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Road group complaints upheld

The Ombudsman has largely upheld the complaints SORR (Save Our Rural Roads) made earlier this year about the way Suffolk Coastal dealt with unauthorised development at Gressingham Foods.

The council planners were found guilty of mal-administration on a number of points and the Ombudsman awarded SORR £500 to cover the costs of bringing the complaints. One complaint was not upheld and this is now being appealed by SORR. The group, on which 14 parish councils are represented, has been active since 1997 in trying to reduce

the amount of heavy vehicle traffic on local roads.

Widespread criticism of Suffolk Coastal's planning service is expected to be aired when the working party of the authority's Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee receives representations from a number of parish councils. This will be at a public open meeting on 17 September at Ufford Park Hotel, starting at 9.30am.



Trad jazz at Hasketon barbecue



Cody, the Cattermoles' Jack Russell, won Tracey the cup for the best photo at Grundisburgh Village Show, as well as first prize in the 'Too Hot' class.



Blowing bubbles
Chris the Clown at Hasketon fete.



Clowning about at cub camp Otley Cubs on their weekend camp where they took part in tightrope walking and plate spinning, played with diabolos, stilts and unicycles, made squirry flowers, bow ties and hats. The outfits had been made earlier.

Summertime!

A wide range of successful and happy events were held in News' villages during the summer, with some remarkable fund raising efforts. For example Culpho Church received £14,000 from art events and Bredfield Church over £6000 from its fete. More about these and others inside.

News Diary

AUGUST

Monday 30

Fun day & car boot Gr
Football Club, GPF 2-5pm
Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2

**History of the Ipswich
Waterfront** Clopton Ladies
Group CVH 8pm Contact
737417

Saturday 4

Church Fete St. Marys Parish
Ch VG Contact 735183

Otley Village Show VH 2.30
pm Contact 890787/890594

Tuesday 6

Love Food, Hate Waste
Bredfield Ladies Group BVH
Contact 737605

Friday 10

54 Miles to Yarmouth
Turnpike Hasketon VH
supper 7.15pm PBE Contact
01394 388970

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 at St. Marys
Parish Ch Mothers Union
Contact 735604

Thursday 16

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

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

Jigsaw Evening Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm
Contact 735502

Tuesday 21

On the Trail of St. Edmund -
East Anglian Churches Gr
Local History Soc GPR
7.30pm Contact 738195

Friday 24

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
10am-12 noon Contact 735838

Solomon Islands Hasketon
VH supper 7.15pm PBE
Contact 01394 388970

OCTOBER

Monday 4

Singing in the Classroom
Bredfield Ladies Group BVH
Contact 737605

Thursday 7

Astrology Gr Burgh & Culpho
WI GPR 7.30 pm Contact
735502

Friday 8

**Rotary International in
Argentina** Hasketon VH
supper 7.15pm PBE Contact
01394 388970

Sunday 17

Big Breakfast Charsfield.VH
Contact 737701

Monday 18

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

Tuesday 19

**Houses and Estates on the
banks of the Orwell** Gr Local
History Soc GPR 7.30pm
Contact 738195

Thursday 21

Exploring England Bealings
WI BVH 7.30pm Contact
623985

Thursday 28

Antarctica Golden Club GVH
2.30pm Contact 01394 380455

NOVEMBER

Monday 1

My Work as a Dialect Coach
Bredfield Ladies Group BVH
Contact 737605

Thursday 4

Japan Gr Burgh & Culpho WI
GPR 7.30 pm Contact 735502

Borneo Clopton Ladies Group
CVH 8pm Contact 737417

Monday 8

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

Friday 12

Lost Houses in Suffolk
Hasketon VH supper 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 13

Suffolk Night Charsfield VH
7.30pm Contact 737701

Christmas Extravaganza

Bredfield VH Contact 01394
387867

Thursday 18

AGM + Coin Collecting
Bealings WI BVH 2.30pm
Contact 623985

Saturday 20

**AGM + The Fonnereau
Family & Ipswich** Gr Local
History Soc GVH 7pm
Contact 738195

Sunday 21

Charity Fair Hasketon VH
Contact 735174

Thursday 25-Sunday 28

Crib Festival St Marys Parish
Church, Grundisburgh

Monday 29

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

DECEMBER

Thursday 9

Songs From the Shows
Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm
Contact 623985

Tuesday 14

**The Building of the Orwell
Bridge** Gr Local History Soc
GPR 7.30pm Contact 738195

Thursday 21

3-D Star making workshop
Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
7.30 pm Contact 735502

Friday 31

New Year's Eve Barn Dance
Clopton Ladies Group CVH
PBE Contact 737417

JANUARY 2011

Tuesday 18

Historic Timber Framing -
The Medieval Carpenter's Art
Gr Local History Soc GPR
7.30pm Contact 738195

JULY

Saturday 16

Gr Village Show. Contact
738267

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
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What's On

OTLEY SHOW

Otley Village Show takes place on Saturday 4 September at 2.30pm. Categories include Vegetables & Produce; Floristry; Arts & Crafts; Cookery and Photography.

While some sections are limited to Otley residents, playgroup and school pupils, most are open to people from outside the village as well. Brochures and entry forms are available from Otley Village Stores, White Hart and Otley surgery. Entry forms should ideally be in by Wednesday 1 September. Queries to Vanessa Ling on 01473 890787.

Fete on The Green

Saturday 4 September is the date for Grundisburgh's Church Fete which takes place on the village green, the churchyard and St Mary's Church itself. Starting time is 2pm and attractions include teas, produce, jumble, art exhibition, games, ice creams, and a grand draw.

THE LOCAL PUB SCENE

Sarah and Andy at the Bredfield Castle report growth in interest with food picking up steadily, being open for meals at lunchtimes (12 - 2) every day (except Mondays and Tuesdays) and evenings (6.30 - 8.30) from Wednesday to Saturday. They hold quizzes at 8pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month and there's also a special Christmas quiz on 1 December.

If you fancy a flutter, go the Races at the Winesham Barley Mow on 18 September - first race at 9 pm. There will also be Bingo and a quiz. The pub, now run by Les Osborne, has just opened its new beer garden. And you could dance the night away to 60/70/80s favourites with 'The Aldertons' at the Swilland Moon and Mushroom on Friday 24 September.

Following its successful beer festival earlier this year, The Dog at Grundisburgh is planning another around bonfire time in November: details will appear in the pub and the village store later.

Calling all jigsaw addicts

Why not come along to Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on Thursday 16 September at 7pm to enjoy an evening with a difference. Teams of four will compete against each other, everyone is welcome. To book tickets for your team phone Gill Girling 01473 735502. The cost is £3 per person including refreshments. If unable to make up a team, the organisers will fit you into one.

Clopton's first Thursdays

Clopton Ladies Group meet on the first Thursday of the month in Clopton Village Hall, starting at 8pm. There is no membership fee but we charge £3 per head to cover the cost of the hall and payment to the speaker. Everyone, including men and people from other areas, are welcome!

The next speaker, on 2 September, is John Field who will give an illustrated talk on 'The History of the Waterfront in Ipswich'. On a previous occasion he gave us a most entertaining talk about local cartoonist Giles.

In October a visit is planned to the Cold War Museum at Bentwaters. On 4 November our speaker is John Medlock who will talk about Borneo. With his wife Susanne, John Medlock has travelled extensively through Sabah and Sarawak including trekking to some of the more remote areas. They have a unique insight into both the wonders and the pressures of this unique island and will talk about the situation facing wild life and the native tribal population.

Diana Dawson, 01473 737417

Hasketon's second Fridays

The Second Friday events in Hasketon start again on 10 September with Linda Sexton's talk about '54 miles to Yarmouth', the Turnpike Road before it became the A12. Then on 24 September we shall have Tom Tyler's postponed tales about 'The Solomon Islands', followed on 8 October by Hilary King's talk exploring the work of 'Rotary International in Argentina'.

The subject of Alan Mackley's talk on 12 November will be 'Lost Houses in Suffolk'. about the big country houses of yesteryear.

The evenings begin at 7.15pm with a ploughman's supper before the talk; the cost for both is £5 a head.

Richard Smith, 01394 388970

Inter-group quiz

Grundisburgh's 24th Annual village quiz takes place on Friday 1 October, contested by teams of eight representing village organisations.

It is being organised by last year's joint winners, Grundisburgh News and Burgh Church, and the proceeds will be split between them and their nominated charity, St Elizabeth Hospice.

As there is a pay bar to help with the fundraising, competitors should *not* bring their own drinks. Doors open at the school at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm.

Ann Willetts will be setting the questions as usual, and is the contact for queries (738831). As there is only room for 20 teams she recommends early booking.

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NEWS TRIBUTES

Alan Lankester February 1927 to July 2010

Alan was Grundisburgh born and bred, and lived there all his life, apart from a few years away on National Service. From an early age he loved the outdoors and worked with his father in the tree felling business, bringing the family firm into the modern world with new vehicles and equipment, making a very dangerous and hard job a little easier. He did a great deal of work on the Grundisburgh estate for the late Lord Cranworth and the present



Lord Cranworth too; he also worked on many large projects around Suffolk.

Alan married Sheila in 1956 and together they built a house in Chapel Lane where they

lived happily for many years and where their daughters Josie and Belinda were born. Alan's passion was shooting and taking his dogs picking up. He insisted on having well behaved dogs - always black Labradors. Later in life he was a well-known figure in the village taking his daily walk to the Old Forge Stores for his newspaper, usually with a dog in tow. Occasionally Alan had played cricket for Grundisburgh, and although his innings didn't usually last long, they were entertaining!

Irene Brunning January 1943 to June 2010

It was through working for The Samaritans that Irene met her second husband

Peter and came to live in Grundisburgh. She made a considerable contribution to the life of the village in her 22 years here. With the then Rector, Canon Norman Davies and others she set up the village luncheon club. Irene organised rotas for church cleaning, locked and unlocked the church building and at times helped with flowers.

Irene enjoyed handiwork and craft activities with others in the parish rooms and she was very involved with their refurbishment. A keen singer, Irene belonged to

St Mary's Church choir, as well as Trianon and the Ipswich Choral Society, performing with them at Snape, the Albert Hall and abroad. Irene organised concerts with these choirs in



St Mary's to raise funds for the church. Incredibly she managed to sing in the concert she had organised there just ten days before she died.

Irene had worked at Ipswich Hospital where she had helped to install their IT system, but when Peter stopped work in 1991 she decided to join him in retirement shortly afterwards.

Robert Thorn June 1945 to July 2010

'Bob' as everyone knew him came to the area in the early 1970s when the Post Office, for which he worked at the Research Centre in North London, transferred him to the new centre at Martlesham.

In 1978 he became involved in a production of the pantomime 'Cinderella' at Grundisburgh primary school. When that production team of friends evolved into GADS, Bob soon became their 'lighting man' and remained the drama group's most valuable

production team member up until the 2010 pantomime.

In the early days, Bob used his useful contacts at BT and for several years GADS benefitted from being able to borrow lighting and cables. Gradually GADS became self-sufficient and, relying on Bob's expert advice, was able to replace the original lighting system with something more sophisticated. His contribution was always 'spot-on' and every producer took comfort from the fact that 'the lighting' at least was in safe hands.

The horticultural society also benefitted from his zealous proof reading of the show schedule and having him as a recording steward, identifying prize winners from their anonymised entries.

Bob's marriage to Maggi Thompson at Easter was greeted with joy by their many friends.



These tributes were put together by Madge Nicholas with help from Clare Sanders, families and friends. They have had to be edited to fit in The News but the full versions are available to be read in a folder in Grundisburgh Post Office.



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Dear Grundisburgh

I regret that my sudden illness immediately following the death of my beloved Dick prevented me from writing sooner. However I would like to thank all the people of Grundisburgh who so kindly sent me messages of sympathy and support. Their warmth has helped me as I gradually return to life in the village.

As most of you know, Dick was the Reader at St. Mary's Church and also served the churches at Boulge, Burgh and Hasketon. He also helped and supported many other village activities and although we came to Grundisburgh only 12 years ago he had grown to love the peace and pace of the Suffolk life.

Sheila Snelling



Jolly Olly (almost) ready to go

After many months of hard work, Olly Rofix has reached a major waypoint in preparing for his Round Britain voyage in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust. His 18-foot sailing boat 'Jolly Olly' - above - at Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Levington - is now afloat and undergoing trials. There are still some instruments to install and Olly still has to fix up the cooker and make adjustments to the tiller but the boat is rigged and almost ready for sea. Olly says that it's all taking a lot longer than he originally thought (that's always the way with boats) but is immensely grateful to Lee, his father and his friends Ed Rogers and Trevor for their help. When he's ready, Olly will be sailing to the south coast to generate further publicity - and hopefully sponsorship - for his epic solo voyage next year.

Amber's Big Street Sleep

On the night of Saturday 4 September, I will be joining others in 'The Big Street Sleep 2' in London's Piccadilly Circus to raise awareness of the charity, Calcutta Rescue Fund, and to raise funds for its work.

Calcutta Rescue provides free healthcare, education and vocational training to thousands of the poorest people living on the streets and in the slums of Kolkata (Calcutta), India. Things we take for granted. My mum first went to Calcutta as a



volunteer Pharmacist in September 1994 and last year my brother took part in the first Big Street Sleep. I was too young, apparently, but now that I am four I am not! Please help me raise more

than Oliver did last year. To sponsor me visit my just giving page at www.justgiving.com/Amber-Cavanagh. Or deliver cash/post a cheque payable to 'Calcutta Rescue Fund' to me. For more information visit: www.calcuttarescue.org.uk

Amber Cavanagh, St Felix, Burgh IP13 6SU

HELP WITH EDUCATION

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Grants are also offered to students attending university or similar colleges offering formal instruction and qualifications for those completing a course. In general, the foundation limits grants to those resident in Westerfield, Tuddenham, Winesham, Henley and Akenham or those attending maintained primary schools in those villages.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.bridgetcollett.org.uk or obtained from David Brow, 01473 251207. Forms need to be returned by 15 September.

Volunteers needed by Riding for the Disabled

Newton Hall in Swilland is the base for the East Suffolk Branch of RDA (Riding for the Disabled). We provide lessons there for 5-7 year old pupils on Tuesdays and for 16-19 year olds on Thursdays during term time only. There is also a small group for adults on

Wednesdays which runs for most of the year.

All lessons are from 10am to 11am or 11.30am and the riders have fun learning the basic skills. More able riders can take RDA proficiency tests but the main aim is for them to enjoy their riding.

Each rider needs a leader for their horse or pony and two side walkers to assist them. We are in need of more helpers, especially for the Thursday group. Being 'horsey' is not essential but volunteers must be able to get to Newton Hall and be prepared to be CRB checked. They will be made most welcome by the group. For more information please contact me.

Sam Liddell, East Suffolk RDA,
01473 890491

Hair raising time at The Dog



Over £500 was raised recently by generous customers in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice when Tracy Root, the manager at The Dog in Grundisburgh, shaved the head of Bob Pugh, whose daughter Katie died from cancer last year.

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THE WAY THINGS WERE

The latest in the series of articles by Adam Gurdon about how things were around the time he came to live in Burgh as a small boy in 1942 deals with farming.

During the war the Cranworth's Park Farm and Elmtree Farm had about twelve employees. There were six Suffolk Punches under the care of Shadrach Grey and Reggie Pryke. They were in constant use for ploughing and harrowing, weeding sugar beat, carting manure from winter steadings and at harvest

time carting the corn and raking the fields. There was one tractor.

It is amazing how often corn was handled during harvest. The binder cut it and tied it into sheaves, which teams of about six men then stooked. Once the stooks had dried out they were carted to a stack yard where they were stacked. Each stack was then thatched to keep out the wet. Then during the winter a great steam engine and threshing machine arrived to thresh the contents of the stacks. The bags of corn then went off to the miller. Every head of corn was handled at least five times before it was milled. It was a very slow process.

During the harvesting, at about 5pm Mr Watson from The Dog would arrive with a flagon of beer. When the binder reached the centre of



Peter Harris was a great friend and mentor when Adam worked on the Cranworth farm during school summer holidays. Adam was sent this photo recently by Peter's daughter-in-law, 94 year old Millie Harris, who is now living in Australia. They started corresponding after Millie read the first article in the series. Other regular employees of Lord Cranworth with whom Adam recalls working on the harvest were Felix and Jack Last, their father Jim, and George Farrah.

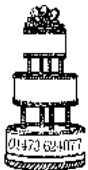
the field everyone got out their favourite stick and attempted to kill as many rabbits as possible. A rabbit was a prize supper. At other times this

large labour force was needed in May for hoeing the sugar beat. Each man with a hoe took on a row and with great skill left in the ground just the one plant every five or six inches. Then there was always hedging and ditching and muck carting.

On the dairy side there were three or four (Charlie Ashkettle, Reggie Last and Fred Otway) and a dairy maid who milked, groomed and nurtured the Red Poll herd, some of which were kept exclusively for showing. In those days, the Suffolk Show and all agricultural shows were always in a different location each year.

In charge of all these people at the farm, many of whom lived in tied cottages owned by Lord Cranworth, was the foreman, Mr Thirkettle.

Future reminiscences will cover wartime, 'Getting about' and 'The Americans arrive'. Any appropriate photos will be welcomed by The News, copied and safely returned.



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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Fifty years on parish council

When the Grundisburgh Parish Council was first created following the Local Government Act of 1892, a man then regarded as a 'newcomer' stood for election but was defeated in a show of hands. He demanded, and got, a secret ballot election but the result was the same. Undaunted he continued to stand and John Dunnett was finally elected to the Parish Council in 1902.

Now, in 2010 that newcomer's great grandson and namesake is celebrating, and reflecting on, his 50 years of service on the Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council.

John Dunnett was 21 years old when approached by Mr Wurr, headmaster of the primary school, and Mr Thursfield, the vicar. They had noted John's involvement in various village activities - the scouts, the church choir, the youth club - and suggested he might stand for the parish council. Fifty years ago there were 12 members - all men of course! - not 13 as is now the case since the inclusion of Culpho. The members were mainly those with a vested interest in Grundisburgh being a buoyant village - the garage proprietor, shopkeepers, farmers, butcher and so on. It was unusual then to have anyone as young - and still is: a matter of regret to John since he feels youngsters can often come up with imaginative ideas.

At the time of John's early membership it seemed the main focus was on keeping the rates as low as possible. There was, says John a lack of vision and a lot of opportunities were not exploited from which we might still be benefiting today. There was land available, such as the allotment land, which could then have been purchased at reasonable prices

and used for building - houses or even a new village hall!

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council has a rare 'quality council award', but John's big regret is that elections are

usually uncontested. "People are just not willing to stand, most are not aware of what the council does and hardly any village people attend the council meetings these days (though rather more do come to the annual meeting)". He feels that anyone, including newcomers, should consider standing for the council if they are interested and prepared to make a contribution to the village. John finds his labours on the allotment by the roadside bring an opportunity to meet people and listen to their concerns.

During John's 50 years there have been successes that he recalls with pleasure - the village hall was extended (though he regrets the opportunity was not taken to replace it then); the sports pavilion was built on the playing field, the plan originally being for a small wooden structure. However, when the management committee enquired about insurance the plan had to be quickly changed to brick!

When Mr Wurr was chairman

of the parish council he also became chairman of what became the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and he used to take John along with him as parish council representative. Eventually John was in the position of SALC representative during negotiations with the Rural Housing Trust which led to the building of affordable housing at Ablitts Meadow - an achievement with which he feels very pleased.

John has served under ten chairmen and has been chairman himself too. He has

enjoyed his service and says he has been greatly helped by the unstinting support of his wife Margaret (Bubbles) and the children. John hopes to continue on the council - and that when the elections come round again in May 2011, he will be facing opposition from other candidates, particularly younger ones!

Madge Nicholas

More of John's recollections, particularly of the Millennium celebrations and the creation of the meadow, will be featured later. Ed

Post lady retires

Ann Dee has played a major role in Grundisburgh village life, working as the post lady for 25 years. Starting work for the Royal Mail in Grundisburgh in 1984, Ann has watched the village grow and met some very nice people, she says.

Ann worked at Phillips and Piper in Ipswich before her marriage and the birth of her two children, Tracy and Paul. After that she went to the fields and did fruit picking. Paul now works for Sovereign Turf and I'm sure many people will know Tracy, who works at the doctors' surgery in Grundisburgh. Ann has one grandson and says as part of her plans for retirement, she would like to go and watch him play football, along with exercising her other interests which include reading, playing bingo and going swimming.

Using a bike on a route is better, she says, instead of a van because it builds a stronger community, and you get to know people. When



Above: Ann in 1999 with her 15 year long service award. Below: delivering the post in the snow - with her bike rather than the sledge she sometimes used.

asked, "What do postmen really think about dogs?" Ann said that most were okay, there's the odd one or two who just don't like postmen!

Unfortunately, Ann was taken ill in February 2010 with Polymyalgia Arthritica which brought forward her retirement from September. However, although she says she has thoroughly enjoyed her job, it will be nice for her to sit at home in a comfy armchair, watching someone else trudge around in the snow with a sledge for once.

Katie Davis



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Changes in the church

For the first time since the Victorian era the lovely old church of St Mary's is to have some internal alteration.

Starting in September the font will be moved from near the main door to an area at the front right hand side. The font steps will be altered to give safer access, the floor raised to match the area around and lighting improvements made. Five pews will be removed to give a clear area for family and friends at baptisms.

Relocating the font will allow greater space at the back for serving refreshments after services, and at concerts and



The font before the move

other events. It is the first stage towards providing greater access for the wider community. Plans for a toilet and refreshment facilities are being discussed

This work has been the subject of much thought by the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and discussion with the Diocesan Authorities. Plans

and the statutory public notices were displayed in the church before final approval was granted. Funding for the project is coming from a grant from the 'Big Lottery' and a generous bequest.

Brian Robinson

WI report

Peter Kendall was the speaker at Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho WI's June meeting, giving us an insight into family history research. Peter struck up a very good rapport with members, and questions flowed freely throughout his talk. He gave us amusing snippets of his own family history.

The slides he showed depicting family members, plus social conditions, occupations and dress in years gone by were particularly interesting. He also told us how to date old photos from poses, props used and clothes that the subjects are wearing.

For our summer outing this year, members visited The Plough and Sail at Snape on a beautiful sunny evening in July, where they enjoyed a lovely meal in pleasant surroundings.

Badger watching was on the agenda again this year for those who missed it last time. It was such a thrill to be able to see this lovely animal so close up in its natural habitat - though the first one to emerge was chased back into his sett by a hungry Jay who was stealing the food we had put

down for the badgers. Our next meeting will be a harvest supper on 2 September, and a special jigsaw evening has been arranged for on 16 September (see page 3).

Carol Barker, 735838

INTERNET NEWS GROUP GROWING

The number of people signed up to 'What's on in Grundisburgh' currently stands at almost 150 - and growing. This email news service sends announcements of village news directly into people's mailboxes via Google Mail. The service is free, and the policy is to keep personal email addresses confidential (messages are sent as 'blind carbon copies'). There is no advertising other than for local events or new services.

Messages can be sent in by any member and go to everyone in the group. The number varies but at the moment members receive about five messages a week - which have included news of fundraising events, severe weather warnings, road works, crime reports, lost pets..... Members who have posted announcements say that they have been delighted with the response.

Anyone wanting to join, can contact me or John Ager on 735541. Or just send a message to Grundisburgh @googlemail.com telling us that you would like your email address added.

Martin Hough, 01473 735213

SCOUT NEWS

Our duck race on 24 July broke all previous records and raised £1800, some of which will be going towards a new Scout & Guide Centre. We had brilliant weather with more people attending, selling out of the last batch of ducks within 15 minutes. There were excellent prizes for the first 12 ducks across the finishing line, and nearly all the winners were local residents. Many thanks to all who supported us.

Well done to some of our young members over the last year: Cub Jacob Gratton has achieved his Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest cub award, for which he had to do six challenges and became the first to gain this since 2005. Also scouts Tom Adams, Daniel Stebbings and Matthew Blackie who gained their Chief Scout Gold Awards after eight challenges. This is the first time the Grundisburgh Scout Group has attained these.

Some of our scouts and explorers will be on summer camp for 10 days in August and we have our family camp at Boxford in September.

Unfortunately the future of 1st Grundisburgh Beaver Scouts (for 6 to 8 year olds) is in jeopardy unless we can find adults to join the team, as our two leaders have had to stand down. The beavers meet from 5.50 to 7pm on Thursday evenings. For information please contact Stuart Ross, group scout leader, on 01473 735352 or 07855 089520.

For more on the scout and explorer groups visit our websites:
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Troop Assistant, 01473 735352

The retiring beaver leaders, Petra Clare and Michelle Clover, have sent their thanks to all the parents who presented them with gifts, and to Pat and Stuart Ross for all their help and guidance.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings



John Dunnett and Sally Grahn get some youthful help planting the Wild Service tree in Millennium Meadow.

Celebrating Millennium Meadow

About 20 local people joined me in mid June to walk from the The Green down to Millennium Meadow on a circular walk via fields and roads. It took about 45 minutes, and luckily the weather was kind to us. We were greeted there by John Dunnett, who oversees the meadow's management, and fellow parish councillor Tom Coomber who was on refreshment duty!

We were celebrating, albeit one month early, the 10th anniversary of the opening of the meadow by Lord Cranworth, who had so generously given this plot of land to the village as a conservation area in 2000. Since its opening there has been on-going hard work, by John in the main, Greenways and occasional local volunteers, to create this wonderfully tranquil place. John gave us a progress report on the meadow and future plans, before we planted a Wild Service tree to mark the occasion. We rounded off the walk with Buck's Fizz and cake. All in all a very pleasant afternoon!

Words Sally Grahn, parish councillor, photo Geoff Caryl



Scouts' Stream Clean:

Members of 1st Grundisburgh Scouts taking part in the annual cleaning of the river running across The Green to earn money for the troop.



Scouts' third annual duck race:

The ducks start off their journey across Grundisburgh Green to the ford. Report on page 8. Photo Alan Comber

Many residents are spotting motorists regularly ignoring the one-way and "access only" signs that have been installed at the ends of the narrow lane on the north side of The Green. Suffolk Police say that if this is reported to their local Safer Neighbourhood Team (01473 613500 or e-mail: kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk), they will look at the possibility of taking enforcement action. Entry from the Woodbridge Road end is completely banned and only permissible from the west end for access to buildings. The scheme has been introduced to improve safety, particularly for children who like to play in the ford.



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SHOWING OFF!

Grundisburgh Village Show was bigger and better than ever! More entries, more visitors, more stalls, more entertainments, more car booters, more sponsors and for the first time ever it did not make a loss.

This means that more money will be able to go to the good causes nominated this year: EACH children's hospice appeal and a fund providing tools for Otley College students. Last year Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society gave £2000 to charity and hopes the figure can be even higher this year.

This was greatly helped by our many sponsors to whom we are very grateful. Another big contributor was the bar in the marquee during the show and the evening dance. This was run on behalf of the society by Dave Lawrence, supported by his brother-in-law Gareth Langdon and others. Libby Cooper, with support from many of her Culpho neighbours, ran the tea tent with refreshments throughout the afternoon. The three raffles were generously supported.

The most popular classes among entrants again were the photographs, sloe gin, chutney and various baking categories. David Walford retained his cup for the men only Victoria Sandwich. Kenny Hazelwood triumphed once more in the flowers, fruit and vegetable cup. Judges were supplied by SHAPA (Suffolk Horticultural and Produce Association).

The cups were presented by James Rogers from The Dog pub. He was joined for one presentation by Mrs Marjoram who had given the cup for three HT roses in memory of her husband Ivor. It was the first time she had visited the show for 35 years - and she was so impressed that she plans to come next year.

A new class was 'Design your own Scarecrow' in which teams of young people were invited to stuff and dress their entry during the afternoon.

There was a nearly non-stop programme of entertainment put together by Julia Bentley,

including local musicians, judo, races and fancy dress. Many village organisations and charities ran stalls to raise money for themselves.

The disco run in the evening after the show by Richard Garrett was well supported. Another event mounted by the society to raise money each year is Hidden Gardens in June. This year nearly 30 gardens were open over two days. The season ended for the horticultural society with a garden party at Burgh House, by kind permission of Bill and Jacqui Mayne.

Planning for next year's show (16 July) starts at the AGM on Tuesday 5 October in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms - to which everyone is invited to come and make suggestions, give us ideas - and ideally more volunteers to help (see box on facing page).



Left: Gareth Langdon and an appreciative customer for the chilled cider; Above: A 'Mr Potato Head' entry.



Competitors in the fancy dress competition, sponsored by Gotelee & Goldsmith; Below: James Rogers with Mrs Marjoram and Roz Todd, winner of the Ivor Marjoram Cup; Bottom: Customers in the busy tea tent.

Show photos courtesy Peter Kendall and Dave Lawrence.





Judging flowers



Judging preserves



Above: Ipswich Judo Club members demonstrate their skills;
Below: car booters.



Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society which organises the village show needs more volunteers to help, particularly on show day. Anyone who might be able to spare an hour or two, say to take money at the marquee entrance, be a judging steward, help with car parking or refreshments should contact Nicola Hobbs (01473 738267, nicola@nicolahobbs.com).

We would also welcome help before the show - with publicity, sponsorship, arranging judges, helping on hidden gardens and the garden party and lots more.

A new venture: a real craft fair in Grundisburgh

Sunday 18th July was a perfect English sunny day and brought the visitors out in droves to the new Real Craft Fair on the Grundisburgh Playing Field, using the marquee erected for the Village Show the day before.

There were 32 crafts people selling their crafts and many of them demonstrating their skills. Simon Lamb, the pole lathe turner, proved a real attraction as did Rona Lear who was spinning at the other end of the marquee. Jo Hammond made baskets and you could have a go too. Malcolm McBride, silversmith, showed his skills

with silver engraving and Tom Luxmoore brought that incredible table as discussed on Radio Suffolk.

Others included a felt maker, bead maker, stained glass makers, leaded mirrors, rag rug making and many more all participated in what will hopefully become a new annual event in the village.

FOGS did a good job with the refreshments - lots of tea, coffee and homemade cakes - and raised about £600 for Grundisburgh School.

See you there next year!

Julia Bentley, 01473 735524



Above: Craft Fair exhibitors including organiser Julia Bentley and her patchwork.



Hasketon photos, clockwise from top right: Sack race at sports afternoon; Mick Ladd, his mother in law Edith Stannard and Chris the clown at the fete with one of Mick's vintage cars; Gordon Smith at the jazz barbecue; some of Mike Barry's Fervent Six ; the wartime exhibition in the church; one of the many games at the fete. Photos Peter Kendall/Richard Smith.



Bredfield Church Fete

Full report on page 15.
Photos by Luke Taylor.



Hasketon Highlights

A SUMMER OF SUCCESSFUL EVENTS

During the summer we have had several most successful events in Hasketon. At the end of June, our Jazz and Barbecue date at Gordon and Molly Smith's farm, featured Mike Barry's Fervent Six on the band stand, which is over the fishpond!

A happy crowd enjoyed both good music and delicious food from our team of barbecuers, salad-devisors and pud-makers. We had a wonderful gang of workers and raised around £2400 for the church.

The sports afternoon for the children in mid-July was a really happy event with a lot of village families taking part in traditional competitions like the egg and spoon race (with potatoes), a sack race and the three-legged race. Ruth Blunt and the Just42 team catered for a week of fun and games in The Victory Hall for between 40 and 50 children



Richard Smith, onion frier at the jazz barbecue.

who became 'robots' for their songs and crafts.

The Village Fete on 14 August escaped the promised 'heavy showers' and a good crowd enjoyed an afternoon of merriment with old favourites like the Aunt Sally stall with wet sponges, the higher/lower card game and feeding marbles through the flowerpot hole. Chris the clown provided a lot of amusement for young and old, while Mick

Ladd showed off his spotless vintage cars.

Inside the hall there was a host of books, masses of bric-a-brac, children's toys galore and produce to be bargained for. Maybe some of our readers were the lucky winners at the Grand Draw for which many generous businesses in Woodbridge and neighbourhood had given prizes.

In the church we featured a most interesting display of 'Wartime Memorabilia' with intriguing exhibits by Hasketon residents and the 493rd Bomb Group Museum

of Debach. One could have spent hours reading the fascinating wartime stories and the equipment they used. It was a great weekend!

Our Second Friday events start again on 10 September, Details of these are on the What's On page (3).

As we now have a fine village hall, this is a great venue for regular or one-off events. We have good floor space, a stage, kitchens and the car park. Claire Harrington is our bookings secretary and can be contacted on 01394 389644.

Richard L. Smith, 01394 388970

Flying memoirs in print

They say there is a book in all of us and this is certainly true of Hasketon man Paul Strugnell, who has recently published 'Hawkeye: the story of an army pilot', an account of his time with the British Army Air Corps between 1970 and 1984.

During this period, Paul flew many missions and also transported international dignitaries. The book tells of his time spent in Ulster, West Berlin, Kenya, Zimbabwe and many other places. We also read of his nerve-racking



early days in the corps whilst learning to fly and the book is packed with anecdotes.

Paul is well known in the area for his involvement in sailing, as well as his work in the Hasketon community and the talks he gives to local organisations. The book is priced at £9.99 and is available in local bookshops and online at www.onefinedayreading.co.uk/Pages/hawkeye_details.html, or by post from me.

Edward Chilvers, One Fine Day Reading, The Cartlodge, Warrens Farm, Monewden Road, Otley, IP6 9PE 01473 737674

Clopton Chat

Church News

On Saturday 26 June Catherine Beaumont and Jane Hall were ordained as priests by Bishop Nigel in St Edmundsbury Cathedral. On the following day Jane took her first communion in Ashbocking and Catherine took hers in Clopton. We are so lucky to have them (and Graham) in the benefice of Clopton with Otley, Swilland and Ashbocking, and our prayers are with them as they start this new phase of their lives.

On 3 July the annual Strawberry Tea was held at Thamaniya, Shop Road. It was a lovely sunny day. Arthur and John Barham had picked the strawberries and lots of people donated delicious home-made

cakes. Thank you to all who supported us - we raised £240 for the Church Fabric Fund.

Clopton's first 'drop in' coffee morning was held on Wednesday 21 July. Nobody was sure how many people would come, perhaps 10 or 15 at the most? Much to our surprise and delight there were 36! Everyone enjoyed the chance to meet their neighbours and declared it a resounding success. People were keen to make it a regular event so the next one will be in September, date to be arranged.

The plans of Clopton Ladies Group (who despite their name welcome men and people from other villages) are included on page 3.

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FUND RAISING FOR CULPHO CHURCH

Through the generosity of Pat Moss, widow of Colin Moss, the celebrated Suffolk artist and the kindness of Maggi Hambling, the well-known sculptor and artist, St. Botolph's Church, Culpho, has received the unparalleled sum of almost £14,000.

Mrs Moss donated a considerable number of her late husband's paintings for sale on behalf of the church, and Maggi Hambling, herself a student of Colin Moss, gave freely of her time in hosting an 'Audience with Maggi Hambling' at the Abbey School, Woodbridge.

This event held on the 4 June preceded, but also led into the exhibition and sale of art work at St. Botolph's Church.

The evening proved hugely successful; we were not only informed about her life and work, which included a tribute to her tutor Colin Moss, but also given an insight into the motivation and inspiration for her own work. Ms Hambling was entertaining and her wry

sense of humour appreciated by all those present.

The 10th June saw the exhibition and sale at St. Botolph's Church. Following a private reception for Mrs. Moss and her family, the sale commenced at 1pm, and by the end of that evening many of the works of art had been sold. The momentum continued over the weekend of the exhibition.

Both events were a huge financial success. Organized by Paul and Sue Bruce with professional help from Chloe Veale and a committee of local residents and members of the Parochial Church Council, much hard work went into staging both events. Many people helped in a number of different ways and sincere thanks are extended to everyone who gave so generously of their time and talents.

Rev'd Canon Pauline Stentiford, Priest in Charge of St. Botolph's Church, Culpho

In photo above, from left: Pauline Stentiford, Pat Moss, Paul and Sue Bruce

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Bredfield Barometer

CHURCH FETE BETTER THAN EVER

All my fingers were crossed for good weather as 12 June approached and I was very apprehensive that our regular supporters would not remember that Bredfield Church Fete was a week later this year.

The day dawned bright and dry and the 2010 fete was opened by our well known friend and neighbour Peter Granger. Peter highlighted the wonderful setting for the fete and thanked Mr and Mrs D'Arcy for their unstinting generosity and efforts over many years. He went on to compare the occasion with the recent World Cup competition and welcomed all visitors to the 'premier' event. Peter's words were obviously heeded as the crowds flocked in seemingly greater numbers than ever to sample a truly magnificent English garden fete.

There were more stalls and games than ever, run by families and friends from the village. Visitors could try unique games such as Whisky Slide, Giant Frog Hoopla, Av-a-go-Jo, Horse racing or Rolling a Giant "Penny". They could buy from a wide variety of stalls including the white elephant, books, plants, toys, cakes and an auction, and all the time no-one needed

to go unsustained. Teas, ice creams and candy floss did a roaring trade all afternoon. Mr Frog made an appearance and is pleased to report that the fete raised over £6,400 from all these (and more) activities.

We are most grateful to Mr and Mrs Robin D'Arcy who make their beautiful garden available for the fete - without them and their family, this event would not be possible. We are equally dependent on all the people in Bredfield and their families, who work so hard to make it a huge success.

This event is a result of the wonderful sense of friendship, contribution and co-operation, which pervades this community of Bredfield. I for one am very proud to be part of it. Thank you very much for all your efforts yet again and enjoy a well-earned rest until the first Saturday next June!

Andrew Miller

Photos of the fete are on page 12, to take advantage of the colour reproduction there.

Village shop tasting day

Every year Bredfield Shop hosts a tasting day to highlight the tempting wares available and to encourage more customers to patronise it.

This year the date was Saturday 19 June and, as the weather had been good all the previous week, it was hoped to set the tables outside. However, the morning dawned

grey and damp so a decision was taken to squeeze inside the shop, and what a good choice that was as the rain soon came.

Happily the inclement weather didn't seem to deter the visitors and soon the shop was bursting at the seams with eager shoppers trying everything from fresh ground coffee from Melton, apple juice from Sudbourne, bread and pastries from Framlingham, homemade strawberry jam from Bredfield and much more. Many customers were local but a large number had not been aware of the attractions in the shop and vowed to return when it was a little quieter.

Bredfield Shop is a community run project staffed by volunteers who give freely of their time to enable the shop to operate, and any surplus profits are donated to local organisations such as the youth club, village hall, etc. Additional volunteers to work in the shop are always sought, so if you can give a few hours a month to help, please give Andrea Leyland a call on 01473 737795. No experience is necessary, as you would be partnered by an experienced staff member. You never know, you might find it fun!

Tony Bishop

The shop did extra business when the Plomesgate Cycle Club held its annual grass track event on the playing field in early July, with volunteers selling cakes and plenty of cold refreshments.

BRIEFLY

A couple of places are still available on the six week beginners vegetable growing course on Thursday mornings from 9 September. There is also space on the day course 'Planning your Kitchen Garden for 2011' on November 11. Contact Belinda Gray 01394 384712, www.thegrower.co.uk.

Old Yellow Pages directories can be recycled in the blue-lidded bin or in the brown compostable waste bin. If there is no room they can be taken to one of the local paper banks located across the district.

Hosts are wanted for the Food 'n' Friends clubs being set up by Age Concern Suffolk. These mini lunch clubs are aimed at older people who may find big gatherings too 'buzzy' and who live alone and rarely get out of the house. Details from Gavin Hodge, 01473 298686 or gavin.hodge@ageconcernsuffolk.org.uk

Another plant fair is being held at Helmingham Hall on 19 September to raise funds for the Suffolk group of Plant Heritage (formerly National Council for Plants and Gardens). It runs from 10.30 to 4pm and the entry fee of £6 gives access to the gardens as well as the nurseries selling specialist plants.



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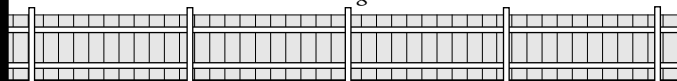
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RESEARCHING THE WAR MEMORIAL NAMES

Otley Local History Group now has over 20 people involved, and a variety of different projects underway. We would like to discover more about the families of the Otley men who are named on the village war memorial. We would really like to try and find a picture of anyone listed on the memorial.

Does anyone know the date that the Otley Fur and Feather Club was established? It was certainly running by the early 1940s, and had regular shows with other local fur and feather societies. If you can help, or are interested in coming to the next meeting, please get in touch with me.

*Sally Whiffing, group co-ordinator, historian2007@gmail.com
01473 892030*

On your bike and get some fresh air miles

There are some wonderful traffic free cycle rides around the local lanes. Many of us have an old bike in the shed or garage and just need that bit of support to get it going and to start cycling.

The Otley Bike Group has been set up to provide that support and organise evening and weekend rides. We have rides suitable for complete novices, families and more experienced riders. If you are interested in joining us contact me and I will let you know what rides are

being planned and how easy or difficult they are. If you fancy a ride, just turn up on the day, there is no booking and no charge.

We are building a collection of local rides with maps and longer rides to neighbouring towns. To see them just go to OtleyGreen.org

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Thirteenth time lucky

Grundisburgh resident Harry Pynn won the Lark National Championship held in Teignmouth, Devon, in late July. This was at his 13th attempt, with his previous best place being placed third. There were 46 other boats in the competition.

The Lark is a 2-person dinghy and is one of the most popular racing dinghies in the country. Harry has been racing dinghies for 23 years, having started in Cadets when he was

aged nine at Waldringfield Sailing Club - where he is now captain.

By winning the Lark National Championships, Harry has been invited to the prestigious Endeavour champion of champions event at Burnham in October where he will be sailing against national champions from other racing dinghy classes. His crew (on left in photo) was Michael John Gifford with whom he teamed up this year.

TENNIS COACHING

Grundisburgh Tennis Club is organising coaching for children and adults on Monday evenings for five

weeks from 6 September. These will take place from

4-5pm for Junior Beginners, age guide 6-11 years
5-6pm – Junior Intermediate, age guide 9-14 years
6-7pm – Junior Advanced and Adults, age guide from 14.

The deadline for enrolment on the tennis coaching courses is 3 September.

Anyone wanting more details should contact Geoff Caryer, 01473 738108, geoff@caryer.co.uk.



The team representing St Mary's Church who won the inter-group tournament organised by Grundisburgh Bowls Club, from left Peter Brunning, Christine Hancocks and Clive Willetts.



Cricket team bowled over with success

The Dads of Grundisburgh DOGMESS 20Twenty cricket team, who momentarily swapped pint glasses for cricket bats to successfully take on an Easton Cricket Club Casuals team. Aply skippered by Phil Lake, the Grundisburgh gents smashed a massive 149 runs which Easton's reply of 100 couldn't top. Special thanks to Jez Brotherton for organising the fixture, Elaine Beckett for arranging transportation and DOGMESS Chairman Phil Attwater for manning the barbecue. Thanks also to Easton CC for hosting and the Grundisburgh wives for supporting their men in every sense.

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Your letters

Message from new MP

It was a great pleasure and also very humbling to be elected as your new Member of Parliament with over 50% of the popular vote on May 6th. Since my election, topping my agenda at Westminster has been increasing the awareness of the new Government to the issues affecting rural communities.

Locally, I held numerous advice bureaux and have also had the pleasure of attending many local events, all of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. These included visits to the Bredfield Fete and the Winesham Fete, allowing me to see first hand how such events can maintain and improve community cohesion and pride in our rural communities. Despite the varied nature of these events, they all have in common an enthusiasm from local residents to showcase the unique talents of Suffolk communities.

Over this summer period, I am working as a doctor so that I am better able to keep up with the latest developments in healthcare. This summer will also provide a chance for me to hold regular advice bureaux

for local residents and to continue to champion the needs of local communities. In order to meet with me at an advice bureau, please call Mrs Diane Smith on 01728 685148, or email me at daniel.poulter.mp@parliament.uk

Dr Daniel Poulter, MP

Christian Aid Week

Thank you to everybody who gave their time to deliver and collect envelopes for Christian Aid Week in May, and to those who generously gave: Burgh £345.99, Hasketon £404.09 Grundisburgh £1592.90

Pat Fletcher

Arthritis Research UK

My grateful thanks to everybody who donated to the house to house collection in aid of Arthritis Research UK in June. Your kindness and generosity helped raise a grand total of £1,039.35.

The amounts raised in the area were: Grundisburgh £84.19, Otley £61.00, Tuddenham £99.17, Winesham £84.13, Little Bealings £150.68, Great Bealings £78.85, Playford and Culpho £81.75.

Ian Craig, Treasurer, Woodbridge ARC

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Dramatic society indoors and out

The latest GADS production staged at the village hall in early June was a truly splendid evening out for those of us who saw the play and enjoyed the cheese & wine served during the interval. We are so fortunate to have an amateur dramatic society in Grundisburgh capable of productions of this complexity and quality. The amount of hard work to prepare, and time and effort learning the script for this fast moving plot has to be marvelled at.

'Home is Where Your Clothes Are' is a comedy of the type we used to enjoy on TV with Brian Rix playing the lead in a Whitehall Theatre farce, as a hapless upper crust idiot getting himself deeper and deeper in trouble by trying to avoid admitting to earlier and increasingly regular untruths. The set takes the form of a small bed-sit with more doors than walls through which the



cast come and go with magnificent timing. The main character manages to create an impossible mess due to his



attempts to rent his bedsit to two tenants simultaneously, one at weekends and the other Monday to Friday to maximise

his profit, with each tenant believing they have sole use of the rooms. To accomplish his plan he has to switch the clothes of the two tenants with immaculate timing. Needless to say, he fails miserably which leads to all the embarrassing moments that are the core of the production.

Special mention must be made of Phil Bailey who played the Brian Rix type role which not only needed a huge amount of dialogue to be learnt, but also involved much dashing about. A big 'Well Done' to all concerned.

Roving Reviewer



Top: The cast of 'Home is where your clothes are' from left: Mick Lacey, Marian Rosling, Debbie Osborne, Phil Bailey, Rachel Stock, Steve Newton, Bettina Lambert and Chris Stock.

Middle: Rachel Stock, Phil Bailey.

Bottom: 'A Fisherman's Friend' one of GADS' plays on The Green staged on a fine evening in late July, from left Madge Nicholas, Bettina Lambert, Ian Frost, Charlotte Crown and Mick Lacey.

Indoor photos Brian Robinson, outdoors Peter Kendall.



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