used the section of the old runway to the rear of the Depot and two areas within the compound, none of which has appropriate planning permission.

After much prompting from SORR, Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) did eventually serve an Enforcement Notice (in September last year) to resolve

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Marking 50 years of continuous scouting in Grundisburgh - Stuart Ross and Reg Snook unveil Reg's painting of the celebrations in St Mary's Church. Story on page 8. Photo courtesy Chris Turner.

New hall at last?

Grundisburgh residents are being invited to attend the annual general meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee to give their views about a new village hall. This will be held on Thursday 12 April at 7.30pm in the hall, and will be an open meeting at which it will be decided whether to proceed with building a new village hall and to sell and redevelop the

present hall site. The committee will report progress and plans, and will welcome comment and opinion. This is everyone's opportunity to influence the development of an important village amenity.

Judith Bignell, chairman

Joint village plan?

The parishes of Great and Little Bealings, and Playford are holding a joint public meeting on Monday 2 April for residents, community

groups and businesses to discuss a parish plan. This takes place at 7.30pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall, The Street, Little Bealings. Refreshments will be provided. Some car parking is available at the Admiral's Head public house.

Late (bad) news from Portman Road:

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Grundisburgh 1.
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Saturday 31st
Chocolate Fair Playford PH
2-5pm. Contact 624077

'Any Number Can Die'
TOPS OVH 7.30pm. Contact
890970

APRIL

Monday 2nd
Burgh Meeting BPR
(next to church) 8pm. Contact
735727.

Parish plan meeting Bealings
& Playford Angela Cobbold
Hall 7.30pm. Contact 610088

Thursday 5th
'Barbeques and Meat'
Grundisburgh Burgh &
Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm.
Contact 735088.

Thursday 12th
Grundisburgh Village Hall
AGM 7.30pm GVH. Contact
735459.

Sunday 15th
Parish walk Grundisburgh
Green. 2pm. Contact 738219

Tuesday 17th
'How Britain's folk tales
were saved' Grundisburgh
Local History Society GPR
7.45pm. Contact 738321

Thursday 19th
'Gilding - Catch your Rabbit
First' Bealings WI BVH
7.30pm. Contact 623985

Saturday 21st
Bealings Plant Sale The
Manor House, Little Bealings
10am to midday. Contact
620865

Cakes and Jumble Hasketon
WI Victory Hall 10am

Monday 23rd
AGM Bredfield & District
Community Council BVH
7.30pm

Tuesday 24th
Grundisburgh & Culpho
annual parish meeting GVH
7.30pm. Contact 735941

Thursday 26
'Suffolk Horses' Golden Club
GVH 2.30pm (open to non-
members) Contact 735650

Friday 27th
'Jungle Book' Otley Junior
Players OVH 7.15pm. Contact
890715

Saturday 28th
'Jungle Book' Otley Junior
Players OVH 2.30 & 7.30pm.
Contact 890715

Sunday 29th
Car Treasure Hunt iao
Bealings PF 2-4.30pm. To
book contact 614855

MAY

Thursday 3rd
Resolutions and Social
Evening Grundisburgh, Burgh
& Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735088

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

Saturday 12th
FOGS Spring Fair
Grundisburgh School 11.30am
-1.30pm Contact 735111

Sunday 13th
Parish walk Grundisburgh
Green. 2pm. Contact 738219

Monday 14th
Grundisburgh & Culpho
Parish Council Meeting GPR
7.30. Contact 735941

Tuesday 15th
Quiet Day Otley Hall 10am.
to 4 pm. Contact 890264

Thursday 17th
Resolutions Meeting Bealings
WI BVH 2.30pm. Contact
623985

Thursday 24th
'Beth Chatto's garden'
Golden Club Afternoon
Meeting. Contact 735650

Sunday 27th
Open Day Otley Hall 1-5pm.
Contact 890264

JUNE

Sunday 3rd
Playford Hall Garden open
2-5pm Tea and cakes iao St.
Elizabeth Hospice. Contact
622509

Tuesday 5th
Quiet Day Otley Hall 10am to
4 pm. Contact 890264

Thursday 7th/ Friday 8th
'Flying Feathers GADS
Contact 738648

Saturday 9th
'Flying Feathers' GADS
Contact 738648

Tuddenham Fete Poplar Farm
2pm. Contact 785415

Sunday 10th
Parish walk Grundisburgh
Green 2pm. Contact 738219

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th
Hidden Gardens,
Grundisburgh, Burgh &
Culpho Horticultural Society,
2-6pm. Contact 735932.

Saturday 16th
Bealings Village Fete School
Playing Field. Contact 738737

Thursday 21st
'Memories are made of this'
Bealings WI BVH 7.30 pm.
Contact 623985

Midsummer Walk to
Millennium Meadow from
Grundisburgh Green 7pm.
Contact 738219.

Sunday 24th
Hasketon Jazz/BBQ
Shrubbery Farm 12.30
Contact 01394 383106/388190

Saturday 30th
Playford Fete Hill House
Farm 2pm. Contact 624077

JULY

Saturday 7th
'Bealings Got Talent' iao
Bealings PF. Contact
614855/738076

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

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Paintings in The Barn

Mary Bishop, from Bredfield, has a new spring exhibition of her paintings at Butley Barn Cafe and Restaurant, in Mill Lane, Butley (01394 450800). The exhibition is ongoing through April and May and is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 11am-5pm.

The Barn Cafe - which serves delicious and innovative food - provides a unique atmosphere for Mary's work.

DINING CLUB DATES

The date for the next dinner organised by Grundisburgh Dining Club is Saturday 21 April, when we shall be at the Bell & Steelyard, New Street, Woodbridge, 7.30pm for 8pm. To reserve a place telephone Jane Awad on 738891 or Jenny Whinney on 735844 by 18 April as places are limited. Our June dinner will be at the White Hart, Otley, on the 9th.

Roy Compton

Plants & books for sale

Starting at 2.30pm on Monday 7 May, the early spring bank holiday, Hasketon will be holding its annual plant and book sale in The Victory Hall, in aid of church funds. Besides a wide range of books on every subject for every taste, there will be sales of plants that both we and the professionals have grown that surely could enhance the beauty of your garden!

Richard Smith, 01394 383106

PARISH WALKS

Our round-the-parish walks are still proving popular with turnout varying from three to 30! We usually meet on Grundisburgh Green at 2pm prompt on the second Sunday of the month, and walks last about two hours.

The dates for the next few months are 15 April, 13 May and 10 June. For the May walk we will return to the wildlife reserve at Sycamore Farm, Swilland, courtesy of John

Digby. Walkers can start from The Green at 2pm or the farm at 2.30pm.

On Thursday 21 June there will be the usual Midsummer Walk to Millennium Meadow, this year starting from The Green at 7pm.

Look out for the sign on The Green confirming the walks. These are open to anyone, not only Grundisburgh residents. Bring a friend or guest! The more the merrier. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Sally Grahn, Chair, Grundisburgh & Culpho PC Footpaths Committee, 738219

Theatre Royal to perform in Charsfield

The Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds will be performing in Charsfield village hall for one night only on 15 May at 7.30pm.

The play is 'Box & Cox', a hilarious tale of cohabitation and coincidence in Victorian London. Tickets cost £10 (concessions £8.50p) and are available from Bridge Garage, Charsfield, or telephone 01473 737701/01473 277076. There will be a fully licensed pre and post performance bar. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

OTLEY JUNIORS PRESENT ...

The Junior Otley Players will be performing 'The Jungle Book' on 27 April at 7.15pm and 28 April at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. The performances take place in Otley Village Hall, and tickets are available by calling 01473 890715.

Quiet days continue

The theme of Otley Hall's Quiet Day on 15 May will be 'Lord Teach us how to Pray: Prayer Workshop 1' and will be led by Canon Sylvia Chapman. On 5 June it will be 'The Return of the Prodigal Son, a Story of Homecoming', led by Revd Christine Marshall.

The cost of each day is £16 and includes refreshments and a ploughman's lunch. Contact Lucy Rudduck for tickets and information on 01473 890264.

The April day is already fully booked.

Maritime theme flower festival

Otley St Mary's Church will be holding a maritime-themed flower festival over the first May Bank Holiday weekend. It will be open on Saturday 5 May from 10am-5pm, Sunday 6th from 12 noon-5pm and Monday 7th from 10am-5pm.

There will be a family service on the Sunday at 11am to which all are welcome. Over the weekend the total immersion baptistry will be open for viewing and refreshments will be available.

MORE JAZZ IN HASKETON

The eleventh Hasketon jazz barbecue with traditional jazz is booked for Sunday 24 June, 12.30-4pm at Shrubbery Farm. Another first class band has been arranged.

The French Quarter All Stars have players of true professional standard who are well known on the jazz scene, and have been playing New Orleans style music for over 50 years in some cases. Suffolk resident Colin Bowden on drums falls into that category and was described by Humphrey Lyttleton as 'probably the best New Orleans style drummer around today'.

The barbecue food will be the usual high standard with generous portions, salads and pudding included in the £12 ticket. Book early (01394 383106 or 388190) as tickets sell out. Vegetarian or special diets available if ordered at time of ticket purchase.

Garden openings

The gardens at Playford Hall, once the home of slave trade reformer Thomas Clarkson, will be open to the public on Sunday 3 June between 2 and 5pm. Admission is £4 in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice; dogs and children are welcome, and refreshments will be available.

Queries to 01473 622509.

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho's Hidden Gardens weekend is on 16/17 June. Wendy Witt (01473 735932) is the contact for people thinking about opening their garden.

FOGS SPRING FAIR

The spring fair is being held by the Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) on Saturday 12 May. This takes place at the school from 11.30am to 1.30 pm. There will be a variety of activities for all ages, including bouncy castles, tombola, raffle, games, book stall and entertainment by pupils. Refreshments will also be available.

Karen Whittingham 01473 735111

Youth activities lined up for summer holidays

An exciting range of activities for the young people of Grundisburgh and Hasketon is being planned for the summer holidays by Baz Wilkinson (Just 42 youth work manager) and George Butters (young person, Hasketon resident and helper at Hasketon youth club).

"This year we are applying for funding through the Youth Opportunity Fund to run a summer programme of activities for three weeks during the holidays," says Baz.

The whole project idea is youth led, with George putting together an application for sports, arts and fun activities for three days each week, running them in both Grundisburgh and Hasketon. Subject to funding, a sports programme to promote health and fitness will include a watersports day out and a mobile skate park.

Professional graffiti workshops, teambuilding days, an inflatable assault course and a trip out are also in the pipeline. For more information, contact the Just 42 team via their website www.just42.org.uk.

What's On



DEBACH AIRFIELD EVENTS

It's that time of the year again - where do the months go to! On 9 June we will be hosting yet another 1940s hangar dance on Debach Airfield. This year we are having two live bands - The Jive Aces and Sentimental Journey: something to suit everyone's taste.

Tickets are available before the night by contacting Richard on 01473 737236. The cost is £15 (under 12's free). Ivan Bixby will be bringing two catering vans to provide a hearty supper if you so wish and, of course, the fully licensed bar will be ready to serve you.

The next day we hold the annual open day to commemorate the war years when the Americans were in residence at the airfield and surrounding villages. We are looking forward to a large group of veterans flying over

to attend this event - only this time, by jet and not B17s!

Maurice Hammond will be showing us the skills of his Mustang 'Janie' and we have been promised a fly past by the Lancaster of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight: a sight not to be missed.

As usual, we have 60 plus military vehicles, and the three museums will be open for all to enjoy. There are many changes to see in the these buildings - the home front has been extended to include 1940 style shops and a new toilet block will be open at this end of the site. We have also changed one of the rooms at the Tower to include an RAF plotting room. Hopefully the 'greenhouse' will be finished on the roof of the tower. As you can appreciate, we have been very busy!

We hope that you will enjoy the weekend of fun and

memories. Please come and support us as this annual event is our only chance to fundraise. We do not qualify for any grants and all the labour is given by voluntary help.

On a different note - we are changing the theme of the airfield on the next Saturday (16 June) by holding an Abba tribute dance. This is not in any way connected to the 493rd Bomb Group but it might appeal to those not so interested in the 1940's era.

The tribute band 'Abba Dayz' will be playing; having seen them I was so impressed - and an excellent disco will be supporting this band. The tickets are available by phoning 01473 737293 from 10am-2.30pm weekdays and 01473 737236 evenings. The cost of the tickets is £15. Again there will be a licensed bar and hot food available.

Richard and I look forward to seeing you all in June.

Prilly Taylor, 493rd Bomb Group Museum

Fund raising for Ugandan project

My name is Gemma Lea and I have lived in Swilland for 12 years, first attending Witnesham Primary School, and then Claydon High School. I am currently in my last year of sixth form at St Albans Catholic High School, taking A levels in history, RE and psychology.

In September I will be travelling to Uganda to spend 12 months working in an orphanage or a school. I have been given this great opportunity by Project Trust who selected me through a four day selection course. Since it was founded in 1968, this educational charity has sent over 4,000 young volunteers to projects all over the world. They offer the chance for an educational experience through living and working in a different culture whilst helping in some of the poorest regions in the world.

To be able to go in September I need to raise £4,190 and I still have a way to go. I have organised a few events and hope you can come along and support me while having some fun. These include:

Sponsored bike ride Easter Monday 9 April - stopping off at some of our local pubs

Fun afternoon Bank Holiday Monday 7 May at Whitehouse Farm, Witnesham. There will be plenty of different sideshows and stalls, such as family dog show, tractor rides, birds of prey display and ferret racing.

Line Dancing Saturday 19 May at Witnesham village hall. A three and half hour introduction to line dancing, tickets £5. A fun evening out!

To find out more about any of the events please contact me on 01473 785082 gemkins89@yahoo.co.uk or look on my website www.justgiving.com/Gemma2Uganda.



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Local enterprise

A NEW MARKETING VENTURE IN CHARSFIELD

An amateur dramatics lover who used to work at the Sydney Opera House is now involved with what she hopes will be her finest ever production. Sally Thompson from Charsfield has just opened a new marketing consultancy.

Having already won awards for one of her clients (Plescon Ltd won an EADT Business and Innovation prize last November) she is hopeful that her new business Damsselfly Marketing will bring success and recognition to other businesses in East Anglia.

Previously working for Coca Cola, The Australian Chamber Orchestra and more locally, Otley College, Sally decided to 'go it alone' having fully recovered from the birth of her first son Wilfred.

She said, "It has been great to work for some of the world's biggest brands and I am looking forward to helping and advising many businesses in the region, in all areas of the marketing mix."

Sally was marketing manager at Otley College for the past three years. Ipswich born, she considers herself a Suffolk girl despite travelling fairly widely. She has lived in Charsfield for the past two plus years.



The name of her new company evolved from a suggestion by her husband Simon that she should call herself 'MadSal Marketing'. "Simon's love of fly fishing for which a Damsselfly is a valuable aid in catching trout, and the fact that the Damsselfly is the oldest living predator, predating the dinosaurs, led us to the choice of Damsselfly Marketing" explained Sally. "And I hope to be around a long time too and be just as successful".

Sally Thompson is based at The Manse, The Street, Charsfield, and can be contacted on 07974 648897, www.damsselflymarketing.co.uk.

Save our Rural Roads

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the breach of planning regulations. Debach Enterprises has appealed against this and can continue to operate until a full public enquiry is held. The hearing is set for three days starting on 31 July, some ten months after

the Notice was served. We should not be in this position and we should not have been forced to tolerate this nuisance for the past three years. SORR contend that if SCDC had acted more promptly and effectively from the outset, the situation could have been resolved much earlier. The group has made five complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman about what it sees as maladministration of enforcement procedures by the district council.

The message is beginning to get through. Following prompting by SORR, action was recently taken by SCDC to stop further unauthorised storage of the plastic chips in two barns bordering Debach Enterprises. This has now ceased and the barns cleared.

Another approach made by SORR has been to contact the Saudi-Arabian company that supplies the plastic chips to make it aware of the adverse affects on the 12 villages represented by the group and the unauthorised use of the land on which to store them.

SORR have also discovered that the main building at the depot should not be used for anything other than the storage of UK-produced grain. This was a fundamental condition imposed when the original planning permission was granted to Debach Enterprises in 1981 and it is still legally enforceable. However, despite considerable pressure, SCDC refuse to take any action to enforce this condition. This refusal is also the subject of a complaint by SORR to the Ombudsman. If they cannot

get this changed by the recommendation of the Ombudsman, SORR will seek a 'judicial review' in the courts and would need funds to pay for this.

The SORR fighting fund has already sponsored safety surveys by the Freight Transport Association. The first of these has been carried out on the B1078 at Coddensham and the second is to be undertaken shortly on the C309 through Bredfield, Boulge and Debach. Following these, it is intended to have a survey completed for the B1079. We all know that these roads are inherently dangerous for walkers and cyclists (and even car users) but SORR will be able to provide evidence from this well-respected body to the transport authorities just how dangerous.

All the measures and statistics show that the problem of HGVs on rural roads is increasing and will continue to increase, unless some drastic actions are taken.

Tony Fryatt, Secretary, SORR, 01473 737218, anthony.fryatt@tiscali.co.uk

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NEWS TRIBUTES

Frederick (Jim) Osborne, July 1923 to January 2007

Jim was born and brought up in Hasketon, and he and his wife Dorothy with whom he'd been at school, came to live in Grundisburgh in 1952 shortly before Jim left the navy.

He had joined as a cadet on HMS Ganges in 1939 and went on to serve throughout the war, seeing action in the Battle of Crete and then



aboard the cruiser HMS Dido. It was when the Dido was providing safety patrols around the Italian port of Bari that Jim and his brother Len met up.



Len was stationed with the Royal Corps of Signals in Bari. Given the task of setting up a land line for

communication from ship to shore Len went aboard the Dido and remembers with a grin Jim's surprised expletive when he saw him! Len has now proudly taken ownership of Jim's model of HMS Dido.

It was when the war was over, however, that Jim took part in what was potentially his most dangerous mission. He was one of the 'Atom Bomb Boys', the crew of HMS Plym which took the UK's first atom bomb for testing off South West Australia. He once told me that the crew had not realised the import of the assignment - dressed only in white 'protective' overalls and being only told to turn their backs and close their eyes when the bomb was exploded. It was only with hindsight that they realised the implications of the action, and Jim and his colleagues continued to suffer health problems which they ascribed to the part they

played in the testing. Jim continued his links with the navy and was on the committee of the Ipswich branch of the Royal Naval Association for many years. He served as chairman for ten years and was honoured with life membership in 1995.

Returning to civvy street Jim took a job as a lorry driver for Keanes of Martlesham, and later did a milk round for 15 years. For the last ten years of his working life, he organised the morning delivery of newspapers and magazines from the Old Forge Stores, and also helped serve behind the counter, a job he thoroughly enjoyed.

Dorothy, Jim's wife of 50 plus years died a few years ago. He is survived by his brother Len, and nephews in this country and abroad.

Madge Nicholas

The family of Ken Tuckwell wish to thank everyone who made a contribution to the collection in St Mary's Church and also postal donations in his memory. The amounts raised were £635 to St Elizabeth's Hospice and £270 to the Grundisburgh Doctors Surgery, which is to be used for new defibrillators. We would also like to extend our grateful thanks to Rev Clare Sanders for her continued help and support, and for the beautiful church service.

EASTER SERVICES

Benefices of Clopton, Otley, Ashbocking and Swilland

Palm Sunday (1st April)

9.15 Holy Communion at Swilland

11am Family Service at Otley (to join in procession, meet at Otley Village Hall at 10.45)

Maundy Thursday (5 April)

7.30pm Holy Communion at Swilland

Good Friday (6 April)

10am Service for children and the making of the Easter Garden, to include hot cross buns at Otley.

2pm 'The Final Hour' at Otley

Easter Sunday (8 April)

9.15am Holy Communion at Clopton

11am Family Communion at Otley (including an



A very popular service is held every year on Mothering Sunday at St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, when scouts and guides parade with their flags and children present posies of daffodils to their mothers and all ladies in the congregation.

Photo courtesy Brian Robinson

Easter Egg hunt)

11am Extended Communion at Swilland and Ashbocking.

Rev Joy Rapley, Clopton Rectory, 01473 738943)

Benefices of Boulge, Burgh, Grundisburgh & Hasketon

Palm Sunday (1 April)

8am Communion at Grundisburgh

*9.30am Family Service at Hasketon

9.45am Communion at Burgh

*11am Family Service at Grundisburgh

11am Communion at Boulge

* begins on the Green

Maundy Thursday (5 April)

7pm Service of the Last Supper and Washing of Feet at Grundisburgh

Good Friday (6 April)

11am 'An Hour at the Cross' at Burgh

2pm 'An Hour at the Cross' at Hasketon "

Holy Saturday (7 April)

7pm Lighting of the Easter Fire and Candle with renewal of baptismal vows at Burgh (bring some fireworks to let off in celebration of Easter!)

Easter Day (8 April)

8am Communion at Grundisburgh

9.30am Family Communion with Easter egg hunt at Hasketon

9.45am Family Communion at Burgh

11am Family Communion, Baptism and Easter egg hunt at Grundisburgh

11am Holy Communion at Boulge

Canon Rev Clare Sanders, 01473 735183

New venture at Baptist Chapel

We have just started a new venture at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel - a men's group. Our first meeting (in February) went very well and seems to have been enjoyed by all who came. It is very informal with refreshments and topical discussion or people's life stories, etc. All men are welcome.

Currently, we meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 2.30 to 3.30pm, but if you would like to come but cannot make this time please let me know.

We will also be making some changes to our week night meetings after Easter. Seekers (for youngsters aged 10 and over) will be on Wednesdays at 7pm and our Prayer Meeting on Thursdays at 7.15pm.

You are all very welcome to our Easter services, which are at 10.45 and 6.30 on Easter Sunday, when we will be celebrating Christ's victory over death.

I will be having a time dedicated to study from Easter to the end of June, so you may not see me around the village quite as much as usual. However, if anyone feels they need someone to talk to about problems or faith questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Colin Grimwood, 738836/56

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Talking rubbish

A well attended meeting took place in February in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms when residents were assured by Mark Deer from Suffolk County Council that their waste put out for recycling was not wasted. But they were also encouraged to reduce the amount put out for recycling. One of the ways of doing this is to use as much of it as possible for home composting.

The Grundisburgh Environment Group (GrEG) which organised the meeting has supplied the following information to encourage us.

Composting - Why bother?

It's a great way to make good soil conditioner and, if you choose to have an open compost heap, the local wildlife will thank you. Hedgehogs, the gardener's best friend, love 'em and will repay your kindness by eating the slugs before they make it to your lettuces.

Composting is a natural process and requires little expertise.

Choosing a container and a site

A plastic bin with a lid are most suitable for a smaller garden (for a great offer see under subsidised bins heading to the right). For larger gardens, 'bins' can be made from old wooden pallets, bricks or wire mesh or simply left as a heap.

Choose a site with free draining soil that is not in permanent shade - the warmth of the sun will speed up the process.

The Composition Rule

You must try to balance your browns with your greens.

Browns are high in carbon and greens are high in nitrogen. Browns are slow to rot.

Examples of browns are eggshells, wood ash, sawdust, wood shavings, soil, hedge clippings, leaves, straw, hay, torn up newspaper.

Examples of greens are grass cuttings, kitchen scraps (raw), comfrey leaves and some young weeds.

The following are *not* recommended: meat, fish and cooked food as it attracts vermin, glossy magazines and large woody material as it takes such a long time to decompose, weeds such as dandelions and bindweed as they tend to stay alive, diseased plants as the disease may contaminate the compost.

A mix of roughly 50:50 brown to green is ideal, but however you decide to construct the heap, you will still make good compost, it just might take a little longer. "Fret not" is the composter's motto.

Many a happy composter can be seen in his or her deckchair, Carlsberg in hand, admiring his or her heap.

Common problems

Offensive smell coming from the heap - a very common problem for the beginner composter. It is usually caused by a lack of air because the heap is too wet or too compacted. The solution is to aerate regularly using a garden fork. If the smell persists, it's best to empty the bin and add extra layers of brown material. Adding too many grass cuttings is a common contributor to nasty smells.

Slow breakdown (of the heap, not the composter) - this may be caused by adding too much brown material or material in pieces that are too large.

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For more about composting, see www.recyclenow.com/home_composting.

For more information about the Grundisburgh Environment Group apply to GrEG Secretary Dee Hibble, 01473 735641, g.hibble1@btinternet.com.

GrEG will be producing a four page pull out supplement for the next issue of The News about recycling locally. This will include

- ★ an explanation of what should, and what should not, be put into the blue lidded recycling bins which are already in place in Clopton and Otley, and will be coming to Grundisburgh, Burgh and Hasketon this July;

- ★ a reminder of what goes into the brown bins;

- ★ where in our villages to find bottle banks and bins for paper, cans and tins, and other items for recycling;

- ★ how to get a range of items reused or recycled: table lamps, furniture, tools, sewing machines, assorted buttons, clothes, shoes.....

BRIEFLY..

The plant sale run at Helmingham Hall by the National Council for Conservation of Plants and Gardens takes place in the spring this year - on Sunday 27 May, from 10.30am to 4pm. The £4.50 entrance includes a free plant, and access to the beautiful gardens as well as the stalls of specialist nurseries.



Woodbridge Lions' first public event of the year, the Elmhurst Extravaganza is on Sunday 6 May in Elmhurst Park. This beautiful setting will see an afternoon of sideshows, ring event and stalls with an appeal to all ages. There is no admission charge, events start from 2pm onwards. As with all the Lions' fundraising, all proceeds will be returned to the community. The principal beneficiary this year will be the East Suffolk Disability Advice Service.



A campaign is being run to recruit more volunteer drivers to help with a variety of community transport schemes in Suffolk. This could involve driving a minibus or a wheelchair accessible car, or using your own car and receiving a mileage allowance. Contact Suffolk volunteering helpline on 08452 235335, or visit www.drivesuffolk.org.uk.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

COMMEMORATIVE PAINTING UNVEILED

The Grundisburgh Scout Group and the Girl Guides want to thank all those who came to St Mary's Church on 24 February to join with us in the unveiling of a painting by Reg Snook.

The beautiful gift from Reg was to commemorate the local scouts' 50 continuous years of scouting (since being reformed after the second world war) at the campfire celebration last June. Nearly 150 people came to the church and it was nice to see so many past members and supporters of both groups over the years.

If anyone would like to purchase a print of the painting - either unframed or framed - they can contact Jean Crossley on 01473 738659. The original is on display in the parish rooms.

We also have a 15 minute

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This year the scouting movement celebrates 100 years since Lord Baden-Powell first founded the scouts, and in July approximately 45,000 people from all over the world will be getting together at Highlands Park in Essex to honour this achievement.

Unfortunately to blight this happy occasion we have had more vandalism at the scout hut on Grundisburgh Playing Field and windows smashed at the Scout Hut, although we have managed to retrieve some evidence. If anyone has any information regarding this vandalism which happened between 7.30 and 9.30pm on Friday 2 March please let us know on 01473 735352 or Police Headquarters 01473 613500.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary

Good news for the school

Five and a half years after leaving Grundisburgh School, Rosemary Scott is returning to take up headship!

Deputy head at Grundisburgh for four years before leaving to become Head of Bucklesham School, Rosemary Scott said,



"I am excited and happy to be coming back and am really looking forward to working with staff and parents. Already we have great plans for the school and I can't wait to get started!"

"Bucklesham Primary School was judged to be 'outstanding' in a recent Ofsted, and I know we can do the same thing here at Grundisburgh."

Rosemary Scott will be spending Mondays and Tuesdays at Grundisburgh during the summer term and will be full time from September.

A bigger pool?

The Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) are looking into the feasibility of extending the school swimming pool to turn it into a resource for the local community, run on a more commercial basis.

It is clear that this will only be achievable with the support of people from the village and surrounding areas. We

would therefore welcome views and suggestions from any individuals or organisations (whether in favour or not!). Please contact Graham Seabrook on 01473 735131, graham@theseabrooks.co.uk.

FOGS would like to thank all local businesses who support Grundisburgh School by giving us raffle prizes and other donations or

assistance. We have received generous donations recently from The Dog, Hamilton Smith and Eon.

We are also grateful to The Dog for providing the catering for our very successful Quiz and Curry Night on 2 March which raised over £500. The winning team was Playgroup Ex. We plan to make this an annual event so hopefully they will be defending the title next year.

*Amanda Sheridan, Secretary FOGS,
01473 738907*

WI REPORT

At our February meeting Mrs Griffiths enthralled Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members with stories of her life running a bed and breakfast establishment. She started in a small way and gradually built up the business, and in fact many people booked with her year after year and became friends.

At our March meeting Jill Bishop gave us an insight into the origins of pearls. She and a friend went to Japan to see the pearl markets and decided to start up their own business on their return. They make all their own imitation pearls and she showed us a large selection of necklaces and earrings.

Our next meeting will be on 5 April, when we will have a talk on barbecues and meat. All will be welcome.

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Anger about new bus services

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council has taken up the cudgels on behalf of many residents who are concerned about the changes made to bus timetables and services.

In particular the fact that the new Route 22 run by Ipswich Buses does not go on to Woodbridge and ends at Tower Ramparts in Ipswich rather than the Cattle Market.

The bus stops at the village hall on the way in, turning round in front of the old school wall by The Green (usually waiting in this dangerous position for 15 to 20 minutes), before stopping at Pound Corner on the way back to Ipswich. Only the latter has a bus shelter, leaving two redundant bus shelters elsewhere.

"The council is very anxious to promote public transport and to encourage villagers to use the buses. At the moment too many are having to go back to using their cars - and those without cars are in real trouble" says parish clerk John Ager.

"The county council has stepped in help people working in Woodbridge but we fear this might be just a temporary measure. If Route

22 was extended to Woodbridge this would remove many of the villagers' concerns."

Annual parish meeting

Grundisburgh & Culpho's annual parish meeting is being held in the village hall on Thursday 24 April at 7.30pm. (The line dancers who normally use the hall on Thursdays have kindly agreed to move to the school).

The main item will be a report of latest activity in the Campaign to Save our Rural Roads (SORR). After campaigning on their own for many years about the damage being inflicted on their communities by the ever increasing numbers of heavy lorries eight parish councils joined forces in 1997 to form SORR. Membership has nearly doubled over the years, demonstrating how widespread the problem is and how concerned villages are to do something about it. Those living on the B1079 are worst affected but the increasing number and weight of lorries on our narrow country roads affects us all. Come and hear the latest news. The current position is outlined on pages 1 and 5 of The News.

PUBLICISING EVENTS

The parish council has purchased an 'A' board to advertise village events on The Green. Any voluntary organisation is welcome to use the board - though not



DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

It is a year since Grundisburgh Duplicate Bridge Club was formed and we now have just over 30 members. We meet in the parish rooms at 7.30pm on alternate Mondays throughout the year and can usually make four or five tables at each meeting.

There is a range of abilities, from very competent to improvers, including a nucleus of people who have been playing for under a year. The atmosphere is cordial, the competition friendly and we welcome new members.

Dudley Cooper, 01473 735885



Top: members at play in the parish rooms. Below: Founder Dudley Cooper. Photo Wendy Witt.

commercial organisations - free of charge. Contact the parish clerk John Ager, 735541, j.ager@tesco.net.

Plea from a walker

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'WACKIE HAIR' RAISES MONEY FOR RED NOSE DAY AT GRUNDISBURGH SCHOOL



For the 'Wackie Hair' at Grundisburgh School staff and pupils were

encouraged to come in sporting special hair do's. Spelling out 'Red Nose Day' in coins in the playground brought over £150 for the cause.

Among those catching photographer Ann Willetts' eye were: from left acting head Sean O'Reilly, Ryan Swain Marina Brooks and Gus Backhouse.



It's been pant



In the latest production from Charsfield Amateur Dramatics Society the audience were transported to the American Wild West by resident playwright Tony Hale. Local favourite Peter Holloway played the part of the 'down and out' who makes good when he strikes oil prospecting for gold. The cast performed to packed houses on every night.

From left to right above: Colin Richardson as Peter Green, Jeremy Gugenheim as Red Chilli and Rosie Fellows as Trapper Meg.

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'Puss in Boots'

Tuddenham had lots of new talent in the show this year both on and off stage. And many of the major roles were taken by youngsters such as The Principal Boy played by Becky Thomas and the Princess by Jasmine Ottley (far left), and Michel, the 'fool' by George Jennings (top right). The children's chorus was stunning and the costumes dazzling.

The ogre (left) is much loved vicar, Sam Cowley, when he is not wearing makeup! The photo below right shows Puss in Boots, Emma Burn, with the new director Arthur Jackson, and the wardrobe mistress, his wife Dymrna, who were also in the chorus.



'Ali Baba'

The performances of 'Ali Baba' by Bredfield Amateur Dramatic Society (bottom photo) provided a transportation to a land of warmth and golden sunshine. The wicked thieves frightened all the merchants and wanted terrible revenge on Ali Baba for finding their treasure cave. The dancing girls outwitted the thieves and saved Ali Baba's life.

An adaptation on the theme by Mandy Bence was well received by the audiences on the three nights. Saturday night was packed, filling the hall with sound as they joined in with the singing.

BADS photo from left: Lucy Bence, Stephanie Reeder, Mandy Bence, Emily Buckman, Tony Richardson, Mandy Moles, Darryl Powis, Beth Johnson, Simon Batley, Rosie Shuster, Luke Taylor, Lucy Taylor, Jane Richardson, Philip Moye, Jean Powis and Merâl Bence.



Hasketon Highlights



The Hasketon Whist Club in full session on a recent Saturday evening, in the refurbished Victory Hall.

With the days getting longer, it is good to see the young people out on The Green having fun shooting at the football goal and others enjoying the open air, playing on the swings and slide.

The refurbishing of The Victory Hall is just about complete ... just waiting for the arrival of the new chairs and for a coat of paint to be applied both inside and out.

We are hoping that the National Probation Service will send a team of 'minor offenders' to help us give the hall these final touches of fresh colour.

Then we shall be looking forward to welcoming more people to hire the hall and enjoy the attractive facilities of

our truly modernised First World War army hut.

In The Victory Hall for our second Friday in March entertainment, we had a most interesting talk by Mike Weaver, called 'The Story of Woodbridge', after the Ploughman's Supper.

We shall not be having an event in April as it is so near to Easter, but on 11 May (7.15pm) we shall be having a ploughman's supper followed by another of Molly Smith's excellent quiz evenings, for teams of four people. This will be a good opportunity to use our updated loudspeaker and loop system. Tickets are £5 from Molly (01394 383106) or from me (01394 388970).

On Friday 8 June we will be

holding a party in the hall to say thank you to those people who supported us with grants for the refurbishment and to welcome prospective hirers. Tickets are available on application to me. On Friday 13 July Matthew Field will run a family evening with another popular Beetle Drive.

On Saturday 21 July, just before Hasketon's Holiday Club week, we shall combine a Tug-of-war festival with a sports day on The Green. Details have yet to be arranged, but if you would like to enter a Tug-of-war team, please let me know. The Village Fete will follow on 4 August!

We are pleased that Just 42 of Woodbridge is being so successful in running two clubs in The Victory Hall for young people.

Ruth Blunt looks after the younger children (4-11 year olds) in a club called '2sday Kidz Klub', held between 5 and 6pm on Tuesday evenings. She is full of ideas for a lot of

The Victory Hall has become an attractive venue for club or private events, as regular weekly bookings or just a one off party. Besides the new floor laid in 2001, there is now greatly improved the insulation, heating and lighting as well as a hearing system with a loop.

The hall is licenced to hold 160 people for dances with tables around the room or as a closely seated audience, but the number is reduced to 120 if everyone is seated at tables, as for a meal.

The charge for hiring the hall includes the use of the kitchen with china and cutlery, as well as electricity for heating and lights, but not use of the bar.

For information about prices and bookings, please contact Heidi Hughes on 01394 386297 or the chairman Richard Smith (01394 388970).

Grants for the improvements were received from Hasketon Parish Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Awards for All and Suffolk Environmental Trust. Money was also raised by the Victory Hall committee.

fun including action songs, stories from the Bible, games and crafts. This is followed at 6.30pm for two hours by Baz Wilkinson's JADS Club for 11-16 year olds. They 'chill out' and do 'cool things', like playing games and tucking into tuck! As far as I can tell, they have a great time and enjoy meeting their friends.

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News from the parish council

At its meeting on 15 March Clopton Parish Council heard of the dissatisfaction expressed by residents on the recent changes to the bus timetable; these reduce the number of buses to Ipswich thereby making passengers go via Grundisburgh where they have the inconvenience of changing buses. Our transport representative has contacted Suffolk County Council and this will be followed up by representation from the parish council.

An approach had been made to the county council requesting the erection of a 'concealed entrance' sign at the top of Crown Hill on the B1078 to warn drivers approaching the Shop Road exit to reduce their speed. However the parish council has been informed that this sign is not an approved sign in the traffic sign regulations issued by the Department of Transport and the county council is not permitted to erect it on the highway.

The transport representative had attended the latest meeting of SORR and gave the council an update on the enforcement notice at Debach Enterprises.

The parish council continues to support the provision of a footway at Potash Corner. Several years ago the residents of Otley Road had been informed that this footway could be created during this financial year, but it is now believed that delays have occurred in the programme and confirmation of timescales is awaited from the county council.

Concerning the creation of a length of footway between Shop Road to the bus stop

reported in the previous edition, the parish council is still awaiting a decision from the highways authority.

Clopton Parish Council is placing a litter bin on the corner of Shop Road to help reduce the amount of litter there and hopes it will be well utilised.

Another initiative the parish council is hoping to organise is a litter pick around the village. No date has yet been confirmed for the event, but it cannot take place without the help of local residents. Further details will be publicised shortly.

The next meeting of Clopton Parish Council is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 May in Clopton Village Hall.

Following the elections which are taking place on 3 May, the newly elected parish councillors will formally take up their seats at this meeting and the chairman and other offices will be elected.

The Annual Parish Meeting also takes place on the 17 May at the village hall at 7pm, immediately before the parish council meeting. This is a meeting for parishioners who will be able to hear annual reports from local organisations. It is also your opportunity to raise any concerns or issues you may have. All are welcome

Janet Clarke, Parish Clerk, 01473 830398

Thanks ...

The Clopton Village Hall Committee would like to thank Bob Tye, Alan Backhouse and David Hayhow for spending a weekend in

February decorating the village hall. I know all the users of the hall appreciate the fresh appearance.

Diana Dawson

Church talk

It will be lovely to see flowers in the church again after the bareness in Lent. Easter is a lovely time of the year, and we hope everyone on the flower rota will be able to help with the decorations this

year. They can be done Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Please decorate the part that you normally do.

In April the Ladies Group is asked to make a starter for two for a dinner party. Please ring Diana on 737417 for details. On 10 May, a week later than usual, Jason Chapman will be talking about his work as an Illustrator.

Peggy Martin



Mabel Brown has just celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at Clopton Village Hall attended by most of her family (she has 10 children who are in the photo with her, 25 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren - with two more due in May).

Born at Clopton Corner, Mabel moved to the council house on Rouse Hall Estate when it was new in 1948. She still lives at home with two of her sons, and other family visiting daily to help with her care. Her husband Fred was killed in a road accident in 1962, leaving her a widow for nearly 45 years. Mabel has one brother alive, Walter, who lives in Ipswich.

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Notes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 5 March

This year the Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Angela Cobbold Hall and was much better attended than in recent years. Refreshments were served and reports on the year's activities were received from the Parish Council

Chairman, County Councillor Peter Bellfield, District Councillor Ivan Jowers, Community Police Office Vicky Gilmore, the Parochial Church Council, the Village Hall Management Committee and the Friends of John Belstead Playing Field. Some of the many groups active in the village also reported on their activities: the Carpet Bowls Club, Bealings Bowls Club, Women's Institute, Wolsey Miniaturists' Club, Keep Fit and the Phoenix Folk Dance Club.

Local residents were urged to support the groups and new

members would be welcomed. The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked all those who attended the meeting.

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 March

Highways: The working party was yet to meet to address continuing concerns about traffic volumes and speeds in the villages with SCC. In the meantime details of the locations for the installation of white line pinch points along Martlesham and Playford Roads would be sent to SCC, together with a request for an increase in the speed limit on the A1214 to 40mph to discourage traffic from using roads in the village instead. Signing to warn

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motorists they were near a school when driving along The Street would also be requested. A draft licence for the permissive footpath was awaited from SCC.

Communication: Development of the PC's website was continuing. It was hoped to include a history of the village.

Planning: Grove Farm, The Street: It was noted that the Inspector had refused the appeal against SCDC's decision not to grant permission for the use of land for four homes and conversion of existing farm buildings to one unit of affordable housing and public open space.

Police matters: There had been four reported crimes since the last meeting: a theft from a vehicle parked at the Village Hall, theft of a house name, criminal damage to tables and benches at the school playground and possession of cannabis.

Correspondence A working party would meet to prepare the Council's response to SCDC's consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Issues and Options. Details of the County Council's review of the mobile library service would be put on the parish noticeboard opposite the Admiral's Head pub

The next meeting of the parish council will be on 14 May in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm

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Ferial Evans: parish council chairman, artist, writer, smallholder

Being Chairman of Little Bealings Parish Council - she was elected last year after the resignation of Jim Ward - is just part of Ferial Evans' busy life.

Perhaps better known to many people as Ferial Rogers (she recently changed her name in honour of her grandfather, an associate of politician George Lansbury), she was co-opted onto the parish council ten years ago.

The name Ferial was spotted by her parents when they were looking for a name for their daughter - King Farouk was visiting London at the time and his daughter Ferial was featured in a newspaper.

Ferial was born in Ipswich and moved to Little Bealings in 1971. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere other than Suffolk, not even Little Bealings" she says. Her first home in the village was The Hollies in Holly Lane.

This had been a smallholding (and featured in issue 78 of The News) and she used to keep goats and chickens there, making and selling cheese and yoghurt. She wrote a book 'Goats, Their Care and Breeding'. The land had been used for bees at one time and was known for its delicious honey - probably fed from Lime trees in the churchyard.

Now Ferial lives in a cottage at the back of The Hollies. Her four children all went to Bealings primary school and Kesgrave High School. She served a stint as a governor for both schools and was secretary of the PTA at Kesgrave for a number of years.

When the children were young Ferial developed a popular line in making celebration cakes to order - and she also taught cake artistry.

She has painted since childhood and is self-taught. Ferial's current speciality of painting in miniature arose from being asked to paint pictures on the bottom of lacemaking bobbins. She has



been selected for membership by the Society of Limners (miniature painters) and the International Guild of Miniature Artisans plus Suffolk Art Society. Most of her miniature work goes to exhibitions in the USA. She also does heraldic work as a result of her interest in heraldry. The last job was a commission for St Michael's Church in Framlingham.

Involved with the annual Suffolk Open Studios event almost since its start in 1991, Ferial regularly opens her studio to visitors each June and she is now its newsletter editor. She also does newsletters and publicity for the Ipswich Arts Association and Suffolk Art Society, and is a member of the Society for Women Writers and Journalists.

Ferial created the centre pages of Isobel Clover's book about the Ipswich Charter Hangings, which are currently in Jamestown USA, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first settlement.

Her latest project is collaboration with Creative Freelance, a group of artists and writers, in which each person produces the illustration for one page of the story.

Ferial is a Trustee on the Board of Ipswich Council for Voluntary Services and she is a member of the Project Management Group of Ip-art.

Her studio, at 1 Holly Cottages, Little Bealings, will be open to visitors as part of the Suffolk Open Studios event on the weekend 2/3 June. She will take part in the SOS event, Art About Town, when her work will be on show at Martin Hogg's China Shop in Woodbridge from 29 April to 13 May.

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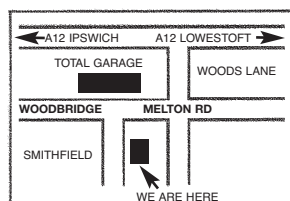
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Bredfield Bits

PROGRESS ON THE PARISH PLAN

In early January, after some 130 months of painstaking endeavours, the steering group completed the parish plan report and distributed a copy to every household in the parish, with an invitation to attend a public meeting.

The meeting took place at the village hall on the evening of January 24th, kindly sponsored and opened by Andrew Miller on behalf of Bredfield Parish Council. In opening the meeting, to an audience of almost 70 parishioners, Andrew thanked the steering group for the delivery of the polished and professional report.

The meeting was then handed over to David Hepper, chairman of the steering group, who gave an illustrated presentation that featured areas and aspects of concern that were raised by the parishioners and the result of the steering group's work.

David highlighted issues, data, facts and trends by addressing subject matters such as, housing, social, environment, transport and youth. He concluded by referring to the 32 elements that formed the action plan component of the report. In doing so he sought volunteers, to assist in accomplishing the recommendations contained in that action plan.

There then followed a lively and vigorous discussion period

on items of concern and contention.

The meeting was closed by Annette Grey of Suffolk ACRE who endorsed the earlier comments on the quality and substance of the report. She continued to comment and amplify the importance of the Village Plan by putting into perspective the broader framework issues of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the type of grants and funding that are available.

The meeting concluded with a spot of cordial hospitality, a feature for which the village of Bredfield is renowned.

A future for the community council?

The annual general meeting of the BDCC will be held in Bredfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 23 April.

Committee members and villagers may wish to note that the meeting will include two special resolutions which will affect the constitution of the community council. The first of these will be a resolution of dissolution of the community council, due to the scarcity of effort available for the organisation of events and administration; the second will be to allow officers of the council to be permitted to continue in post beyond the normal period allowed.

Barbara Hepper, Secretary, BDCC

See page 11 for BADS panto pix.



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Otley Offerings

Celebrations to mark hall's links with America

Otley Hall will be holding a celebratory open day on 6 May to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Bartholomew Gosnold's founding of Jamestown, Virginia, the first English-speaking colony in America.

Otley Hall was the family seat of the Gosnold family for many years and it is thought that many of the talks to plan his voyages were held at the hearthside in its Great Hall.

Partners across Suffolk are working together to hold events to mark this occasion and to raise awareness of the fascinating history that we have linked to our county.

The open day will run from 1-5pm and will involve many activities that are fun for all the family. There will be Tudor dancing, falconry, archery, a bouncy castle and other children's activities such as crown and shield making.

The house will be open for viewing, and trained guides will be on hand to explain the interesting history associated with the hall and the Gosnold family. Entry costs £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

A second open day will be held on Sunday 27 May, again from 1-5pm. More exciting events are planned as we will be joined by The Renaissance Company, a Tudor recreation group who will be providing dancing as well as talks and

demonstrations on Tudor life. The Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts will also be on site, bringing along some excellent examples of classic cars. Children's activities and refreshments will again be available.

For more information please contact Lucy Rudduck, Events Manager, on 01473 890264, enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk, www.otleyhall.co.uk

Great news from Otley Under 5's

Otley Under 5s is now open to two and a half year olds and are offering longer sessions to four year olds. All sessions will now be from 9am to 12pm, fitting better with the school drop off times.

This term we were delighted to welcome Alison Tiley-Nunn, a trained Montessori teacher with many years experience with small children, who is now working on Thursdays and Fridays.

Topics for this term are letters of the alphabet and the seasons of winter and spring - for us the snow was well - timed! Just before half term the dental nurse visited.

Several events are planned for the spring and summer:

9 April Easter Egg Hunt at the Under Fives Centre - £2.50 per child - all welcome

12 May cake stall at Otley

College's Big Day Out

21 May Deadline for receipt of U5 55 Quiz sheets - available from committee members and Otley Village Store, with prize of £10 to first set of correct answers out of the hat.

15 July Sponsored Walk for Under Fives

Our new building fund stands at £4000, following a very busy 2006 and we are hoping to add to it this year.

Sara Cliff, 01473 785993

Youth group outings

The first outing of the newly formed FFY group was to see Alice Bullock perform in the Compmany of Four production of 'Little Red Riding Hood' in February, which was much enjoyed by everyone. Next there will be an outing to Chelmsford Ice Rink on 10 April, for which adult helpers are needed. Details from Michelle Boreham (890269).

New church service

Tiddlywinks at St Mary's, Otley, is a new church service for Under Fives and the grown ups who care for them. We meet on the third Friday of each month at 2.15pm. Lasting about half an hour, it includes a story, a song, an activity or two, followed by refreshments.

Joy Rapley (Clopton Rectory, 738943)



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SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR FOOTBALLERS

By the time you read this, the fate of this season's Suffolk Senior Cup will have been decided. In an epic semi final Grundisburgh Football Club emerged triumphant against Debenham from the Ridgeons League by virtue of a last minute strike. The 2-1 victory paved the way for the Portman Road final on 27 March against a side from higher up the football ladder, Stowmarket Town.

It is seven years since we last graced the Ipswich turf and with the first team at the top of the table and in the semi final of the League Cup there is still, literally, all to play for at the time of writing.

But with the fixture backlog that is approaching we are in danger of becoming victims of our own success and there are many evening matches coming

up for the first and second strings on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout April: look out for the details on posters in the village and come and support us.

Off the field the club is also aiming to become more involved in village activities.

Looking ahead to next season, the backroom team are putting together programme and sponsorship packages and will be looking for willing businesses and individuals to help with those unseen needs of a top club, ie finance.

*Darren Richardson, press officer,
Grundisburgh Football Club*

Tour de Grundisburgh?

The Eastern Road Race Championships, promoted by Ipswich Bicycle Club, is on Sunday 3 June. Like the Tour de France but in Playford, Culpho and Grundisburgh, local riders will battle it out between 9am and 1pm to be crowned Eastern Road Race Champion. No roads will be

closed, but parishoners should keep an eye out for the lead cars and group of cyclists, which will pass through Grundisburgh a number of times. The headquarters is Grundisburgh Sports Pavilion.

*Kirsty McLaughlin, Ipswich Bicycle Club,
832948*

More members sought by Grundisburgh Tennis Club ...

The new season for Grundisburgh Tennis Club will start the Sunday after Easter, 14 April, at 10.30 am.

The club is always looking for new members. Advantages of joining the club include access to a Wimbledon ticket draw, possibility of playing in a mixed team for the Ipswich Summer League, club sessions every Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings, where the members play mainly doubles, and tennis balls are provided by the club, free access to the courts at anytime apart from during matches and coaching sessions, and various social events throughout the year.

Coaching is also available at a discount to members. Martin Denny from Kesgrave Tennis Club's courses start on Monday 23 April for juniors and adults. Enquiries to Sue Haddock on 738872 or

suehaddock@dsl.pipex.com. John Ager (735541) runs courses for ladies in the mornings.

The subscription rates are being kept at 2006 prices: Individual senior £55, Individual junior £23, Couple £75, Family £93 and Social £5.

For further information please contact Monica Begg 01473 738830 or Chris Lee 735270.

... and by Otley Bowls Club

Otley Bowls club is looking forward to a busy season, having entered four leagues and six cup competitions. Its subscription evening will be held on 4 April from 6.30-8pm, and bowling starts on 21 April at 2pm with a drive, competing for the Leverett Trophy. League games start on 30 April with a home game against Debenham.

The club is always trying to attract new members. The green is being opened on Saturday evenings for social bowling; anyone wishing to go along to try the games will be made very welcome and instruction given if required.

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Please note that the next issue of The News will be published a week later than usual, on 2 June. This is due to my lack of time - and not enough help! Apologies Nicola Hobbs

RSPCA collectors needed

House to house collections for RSPCA's Suffolk East and Ipswich Branch in 2006 raised £14,404.30 (Grundisburgh £70). I'm sure there must be more than two kind folk in the Grundisburgh district who could spare just an hour or so collecting from friends and neighbours, thus helping to finance Martlesham Animal Centre. The centre must be self supporting and serve the whole branch, a refuge for cruelty cases, unwanted pets and those their owners cannot keep. All will eventually be happily rehomed, but not without high costs. Without enough volunteer collectors, much needed funds are lost. Areas needing cover include Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Tuddenham and Otley.

My thanks for the residents' generosity and my sincere gratitude to the only two collectors, Mrs Ann Franklin and Mrs Maggie Goddard.

Patricia N M Monk, House to House Collections Organiser, 01394 284605

Crossroads looking for support

A number of people in The News' villages have help

from the local Crossroads team when they are looking after relatives or friends. If you would like to support the good work done by carers caring for disabled people or others with a long term illnesses, you might like to 'come to' or 'help with' the following fundraising events:

◇ Sunday 6 May Heritage Coast Run at Thorpeness: Join in this enjoyable walk or run for Crossroads, or sponsor me.

◇ Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June: provide cakes, scones or raffle prizes for teas at Grundisburgh Hidden Gardens or help serve in the parish rooms between 2 and 6pm.

◇ Saturday 7 July: Come to the Crossroads Concert by The Strolling Singers at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, where the theme is 'The Weather'. Tickets at £5 include interval refreshments, are available from me or The Forge Stores.

◇ Saturday 15 July: Help at the Crossroads stall at Grundisburgh Village Show. Gifts of home-made jam or marmalade, or new small attractive items for sale would be appreciated.

Katherine Smith, 01394 388970

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Apples, pears & plums for scrumping (if you live in Dallinghoo)

With financial help from Suffolk Coastal District Council and from one of the parishioners who knits for trees, the Trustees of the Dallinghoo Recreation Ground have planted an orchard.

The trees are nearly all old East Anglian varieties from the charity East Anglian Apples and Orchards Project

(www.applesandorchards.org.uk) in Kings Lynn. The apple varieties planted are Maxton, Honey Pippin, Red Ellison, Hubbard's

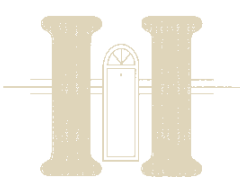
Pearmain, Norfolk Royal and Norfolk Royal Russet; the pears are Beurre Bedford and Laxton's Record, while the plums are Coe's Golden Drop and Victoria.

In future years we hope that Dallinghoo residents will indeed have a happy time scrumping!

Jeremy Quinlan

Volunteer tree planters, from left in main picture: Jeremy Quinlan, Keith Spicer, Bridgett Quinlan and Andy Chenery.

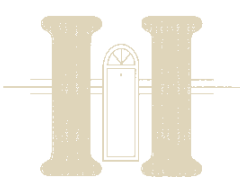




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