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Consultation on where new homes should go

Views are being sought by Suffolk Coastal District Council about how land should be used and where growth can occur. This forms part of the 'Local Development Framework' consultations on developing guidelines for planning decisions for the next 16 years.

Part of this exercise is to identify where new homes might be built. Government policy is that 7,710 new homes need to be found in the district; over half of these can already be accounted for in land that already has planning permission and land within towns and villages that could be developed.

Suffolk Coastal has identified land to the east of the A12 at Martlesham and Martlesham Heath where a large number of houses could be built. Elsewhere, homes are proposed for the Felixstowe area.

A smaller number of houses may be built in villages and this will be determined by the nature of each development and whether the village can provide an extensive range of facilities such as shops, doctor's surgery, pub, bus services, school, village hall etc.

The top tier are designated as 'Key Services Centres'. Three of the 24 key centres are in The News' area: Witnesham, Otley and Grundisburgh. Details of the categories into which the other parishes in our patch fall are given inside.

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MIXED FORTUNES FOR PUBS

The Castle pub at Bredfield closed down late last year and is now standing empty. It is unclear what the future is. However, the Turks Head in Hasketon has started serving meals again, and The Dog in Grundisburgh had its best Christmas ever.

One of the ways in which The News sets out to serve its 17 villages is by promoting the businesses in them. We like to run features on local enterprises and hope that the pubs in our catchment area will feed us information about what they have to offer.



Arts in the area

Above: Award winning Otley Players have persuaded John Parish to direct their next production 'Local Affairs'. Details on page 17.

Left: Charmaine Cooper, the composer whose specially commissioned work 'The Golden Thread' will be premiered at the Trianon concert in Grundisburgh Church. More on page 3.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE NEWS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 27 MARCH 7.30pm GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS.
You give us feedback we give you a drink

News Diary

JANUARY

Saturday 31

Dick Turpin GADS GVH
2pm & 7.30pm Contact
738824

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5

All You Need to Know About Tea Talk Gr Burgh & Culpho
WI GPR 7.30pm Contact
735838

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

Table Top Sale Bealings VH
9am-12noon Contact 620213

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 16

Otley Parish Council Mtg
OVH 7.30pm. Contact 890271

Tuesday 17

Zeppelin over Suffolk Local
History Soc GPR 7.30pm
Contact 738321

Monday 23

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

Saturday 28th

Trionon Music Group
Concert St Mary's Church, Gr
7.30pm. Contact 735481.

MARCH

Thursday 5

Ribbon Craft Cards Gr
Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 7

Family Quiz Otley VH
Contact 890269

Table Top Sale Bealings VH
9am-12noon Contact 620213

Jumbo Jumble Sale Bredfield
VH iao St. Andrew's Ch 2pm-
4pm

Monday 9

Gr & Culpho Parish Co.
Mtg GPR 7.30pm Contact
735451

Friday 13

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

Saturday 14

St. Patrick's Barn Dance iao
FOGS Gr. Primary School
7pm - 10pm Contact 738632

Monday 16

Otley Parish Council Mtg
OVH 7.30pm. Contact 890271

Tuesday 17

**Researching Parish &
Family History** Local History
Soc. GPR 7.30pm Contact
738321

Thursday 19

Ali Baba CADS Charsfield
VH 7.30pm. Contact 737206

Dick Whittington

TADPOLES Tuddenham VH
7.45pm Contact 785003

Friday 20

Ali Baba CADS Charsfield
VH 7.30pm. Contact 737206

Dick Whittington

TADPOLES Tuddenham VH
7.45pm Contact 785003

Saturday 21

Ali Baba CADS Charsfield
VH 7.30pm. Contact 737206

Dick Whittington

TADPOLES Tuddenham VH
7.45pm Contact 785003

Quiet Day Otley Hall 'Some
Symbols of Christ's Passion'
10am-4pm PBE Contact
890264

Friday 27

**Gr News Annual General
Meeting** GPR 7.30pm.
Contact 738866

Monday 30

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

APRIL

Thursday 2

Chocolate Talk Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Friday 3

**Archive Eve including
Cheese & Wine** iao Bredfield
VH 7.30pm Contact 01394
386977

Friday 17

Quiz Night & talk Cuba
Cycle Ride Hasketon VH 7.15
Contact 01394 388970

Tuesday 21

**Gr & Culpho Annual Parish
Meeting** GVH 7.30pm
Contact 735451

Saturday 25

Plant Sale Bealings VH
10am-12noon Contact 735565

Sunday 26

Car Boot/Table Top Sale
Bredfield PF 8.30am-2.30pm.
Contact 01394 386977

Monday 27

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

Local History Soc. GPR
7.30pm Contact 738321

Thursday 30

Quiet Day Otley Hall 'Faith
in a Scientific Age' 10am-4pm
PBE Contact 890264

MAY

Monday 4

Plant & Book Sale Hasketon
VH Contact 01394 388970

Thursday 7

**Resolutions, Bring and
Share Supper** Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 9

Spring Fair iao FOGS Gr.
Primary Sch. 11am - 1pm
Contact 738632

Monday 11

Gr & Culpho Parish Co.
Mtg GPR 7.30pm Contact
735451

AGM & Annual Parish

Meeting Otley Parish Council
OVH 7pm. Contact 890271

Tuesday 19

**English Landscapes and
Garden History** Local
History Soc. GPR 7.30pm
Contact 738321

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

Monday 15

Otley Parish Council Mtg
OVH 7.30pm. Contact 890271

Saturday 20

Music Event iao St. Mary's
Parish Church Gr. Contact
738831

Sunday 28

Jazz & Barbeque Shrubbery
Farm Hasketon 12noon
Contact 01394 383108

JULY

Saturday 11

Grundisburgh Village Show.
Contact 738267

Saturday 18

Hasketon Fete Contact 01394
388970

Duck Race & Fun Evening
iao Gr. Scouts VG Contact
735352

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

*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
indicate if pre-booking is
essential.*

*The diary is published both to
promote events and to help
organisers avoid clashes of
dates when possible, so we
welcome details of major
events well in advance.*

What's On

PANTO TIME ...

Dick Turpin at Grundisburgh

Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society (GADS) Players proudly present their hilarious pantomime 'Dick Turpin'.

Dashing Dick the notorious highwayman is a loveable rogue, but a true villain is at work, framing Dick for his evil deeds. Dick must clear his name and save duckhand Billy

Highly talented comedy performer Brian White makes his GADS debut as baddie Mr X, with a wicked laugh that may sound familiar to some! He lords it up over his brainless henchmen, Smash (Jo Bailey) and Grab (Judith Bignell). Be ready with the boos and hisses! Nick and Nab (Vicky Hart and Nikki Brown) play the local boys in blue, hot (or rather warm) on the heels of Dick Turpin in another wonderful comedy pairing. A chorus of local children give their all in the fine song and dance numbers choreographed by Kara Redman



Adam Kearney and Laura Olantunje in rehearsal

Bumpkin, who falls foul of the law trying to win the love of Katie Cuddlesome.

Regular GADS panto-goers will be delighted at the return of comedy duo Adam Kearney as the lovesick Billy Bumpkin and Kate Adams as buxom Katie Cuddlesome, who spark off each other wonderfully. John Richards makes an energetic and forceful Dame Dollop, using his powerful stage presence to make the most of the hilarious script. Dashing Dick Turpin is played by principal boy-in-boots, Charlotte Crown, with his sweetheart Lady Caroline Lotaloot (Rachel Stock), combining their voices in song. Daisy the Cow and her athletic udder, is performed by by Laura Olantunje (above) and Stacey Jay.

Performances will be held at Grundisburgh Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 30 and Sat 31 January, Friday 6 and Saturday 7 February. There are also matinees on Saturday both Saturdays at 2pm. Tickets priced at £5 for adults and £2 for children are available from the Old Forge Stores. Some tickets may be available on the door.

Dick Whittington at Tuddenham

Once again, the village folk at Tuddenham are working hard in preparation for the production of Dick Whittington and his Cat to be performed by TADPOLES, Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People Of Little Experience.

In reality their experience is not so little, this being their twenty third production! Performances will be held in the Tuddenham St. Martin's Village Hall on 19, 20 and 21 February starting at 7.45pm, with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and £2.50 for children, except on the Thursday when the price



Trianon in the community strings

will be £4 per adult and £2 for children. Tickets can be obtained from Pat Tanner on 01473 785003.

Ali Baba at Charsfield

CADS' 2009 production is 'Ali Baba and the Four Thieves'. Tony Hale has adapted the traditional tale of Ali Baba to current times as Ali Baba is tempted by a cave full of treasure stolen by a down-sized band of brigands and a sultan, strapped for cash, seeks a wealthy suitor for his indulged daughter.

There's no hint of belt tightening on the costumes and set though - the audience will be transported to an exotic eastern land of spices and silks, gold and jewels, incense and.....a talking camel. A fun evening's entertainment for all ages.

The performances are on Thursday 19, Friday 20 and Saturday 21 March at 7:30 pm in Charsfield Village Hall. Tickets (£6.50 for adults, £4 for under 16). For further information, call Peter Holloway on 01473 737206. Tickets are also available from Bridge Garage (01473 737481) in Charsfield and 'The Teapot' (01728 748079) in Wickham Market (748079)

ST PATRICK'S BARN DANCE

The Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) are holding a Barn Dance on Saturday 14 March to celebrate St Patrick's Day

and help raise money for the new school library. It takes place at Grundisburgh Primary School 7-10pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children 4 and over - the price includes ploughman's supper.

Lucy Haste (FOGS secretary) 738632

TRIANON IN THE COMMUNITY CONCERT

On Saturday 28 February, St Mary's Church Grundisburgh plays host to the Trianon Strings and Singers. Under conductor Professor Christopher Green OBE, the audience will be treated to music by Handel and Purcell, Leroy Anderson's Jazz Pizzicato, William Lloyd Webber's Elegy, a medley of songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and much more.

Plus, in celebration of Trianon Music Group's 50th Anniversary, the Trianon Strings and Singers will be giving the world premiere of a specially commissioned work, 'The Golden Thread'. The music has been composed by Charmaine Cooper, with words by Joanna Clark, winner of the Times 2007 Poetry Competition. Both Charmaine and Joanna will be present at the concert and will be delighted to meet members of the audience.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets, £5 for adults and £1 children, are available from Irene Brunning 01473 735481, Old Forge Stores and Williams Shop, Grundisburgh.

Consultation on new homes

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Finding out more and making comments

Details, including maps, can be downloaded from the Suffolk Coastal website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/planning/review. Queries can be made to 01394 444761. During the consultation period, the district council proposals can be viewed at an exhibition at its offices at Melton Hill.

Comments on these sites can be made using the district council's online consultation system. Forms for postal comments are available from LDF Consultations, Planning Services, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1AU, 01394 383789.

The consultation period ends on 20 February.

The parish clerks from the three key centre villages in the News' area have kindly

provided the information on this page. The categories for our other parishes are:

'Local Service Centres'

Bredfield
Charsfield
Clopton
Great Bealings
Hasketon
Little Bealings
Swilland

'Other villages'

Playford
Tuddenham

'Countryside'

Boulge
Burgh
Culpho
Dallinghoo
Debach

Otley

Otley Parish Council has firmly rejected proposals to develop green field sites in the village. At a meeting in January, councillors considered proposals contained in Suffolk Coastal's draft Local Development Framework

(see page 1).

Otley has been designated a Key Service Centre which proposes modest estate scale development consistent with the scale and character of the village, with preference being given to brown-field sites and infills.

Chairman Malcolm Smith, referring to the recently completed Otley Parish Plan, said that a majority of residents were willing to see small scale development in the village, with most favouring the existing factory site at Hubbards. With just 265 homes in the village at present, Mr Smith said that any proposals would need to be proportionate if they were not to place a burden on existing facilities.

Details and maps of the sites put forward for consideration in Otley are displayed on the parish council notice board outside the doctors' surgery.

*Richard Treloar, parish clerk,
Otley Parish Council, 01473 890271*

Grundisburgh

Owners of eight plots of land in and around Grundisburgh have asked for their land to be placed inside the physical limits boundary, thus giving presumption in favour of development. These are....

- ◇ South of Post Mill Crescent
- ◇ Between the Old Police House and Park View, Park Road
- ◇ Recreation Ground south of Post Mill Orchard and Post Mill Close
- ◇ Surrounding 22-24 Stoney Road

- ◇ Surrounding 26 Stoney Road
- ◇ Adjacent to The Cottage, Woodbridge Road
- ◇ Adjacent to High Bank, The Street
- ◇ Adjacent to and surrounding Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge Road
- ◇ Between The Street and Meeting Lane
- ◇ Off Ipswich Road, north of Barn Farm.

Owners of two more plots within the physical limit boundary have also applied for residential development.

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council considered the sites at its January meeting and will be objecting to all except the one off Ipswich Road. It considers this could provide the only possible solution to achieving a new village hall for Grundisburgh.

Site 567 (opposite Mill House, Mill Hill and North of Burgh House) was included in error and has been removed from the list.

Details can be seen on the parish council web site www.grundisburgh-culpho.suffolk.gov.uk planning section or viewed at Grundisburgh Post Office.

*John Ager, parish clerk,,
Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council,
01473 735541, j.ager@tesco.net*

Swilland and Winesham

Swilland and Winesham Grouped Parish Council has considered the proposals that have been developed over some considerable time and believe them to be broadly reasonable.

SWGPC supports the placing of Swilland and Winesham as 'Local' and 'Key Service Centres' respectively and would be pleased to consider some modest development on specific sites. Little change is envisaged to the physical limits boundaries.

Details will be displayed on noticeboards at Weyland Road and the War Memorial, and also on our village website, www.winesham.org.

*Libby Cotton, parish clerk,
Swilland & Winesham Parish Council,
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CHARITABLE EXERTIONS

Marathon challenge 1

In October I was given the all clear from breast cancer so to celebrate I applied to run in the 2009 London Marathon.

I was very lucky to be offered a place from 'Breakthrough Breast Cancer', which is the UK's leading charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, campaigning and education.

I fully appreciate how important research is. I was diagnosed with breast cancer just eight weeks after my mother, Hazel Ruffles, died of the same disease. Her sister Sylvia had also died in the same way several years earlier. I have already contributed to the "Breakthrough" research programme by providing blood samples and dietary records, so I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to raise funds to ensure that their research can continue.

My target for marathon donations is £2000 but unfortunately one of the things I find most difficult, apart from going out for a run on a cold wet morning, is asking people for money.



Friends in the village have suggested another method of raising funds so, with their help we will be having a 'Charity Spring Ball' in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer on Saturday 14 March at Otley College. Tickets are £25 and will include a three course

meal, entertainment and dancing to 'The Outlines'. If you are unable to come but really would like to make a donation, this can be made online by visiting www.justgiving.com/alysonchilvers or by phoning me on 01473 737674.

I have taken my quest to run the London Marathon very seriously. Training is going very well and to date I can run five miles in the time that it takes to cook macaroni cheese. Well to be honest, just a little bit longer than it takes to cook macaroni cheese - another burnt dinner!

Not only do I have to be physically fit but I also need to be mentally prepared. Running 26 miles, 385 yards allows lots of time for thinking and the one thing that is always on my mind as I run through the lanes of Otley is how lucky I am to have had family and friends who helped me through an even longer and more difficult journey. I would never have got through without them.

Alyson Chilvers, Warrens Farm, Otley.



Above: Deb Hayward and Chloe Pitcher (right) in Cuba;
Far left: Alyson Chilvers in training;
Left: Christian Manning.

Marathon challenge 2

I am a 22 year old life-long Grundisburgh resident and former pupil of Grundisburgh Primary School and am currently studying a law conversion course at Nottingham Law School.



One year ago my grandmother died of cancer, leaving behind my blind and disabled aunty who is currently in care as a result.

Inspired by the cause, I will be running in the London Flora Marathon in April of this year in aid of SeeAbility (The Royal School for the Blind).

I am aiming to raise at least £1300 in order to help people like my aunty lead their lives to the best of their potential.

I would be very grateful for support through my charity website <http://www.justgiving.com/chrismanning1> or to my home address - 9 Red Barn Piece, Grundisburgh IP13 6XD.

Christian Manning, 07709471070

Cuban cycle challenge

Chloe Pitcher of Hasketon and Deb Hayward of Woodbridge went on a cycle ride in Cuba in November. This was in aid of their charity 'Women for women', which supports women and their children.

They would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone for all their help, support and donations in their fundraising for Cycle Cuba. They both finished the ride, covering 240 miles in five days.

The two cyclists will be giving a short talk about their time in Cuba during the Quiz Night on Friday 17 April in The Victory Hall, Hasketon.

Richard Smith

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Policing arrangements across the county

A review by Suffolk Constabulary of its Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) style of policing has led to some changes being implemented. The county-wide system is designed to help deal with local concerns, including crime and anti-social behaviour.

The review found a lack of consistent approach across the county, with insufficiently effective partnership working and problem-solving in some areas. Also, some SNT officers were spending long

periods away from their teams. The principal aim of the review was to find ways of making SNTs even more effective at solving problems faced by communities.

Considerable work and consultation resulted in the following key changes to the SNT arrangements:

- ✧ Moving from 47 SNTs to 30, while ensuring that there was no reduction in the overall number of front-line officers working in either response or SNT roles;
- ✧ Ensuring that the Police Community Support Officers, Volunteers, Special Constables and Police Constables in the teams focus their time on SNT work and are not abstracted to perform other duties;

✧ Giving each SNT a dedicated Team Sergeant who will work with the team for at least 80% of the time ;

✧ Ensuring that SNTs are tasked to deal with issues that communities see as real priorities which can then be dealt with in partnership with others before moving on to the next priority.

The link to the SNTs is the Safer Neighbourhood Team Tasking Groups (SNT TGs) , which are made up of parish councillors, parish clerks, local authority councillors and officers, community representatives and constabulary officers.

SNT TGs meet regularly to set priorities, agree actions, monitor problem-solving and consider a range of performance statistics.

The revised arrangements are relatively new but the concept of locally determined priority setting to help alleviate crime and anti social behaviour is to be welcomed and the dedicated Sergeant to run each SNT seems a significant step forward.

The villages covered by The News fall under three separate Safer Neighbourhood Teams:

Kesgrave SNT

Swilland, Witnesham, Grundisburgh, Tuddenham, Culpho, Playford, Great Bealings and Little Bealings

Tel: 01473 613500
Email: kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Saxmundham & Framlingham SNT

Charsfield
Tel: 01473-613500
Email: saxfram.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Woodbridge & District SNT

Otley, Clopton, Burgh, Hasketon, Boulge, Bredfield, Dallinghoo, Debach

Tel: 01473 613500
Email: woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

This explanation of the policing arrangements was kindly put together for The News by Jerry Goddard, who is the Grundisburgh Parish Councillor responsible for links with the police.



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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL LISTENS TO SORR!

Suffolk County Council has completed a year long study into the lorry-related issues, including those raised by the local campaigning group Save our Rural Roads (SORR). The policy development panel's recommendations, now agreed by the SCC Cabinet, represent a major improvement in the county council's policies to manage and control HGVs on rural roads.

The full list of improvements is given in Section 16 of the SORR Report (see right).

One improvement has already been implemented. The on-line version of the HGV Incident Reporting Scheme will make it much easier and quicker to report HGV-related incidents on our roads. We urge everyone to make full use of this and report any problems with lorries (such as ignoring weight restrictions, damaging verges/kerbs, blockages, near misses, etc). The county council will take action on all reported incidents and the data gathered will also provide clear evidence of the real problems we all face.

The on-line system can be reached from the link on the SORR website. For those without access to a computer, printed forms are available from Customer Services Direct on 0845 606 6067.

Update on Debach Enterprises ...

The Ombudsman was scheduled to give his final response to SORR's bulk complaint about maladministration by Suffolk Coastal on 18 December but has delayed his decision until

'early in the New Year'.

The concrete blast deflectors that formed the unsightly wall at the rear of their site in Looms Lane has at last been removed and replaced with a decent wooden fence and a new hedge. Let us hope that this is the end of the plans to expand along the rear runway section.

...and Gressingham Foods

After a considerable delay by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC), the proposals to take enforcement action against possible breaches of planning controls at the Gressingham Foods site are scheduled to be presented to its Development Sub-Committee on 5 February. It has taken us nearly two years and constant pressure to reach this stage.

... and Green Burial Site

Although the proposals for the green burial site in Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham, did not involve HGV traffic, SORR was concerned over the potential incremental increase in traffic along the surrounding road network. We lodged an objection on this basis and it was quoted as one of the reasons for refusing the application.

More SORRs

As a result of a presentation to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils members, SORR has been approached to help establish similar branches in other communities. One is already being established in the Beccles area.

Tony Fryatt, Secretary, Campaign to Save Our Rural Roads

SORR Report 2008 -

"Reclaiming Suffolk's Rural Roads"

What is SORR all about? Our 2008 report, giving details of the problems, issues and changes we would wish to see on our rural roads, is now available as a download from our website:
www.sorr.org.uk

BRIEFLY...

Age Concern Suffolk has recently opened a bright new Help Centre in central Ipswich, at 41a Upper Brook Street. It is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5 pm. The Age Concern shop next door has been so busy recently that more volunteers are needed. The telephone number for the shop is 01473 284259 and for the help centre 257039.

The new year for Crossroads' 100+ Club starts on 1 February. A £6 yearly ticket gives a chance of winning £15 or £10 at the monthly draw. The rest goes towards helping the carers of people of all ages who are ill or disabled, so that they may continue to live in their own homes, with Crossroads' help. To join, contact Katherine Smith on 01394 388970.

Strictly Square Dancing for Fun is on offer at All Saints Church Hall, Main Road, Kesgrave. Club members are running a free, informal and friendly evening on Wednesday 11 March between 7.45 and 10pm. They dance there every Wednesday and would like to start a new dancers' class. Details from 01473 785483.

Woodbridge Probus Club has some vacancies for retired or semi-retired men over 50 who are invited to contact the secretary, Ron Fisher on 01473 631347. The club has a varied programme for 2009, which includes speakers on police collision investigation, photography, a day in the life of a magistrate, Ipswich Transport Museum, weather forecasting and the experiences of a Wimbledon referee.

The Go with the Flow Youth Bus is a new project coming to rural parishes in Suffolk Coastal. The service will be provided by a newly converted double-decker bus and is aimed at 13 - 19 year olds. It is currently looking for volunteers to work with the young people and assist in all aspects of running the service. Call Jon Denny Youth Bus Coordinator on 07876 680909 or jon.denny@suffolkacre.org.

The Helping Hand agency was set up to help elderly or disabled people overwhelmed by the prospect of repairing or adapting their homes. Advice and support is available for those who want to make their home better suited to their needs. There is also a small repairs service for which customers pay only the costs of any materials. Information from Suffolk Coastal District Council on 01394 444644, www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/housing/helpinghand/

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SCOUTING NEWS

The 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group wish to thank everyone who supported our Xmas event on The Green by contributing mince pies and fruit cakes, also grateful thanks for money given towards our fundraising. The weather was kind to us and there was a good community spirit amongst all there.

We have now started back after the holidays with a good attendance in all four sections.

The Fynn Valley Explorers along with Explorers from Kesgrave Group attended the Gilwell Winter Camp in Essex from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 January, joining almost 1,000 other members from the UK. That Friday night was one of the coldest for a very long time, not ideal for being in a tent, although during the weekend the ground was frozen solid so at least not muddy like Gilwell normally is! They had an excellent time with many activities such as archery, rifle shooting, climbing and quad-bikes.

In February the Explorers, joined by some of our older Scouts, will be attending Phoenix 4 Camp at Landguard Fort, Felixstowe, where once again there will be many activities including indoor air rifles and Crystal Maze challenges.

On Sunday 22 March we will be taking part in the annual

Mothers' Day Parade at St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, where we will be displaying our new Beaver Flag for the first time. On Sunday 26 April we will be celebrating St. George's Day in a parade to be held at Framlingham.

The ducks will be racing again on Saturday 18 July.

Once again thanks to all our supporters and, if any information is required regarding the Scout Group or Explorer Unit, please call me.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Troop Assistant, 01473 735352/07929 730709

Grundisburgh playgroup

The children enjoyed the time leading up to Christmas making their own Nativity scene which was on display at the crib exhibition in the village - this activity allowed the children to construct and play with the nativity characters and re-tell the Christmas story. They also attended a fantastic party arranged by parents from the committee, and the delightful Nativity play with refreshments of mulled wine (for the adults!) watched by so many parents, relatives and friends was wonderful.

To add to a very busy half term we had our surprise visit from Ofsted one cold November morning - the full report is available on request but to summarise: *Grundisburgh Playgroup provides firm foundations for*

its children. They are safe and happy and their individual welfare needs are valued and respected in an inclusive environment. Management and staff have the knowledge and skills to ensure that the needs of all children are met. The Ofsted inspector said, informally, that such a pretty village was very lucky to have such wonderful facilities within its community.

During the rest of this spring half term we are looking forward to celebrating Chinese new year and tasting foods from there. We will be talking about our feelings and the people we care for, as Valentines day approaches

To find out about children attending playgroup, please ring 01473 735161 to request an application form or to arrange a visit.

Anna Greenwood

WI REPORT

At the Christmas party held by Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho WI in December we enjoyed excellent food and were entertained by Tudor Minstrels in costume. They gave a potted history of musical instruments of Tudor times, playing a variety of recorders and crumhorns ranging in size from three inches to over three feet long.

This brought us to the end of another varied and interesting year of outings, BBQs etc., and excellent speakers.

We have welcomed new members and sadly said goodbye to a much respected friend, Peggy Gandy. Our meetings are very informal and if you care to come along you will be sure of a warm welcome and a chance to make new friends (£29 annual membership or £2 per evening

for visitors). We are looking forward to another busy year, especially as 2009 is the 90th anniversary of our branch being formed. Our 90th birthday party is planned for September. If you don't want to miss out join now.

Carol Barker, 735838

Local History Research Group

The Grundisburgh Local History Society's research group had its second meeting in January and is now going from strength to strength.

The cataloguing of the society archive is progressing apace and thought is now being given to how this can be stored so that it can be available to anybody doing research in the village or local area. Thought is also being given to possible publications later in the year.

The society is always willing to accept items for its archive so please let us know if you have anything you want to share with us, and feel free to come to the next meeting, which will be in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 3 March.

Sally Williams, 01473 738 321 and Albert Usher, 738 195

Santa Special

Once again Santa visited Grundisburgh and enjoyed seeing lots of children in his grotto on 13 December. Our thanks to Martin Hunt and colleague for providing steam traction engine rides, in spite of the appalling weather, Ann Willetts for face painting, and lots of other helpers, especially 'Santa'. Your support was much appreciated, raising £286 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Marion and Dennis Pratt

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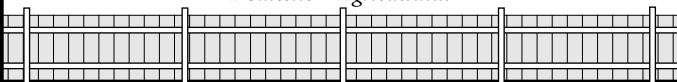
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Meeting Lane planning application back again

Since 12 January Canon Consulting Engineers have carried out traffic surveys using CCTV cameras and road strips to calculate the volume of traffic in the Meeting Lane and The Green area of Grundisburgh.

This is to support another application by Flagship Housing to build five houses and seven bungalows in Meeting Lane - on the site of nos 1 & 2, which are to be demolished, and part of the rear gardens to 3 to 7 Meeting Lane, and create a new shared access road.

A similar application was refused in March 2008 by Suffolk Coastal District Council on the grounds that Meeting Lane is not wide enough in places for two cars to pass, does not have footpaths all along, and its junction with The Green is substandard in width and visibility. It does not therefore form a suitable access to service the level of development proposed and would give rise to traffic safety problems contrary to policy AP27 of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan.

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council objected to the previous application for this site and considers that this revised scheme does not change any of those objections. It is the sub-standard nature of the crossroads on The Green, not the volume of traffic, that gives rise to traffic safety problems. The crossroads are the hub of the village and any incremental increase of traffic would exacerbate that danger.

The parish council considers that there would be room for a small development of up to four homes on the site of 1 & 2 Meeting Lane. There is no need to reduce the gardens and therefore the amenity of 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Meeting Lane.

If anyone would like to comment on this application (C08/2205) they should address their letters to Mr R Chamberlain, Planning

Department, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AU.

Ann Willetts, chairman, parish council planning sub-committee

What's On - by Internet

The Grundisburgh Internet News Group formerly at Yahoo has embarked upon a new lease of life.

It has transferred its mode of operation and base from Yahoo to Google Mail, making membership far simpler for people who wish to keep up to date with village events through email. As a result, the number of active users has more than quadrupled and a very useful news 'grapevine' has come into being.

As well as publicity for events by local groups, it is hoped that the service can be used for local council news, police advice and warnings, transport information - even lost pets.

All addresses will be kept confidential - they will not be given to anyone else within or outside the group, and there will be no advertising other than by village concerns. All posts will be monitored to make sure that contributions are suitable.

To join the group, all you have to do is to send your email address to grundisburgh@googlemail.com. Any news or announcements that you wish to have relayed should be sent to the same address. It is a completely free service.

Martin Hough and John Ager

New village guide by mail order

The new edition of the Grundisburgh Guide, published in late 2008 is selling well in village shops and The Dog pub.

It is now also available by mail order at £3 to cover post and packing. Payment (made out to Grundisburgh Guide) should be sent to John Ager, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh IP13 6UU.



The mystery of the missing Millennium painting

About a year ago someone borrowed the original water colour by the late Phyllis Kemsley which she used to paint 1,000 mugs to celebrate the Millennium. We believe it was borrowed from the parish rooms by a member of one of the village's organisations who needed it for promotional purposes. Please can we have it back! Contact John Ager on 735541, j.ager@tesco.net

Neighbourhood get-together

Grundisburgh residents were invited to 'meet their neighbourhood watch reps' at a drop in session at the parish rooms on 24 January, organised by new coordinator Tom Coomber. They were also able to meet Police Constable 163, Kay Hammond (right), who looks after Grundisburgh, as well as Tuddenham and Culpho

For those unable to attend, details of the area reps are displayed on village notice



boards. A further five reps were recruited at the meeting and more would be welcomed. Ring 738550.

Grundisburgh



Anti Social Behaviour or Criminal Damage

If you see any of the above happening in the village but don't wish to phone 999 (unless it's an emergency) then an alternative number that will get through to the local police is;

01473 613 500

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GREAT GOINGS ON AT GRUNDISBURGH S

Fantastic Results from Ofsted

2008 was a great year for Grundisburgh School, packed full of activities and events. Pupil numbers are now up to 125 and, with a glowing Ofsted report just before Christmas, this is set to rise.

The school and those associated with it start the year with a well-deserved pat on the back.

In the words of the report, "This is a good school. Good teaching means that pupils' achievement is good. Teachers are hard working and enthusiastic. They manage pupils' behaviour well and make good use of resources. A wide range of visits and visitors enhance the good curriculum and contribute to pupils' outstanding enjoyment of school..... Pupils enjoy harmonious relationships with each other and with adults. Pupils are polite and courteous and generally behave well."

Clearly, the school is eager to enjoy 2009 with added enthusiasm and recognition. We are not complacent however, and have a wealth of things planned for the new year!

So, what's been happening in your local school and what have the children been getting up to?

International links with schools

We have links with a school in France, swapped letters with Casey Bingham's school in

Korea and hosted an African dance and music workshop supporting a school in Uganda.

Lot of Extra-Curricular Clubs for the Children

Our list of extra-curricular clubs is growing all the time and we currently offer Cross Country, Golf, Football, Tag Rugby and Multi Skills clubs on the sports side. For music lovers, there's choir, handbells, orchestra, harmony group and a Key Stage 1 club. On top of that, we also have an Environment Club, Board Games Club, sewing for Year 6 and Knitting Club. It's quite a list!

New Pond will create our own Eco-Warriors

We have a posh new pond paid for by Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) and by the children's own enterprising efforts to raise money during the summer holidays. It will be well-used for pond dipping and environmental studies!

Oh la la-Grundisburgh goes all French

Every September, Year 6 pupils in their final year at Grundisburgh School go on a



week long residential trip to a PGL chateau in France. The children enjoy outdoor challenges such as abseiling and kayaking, as well as having the opportunity to try out their French-speaking skills when they buy items for their lunch at a nearby market and boulangerie.

In school, the children host a French-style café, serving coffee, croissants and pain-au-raisons to parents, friends and neighbours - an opportunity

for everyone to practise their French!

The School enhances the Wider Community

Music is a real strength of the school and the choir, orchestra and handbells group frequently perform at village and church functions. They have been a regular attraction at the Corn Exchange Christmas Carol event in Ipswich for the past three years, and our growing band of talented musicians perform every term at a school music concert for parents. Peripatetic music teachers visit the school weekly and children are able to learn brass, wind, stringed instruments and keyboard.

The children regularly get involved in fundraising for charities and this year have supported Crisis, Children in Need, Blue Peter Appeals and the Church of England Children's Society.

Eco-School Status/ Fairtrade Status

The school has recently gained an Eco Status bronze award for its efforts on the environment front, recycling,



Headteacher
Rosemary Scott



SCHOOL

growing produce and finding out about the use of sustainable materials wherever possible. We are also working towards the first stage of Fairtrade Status and have devised our own slogan, "every little helps, so we can help those who have little!" The children are very involved in these issues and have set up committees to manage these initiatives in school and lead informative assemblies.



Smaller Children Look to Play Leaders

Many of the older children in school have been trained as Play Leaders, to teach and support the younger children in their games at playtime. There are frequent opportunities for the younger children to work with the older children, and this helps to create and sustain a very friendly, caring, family atmosphere.

Mrs Rosemary Scott, Headteacher,
Grundisburgh School, 01473 735281,
www.grundisburgh.suffolk.sch.uk



Charsfield School's New Year celebrations

Staff and pupils at Charsfield Primary School are starting 2009 celebrating recent Ofsted and Church reports. Both reports found the school to be good, with outstanding elements, particularly in personal development, care and support.

The Ofsted report commented that the school has "outstanding aspects in pupils' personal development and in the care and support for them", while the church inspector praised the school for having a "strong Christian

ethos that inspires very good relationships, positive values and attitudes to teaching and learning." It also commented that "Learners thrive in a happy, relaxed and secure environment".

I am particularly pleased that both the inspectors commented on the caring environment we have in our school. Our pupils feel secure in school and take pride in caring for one another.

This, along with the commitment of all the staff, helps all our children to

achieve to the best of their ability. The two reports confirm what we already know, that Charsfield School is an excellent school that children enjoy attending.

Parents also responded positively to a questionnaire from Ofsted, with comments such as "I am very happy with all aspects of the school" being typical, and further acknowledgement that children achieve well at Charsfield.

Mrs Val Jones, Headteacher,
Charsfield School, 01473 737347

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Hasketon Highlights

FOOD AGAIN AT THE TURKS HEAD

It's great to have the Turks Head with good food again, as well as the all-day bar!

Darren started opening the dining room just before Christmas and now offers meals on Wednesdays to Fridays between 12 noon and 3pm and again between 5 and 9pm. The pub is also open all day over the weekend, with food between noon and 6pm on Saturdays, and on Sundays they have a good roast between 12 noon and 4pm.

On the two occasions I have been there recently, we were offered a choice of seven main courses and there was a selection of starters and deserts too, all at a modest cost. The Turks Head is a pretty little country pub and well worth a visit. It would be best to telephone Darren first on 01394 610907 to book your table.

Richard Smith

protected from the North. Over the years, nature was cruel to the selfish inhabitants who had ostracised neighbouring towns, by changing the shape of the coastline, filling in the harbour and wiping away most of the city in three big storms.

Author and broadcaster, Tom Tyler, talks about life 'When motoring was fun' ... that is when it was an 'adventure' on Friday 13 February. There was no guarantee that you would start your journey, let alone reach your intended destination! Your girlfriend might find that her stockings had to replace a fan belt and bits of your car might fall off as you sped at top speed along the open road!

John Berg will tell us on Friday 13 March about his life in Yokohama. when he was chaplain to 'The Mission to Seafarers'. He talks about his church, the varieties of Japanese food, exciting festivals and the wonderful scenery.

Tickets costing £5 are available from me, and include the ploughman's supper at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come to our events.

Our Christmas Dance organised by Norman and Pat Kerridge was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. In a seasonally decorated Victory Hall, together with a Christmas tree given by Richard Stephenson, the stage was set for our band 'Yesterday'. They played much good music from the 60's and 70's which appealed to our revellers. We had refreshments, a raffle and rolling £1 coins to see who could be closest to the prize of a large whisky bottle!

Richard Smith, 01394 388970

Second Fridays at the Victory Hall

Our January 'Second Friday' evening was on the coldest and slipperiest day of the year so far, but 93 people braved the elements to enjoy our ploughman's supper followed by an excellent illustrated talk by Mark Mitchels.

He told us about 'The Lost City of Dunwich' which had been such an important and prosperous port with a deep-water harbour and was well

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VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

The Village Hall Committee decided at the end of 2007 that a fund raising effort should get underway to finance a refurbishment programme. An ambitious target was set, with an ultimate goal of £70,000, to be achieved over two years, from grant applications, fund raising etc.

If something approaching this figure could be raised, then the committee hoped to initiate a programme of improvements, which include replacing the flat roof area over the entrance lobby; updating the toilet areas; constructing an access path through the car park; purchasing new chairs and re-laying the floor.

We have been quite successful, starting with the transfer of the funds from the now defunct Bredfield Community Council, and generous grants have been made by Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk Environmental Trust and the Garfield Weston Foundation. The committee must also acknowledge the allocation of funds from our county councillor, Peter Bellfield and our parish council.

This has been boosted by the indefatigable team led by Kath Woods, which has organised a series of fund raising events, from archive film evenings to the very popular quiz/fish and chip nights.

We now have a nice pot of money (and hopefully more will follow), and this means that the work should start this year. The first task will be to replace the flat roof, and we hope to get this underway during this spring. Other work will follow on during the year.

*David Hepper, Treasurer,
Village Hall Committee*

*Sadly Wing Commander
Jack Hoskins DSO, DFC,
whose memoirs were featured
in Bredfield Barometer in the*

summer has died after a stroke at the age of 92. He was a valued member of the community and will be much missed. His funeral took place on 23 December and a memorial service will be held in his honour at St Andrew's Church, Bredfield, on 18 February at 12 noon.

The East Coast Challenge

Tony Bishop is a motorbike mad and continues to use his hobby to raise money for charity at the tender age of 60 plus. On the day that I spoke to Tony he was preparing to set off for a long distance reliability trial which would take him from London to Exeter at night (in the freezing fog!) and along the way attempting to ride up steep muddy or rocky tracks without 'dabbing' (putting a foot down).

He has several medals from his years of participating in these Motor Cycle Club events. When Tony moved to Bredfield he joined Paul Davey, Graham Parker and Richard 'Tricky Dicky' Nixon to become 'The 'Wrinkleys' - all over 50 and still riding.

In late 2006 Paul Davey devised the East Coast Challenge, a road motorcycle event which involves riding about 200 miles around Suffolk and Norfolk, visiting five typical East Anglian towns - in any order and on any date, but the riders must start and finish at the same town.

The aim is to encourage riders to get out and really enjoy what motorcycling is all about, the freedom of the road, companionship and also to raise some much needed cash for charity. In 2007 59 people



Above: Bredfield Community Shop does extra good business on the Saturday mornings when Woodbridge Under 9s football team are playing a 'home' match on Bredfield's recreation ground.

Left: Tony Bishop on his Motor Guzzi 750.



completed the challenge, which raised £836. Last year 105 riders took part raising £1100. Paul and Tony are hoping that 2009 will bring out more riders to enjoy the event and raise even more

money for charity.

Each year 50% of the money raised is donated to Riders for Health, a charity well known to motorcyclists that supports health workers in Africa by providing motorcycles, training and support to enable the workers to reach outlying villages away from the tarmac roads. The other 50% goes to a local charity.

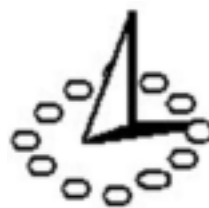
Paul, Tony and the other Wrinkleys would love for you to dust off your bike and help them to raise money for their chosen charities. If you would like

to know more or would like to take part please have a look at their website at:

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Hilary Hill, a keen walker who lives in Hasketon, has offered to supply details of longer walks through News' villages and beyond.

The first is a circular walk between Bredfield - Ufford - Melton - Woodbridge - Hasketon - Boulge - Bredfield

Distance about 15 miles

This is a guide, not definitive instructions!

Walking through the villages

Take the footpath which goes down the right hand side of the field behind Bredfield village hall. It is fairly straight across to Ufford Thicks.

At the edge of the trees go over the stile and walk with the trees on your left and the fence on your right. Follow the track to the footpath sign crossing the A12. Make your way from Ufford to Melton.

Leave Woodbridge crossing the A12 via the pedestrian crossing at the end of Hasketon Road, walk straight on and turn right along Manor Road. Pick up the track (on the left) between Hasketon Manor and Hasketon Manor Farm. The track becomes a path along the edge of fields, then diagonally across a field to join a path (Home farm is on your left) that becomes Kennels Lane.



Above: Boulge Church
Right: Edward Fitzgerald's grave.



At the end of the lane you can turn left and then right before taking a footpath on your right across to White House farm, or arrive at the farm by going right, then left along roads. Take the footpath to the right of White House farm which goes around Boulge wood. Nestled in the trees is Boulge church where Edward Fitzgerald is buried. If you do not want divert to visit carry straight on and cross the Bredfield - Debach road to go over two fields (that can be very muddy) to Bredfield church. Turn left for the village hall.

There is a footpath marked on the map that goes across Ufford Park golf course but we took a safer path along the edge of it. The signs imply that it is not a public path, but there are public footpath signs at each end.

After the golf course take the track beside Decoy Farm to Melton, then walk along the river to Woodbridge. The Station Café is a good place to stop for a snack and toilets if you haven't already diverted into Melton for the chip shop. There are also toilets between Woodbridge station and the swimming pool.

There are many ways to shorten this walk, for example by taking a path on the right before Ufford thicks to Dewells farm, cross the road and take the footpath to the A12. Cross the A12 to Melton.

Two-hour led walks organised by the parish council leave Grundisburgh Green at 2pm on the second Sunday each month.

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How can we respond to climate change as a local community and make our villages greener? This is an invitation from Great Bealings PC for Tuesday 10 February between 7.30 and 9.30pm at Bealings Village Hall.

The meeting is aimed at anyone interested in finding out how they as individuals and villages/communities can respond effectively to climate change (ranging from very small to huge changes). It is the first initiative by Great Bealings Parish Council, following huge environmental interest expressed by residents in the Bealings and Playford Parish Plan Survey responses last year.

Speakers will include Bealings resident Professor John Midwinter OBE, and representatives from Suffolk Cred and Wenhaston Green Group. There will be information stalls and refreshments, and a chance to ask questions and discuss issues with the speakers.

John Midwinter is phenomenally knowledgeable about the environment and researches and lectures on climate change, running a regular study group in Bealings, and lecturing nationally and internationally.

He will also be giving the monthly lecture entitled 'So

climate disruption is real - what can we do about it?' for Transition Woodbridge, at the Salvation Army Hall, Woodbridge, on 17 March. It starts at 7.30pm, £3 per ticket to cover discussion and refreshments. The series is to highlight how communities in and around Woodbridge can respond to the inevitable decline in oil supplies and ways in which we can increase resilience to this energy crisis.

The February Transition Woodbridge lecture will be given by renowned biologist and writer Colin Tudge on 'Enlightened Agriculture - Feeding People is Easy' at the Methodist Church Hall, Woodbridge on the 19th.

More information from ttwoodbridge@gmail.com and greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk

Jenny Coates, behalf of Transition Woodbridge

WI report

Bealings WI provided a festive spirit for its members and guests at its Christmas meeting in December. Our village hall was decorated with evergreen foliage and tinsel, a sumptuous supper was laid out and tables ready for members to sit at and sample their glasses of mulled wine with which they had been welcomed. Our usual monthly market stall had been stocked with Christmas goodies of all kinds to tempt purchasers.

The gathering was welcomed by our president Joan Moon, who reported that the new

monthly lunch club had begun and had been enjoyed by several members, many of whom had preceded their meal at a local hostelry by a good walk. Secondly, another reading group led by Jackie McCoy has been formed, owing to the success of the first which already has 10 members.

Our speaker, Mike Stagg, has given enjoyable talks to our club before. This year's subject was Christmas and was the most enthralling talk I have ever heard. He illustrated his ideas through slides depicting places, i.e. Bethlehem, Israel, Palestine all in the steps of Jesus, Dublin and the Book Kells. Then painters, poems, poets and prose, trees and birds. Finally Kings College Cambridge, and its carol service on Christmas Eve, yule logs, times of good cheer and happiness and his last thought - peace.

So many Bealings members have told me since this

meeting how much they enjoyed themselves, that I feel that our club enters 2009 with confidence and knowledge that our WI can appeal to any newcomers to the area who will be warmly welcomed. Our secretary is Jennifer Cook 01473 623985.

Rosalind Fleck

A reader from Great Bealings has asked for help in finding information about the history of the site where her bungalow in Hasketon Road has stood since 1950. The present name is Laverock Hill.

Suffolk Records Office has only been able to tell her that a cottage was shown there on the local map of 1840. The area was at that time part of the Lord Henniker estate and the cottage was numbered 46, Hasketon Road. A previous resident was a Mr James Clift. The present owner, Mrs Jane Green, is searching for information and, ideally, a photograph of the old cottage. She can be contacted on 01473 735356.

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Clopton Church under wraps



The work on the church tower is progressing well. The scaffolding has been erected and work has started on repairing the cracks. The National Churches Trust has offered a grant of £5,000, subject to the PCC meeting certain conditions.

The Trust receives no financial aid from government or church authorities and relies on people joining them as 'Friends'. If you would like to become a Friend then please telephone 01473 737602 for more details.

News from Clopton Ladies Group

Clopton Ladies Group enjoyed a visit to the Sir John Mills Theatre in Ipswich to see a production of 'The Haunted Commode' by the Eastern Angles Group. The February meeting is on the second Thursday, the 12th, when Ray Norris from Hollesley Bay Prison will be talking about the history of the prison from its early days to the present. On Thursday 5 March Keith Barton will talk about 'Milling Flour and Breadmaking'.



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Otley Offerings

TOPS to present 'Local Affairs'

Having received a director's chair as a birthday present, John Parish has at long last been persuaded to take up the seat and direct the next production of The Otley Players.

'Local Affairs', a play by Richard Harris has been chosen, and is to be staged at Otley Village Hall on 2, 3 and 4 April.

John's most notable claim to fame in the theatrical world was receiving the winning director award at the 1995 Ipswich Drama Festival for his production of Harold Pinter's 'The Room'.

He has directed The Otley Players on several occasions since then but, if given the choice, he prefers turning his hand to stage building and has produced some of the most outstanding and professional sets seen on the amateur stage. John sets his standards very high and the cast is well prepared for an exhaustive

round of rehearsals which will be packed with sound advice and, of course, lots of fun and enjoyment.

The Players have agreed to extend the performances to a third night to accommodate the anticipated demand for tickets - which can be purchased from Joan on 01473 890715 at £6 or £4.

'Local Affairs' takes place on a new 'superior' housing development and you are invited to follow the antics of the newly arrived neighbours. It is most definitely a production not to be missed, with all the action taking place on yet another ingenious set.

*Words Alyson Chilvers,
Photo Mike Bullock*

Family Quiz Night

There will be a Family Quiz Night with supper on Saturday 7 March at Otley Village Hall. This is for all the family! The quiz will be run by Gary Gilling, an experienced quizmaster at the White Hart, Otley. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £4 for children or £20 for a family. They are available from Michelle Boreham, 01473 890269.

News from Under Fives Playgroup

From Easter 2009 we are very pleased to be able to provide complete school day cover from 9am to 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays cover would be from 9am to 1pm. This includes the new Lunch Club facility - please refer to our

website otleyunderfives.co.uk for up to date charges and details.

We are a friendly playgroup with strong community links, and we are very pleased to say that our November 2008 Ofsted Report was 'Outstanding'.

To arrange a visit, please call the playgroup on 07789 468853, or for more information call Stephen on 01473 890393 or Anne (enrolment) on 01473 890641.

Toddler Group

We run a friendly Toddler Group on Tuesday afternoons, at the Under Fives Centre, from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. For more details, please call Stephen on 01473 890393.

Sharon Newman

OTLEY FFY

More expeditions are being planned by Otley's Youth Group, FFY, for 2009 including a day crabbing at Walberswick on Saturday 11 July and a trip to London. Please contact Michelle Boreham on 01473 890269 for information on our outings and for details on how to join.

Otley Parish Council's comments on the homes consultation are on page 4.

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Sporting stories

Planning for new season at tennis club

Grundisburgh Tennis Club's summer season starts on Sunday 5 April, at 10.30am when there is an open invitation to come and try out the three courts on the Playing Field off Ipswich Road.

The club hopes to see lots of new members this year.

Membership benefits include two club sessions a week, free access to courts for the whole year, the possibility of winning tickets in the Wimbledon draw, the chance to be on teams for the Ipswich Wilson Summer League, and with a partner in the Winter League. Coaching for both adult and junior coaching is available throughout the season at competitive rates.

The rates for membership for 2009/10 will be decided at the club's annual general meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 March at 8.30pm in The Dog. All welcome, and drinks and nibbles will be provided.

More information from Monica Begg, chairman, 01473 738830 or Chris Lee, treasurer on 01473 735270.

MORE TEAMS WANTED FOR PETANQUE LEAGUE

Suffolk Coastal Petanque League wants more teams to join for the forthcoming season. Last year teams from Bealings (who won the bronze medal) and Playford took part.

The League is looking for any interested individuals, couples, family groups, sports and social clubs and pubs to form into teams of a minimum of four players. They need to have the space to play two games at the same time for their home matches. No experience is needed as advice

and coaching can be given. The cost to join the league is £12 per team for the season, and registration takes place on Friday 27 March from 7.30pm onwards at Ye Olde Coach & Horses, Melton. More details from Simon Fletcher, League Co-ordinator, 18 Melville Road, Ipswich IP4 1PN, imogenlewiskira@sky.com

WINTER BOWLS

Although playing bowls in the dazzling summer sun on the green behind the Grundisburgh Dog seems a long way off, Grundisburgh Bowls Club is running a series of short mat bowls sessions.

These take place every Monday at Hasketon Victory Hall from 7.30pm for those who would like to try out bowls, or perhaps keep a new year's resolution to do some gentle exercise. For more information, please email grundisburghbowlsclub@yahoo.co.uk or ring Roger Anderson on 01473 739918.



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We could also do with more

people to research and write articles. If anyone is interested in getting involved, perhaps they could come and have a chat with me.

Nicola Hobbs, 01473 738267, grunews@fast-mail.net

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