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Villages plan joint action to deter speeding

Speeding is a continuing concern in villages with many local roads being used as 'rat runs'. Attempts by parish councils to get speed limits extended and enforced have met with little success.

In an effort to tackle these concerns and increase driver awareness of the limits, the Police have introduced Community Speed Watch. This is a monitoring system carried out by trained volunteers who use a radar gun to record the speed of approaching traffic and report offenders to the Police.

Clopton Parish Council approached other councils to see if the cost of the equipment (£2,500) could be shared by having a joint scheme. So far Swilland, Witnesham and Otley have agreed to take part, while Debach, Grundisburgh, Culpho and Tuddenham have

expressed strong interest in the scheme.

The scheme can only get off the ground if enough volunteers are available. Each parish needs volunteers who will be accredited and trained by the Police. They must be over 18 (but there is no upper age limit) and be prepared to dedicate a minimum of one hour per month to the scheme.

The contacts in the villages so far are Clopton and Debach Jill Gipp (01473 737263); Grundisburgh Dennis Crowe (01473 738174); Otley Richard Treloar (01473 890271).

The overall contact is Roy Compton, chairman of Clopton Parish Council which has volunteered the coordinate the scheme (01473 735495). He and Clopton Parish Clerk Janet Clarke are organising a meeting to which representatives from other local councils and potential volunteers will be welcome. It takes place at Clopton Village Hall on Thursday 16 October starting at 7.30pm.



Local support for medical experience in Africa

Fourth year medical student Claire Haddock, from Grundisburgh, has recently returned from six weeks volunteering in a remote missionary hospital in Kagando, Western Uganda, as part of her studies.

The medical students were made to feel part of the community, and Claire spent her time mostly on maternity and paediatric wards, both very different from hospitals here. They were in charge of the wards due to lack of doctors, and ran their own ward rounds every day, making difficult decisions on their own. They had to do many things they wouldn't be expected to do here until qualified. Equipment and drugs are in very short supply and children are two to a bed with many patients on the floor.

Claire would like to thank Grundisburgh Parish Council and the Gurdon Trust for the

grants they gave which enabled her to have such invaluable experience.

She has been invited to talk about her trip and show photos at the next annual parish meeting, studies permitting. In the meantime her internet blog can be found at <http://www.claireandjayne.blogspot.com/> or in Grundisburgh Post Office.

Saving rural roads

Thanks to the miracles of modern technology, the Save Our Rural Roads campaign has at last managed to persuade Suffolk Coastal District Council to investigate its claims of expansion at the Gressingham Foods site in Boulge. The new Google Earth maps clearly showed that the site had grown beyond the planning consent granted in 2000 - which would explain the increase in HGV traffic. More SORR news on page 4.



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OCTOBER

Saturday 4

Quiz Clopton VH 7.30pm
Contact 737417 or 737602

Gr Church Coffee Morning
PR 10.30am Contact 735481

Table Top Sale Angela
Cobbold Hall Lt Bealings
9am-12noon. Contact 620213

Sunday 5

Harvest Festival Flag Parade
Gr Scout and Guide Group St
Mary's 11am. Contact 735352

Friday 10

Ceilidh Hasketon VH Contact
01394 388970

Bridge Drive iao Friends of
St Peter's Charsfield VH 7pm.
Contact 737352

Textile Collection iao FOGS
Gr School 12noon. Contact
738632

Saturday 11

**Harvest Supper and Barn
Dance** iao St Andrew's
Church Bredfield BVH 7pm.
PBE. Contact 01394 380471

Friday 17th

Auction of Promises iao
Friends of Charsfield School
Dallinghoo VH 7.30pm.
Contact 737559

Sunday 12

Parish walk Gr Green 2pm.
Contact 738219

Friday 17 & Saturday 18

Evening of Entertainment
Otley Players OVH 7.15pm.
Contact 890715

Tuesday 21

**'A Victorian Village: Richard
Cobbold's Wortham'** Gr
Local History Soc GPR
7.30pm Contact 738321

Friday 24

Fish and Chip Quiz Night

Bredfield VH 7.30pm. Contact
01394 386977

Monday 27

**'Everything you need to
know about apples'** Otley &
District Gardening Club OVH
7.30pm. Contact 890091

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1

Table Top Sale Angela
Cobbold Hall Lt Bealings
9am-12noon. Contact 620213

Gr Church Coffee Morning
PR 10.30am Contact 735481

Tuesday 4

Fireworks to Music FOGS
Gr School 6pm, Contact
738632

Thursday 6

'Paper Sculpture' Gr Burgh
& Culpho WI GPR 7.30 pm.
Contact 735838

Saturday 8

Fireworks Night Otley VH
PF 6.30pm. Contact 890970

Sunday 9

Parish walk Gr Green 2pm.
Contact 738219

Hasketon Charity Fair VH
2.30pm. Contact 735174

Wednesday 12

**Christmas Shopping
Evening** iao FOGS Gr S 7pm.
Contact 738632.

Thursday 13

Family Portraits Evening
Gr School 4.30pm onwards
Contact 735281

Friday 14

Christmas Crafts Otley Hall
10am-4pm. Contact 890264

Saturday 15

**Bredfield Christmas
Extravaganza** BVH 10am-
5pm. Contact 01394 380471
AGM Gr Local History Soc

followed by talk on history of
Burgh Cottage and supper
GVH 7pm Contact 738321

Monday 17

**Christmas Shopping
Evening** iao Otley Under
Fives OVH 7.30pm. Contact
890195

Thursday 20

AGM Gr Bowls Club GVH
7.30pm. Contact 738918

Saturday 22

Christmas Fair iao Friends of
St Peter's Charsfield VH
11am-3pm. Contact 737352

Monday 24

'Vegetable Growing' Otley &
District Gardening Club OVH
7.30pm. Contact 890091

Friday 28

Nativity Crib Exhibition Gr
Church 10am-4pm. Contact
738474

Suffolk Entertainment iao
Charsfield Rec CVH PBE.
Contact 737701

Saturday 29

Nativity Crib Exhibition as
Friday

Otley's Got Talent OVH 7-
9pm. Contact 890283/890787

Sunday 30

Nativity Crib Exhibition as
Friday

DECEMBER

Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3

Ghost Stories at Otley Hall
7.30pm. Contact 890264

Thursday 4

'Tudor Minstrel in Costume'
Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
7.30 pm. Contact 735838

Friday 5

Fish and Chip Quiz Night
Bredfield VH 7.30pm. Contact
01394 386977

Saturday 6

Gr Church Coffee Morning
PR 10.30am Contact 735481

Christmas Fair FOGS Gr
School 11.30am-1.30pm.
Contact 738632

Sunday 7

**Natural Christmas
Decorations Workshop**
White House Farm Hasketon.
Contact 01394 382992

Table Top Sale Angela
Cobbold Hall Lt Bealings
9am-12noon. Contact 620213

Thursday 11 & Friday 12

**Christmas Tours at Otley
Hall** Contact 890264

Wednesday 17

Christmas Walk Gr Green
7pm. Contact 738219

Sunday 21

**Celebrate Christmas with
the scouts** Gr Green 7.30pm.
Contact 735352

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

S - School

PBE - pre booking essential

*All codes are 01473 unless
given otherwise.*

*Items can be sent to Heather
Langdon or direct to The
News (see page 19).*

*Please separate diary entry
from any editorial provided
and only include date, name
of event, organisation
involved, venue, time and
contact phone number. Also
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essential.*

PIANO RECITAL

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pre-booking recommended.

PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES!

Last year's Ceilidh in The Victory Hall, Hasketon, was such a success that we are having another dance with the Inertia Reel Band on Friday 10 October. After the ploughman's supper at 7.15pm, dancers of all ages and all abilities will take to the floor ... you don't have to be an expert to have a lot of fun, as their caller takes you through all the steps. For tickets (adult £10, under 16's £5), phone 01394 388970.

Parish Walks

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council is still running its walks on the second Sunday of most months. Meeting on Grundisburgh Green at 2pm and lasting up to two hours we shall be walking on 12 October, 9 November and 10 January. Offers to lead walks are always welcome

The round village Christmas walk takes place on Wednesday 17 December, starting at 7pm. There is no charge for any of the walks and people from all areas are welcome.

Sally Grahn, 01473 738219

Fund raising in Charsfield

The Friends of St. Peter's, Charsfield, are organising a number of fund raising events. A bridge drive on Friday 10 October at the village hall starts at 7pm. Tickets cost £9.50 each (to include two course supper) and are available from Charsfield Garage and Gill Winkworth (01473 737352)

The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 22 November at the hall, 11am to 3pm. There will be stalls (including 'Bags & Bling', raffle, tombola and lunches of hot dogs and bacon

rolls). Father Christmas is being recruited. Anyone who wants to run their own stall or help in any way should contact Gill.

SUFFOLK ENTERTAINMENT

Charsfield Recreation Ground will be staging an evening of Suffolk Entertainment with Peter Holloway, June and Mike Crisp and friends on Friday 28 November in Charsfield Village Hall in aid of The Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field. Tickets will include a two course supper. More information from Jan Pedgrift on 01473 737701.

Fireworks at school...

Everyone is invited to come along to the FOGS fireworks to music and pumpkin carving competition, held at Grundisburgh School on Tuesday 4 November between 6 and 7.30pm. This is always a very impressive display organised by John Richards, who also synchronises the fireworks to suitably dramatic music. Tickets cost £4 (including a hot dog) available from Old Forge Stores and School office. In the event of rain, the display will take place on Wednesday 5 November.

...and Xmas events

There is an open invitation to come and get some Christmas shopping done at the FOGS Christmas shopping evening at Grundisburgh School on Wednesday 12 November at 7pm. There will be stalls selling all kinds of gifts as well as wine and nibbles. Tickets are £2.50 are available from the school office in advance or on the door. Please contact me for a pitch for a stall or tickets.

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place at the school on Saturday 6 December from 11.30am to 1.30pm, with stalls, games and refreshments for all the family (and of course a visit from Father Christmas).

Lucy Haste, Secretary, FOGS. 738632

Fireworks in Otley

Otley Community Council will be holding its fireworks display on Saturday 8 November on the village playing field. Gates open at 7pm with refreshments available. The display starts at 7.30pm. Entry on the gate is £3 for adults and £2 for children. Further information from 890970 or 890283.

DO YOU WANT PROOF?

Mustard Theatre Company will be touring with their latest production, 'Proof' by David Auburn, during October and November. Bealings Village Hall is one of the venues (on 14 November).

The Pulitzer-Prize and Tony award winning play combines elements of mystery and surprise with old-fashioned story telling. It revolves around a Chicago family, and reveals the characters loving, hating, encouraging and impeding each other.

It will also be performed at Wickham Market Village Hall, Framlingham College, Henley Community Centre, Mendlesham Community Hall and Eye Community Centre. Tickets (£8) are available from 01473 890964, or online at www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk. Tickets can be bought on the door subject to availability.

A pot pourri of entertainment

On Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October The Otley Players present 'Pot Pourri' an evening of entertainment, fun quiz and a three course meal.

Throughout the evening you will be entertained with a variety of songs, dance and sketches and, just to make sure that you have been paying attention, you will then be challenged to a series of questions relating to the performances.

All this, plus a fabulous meal, is available for £12.50 at Otley Village Hall. Doors

open at 7.15pm with starters being served at 7.30pm. This promises to be yet another fun packed evening by The Otley Players. Early booking is recommended by contacting Joan Parish on 01473 890715.

CRIB DISPLAY

The exhibition of nativity cribs at Burgh Church was a big success in 2006. Now Grundisburgh Church is holding a similar event this year. It's taking place on Friday 28 November and Saturday 29th from 10am to 4pm, and on Sunday 30th from 12noon to 4pm. Refreshments available. Anyone willing to loan a crib to the exhibition should contact the Rev'd Canon Clare Sanders 01473 735183.

Hasketon charity fair

This year's charity fair in Hasketon will be held on 9 November, starting at 2.30pm. Fifty pence is all you need to enter the Victory Hall and that includes refreshments as well as a chance to support a wide range of charities. You can stock up on all those vital items for Christmas – cards, wrapping paper and small gifts, many hand made. There will be a tombola and a raffle, but why not come up with a new idea to raise money for your favourite charity? Call me to find out how you can get involved.

Last year we raised a record £1,350 for local, national and even international charities. Please come along, bring your friends and neighbours and support all the good causes.

Jenny McWhirter, 01473 735174

Advance warning

Hasketon is changing the date of its fete next year because, by the first Saturday in August, many families have already started off on their summer holidays. In 2009 the Hasketon Village Fete, which draws crowds from all around, will be held on Saturday 18 July, which we believe - and hope - will not clash with other similar local events.

Katherine Smith (01394 388970)

UPDATE FROM SORR

Evidence shows major safety concerns

Suffolk County Transport Authority concentrates its safety improvement efforts on the official 'Killed and Seriously Injured' statistics and they are beating the targets set them by Government. This is, of course, to be applauded.

However, the point our Save our Rural Roads (SORR) campaign group constantly makes is that this does not mean that the rest of the rural roads are safe for pedestrians and cyclists, or even the average car driver.

Precious little is being done for these and the situation is destined to get progressively worse.

Money is being directed towards encouraging walking and cycling only in and around towns. There is at least one cycling group that

believes it is now safer to ride in urban areas than along our country lanes!

SORR has gathered some disturbing statistics. Over 360 people signed up to our bulk complaint to the Ombudsman (which is still ongoing) about Debach Enterprises. As part of this complaint, we asked for details on the problems HGV traffic were causing people in this area. The results really show what we are being asked to tolerate: 92% of people had been forced onto the verge while driving and 69% said that their vehicle had suffered damage as a result of HGVs.

But the real tragedy is that 86% felt reluctant to walk or cycle along the roads affected by HGVs. They felt intimidated or threatened and often had to take evasive action. Unless we can get some radical changes made, our country lanes will become no-go areas. If you would like a full copy of the findings or would like to know more

about what SORR is up to, please contact me. We would welcome your views on our campaign, for or against!

*Tony Fryatt, Secretary, Campaign to Save Our Rural Roads,
anthony.fryatt@tiscali.co.uk*

Walking for SORR

Fighting a campaign always needs money, and Save our Rural Roads relies on the generosity of local people to keep going.

Celia Carver (SORR representative from Hemingstone) completed a sponsored walk across England and raised over £600 for SORR funds.

It was re-assuring that she was still able to go from coast to coast without being forced off the road by lorries (but, then, she didn't pass through Suffolk!). The money will be spent trying to ensure that people can walk safely in rural areas without the constant threat from HGVs.

Congratulations and thank you Celia

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WHO DO YOU THINK THEY WERE?

The BBC TV series, 'Who do you think you are?', has greatly increased an already burgeoning interest in tracing one's ancestors.

I first became interested in family history when some 12 years ago I received a letter from a sister I never knew I had.

This started me off, and what was originally a sideline has now become a fascinating interest. The basics are simple, but finding your way round the original sources can be quite complicated. To begin with, you have to accept the paradox that researching before 1901 is much easier than after it. This is because information contained in the UK Census records (every 10 years since 1841) is only made public after 100 years. We are now waiting eagerly for the results of the 1911 Census to become available.

Census records can be very informative; they tell us who was in the family at the time, how old they each were, their relationship to the head of the household, their occupations, where they were born, and the street address where they lived.

An example (taken from one of my recent commissions) tells us that in 1861, William

Goward (a old East Anglian surname) was an unmarried carpenter aged 21, a lodger with Richard Patrick (30), a "farmer of 40 acres employing two men and one boy", who with his wife Elizabeth (29) all lived at number one, the Green, Deopham, about 10 miles out of Norwich.

Ten years later we find William now married to Eliza (27) who earns her living as a



dressmaker. In their home at 79, Norwich Road, Watton, about 5 miles from Swaffham, there are their two young children Elizabeth (1) and Lillian (three months). At number 74 is an apprentice blacksmith, at 75 a railway porter, and next door at number 80 lives James Harman (39), a "fish hawker".

The other great source of information is the register of births, marriages and deaths, listing almost everyone in

England, Scotland and Wales between 1837 and the present day. The entries will give you the bare details; for more you can order (and pay for) copies of the original certificates. These will tell you the ages, occupations, addresses, and (almost as important) the names and occupations of the parents on the marriage certificates.

The census records together with the births, marriages and deaths indexes are searchable online via the Ancestry.co.uk website for which an annual subscription is payable. This enormous project (800 million records) is a collaboration between Ancestry and several other organisations, including the National Archives, Free BMD, and the Institute for Heraldic and Genealogical studies.

Interest in family history is increasingly popular and many people have built their own family trees. I have set out to help people who do not have the facilities or time find out about their past roots. The results are always fascinating and frequently surprising!

The charge of £125 covers my research from 1837 to 1901 and I present my clients with a comprehensive folder containing their family tree with all the relatives I've been able to trace, copies of census returns, maps of where they lived and any contemporary pictures I've found.

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commissioned as special and unique presents for relatives.

Ring me on 01473 738332 for a leaflet or visit my website at www.TraceMyRelatives.com.

Peter Kendall

Peter Kendall has lived in Grundisburgh for the past year. He is married to News editor Nicola Hobbs and takes many photos for the paper.

If you run an enterprise in The News area why not tell us about it. We are particularly interested in featuring people offering services relating to Christmas for the next issue

Trade directory

More local providers of services - decorators, gardeners, IT, garages, hairdressers, plumbers, bed and breakfast and so on - are wanted to supply entries for the trade directory in the new Grundisburgh Guide.

A maximum of 20 words and payment of £10 (cheques payable to Grundisburgh Guide) should be sent to Liz Binns, 65 Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh IP13 6XA (queries 01473 738550, liz.binns@talk21.com) urgently. She can also supply details of display advertising rates.

The new guide, the first updating for nearly ten years, has been greatly delayed, mainly caused by me being overcommitted on other projects. It is being underwritten by the parish council and will be published before the end of the year.

Nicola Hobbs

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

PEACE OF MIND AND SECURITY

As part of its work the Sir William Brampton Gurdon Cottage Trust pays for the installation and rental of emergency alarms for Grundisburgh residents. Currently 36 people benefit from this touch-button 'emergency call' service for older and other vulnerable members of the community. It provides a personal response 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering security and peace of mind to users, family and friends.

A special alarm unit is installed in the home and a small push button pendant is provided which may be worn as a necklace or wrist band. On pressing the button, the alarm unit automatically transmits a signal through the telephone line to a response centre where an experienced operator will instantly know who is calling and where they are, as well as other medical and personal contact details.

The alarm unit contains a microphone and loudspeaker enabling two way communication. Even if a person is too far away from the unit to hear, or unable to speak, help will still be summoned. The service for Grundisburgh residents is completely free. To find out more about emergency alarms - or about other parts of the trust's work - please contact me.

John Ager, Clerk to the Trustees, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh, 735541

Grants for groups

Grants are available from the parish council for organisations in Culpho or Grundisburgh wishing to pursue projects for the benefit of the villages. The parish



One Grundisburgh resident who feels much safer now he has been fitted up with the alarm system is Percy Paternoster. He was linked to the system after he suffered a fall in his secluded Stoney Road back garden. Fortunately some girls visiting a neighbouring house heard his cries for help. Now he never goes anywhere in his house or garden without the alarm pendant around his neck.

council's finance sub committee meets in December to make recommendations to the full council at its January meeting. For projects to be considered please write to the Parish Clerk: John Ager, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh IP13 6UU (735541) by 28 November, giving as much information as possible including the latest accounts.

In recent years examples of projects which received parish council backing include redecorating playing field pavilion, restoring display panels for the art club, youth club village hall hire, St. Botolphs Benefice Magazine, and new chairs and tables for Grundisburgh Village Hall.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

A professional photographer will be coming into Grundisburgh School to take family portraits on Thursday 13 November, starting at 4.30pm until approximately

7pm. It will be open to families in the school and other interested people. The more the merrier! Please contact the school from Monday 3 November on 01473 735281 to arrange a time slot. Packs of photographs will cost from £15 to £79.

Pauline retires from the post office



Pauline Coomber surrounded by the presents and cards she received on her retirement from Grundisburgh Post Office.

Pauline's thanks

I was overwhelmed by the good wishes and generosity of everyone on my retirement from the Post Office. Sincere thanks to you all; it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to seeing everyone around the village for many years to come.

An appreciation

May we take this opportunity to wish Pauline a very happy retirement. We first became friends some years ago, thanks to the mobile library, and her

friendly attitude and helpfulness continued in my dealings at the Post Office (together, of course, with Penny and Carole). We look forward to having little chats with her in the village in the future.

Bob & Sandy Smart, Ablitts Meadow.

WI report

The ladies of Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI had a visit from an amazing lady who calls herself the 'Cycling Granny'. When Jean Smith (a farmer from Essex) reached the age of 60, she bought a bike and set off to cycle from Clacton to Aberystwyth and back. Over the next 13 years this incredible lady pedalled her way all over the British Isles in all weathers covering some 170,000 miles, raising more than £32,000 for charity. She visited all the churches and cathedrals along the way and took photos of every village she passed

through.

Just to remind us that summer is over before it started our September meeting had the title of 'Autumn Cooking'. Liz Quarmby whet our appetites by producing a three course meal using seasonal ingredients.

Topics currently being considered by members are the proposed changes to the Suffolk boundaries, violence against women in the home and the wrongful imprisonment of people suffering from mental illness.

Next year is the 90th anniversary of our branch, and plans for celebrations are under way. Watch this space.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Looking for more brownies

1st Grundisburgh Brownies are on the look out for some new members to join our pack. We currently have a very friendly group of girls but are looking to increase our numbers. The joining age is from 7 (or the term in which they turn 7) until 10 and a half, when they then get the opportunity to move on to Guides.

We undertake a wide variety of activities, ranging from tobogganing to origami, themed party nights to cookery.

We meet every Tuesday during term time at the Grundisburgh Scout Hut on the playing fields between 5.30 and 7pm. Anyone interested in joining can come along and meet us or contact Kate Adams on 735144 or Stacey Jay 735985.

SCOUTING NEWS

Our 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group and Explorer Unit had a nice summer break with the Explorers going on camp to Bournemouth and visiting Brownsea Island on the very date that Robert Baden-Powell started the Scout Movement there 101 years earlier, and the Scouts going to Thorington in Essex for a long bank holiday camp.

We had been eagerly looking forward to 11 September when our two new Beaver Leaders, Petra Clare and Michelle Clover, welcomed youngsters aged between 6 and 8 years, to our first ever Beaver Colony at Grundisburgh Scout Hut. Beavers are on a Thursday from 5.50 to 7pm. This is an exciting time for the group having Beavers with the many activities and events that will be available for them to take part in.

The following week the Beavers enjoyed a visit by two Police Community Support Officers from Woodbridge who gave a most interesting talk about their role. They demonstrated taking fingerprints and distributed activity books and badges. By the end of September 15 Beavers had joined.

The Scouts have been very busy working towards their

Mechanics Badge and recently many of them were awarded various other badges to proudly wear on their shirts.

We would like to say a big thanks for all the support and help given with our annual duck race in July, the kind donation of many prizes and the fantastic attendance helped to raise over £1200 for our funds.

Forthcoming events are on Sunday 5 October at St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, where our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will join Brownies and Guides for the annual Harvest Festival Flag Parade at 11am.

Also on Sunday evening 21 December after the Church Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's we again hope to have the Rudolph sleigh, mulled wine, mince pies and Xmas music on The Green as we did last year.

New treasurer wanted

Our current group treasurer Keith will be leaving us next June after 11 years service and we would like to ask if anyone out there would be interested in taking over from him. Keith has kindly offered to explain what's involved to any interested person.

Please phone me for further details.

Pat Ross, group secretary, 01473 735352



Beavers with Beaver Scout Leader Petra Clare (third from left) and Assistant Leader Michelle Clover (second from right), Stuart Ross, the Group Scout Leader, and community police support officers.

Grundisburgh Gleanings

NEW TENOR BELL FOR ST. MARY'S

A new tenor bell has been installed in the tower of Grundisburgh Church. This is the heaviest bell of the peal of 12 bells and replaces the old one which was cast in 1628, which will continue to be used as the clock bell. The new bell weighs just under half a ton, slightly bigger than the old one.

Work was also done on three other bells, replacing worn bearings. The project cost nearly £14,000, which was funded by some donations and



The new bell at the foundry.

money raised by the local ringers. The shortfall of about £3,000 is covered by an interest free loan. Any donations would be gratefully received.

The inscriptions on the new bell celebrate two things, which are linked albeit nearly a century apart.

The Marriott family gave a donation in memory of Phyllis Marriott, one of the first women in Suffolk to break into the male dominated ringing scene during the early part of the last century. She also held the record for the youngest Suffolk woman to ring a full three hour peal on 12 bells at the age of 16. This was only beaten at Grundisburgh four years ago by one of our regular ringers, Ruth Eagle, at the age of 15.

The other inscription relates to our first woman priest, Clare Sanders.

As ever, the ringers welcome visits from anyone to watch the bells being rung either on Sundays from 10.15 to 11am or Thursday evenings 7.30 to 9pm. We are very keen to teach new recruits of any age - old or young, particularly from within the benefice. Please contact me for more details..

*Stephen Pettman, Ringing Master,
01394 286246*

Playgroup go out and about

When Grundisburgh Playgroup started back for the autumn term we were extremely busy with many new children on our books.

Developing on the children's interests we decided to take a closer look at 'buildings' and the people who work in these. We had a visit from the police and a community support worker, went for a walk to the Baptist chapel (and enjoyed picking and eating blackberries!), made model castles and had a fire station in the role play corner, and we all went to visit Clare Sanders at St. Marys Church on the day the new bell was being delivered (see photo on right) and enjoyed a walk upto the play area at the playing fields.

Our committee is working to help manage the redevelopment of our outdoor area and we are hoping for more news regarding this in the near future.

We offer places to children from the half term before their third birthday through to the term before their fifth birthday, a stimulating, safe environment to learn through play. Outdoor play is offered in our own private garden. Sessions are available Monday to Friday, 9.15am to 11.45am. An optional lunch club operates on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, offering care through till 1pm at an additional cost. Please



ring 01473 735161 to request an application form or to arrange a visit or for more details 01473-735161.

BAPTISM AT THE CHAPEL

We are looking forward to having a baptism service at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel on 12 October at 3pm. This may be something you have never seen before and you are more than welcome to come along.

The Bible is annually the world's best seller and has a powerful message, but can we

be expected to believe it these days? Is it really the Word of God or is it just religious folklore?

Come and find out more at a special presentation by Mark Newcombe: "The Bible - Fact or Fiction?" on Sunday 16 November at 7.30pm. The meeting will not take the form of a service, but be informal with the opportunity to ask questions.

If you would like to talk to someone about any problems or pastoral issues you have, please feel free to contact me.

Colin Grimwood, 73885

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CELEBRATING SUMMER IN

Art in church

Grundisburgh Art Club Group's second annual exhibition at Culpho in mid September attracted around 300 visitors over the weekend. Sales were up on last year and the show raised nearly £400 for Culpho Church.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and for their support. Special thanks to Len Kembell, Paul Thompson and Colin Sadler for their help in setting up the exhibition, Sue Goode for her generous donation and Reg Snook for his contribution to the raffle.

The art group meets Tuesdays in Grundisburgh Village Hall (mornings) and Culpho Church (evenings). We always welcome more people.

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THE VILLAGES



St Mary's Church fete

The church fete on The Green in Grundisburgh on 6 September was a great success! The weather was very kind to us and it was wonderful to see so many villagers coming along and enjoying the refreshments, getting bargains at the jumble and white elephant stall, taking part in all the games, having their faces painted and looking at the photographs and paintings in the church.

Particularly popular was the newest entertainment, the bungee run, being tried out above by church treasurer

Clive Willetts and Grundisburgh School teacher John Richards.

The art display included Joy Pirkle's new fruit paintings. Saxophonist Philip Moye provided music in the church. Thank you to all the numerous people who helped in making this possible - the preparation beforehand, running stalls on the day, helping set up and take down - and many other jobs. Over £1,400 was raised. A fantastic effort!

Words Ingrid McIvor, photos Wendy Witt



Photo Left: The garden party at Little Thatch, Culpho, in August (photo to left) courtesy of Richard and Libby Cooper, was the most successful ever run by the Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society.

After covering the expenses of the Village Show, the society has ended the season with enough funds to be able to donate £600 to both of its chosen charities for this year - Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Ipswich children's hospice.

Photo to right: Otley Cubs enjoyed a morning at Cretingham Golf Club during the summer holidays.



Another successful show

We had another successful year at the Otley Village Show - despite a rather damp summer. What's so exciting about the show is that you never know from one year to the next how many entries you are going to receive. Even though our summer wasn't particularly summery, there was a good turn out on the day - 13 September.

Winners for most points in sections were:

Vegetables - Jim Wyard

Fruit and produce - Peter Elliott

Flowers and plants - Pauline Partridge

Home baking - Tracey Moss

Homemade drinks - Wendy Marshall/Helen Quilliam

Photography and craft - Pauline Partridge

Best exhibit awards went to Rose Rogerson (Grapes), Jim Wyard (Bouquet of flowers), Jodie Liddell (Fruit Cake) and Pauline Partridge (Sugar Craft). The Children's Cup was won by Leo Dye and the Family Cup went to the Moss Family. Awards for the most points in KS1 class went to Cameron Moss and in KS2 class to Leo Dye. With most points in all sections being won by Pauline Partridge.

Many thanks to the committee for organising the show and all the entrants and members of the village and surrounding areas who came on the day. Without their support, the show wouldn't happen. Often people visit the show and think 'I couldn't do that - I'm not good enough', but if you enter, you might surprise yourself! The date for next year is 12 September.

Helen Quilliam, Otley Show Committee

Hasketon Highlights

SUMMER HAPPENINGS

We have had two more very successful events in Hasketon this summer.

On Saturday 26 July we had a wonderful afternoon of children's sports on The Green. We had several traditional events lined up for our competitors and ringmaster John Nash divided them into age groups for staggered starts. It was great to see so many children wanting to take part and an

ground, while the three-legged race was rather chaotic as several teams did not get the message of running together to a rhythm. We had several very saggy wheelbarrows, but most competitors finished the course. But it was all a lot of fun and there were no tears.

The prizes were well earned and the refreshments much appreciated. We ended the afternoon with a tug-of-war between the boys and girls, which the girls won through their strength - and numbers!

On 2 August we had our Village Fete. It was certainly a great occasion and everyone had a happy time, because there was a real air of both merriment and friendship. I wondered what made this year's fete so



special ... was it the weather or the new attractions that we had brought in, or maybe the layout of the stalls?

Perhaps it was Dougie Gedny's variety of compulsive music and his suggestions as to which stall we should visit next? Chris the clown was a definite bonus ... 'fooling around' as she called it ... and letting everyone have a go with her equipment. We were so pleased and grateful to be well supported by local companies with prizes for the grand draw, which brought in £1,467 towards our profit. We had a choice of 36 stalls around The Green and several new events, while keeping on the old favourites, which seemed to go down well.

Our path of pennies led to the church, where Margaret Glass presented a wonderful exhibition of her paintings. Over two days, and with a stall selling jams and cakes, and Sunday cream teas accompanied by Maurice Jones' organ music, her paintings brought in an amazing £917. This year's profit of £3,845 will, as usual, be shared equally between the church and The Victory Hall.

Next year, we are going to bring the date of our fete forward to 18 July, hoping to attract more people before they go on their holiday! We are so grateful to all those who helped with the running of the fete in any way and to everyone who came along to have a great afternoon.

Words Richard L Smith,
Photos Alastair McWhirter



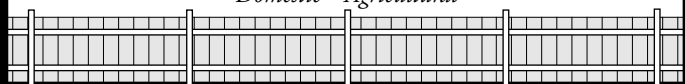
audience of eager parents cheering them on from the sidelines. Instead of eggs we introduced potatoes to the 'egg & spoon' race and this was obviously a wise decision! The sack race was very popular with many a contestant leaping high off the

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Clopton Chat

Clopton Parish Council report

The parish council is pleased that six neighbouring parishes have expressed an interest in a partnership arrangement with Clopton in organising a community speed watch scheme (see page 1). Jill Gipp is the lead councillor here so please contact her on 01473 737635 if you are interested in becoming a trained volunteer.

Following a public meeting in August, Clopton has agreed that, if there has to be change in local government structures, its preferred option is a single unitary authority for the whole of Suffolk - to include Lowestoft. The council does, however, have concerns on the expected reduction in representation in the new authority and the format of 'Community Boards' which it feels should comprise more elected representatives than has been suggested.

Clopton Parish Council considers a more effective system is for groups of parishes to join to become viable entities who can communicate direct with the new unitary authority. The Secretary of State's decision is expected next February.

Clopton has a vacancy for a councillor which will be advertised as a casual vacancy once the returning officer has approved the filling of the vacancy by co-option. The vacancy will then be advertised on notice boards.

The parish council is grateful to Councillor Peter Bellfield for his support of its proposal to provide two new high standard notice boards in the parish. Hopefully the boards will be in place in Shop Road and the village hall by the middle of October and will give local organisations more space to promote their events and services.

Clopton also has a vacancy for a parish clerk. The post is for four hours per week at a salary of £8.04 per hour. If you

would like more details please contact me.

The next scheduled meeting of Clopton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 20 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome.

Janet Clarke, Parish Clerk,
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Clopton Ladies Group take college tour

Clopton Ladies Group (CLG) took Otley College up on an offer of a tour of the campus. Ten members came along for a look around and witnessed a variety of new areas.

These included a landscape and garden zone that showcased an array of gardens that had been built and created by students, animal studies facilities that house a selection of species ranging from sheep to snakes, along with a quick look around the new business and equine buildings. The tour finished with a visit to one of the new cafeterias, where the afternoon was reflected upon over a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Diana Dawson, who arranged the afternoon, commented "The tour was a fascinating insight into how much the place has changed over the years. Most of us thought Otley was mainly an agricultural college before and I was amazed to see just how diverse the college is now."

Anyone who is interested in getting a courses brochure can call the college on 01473 784300 or email info@otleycollege.ac.uk.

CHURCH NEWS

Joy, our priest who has been with us for the last six years, is retiring in October. We have been very privileged to have two clergymen for her husband Fred, although long retired, has assisted her on many occasions. During this



Clopton Ladies, from left to right, back row Joan Foster, Maggie Thompson, Doris Main, Sue Christensen, Diana Dawson. Front row Elizabeth Mott, Jean Day, June Huge, Biddy Watson, and Jenny Knight.

time Joy has brought together the four parishes in the Benefice as never before. She has made services very friendly and got rid of any 'stiffness', she is wonderful with children and they like her. Who else could take a strange baby in her arms at a baptism, and take him round to all members of the congregation to shake hands, and the baby not crying?

The Tiddlywinks service for mothers and toddlers which she started is another proof of her love of children. We shall miss her friendly smile and wish them both a very happy retirement - not too far away I believe.

We shall be saying farewell to them at a joint Benefice service at Otley St Mary's church at 11am on Sunday 2

November. Following the service there will be a 'bring and share' lunch in Otley Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and during the lunch a presentation will be made to Joy in appreciation of her service to the Benefice.

13 September was the day of the Church Cycle Ride. The weather was kind, dry after early morning showers, but not too hot. Eleven year old Aisha Gilbert who rode for us clocked up 48 miles altogether. Louise Witherden also clocked up many miles. There were 18 visitors to the church.

We are still trying to reach our target of £113,000 for repairs to the church tower, but work should start very shortly.

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Charsfield Under Fives look for new faces to join them

Charsfield Under Fives are a small friendly group of parents and their children, who meet every Thursday morning at Charsfield Village Hall. Several of our older children will be moving on to school in September so we are looking for new faces from the surrounding villages, to keep our group going.

Thursday mornings follow a regular format with time for general play with all the toys (outdoors when the weather allows), a sit down activity such as crafts or playdough followed by a drink and a biscuit. We have lots of lovely toys and an enclosed grassy play area at the back of the hall. There is plenty of space indoors for the climbing frame and trikes when it is too wet to play outside.

Several babies come along regularly with their older brothers and sisters so don't think your child is too young! We have a baby corner with lots of baby toys, plenty of activity for them to watch and other mums for you to chat to

and even the occasional dad or grandparent!

The last year has been a very successful one with many activities and events having been arranged. These have included the children's Christmas party, an Easter egg hunt and regular outings during the school holidays when we do not use the village hall. We have been crabbing at Bawdsey, visited a playbarn near Beccles and had a picnic at Woodbridge playing fields. Back at the hall the children have enjoyed Halloween biscuit baking and making cars, birds, jellyfish and dragonflies from various materials old and new.

If you would like to find out more, please do come and see us on a Thursday morning (9.30am to 11.30am) or ring Jayne or Harriet on (01473) 737748/774373. We charge £2 per family per week, but your first visit will be free. We returned to the village hall at the beginning of September and we'd love to meet you.

BEALINGS WI REPORTING

The meeting of Bealings WI on 17 July opened by welcoming the Federation Secretary Gill Denny who presented the Felix SEAGN Salver to Jackie McCoy for her entry in the Suffolk Show which was awarded the Public Choice. The denim bear was greatly admired and a worthy winner. Activities this month included sessions of Boules in a member's garden, participation in the district quiz evening which was much enjoyed, and also a coffee morning.

The speaker for the evening was Ted Reynolds who told us

the history and ongoing restoration of the Woodbridge Tide Mill, with the help of slides. The Mill was constructed in 1793 and continued to grind corn for 160 years.

There was a members' coffee morning and a summer lunch in August. The speaker at the meeting on 18 September was Mr C Garland whose talk was entitled 'From Vicar's son to BBC Producer'

From report supplied by Margaret Giblin

Apologies to Bealings WI and other contributors whose text has been edited. Happily The News usually has far more material than it can use and reports of meetings sometimes have to be cut back. Ed

IN BRIEF

Apiano recital in St Mary's Church, Woodbridge, on Friday 10 October at 7pm, will be raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The exciting new young pianist is John Paul Ekins (website: jpekinspianist.com) and the programme includes Haydn, Liszt, Schubert, Scriabin and Chopin. Tickets are £12 each (to include a glass of wine and Macmillan canapés) from 01394 386039 or 01394 384910.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust is looking for volunteers to spend one afternoon a month to help maintain and improve its garden in Ashbocking. No specialist knowledge is required - just a love of plants and wildlife. If interested call Ingrid McIvor, 01473 890089.

Ipswich Choral Society's next concert is on Saturday 18 October at St. Margaret's Church, Bolton Lane, Ipswich, at 7.30pm. The programme includes Handel's 'Zadok the Priest', Lauridsen's 'Lux aeterna' and Tavener's 'Song for Athene'. Tickets £8 adult, £6 concessions, £3 children, are available from 01473 735878. Proceeds go to EACH East Anglian Children's Hospice. The society is always on the look out for more choir members to join them. See advert on page 7.

A direct bus service goes every other hour between Ipswich and Stansted Airport. As one News' reader wrote when asking The News to publicise the service "We use it or lose it". Details from 01279 681800, www.airdirectipswich.com.

Suffolk Acre has started a free web-based matching service for people wanting to share journeys, thereby reducing costs for themselves and congestion on the roads. Further information from www.SuffolkCarShare.Com. It also runs Kickstart which is a moped loan scheme to help people aged 16 upwards get to work.

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VILLAGE SHOP NEWS

Bredfield Village Community Shop is pleased to announce that a successful application to Suffolk County Council has resulted in a grant to provide further improvements to its infrastructure, which in turn enables a larger range of stock to be carried. Bredfield Shop wishes to acknowledge this assistance by Suffolk County Council via the Rural Economy Scheme.

Improvements are ongoing at present but include new extended shelving units, replacement high frequency low energy lighting and an extractor fan to reduce the temperature and give a fresher feel.

In the quest to provide locally produced and supplied food, the bread comes from Read's Bakery in Framlingham, meat from Clarkes of Bramfield,

free-range eggs from Happy Hens in Henley, apples and apple juice from High House Farm in Sudbourne and the vegetables from a range of local smallholders, guaranteeing a fresh supply. Also a large range of organic wholefoods and dried fruit is supplied by Rainbow in Norwich.

In addition there is a wide selection of general groceries and goods you would find in any small shop, all at very competitive prices, as well as photocopying and laminating facilities.

Bredfield Shop would also like to publicly say a big "thank you" to all the volunteer staff that willingly give their time to run the shop, without whom the village would lose the facility. However, as the saying goes "many hands make light work" and the shop would be pleased to hear from people who would be willing to help, even on an occasional basis.

No experience is required and there are always two staff members on duty, so learning the ropes is quick and easy. Just drop into the shop for details or call Mary Bishop on 01394 382223.

Fish'n Chip & Quiz Nights

The very popular Quiz Night will be back in Bredfield Village Hall on 24 October and 5 December, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available in advance from Kath Woods 01394 386977 - booking is recommended. Maximum of four people per team, with proceeds in aid of village hall refurbishments.

Harvest supper and dance

Bredfield St Andrew's Church Harvest Supper and Barn Dance will be held in the village hall on 11 October, with music provided by Jigsaws. Tickets at £7 are available from the village shop and Nina Nicholson (01394 380471). Starting at 7pm, the ticket price includes supper, but bring your own drinks and glasses. Proceeds will go towards St Andrews Church and refurbishment of the village hall.

Another Christmas extravaganza

Bredfield Christmas Extravaganza will be on 15 November, from 10am to 5pm Admission is free. Santa will arrive on his sleigh at

2pm and we will be serving morning coffee and mince pies, hot soup and sandwiches at lunchtime and afternoon tea and cakes. You will also be able to buy exclusive presents from our many stalls. Do come along and support East Anglia's Children's Hospices and Bredfield St Andrews Church Room.

Youth club needs more helpers

Just42, which runs Bredfield Youth Club for 10-16 year olds, has appealed to all parents, grand-parents and acquaintances of young people for help. Just42 provide for two staff on Youth Club nights, one leader and one session worker for the whole of the evening.

Kevin Woods, the Bredfield Youth Worker, says "At the moment we just about cover the evening whilst still complying with the Just42 good practices guidelines. However if we have an emergency such good practice will be compromised.

"We need some people, or better a team of people, who will give a couple of hours on a Monday every week in termtime to ensure the club remains open. I say a team because a few people could rotate covering either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Monday in the month." Anyone who might be able to help should contact Kevin on 01394 380992 or call in at the village hall on a Monday evening.

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Otley Offerings

Ghostly evenings at Otley Hall

After a busy summer, Otley Hall is preparing for an exciting festive season with a variety of pre Christmas activities.

There will be ghostly happenings once again with two evenings of ghost stories. On 2 December Robert Lloyd Parry will be performing M R James' 'Oh Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad' and 'The Ash Tree', and the following evening 'A Pleasing Terror' and 'Canon Alberic's Scrapbook'. They start at 7.30pm and tickets are £13 per person.

On Friday 14 November people are invited to come and learn how to make Christmas bags, boxes, greetings cards and gifts between 10am-4pm. The cost is £25 per person including all materials, lunch and refreshments.

For a fantastically festive evening, Otley Hall is offering the chance to 'experience a Tudor-style Christmas' with guided tours of the 16th century building, followed by

mulled wine and festive nibbles in the Great Hall. The tours are on Thursday and Friday 11 and 12 December and cost £11.50 per person.

The contact for all the events is the hall's Events Manager, Lucy Sheehan, on 01473 890264. enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk

NEWS FROM THE UNDER FIVES

Now back from our summer holidays, pre-school is busy. We have been making family trees and each child made a family tree with photos of their family to take home. In late September we are having a library theme week and parents/family members have been encouraged to visit pre-school and read a story to the children - hopefully we will hear lots of old favourites and some new ones too!

The first two weeks of term we have had Georgia Brilliant with us gaining some work experience. The children have enjoyed having her there and we would like to say a big thank you to Georgia.

A Christmas shopping evening has been arranged for Monday 17 November (Otley Village

Hall, 7.30 pm) with all proceeds going to the Under Fives. So, come along and do some Christmas shopping with us! For a stall (£5 per table) please phone 01473 890195.

As always, we want to say thank you for the continued support we receive from parents, families, and the Otley community - it really is appreciated. For more information about the Under Fives centre or to arrange a visit, please contact 07789 468853 or 01437 890302 or visit our website www.otleyunderfives.com.

Sharon Newman

Parish Plan progress

The Otley Parish Plan Steering Group has been hard at work over the summer. Comprehensive questionnaires were drawn up for all the households, businesses and young people in the parish.

Each questionnaire was piloted amongst a group of volunteers before being

finalised and printed in early July. A dedicated group of distributors then hand delivered and collected the forms around the parish. The return rate has been exceptionally high, at around 87%, and is at the top end of our expectations based on the experience of other parishes.

Yet more volunteers are now engaged in the considerable task of inputting all the data from the questionnaires into a software package and we anticipate this will take until the end of October. We then have to undertake an analysis before producing a draft report for consultation by the end of 2008/early 2009. A final report and list of action points should be available by spring 2009.

The steering group would like to express a big thank you to all those who helped and, of course, all those who put considerable time and thought into completing the forms.

Ian Beaumont

More Otley events are on p3.

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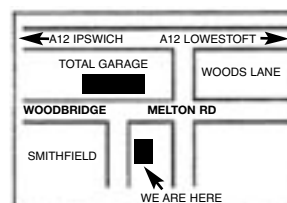
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Sporting stories

Bredfield tennis courts resurfaced

Thursday 18 September was a day of celebrations for Bredfield and District Tennis Club. The resurfacing of the two hard courts by local contractors EFM had transformed the playing surfaces. This was all made possible by grants from the Lottery Awards for All scheme, Suffolk County Council and enthusiastic fund raising by members.

Some of the members of the club are seen above raising a glass and toasting the future with our President, Nina Nicholson, Chairman, Cliff Green and our local County and District Councillor Peter Bellfield whose support was invaluable.

Next season we hope members of the local Youth Club will use the courts on Monday evenings. This friendly club, which plays all the year round, always welcomes new members. For more details contact Angela Bridges on 01394 384874.

Yvonne Schofield

BOWLS OPEN OPEN DAY - a success!

Despite the dark clouds and the few spots of rain, the Bowls club open day and

BBQ held on the 5th September was a great success. Both locals and people visiting the Church fete tried their hand at throwing a few bowls then chatted about the game over a glass of wine and a burger.

The outside season has now finished and should re-start in late April '09 - weather permitting. Till then, we will be playing carpet bowls at Hasketon Village Hall starting the 5th October. If you enjoyed playing a game at the open day, try carpet bowls, you may find it easier!

The bowls club's annual general meeting will be held on Thursday 20 November in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh, starting at 7.30pm. Come along and find out about the sport and the various social activities the club organises. For further

information about the bowls club, playing Indoor bowls at Hasketon or the AGM, please email grundisburghbowlsclub@yahoo.co.uk or Roger Anderson on 01473 739918.

Grundisburgh FC make flying start to season

Fresh from our double cup success of last year Grundisburgh have made a flying start to the new league season with a 100% record; 5 games 5 wins and sit proudly on top of the SIL Senior Division.

We start our defence of the prestigious Suffolk Senior Cup on Saturday 5 October with a tie away to Bungay Town. Building from a position of strength managers Micky Squirrell and Kevin

Cunningham have recruited wisely in the close season and have added both youth and experience to an already strong squad.

The reserves, under Phil Peck, have also started well and remain unbeaten in the league, and claimed an impressive scalp in the Reserves Cup seeing off a strong Stowmarket Town Reserves side.

There is usually a game at The Playing Field every Saturday. Currently kick-off is 2.30pm, but will move to 2pm once the clocks change. So forget the credit crunch denying professional footballers, and come and support your local team.

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Garage sale with items from several Grundisburgh homes. Saturday 18 October, 10.30am to 3.30pm, at Ford House, just off The Green. Queries 738267.

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Burgh's Schoolroom Water Project

A series of fund raising events including coffee mornings, plant swaps and the launching of a cookbook "Favourite Recipes from Burgh" have been held to enable running water, a sink, and a small toilet to be provided at Burgh Schoolroom, next to the church.

There is very little land available behind the schoolroom, but local architect Richard Pirkis has been able to design an addition in the very limited space and the plan can be seen in the schoolroom.

The idea came after the 2006 Crib Festival which was visited by many people not only from Burgh, but also from local villages. Visitors said how much they had enjoyed the refreshments provided in the schoolroom (built in 1835) which, at present, has no

running water, so the Schoolroom Water Project was born.

Recently the successful two-day St. Botolph's Walk, which ended with a service



conducted by Bishop Nigel of St. Edmundsbury, resulted in proceeds from the walk being shared between the Suffolk Wild Life Trust and Burgh's Schoolroom Water Project.

The next event in the schoolroom will be a week-long Knit-in starting Monday, 13 October. It is National Knitting Week sponsoring Bliss, a charity for premature

wool will be provided, but those attending should bring their own wool if they can. Sponsorship forms will be available in the schoolroom during the week, or from Sheila Brechin (01473 735783). On Saturday morning 18 October there will be a sponsored Knit (details from Sheila Brechin) and any donations towards refreshments will go to the Schoolroom Water Project and proceeds from the sponsored knit to Bliss.

There will also be a pre-Christmas coffee morning at the schoolroom on Saturday 12 November.

Copies of "Favourite Recipes from Burgh" are available at Grundisburgh Post Office, Old Forge Store and Grange Farm, Hasketon, at £4.99.

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