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BOWLS CLUB TO FOLD?

Grundisburgh Bowls Club is in danger of closing down - unless more people get involved.

The club started in 1931, and in its heyday was very successful in local leagues. But as members dwindled, it has become difficult to field teams. Some of the enthusiasts have joined Otley Bowls Club to play matches, and there have been moves to close the Grundisburgh club.

However, there are still members who want to play just for fun and exercise, even if taking part in competitions is

Left: Little Kickers, the pre-school football programme has come to Hasketon. The classes are to help children under 5 discover the rewards of regular structured physical exercise. Story on page 15.

Below: Leeora of Leeora's Vegetarian Foods at the Grange Farm food tasting weekend. More photos on centre pages.

not possible. They are very keen that the club should continue, but more members are needed for this to happen.

Anyone interested in playing, or learning to play, will be welcomed - from outside as well as from inside the village. If enough interest is shown a meeting will be arranged at which views will be sought about how the club should be run, when club sessions are held, and so on.

The bowls club plays on the green at the back of The Dog. If this is no longer used for bowls, there is a danger that the site will be sold. Once this happens there would be no possibility of getting a bowls club for Grundisburgh again.

Anyone interested in keeping Grundisburgh Bowls Club alive or wanting information should contact club president Kay Fitzsimmons (01473 738768) or Roger Anderson (01473 738918, roger637@btinternet.com). This needs to be done urgently as, without sufficient response, the club will be automatically wound up and this could happen before the end of the year.



**The News wishes a very
happy Christmas and
New Year to all our
readers, contributors,
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News Diary

NOVEMBER

Sunday 25th

Come & Sing Handel's Messiah. St Mary's Church, G'burgh, rehearsal 2.30pm, performance 3.30pm. Contact 735481/216431.

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st

Hasketon's Christmas Dance VH. Contact 01394 387590

Exhibition of paintings & prints Hill Farm, G'burgh 10am-6pm. Contact 07870 594173.

Bredfield Concert

St Andrews Church 7.30pm. Contact 01394 386317/380471

Otley Dinner Dance OVH 7.30pm. Contact 890283

Sunday 2nd

Exhibition of paintings & prints Hill Farm, G'burgh 10am-6pm. 07870 594173.

Wednesday 5th

Ghost Stories at Otley Hall 7.30pm. Contact 890264

Thursday 6th

'Kesgrave Singers' G'burgh Burgh & Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735088

'Christmas Decorations'

Clopton Ladies Group VH 8pm. Contact 737417

Saturday 8th

Christmas Fair FOGS G'burgh School 11.30am-1.30pm. Contact 01394 272774

Shabogamooo Shufflers

Blues Band, Bealings VH 8pm. Contact 614855

Monday 10th

Christmas Tour at Otley Hall 6.30pm-9pm. Contact 890264

Thursday 13th

Christmas Party Bealings' WI BVH 2.30pm. Contact 623985

Saturday 15th

Santa Special Santa's Grotto and trips on steam traction engine GPR 10am-2.30pm. Contact 735096

Hasketon Under 18's Xmas

Party & Dance VH 07704 901853

Tuesday 18th

'Mid-Suffolk Light Railway' G'burgh Local History Society GPR 7.45pm. Contact 738321

Wednesday 19th

Evening walk from G'burgh Green 7pm. Contact 735481

Sunday 23rd

Celebrate Christmas with the Scouts Hot Soup, Mulled wine, Xmas Music G'burgh VG 7.30pm. Contact 735352

Monday 31st

Barn Dance Clopton VH 8pm. Contact 737417

JANUARY

Thursday 3rd

'The Galapagos Islands' Clopton Ladies Group VH 8pm. Contact 737417

Thursday 10th

Lunch Golden Club G'burgh VH. Contact 735650

Friday 11th

Beetle Drive Hasketon VH 6.30pm. Contact 01394 382059

Monday 14th

G'burgh & Culpho Parish Council meeting 7.30pm GPR. Contact 735451

Tuesday 15th

'Marines in Tights' G'burgh Local History Society GPR 7.45pm. Contact 738321

Saturday 26th

Shebeen Irish Band. Hasketon VH 8pm. Contact 01394 387302

FEBRUARY

Friday 1st

'Wizard of Oz' Junior TOPS Otley VH 7.15pm. Contact 890491

Saturday 2nd

'Wizard of Oz' Junior TOPS Otley VH 2.15 and 7.15pm. Contact 890491

Thursday 7th

'Marie Curie Nurses' Clopton Ladies Group VH 8pm. Contact 737417

Friday 8th

'Miscellany of Local History' Hasketon VH 7.15. Contact 01394 388970

MARCH

Saturday 1st

Quiz Clopton VH. Contact 737417/737602

Friday 14th

'Charlie Haylock' comedian Hasketon VH 7.15pm. Contact 01394 388970

JULY

Saturday 12th

Grundisburgh Village Show & Dance. G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society GPF. Contact 738267

AUGUST

Friday 8th

Evening Garden Party. G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, Little Thatch, Culpho 6.30pm. Contact 738330

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

iao - in aid of

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Entries must be separated from any editorial sent and must include a contact phone number.

The diary is prepared to help organisers plan events, as well as to publicise them. For space reasons, events held in a regular pattern, such as WI and parish council meetings, are not usually included more than two months ahead.



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What's On

BEALINGS BLUES

The Blues band 'The Shaboogamoo Shufflers' are playing a benefit gig in aid of the John Belstead Playingfield on 8 December. This starts at 8pm in Bealings Village Hall. There will be a licensed bar, and tickets cost £4 before or £5 on the door. Over 16s only. Contact Malcolm Watson on 01473 614855.

Flavours of Christmas in Bredfield

The Decibelles will be presenting 'Flavours of Christmas', a programme of more unusual Christmas music with a few favourites added, on Saturday 1 December. The programme starts at 7.30pm in St Andrews Church Bredfield. Tickets at £6 include refreshments and are available from Nina Nicholson (01394 380471), Cathie Shuster (01394 386317) or at the village shop. All proceeds will go to the church for repairs.

An all female vocal group, the Decibelles will be performing both a cappella and accompanied music. Their repertoire is diverse, ranging from the early music of Purcell, to folksongs and arrangements of popular songs.

Santa by steam

For the eighth year running Father Christmas will be visiting Grundisburgh Parish Rooms. He will be in his grotto on Saturday 15 December from 10am to 2.30pm. Children of all ages will be able to ride round the village green on a steam traction engine. Tickets will cost £1 per child, which includes a visit to see Santa in his grotto, a goodie bag, a ride, soft drink and

biscuit. Adult tickets are £2 for a mince pie, mulled wine - and a engine ride, if you dare! The proceeds will go to Crossroads (Caring for Carers).

Marion and Dennis Pratt

Christmas Dinner Dance

Otley Community Council's popular Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 1 December at Otley Village Hall. There will be a three course meal with licensed bar, followed by dancing with Atmospheres' Disco. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets are £15 each from Diane Elmer, 01473 890283.

ART EXHIBITION IN STUDIO

An exhibition of paintings and prints by artist Reg Snook is being held in his studio/gallery on Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 December, between 10am and 4pm.

His studio has been extended to incorporate more paintings and prints of all sizes for sale. The exhibition will feature his latest paintings of British wild birds, and he guarantees that all commissions accepted will be completed before Christmas.

This will be a good opportunity to see a working artist's studio - and enjoy a glass of wine with him. Reg's studio/gallery is at Hill Farm, located on the bridle path at the end of Stoney Road in Grundisburgh.

Horticultural events in 2008

Grundisburgh Burgh and Culpho Horticultural Society is already planning its activities for next year.

The Village Show and the post show dance will be on 12 July and the evening garden party on 8 August. The other major event to raise money to run the show, Hidden Gardens, will be in June but the exact weekend has yet to be finalised.

A list of the classes for the 2008 show will be available in January, and the complete schedule in May. Anyone interested in promoting their business through advertising in the schedule or sponsoring classes or activities at the show can contact Angela Cooper on 01473 735885.

Thanks to the success of the fund raising activities and sponsorship this year, we have been able to donate £750 each to the two chosen charities (Crossroads and the Stroke Association), in addition to covering our own costs for running the

show, including the hire of the marquee.

Sally Doherty has stood down as chairman of the committee and replaced by Martin Cripps from Great Bealings. Iain Langdon continues as treasurer. Despite appeals I have failed to find a replacement as secretary but I am helped by Pat Dougan as minutes secretary. Anyone interested in joining the committee, or just in helping with particular events, can contact me.

Nicola Hobbs, 01473 738267

To save the harassed editor time please supply items for editorial on this What's On page as short articles and not as if for a display advert.

If adverts are wanted they need to be booked with Liz Binns and will incur a cost (see back page).



NEWS TRIBUTE

Derek Watkins July 1927 to October 2007

Derek was well known as a dentist, gardener and allotment supremo, jazz aficionado, humorist and supporter of local hostelleries.

After difficult beginnings, Derek trained as a dentist at Kings College Hospital in 1950, and his first practice was in London. Then he moved to Ipswich and set up in business in Foxhall Road in the seventies. House moves were frequent as Derek sought to get the best for his family - Shealagh, one daughter and four sons - until they discovered Grundisburgh in 1980 and for the first time felt really at home. For 20 years they lived at Niann House opposite the Post Office, from where Derek also ran his surgery part time after leaving Foxhall Road.

Patients recall how Derek made treatment in the dentist's chair so much more bearable through the non-stop funny

stories - often about Shealagh and the children.

They stayed on in the house after Derek stopped practising as a dentist in 1990. Derek worked two of the village allotments next door, as well as being secretary of the association. He was very generous in many things, not least with his produce - which were also the basis for a his soup-making activities. Derek was very supportive of Sheila in the cake baking to support the horticultural society

Derek was known for witty quips and one liners, entertaining fellow pub visitors. He was a member of a successful quiz team at the Turks Head, Hasketon - and latterly mainly patronised The Dog in Grundisburgh. He and Shealagh moved to a bungalow in Meeting Lane five years ago.

Maggi Thompson

Shealagh Watkins would like to thank the kind people of Grundisburgh and around for all their cards, kind messages of condolence and help given to her at this very sad time.

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Sunday 2 December 4.30pm
Advent Carol Service at Otley.

Sunday 9 December 11am
Advent Gift Service at Clopton.

Sunday 16 December 11am
Christingle Service at Swilland.

Sunday 23 December 6.30pm
Carol Services at Otley.

Christmas Eve
4pm Crib Services at Otley and Swilland. 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas at Clopton.

Christmas Day
9am Family Communion at Swilland. 10.30am Family Communion at Otley and Family Carol Service at Ashbocking.

Details of other services during December can be seen on church notice boards and in the benefice magazine.

Revd Joy Rapley, Clopton Rectory,
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Benefice of Boulge, Burgh, Grundisburgh and Hasketon

Friday 14 December
7pm Carols by Candlelight at Boulge.

Sunday 16 December 6.30pm
Carol Service at Hasketon.

Sunday 23 December
8am Holy Communion at Grundisburgh.
11am Joint Service Holy Communion at Hasketon.
6.30pm Carol Service at Grundisburgh (followed by refreshments on the Green by the scouts)

Christmas Eve
4pm Crib services at Grundisburgh and Hasketon
6pm Carol Service at Burgh.
11.30pm Midnight Mass at Grundisburgh and Hasketon

Christmas Day
9.45am Family Communion at Burgh. 11am Holy Communion BCP at Boulge

Rev. Clare Sanders. Grundisburgh Rectory,
01473 735183

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel

Sunday 23 December
10.45am Christmas worship
4pm Carol Service for the family

Christmas Day service 10.15 - 11am

Also, Thursday 20 December:
Carols at the Dog, 8pm

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MAGGI HAMBLING SUPPORTS AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK

Culpho artist Paul Bruce was involved with a major fund raising event at Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich which raised over £5,000 for Age Concern Suffolk.

Paul, who is chair of Friends of Ipswich Museums, arranged for famous artist Maggi Hambling to give a talk and donate one of her wave paintings for auction. Paul spoke about the history of the mansion and its collection of

Gainsbroughs and Constables. The money raised will go towards Age Concern's services for older people in the county.

One of these services is the Domestic Information Helpline which helps callers track down someone who provides homebased services. It operates Monday to Thursday mornings, 9.30-12.30 on 0845 3300470.



Age Concern Suffolk President, the Countess of Euston (left) with Maggi Hambling and Paul Bruce.

School of Dance

There seems to be a rumour going around that the School of Dance run by Carole Hayes is about to close. After eight successful years of running the school in Grundisburgh Village Hall every Saturday morning, and

more recently on Thursdays, Carole has no intention of closing it while she still has energy enough!

Carole is a member of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and is very proud of her students, many of

whom have passed the ISTD ballet exams with high marks. Last year was the first time the exams were taken in Grundisburgh Village Hall. This took three months to organise, with an examiner travelling from London specially for the occasion.

The students have enjoyed performing at Grundisburgh Village Shows, and fund-raising carol concerts; they are now looking forward to the next concert on 21 December.

There is always a welcome for newcomers who want to learn ballet, tap and modern dancing. For boys and girls interested in having some fun while learning good posture, co-ordination and movement (very good for football and

other sports!), classes are on Saturday mornings and Thursdays after school. Ages from 3+ years. Contact Carole on 01473 738865.

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For further information, or to apply:

- ◇ go to www.iscu.org.uk or phone 01473 690690
- ◇ or contact GrEG Secretary Dee Hibble on 01473 735641 g.hibble1@btinternet.com, www.green-grundisburgh.org.uk

- ◇ or get a copy of the application form from Grundisburgh Post Office

But hurry, funding is limited and applications must reach ISCU by 31 December.

This pilot scheme is open to anyone in Suffolk.

MOBILE LIBRARY STOPS

The mobile library service visits almost all The News' villages on a fortnightly basis. It stocks a wide range of titles for adults and children, and the librarian will order specific books on request. The News had a request from Bredfield to publish details of visits there. It seemed a shame to just cover one village - so here are all the stops in our patch.

Alternate Tuesdays, 27 November, 11 December, 8 January etc

Playford: Telephone kiosk 12.25-12.40pm

Great Bealings: Boot Street 12.50-1.05pm

Great Bealings: Lower Road 1.10-1.25pm

Little Bealings: Admiral's Head 1.35-2pm

Alternate Thursdays, 6 & 20 December, 3 January etc

Hasketon: Village Hall 12-12.10pm

Bredfield: Glebe Road 12.20-12.35pm

Bredfield: Village Hall 12.40-12.55pm

Debach: Alby Green Cottage 1.05-1.15pm

Clopton: Rous Hall Estate 1.20-1.35pm

Burgh: Lay-by 1.45-1.55pm

Grundisburgh: Post Mill Gardens 2.50-3.05pm

Grundisburgh: Dog Inn 3.10-3.55pm

Tuddenham: Fountain 4.15-4.30pm

Alternate Thursdays, 6 & 20 December, 3 January etc

Witnesham: Barley Mow 10-10.10am

Witnesham: Weyland Road 10.15-10.40am

Swilland: Moon & Mushroom 10.45-10.55am

Swilland: Church Lane 11-11.15am

Swilland: Sunset Cottage 11.20-11.30am

Otley: Spring Park 11.40-11.55am

Otley: Village Stores 12-12.20pm

Charsfield: Village Hall 3.20-3.30pm

Charsfield: South View 3.35-3.45pm

Dallinghoo: Village Hall 3.55-4.15pm

The two Thursday routes listed are served by different mobile library vans. More information from help@suffolklibraries.co.uk or by phone between 9am and 12 noon, Monday-Friday, on 07872 676698.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS IN GRUNDISBURGH

The police are urging villagers not to park on pavements inconsiderately, obstructing pedestrians and especially mobility scooters and children's buggies and prams. There have been several instances in Grundisburgh recently where even pedestrians have been forced off the pavement into the road.

Mobility scooters are invaluable in giving more independence to those with mobility problems. As the village is so compact a scooter is a great boon to those who need one - but useless if the paths are obstructed.

Mothers with small children have had to walk around cars rather than use the pavement - a highly dangerous manoeuvre if you are pushing a pram and have other small children in tow.

So drivers please exercise care when parking. When patrolling the village, police will be looking out for careless parking and will issue tickets where necessary - but they cannot be in the village 24/7. Nor can they solve the problem on their own and look to villagers to report the offender if they are forced into the road by inconsiderate parking.

To report a crime dial 01473 613500. The Community Intelligence Hotline, 0800 783

9112 is a means of contacting the police (anonymously if preferred) and providing them with any information that would assist them in the prevention and detection of crime.

Grants for village organisations

If you belong to an organisation in Grundisburgh or Culpho and have a project you wish to pursue which will be for the benefit of the villages, then grants are available from the parish council. Please note that grants are for capital projects only not running costs. The Parish Council's Finance Sub Committee will meet on 3 December to make recommendations to the full council at their January meeting.

If you would like your project to be considered please write immediately to the Parish Clerk: John Ager, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh IP13 6UU, 01473-735541, j.ager@tesco.net, giving as much information as possible including your organisation's latest set of accounts.

In recent years projects which received parish council backing include:

- ◇ purchase of equipment for the netball club
- ◇ sound and lighting equipment for GADS
- ◇ sand pit for early learning centre
- ◇ new hut for tennis club

- ◇ projector stand for the local history society
- ◇ new computer equipment and digital camera for the Grundisburgh & District News
- ◇ refurbishment of the scout hut kitchen
- ◇ installing bollards on the playing field
- ◇ oral history CD
- ◇ re-pointing St Mary's Church wall
- ◇ new playing field children's play area
- ◇ Neighbourhood Watch signs
- ◇ Youth club equipment.

FLYPOSTING PLEA

A plea from Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council to people promoting events - please don't stick posters up indiscriminately - for example on the village sign on The

Green. John Ager is willing to put posters on parish council boards for local groups if they are left with him at 8 Post Mill Close. An 'A frame' for large posters can be borrowed from Sally Grahn (738219). And posters should be taken down once events are over.

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AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Grundisburgh Gleanings

Poetry book inspired by village life

Twenty years of living in Grundisburgh have inspired the poems in a newly published book, 'The Quality of Words'.

Shula Bailey wrote all the poetry while she lived in the Coach House, next to the parish rooms. She also ran a pottery, craft and boutique shop there, served coffee and cakes, and worked as a medium and palmist.

The flowering cherry tree outside her shop inspired one poem:

*So stretch your branches,
don't be shy*



*Stretch them up,
embrace the sky*

*Fill your trunk
with pure spring
air,*

*While the
people stop
and stare.*

The 68 poems are interspersed with explanations of their background and what inspired them, many of them involving village life.

One outlines her problems with the then publican at The Dog.

Shula left Grundisburgh in 1988 and retired to Sussex, where writing is still a great love, and she is now the proud great grandmother of six.

Her new book is available

from her at East Court Lodge, College Lane, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 3LR, shulabailey@hotmail.co.uk. It costs £7.50 including postage.

A sample copy can be seen in Williams Store on The Green.

WI learns body language & sugarcraft

At the Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI October meeting George Irvine gave an amusing and interesting talk on body language, which was most enjoyable.

Margaret Castle came in November and gave a demonstration on sugarcraft for Christmas. She showed us how to make Christmas trees, snowmen and Father Christmases by simply rolling out icing and shaping it. She also gave us many tips on how to make our Christmas cakes more attractive.

Our next meeting on Thursday 6 December will be our Christmas party and will be

held in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The entertainment will be provided by the Kesgrave Singers

Peggy Gandy

Grundisburgh in pictures

A calendar for 2008 with new pictures of Grundisburgh are available in the Post Office and Forge Stores. These cost £4.99. The special village Christmas card being sold there this year has a photo of the ford and Ford House (where The News is put together) in the snow.

DINING CLUB

Grundisburgh Dining Club next dinner will be at The Dog, Grundisburgh on Saturday 8 December, 7:30 for 8pm. A menu will be available for choices to be made prior to arriving. Book early as this dinner will be well supported.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings



Left: Flag bearers and side parties of scouts and guides outside St Mary's Church.
Community Police Officers Sally-Anna Chatten-Berry and Marie Smith visiting the scout hut..

NEWS FROM THE SCOUTS

The First Grundisburgh Scout Group had a very good turnout for the Harvest Parade on 7 October, when our new Explorer Flag was carried into Grundisburgh Church for the first time.

Later that month two Police Community Support Officers from Woodbridge came to the scout hut and gave a talk to the cubs and scouts. We had a very interesting evening with lots of questions from the young members, who particularly enjoyed everyone - including the leaders - having their fingerprints taken.

All are welcome to come along to Grundisburgh Green on Sunday 23 December at 7.30 pm and join the Scout Group in celebrating Christmas where we will be serving hot soup, mince pies and mulled wine, accompanied by seasonal music and games.

Voluntary help needed - urgently!

We are in urgent need of volunteer helpers for a few hours, perhaps on a rota basis, as we now only have three leaders to cover three sessions between them. By law we should have two leaders/helpers per session. It is getting increasingly difficult to maintain this quota and we have had to cancel some

evening meetings. Helpers can be male or female as we now have girl members. Parents and interested parties out there - please help us to keep our scout group running or sadly it will have to close.

Pat Ross, Scout Group Secretary, 01473 735352 or 07929 730709

School fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who supported FOGS' Ladies Shopping Evening, fireworks display, and clothes and textiles collection. These events were a great success, together raising around £1,300 for school.

We hope you will also join us for our Christmas Fair which is being held at Grundisburgh School on Saturday 8 December from 11.30am to 1.30pm. There will be stalls and games for all ages, a craft area, raffle, refreshments, and a visit from Father Christmas. For more information please contact Rosie Stoodley on 01394 272774.

Amanda Sheridan, Friends of Grundisburgh School

REPORT FROM PLAYGROUP

Grundisburgh Playgroup started this term with cats, hats and bats for Halloween, followed by making cardboard

roll fireworks with lots of fluorescent paint for our fireworks display.

The fairy lights will be hung from the ceiling early to celebrate the Hindu festival of light 'Diwali' with elephant masks and dancing. We will be looking at lots of photos, including photos of the staff when they were very young, to gain an understanding of past and present. We plan to make 'candle' biscuits for 'Hanukkah', before getting into the full swing of seasonal tinsel and glitter, with the nativity play and Christmas party, to finish our topic of 'celebrations'.

If anyone has any interests or hobbies they would be willing to share with us we would love to hear from you. Please contact Playgroup on 735161 (mornings during term time).

Alison Garrod

Keep playing field dog free

Unfortunately dog fouling on Grundisburgh Playing Field has increased considerably since the death of Henry Thorpe who managed to keep it under control.

It is an offence to allow dogs on the field (except on a lead on the footpath which runs along the boundary by the

tennis courts and pavilion). This a rule for all National Playing Field Association owned property and is to protect the health and welfare of children and other users of the field.

This is irresponsible behaviour by the owners and unnecessary, considering the surrounding countryside and the many designated bins around the village.

Jon Trenter, chairman, Grundisburgh Playing Field Management Committee, 01473 735377

WALK BY TORCHLIGHT

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council is repeating last year's very successful evening walk when over 40 people took part.

This year the walk will leave the village green at 7pm on Wednesday 19 December, following the same route and again stopping at the half way point for mulled wine and mince pies. All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult and dogs kept on leads. Walkers should bring their own torch, wear suitable footwear and dress according to the weather. With the stop, the walk will take approximately one and a half hours.

Peter Brunning, 01473 735481

HOME CURES ON OFFER AT THE DOG

The Grundisburgh Dog's latest venture sees them producing Parma style ham and air dried beef. They purchase from local farmers, butcher in-house and then carry out the many processes involved to produce the finest 'preserved' products.

It all began when local farmer Charles Foulger supplied the pub with beef for Mother's Day. Chef James Rogers

decided to try his hand at turning some of it into bresaola (air dried beef). He then experimented with 'Parma' ham. The whole process with ham takes six months; salting for three weeks and then wrapping it in muslin to be hung and dried. The bresaola process is not so lengthy - only taking about a month.

An experiment is currently underway with a haunch of venison being cured in red wine, spices and salt, before being hung in a muslin wrap.

The cured meats find their way into The Dog menus - for example the bresaola is used in their House Grundisburgh Beef salad often found on the specials blackboard and is a treasure not to be missed. Home smoked fish also appears on the menus. Trout

and mackerel is smoked in the kitchens using wood chips brought in by sous chef James Jay, whose father works as a carpenter locally. Fresh salmon is turned into gravadlax.

These new ventures are part of a four year pursuit by James and his brother Charles for tasty, seasonal, locally produced food. They take great pride in displaying a



James Rogers

lengthy suppliers list with their menus demonstrating a genuine local feeling to all of their food. Although they have to hunt further towards the Essex or Norfolk borders for some things, much of their game, fruit and vegetables are supplied by local sources within the village.

Recently James and chef Sam Browes were finalists in two sections of a country-wide Pub/Chef Excellence Awards for a three course meal - the results will be announced in February. The Dog also got to the finals of another national competition for Pub Lunch of the Year but were just pipped at the post.

The special Christmas menu is proving popular and bookings by local groups have been coming in fast.

Joanna Lawrence

.... local enterprise local enterprise

The (other) Williams sisters

Williams Stores on The Green in Grundisburgh is famed throughout the area - as a veritable Aladdin's cave where you find things you've searched for everywhere else without success.

Since Ray died four years ago, Joyce has carried on the business, with family help and more limited opening times. The four Williams daughters are all involved in their own enterprises either within or beyond the shop.

The oldest, Claire, used to work in the health service but has now joined her mother in the shop on Monday to Thursday mornings, where she is responsible for checking stock, window displays, pricing and serving customers.

The next sister, Julie, raises pedigree Large Black pigs. Her Hogwarts Rare Breed enterprise is based at Hollesley; details of the free range meat, sausages, bacon and joints are available via Williams Stores or from Julie on 01394 411488. Julie first became interested in pigs when, as a teenager, she was given two piglets to look after by local farmer Keith Burch.

Diana has pursued many lines over the years. At one time she

competed to advanced level in endurance riding competitions and bred foals from a Spanish/Arabian stallion. The horses still in her stables are responsible for the bags of manure sold at the shop. Very painstaking work goes into the 'Mother's Bruin' mohair jointed teddy bears that Diana makes to order. These are very much for the collector market, not children's play. The bears mostly get named after characters from Dickens, a favourite author of both Diana and her mother. More details from Diana on 07709 918408.

In addition to working in the shop every Saturday, the youngest daughter Rosie runs a secretarial service offering to produce letters and CVs, handle mail outs, and type manuscripts, essays and reports. More recently she has started making jams and pickles which are sold in the shop. Rosie can be contacted on 01473 611808, rosie@vennfamilieclipse.co.uk.

Williams Stores is open Monday to Thursday mornings, from 9 to 1, on Saturdays 9 to 1 and 2 to 5, and closed Friday and Sunday.

Nicola Hobbs



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GAME ON THE MENU

The Moon & Mushroom's landlady (Nikki Gavron, above) had her own event management business in the not-for-profit sector. This love has followed her throughout her career, and the Moon & Mushroom is noted for its fund raising activities. She has worked closely with a fund-raising group called the Suffolk Squires, which last year raised £17k, this year in excess of £10k. The chosen charities are St Elizabeth's Hospice and the Suffolk Childrens Hospice.

A new chef was appointed at the Swilland pub six months ago. Craig Clinton is English but brought up in South Africa. His love is real English food with a twist; game is a particular favourite and always appears on the menu.

The Moon & Mushroom is a lovely 16th century pub with blazing fire and bags of atmosphere, and has always been noted for its food and real ales from small East Anglian Breweries.

However, Nikki says that the new chef has reinvented the meaning of "good old English country food uniquely cooked.....and this could be chef's own steak, mushroom and ale pieslow roast partridge with port sauce....pan fried pigeon breast with wild mushroom sauceleg of venison stuffed with pancetta as well as a wide range of casseroles and light bites - or his marvellous South African curries".



Top left: Rosie and Clare with Rosie's jam;
Above: Julie with one of her Large Blacks;
Left: Diana with furry friends.

Photos on this page courtesy Peter Kendall

Grange Farm Christmas food tasting

Around 2000 people - the most ever - visited Grange Farm Shop for its latest food tasting weekend. As it was held later than usual, the emphasis was on delicious local foods for Christmas, with 32 suppliers offering

tastings of their produce. The event now has spread into two marquees, as well as the shop building itself on the Grundisburgh/Woodbridge Road. Christmas is well underway at the shop, with extensive orders being taken.

Photos from left:
Grange Farm kindly allowed Nicola Hobbs to promote Send a Cow's Christmas catalogue at the event (and to display copies afterwards);
Park View cheeses;
Olive oils from Casa de l'Oli.



The Bredfield Christmas Extravaganza

As the words 'Santa Claus is coming to town' sang out at Bredfield Village Hall on Saturday 10 November, indeed he did, arriving in great style on his tinsel bedecked pony and trap. Delighted children were then treated to a visit to see him in his magical, twinkling grotto.

The festive magic had been sprinkled over the hall to include stylish decorations and even an extension to the building onto the playing field (in the form of a marquee). From the wonderful range of stalls we were tempted to buy many of our Christmas needs, including unique decorations, cards, candles, wrapping paper, gifts of jewellery, pashminas, preserves, cushions, cakes, cookware, toys or plants to name but a few. Visitors could browse or buy, or take part in activities such as the tombola, competitions or the draw. Children could have their faces painted or try the lucky dip, or the absorbing children's activity table.

Meanwhile, no one needed to go hungry or thirsty. There were coffee and mince pies, homemade soup and filled rolls with mulled wine and later, sumptuous teas.

Who would guess that a small village could house so much talent? Thank you to all those



who worked so hard before, during and after what was truly an Extravaganza; you made it such a success. We raised £1849.61 to be shared between East Anglian Children's Hospices and Bredfield St. Andrew's Church. Thanks to everyone who supported us on the day.

Pat Miller

Youth Club

Yes, Bredfield youth club is officially on the map! Having started in September, the club has attracted a core group of 11 young people attending so far. With table tennis, pool, games consoles, table top games and some rather competitive (but friendly of course!) Uni Hoc games (that's in-door hockey

with plastic sticks and puck), the local young people are really enjoying their action packed and fun filled Monday evenings.

Not only is this giving the local young people somewhere to go and something to do but it is also enabling them to be a part of an important community group, which provides evenings of fun activities, good laughs, meaningful discussions, informal social education and the chance to simply chill out, meet other young people and have a relaxed evening of fun and enjoyment all round.

The young people have already expressed a keen interest to help raise funds for this new club and are looking to hold their own fundraising event during club time, as part of the Just42 Showcase Week in early December.

Bredfield youth club runs on Monday evenings (except for the first Monday of each month), 6.30 to 8.30pm, at Bredfield Village Hall. It is open to young people aged 10 to 16 living in Bredfield, Dallinghoo, Debach or Boulge, and it is run by Just42, a Christian based youth work charity.

Baz Wilkinson

Youth club committee members are Steve Stammers, Revd



Dave Gardener, Wendi Hardwick and Roswyn

Bradshaw. The club is run by Just 42 with Baz Wilkinson taking the lead. The members pay a nominal amount each week but we need funds to help us keep this club going - please contact Roswyn Bradshaw (01394 387867) if you would like to donate either money or equipment the club can use.

Trouble on the buses

The changes to bus routes reported on the last issue of The News have had a terrible effect for Bredfield and some other villages.

We cannot now go direct to Ipswich and instead have to either change in Woodbridge or Otley. The times into Woodbridge leaving from the pump are: 10.52, 13.22, 15.22, and back again starting at the Turban Centre at 10.10, 12.30 and 14.30.

Getting The News around Bredfield

Roswyn Bradshaw has kindly taken on collecting items from Bredfield for The Grundisburgh & District News. She asks that anyone with information contact her on 01394 387867.

And thanks too to all the Lantern distributors who have kindly taken on the delivery of The News in Bredfield.



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JAMS FOR CANCER

Passers by travelling on the Dallinghoo Road out of Bredfield will see a simple sign stating 'Jams for Cancer'.

Lynn Arbon was diagnosed with cancer of the colon in December 2005. He explained to the doctors that he was a fit, very active man who didn't smoke and rarely drank alcohol. In fact, had been head green keeper at Woodbridge Golf Club, before his retirement eight years before.

An operation was successful and he did not require chemotherapy or

radiotherapy (although five inches of the colon were removed); after three weeks, Lynn returned home. He worked hard to regain his fitness – when it was too cold to

walk outside, he walked in the hallway, putting a piece of paper on a chair to mark each lap.

From this life threatening illness, Lynn, with the support of his wife Sue and two sons, has made an remarkable recovery. The following summer Lynn and Sue decided to give something back. Married for an outstanding 49 years, they had always made jams and chutneys, and this seemed to be the most fitting method of raising money.

Sue remembers saying that if she could raise £50, she would be pleased! But Sue and Lynn have reached the grand total of £2,500 in just over a year from selling jams and chutneys on the roadside.

Sue has a suitably cauldron-like pot for jam and chutney making, and she tries not to leave the house on chutney days in case anyone catches a whiff of her 'Eau de vinegar'.

Her produce has travelled back to Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Northants - and marmalade has even travelled to Spain!

In the height of the season they have over 16 varieties, including Orange & Ginger, and Pink Grapefruit Marmalade, Golden Plum Jam, Quince Jelly, Tomato & Onion, Red Onion & Red Wine (apparently very popular!), traditional Blackcurrant and Strawberry. This autumn they are sourcing

pumpkins to make chutney.

Sue's recipes come from her mother, magazines, word of mouth and even invention! If you have a favourite recipe, why not share it with Sue so that they can help another

good cause. Many people in the village donate spare fruit from their trees but when this is not available Sue and Lynn try to source their ingredients locally.

Sue and Lynn do not get to meet many of their customers but would like to thank all those who have bought their produce and given generously. The following have benefited from their fundraising:

St Elizabeth Hospice £150

East Anglia's Children's Hospice £250

Intensive Care Unit £200

Alzheimers Society, Ipswich £150

Addington Fund (Farmers due to floods etc) £100

St Andrew's Church, Bredfield, £100

Bredfield Community Shop £40 (electric cleaner)

Dallinghoo Church £130 (trimmer)

Monewden Village Hall £50 (dry rot in floor)



Wickham Market Health Centre £930 for a syringe driver

St Peter's Church, Blaxhall £50

Dallinghoo Village Hall £120 (equipment)

Meningitis Trust £20

Roswyn Bradshaw

Fundraising for the hall

We will be having a series of fundraising events for refurbishment of Bredfield Village Hall. The hall is in need of updating so that we

can all enjoy the surroundings more and ensure regular bookings - please come along and support your local village hall. Our first event will be a quiz night with fish 'n chip supper on 25 January, starting at 7.30pm.

Recycling brings money

Bredfield makes money from the recycling facilities at the village hall. Last year we made about £100 which will go straight back into the village. You can recycle paper, cans and bottles at the site near the village shop and hall. Go on, do your bit for the environment and your village.

Ghana visit inspires marathon man

On Sunday 4 November Roger Ackerley from Bredfield ran the New York Marathon finishing in a creditable 2460th position. More than 39,000 runners from all over the world competed in the race around all five of New York's boroughs. Roger completed the 26 mile 385 yard course in just under 3 hours 20 minutes.

Roger is aiming to raise £2000 for Comic Relief and the new Bredfield Church Room. He said "I was inspired to run by my visit earlier this year to Ghana where I saw at first hand the work funded by the Comic Relief appeal. I returned home with a deep sense that we can improve the

lives of the poorest, and of the importance of our local communities."

If you would like to support these causes, please contact him on 01394 384805 or r.ackerley@talk21.com.



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Bealings Bylines

WI REPORT

The first meeting of the autumn for Bealings Women's Institute was graced by a talk by Mrs Marion Leeson titled 'In my Mother's Basket'. This was mainly about her mother, Gladys Frost who was born in 1894. Gladys was one of six children and as she grew into her teens the family decided that she should become a teacher.

Gladys became a WI member in 1921 and later acquired four reed baskets, made by German POWs at Debach airfield. Hence the title of the talk. Number one basket came from Mullins, the butchers in Wickham Market who delivered his meat every week. Number two contained hints on such things as rosewater, cold cream, a cure for rheumatism, oil of cloves, counter effects for mustard gas, a nit comb and many other items. The third basket was the 'Go to town basket'

and contained a fur, which ladies wore on their shoulders throughout the 1920s and 1930s. Number four basket was the Economies one and contained a host of items which the owner made, having learnt most of them through the WI. The talk was much enjoyed by members.

The meeting in October was about running a B&B. Christine Griffiths started by offering accommodation to students through her church, after her family had flown the nest. During the 14 years Christine was in business she had no less than 41 nationalities. Her capacity was six guests at any one time, and one year her record was 450 from June to December. This is hardly surprising as Christine proved to have a very warm and helpful personality which conveyed itself during a very interesting talk.

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Hasketon Highlights

BEST EVER CHARITY FAIR

Hasketon Charity Fair on 20 November enjoyed a bumper turn out. Over 200 customers came to support 18 different charities. And takings were up too - altogether the charities raised a fantastic £1,351, fifty percent more than last year.

A quick poll on the door revealed our customers came from Hasketon, nearby villages, and Ipswich, Stowmarket, Needham Market and Framlingham. Thanks to all those who came from near and far to support the good causes and those who helped make the event such a success,

Two good causes deserve a special mention this year: Muscles for Charity do excellent work throughout the year, lending their strength and skills to anyone who needs them, in return for a donation to charity. Muscles raised £850 last year from jobs which were commissioned at the charity fair. Alice Evans ran a stall for the first time, to raise money for the Christmas party for children from Hasketon on 15 December. Other charities included Send a Cow, Cancer Research UK, Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Home Farm Trust, Suffolk Air Ambulance, Crossroads and Save the Children.

It's not too early to book a stall for next year. Remember

it costs nothing and each charity gets a share of the door and raffle money.

Jenny McWhirter, 01473 735174

More Hasketon happenings

On a Friday evening earlier in November, after our ploughman's supper in The Victory Hall, we had a wonderfully illustrated talk by Felicity Lillingston about her walk with six others to the North Pole.

On the first Saturday in December, we shall dance to 'Infared', compete for a large bottle of whisky, join in the draw and eat delicious rolls ... all at Norman and Pat's annual Christmas party in The Victory Hall (01394 387590). Then two weeks later, the young people, under the watchful eye of Clare Evans (01394 385853), will have their turn. Their party will be in three separate sections for the different age groups, each sounding great fun and following one after the other ... Father Christmas, party games, prizes, dancing to a disco. The party-goers are at present commendably fund raising, so that they can pay for everything themselves.

Christmas will be well celebrated at Hasketon Church too, starting with the Christingle Service at 9.30am on 2 December, followed by Carols at 6.30pm on Sunday 16 December. On Christmas Eve there will be the Crib Service for families at 4pm

and at 11.30pm we shall have our Midnight Communion. On Christmas Day we shall go either to Burgh at 9.45am for Family Communion or Boulge for Communion at 11am.

Richard L Smith

LITTLE KICKERS

Continued from page 1

The classes introduce real football skills through exciting group play activities incorporating concepts such as sharing, taking turns, teamwork and listening. Children also develop agility, co-ordination and balance and early learning concepts such as colours and numbers.

The Hasketon class is held in The Victory Hall on Friday afternoons. There are two age groups: Junior Kickers caters for two to three and a half year olds and the Mighty Kickers class has the older children to their fifth birthday. Each class lasts 45 minutes with a maximum of 15 in each. Details are available from Caroline Wales, who has the franchise for the Ipswich area, on 01473 458000, cwales@littlekickers.co.uk.

Volunteers for youth projects

Youth work charity Just42 always has opportunities to help with its varied programme of work. At present it needs volunteers at its Hasketon and Grundisburgh clubs. No previous experience is necessary, although it might help! Contact 01394 380992,

Social programme 2008

Hasketon has an evening event in The Victory Hall on the second Friday of most months, and they invite people from nearby villages to join them. To complete the evening, we often have a ploughman's supper at 7.15pm, before the show. For your diary, here is a taste of things to come in the first half of the year.

11 January Beetle Drive (6.30pm: snacks: 01394 382059)

8 February Dr John Blatchly 'Miscellany of Local History', illustrated talk (7.15pm: ploughmans: £5: 01394 388970)

14 March Charlie Haylock, champion laughter maker (7.15pm: ploughman's: £5: 01394 388970)

11 April Molly's Quiz Night (7.15pm: ploughman's: £5: 01394 383106)

9 May Time of Our Lives Music Theatre present 'Cool Britannia', a light-hearted look at British life, culture and eccentricities, a mix of music, dance, stand-up and sketch comedy (8pm; £10: 01394 388970)

13 June Mark Mitchells 'The River Deben' illustrated talk (7.15pm: ploughman's: £5: 01394 388970)

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Saturday 26 January
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Clopton Chat

Clopton Parish Council had a very full agenda for its final scheduled meeting of 2007 and amongst its decisions was a resolution to add a peak to the traffic mirror which was erected on the B1078 opposite the junction with Shop Road. It is hoped the peak will reduce reflection from the sun and improve visibility for drivers exiting from Shop Road.

Also currently under consideration is the location of bus stops and bus shelters in the parish along with the creation of new lengths of footway. A meeting has taken place with officers from the Environment and Transport Department of Suffolk County Council who are currently designing a proposal which will be discussed at the parish council's January meeting.

One issue of concern which is frequently brought to parish council meetings is the speed of vehicles through Clopton. Unfortunately previous attempts to get speed restrictions have not been successful, so the parish council is now looking at the possibility of joining with neighbouring parishes to establish a Community Speed Watch. Under this scheme volunteers are trained to use a Home Office speed detection device and offenders are then contacted by the police.

Clopton Parish Council is looking to co-opt additional councillors to fill its two vacant seats. If you care about the local environment and

would like to be involved in the present and future strategy of the parish, please contact the chairman, Roy Compton on 01473 735495, any of the other councillors or myself. The next scheduled meeting of Clopton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 17 January at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome

Janet Clarke, parish clerk, 01473 830398,
janetinclydon@aol.com

Ladies Group meetings

Clopton Ladies Group meets on the first Thursday of each month, at 8pm in Clopton Village Hall (and not Wednesdays as in the Clopton news sheet). The talk in December will be on Christmas decorations. The January meeting will focus on the Galapagos Islands and in February on Marie Curie nurses

Diana Dawson 737417

Church news

The road past Clopton church is very busy. When there are special occasions such as weddings or funerals, cars have been parked close together, even opposite the brick wall. This is dangerous, and traffic has been held up because there is no room to pass. We now have a car park which is clearly marked and should prevent this problem.

We are sad to report the death of Mabel Brown who, only a few months ago celebrated her 90th birthday with all her large family.

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Otley Offerings

PLANNING FOR THE PARISH PLAN

Over the next few months Otley will be producing a 'Parish Plan', which will set out our vision for how we want our community to develop in the coming years. The plan will be as comprehensive as possible, covering social, economic and environmental issues that affect all who live and work in the community. The completed plan will help to influence future planning policies, local housing strategies, and the delivery and management of key local services.

For the plan to be successful, we need the whole community to be actively involved so that it reflects everyone's views. Early next year, we will be holding an open meeting at which people will have the opportunity to put forward their views on any community issue of importance to them, be it bus services, housing development, speed limits or hedgerows. The open meeting will be followed by a questionnaire to every household and business in the parish. The information we gather will be collated into a detailed report with a succinct action plan that will set out what we wish to happen over the next five to ten years.

This is your chance to influence the future development of your community - please make sure your views are included! If you would like further information, or to be involved in the preparation of the plan, please contact Ian Beaumont on 01473 890264 or beaumonts@otleyhall.co.uk

News From Otley Under Fives

This term the topic is books at Otley Under Fives

Centre, and we have been looking at all types of books; books about farming - we have been tasting our autumn fruits and grinding our own flour. We have looked at Disney books making Lion King Masks, Disney Castle and Bouncing Tiggers. We have also looked at our favourite stories including Owl Babies, Hungry Caterpillar and the Mr Men. By looking at different language books we have started learning some French words with the help of 'FiFi' and 'Pierre' the puppets. We have covered many more and intend to cover cookery, traditions, gardening, to name but a few, up until Christmas.

Otley Under Fives Centre is Open Mon-Fri 9am until 12noon for ages 2 1/2 to 5, and there is also a toddler group which runs from the centre on a Tuesday afternoon. Prospective parents and children are always welcome to visit; currently spaces are available for immediate start or after Christmas. For more information and to arrange a visit please contact 07789 468853 or 01473 890302.,

Alison Tiley-Nunn

AN UPDATE FROM OTLEY HALL....

At Otley Hall we have enjoyed a massively successful year so far, being involved in the fantastic Gosnold celebrations with our partners across the county.

We worked with Ipswich Borough Council, Bury Cathedral and Suffolk Records



Otley Hall owners Catherine and Richard Beaumont with events manager, Lucy Rudduck (centre) and the tourism award.

Office to stage events across the county between May and October to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Bartholomew Gosnold's founding of Jamestown, Virginia.

We were delighted to receive the Suffolk Tourism Award for Best Festival or Event in September and we hope that many people in our county now know much more about the fascinating history that lies in our region.

Since gaining our civil wedding licence we have been inundated with couples looking to say their vows here at the hall. Next year we are fully booked for weddings in summer and are now taking enquiries for 2009 and 2010.

After a slightly quieter couple of months in October and

November, we are now looking forward to an exciting festive season with some excellent events lined up for December. On Wednesday 5th we will have a brand new event for the hall, with a performance by Robert Lloyd Parry of two of MR James' spine chilling ghost stories. Robert will be performing 'The Ash Tree' and 'Oh Whistle, and I'll come to you, my lad' in the Great Hall. The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12.50. Booking is essential

After the success of our Christmas tours last year we are running them again this December. The 13th and 14th are already sold out, so we have opened up a third evening - Monday 10th.

The tours are a great night out and a wonderful way to get you into the festive spirit. You can experience a Tudor style Christmas with a guided tour of the stunning hall, followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles in the Great Hall. Tickets cost £11 per person and must be booked with



Left: Otley Under Fives baking Mr Happy biscuits from the Mr Men stories

Sporting stories

REPORT FROM OTLEY BOWLS

The bowls season always goes very quickly with many games being played and members enjoying playing several times a week in what at times was not very favourable weather this summer.

Otley Bowls Club finished second in Woodbridge League Division 3, second in our section of the Fynn League, and mid-table in the EBA Mens' League and the Mixed League.

The winners of our club competitions were:

2 Wood Male - P Quilliam; 2 Wood Female - E.Aldred; 4 Wood Male - N.Last; 4 Wood Female - E.Aldred; 2 Wood Mixed - H.Quilliam; Handicap - M.Stebbings; Veterans - M.Cliff; Pairs - P.Quilliam & G.Cant; Triples - B.Copping, J.Dale & A.Cant; Leverett Trophy - W.Hoyle.

We still need new members, as with four leagues to compete in, plus cup games it means a lot of bowling. I am mystified why we cannot attract more from our own village to this great game on what is generally recognised as a good green and a cheap sport to play.

This last season our green was used for the final of the Salter Cup, semi-final of the Junior Cup and for a challenge match between the County Ladies team and the Mens County team. Two very successful tournaments were held, both being full up. The winners of the Triples came from

Lowestoft and the Pairs winners from Melton.

We have now started to prepare for next year on the green. Anyone who would like to join us next season, which starts at the end of April, can contact me on for details. Tuition is always available and advice on equipment if needed.

Bill Kemp, 01473 890277

Volunteers sought by football club

Following the resignation of Darren Richardson, Grundisburgh Football Club has a vacancy for a volunteer press officer. This would involve preparing reports for the Green'Un (the East Anglian's sports paper which comes out on Saturdays) as well as The News.

The first team is currently fourth in a very tight league with only a few points between the top half a dozen teams. The reserves are also in a healthy position in their league but the manager, Phil Peck, would welcome some help with this team as Darren was also his co-manager while at the club.

Any budding Arsene Wenger's or interested press officers are invited to call at the club on a Wednesday evening or a Saturday after a game for a pint and a chat with any committee member.

Grundisburgh Football Club's 100 Club winners were:

September: £50 Ian Watson, £35 Isabel Georgia Peteit, £25 Neville Peck, £20 Brubby Grey.

October: £50 Teroy Huggins, £35 David Tucker, £25 Andy Southgate, £20 Mick Brown.

Letters

Thanks

October was the month of Breast Cancer awareness, and Grundisburgh Surgery, would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and supported our raffle. A total of £295 was raised.

Thanks

At many times during the past 21 years John, Elizabeth (Liz) and I have thanked the good fortune which brought us to live in Grundisburgh, but on no occasion so fervently as during those weeks recently when I was in hospital.

The outpouring of care and concern from people in Grundisburgh and around we found almost overwhelming. The shower of 'get well' cards, the flowers, books and hospital visits, the way friends cared for John with invitations to supper as well as preparing meals (and cakes) for him to have at home, the endless enquiries and good wishes which I know helped to support Elizabeth's spirit, for these we cannot thank everyone enough.

As a Catholic I particularly

appreciated the visits of Can Rev Clare Sanders and the Anglican community as well as those of the Rev Colin Grimwood and the people of the Baptist Chapel. Now I'm home and feeling stronger, I hope to meet people and say individual thank you's.

Madge Nicholas

Thanks

Doris Clarke and Sylvia and Albert Usher would like to thank all those friends whose good wishes and support helped so much after Doris's recent fall and hip operation. Happily Doris is now out and about.

Dennis Hazelwood

We only learned from your last issue that Dennis Hazelwood, our friend and helper for over 25 years, had died. Colin Grimwood in his tribute outlines his character perfectly. Perhaps we were amongst the last to see him, as he cycled over to Culpho for a 'cuppa' and a chat. As usual we benefitted from his fund of local knowledge and wry sense of humour.

Over and beyond his gardening skills we can testify to Dennis's expertise at many other outdoor tasks. In everything he undertook Dennis was meticulous in his approach and never settled for second best. Only recently he replaced roofing sheets on his former allotment shed which still stands proudly near our cottage. Truly one of the 'old school'! We shall miss him.

Brian & Sheila Potthecary

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204 April/May	12 March
205 June/July	14 May
206 Aug/Sept	9 July
207 Oct/Nov	10 Sept
208 Dec/Jan	12 Nov

PS Apart from needing a reserve editor, we could still do with other help - writing, chasing up missing items, admin etc. Anyone with a little bit of time to spare should contact Nicola Hobbs.

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It was in September 1997 that the first efforts were directed at creating our own village conservation area. Thanks to recent helpers, Toby Kersey and staff from Otley College, and Hilary an Ecology student, the Meadow has been looking at its best.

In late September this year, 16 volunteers from The Greenways Countryside Project cut and raked off the whole area, an essential part of the management plan to encourage wild flowers.

This year, for the first time, we saw numbers of the beautiful early purple orchid.

We recently welcomed, for their first visit, the Advisory Committee of Greenways, representing Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal, Ipswich Borough Council, etc. They were very impressed by the various habitats contained in such a modest area.

The Meadow, located off the driftway from Lower Road,



Above: Volunteers building a Stag Beetle pile, from left: Sally Grahn (Otley College support worker), John Dunnett, Chris Westgate (horticultural tutor) and Otley student Toby Kersey.

makes a pleasant diversion from the footpath to Bealings and deserves a visit!

John Dunnett, Meadow Warden

Anyone interested in getting involved with the conservation work should contact John on 01473 735515. Millennium Meadow was officially opened

in the Year 2000 on one and a third acres of untreated wet grassland leased to Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council by Lord Cranworth.



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