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BIG ENERGY SAVINGS IN OTLEY

OtleyGreen has been making great strides towards the reduction in the village's energy costs and carbon footprint since it was launched last year.

The bulk buy scheme is coming to a conclusion. The list of companies was whittled down to two, and now Mosscliff Environmental Ltd has been chosen, and substantial bulk-buy discounts negotiated. With the new generating tariffs we will be getting free electricity and a tax free, index linked return of 8.5%.

If all the systems go ahead Otley could be generating 40 megawatt hours of electricity a year from the sun.

That could be almost 3% of Otley's electricity use. The upfront cost is substantial but we have arranged for £5000 interest free loans to be available, and some people are increasing their mortgages and repaying them from the tariff.

This scheme is open to neighbouring villages, and it's not too late to register an interest.

A collaboration between OtleyGreen and the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership has enabled over 50 Otley residents to receive between £70 and £350 worth of free goods to help save energy.

This included masses of insulation materials, water butts, electricity use monitors and lots of other goodies.

As a result of the scheme Otley will be emitting nearly 25 tonnes less CO2 every year and in total the participants will be saving over £3000 a year on their energy bills. The water butts will save 88000 litres of drinking water

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More from Otley's environment group on page 15.



Jayne Vaughan, Richard Vaughan, Stephen Czarnota unload materials outside the village hall for the Otley residents who had taken advantage of OtleyGreen's insulation scheme.

Medical retirement

Dr Paddy Fielder, Senior Partner of the Debenham Group Practice, retires at the end of June after 31 years' service. To mark this, the partners of the practice - which has surgeries in Otley and Grundisburgh as well as Debenham - would like to invite patients and colleagues to an open evening, to be held from 6.30 to 9pm at the Debenham Community Centre on Tuesday 22 June.

French Café

A French café is being run by Grundisburgh Primary School pupils on Saturday 26 June. Visitors are invited to French food and coffee, to listen to French music - and to practice their French speaking skills, between 10am and 12 noon.



The Grundisburgh Dog is launching its own ales with labels and pump clips specially designed by the brewers Greene King. They will be among the 30 beers on sale over the bank holiday. More news from the local pubs is included on pages 4 and 13.



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News Diary

JUNE

Thursday 3

Family History Research talk
Peter Kendall Gr. Burgh &
Culpho WI, .GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

**'Home is Where Your
Clothes Are'** play by GADS
GVH 7.30pm Contact 738648

Friday 4

**'Home is Where Your
Clothes Are'** play by GADS
GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738648

Saturday 5

**'Home is Where Your
Clothes Are'** play by GADS
GVH 7.30pm Contact 738648

Monday 7

Treasure Hunt Bredfield
Ladies Group 7pm Contact
737605

Thursday 10

**Colin Moss exhibition and
sale** Culpho Ch 1-5pm
Contact 738265

Friday 11

**Bhutan - Land of the
ThunderDragon** talk Chris
Parfit Hasketon VH supper
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970/610214

**History & Guided Tour of
Dallinghoo Church** 7pm PBE
Contact 737215/277138

**Colin Moss exhibition and
sale** Culpho Ch 10-5pm
Contact 738265

Saturday 12

Hidden Gardens Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc 2-6pm
Contact 738267

Tuddenham Fete Poplar Farm
2pm contact 785415

Bredfield Church Fete Old
Rectory 2.15 Contact 01394
383156

**Colin Moss exhibition and
sale** Culpho Ch 10-5pm
Contact 738265

Sunday 13

Hidden Gardens Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc 2-6pm
Contact 738267

**Colin Moss exhibition and
sale** Culpho Ch 10-5pm
Contact 738265

Monday 14

**Otley Parish Council
Meeting** OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890271

Thursday 17

Investments & Money

Matters talk & quiz Bealings
WI, VH 2.30pm Contact
623985

Friday 18

**Creative Chakra
Connections Yoga** Bredfield
VH 9.30am Contact 01728
748409/01394 386317

Saturday 19

Concert by Ipswich Choral
Society at St. Marys Church,
Grundisburgh iao. St. Mary's
7.30pm contact 735548

Sunday 20

Walk to Millennium Meadow
GVG 2pm Contact 738219

Open Air Meeting Gr Chapel
GVG 3pm Contact 738856

Saturday 26

Car boot iao Gr Football Club
GPF 8am-1pm Contact 738111

Witnesham Church Fete
Manor Farm, Ch. Lane 2pm
Contact 785464

Sunday 27

Hasketon Jazz & BBQ
Shrubbery Farm 12 noon PBE
Contact 01394 383106

JULY

Friday 2

History of Felixstowe Docks
talk Ian Heeley & Brian Hall
Hasketon VH supper 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394
388970/610214

Saturday 3

Strawberries & Bubbly
2 St. Peters Close Charsfield
2pm Contact 737701

Sunday 4

Animal Service St. Marys
Parish Ch GVG 11am
Cocontact 735183

Barbecue Bredfield Ladies
Group BVH 12noon. Contact
737605

Monday 5

**Otley Parish Council
Meeting** OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890271

Monday 12

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
Meeting** Culpho Church
7.30pm Contact 735541

Thursday 15

**Clopton Parish Council
Meeting** CVH 7pm Contact
737417

Britain's Top Mrs Mop
Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm

Friday 16

**Creative Chakra
Connections Yoga** Bredfield
VH 9.30am Contact 01728
748409/01394 386317

Saturday 17

Village Show Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc 12.30-5 GPF
Contact 738267

Summer Disco GPF 7.45
PBE Contact 735469

Sunday 18

Craft Fair GrPF 10am-4pm
Contact 735524

Saturday 24

Duck Race iao Gr. Scouts
GVG 5pm Contact 735352

Sunday 25

Plays on the Green GADS
GVG 6pm Contact 738824

Saturday 31

Car boot iao Gr Football Club
GPF 8am-1pm Contact 738111

AUGUST

Thursday 5

Suffolk Children in Care talk
Linda Saxton Gr, Burgh &
Culpho WI GPR 7.30 pm
Contact 735838

Friday 6

Evening Garden Party iao Gr
Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc
Burgh Hse 6.30pm PBE
Contact 735517

Saturday 14

Hasketon Village Fete HVG
2pm Contact 01394 388970

Friday 20

Flagship Fun Day, GrPF
3-7pm Contact 01728 727566

Monday 30

Fun Day & Car boot iao Gr
Football Club GPF 2pm-5pm
Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 4

Church Fete St. Marys GVG
Contact 735183

Charsfield Family Fun Day
Alan Pedriff Mem Field 11am
Contact 737701

Otley Village Show VH
2.30 pm Contact
890787/890594

Tuesday 6

Love Food, Hate Waste talk
Bredfield Ladies Group BVH
8pm Contact 737605

Monday 13

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
Meeting** GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735541

**Otley Parish Council
Meeting** OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890271

Wednesday 15

Deanery Service St. Marys
Parish Ch Gr Mothers Union
Contact 735604

Thursday 16

**Clopton Parish Council
Meeting** CVH 7pm Contact
737417

Hatch, Match & Dispatch -
talk Bealings WI BVH 2.30pm
Contact 623985

OCTOBER

Sunday 17

Big Breakfast Charsfield VH
Contact 737701

Monday 18

**Otley Parish Council
Meeting** OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890271

NOVEMBER

Monday 8

**Gr & Culpho Parish Council
Meeting** GPR 7.30pm Contact
735541

Saturday 13

Suffolk Night Charsfield VH
7.30pm Contact 737701

Christmas Extravaganza
Bredfield VH Contact 01394
387867

Thursday 25-Sunday 28

Crib Festival St Marys Parish
Church, Gr Contact 735183

Monday 29

**Otley Parish Council
Meeting** OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890271

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

S - School

PBE - pre-booking essential
iao - in aid of

All codes are 01473 unless
given otherwise.

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What's On

A guide to Dallinghoo Church

A history and guided tour of Dallinghoo Church is to be given by Clive Paine on Friday 11 June. It takes place in the church, starting at 7pm, and tickets are available from Betty Cole 01473 737215 or myself. The £6 price includes a buffet and refreshments

Proceeds are to be divided equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the Vestry Project at St Mary's Church, Dallinghoo.

Clive is a well known and entertaining local historian, author and broadcaster and has appeared in several TV series such as "Who do you think you are?" with Jeremy Paxman. The history of the church will be unravelled, and Clive will be answering questions such as "Why does the church appear to face the wrong way?" and "Why is there an anchor in the churchyard?"

Martin Liddle, 01473 277138

GADS SPRING OFFERING

Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society has a treat in store with its spring play, 'Home is Where Your Clothes Are' a comedy by Anthony Marriott and Bob Grant (of 'On the Buses' fame).

Staged in modern times, it recounts the problems of a retired Army major (played by Phil Bailey) whose wife has run off with his adjutant, leaving him alone in a big house which he subsequently rents out, to help make ends meet. Unfortunately he manages to double-book the lettings and ends up with Philip the barrister (played by Chris Stock) as a weekday tenant and Jill (played by newcomer to GADS, Debbie Osborne) who commutes to Brussels during the week and only needs the flat at weekends. The two tenants of course know nothing about

each other's existence as the major swaps their belongings over on a regular basis! Things are fine until Jill is suddenly given the week off work and complications inevitably arise with hilarious results.

The play is to be performed on Thursday 3, Friday 4 and Saturday 5 June at Grundisburgh Village Hall; tickets are available from The Olde Forge Stores.

Marian Rosling

Popular fete at Poplar Farm

Tuddenham Village Fete is on Saturday 12 June at Poplar Farm. Starting at 2pm there will be a wind band, tractor-trailer rides, china smasher, grand draw, games, tombola and competitions. Stalls will include cakes, plants, produce, books, DVDs, white elephant, accessories, china and toys. A children's area will feature face and nail painting, sweet stall, games. Teas and ices on sale. Admission is 50p, children free, in aid of the church fabric fund. Contact 01473 785415.

Flagship fun day

Flagship Suffolk Heritage is organising a community fun day on Friday 20 August from 3pm until 7pm at the pavilion and playing field in Grundisburgh. There will be entertainment for the whole family, including music, food, bouncy castle, face painting and much more. For further information contact Rosalie Wilkinson on 01728 727566

Music for a summer evening

On Saturday 19 June, St Mary's, Grundisburgh, plays host to the Ipswich Choral Society, who will be performing an exhilarating and entertaining programme of music to brighten up a summer's evening.

During the concert, which starts at 7.30pm, the audience will be treated to a selection of

music by Goodall, Mozart, Purcell, Rutter, Paul Simon and many more.

Tickets cost £5 adults, £1 children, and are available from Irene Brunning 01473 735481; Olde Forge Stores and Williams shop, Grundisburgh. Proceeds go to St Mary's Church. Details www.ipswichchoralsociety.org.uk.

OPEN GARDEN 1

The gardens of Larks' Hill in Tuddenham are opening for a second year to raise money for charity on behalf of the National Gardens Scheme. Located on the Clopton Road just outside the village the eight acre gardens consist of woodland, fields and more formal areas. Unusually built on a hill sloping in all directions, the gardens are in an idyllic location with superb views out to the village and Fynn Valley.

The remaining Saturdays when the gardens will be opening between 1 and 5pm are: 29 May, 26 June and 24 July. Admission is £4 per adult

(children free) and refreshments are available. Private bookings are also being taken for groups of 10+.

John Lambert, 01473 785248, jrlambert@talktalk.net

OPEN GARDEN 2

Otley Hall is one of the gardens opening for St Elizabeth Hospice this summer - on 14 July. Described as "one of the best 50 gardens in Britain with orchard, knot garden, moat walk", it is open 12noon-5pm. Admission is £2.50, teas and cakes will be available.

For more details or for the full open gardens list visit www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk or call 01473 723600. Last year the hospice's open gardens season raised around £11,000.

Information about the Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Hidden Gardens weekend with a wide range of gardens opening is on page 5

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What's On

AROUND THE PUBS

It's a year since the villagers of Hasketon took on the running of the **Turk's Head** and they are celebrating this over the spring bank holiday. Included in this is a mini beer festival, BBQ and bouncy castle (for children!) over the weekend and a vintage motor cycle display and rally on the Monday.

Running a pub in difficult economic times is not easy, and the team has found the project 'interesting' to say the least. The hardest part has been to attract customers over what was a hard winter and it is heartening to see their efforts are being rewarded.

Summer opening times have been extended with the pub open every evening and every lunchtime except Tuesdays. The restaurant is open for lunch Wednesdays to Sundays

and for evening meals Wednesdays to Saturdays. And there will be a fish and chip van at the pub every Monday from 5 to 7 pm.

After a satisfactory winter, trade is steadily rising at the **Three Horseshoes** at Charsfield. The pub was redecorated at the end of February, and Martin says he has been delighted to receive many compliments on its fresh and warm atmosphere. Musicians of all sorts are welcome at the jam sessions on the first Saturday of each month. The pub now has a website – www.charsfieldthreehorseshoes.co.uk

Things are also picking up at Swilland where the **Moon & Mushroom** continues to hold their quizzes on the third Wednesday of each month - with eight pints of real ale for the winners.

Grundisburgh's **Dog** is holding a beer festival over the spring bank holiday weekend, with a

hog roast on the Monday. The pub's own ales are being launched at the weekend and will be available in two strengths - 3.7 and 4.0%.

Richard Watkinson

The News welcomes news from all pubs in its area. Good news of the Bredfield Castle on page 13.

Fervent Six with food

Trad jazz and a barbecue will be blending again at Shrubbery Farm in Hasketon on Sunday 27 June. Mollie and Gordon Smith have invited back Mike Barry and his Fervent Six. Ticket prices are the same as last year (£13 with a reduction to £25 for two) and are available from 01394 383106 or 388970. All proceeds to Hasketon Church.

Pony club reunion

The Easton Harriers Hunt Branch of the Pony Club is looking for past and present

members to help celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Saturday 19 June. This takes place at Debach Airfield, from 6.30pm.

There will be a hog roast (included in the price of the ticket), pay bar and entertainment for all ages, including music and dancing, a bouncy castle, shooting range and bucking bronco machine. The branch is also looking for old photos of pony club activities or any other relevant memorabilia that they could copy and display on the day (contact 01728 746633 or email easton@pcuk.org)

Tickets are £10 for children aged 12 and under and £15 for adults, available from Kings Saddlery, Hasketon, or from the club website at www.branches.pcuk.org/easton harriers/other-events-activities.

PROMOTING EVENTS

Events can be promoted in The News in three ways:

1. Display advert for which a charge is made. Contact Liz Binns .
2. Free entry in the diary - send the bare details, plus indication of whether pre booking needed and contact phone number, to Heather Langdon.
3. Free editorial in What's On or other pages should be sent as a complete paragraph (or more) to the editor.

Contact details on page 19.



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JUDGING THE SHOWS

The three Grundisburgh residents who have signed up to judge entries at flower and produce shows around Suffolk, all had their enthusiasm generated by taking part in what is now Grundisburgh Village Show.

Longest serving is Pat Polley. She started exhibiting in the show soon after she moved to Grundisburgh when she and Bruce married in 1957. The honours - particularly in the flower arranging and craft classes - started soon after, and her name is on many of the cups. Pat's involvement with judging started when she had to stand in at short notice for Peggy Cole some 29 years ago. This year she is judging at three shows, despite having

Doherty. Like the others she has been a successful competitor for some years, and she was the society's chairman after Brenda. This year she is shadowing experienced judges before starting out on her own.

SHAPA - the Suffolk Horticulture and Produce Association - was started during World War II to encourage the growing for victory campaign. Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, it now provides services to the flower and produce shows in Suffolk. One of the main ways it helps is by providing experienced judges for the shows.



to do so from a wheelchair.

Brenda Garrett has been exhibiting nearly as long as Pat and got roped into being a member of the Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society committee when she won a prize for a house plant in her first show. Since then she has often won the cups for gaining the most points in the baking and preserves classes - the categories she now judges at other shows. She served as chairman of the society for three years in the late nineties and became a judge four years ago. Brenda's family have followed her into the showing tradition with her daughter Becki Newman and grandsons Tom and Ben frequently taking top honours.

The latest local recruit to the ranks of show judges is Sally



Pat Polley receives a cup from Lady Cranworth in the late 50s; Brenda Garrett with the WI rule book for judging baking classes; Sally Doherty and one of her winning cups.

Judges don't judge classes at their own shows, but at ones run by other associations around the county. More judges are always needed by SHAPA to support what is still a thriving concern in Suffolk - and will receive training. Anyone interested in finding out more can contact Jan Lovell, 01728 830699, jan.lovell@btinternet.com.

Most of the judges at this year's Grundisburgh Village Show on 17 July will be provided by SHAPA. Other flower and produce shows in The News catchment area are Otley on 4 September and Charsfield also on 17 July.

Nicola Hobbs, Grundisburgh Village Show secretary and SHAPA press officer

Lots of horticultural happenings

Hidden Gardens is Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society's first event of the year. More than two dozen gardens in the three villages will be opening to visitors over the weekend of 12/13 June. These include several first timers such as Finndale House. Opening for a second time are the seven acres of formal borders, walled kitchen garden, nutwood and ponds at Thorpe Hall. Among the smaller gardens are a group of well designed modern ones in Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh.

The programmes available from The Green (£4.50 per person, accompanied under 14s free) give entry to all gardens over both afternoons. Plants from the event's sponsors Katie's Gardens will be on sale, as well as cakes. The usual delicious teas will be served by Crossroads in the parish rooms.

Culpho has several gardens open, plus an extra attraction this year: a major art exhibition in the church - see back page.

Village show

One of the innovations at the village show on 17 July is a scarecrow building competition for teams of 12 to 16 year olds. Schedules detailing all the classes are available in village shops, on the website (www.gbchs.org.uk) or from the secretary. Entry forms need to be submitted by 13 July - and a bumper crop of entries for display in the marquee on show day is anticipated.

All village organisations have been invited to run stalls or activities outside the marquee for free (and can keep all their takings). Any which have not yet taken advantage of this offer should contact Julia Bentley as soon as possible.

Julia has organised a continuous programme of entertainment which will include fancy dress and races, a judo demonstration, a tug of war, Grundisburgh Primary

School choir and other live performances.

Libby Cooper will be running the refreshment tent, which was a popular introduction last year.

Car booters are invited for the 12.30 start, and the pitches at £5 do *not* need to be booked in advance.

The job of supervising the car parking at the show has been taken on by Tom Coomber. He is looking for volunteers to help during the afternoon (with support from some beer and walkie talkies).

Richard Garrett will again be responsible for the disco in the marquee in the evening after the show. Tickets are £10 and include the fish and chip supper.

Garden party

The last event of the season is the evening garden party, this year kindly being hosted by Bill and Jackie Mayne at Burgh House on Friday 6 August. Tickets for this cost £5 including a light supper, and must be purchased in advance from Olde Forge Stores.

The good causes being supported by the horticultural society this year are East Anglia Children's Hospice Tree House Appeal and for the purchase of tool kits for Otley College students.

Show contacts:

Fancy dress Jo Lawrence 738799

Stalls Julia Bentley 735524

Car parking Tom Coomber 738550

Dance Richard Garrett 735469

Car boot Jane Hilliar, 738891
Secretary Nicola Hobbs 738267

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SORR continues battle to reduce the heavy lorries on the rural roads

The Save our Rural Roads Campaign (SORR) continues its efforts to improve the quality of life for local residents by challenging decisions made (or not) by our local authorities, particularly on planning and traffic issues. But progress is slow on the key cases previously reported in The News:

* Debach airfield: we originally complained in May 2007 to Suffolk Coastal about unauthorised development. Nearly three years later, little has happened except that Gressingham Foods have now applied for a Certificate of Lawful Development which, if granted, would give them the green light to carry on. In November 2009, SORR formally complained to the Chief Executive of Suffolk Coastal about their handling of this case - to no effect - so we

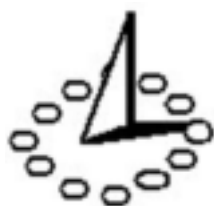
have now referred the issue to the Ombudsman;

*Bentwaters Park: though outside The News' catchment area, the issues are similar and SORR has joined forces with Melton Parish Council to strengthen our case.

SORR has lobbied for a fair and open discussion about Suffolk Coastal's planning service and wants an open public meeting to take evidence from all interested parties, especially those who have experienced frustration at the hands of the local planners. Former MP Sir Michael Lord has written to the leader of Suffolk Coastal in support of SORR. If others can support SORR's campaign with specific instances of possible maladministration, please contact us.

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At the end of February Clopton Church had some unwelcome visitors. They broke in by smashing one of the leaded windows (they could have opened the door as the church is not locked during the day, and to get into the tower they did not need to enter the church!).

They had started stripping the lead from the roof of the tower and caused considerable damage, but luckily we think they were disturbed, as no lead was taken. The damage has been repaired but we have to pay the excess on the insurance. If anyone sees any suspicious activity around any of our churches please report it as several in the area have been targeted recently.

On Easter Day there was a Sunrise Service at Clopton Church at 6.30am. As it was misty we did not see the sun rise, but it broke through the mist just after 7am while everyone was enjoying a hearty breakfast in the church.

Doris Main, church warden

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THE FUND RAISERS

In addition to regularly publicising fund raising activities, The News is starting a new series focusing on individuals who are passionate about a particular cause. The first features Katherine Smith.

Katherine has been a keen and loyal fundraiser for Crossroads Care - a charity which provides support for people caring for others - for over 21 years. She has raised an astonishing £50,000 + with a variety of events including village fairs, swimming galas, theatre shows, concerts and dragon boat races - an exciting new sport originating in China.

There are 6 million people in Britain who care for others, and Crossroads helps them to recover from their struggle once they have reached a turning point - a crossroads. The charity employs over 5000 trained professionals, and can offer carers a short break or regular support.

Katherine's commitment to Crossroads began after she received help from the charity when her first husband Peter Freeth was very ill. After his death, Katherine wanted to give something back, and now fundraises and publicises Crossroads so people know that they can get help. She is also a trustee, generates ideas and organises the schedule of events.

Her fundraising skills were also invaluable during the 11 years she was involved with Grundisburgh Playgroup. During this time, the playgroup moved from the football pavilion to their own building in the school grounds, raising over £20,000 in one year.

Katherine's other interests include theatre - she used to be a drama teacher - gardening, reading, and Scottish and Country dancing. She also runs a group called 'Children of the Raj' for

people who were brought up in India, since she lived in India as a child herself. They have about 27 members currently and meet to share memories and socialise.

Now living in Hasketon with her second husband, Richard, Katherine continues to fundraise. She runs Crossroads 100+ club - a monthly lottery draw in which about half the proceeds go to the charity. Other activities currently planned include serving the teas at Grundisburgh Hidden Gardens (12/13 June); running the raffle at the musical 'The Pyjama Game' by the Appeal Theatre Group at the New Wolsey Theatre (13-17 July); and a soft toy tombola at Grundisburgh Village Show (17 July).

*Words Katie Davis,
photo Peter Kendall*

Preparing to sail solo

Olly Rofix is working furiously in the barn at his home in Clopton to get his 18-foot sailboat 'Jolly Olly' ready for its launch next month. He now has most (but not all) of the equipment needed for the solo Round Britain trip he plans next year to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Trust. He has cut a large hole in the hull to take the sail-drive and the engine is suspended above the boat ready to be fitted.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Advanced Marine Decking Ltd., the boat will boast simulated teak decking from stem to stern. Other companies, including many from Suffolk, have been generous in helping with rigging, navigational

Elaine (centre) with Lee Dixon from Match of the Day (kneeling to her right) and other members of her team.



Olly fitting one of the last panels to go in the cockpit.

equipment, clothing and deck fittings. Because Olly has had a bone marrow transplant, keeping warm and dry is essential, and the boat will be fitted with a diesel heater for those days and nights where most of us would rather be at home! Olly is working mostly on his own and would welcome the help of anyone with wood-working or boat-building skills to help him keep on schedule. If you can help, please call him on 07749 528455.

Words and photo Richard Watkinson

THE CYCLE CHALLENGE

Elaine Beckett of Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh, took part in the Dallaglio Cycle Slam. She writes:

After four days in the saddle covering 430 kms across Northern France from Paris to Twickenham, London, I completed the greatest challenge of my life. Training for the Dallaglio Cycle Slam

was really hard through the winter months but once I joined my team and got on the bike, all those lonely rides were forgotten.

We endured aches and pains, a four bike crash, high and low moments, lots of rain and nasty London traffic but in the end we all arrived elated at Twickenham to meet Prince Harry. Nothing we had been through was anything like those we were raising money for. We'd helped raise nearly £1 million with Lawrence Dallaglio towards Sports Relief and the Dallaglio Foundation which supports Cancer Research, Leukaemia Research and Help for Heroes.

The support I received from Grundisburgh including the Dog pub and EXF Fitness has been fantastic and so I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me and kept me going through those months of training. You can still donate on www.justgiving.com/elaine-beckett. To find out more about the Dallaglio Cycle Slam go to www.dallagliocycleslam.com

Marathon postponed

Since the article in the last issue about Catrin Harston's London Marathon plans, she was diagnosed with a stress fracture and unable to run. But St John Ambulance has deferred her place to next year and money already received has gone to the charity. She would like to thank those who donated.



Grundisburgh Gleanings

SCOUTING NEWS

Our scout group camping season has begun - the Beavers went away for a weekend to Sizewell, the Scouts to Boxford (but with homemade shelters not tents), and the Cubs will be camping once a month for the next three. We have lots of district events planned at the scout hut and field, and a big sleepover after our AGM in July.

Over the first May bank holiday weekend three Grundisburgh Scouts, one from Otley and three Grundisburgh leaders, Archie Adams, Phil Wilcox and Phil Stebbings (see photo to right), combined with Woodbridge and Kesgrave Scouts, took part in a cycle camp. They cycled over three days starting from Scout HQ in Chingford, staying overnight at Braintree and then Boxford. It was a great adventure and when they arrived back home at 2.50pm on Bank Holiday Monday the mileometers showed a total of 95 miles.

In September we are having our first family camp at Boxford to give parents the experience of scouting.

We are always on the look-out for new leaders and assistants and especially need a fundraiser for a new hut (see below).

Our duck race is on Saturday 24 July, starting at 5pm on Grundisburgh Green. For more



information visit our websites:
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Troop Assistant, 01473 735352

Thank you to the friends

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the 'Friends of Grundisburgh Church' over the last year, helping to maintain, preserve and enhance the fabric of the church and churchyard.

Your generous donations have enabled us to pay £1869 for electrical works including the part rewiring of the bell tower; also £919 towards the required maintenance work highlighted by the Quinquennial Review.

As the burden falls firmly on us parishioners to keep the church and churchyard in good condition, we welcome any new members to the 'Friends' and invite any ideas on fund raising.

*Robert Hutchison,
01473 738199*

More church cleaners wanted

Three of the cleaners at St Mary's Church are retiring, and replacements are needed to help keep the church spick and span. The team of 25, both male and female, work in groups of three or four with a brass cleaner. They spend about one hour every seven weeks hoovering, dusting and polishing. Occasionally, others supplement the team for a 'spring clean'. Not all cleaners worship at St Mary's, but all appreciate the beautiful building and want to help keep it in pristine condition. Anyone who would like to join the team should contact Ingrid McIvor on 738886.

WI REPORT

Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho WI members heard about the history and benefits of Aloe Vera at our March meeting and had an interesting and informative evening. Our secretary, Gill

Girling, saved the day when the speaker booked for our April meeting let us down at short notice. Gill kept us amused with snippets of her 17 years as a Grundisburgh Postie! She arrived at the Post Office at 6am each morning to sort the mail, along with her colleague Ann. We could vividly imagine her setting out in the pitch dark on her old post office bike, which had a banana box tied to it to hold the mail. This was later replaced by an up-to-date model complete with carrier and panniers! She even delivered a TV set to a customer with the help of her trusty old bicycle. She managed to get bitten by dogs on more than one occasion, and was knocked off her bike by a motorist. However, she carried on doing the job she loved. Our thanks to Gill for a very entertaining evening.

June 3 is our next meeting when Peter Kendall will talk about family history research. Why not come along to the parish rooms at 7.30pm.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838

Heartfelt request from the Grundisburgh scout groups

A very special person is needed to spearhead a fundraising project to build a new headquarters for Grundisburgh Scout Group members. The current wooden hut is deteriorating, having been brought to the playing field in 1963. It is used by beavers, cubs, scouts, explorers, brownies and guides from Tuesday to Friday, and occasionally at weekends, which adds up to over 150 people every week.

The members come from a wide area and the group has grown rapidly over the last few years. If this trend continues more space and facilities will be needed. During winter the hut is very damp and cold. There is only one toilet, no hot water and very inadequate storage space. The leaders, assistants and helpers try to keep the hut in good order but as the years roll on there is more and more work to do. Our young members are aged 6 to

18 years and are able to learn skills of independence, confidence and teamwork. They are kept off the streets with adventurous activities, camping and can attend numerous events over the county and further afield, thus equipping them as useful members of society. A new building will allow scouting and guiding to continue in this area for future generations of children giving them the experience, adventure and fun which Lord Baden Powell started all those years ago.

If you think you may be the person we are looking for - no need to be dynamic or forceful, but someone who can help us raise funds by contacting influential companies, organisations or persons to 'get the ball rolling', you may be the person we need.

Stuart Ross, Group Scout Leader, 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group, 01473 735352/07855 089520

Grundisburgh Gleanings

Names for new housing development

The parish council was asked by Suffolk Coastal District Council and Flagship Housing Group to propose names for the new development on Meeting Lane. Two names are needed as six properties will front Meeting Lane itself (and there is insufficient numbering available) and the other six are on a new access road.

In their invitations to the annual parish meeting residents were asked for suggestions and lots of names were put forward for the parish council to consider when it met on 10 May.

After a long discussion the council agreed to recommend that the properties fronting Meeting Lane should be named Lampit Row after the old field name for the site, and that the new access road should be Pipes Close. The Pipe family lived in the old council houses, particularly No 1 where Mrs Barbara Lankester (nee Pipe) lived practically all her life. The family have a proud record of service to the community, especially bell ringing.

Village clean-up

Ten volunteers filled ten large sacks of rubbish collected along Grundisburgh's roads and hedges in the fourth annual litter pick. Despite the provision of bins and the 'Don't be a tosser' message put out by Radio Suffolk, there clearly are still a lot of tossers in the area, unaware that they may well leave traces of their DNA on what they throw away. The litter pick was organised in April by parish councillor Sally Grahn who writes:

"Thanks to all the dedicated helpers who turn out year by year to try to make our village cleaner. Some areas were remarkably good, probably because the school had held its own clean up a few weeks

earlier. The worst areas this year were along the B1079 where motorists throw all sorts of things out of their windows and go into the gap on the bend past the bridge to empty their vehicles of rubbish!

If anyone would like a litter picker to keep their part of the village clean please contact me on 01473 738219."

WAR MEMORIAL

The base of the war memorial in Grundisburgh has been restored with the

memorial. Special thanks for the tradesmen - indeed craftsmen - who undertook this work. It is nice for us to know that in this 21st century we have such men in our midst.

Jeff Jay, Ex 6th Airbourne Div

MIDSUMMER WALK

Everyone is invited to walk around Grundisburgh and Culpho fields and roads to Millennium Meadow to celebrate its tenth anniversary. This takes place on Sunday 20 June, setting off from The

Green at 2pm, and will be shorter than our usual village walks, probably under an hour.

The walk will end at the meadow, off Lower Road, with refreshments. It would lovely to see a large crowd celebrating this anniversary of what is a unique and beautiful place. We hope that the warden John Dunnett, who does so much to develop and maintain the meadow, will be there to show visitors around.

Sally Grahn, 01473 738219



Clockwise from top: Ingrid McIvor, Sally Grahn (the organiser), Phil and Megan Stebbings preparing for the litter pick.

Albums with photos of Reg Snook's portraits of village people were presented to the parish council at the annual meeting and put on view for people to see. This followed a highly entertaining talk by Reg about his life as an artist.

Keith Lockwood of builders Charles Clarke replacing edging on the war memorial's base.



help of grants from the parish council and the War Memorials Trust, totalling about £1,600. Frost and weather had taken its toll but this is the first time that the memorial has needed significant work since it was erected in 1920.

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In good shape for world markets

What do cows, peas and several tonnes of steel tubes have in common? Answer: They have all been occupants of the same barn in Brook Farm in Grundisburgh (not all at once I hasten to add). As farmers diversify, so has the use to which farm buildings are put. Currently, Brook Farm is home to Grundisburgh's largest employer - EXF, owned and



run by Charles Burch (right in picture above). Supported by his nine staff, Charles designs, tests, manufactures and sells fitness equipment from the site (yes, we are still a manufacturing nation).

Charles started making agricultural equipment in 1990 but went over solely to fitness machines in 1996. He uses



Sir Chris Hoy, champion cyclist and user of EXF equipment.

British steel - it performs better than foreign imports he says - and nearly all the manufacturing is done in-house. Chris Ginn of Suffolk Stove Enamellers, based in Hasketon, provides the exterior finish to the products that are sold world wide. The

British Army is also a customers with training kit shipped regularly to Afghanistan.

You might find EXF kit in your gym, but increasingly Charles is aiming at the more specialised market where equipment has to be designed for specific sports - in some cases for specific athletes. He is currently working on equipment for competitors in various Olympic events. Charles believes developing relationships is better than the hard sell, and sees the future in higher quality and higher added-value products.

EXF has just joined forces with an American company to market their products jointly in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Australasia.

Charles is aware that factories do not always sit easily with country life and he tries to reduce the impact of his business by requiring his suppliers to make as few separate journeys to Grundisburgh as possible, using their smallest lorries. Local organisations which have benefited directly from his sponsorship include the playgroup and football club.

Contacts: 01473 734100, www.exf-fitness.com

Richard Watkinson



Bealings B & B blooming

We opened the doors to our first bed and breakfast guests at The Granary, opposite the church in Great Bealings, this April. Since then we have welcomed a wide variety of guests

The accommodation comprises a beautifully decorated and furnished luxury double room, with ensuite shower room, in a self contained annexe next to my wife Leah's ceramics studio, and adjoining our converted barn. Leah enjoyed spending many hours choosing the fabrics, wall paper, curtains and furniture, and with the eye of an experienced artist, has decorated it herself to her own very high standards.

The breakfast is also indicative of her own tastes: Leah provides a seasonal fruit platter, accompanied by yoghurt and home made granola, croissants and fresh local bread from the Grange Farm Shop in Hasketon, and Leah's homemade marmalade and jams. Fresh eggs from our hens are also available. We intend to be open all year round, apart from family holidays, when we exchange houses with other families in Europe. So far, the experience has been a mixture of hard work and great fun.

To book you can either ring us on 01473 735880, or check availability and pay the deposit online on our website.

PLANE BUSINESS TAKES OFF AT WITNESHAM

Just a 100 metres from the B1077, there's a must-visit Mecca for anyone seriously interested in woodworking - either as a hobby or professionally.

Seven years ago, Mike Hancock set up Classic Hand Tools to sell high-quality equipment and materials for cabinet-makers, joiners, wood-turners and carvers. He outgrew his shop in Needham Market and opened his showroom and depot at Hill Farm Business Park in Winesham in 2008.

From here, he runs a mail-order and internet business, selling products from all over the world (including British high-quality tools). Mike plans to open a demonstration area behind the showroom later this

year where you will be able to see skilled craftsmen working with some of the tools he sells. In the photo Mike is handling one of the many planes he sells - and planes are only the start. Spokeshaves, rasps, saws, rifflers, chisels, jigs, drawknives, axes, travishers, books.....he has them all! Mike can be contacted on 01473 784983 or www.classichandtools.co.uk

Words and photos Richard Watkinson





Left: Leah outside her studio and the b & b.
Above: Bowl created by Leah.

www.simplicitywebsites.co.uk/thegranary/Home/

Leah - who uses the surname Hinks professionally - runs her own ceramics business from The Granary and will be taking part in the Suffolk Open Studios event again this June. The dates she is opening are 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27 June from 11am to 5pm.

Julian Hayward Smith, The Granary, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings IP13 6NY

PRACTISING IN CHILD NUTRITION

Grundisburgh resident Nicky Seabrook has just set up in practice as a child nutritionist. Originally qualifying as a State Registered Dietician with a degree in dietetics and nutrition from Leeds University, she first worked full time at Barnsley Hospital which she thoroughly enjoyed.

However, Graham - whom she'd known since their teens and to whom she was by then engaged - was in East Anglia working for BT, so Nicky took a job at Ipswich Hospital. They were married in 1988. Further moves to Colchester and Reading and then back to Ipswich ensued, during which time she and Graham produced Rosie and Jacob.

Nicky was able to work part time for some GP practices, but the work left her feeling less than satisfied. She worried that her training as a dietician did not enable her to

help the many people she saw with conditions such as arthritis, asthma, irritable bowel syndrome and autism.

She decided to enrol on the three year Diploma in Nutritional Therapy course run by the Institute of Optimum Nutrition. This was a gruelling time for Nicky with a home and family to love and organise in addition to her studies. Once qualified she decided to specialise in the nutritional health needs of children.

Nicky is passionate about her work and feels frustrated at not being able to reach more children and their families for whom she feels she could make such a difference.

As well as seeing clients at her home in Grundisburgh, she also has a room at a GP surgery in Ipswich where she practices each Friday afternoon.

Prospective patients are asked to complete a questionnaire covering such things as eating patterns, background health conditions, parental health history, before Nicky actually meets them. She is able to order some tests through GP surgeries and others using private laboratories to ascertain such things as allergies and mineral and vitamin status, which is especially important for children presenting with symptoms of autism.

Nicky is very aware that some parents would not be able to meet her fees and hopes that some day services such as hers may be available on the NHS.

Contacts: Nicky Seabrook, The Suffolk Children's Nutrition Clinic, Portland House, The Street, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, IP13 6TD, 01473 735131.

www.suffolknutrition.co.uk

Words Madge Nicholas, photo Brian Robinson

Wanted - real craftspeople

When she lived in Yorkshire Julia Bentley used to be a patchworker - and to supplement her income organised fairs. Now she lives in Grundisburgh and her children have grown up a bit, she has started doing patchwork again - and is organising another craft fair.

This takes place on Sunday 18 July on Grundisburgh playing



field, taking advantage of the large marquee used the day before for the Village Show.

She describes her event as a 'real craft fair for skilled local people selling their crafts', and aims to provide a stylish environment for up to 50 craftspeople.

The Friends of Grundisburgh School will be providing refreshments for the exhibitors and the visitors in a separate tent throughout the day.

Crafts signed up so far include pewterwork, silverwork, jewellery, stained glassware, spinning and knitting, patchwork, soft furnishings, wood turning, etched glassware, wild life artists and tapestry.

Anyone else interested in booking space should contact

Julia as soon as possible on 01473 735524, julie-bentley@tiscali.co.uk.

Pirates Ahoy!

Another of Julia Bentley's current enterprises is 'Pirates'. This is a large scale creative play activity which can be delivered to the door of schools, playgroups and nurseries, and involves the children in creating a pirate ship. She writes:

"The idea came to me whilst working in Grundisburgh Playgroup. It is very convenient for the organisation to have an activity arrive in bulk, be set up and removed (along with all the associated mess) at the end of the session. It gives young children the opportunity to play without barriers to their creativity.

I launched this project in March and it is proving popular with the children.

All materials are sourced ethically and locally where possible. Most is recycled. What is actually better than building something great with cardboard boxes? The possibilities are endless.

So far I have worked with four groups. Each has built a completely different ship and made eye patches, palm trees, treasure maps, treasure, pirate flags, telescopes, written with quills, - and much more. This has been particularly useful for getting groups of new starters working together."



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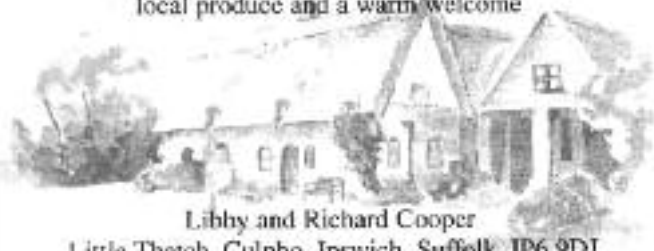
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Hasketon Highlights

More hall improvements

The Victory Hall gets better and better. After all the improvements to the main areas of the Victory Hall, we decided that the toilets should be up-dated and given a fresh look too.

Besides having all new 'furniture', the exterior walls have been insulated and the inside walls covered with a white plastic finish for easy cleaning. The floor will also be easy to clean with the covering that bends up the wall, and new lights and heating have been installed.

I am sorry that we had to cancel some of the bookings during the conversion period, but hope the work will have been worthwhile in the end! We are very grateful to the following for their financial help with our scheme:

Hasketon Parish Council,
Suffolk Coastal District
Council, Suffolk County
Council, Suffolk
Environmental Trust and
Awards for All.

Well supported Friday events

We have had some very good '2nd Friday' events during the spring, attracting between 60 and 90 people each time. We have already booked our entertainment up until next April.

On 11 June Chris Parfitt, in his inimitable way, will this time tell us about his trip to 'Bhutan ... The Land of the Thunder Dragon', and on 2 July we shall learn the history of 'Felixstowe Docks' from Ian Heeley and Brian Hall. They have collected a library of thousands of photographs and will show us a few.

There will be no meeting in August as we shall be organising the Hasketon Village Fete instead! '54 miles to Yarmouth' is the title of Linda Sexton's talk on 10 September, when she tells us about the Ipswich to Southdown and Bungay Turnpike of a hundred years ago, carrying stagecoaches and the Royal Mail, and is presently the A12. The postponed talk now on 24 September will be Tom Tyler's memories of 'The Solomon Islands'. Where else, but in Hasketon Victory Hall, can you have a ploughman's supper and a good evening out, for just £5?

Fete plans

This year will be on the new date of Saturday 14 August, starting at 2pm. We look forward to having a large

crowd to enjoy this happy ... and sunny ... day on the village green! The exhibition in the church will bring back memories of The Second World War and will be open on both the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend.

Planning matters

Hasketon Parish Council is still very concerned about the school buses using the narrow and hilly Manor Road as a short cut from the B1079 Grundisburgh Road to the A12. There has been no further news about the proposed sale of the top part of The Green for building two houses, so perhaps Suffolk Coastal District Council have withdrawn to their corner to reconsider the situation!

Notelets reprinted

The Hasketon notelets, for greetings or thank-you letters, have been so successful that we have now had a second consignment printed. These are reproduced from a collage of watercolours of the village by Diana Purchase. A packet of 10 with envelopes cost £3.50 and can be bought from me in aid of Hasketon Church.

Richard L Smith, 01394 388970

Plants and book sale

St Andrew's Church also benefits from the plant and book sale run annually on the first May bank holiday Monday. Again this year there was a great selection of both and a profit of around £400 was made. A few plants remaining are available for sale at Shrubbery Farm.

Gordon Smith.

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Bredfield Barometer

THE CASTLE REALLY BACK IN BUSINESS

After many months of uncertainty, it is excellent news that Bredfield's pub is, at last, under new, permanent ownership: Sarah and Andy Barker have bought The Castle and will be living there with their family.

Both Sarah and Andy are local and have many years' experience in running pubs in Woodbridge and Essex. They will be serving food from the beginning of June, but in the meantime they are serving drinks, local beers, including Adnams and Greene King and also guest beers. There is a small garden and dogs are welcome. Various events will be held at The Castle, including a grand opening. Contact Sarah and Andy 01394 385927 for opening hours.

Church fete plans

As the sun comes out and the temperatures rise, we can all look forward to the biggest and best garden fete for miles. On 12 June, from 2.15 to 4.30pm, Mr & Mrs D'Arcy are again kindly opening the wonderful grounds of The Old Rectory to welcome people from far and wide to this unique occasion.

There are almost 40 stalls at the Bredfield Church Fete ranging from bottles to bagatelle, cakes to coconuts and teas to toys. This would not be possible without our wonderful workforce on the day. We always need

volunteers, so if you would like to help on a stall and be part of this fantastic event, just give me a call. Please ask all your family and friends, workmates and therapists to share with us the wonderful atmosphere of our church fete!

Andrew Miller, 01394 383156

Village hall progress report

The annual general meeting of the village hall committee was held on 23 April, and all of the officers and committee members were either re-elected or re-appointed, with Keith Derham as chairman, Sue Tilley as secretary and myself as treasurer.

Keith was able to report that the refurbishment of the hall continues to progress well, with much having been achieved in the last year, with the toilet areas upgraded, a new floor installed and a new flat roof in place, and the most recent work to be completed, the new car park.

This has been complemented by some landscaping around the car park fringes, which has also seen the village notice board re-located to make it more accessible, a new pedestrian footpath and the installation of a new post box by Royal Mail.

Much of this work has been overseen by Peter Tilley, with the help from other volunteers, particularly Tony Bishop, and the work put in by the Community Payback workers has been of great assistance.

For the coming few weeks the main work will be concentrated on the installation of a new boiler

and a disabled ramp to the hall, and new goalposts being erected on the playing fields. Attention is also being turned to the play area, and it is hoped to form a small group who can plan and oversee some work to improve the facilities.

David Hepper, treasurer

YOGA WORKSHOPS

Among regular users of the village hall are Sue Staziker and Cathie Shuster, who run Yoga workshops there. They write:

"We are living in times of upheaval and change and this can have a profound effect on our sense of well being. Yoga gives us many tools and techniques to discover our inner strength and remain balanced and healthy, whatever challenges the world has to offer.

"Our series of workshops at the hall focus on each of the seven major energy centres (Chakras) within the body. By discovering any imbalances within we can use our own resources to bring ourselves back into balance, thereby

living each day with renewed purpose, clarity and compassion.

"Each workshop is complete in itself and no previous experience is needed to participate. Would you like to be more confident; more able to express your opinion? Would you like to feel accepted and appreciated? Do you feel you carry the weight of the world on your shoulders and would like to take off the rucksack? Would you like to be more creative?!"

Sue Staziker, who lives in Wickham Market, runs four classes a week at

Bredfield Village Hall, as well as the workshops. She has 30 years experience as a Yoga tutor with additional qualifications to teach breath work.

Bredfield resident, Cathie Shuster is a qualified psychic reader and ex GP, and is studying to teach Yoga. Both are Satvik Energy Therapists (www.satvikenergytherapy.com).

The next workshop is on Friday 18 June between 9.30am and 4.30 pm. For more information on workshops and regular classes, contact Sue

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Top Sue Staziker, below Cathie Shuster



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ALL ABOUT OWLS

There is a certain mystique about owls! Maybe it is because their eyes face forwards or because of their association with Greek mythology, or even witchcraft. Athena, (also Athene) the Greek Goddess of Wisdom, is traditionally associated with the Little Owl, the Sacred owl of Athens. This one bears her name - Athene Noctua. In the fifth century BC a Greek coin appeared with an owl on one side and Athena on the other.

It is doubtful whether owls are more wise or intelligent than other birds of prey. The myth about their wisdom is believed to have been enhanced by the legends of King Arthur - Merlin used to have an owl perched on his shoulder. The wisdom myth has carried on ever since.

Perhaps it is simply that most owls are creatures of the night and very few people ever see one. The people of Culpho and Grundisburgh had a real treat this spring. Not one but two Barn Owls were regularly seen quartering the grassy fields near Culpho Corner.

Up to the middle of April I would see them at about 8.30am slowly searching the area for food. Often there were several cars parked near Culpho Corner, the occupants agog at this spectacle. Eddie Marsh even saw them at 11.30am. Night owls yes, but I tend to agree with gamekeeper, Peter Paternoster, that this daytime flying is not unusual.

Little Owls also are not really exclusively night-time birds. In the spring they are already active during the day with

their incessant cat-like calls. They can often be seen sitting on posts looking for beetles and worms even at the height of summer. Len Kemble tells me a pair have returned to breed again in his owl box in his garden just to the north of Grundisburgh. The Tawny Owl is a real night owl - a bird which has such a distinctive call. Everybody knows the Tawny Owl's "tu-whit-tu-whoo"! It is a call as well known as that of the Cuckoo but how many people have actually seen one?

Well, many, many people in Ipswich were treated for about 18 months to a daily sight of "Mabel", a large female Tawny Owl perched during the day outside her breeding hole in an



Reg with the owl painting he brought to the annual parish meeting

oak tree in Christchurch Park. Named Mabel by school children, she was a star, always there, always looking down on passers-by giving huge pleasure to all. Her photo even appeared in a national newspaper. Sadly, she has disappeared, so when you next see the Culpho Barn Owls, enjoy them - they might not always be there.

Reg Snook



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Stopping the junk mail

OtleyGreen campaign members have another message for residents of all communities - stop the deliveries of junk mail.

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Affordable housing survey

Otley residents have been completing an Affordable Housing Needs Survey. This was commissioned by the parish council and undertaken with the support of Suffolk Acre.

"This was one of many good ideas highlighted in the parish plan" said Malcolm Smith, parish council chairman. "Many developments of this nature in other parishes have proved a real success in keeping the community alive and helping young families and those on lower incomes to stay within the village with family and friends."

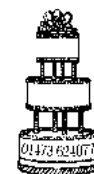
Information from the Affordable Housing Survey was due to be returned to Suffolk Acre by mid May. It will be collated and if a need for affordable housing is established, efforts will be made to find a suitable site for a small development.

The parish council has already established a new website under the 'One Suffolk' umbrella detailing information on events and services within the village. This, along with OtleyGreen, is among initiatives that came out of the review.

Richard Treloar, parish clerk,
Otley Parish Council

Otley Village Fete

Otley Village fete takes place on Saturday 3 July. There will be stalls and licensed bar from 2 to 5pm, with live music, barbecue and bar from 7 to 11.30pm. Queries 890264.



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The Appeal Theatre, Ipswich, has nominated Crossroads Care as its charity for this year's musical production at The New Wolsey Theatre. 'The Pyjama Game' runs from 14 to 17 July. Tickets will be available from the box office 01473 295900 or tickets@wolseytheatre.co.uk. Crossroads' job is to run the raffle for all six performances; Katherine Smith (The Old School House, Hasketon, 01394 388970) would welcome any gifts which can be used for prizes as well as help in selling tickets (01394 388970).

During World War II Sailing Barge Pudge was based at Ipswich, transporting grain, animal feed and linseed. In May 1940 she went to Dunkirk to help evacuate the British Expeditionary Force. This year the Association of Dunkirk Little Ships

commemorates the 70th anniversary of the heroism that saved our armies to fight again. SB Pudge is open to the public on Monday 31 May from 10am-5pm at Ipswich



Custom House Quay with a commemorative exhibition on board. Enquiries garymelbutler@hotmail.com, www.bargetrust.org. Photo courtesy Nigel Perkins.

This year's Hachfest, the three day music festival, will be held from 30 July to 1 August in Hacheston. The 80s Ska sensation - The Beat - will be headlining on the Saturday night. Another highlight is the sessions when BBC Radio Suffolk takes over the stages

on the Saturday afternoon to showcase the best acts from BBC Introducing which supports unsigned, undiscovered musicians. The money raised at Hachfest weekend is donated to charity. Local volunteers are always welcome. www.hachfest.co.uk or faye@hachfest.co.uk.

Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, birthplace of the famous artist, has launched a campaign to recruit a team of village representatives to promote the museum and to help publicise its temporary exhibitions and events. As a thank you Gainsborough's House will offer free admission and invites to special events. Anyone who could spare an hour or two every few months should contact Nick Winch on 01787 372958.

The Suffolk Branch of the Royal British Legion wants to contact local groups to whom talks can be given

about their work on behalf of ex-service men and women, and their dependants. It is anxious that people who need their services can be made aware of them. The branch office is in Bury St Edmunds, 01284 725833, suffolk@britishlegion.org.uk

The weekend of 12/13 June sees a duo of events in Woodbridge. On the Saturday the Ipswich and Norwich Co-op Brass Band will perform a free charity concert in Elmhurst Park, between 2 and 4pm, with proceeds from the



refreshments going to the children's hospice Treehouse Appeal. The popular Vintage + Contemporary Market returns to the town's Market Hill for the entire weekend.

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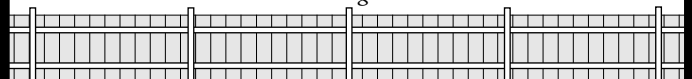
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Sporting stories

Grass track cycle racing

Once again grass track cycle racing comes to the field of the village hall at Bredfield, organised by the Plomesgate Cycle Club on Saturday 3 July. This is a part of cycling that is seeing a resurgence over recent years, with some of our Olympians such as Victoria Pendleton and Ross Edgar gaining a lot of their skills at grass track from a young age.

Grass track racing is both fun to ride and can be even better for spectators to watch, whilst relaxing at the track side having a picnic. The main racers will use bikes with a fixed wheel, so speed is totally controlled by pedalling action as there are no brakes and the riders can't freewheel.

The action can be very close, especially in the sprint races over one or two laps, with riders being only inches away from the wheel in front. Last year was the first time we had tricycles racing, and it's surprisingly hard to keep all three wheels on the ground.

Whilst the aim of the day is to have good quality racing for the club riders who travel from all parts of the UK, we would also like to encourage under-12s from the local villages to have a go at some fun races on their own bikes. They can come along with their parents and have a go for free - providing they have a helmet. Refreshments will be available.

We always welcome any business that would like some advertising in exchange for some sponsorship to swell the prize fund for riders. The day starts off just after mid-day when riders arrive, and the racing programme runs from 1pm finishes at about 4:30pm.

Contact the organiser Evert Wijnberg, 01473 621659 to ride or contribute to the event.



Bredfield tennis

Club nights at Bredfield & District Tennis Club are now on Sunday 'Days'. Traditionally club night has been held on Tuesday evenings but was very poorly attended in 2009. The committee realises that many people have weekday evening commitments, particularly during the summer, but the consensus is that club nights should continue.

Therefore, in an attempt to make it easier for members to participate, the timing has been changed to Sundays at 10am. We look forward to more members attending these informal get-togethers where it's good to meet a mixture of people with varying tennis skills!

*Therese Gant, club secretary,
01394 386535*

Bredfield bowls

The season at Bredfield Bowls Club is under way, and after a successful open day we have gained seven new members who have settled in and are playing in various league teams.

After a very tough winter the

green is gradually recovering and I am sure will continue to improve. Our first open tournament was in mid May and the next on 24 July. Anyone interested should ring Tony Horn on 01394 383175.

We are holding a fun day on Saturday 3 July from 2pm to 4 30pm. Why not come along and join in, try a game of bowls, buy some cakes or just sit and enjoy a hot dog off the BarBQ; there will be various other stalls as well.

Terry Green, chairman

Grundisburgh bowls

The outdoor season at Grundisburgh Bowls Club started earlier in May. The green is looking better than ever thanks to green keeper David Leech, and a considerable amount of money has been spent on redressing the green and preparing it for the season. John Broad and a team of volunteers have been very busy in transforming the clubhouse.

Thanks to the active social team the calendar for this year is looking very exciting with BBQs, 'A day at the races' and a cheese and wine evening planned so far.

Friendly matches have been organised against Wickham

Market, Kesgrave, Aldeburgh and Felixstowe at home and away.

We would love to welcome new members to join us. So, if you would like to give it a try please come along; we play on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, or call Kay Fitzsimmons on 01473 738768 or Jean Broad 01473 735393

Indoor bowls

Seven teams enjoyed a winter season of indoor bowls, competing for The Stan Kirsopp Trophy. Each team was made up of three people of mixed playing experience and ability. The winning team this year - John Ager with Ann and Cyril Studd were very worthy winners having lost only one game all season. Whilst many



Ann and Cyril Studd being presented with their trophies by Stan Kirsopp's widow Joyce.

of the players were members of Grundisburgh Bowls Club, the competition is run independently and open to all.

Late news: The cake stall run on Grundisburgh Green on 22 May raised over £240 towards improvements to the clubhouse.

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The exhibition of 81 drawings and paintings will be displayed in Culpho Church from Thursday 10 June to Sunday 13th. It will be open from 1-5pm on the first day and from 10am-5pm on the others. Entry is free.

Colin Moss, who died in 2005, lived in Ipswich and taught at Ipswich School of Art. His work features in a number of public collections and many are held by Ipswich Borough Council. The latter have been on display in Ipswich since January.

It is through the generosity of his widow Pat Moss that the Culpho exhibition and sale is being mounted and the proceeds given to charity.

I was lucky enough to be one of Colin's students at the Ipswich School of Art. Another was Maggi Hambling and she has agreed to take part in an evening at the Abbey School, Woodbridge. In 'An audience with Maggi Hambling' she will be talking, no doubt in her inimitably entertaining way, about her life and work. This will include a tribute to her inspirational tutor Colin Moss, and there will be an auction of two of his pieces of work, again generously given by Pat Moss.

This opportunity to share an evening with Maggi Hambling will be held on Friday 4 June, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets



Above: Sue and Paul Bruce; below a selection of the paintings and drawings for sale at the exhibition.
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