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Strong feelings about Tuddenham planning proposal

Strong objections have come from local villages to the proposals for a change of use from agricultural to a parkland burial site on the edge of Tuddenham.

Special parish council meetings were held for residents' views to be sought. Great concern was expressed about, among other aspects, the impact on ground water and drinking water abstraction; loss of arable land; increase in traffic through small country roads and particularly the effect of a funeral cortege negotiating the narrow centre of Tuddenham; proximity to existing houses; no proof that such a facility was needed; the inappropriateness of the rural area to provide what would have to be a regional facility to be viable; lack of an environmental impact assessment or a traffic assessment; and fact that the proposal runs counter to several parts of Suffolk Coastal District Council's local plans.

Virtually unanimous objections came from the meetings organised by parish councils in Great Bealings, Playford, Grundisburgh and Culpho, and Tuddenham. The latter meeting was attended by over 120 people and included contributions from

the applicants, the partners of Tuddenham Hall Estate. The district council has so far received 330 letters against the proposal but none in favour.

The application is for an area of land on the other side of the Grundisburgh Road from the hall. The district council's planning committee is likely to take the decision on the application in the new year.

Further information can be found on the council website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk (go to planning applications on line, reference C08/1854).

Generous grants for Otley play area

Otley Community Council is delighted to have received a grant of £50,000 from Suffolk County Council's Play Builder Scheme towards the new village play area. Their previous play area was condemned two years ago as being unsafe. A further grant of £4,717 has been obtained from The Suffolk Foundation.

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Photos: top - Carol Pryke of Boundary Flowers - see page 10. Below: Father Christmas arrives at Bredfield's Extravaganza. (page 18)



The News wishes all its readers, advertisers, contributors and distributors a very happy Christmas and New Year.

News Diary

NOVEMBER

Friday 28

Nativity Crib Exhibition
GPC 10am- 4pm. Contact
738474

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. PBE. Contact 890264

Thursday 4

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

Making Cards Clopton
Ladies Group VH 8pm
Contact 737417

Friday 5

Fish and Chip Quiz Night
Bredfield VH 7.30pm. PBE.
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

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

Sunday 7

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

Thursday 11 & Friday 12

**Christmas Tours at Otley
Hall** PBE.Contact 890264

Saturday 13

Santa Special GPR 10am -
2.30pm Contact 735096

Christmas Dance Hasketon
VH 8pm Contact 01394
387590

Tuesday 16

Bombs, Beams & Boffins
Talk about Orford Ness Gr.
Local History Soc. 7.30pm
GPR Contact 738321

Wednesday 17

Christmas Walk Gr Green
7pm. Contact 738219

Sunday 21

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

Wednesday 31

New Years Eve Ceilidh
Clopton VH 8pm Contact
737417

2009

JANUARY

Saturday 3

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

Friday 9

The Lost City of Dunwich
Talk & Supper Hasketon VH
7.15pm PBE.Contact 01394
388970

Sunday 11

Parish Walk Gr Green 2pm
Contact 738219

Monday 12

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
meeting** GPR 7.30pm.
Contact 735541

Tuesday 20

Lost Houses of Suffolk Talk
Gr. Local History Soc. GPR
7.30pm Contact 738321

Saturday 24

**Gr Neighbourhood Watch
Drop-In** GPR 10am-2pm.
Contact 738550

Monday 26

Wildlife Oasis Talk Otley &
Dist Gardening Club VH 7.30
Contact 890091

Friday 30

Dick Turpin GADS GVH
7.30pm Contact 738824

Saturday 31

Dick Turpin GADS GVH
2pm & 7.30pm Contact
738824

FEBRUARY

Friday 6

Dick Turpin GADS GVH
7.30pm Contact 738824

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

Saturday 7

Dick Turpin GADS GVH
2pm & 7.30pm Contact
738824

Thursday 12

**Working in the Prison
Service** Clopton Ladies Group
VH Contact 737417

Friday 13

When Motoring was Fun
Talk & Supper Hasketon VH
7.15pm Contact 01394 388970

Monday 23

Organic Gardening Talk by
Karen Kenny Otley & Dist.
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 890091

Saturday 28th

**Tranon Music Group
concert** St Mary's Church, Gr
7.30pm. Contact 735481.

MARCH

Friday 13

Yokohama, Japan Talk and
Supper Hasketon VH 7.15pm.
PBE. Contact 01394 388970

Monday 30

**Latest Seeds & Plants for
Our Gardens** Talk Otley &
Dist. Gardening Club VH
7.30pm Contact 890091

APRIL

Friday 3

Archive Evening Bredfield
VH. Contact 01394 386977

Sunday 26

Car boot/table top sale
Bredfield PF 8am-2.30pm.
Contact 01394 386977

Monday 27

Flowers & Hanging Baskets
Talk Otley & Dist. Gardening
Club VH 7.30pm Contact
890091

MAY

Monday 4

Plant & Book Sale Hasketon
VH Contact 01394 388970

Sunday 31

Fun Day iao Swilland Church,
Moon & Mushroom 2-5.30pm.
Contact 785726

JUNE

Saturday 13/Sunday 14

**Hidden Gardens of Gr,
Burgh & Culpho** iao Hort
Soc 2-6pm. Contact 735932

Sunday 28

Jazz & Barbeque Shrubbery
Farm Hasketon Contact 01394
388970

JULY

Saturday 11

Grundisburgh Village Show.
Contact 738267

Saturday 18

Hasketon Fete. Contact 01394
388970

AUGUST

Friday 7

Evening Garden Party iao Gr
Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc
Purbrook Hse, Gr. PBE.
Contact 738330.

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

S - School

PBE - pre booking essential

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given otherwise.*

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News (see page 19).*

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What's On

A church full of nativity cribs

Getting on for 175 Christmas cribs have been collected for a special exhibition in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. This is open from 28 to 30 November, between 10am and 4pm.

Nativity cribs have been lent from far and wide for the event, and some have been specially made by local people. St Mary's Rector, the

December. Twigs and berries, climbers and cones will be used to make seasonal decorations. No experience needed. The workshop runs from 10am to 4pm and costs £55 (£50 for concessions). A light lunch and refreshments are included. More information or to book a place contact Charlotte Daniel at 01394 382992 or sinfieldtrust@btinternet.com.

DINNER DANCE

Otley Community Council's popular Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 6 December at Otley Village Hall. There will be a three course meal and licensed bar, with a disco providing the evening's entertainment. Doors open at 7.15pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 each from Diane Elmer on 01473 890283.

Santa's Grundisburgh Grotto

For the ninth year running Father Christmas will be in his Grotto in Grundisburgh's Parish Rooms on Saturday 13 December, from 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets to visit Santa will cost £1 per child, with each one also receiving a goodie bag, soft drink and a biscuit. Adult tickets are £2 for mince pie and mulled wine. There will also be face painting. Proceeds this year will be for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Marion and Dennis Pratt

SHOWCASE FOR JUST42

The youth work charity Just42 invites the public to a showcase evening of its achievements in 2008. Guest speaker will be the Rt Hon John Gummer MP, who will talk on 'The future for Young

People in Suffolk'.

The showcase will be held at Bredfield Village Hall on Thursday 11 December at 7.30pm, after formalities have been dealt with in a brief AGM at 7pm (optional).

There will be presentations of Just42's work, and a chance to meet trustees, staff, volunteers and some of the young people involved. The evening should finish about 9.30pm. If planning to attend, please email caroline@just42.org.uk or ring 01394 380992.

Walk by torchlight

The annual evening walk organised by Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council leaves from Grundisburgh Green at 7pm on Wednesday 17 December. Walkers will go across the fields to Little Thatch, Culpho, courtesy Richard and Libby Cooper, for mince pies and mulled wine before returning to Grundisburgh and

possibly a visit to the pub. There is no charge, just a need for sturdy footwear, a torch and, ideally, reflective clothing. All are welcome.

Planning for next year

Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society has set the dates for its events next year.

First is the Hidden Gardens Weekend on 13/14 June when gardeners in the three villages will be welcoming visitors each afternoon.

Then the Village Show, and the dance in the marquee in the evening, take place on Saturday 11 July. Copies of the class list for the show will be available shortly in Grundisburgh Post Office to enable exhibitors to start planning their entries. The annual evening garden party is on 6 August.

Nicola Hobbs, secretary, Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, 01473 738267



Rev Canon Clare Sanders. says "I had been inspired to start collecting cribs myself many years ago after seeing Libby Purves' exhibition in Aldeburgh. I then went to Vienna for an international conference and stumbled across a fantastic exhibition. "If they could do it, so could I"! And I have been involved in raising money this way for various churches since - including Burgh two years ago, which was a big success.

"An important part of each exhibition has been to give the opportunity for people to get involved with the story of Christmas and make their own cribs. This year the playgroup have made one, Funsters and Sunday Club will also be sharing their cribs. While potter Beryl Hines from Burgh was so inspired by the earlier event that she went to Austria on a crib-making holiday".

Making natural decorations

A workshop on 'Natural Christmas Decorations' is to be held at White House Farm, Hasketon, on Sunday 7

Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society
Presents



Dick Turpin

By Paul Reakes

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Fri 6th February at 7.30pm
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News Tributes

Mary Hazelwood 1939 to 2008

Mary was born and brought up in Earl Soham and attended school there and then Thomas Mills High School in Framlingham.

She went to work for the Cubitt family in Tuddenham, and it was there she met and became romantically involved with Ken. Mary then moved to Ipswich to work for the Wolf family, who owned a clothes



shop, but the romance continued, and she and Ken married in 1959. They made their first home at Rosehill Cottages in Grundisburgh, and in that small cottage their first three children, Robert, Brian and Susan were born. Following their move down the hill to their present home, Norman became the fourth member of the family.

Busy as she was with four children to raise, Mary still found time to become very active in the life of the village. She did the flowers for the church, joined the church choir, and became a founder member of FOGS (Friends of Grundisburgh School). She cleaned both the sports pavilion and the village hall, and served on the village hall committee.

Mary captained the bowls team, always playing to win and leading her team to conquer all before them, while she herself was invited to join the selection team for Suffolk Ladies. She was a dab hand at darts, and a member of the ladies team at the old Half Moon pub. Mary served on the Horticultural Society committee and, since she thought nothing of catering for

a crowd, always insisted on cooking lunch for the judges on show day. She was a member of the WI and of GADS, giving Oscar worthy performances as well as helping behind the scenes.

As if all this were not enough, Mary gave valuable service for 30 years on the parish council, with two periods of office as chairman.

In addition to her voluntary work, Mary worked both as a childminder and babysitter, and at the residential centre for Otley college, Branstons at Playford where she cooked the evening meal for many years. Not everything came easily to Mary, however, and she struggled for years to pass her driving test, finally succeeding at 50-plus.

Mary took great pride in her family - children and grandchildren, and she will be greatly missed by them and the village to which she gave so much.

Madge Nicholas - with thanks to Rev. Clare Sanders and Ken

Violet Walker 1919 to 2008

Violet was born in Lowestoft, and when she was four years old her mother died, leaving her fisherman father to try to bring up the family.

Sadly, he found this too difficult and Violet and her two year old sister were put into the care of Doctor Barnadoes. Violet was then fostered but not her sister - and the two girls were never to



see each other again despite later attempts by the family to effect a reunion.

Violet became a land-girl and, while working in Dennington, she met Reg who she married in 1940, and they had two children, Peter (1942) and Geoff (1943). In 1946 the family moved to Grundisburgh, where they lived at 25 Pound Corner.

Violet then became the post lady for Clopton, and for 30 years she cycled to Clopton twice a day to do her delivery round - and much more! Often she did bits of shopping and collected pensions for her customers, and the family recall that at Christmas time she would only be home for about an hour and then off again. The family got involved too - when her grand-daughter got a bike Violet took her off with her on the round!

In her 'spare' time Violet enjoyed her garden and watching wild life, and was an ardent tennis fan. She played a competitive game of tennis until she was 79, and woe betide anyone who tried to interrupt her television viewing during Wimbledon.

During the last period of her life Violet suffered two strokes and for a while was cared for at home by her family and professional carers. Eventually she needed full time care and was admitted to Withesham Nursing Home.

Madge Nicholas - with thanks to Violet's son Peter, and the family

Peggy Gandy 1926 to 2008

Peggy was born in Chigwell, Essex, where she met Doug during a dance a. After a couple of years of courtship, they married in 1952, and lived the next 40 odd years in Kelvedon Hatch and other Essex villages. About 13 years ago they decided to downsize from their house and large garden and move to Grundisburgh.

The garden at the Old Bakery was smaller and more manageable but they gained an extra bedroom! Gardening was



one of Peggy's many loves and she was very knowledgeable, being able to quote full Latin names for many plants. She was a founding member of the village Gardener's Get Together and acted as their secretary for over 10 years until it closed a few years ago. Her creative talents also covered many arts and crafts such as embroidery, tapestry, lace making and painting. She would often meet in the homes of other local artists who shared this love of painting.

Peggy had many friends and was keen to be involved in the community. She was a life long member of the WI, taking on the roles of secretary and president at several branches. Other Grundisburgh roles included being bookings secretary for the Parish Rooms and helping Doug distribute about 1000 copies of The News to the deliverers in many of the villages.

Her talents obviously stemmed from her career in the legal profession. After leaving the Ursuline convent in Brentwood, followed by further education, she worked for the same legal practice, Landons in Brentwood, for 43 years. Starting in the General Office she progressed to finally becoming a Legal Executive.

At her well attended funeral, her love of classical music was evident with pieces by Mozart, Saint Saens and, naturally for the WI, Jerusalem. This was fitting as the radio was always tuned to Classic FM playing every day in the kitchen at home.

Iain Langdon

The tribute to Len Osborne is included on page 6.

Charity celebrates its first year in Grundisburgh

One of the newest inhabitants in Grundisburgh is The Suffolk Foundation, an independent grant making charity dedicated to improving the lives of people in the county, that moved into The Old Reading Room about a year ago.

Since then the staff has almost doubled to six people and the Foundation, a member of 56-member strong Community

Sclerosis group, rowing club, community council and coastal surveillance station are already benefiting from receiving funding. More recently it has won a £1.7million Grassroots grant, funded by the Office of the Third Sector, enabling it to make grants of from £250-£5,000 to small groups with an annual turnover of under £20,000 to fund everyday

donations by 50per cent, plus give the usual tax reliefs. This means that for every £2 in endowment donations that Suffolk raises from local businesses and individuals, the Government will match-fund by £1.

The Suffolk Foundation was chosen to deliver this new programme for its track record in both high quality grant making to where funds are

reach the parts of the community where they can make a lasting difference," said Mr Singleton. "We can set up and administer a 'named fund' and the donor can be involved in determining which community groups might benefit."

For further information on the Foundation, how your voluntary group can apply for a Grassroots Grant or how you can establish your own fund managed by The Suffolk Foundation, please call 01473 734120 or visit www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk

Stephanie Renouf



Members of the Grassroots grants panel, which meets fortnightly to ensure applications are dealt with quickly, (from left) Sue Wright, Grassroots grant officer; Fiona Mahony, Trustee; Sabariah Newnham, Administrator, seated; Stephen Singleton, Chief Executive; and David Sheepshanks, Chairman.

Foundation Network, has passed a milestone of making more than £1/2million in grants to voluntary and community groups throughout the county that are tackling local needs.

A swimming club, swap club, community radio, Multiple

overheads as well as special projects.

The three-year old Foundation is also now facing the challenge of building a £2.5million endowment fund for Suffolk through a new Government scheme that for the next three years will uplift

most needed in the county and professional management of charitable giving for both individuals and corporates.

The Foundation has two functions; one is grant-making through its understanding and knowledge of local communities to ensure the grants are reaching dynamic local organisations and make a

difference. The other is attracting and managing funds and donations on behalf

of individuals, companies and public agencies and investing them with the main objective of building a permanent endowment fund that can continue to deliver grants for future generations. "Donors need to know that they can trust us with their giving to

The grassroots grants recently agreed for projects in The News' area are:

£2,000.00 to Just42 for the Bredfield Youth Club;

£4,717 to Otley Community Group, for basketball posts and re-surfacing of the court (more on pages 1 and 17);

Grundisburgh Lunch Club, which provides meals for older residents in the parish rooms below the offices, is receiving a grant, news of which will be featured in the next issue.



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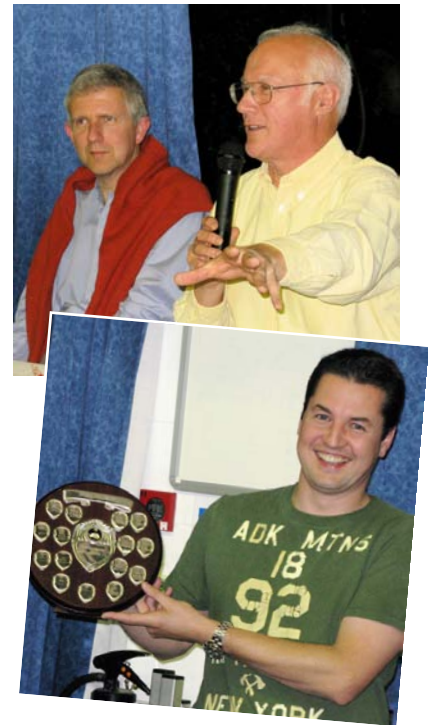


Hard fought village quiz

The annual inter-organisation quiz has become something of an institution with more teams wanting to take part than the school hall can accommodate. This year, the 22nd competition, resulted in a tie for first between GADS and Culpho Church. They have the job of organising next year's event, together with question setter Ann Willetts.

The proceeds from the entry fees and raffle this year amounted to some £634 - which is to be divided between Burgh Church and the African development charity Send a Cow.

Top right: Quizmasters Clive Willetts (right) and Mark Sanders:
Below right: Richard Hartfall from the Culpho Church team.
Photos Peter Kendall.



Tribute to Len Osborne 31.12.21 to 16.10.08

Len lived in Grundisburgh for many years, as did his brother Jim, but he was born in Hasketon and it was in Hasketon churchyard that he wished to be buried.

He was a man of many talents - an accomplished painter in oils and acrylics, his real love was working with metal and machines. After working first at the garage in Quay Street in Woodbridge, then at Pearce's Forge in Bredfield and Woodbridge Mill, his final employment was as a metal work instructor at St Audrey's Hospital. Here he was a very active 'Friend' taking patients

on bus trips and visits to pubs.

In Grundisburgh he became a valued member of GADS and could be relied on to provide a variety of 'props' for shows - who can forget 'Charlie', the body in the trunk in 'Arsenic and Old Lace'!

Len was something of a performer too, and was the MC and driver for a band called 'The Starlight Trio' who played in village halls around the county. It was at The Pistol Club that Len met Joan who was to be his good friend for 48 years and devoted carer following his stroke.

Madge Nicholas - with thanks to Rev Clare Sanders and Len's family and Joan

Other tributes are on page 4.



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Grundisburgh Gleanings

New coordinator for neighbourhood watch

Tom Coomber has taken over from Gordon Bolton as coordinator of Grundisburgh Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Tom was born in Middlesex and, as he likes to put it, has held a bus pass for several years. After serving an engineering apprenticeship he joined a Crawley based flight simulator manufacturer as an electro-mechanical inspector. The company sponsored him through QA training appointing him as a project quality engineer after he gained membership of the Institute of Quality Assurance. After several years he moved into project management, eventually becoming a senior programme manager with responsibility for multi-million pound military simulator programmes.

Tom's last simulator project was for the Sea King Air Sea Rescue helicopter. He still gets a great deal of pride and personal satisfaction when the big yellow helicopter flies over the village, knowing that the pilots and navigator will have been trained on his project.

In addition to his regular employment Tom was

commissioned into the Royal Air Force Reserve Forces where he was involved in flying training for 25 years, retiring in 2000 with the rank of Squadron Leader.

Tom and Pauline moved to Grundisburgh eight years ago and both have been involved in various local organisations.



Pauline worked in Grundisburgh Post Office until recently and she was behind the counter when it was raided a few years ago. It was following this that he was asked to become a volunteer in the neighbourhood watch scheme and

became coordinator for Rose Hill.

Having himself been the victim of mindless vandalism, Tom has noticed how it has increased in the village. He feels that the neighbourhood watch volunteers can help by identifying acts of vandalism and reporting these to the police.

The village has a high proportion of elderly residents who often feel threatened by the damage they see inflicted on their properties and village amenities. By reporting anything they see that worries them to the volunteers, Tom hopes that some of these can

be addressed and rectified. Tom can be contacted on 01473 738550.

A get together has been arranged for Saturday 24 January when residents are invited to meet their area coordinator - and members of the Police's Safer Neighbourhood and Community Support teams. This takes place in the parish rooms between 10am and 2pm. There will also be some police recommended security items on view for sale.

The details of the area coordinators are displayed on village notice boards and on the parish council website www.grundisburgh-culpho.suffolk.gov.uk.

WEBMASTER'S CHOICE AWARD

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council website has won an award from One Suffolk. It was the

"Webmaster's Choice in recognition of outstanding achievement".

It includes information about the villages, what the parish council is up to, masses of information including lists of local organisations, which are updated on an almost daily basis. It can be found on www.grundisburgh-culpho.suffolk.gov.uk

One Suffolk provides free web sites, training and advice for parish councils and community groups. It was created by a partnership of all the local authorities in Suffolk and the police in 2003. For more information visit <http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/>

Late news ...

Grundisburgh School pupils will be taking part in 'Ipswich Sings Christmas' at the Ipswich Corn Exchange on Saturday 20 December, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets available from 01473 433100.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

UPDATE FROM GADS



Rachel Stock, Marian Rosling and Steve Newton entertaining on The Green.

Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society (GADS) was blessed with a glorious warm and sunny afternoon when they performed their annual open air 'Play on the Green' in late September. The audience was treated to two plays, as they relaxed on deck chairs and rugs in the sunshine.

The first, 'Curses Foiled Again' told the story of an amateur dramatics troupe, trying to polish their woefully unprepared Victorian melodrama. Tensions and passions boiled over in this delightful comedy directed by Monica Boosey.

Madge Nicholas directed the second play, a thrilling dark comedy entitled, 'A Sense of the Ridiculous', where the Devil comes to tea at the house of a family with a very dark secret, in the guise of a charming Irishman. A wonderful chilling ending!

A barbeque at the interval and the wonderful 'Indian Summer'

weather, made this a lovely afternoon for both the audience and cast.

The next epic production from GADS will be the swash-buckling

pantomime, 'Dick Turpin', to be staged at Grundisburgh Village Hall.

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Rachel Stock

WI reporting

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI's coffee morning held on a glorious sunny morning in September raised £171 for Macmillan Cancer Fund. Our grateful

thanks to all those who gave their support.

For our October meeting we had a visitor from the Hearing Centre in Ipswich. He taught us much about our ears and how they function, hearing problems, and various types of hearing aids. A lively meeting, with many questions from the floor.

Mr Hopper came along to the November meeting, and gave a talk about Paper Sculpture. He brought with him a selection of wonderful models he had made over the years. These had been used as centre pieces on tables at various functions. The creme-de-la-creme, being a fantastic model of a 'golden' reclining rat. He had laboriously created 200 of these, one for each table, where 2,000 King Rats were gathered for their annual fund raising dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel in London.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Peggy Gandy. She was a member of our branch for many years, serving as president, and among other things, writing for The News. We will miss her smile, her readiness to help, and her genuine concern for other people. We send our sincere sympathies to Doug. Our meetings will not be the same without her.

Carol Barker, 735838

Local history society plans

Grundisburgh Local History Society held its AGM on Saturday 15th November and very successful it was too!

After the meeting, which passed off very smoothly, and a delicious supper, we had a

talk about the history of Burgh Cottage and the work that is being done on both the house and the garden. This was fascinating, and it is obviously a real labour of love getting the property and the garden back into shape.

The next formal meeting of the society will be on 16 December when Paddy Hazeall will give a talk on 'Orford Ness', and this will be followed on 20 January by a talk on the 'Lost Houses of Suffolk'.

The research group is now up and running and there will be a further meeting in January.

Grundisburgh Local History Society is interested in the history not just of Grundisburgh village itself, but also of the surrounding area; so if you are interested in local history, or indeed in history at all, please come along to a meeting and see for yourselves that we are a friendly society who will make you most welcome! For further details please contact me on 01473 738 321 or Albert Usher on 738195.

Sally Williams

Christmas at the Baptist Chapel

We give you all a warm welcome to our Christmas services at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel:

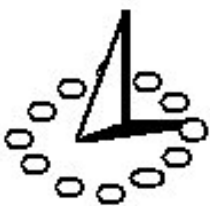
Sunday December 21st
10.45am Christmas worship
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Colin Grimwood, 738856

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Scouting news

The Scout Group and Explorer Unit have been very busy since the autumn term started.

On 5 October all sections joined in the Church Harvest Festival where the Beavers displayed their harvest box of goodies decorated with handmade leaves.

The newly formed colony of Beavers now has 16 members and was invested into the scout movement in mid November. Earlier in the autumn many of them took part in an evening walk to Wood Farm where Chris and Richard Garnham welcomed us with refreshments.

In mid October the Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders hiked from Bealings Village Hall along the Fynn Valley Walk to Crown Point Fish Shop at Martlesham where we all stopped and had supper. Good job we booked up beforehand as approximately 50 of us arrived in one swoop!

The Explorers enjoyed a weekend camp at Hallowtree, Nacton, during which they took part in ice-skating and go-karting.

The Scouts had an evening of cookery where they had to choose tins to open, then cook and eat the contents; unfortunately for them we had removed the labels so it was a surprise (but it was all edible).

On Remembrance Sunday, along with Brownies and Guides, we attended the Memorial Service at Grundisburgh Church, lowering the group flags during the two minute silence.



Above: The new Beaver Colony was invested into the Scouting Association at a ceremony in St Mary's Church, in front of parents, friends, parish councillors, representatives from the county and district scouts, and the Union and World Flags.

Right: Lowering the flags at Grundisburgh's war memorial on Remembrance Sunday while Geoff Jay, on the left, lays the wreath.

Photos Peter Kendall

Our Christmas event is on Grundisburgh Village Green on Sunday 21 December at 7.30pm, with Rudolph Sleigh, music, mulled wine, tea, coffee and mince pies.

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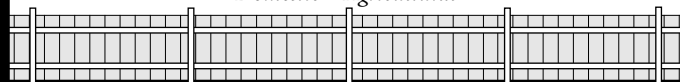
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Carol provides flowers for lots of different occasions. Weddings are a speciality - from church, marquee, village hall, barn, bride's bouquet to groom's buttonhole, mum's corsage to flowergirl's teddy bear.

Then there are flowers for wedding anniversaries, a thank you, or a new birth, new home, well done.... These can range from a simple bunch to a hand tied hostess bouquet.

Sympathy flowers are arranged and delivered to the undertaker. These have ranged from conventional funeral sprays and wreaths to special items featuring a racing pigeon or a motorbike.

As the year changes so do the flowers. With Christmas fast approaching Carol is getting ready to make holly wreaths for doors and graves; these are made from green and variegated holly and ivy berries, trimmed to order with bows, cinnamon sticks etc.



Table arrangements are also in demand at this time of year, with candles and fresh flowers with the seasonal foliage. Silk and dried flowers, glassware, pots and so on are also

available for people to make their own decorations.

Carol's shop has a colourful array of Christmas present ideas so come and have a look! She provides a delivery service if needed.

Words and photos Sue Allison

The shop is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-12 and 1-5, Wednesday 9-12 and 1-3, Saturday 9-12. On Mondays it's orders only.

Boundary Flowers, Boundary Farm, Swilland, IP6 9LX, on the Tuddenham to Clopton Road, telephone 01473 738828.

Left Carol and flowers.
Below left: twins Arianne and Dominique Dyball browse in Carol's shop.



Glamour for hire

A friend wanting a 'prom' dress for her daughter made Apryl Eley realise that there was nowhere in the area where glamorous dresses could be hired. That was in summer 2007 and already she has built up a collection of 400 - in sizes ranging from 6 to 26. Apryl worked up the idea from her home in Orchard End, Grundisburgh, and then



The Willowmead Alpacas

The alpacas bred by Julia and William Denny at Otley Bottom are providing wool for the wonderfully soft scarves, hats, jackets and other clothing at Willowmead Craft Centre. The shop also sells jewellery, bags etc.

The Denny's craft centre is being used for regular meetings by Textile Art Group Suffolk, and their members had a display at the recent well-attended craft weekend mounted by Willowmead.

The craft centre is open every weekend from 10am to 4pm for shopping. Refreshments are available in the small coffee shop. Contact 01473 738212 or visit the website www.willowmead-alpacas.co.uk.

Words and photos Wendy Witt

Above: Eden, a favourite alpaca;
Right: Julia Denny in Alpaca wool.
Below: Inside the craft shop.





found premises just off the Otley/ Coddenham Road where clients come, by appointment, to try on outfits. She has tried to make this a really nice experience by creating a sparkly glamorous setting and encouraging clients to take as long as they want.

Accessories can be supplied free and if alterations are needed they come free too. Prices for hiring range from £19-£69. Apryl at Kiss Dress Hire can be contacted on 07879 414407 or 01473 785059.

Left: Apryl modelled her own dresses for her brochures using Grundisburgh Green as a backdrop.



The wrap round cover for the new Grundisburgh Guide is by Edward Morgan, the Culpho based photographer and designer. The fourth edition will be on sale at £2.50 in local shops and The Dog pub from early December and includes a wide range of information about the village and the surrounding area, local organisations and public services, and a directory to which local traders were invited to contribute.

CHOPPING TO ORDER



David Stebbings will be back among his patch of Christmas trees on the Grundisburgh/Burgh boundary in December, to chop or dig to order. He can be contacted on 01473 735710.

Photo courtesy Peter Kendall

One of the aims of The News is to help promote businesses within our catchment area, and encourage readers to use local suppliers of goods and services. Why not tell us about your business? Email the editor on grunews@fast-mail.net.



John Bradshaw from Bredfield had a hair-raising time raising funds for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). The sponsored Chilli Red Mohican hairstyle was in memory of his and Roswyn's daughter Astrid Ella and to celebrate the birth of their son Francis in October. John's exploits have raised over £8,000 for EACH, the charity which gave them so much support during Astrid's short life.

They are very grateful for all the sponsorship received. Donations can still be made by emailing John (john.bradshaw@howespercival.com) or visiting the Just Giving website <http://www.justgiving.com/johnbradshaw1>.

Roswyn is The News' coordinator in Bredfield.

Hasketon Highlights



New manager Darren Scott with Turks Head customers Peter Gedny (Hasketon) and Mike Brown (Clopton)

TURKS HEAD BACK IN BUSINESS

After two weeks of hard work, The Turks Head re-opened on 15 November. It has been taken over by Mark and Louise of the highly regarded Cross Keys pub at Henley. Darren Scott, who is the manager in Hasketon, looks forward to affording you a warm welcome to the refreshed-look pub which will be open throughout the day from 12 noon, daily. A selection of local cask ales will be featured and food will be added soon. A varied entertainment programme will take place monthly, so call the pub on 01394 610907 to find out more about what's happening.

Happenings at The Victory Hall

November's 'Second Friday' event in The Victory Hall focused on Thailand. Bringing in a Thai meal from the 'Kwan Thai' Restaurant in Woodbridge was Karen Moodie's idea and buying in bulk for 43 hungry people helped with the costs. We set out the various dishes

for people to serve themselves and afterwards there was very little left over for 'the staff'. Chris Parfitt gave us a taste of Thailand with his excellent photographs taken on his Saga holiday and he verbally painted a tempting picture of that beautiful land of the Far East, and Usa his pretty guide!

Future second Friday events, which start at 7.15pm with a ploughman's supper, include Mark Mitchels giving an

illustrated talk about 'The Lost City of Dunwich', Tim Tyler telling us about 'When motoring was fun' and John Berg, who was chaplain to The Mission to Seafarers, on his time in Yokohama, Japan. Telephone me on 01394 388970 for all tickets at £5.

The Victory Hall Christmas Dance, organised by Norman and Pat Kerridge (01394 387590), is on Saturday 13

December starting at 8pm. The band 'Yesterday' will play music from the 60's and 70's. Tickets are £6.

Richard L Smith

Charity Fair brings in buyers

The Hasketon Charity Fair on 9 November was blessed with beautiful autumn sunshine, making it more pleasant than usual for all those who were queuing to come in well before the official opening time.

Sixteen charities set out their

stalls, selling a huge variety of goods, and raising a total of £1,003 for the good causes. Two charities each raised £100 - the NSPCC and St Andrew's Church. Other beneficiaries included the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (lovely soup, Alastair!) and East Anglian Children's Hospice (beautiful handicrafts, made by Brenda Ely and friends). Muscles for Charity set up a display of their recent projects - they had raised £1,000 from contacts made at last year's fair alone.

Customers came from far and wide, encouraged to attend by local newspapers, local radio - and by the excellent posters displayed throughout the area and on roadside signs. Special thanks to Yvonne Gardiner who arranged all the publicity and Maria Fletcher who designed the eye catching posters. Thanks are also due to all the villagers who help out each year and without whom the event would not be such a success.

It's not too early to book a stall for next year. It costs nothing, so each stall holder can pass on all their takings to the charity of their choice.

*Jenny McWhirter, 01473 735174
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Clopton Chat

Grant enables church tower repairs to continue

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Grants Committee has awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of repairs to Clopton's Church tower. This meant that we were able to start on the second stage of the repairs in mid November.

This grant will be made from Landfill Tax Credit funding made available to the trust by Viridor Waste Management Ltd. through the Suffolk Environmental Trust (SET). The grant is subject to approval by the Landfill Tax regulatory body ENTRUST.

It is estimated that the work will be completed by April next year. Once the tower is safe we will repair the bell frame so that Clopton's peal of six bells will be rung again. This will involve applying for more grants!

Thank you to everyone who has supported, and continues to support, our fund raising. Please contact me on for any further details.

Doris Main, 01473 737602

Farewell to priest in charge

Otley church was full for Joy's last service in the benefice. It was uplifting to hear the rousing singing, albeit with a touch of sadness.

Afterwards, those who wished moved to the village hall for the shared lunch. The room had been decorated with a huge banner saying 'Goodbye Joy and Fred'. The children from the Tiddlywinks group gave Joy a cake and a picture. After the meal James made a speech outlining incidents in Joy's six years in the benefice, and then presented her with a cheque and a framed photo of the four churches.

She in turn said how much she had enjoyed the six years with us, and then thanked everyone. She made a gift for each of the four churches as a lasting reminder of her time here, boxes for wafers for some, and to Clopton a lovely bible in large print. However, they were not moving far away, only to Martlesham, and invited everyone passing that way to drop in for a cup of tea. We shall miss them both.

Peggy Martin

CLOPTON QUIZ

Another successful quiz evening, held in early October, was enjoyed by teams from the area. It raised £300 shared between the Clopton Church Tower Fund and the local branch of the Alzheimer's Society. A delicious hot supper was served halfway through the evening and the many raffle prizes were drawn at that time. We would like to thank the numerous 'behind the scenes' people who helped make it such an enjoyable evening.

Diana Dawson and Doris Main

REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At its November meeting Clopton Parish Council co-opted Graham Boshier to its vacant seat. Graham has a particular interest in the local natural environment and will become the lead councillor on matters relating to Rights of Way, hedgerows and trees. The council welcomed Graham to the council and hopes he enjoys his new role.

Following a meeting held in October, neighbouring parishes interested in joining with Clopton to operate a Community Speedwatch Scheme have been asked to confirm their interest by the end of November. When the cost for each parish has been calculated, they will then seek approval for the expenditure at their respective council meetings early next year, which will allow the scheme to start in April. However, its

success depends on sufficient volunteers coming forward from all the parishes involved, so anyone interested should contact Jill Gipp on 737635.

On behalf of everyone at Clopton Parish Council may I wish you all a merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2009. This is the final time I will be reporting on behalf of the council as the new parish clerk takes up her duties from 1 December. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past three years at Clopton and would to thank everyone for their friendship and support.

The next scheduled meeting of Clopton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 22 January at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome.

If you need to contact the council in the meantime please telephone the new clerk, Gill Kimmerling, on 01728 831161 or email her at gill.kimmerling@lineone.net.

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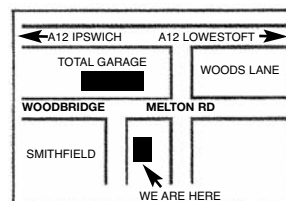
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BURGH GETS KNITTING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

This year National Knitting Week (13-19 October) was supported in Burgh with a week-long knit-in and refreshments every morning at Burgh Schoolroom.

Non-knitters or those out of practice could come and learn to knit; knitters came and knitted for premature babies (and helped the learners if needed). Some baby wool was donated but most people were able to bring their own. On the Saturday morning there was a sponsored knit - 20 stitches per row for 30 minutes.

All donations towards refreshments went to the Schoolroom Water Project and the proceeds from the sponsored knit, a magnificent £230, to Bliss the charity for premature babies.

During the week we knitted seven cardigans, three hats, three pairs of booties and two blankets, all on their way to the Special Care Baby Unit at Ipswich Hospital. Not bad for just seven knitters, some of whom were about 15 years out of practice!

I am very grateful to all the ladies who took part (both at the schoolroom and at home) and, of course, to their sponsors, to all those who donated wool, to Anjay Fabrics of Woodbridge for a generous discount on wool purchased for the event and to Burgh PCC for the use of the schoolroom.

We had such a good time that we'll almost certainly do it again next year!

Sheila Brechin

Raising money for Swilland Church

Fund raising events are being organised in aid of Swilland Church which is in dire need of funds since part of the nave ceiling fell down in late September. The Archdeacon has formally closed the church on the advice of the consulting architect until it can be repaired. The cost of repairs is over £13k.

The Moon & Mushroom Funday is going to be held on Sunday 31 May on the field by the pub - which is also going to run an evening of entertainment later.

Brian William, 01473 785726

Encouraging composting

The waste from Suffolk Coastal's brown bins for cooked and uncooked food, cardboard and shredded paper, etc are taken to the hi-tech facility at Parham where it is turned into a soil improver that is used on agricultural land. For people wanting to compost at home, the council is working with the Suffolk Waste Partnership and the Waste Resource Action Programme to offer bins at a subsidised price to residents. They can be ordered by calling 0845 077 0757. For more information on composting, visit www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/composting/

Briefly ...

A concert of 'Yuletide Music Across the Ages' is being performed on Saturday 13 December in St Mary's Church Woodbridge. starting at 7pm. Entry is £7 with accompanied under 14s free. Suffolk Singers, joined by a trio of young soprano soloists, will be performing arrangements of ancient carols to contemporary Christmas music as well as seasonal favourites. Olivia Castle, one of the soloists, was a finalist in the BBC Chorister of the Year 2008.

The British Red Cross has a range of items such as wheelchairs, walking frames and other medical equipment for hire from its premises in Theatre Street, Woodbridge (01394 382614). Office hours are 10am - 12.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Cancer Campaign in Suffolk was formed in 1998 to improve access to high quality information, prevention, education and support services to cancer patients, their families and carers. It is seeking to involve local people by inviting them to become members of its community fund raising team. It also wants community groups and clubs to consider raising funds for them. To get involved call 0845 602 6607 or email karenhare@cancercampaigninsuffolk.co.uk. Information about the charity's work is on www.cancercampaigninsuffolk.co.uk.

A selection from the 'Cards for Good Causes' range is now on sale at the tourist information centres in Woodbridge, Felixstowe and Aldeburgh. Each card will cost £1, but at least 79p of the price of each one will go to the charity.

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Otley Offerings



The old condemned play area - why the new area is needed!

Generous grants for new play area Continued from page 1

Local fund raising within the village has allowed the community council to commit at least a further £5000 towards the overall project. Donations have also come from Otley Parish Council, Otley Scouts and Magnox Electric (Sizewell), with further support from other groups promised.

A consultation exercise is now underway amongst Otley's children and young people's groups to identify equipment for the play area, a process that will give the users a real choice in the final scheme. We hope the play area will be ready for use by the end of March 2009.

The scope of new equipment envisaged will be a dramatic improvement on the existing provision. Otley has been without a central play area for almost two years, after the previous equipment (see photo above) was condemned as unsafe.

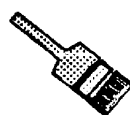
The grant applications were strengthened by the recent parish plan consultation, which highlighted the lack of play equipment in the village and demonstrated strong support for new facilities.

The Community Council would like to thank all those who have supported its fundraising activities for the play area, and all the organisations that have made such generous donations and grants, particularly Suffolk County Council and The Suffolk Foundation. Finally, this project would not have come to fruition without the hard work and dedication of Chris Taylor, vice-chairman of the community council.

Ian Beaumont, Chairman, Otley Community Council

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NEWS FROM OTLEY UNDER FIVES CENTRE

We are extremely pleased to say that Otley Under Fives Playgroup has just received an outstanding Ofsted Report. This places the playgroup as one of the best providers of childcare in the county.

To build on this success the group will be making some changes to the availability of its services.

From the New Year we are very excited to offer complete school day cover for from 09:00 to 15:00 five days a week, which is a facility some other pre-schools do not offer at present. This will allow a much more flexible childcare provision in Otley and the surrounding area.

The staff: Alison Tiley-Nunn, Melanie Soames and Paul Brilliant deserve a big thank you for their excellent work with the children. Supporting the group is also an essential and often overlooked task, so I would like to extend my gratitude to all the duty parents and the committee members for their hard work in helping to achieve this exceptional Ofsted report.

Tracey Moss has resigned as Chair (we thank her for the huge contribution she has made over the seven years she has supported us) and is replaced by myself.

We also say goodbye to our co leader Alison Tiley-Nunn, who is leaving. Alison has given a great deal to the group over her two years at the Under Fives and will be sadly missed by all. But, we would like to warmly welcome Michelle Boreham to the group, who replaced Alison from 10

November. If you would like more information about Otley Under Fives then please visit our website www.otleyunderfives.co.uk or telephone 07789 468553. We can arrange a free, no obligation, taster session to give you an idea of what we can offer.

Stephen Czarnota (Chair)

Fundraising activities

Thirteen was the lucky number for Otley Under Fives as that was the excellent number of Guys made for the 'Best Dressed Guy' competition at the Otley village fireworks display.

Entrants included a Stig Guy from the TV show Top Gear and a Halloween Guy complete with pumpkin head! Other favourites were the Moonface Guy, Car Mechanic and Traditional Guy Fawkes. Each Guy was given a bag to collect votes, and firework goers were asked to pick their 'Best Dressed Guy'.

It was a close call but the eventual winner was the leather clad 'Easy-Rider Guy' complete with motorbike, crash helmet and sunglasses by five year old Ella Brooks. Congratulations to Ella who wins a Woolworth's voucher to spend on an old James Dean movie! All in all the evening was a great success with over £75 being raised to help the Otley Under Fives.

Christie Page (Fundraiser)

What have the children been doing?

This term staff have been busy implementing the changes that the introduction

of the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Framework brings. In class we have been looking at 'People who help us' which has involved talking about doctors, librarians, shopkeepers and teachers.

We had an exciting visit from our Police Community Support Officers who let us dress up in uniform and then explore the police car - which involved flashing lights, and a very loud siren.

After half term we will be talking about postal workers, amongst others, and visiting the post office to post Christmas cards. We will be thinking more about Christmas too, with a Christmas play performance on 10 December at 11.30am.

So, we continue to have a busy time! And, as we look forward to Christmas, everyone at Otley Under Fives wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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Bredfield Extravaganza

Bredfield's festive event took place on a bright winter's day and held many attractions and stalls for visitors to buy quality Christmas gifts.

The atmosphere was fantastic and, despite the credit crunch, our visitors opened their wallets, spent generously and helped us to raise almost £1400. Our merry band of elves worked extremely hard and we are always grateful for their support and hard work without which this event could

not take place. The spirit of Christmas lives on in Bredfield - don't miss it next year! The money raised will be shared between East Anglia's Children's Hospices and St Andrew's Church Room. The Santa photo on page 1 was taken by Hilary Keats.

Roswyn Bradshaw

Roswyn normally sends much more news from Bredfield but has had other preoccupations recently - see page 11. Many congratulations. Ed

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Your letters

Thank you

I would like to thank the many friends and neighbours who have sent messages and shown such kindness to me during my recent bereavement.

Doug Gandy

Poppy Appeal

The grand total for the 2008 Poppy Appeal in Grundisburgh was £1,331.

Thank you to all who donated so generously, given the current economic climate. Also thanks to the collectors for giving their time to such a worthwhile cause.

Margaret Quinton, honorary organise

Getting The News by post

Many thanks for sending the Grundisburgh News, I enjoy it very much.

I spent 34 years of my life in Grundisburgh, 16 years at Shirley Cottage which was on the way to the fruit farm at the top end of Grundisburgh. And

the other part after I married, we had Greenacre in Half Moon Lane built, so you can imagine how I love to hear all the news.

When we were children my parents had a large small-holding and I can remember pushing the iron hurdles down to Mr Crachnell's Forge for them to be repaired.

*Shirley Peachey (nee Marjoram),
Felixstowe*

Mrs Peachey is on the mailing list to have The News sent to her. This costs £4 a year within UK, £7 in Europe, £12 world wide and is arranged through Pat Hall (see under subscription service in panel on page 19).

Grundisburgh Football Club 100 club winners:

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For Sale: Pine entertainment unit with glass door, £20 ono. Corner desk £5. Pine high-bed, 2' 6" suitable for small rooms £50 ono. Vax, vacuum cleaner (bagless, cylinder type) £30 ono. Call 01473 735975.

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Wanted for Christmas - Second-hand outdoor play equipment, eg swing, climbing frame, slide. For age 2 - 5+. 738219 after 5pm.

For Sale (open to offers) 3 wardrobes, 2 chest of drawers, large fish tank, 200 LPs, 2 microwaves, large freezer, small freezer, washing machine, video recorder (unused), leather sofa, bike (female), long leather sofa, serving trolley, pine bed ends (double), 2 tower stereo music stations + speakers, foldable

workbench (new), flat cover for soft-top MG Midget, beaded car seat cover, collector's astrology set (5pc), hockey stick, walking sticks, 2 old Singer sewing machines, ornate antique piano, modern piano. Buyer collects. hpeterston07@hotmail.com. 07504 094460 pm/eve.

For Sale: Girl's bike suitable for 7-11 years, 6 gears, purple, vgc, last of the UK made Raleigh bikes, extra strong frame. £25. Boy's bike suitable for 7-11 years, yellow, 5 gears. £15. 738856.

For Sale: Silver 28" Sharps Colour remote TV approx 4 years old excellent working condition can see it working £40 ono. 01394 461155.

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More volunteers needed to help with RDA at Swilland

East Suffolk Riding for the Disabled at Newton Hall needs more people who could spare an hour or two on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Volunteers don't need to be 'horsey', but enjoy helping with this worthwhile charity.

One of the current volunteers is Sue Allison from Swilland. She describes how she started and what's involved.

"While I was learning to ride at Newton Hall in 2005 (at the age of forty-something) I heard that the Riding for the Disabled Association were looking for volunteers to help with the adult group on Wednesday mornings. It was suggested that I might like to go along and see if I would like to help.

Not knowing what to expect, I turned up the following week and met with a great group of

instructors and other helpers - some of whom had been volunteering for 20 years or more.

As I already had a little experience with horses, after some training I was handed a lead rope with horse and rider

Later I was asked if I would like to become an instructor. Now, after training and an assessment, I have just gained my RDAGI Badge and Certificate.

The adult group had three riders when I started, but this

structured so they each get maximum benefit.

The Wednesday adult group and Thursday group from Belstead Special School for students aged 16-19 are looking for more volunteers. So if anyone has a few hours

to spare on these mornings please do come along and join us. I certainly have got a lot of enjoyment out of being with such a friendly group of volunteers and riders. It is so worthwhile seeing the fun and sense of achievement the riders get out of each session."



Riders and helpers on the Wednesday group. Sue Allison is the helper on the left.

attached, and had a great time. The instructor and helpers were there to give assistance and advice. Over the following months my confidence grew as I got to know the helpers and riders.

has now increased to four, and one person is needed to walk alongside each rider. With the groups from the special schools two or three helpers are needed for each rider. The riders have varying degrees of ability, and the sessions are

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