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One of the Three Wise Men greeting visitors to the crib exhibition in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. More about the display, which features over 270 items from around the world, on page 11.



An 'edible' hedge being planted outside Otley Surgery by pupils from the primary school and Tony Barrett of OtleyGreen, the environmental group. Report on page 13.

Showing a profit

For the first time ever, Grundisburgh Village Show made a profit - and this has enabled Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society to donate more to its chosen causes. £2000 has gone to the EACH Treehouse Appeal and £1000 to Otley College to provide tool kits for horticultural students.

In addition to the show, the society also runs the open gardens weekend, the post-show dance and an evening garden party. Until now the show has always run at a loss but this year, thanks to generous sponsorship and running the two bars itself, it came into profit.



Ducks back on The Green

Grundisburgh's icons are back! No one knows why the ducks that used to frequent The Green disappeared last year - foxes, traffic and increased human activity have all been suggested. But local residents Phil Stebbings and Barry Quinton were keen to see them there once more and set

Youth group helpers needed

Youth work charity Just42 needs more volunteers at all three clubs it runs in The News' area - Hasketon, Bredfield and Grundisburgh. But it is Grundisburgh where there is a serious shortage. A minimum number of helpers is needed; some evenings youth work manager Kevin Woods has been unable to open on safety grounds. Anyone who could spare a couple of hours every week - or every other week - in term time is asked to contact 01394 380992. Training and support is given.

about raising (with the help of a broody hen) a 11 three-day old ducklings. They were released in October -above emerging to freedom for the first time - but are still housed overnight in Mrs Williams' garden for safety. Of the original 11, eight remain, taking their chances on the busy roads.

THE NEWS WISHES ALL ITS READERS, CONTRIBUTORS, ADVERTISERS & DISTRIBUTORS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

News Diary

NOVEMBER

Thursday 25-Sunday 28
Crib Festival St Marys Parish Church, Grundisburgh

Thursday 25 - Dec 9
Scout Postings for Christmas
Contact 735352

Saturday 27
Table Top Sale Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings
10am - 4pm Contact 620213

Monday 29
Otley Parish Council meeting OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890271

DECEMBER

Thursday 2
3-D Star making workshop
Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
7.30 pm Contact 735502

Friday 3
Social & Musical Fun Evening iao Clopton Church
CVH 7.30pm Contact 737758

Monday 7
Garden Birds talk Bill Baston
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club
OVH 7.30pm Contact 890991

Thursday 9
Songs From the Shows
Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm
Contact 623985

Saturday 11
Santa Special Grotto and steam engine rides GPR
10.30am - 2.30pm Contact 735096

Tuesday 14
The Building of the Orwell Bridge Gr Local History Soc
GPR 7.30pm Contact 738195

Tuesday 21
Torchlight walk to Hasketon from Grundisburgh Green
7pm Contact 738219

Friday 31
New Year's Eve Barn Dance
Clopton Ladies Group CVH
PBE Contact 737417

JANUARY 2011

Thursday 6
Social Evening Grundisburgh WI GPR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 10
Gr & Culpho Parish Council meeting GPR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 14
The History of Tea Talk
Peter Booth Smith HVH
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970/01473 610214

Tuesday 18
Historic Timber Framing -
The Medieval Carpenter's Art
Gr Local History Soc GPR
7.30pm Contact 738195

Monday 31
A Gardeners Year at Helmingham Hall talk Chris
Reeve Otley & Dist.
Gardening Club OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890991

FEBRUARY

Thursday 3
Drug Dogs talk Chris Place
Grundisburgh WI PR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Friday 4
Community Police Work
Bredfield Ladies Group VH
8pm Contact 737605

Friday 11
The Genius of Charles Dickens Talk Mark Mitchels
HVH 7.15pm PBE Contact
01394 388970/01473 610214

Tuesday 15
Maritime Woodbridge Gr
Local History Soc GPR
7.30pm Contact 738195

Monday 28
Harrogate Show & Westonbirt talk Eric Bromley
& Bob Bartrum Otley & Dist.
Gardening Club OVH 7.30pm
Contact 890991

MARCH

Thursday 3
National Osteoporosis Soc
talk Anne Barnes
Grundisburgh WI PR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Monday 7
AGM + The Importance of Play Bredfield Ladies Group
VH 8pm Contact 737605

Friday 11
Our Family Sails Across the Atlantic talk Juliet Dearlove
Smith Hasketon VH 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394
388970/01473 610214

Monday 14
Gr & Culpho Parish Council meeting GPR
7.30pm Contact 735541

Monday 28
All About Vegetables talk
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club
OVH 7.30pm Contact 890991

APRIL

Friday 8
Molly Smith's Quiz HVH
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970/383106

MAY

Monday 2
Plant & Book Sale Hasketon
VH 2pm Contact 01394
388970/383106

JUNE

Sunday 26
Jazz & Barbeque Shrubbery
Farm, Hasketon 12.30pm -
4pm PBE Contact 01394
383106/388970

JULY

Saturday 16
Grundisburgh Village Show
Contact 738267

AUGUST

Saturday 13
Hasketon Village Fete VH
Contact 01394 388970

OCTOBER

Friday - Sunday 1 - 3
Flower Festival Grundisburgh
St. Marys Church Contact
735775

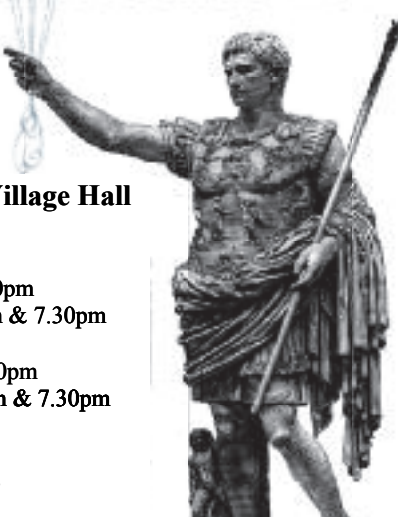
Key for abbreviations:
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PF - Playing field
PR - Parish rooms
VG - Village green
S - School
PBE - pre-booking essential
iao - in aid of

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The diary is designed to
promote events in our 17
villages - and to help
organisers avoid clashes. So
please let Heather have
advance notice of major
events. And advise if pre-
booking is necessary.

 **Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatics Society presents:**

**THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE
ROME
THE PANTOMIME** by Mark Jack



At Grundisburgh Village Hall

on

Fri 28th Jan 2011 @ 7.30pm
Sat 29th Jan 2011 @ 2pm & 7.30pm

Fri 4th Feb 2011 @ 7.30pm
Sat 5th Feb 2011 @ 2pm & 7.30pm

Tickets will be available from:
The Old Forge Stores

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What's On

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE ROME

The latest panto from GADS is set in ancient Rome, amid modern twists and plenty of pasta, pizza and Pavarotti jokes.

Nauseous the Emperor of Rome (played by Steve Newton) and his son Bilious (alias Joe Brown) are making life obnoxious for everyone. The Dame, May Carlotta Pasta (Ian Frost) and her daughter, Penne Pasta (Vicky Hart) provide some light relief with the assistance of the comedy duo, Maximus and Minimus (played by Kate Adams and Adam Kearney). Penne falls in love with Egyptian prince Alexander (Charlotte Tatham), who is on a visit, but Bilious has other plans and wants to marry her himself so he dupes everyone into thinking that Alexander has poisoned the Emperor. Alexander gets thrown into jail to await his trial for murder and the threat of war with Egypt looms.

There's Camilla the camel (well – it makes a change from the usual panto cow or horse) and a senate consisting of favourite former prime ministers!

Phil Bailey, the bumbling major in our previous production, is directing this show, ably assisted by producer, Vicky Hart. There are also many local children involved in helping this panto along with chorus parts,

singing and forum scenes, adding brightness and enthusiasm to the production. 'There's No Place Like Rome' will be performed on 28/29 January and 4/5 February at Grundisburgh Village Hall; tickets will be available from The Olde Forge Stores.

Marian Rosling

Christmas happenings at Otley Hall

Renowned playwright Reggie Oliver visits Otley Hall to perform his own ghostly tales on 2 and 3 December. 'Puss-Cat' and 'The Copper Wig' will be read around the hearthside of the Great Hall, starting at 7.30pm. A bar will be available. Early booking is recommended as these ghostly evenings are very popular. Tickets cost £14 per person.

Guests are invited to experience a Tudor style Christmas with a guided tour of the stunning hall on Friday 10 December. This will be followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles in the Great Hall. The event runs from 6.30pm to 9pm and costs £12 a head. Groups are welcomed.

The events must be booked in advance by contacting Louise on 01473 890264, enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk or www.otleyhall.co.uk.

The last of Otley Hall's 'quiet days' takes place on Friday 3 December when The Revd Canon Graham Hedger leads a



Reggie Oliver tells ghostly tales.

day on Advent. Running from 10am to 4pm, the cost is £18 per person including refreshments and a light lunch. Booking can be done by ringing 01473 890264 or by going to the quiet day page on line, www.otleyhall.co.uk.

Torchlight walk

In December Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council's monthly walk will be by torchlight to Hasketon. On Tuesday 21st we shall meet on Grundisburgh Green for a 7pm start; the walk will take about 45 minutes (each way), using the small roads if the weather is inclement like last year! Delicious free refreshments, provided by the parish council, will be available at the home of Hilary and Trevor Hill in Hasketon.

Sally Grahn, 01473 738219

Art on display

Grundisburgh Art Group will be holding its fourth exhibition on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December. This year it will take place in Grundisburgh Village Hall from 10am to 5pm each day.

Seasonal refreshments will be served, and there should be a good cross-section of works suitable for all tastes.

Paul Bruce

CHRISTMAS GROTTO

For the eleventh year Father Christmas will be in his grotto in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms. The Santa Special event takes place on Saturday 11 December from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Admission is £2. For the children this includes a visit to Santa's Grotto, a goodie bag, soft drink, biscuit and mince pie, and mulled wine for the adults. Traction engine rides, and face painting. Proceeds will be for Life Blood, the Thrombosis charity.

Marion and Dennis Pratt, 01473 735096

PUB EVENTS

Upcoming events at some of our local pubs: Christmas-theme quiz on 1 December; music from Tyler and Kent (sax, keyboard and clarinet) on Christmas Eve and festive fun on New Year's eve at the **Bredfield Castle**; New Year's eve party with hot buffet and fireworks at the **Admiral's Head**, Great Bealings (ahead of their refurbishment reopening on 14 January). 60/70s music from duo 'Deuce' on 18 December and Valentine's event on 12 February with male artist 'Duffy' at the **Witnesham Barley Mow**. On Christmas Eve, The **Turks Head**, Hasketon, features singer/guitarist duo 'Face to Face' and on New Year's Eve it will be party night and buffet running into 2011 (ticket only - £5 per person).

Fete date

Hasketon Village Fete Committee has decided to hold its big day again in mid August next year - on Saturday 13th, and hopes not to clash with other events.



Left: GADS' panto chorus in rehearsal. Photo Brian Robinson.

NEWS TRIBUTES

Alf Flexman February 1922 to September 2010

Alf's distinguished war record, when he was shot down over Germany and became a prisoner of war, was featured in an earlier issue of The News (issue 201).

Alf and Rene, his wife of 68 years, moved from Surrey to



Grundisburgh in 1992 to be closer to their daughter Chris Davidson, formerly senior nurse at the surgery. The move was considered somewhat risky at 70, but it proved to be the best they ever made; they quickly found friends in the village, all of whom Alf treasured for the rest of his life.

Alf joined his local bowls club, with some success, and continued his life-long passion for football, supporting Crystal Palace - and was also a loyal supporter of the Grundisburgh teams.

The fine turnout for Alf's funeral was a tribute to his 'popular face around the

village and was greatly appreciated by all his family who are sorry they were unable to thank everyone personally on the day.

Alf is survived by his wife Rene, his three children and two grandchildren.

Terry Frost

Mykola (Mike) Semec, December 1915 to October 2010

Mykola (known locally as Mike) is described by his grandson Ben Ramsey as "a warm, loving, caring, strong-hearted and devout family man with a beautiful smile". Born in the Ukraine he came to England towards the end of the war having served in the Ukrainian Army. He was permitted to seek work as an agricultural worker and eventually gained employment with a farmer in Swilland.

Mykola is survived by his wife and his two daughters, Angela and Christine, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren - his family were his life.



He was a hard worker and as well as agricultural work he spent several most enjoyable years working for Charles Clarke and Sons. On the day prior to his death at 94 he was digging potatoes in his garden, which he loved and of which he was justly proud. Many people remember his generous

gifts of fruit and vegetables - always urging people to take more!

His Requiem Mass in Woodbridge was followed by interment in Grundisburgh Churchyard next to his youngest grandson Jonathan, whose death at an early age he had felt so keenly.

Madge Nicholas (with thanks to Ben Ramsey)

Fred Cole May 1949 to October 2010

Fred joined the army as a young man and saw service around Europe. But it was serving in Northern Ireland where he saw friends injured and killed that decided him not to continue signing on, for the sake of his wife Wendy, and their children Richard, Yvonne and Wayne.

They lived first in Orford and moved to Grundisburgh in 1976 - the best move they ever made they agreed, and the house in Cranworth Close was their first permanent home after years of army accommodation. Fred was a loyal, firm but fair husband and father, and adored his three grandchildren.

A practical man, Fred was head storeman at St Audry's and a painter and decorator at St Clements hospitals. He played bowls at the Grundisburgh Bowls Club and supported Grundisburgh Football Club, but his sporting passion was fishing. Fred was



a gregarious person - he liked the occasional pint at The Dog, but the best evidence of his standing in the community could be judged by the 'standing room only' crowd at his funeral service.

Madge Nicholas

Rose Reynolds September 1937 to October 2010

Rose arrived in Grundisburgh in the cold January of 2000 when her new home in Thompson Close was still largely a building site. It was a surprise to everyone when she decided to up sticks and move from Winchester



two years after retiring from a varied career -which included being matron of a leading public school. However her ability to make friends quickly enabled her to build a new and happy life in the village. Her infectious smile always cheered one up.

Rose was known for her ability to make people laugh, she was a regular on the Ipswich and Woodbridge buses, she joined the supper club, was known rarely to lose a game of scrabble and took the opportunity to learn bridge. Her two sons Geoff and James, who live in the south, found great solace from the loving support of her friends and neighbours when Rose fell ill earlier this year.

Nicola Hobbs

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The tributes section of The News is always the most difficult to do, particularly with space being so limited. Our policy is to focus on people's lives within their community and to put the rest of the fascinating information supplied in a folder in Grundisburgh Post Office. Ed

Bealings girl represents UK youth at UN negotiations

Twenty two year old Ellie Hopkins, who has lived in Little Bealings for most of her life, has been awarded the opportunity to be part of the UK Youth Delegation to the UN climate negotiations in Cancun, Mexico, this winter.



Ellie and handwritten message: "Passion, energy & ability to enact change from the grassroots".

the delegation have pledged to donate any extra funding to sponsor three young Kenyans to attend.

Anyone wishing to donate to Ellie's fundraising efforts can send a cheque made out to The UK Youth Climate Coalition,

specifying it is for Ellie Hopkins, and send it to Broom Bank, Sandy Lane, Little Bealings IP13 6LW, or go online to www.un.ukycc.org/cancun

THE FUND RAISERS

The latest in the series on local people who are passionate about the charities they support looks at Mike Stiff and his work for Home Farm Trust.

In 1993, Mike Stiff moved with his wife, Heather, to Grundisburgh on retirement, becoming the fourth generation of his family to live in the village. For 40 years in total, Mike has been a dedicated fundraiser, initially raising money for Vinio House, a school for children with learning disabilities in High Wycombe, which their son James, who is autistic, attended for 12 years.

It became clear to Mike that James may well need lifelong care, and so 33 years ago he decided to also focus his fundraising towards The Home Farm Trust (HFT), a

charity which is based in Bristol and provides residential, respite and day service care for those with learning disabilities. Without HFT's support for the last 26 years, Mike wonders where he and Heather would be today. To thank them, they have been part of the many volunteers who raise money for HFT to fund their work.

In 1987, Mike and James embarked on a cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats, and later repeated the journey, this time cycling North to South in 2001. These trips raised the incredible amount of £80,000 for HFT, which went on to fund new homes for HFT in Bedfordshire. This achievement has earned Mike a Paul Harris Fellowship - the

sale at Grange Farm Shop. Mike is grateful to Richard and Alison Youngman who provide this valuable space for display completely free of charge.

Since moving to Grundisburgh, Mike has been Treasurer and latterly Chairman of the East Suffolk Group of Friends of HFT, contributing to the amazing £325,000 the group has raised for HFT.

In addition to his fundraising work Mike has been writing a book, titled "You're not alone", which relates the life story of James and details the trials and triumphs of their family life. It also celebrates his achievements in the hope



James and Mike Stiff at Lords Cricket Ground.

highest award made by the Rotary movement.

Since moving to Grundisburgh, Mike's fundraising efforts have been locally based and he is now in his 17th season of selling Christmas cards for HFT. His total sales to date amount to £122,126, earning a profit for HFT of £61,341. This season a large selection of cards are on

that it may help to inspire the thousands of other families who have a child with a learning disability. Griff Rhys Jones, who has supported Mike in his work and HFT, has written the foreword of the book which may go to press next year. Mike says any profits the book may make will be donated to HFT.

Katie Davis

Where's Ollie?

The recent stormy weather has forced Olly Rofix to change his plans for the winter. Instead of sailing to London from Gosport, where he has been seeking further sponsorship for his solo voyage in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust, he is bringing his 18-foot boat overland to his home in Clopton before appearing with it at the London Boat Show in January. The boat can be viewed at the Show at ExCel from 7 to 16 January.



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THE WAY THINGS WERE ...

Adam Gurdon's latest memories about life in our area when he came to live in Burgh in the early '40s look at 'getting about'

It is hard to imagine Grundisburgh and Burgh with only about 7 authorised cars. Only doctors, nurses, farmers and elected councillors had a petrol ration of one sort or another.

Grundisburgh and Burgh were well served by two bus services. The official service 210A travelled from Woodbridge to Ipswich and back and was invariably very full with standing room only.

The second service was run by Mr Turner, a bit of a Stirling Moss, from Otley to Ipswich via Burgh and Tuddenham. The most terrifying part of the journey to Ipswich was taking the hump back bridge over the Felixstowe railway, on the top of which was a pillbox taking up half of the road, making the on-coming traffic completely invisible. What is so extraordinary is that

throughout the war there was never an accident at this dangerous spot.

By 1943 petrol was so short that buses had to tow a gas trailer. This method of propulsion did not produce enough power to get the bus, plus passengers, up



Bus with its gas trailer.

Tuddenham Hill so all the passengers under 65 had to dismount and walk from The Fountain.

People did a great deal of

walking - to town, to church, to school etc. The drivers of the few cars on the road were always being asked for lifts by hitchhikers and it was quite normal for the drivers to stop and ask people if they could take them somewhere. There were no traffic problems; if your car stopped en route, it was likely to be engine trouble.

It is interesting that the majority of people went to Ipswich for shopping, not Woodbridge. This was partly due to the Boots Library which provided everyone with their

reading matter. Trips to Ipswich were fun. After Boots, there was fish under the counter at Townsend at the east end of the Buttermarket, elevenses at Limmer and Pipe at the west end and the Regal Cinema with its wonderful theatre organ

next to The Ancient House.

As well as the buses, there were also ponies and traps. The milk from Burgh Mill (Jersey) was delivered by a Shetland pony and that from Park Farm went by van. The milk was nearly always brought round in churns and poured into people's jugs. There were virtually no bottles.

The railway proved a very reliable way to travel. Apart from the present route from Lowestoft and Norwich to

London, there were magical branch lines that took you from Campsea Ashe to Framlingham, Bentley Junction to Hadleigh and the present line from Marks Tey to Sudbury. In those days there were many more stations eg Marlesford, Ardeleigh and Framlingham. Each journey was an adventure, costing very little. I travelled from Ardeleigh to Ipswich for 1s.2d (one shilling and two pence) 6p now.

There were, as well as the passenger trains, a huge number of goods trains. An enormous amount of freight was carried round the country in this manner. It was fun watching these goods trains being 'put together' with all the accompanying shunting to and fro and clanking.

Lost country houses

News' readers have been offered a 25% discount (£22.46 rather than £29.95) on a book about local lost country houses by WM Roberts

Orders can be placed by phone (01394 610600), email (trading@boydell.co.uk), giving credit/debit card and delivery address details or on-line by going to www.boydellandbrewer.com quoting the promotional code 10291. Postage of £3 (for UK) needs to be added. The offer ends on 31 January

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Goodbye to our Faerie Queen

(Rosemary Scott, headteacher at Grundisburgh School 2007-2010)

Rosemary once made the mistake of confessing to us that she felt disappointment at never as a child having been chosen as the fairy in school productions. Happily, we were able to oblige when we said goodbye to her in 2001 as she left us upon promotion.

She joined the staff in 1997 and urged our school on in the pursuit of excellence. She transformed the school's participation in musical events using both staff and pupil involvement to produce a wonderful piece for the Celebration of Schools' Music. We all felt so proud of our particular contribution and only afterwards realised how Rosemary's magic had worked to inspire us all.

Rosemary returned as headteacher in April 2007 after a particularly difficult time for the school. Her inspirational leadership has turned things round and, despite small numbers generating huge budgetary and logistical problems she has driven the school forward, improving the physical environment with many projects and raising achievement levels.

Her magic is worked on a daily basis throughout school, unseen by most, leaving children glowing with pride for achievements great or small. Rosemary was recently showing a family round. "What are you good at?" she asked the child. Then, making much of the child's answer, added, "This school is good at being happy." Result – one small child happily disposed towards coming to our school and already feeling special.

Rosemary can also leave adults and children in no doubt about their errors. One

OFSTED inspector (who had rightly graded her lesson as 'outstanding' – what else?) questioned her use of humour to maintain discipline. He soon learned that Rosemary knew what she was doing!

Edmund Spenser used the Faerie Queene in his poem to represent his beloved monarch, Elizabeth 1, whom he revered as an inspirational figure with great qualities of leadership. The

heading above was chosen with care.

Our best wishes for the future go to Rosemary, Brian, Emma, Katie and Sarah.

We also offer John Lynch our warmest welcome but would warn him that Rosemary will have the same sentiments about our school as the late Clare Rayner in her admonition to David Cameron about the health service!

Graham Hudson, former head teacher (on behalf of the school staff)

John Lynch, who takes up the headship in the new year, has many talents: he was an adventure playground playleader in London but he is

also an experienced carpenter and a published poet! He is very keen on creative writing and the visual arts and developing the community aspect of small schools, so we can look forward to some more exciting things at Grundisburgh.

John lives in Ipswich (where he was born and bred) and plans to travel to Grundisburgh daily - a much easier trip than to Tattingstone where he has been the teaching head for the last 10 years.

SCHOOL'S BIG DIG

Early in October fifteen Grundisburgh School families got together for a day's hard work in the school vegetable garden. The work kick-started our 'Creative Garden' project.

With the help of East Feast (a team of Aldeburgh-based gardeners and artists) and Arts Council funding, the garden is to undergo a transformation from a rather weedy, underused veg patch to a beautiful, useful and inspiring educational resource.

During the BIG DIG a large area by the play school building was cleared and prepared for sowing wheat; all plastic raised beds were removed and replaced with timber; a wooden play train was converted into a rather stylish chicken house and the chicken fencing was put up.

"I am really excited about

getting our own chickens" commented a year 2 child. Of course none of this would have been possible without all the donated cakes, baked potatoes and cups of tea.

It was a really wholesome sight to watch people of all ages working together and achieving so much in such a short time. Ben (Y6) said "It's going to teach us how to be productive and inventive. We will be able to grow fresh food for our tuck shop".

We would love to involve experienced gardening members of our local community with our project too. If anyone could spare the odd hour to come and help with heavier jobs like digging, or would be willing to come and share their expertise with small groups of children please can they contact me.

*Nicola Mason, Grundisburgh School,
01473 735281*



Grundisburgh Gleanings

FONT MOVE AT ST MARY'S

The relocation of the font to the front right side of the nave has been completed, and the area around it recarpeted. The new position gives much improved visibility and has attracted appreciative comments. The 'christening' of the font at the next Baptism service is eagerly anticipated.

The extra space now available at the west end of the church gives more room for after-service tea and coffee, and



refreshments after a concert. Further improvement to this area is under consideration and the process of obtaining approval from all the various authorities for the proposed extension for lavatories grinds slowly on - but with increasingly optimistic hopes of success.

Words & photo Brian Robinson

WI news

September was a busy month for Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI ladies; on the 2nd we played host to other branches in our area, inviting them to join in our Harvest Supper.

Next was our jigsaw evening on the 16th. A new venture for us and, judging by the chatter and laughter emitting from the teams around the room, it was a good evening with several requests for it to be repeated. £50 was raised for our funds.

The Macmillan coffee morning on the 22nd raised £289. Our grateful thanks to all members and friends who supported us.

On 2 December at 7.30pm in the parish rooms Penny Chipperfield will be holding a Three-D Star making workshop. Please feel free to join us for a 'taster' evening.

Carol Barker

Baptist Chapel

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and give you a big welcome to our Christmas events:

Sunday 19 December
Christmas Worship 10.45am
Family Carol Service 4pm
(followed by refreshments)
Tuesday 21 December
Carols at the Dog 8pm

If you know anybody either in hospital or at home who would appreciate a visit please let me know. Also, if you have any pastoral matters you would like to talk to me about, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738856, m 0782 3339150

A happy move

John Titshall who lived for many years in Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh, moved into residential care at Allonsfield House, Campsea Ashe, in the summer. We hear he is very happy there and becoming much more mobile after being fitted with calipers. He had had polio as a child when he lived at the old Half Moon pub where his father Joe was landlord

Welcome to the Lyttleton Club

On 25 November the Golden Club, which was started by Mrs Pamela Lyttleton in 1956, held its last meeting with a special lunch at the Dog Inn. With the committee members retiring it was time to find someone who would be willing to take over and organise meetings for members. Over the years we have had some enjoyable coach outings and events, as well as invitations to afternoon tea in some very nice gardens. Fortunately Mrs Mary Bean has volunteered to be the good



Valerie McCluish collects the winner's shield at the Grundisburgh annual village quiz on behalf of the victorious St Mary's Church team, from quiz masters Clive Willetts (right) and Mark Sanders. The evening raised £750 which was divided between the organisers Burgh Church and Grundisburgh News, who were the joint winners last year, and their chosen charity, St Elizabeth's Hospice. As winners this year, St Mary's has the dubious honour of organising next year's quiz. The event is hotly contested by 20 different village groups.

Photo Peter Kendall

samaritan and will begin in the New Year 2011. There will be change: the venue will be the parish rooms on second Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm. And to encourage new members to join the current ones the club will have a new title - the 'Lyttleton Club'. Anyone over the age of 50 years is very welcome to come along.

The two Marys will miss the club, and wish it every success in the future.

Mary Sutor and Mary Thompson

The two Marys first took on the Golden Club in 1983. I feel the village and the club owes them a big thank you. With the members' help I shall hope to keep it flourishing.

Our first meeting will be on 11 January, starting at 2.30pm in the parish rooms when we will be discussing the future of the club. I hope to see all existing members there and that more people will join us. I shall be happy to provide further information and welcome ideas.

Mary Bean, 01473 738425

Soup glorious soup

Grundisburgh Lunch Club's offer of homemade soup and rolls attracted some 50 people and raised over £200 for the club. Guests were

offered a selection of seven delicious homemade soups.

The lunch club is run under the auspices of St Mary's Church for people who find it difficult to get out and about. A team of volunteers collect the members every other Wednesday.

With no cooking facilities in the parish rooms, the club is very fortunate to have the food cooked by the very excellent chefs at The Dog and brought over for members to enjoy.



Joan Hepburn, one of the soup serving volunteers.

Welcome to the residents of Lampit Row and Pipe's Close, the new Flagship Housing development in Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh, which was completed in mid November.

Grundisburgh Gleanings

GUIDES AND BROWNIES MARK 20.10.2010 AT 20.10



Since the launch of the Centenary in 2009, 1st Grundisburgh Guides and Brownies have had some wonderful opportunities - camps for Guides, parties for Brownies and Rainbows. The evening of 20 October 2010 saw the end of these celebrations. Brownies from Grundisburgh joined those from Otley, Woodbridge and Melton, Rainbows from Woodbridge, Grundisburgh Guides, Woodbridge Guides, Senior Section and the Trefoil Guild to celebrate the end of this great year.

St John's Hall, Woodbridge, was our starting point for some 150 of us. After playing games, singing songs and decorating cup cakes, we all walked to Elmhurst Park carrying glow sticks. Previously we had helped park keepers plant crocus bulbs there in the shape of a trefoil. Twelve different types of grass have been sown over the bulbs to make a permanent trefoil (the shape of the guide badge throughout the UK).

At 8.10pm we all renewed our promise. Rainbows and Brownies then went home



with parents while the others went back to St John's Hall for hot dogs and cocoa. The evening ended with a presentation of a 'Young Leaders' certificate to Charlotte Tatham of Grundisburgh Guides - and finally Taps! (Guides' closing song)

Events on this night happened all over the country with guides, brownies and rainbows, seniors and guiders all renewing their promise at 20.10 on 20 October 2010.

Mrs G

Gill Girling was leader of 1st Grundisburgh Guides for many years

Over the year Grundisburgh Guides have been working to (and have

achieved) a special 100 Adventure Badge. This badge had various sections which scored points and the points built up over the year.

We have climbed up high (at Coplestone School Climbing Wall), been in the dark at the Clifford Road School Air Raid Shelter Museum. We have collected 100 pennies, been tobogganing, created flower displays for the church for harvest, learned how to make the best of ourselves with a manicure. We have walked in the dark, joined in village activities, interviewed guides from earlier eras, designed badges and uniforms for future guides and we have thought about our vision of the world in the future in a very successful evening led by our young leaders.

Sally Talbot, leader Grundisburgh Guides and Brownies, 01473 735788

Tall ship experience

My trip on the Lord Nelson started on 17 July in the Port of Boston in Lincolnshire. The ship looked rather majestic in contrast to the industrial scene of the port. The ship itself is a recently refurbished square rig tall ship, the overall length of the ship is 42.5m and the height, from keel to foremast, is 37.7m.

The idea of this voyage was to celebrate the girl guiding centenary in a once in a lifetime way; I feel that the voyage was just that. I met

around 50 people in the short space of 10 days; each was unique and wonderful in their own way. I think I made a bond for life with many of them, and we are all still in contact.

As part of this trip we were split into four watch groups. Our watches varied from sunset watch 8pm-12pm, graveyard 12pm-4am, sunrise 4am-8am, and throughout the day. My favourite was always sunset watch because of the colours the sun turned the water, often seeing silhouettes of dolphins or porpoises in front of the sun, and knowing that there would be another great day tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone that supported me and helped me to get on this trip - I thoroughly enjoyed it. I know that if I ever got an opportunity like this again I would jump at the chance.

Charlotte Tatham, Grundisburgh Guides

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The bells are ringing usually

What could be more seasonal than church bells at Christmas time? Grundisburgh is very fortunate to have the only village church in Suffolk with a full set of 12 bells; all are in working order, with two dating back to 1665, the year of the Great Plague.

The only problem is there aren't always enough ringers to ring all 12 and Tower Master Stephen Pettman is appealing for more people to join his team. You don't have to be Superman or a gifted musician to ring: the bells (some of which weigh up to 500kg) are finely balanced to ensure it's a matter of

technique, not strength, to ring church bells. The key skills are co-ordination and a sense of rhythm. It also helps if you can count to 12!

The youngest ringer at Grundisburgh is 14 year-old Erin Coolbear and there are many ringers in England even younger.

Erin says "It's a very different thing to do and it's immensely satisfying to know you can ring once you've learnt how. I've just rung for 43 minutes non-stop!"

Stephen would love to see families - mums, dads and youngsters - join his team. Practices take place at

Grundisburgh on Thursday evenings and they aim to ring at the main Sunday morning services, plus weddings and sometimes at funerals.

And the ringers do go further afield than Grundisburgh, Hasketon and Burgh - they tour northern Italy in alternate years: the next trip is planned for October 2011.

If you are interested in ringing, just call Stephen on 01394 286246 or drop in at Grundisburgh church on Thursday evenings to see and hear the bells - visitors are always welcome!

Words Richard Watkinson, photos Peter Kendall

Top photo: ringers in the bell tower from left: Erin Coolbear, Stephen Pettman, David Stanford and Richard Munnings.

MANAGING FOR

People have expressed interest in the conservation work we are carrying out on our farmland alongside the Grundisburgh road. When we moved to Burgh House in 2006 we acquired the house and 35 acres of water meadows from Adam and Gillian Gurdon. Almost immediately we had an opportunity to buy some extra land adjoining the Burgh meadows, which extended to the Grundisburgh road. The extra land amounted to around 65 acres, bringing the total Burgh acreage to around 100 acres.

Jacqui and I were very keen to manage the whole of our small farm to encourage wildlife and



plant species by creating a diverse habitat. We wanted to introduce cattle, which required extensive fencing work.

The Burgh water meadows had always been maintained as

MILLENNIUM MEADOW

In 1997 Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council was considering ways to celebrate the Millennium and decided that, in addition to a bonfire, fireworks, etc., there should be a permanent project to enhance the local environment. Lord Cranworth kindly agreed to lease a small 'unimproved' wet meadow to create a conservation and amenity area. Years before this it had been a 'homefield' where the heavy horses from Bridge Farm had grazed away their leisure hours.

The meadow was already providing natural history

interest - a home for frogs, toads and dragonflies with displays of red campion, meadowsweet and the rarer moschatel - but it needed to be more 'user-friendly', so an entrance gate, bridges and benches were provided, a mown circular path created, enclosing hedges planted and later a pond dipping platform.

Since those first years regular management has achieved further improvements; encroaching trees have been thinned to keep the meadow open and cowslips and primroses have flourished, annual cutting and raking has

reduced rank weeds such as horsetail, thistles and docks, encouraging ragged robin, cuckoo flower and an explosion of southern marsh orchids and snowdrops.

The assistance of the Ipswich-based Greenways Countryside Project and its team of volunteers has been a vital ingredient in the success of the meadow (as was the Shell grant to finance the early works).

But there is always room for local

volunteer contribution - I hope to see you at 10am on the first Saturday of the month! It could well do you good and



CONSERVATION

permanent pasture and were already registered under a DEFRA Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Scheme. The additional land had been managed on an arable rotation when we bought it from the estate of Lord Belstead in late 2006. Initially we farmed all the new land on the same basis with John Taylor contracting to carry out all the cultivations. The fields alongside the Grundisburgh road and opposite Bridge Farm and Thorpe Hall are prone to flooding and have not produced consistent arable crops.

We successfully applied to put the whole of our farm into the DEFRA higher level

stewardship scheme (HLS) which essentially is a conservation scheme for the whole farm. Under this the Burgh water meadows remain as permanent pasture, the large arable fields alongside the Grundisburgh road remain in an arable

rotation and the smaller fields opposite Bridge Farm and Thorpe Hall have been reseeded with traditional meadow grass varieties and are to be returned to permanent pasture.

ensure that the meadow continues to provide pleasure for villagers - and wildlife - for the remaining 90 years of the lease. For those who have yet to discover the delights of Millennium Meadow, it is at the end of The Driftway, off Lower Road, Grundisburgh. Everyone is invited to walk around it and picnic there at any time.

John Dunnett, warden
Photo Brian Robinson

Grundisburgh Conservation Group's next working party is on Saturday 4 December, 10am to 12.30pm. Tools, gloves, instructions and coffee are provided.



Cyndi Speer is among local artists invited to produce an original piece of work for the crib exhibition in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. Cyndi took as her theme: The Journey, and says her inspiration for the oil painting came from her love of Islamic art. She made use of

forms from Arabic script and ideas from mosaics in the Alhambra Palace. The crib exhibition closes on 28 November but more of Cyndi's work will be on view at the Pond Gallery at Snape from 16-22 December, and next April.

Crib exhibition at St Mary's

The crib exhibition in St Mary's Church in Grundisburgh is bigger and better than ever. It opened on 23 November and closes on Sunday 28th. Opening times are 10am to 8pm (6pm on the Sunday, to be followed by a service). There are an amazing 271 items from many parts of the world which have been lent from far and wide, with others made within the community.

The Rev. Canon Clare Sanders, for whom cribs have been a life-long passion, is giving guided tours with insights into their history and traditions. At the time of going to press, visitors were flooding in.

When Reg Snook (right), another well-known local artist was asked to contribute a painting for the exhibition he cast about for suitable models for a 'Madonna and Child'; he found them almost next door to his studio off Stoney Road, Grundisburgh - Lisa Vinton (married to builder Ray Vinton) and new baby Maggie.



Beryl Hines, the Burgh potter, has lent a crib she made at a workshop in Austria (right) where people get together to build cribs according to rather arcane rules. For example, a pump and water trough for the animals are mandatory, as are the hayrake, axe and log pile. Recycled materials are used: tiny pieces of kindling for the roof shingles, orange box sections for the door and window, and lichen for plants.



Words and photos Peter Kendall

At the centre of our farming plan has been our herd of Red Poll cattle, which we are building up. We now have seven cows, a bull and a couple of young stock. The idea is to retain the female calves for breeding and to grow on the male calves for beef. The cows are key to managing the grassland to encourage biodiversity and wild flowers. Since the cows have been grazing the meadows the numbers of Southern Marsh Orchids have increased enormously.

We have had some very kind comments on the work we have been carrying out and hope that those passing by our fields will enjoy seeing the benefits of the pond regeneration and the return of cattle to the traditional water meadows alongside the River Lark.

Bill & Jacqui Mayne, Burgh House
Photo Richard Watkinson

Grants of up to £1000 can be made to groups to support Environmental and community actions. The contact is Dan Wheals at Suffolk Coastal District Council 01394 444257, www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/greenissues/ecoaction.

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Hasketon Highlights

Life in Hasketon is as enjoyable as ever. Most of us are lucky to live away from a main road, but still have easy access to Woodbridge and enjoy being on a regular bus route.

Following our popular Harvest Festival in St Andrews, many families, several with young children, came to The Victory Hall for a delicious lunch. A team of ladies prepared the main course, while others contributed to a wonderful selection of deserts. Being a sunny day, the children were allowed outside and had a great time on the slide and swings.

We now have a keen committee of mothers who are planning to update the playground and are presently searching for modern equipment.

They expect to launch an appeal for financial help in April when their proposed

new apparatus has been located and the cost determined.

2nd Fridays

Our programme of '2nd Friday' evenings for 2011 has now been finalised and we shall offer a wide variety of speakers and events for local people to come along and enjoy. For just £5 you can come to The Victory Hall for a ploughman's supper at 7.15pm, followed by an interesting talk or other entertainment.

As December is always a busy month, our next talk will be on Friday 14 January, when Peter Booth-Smith will tell us about 'The History of Tea' as he was involved in this trade for many years ... from the planting of the bush to filling the tea bag! On 11 February, Mark Mitchels returns to explain 'The Genius of Charles Dickens' and the secrets behind the life and work of the popular Victorian novelist. Juliet Dearlove, who sailed across the Atlantic with her husband and young family, will tell us about her exciting watery adventures on 11 March.

Tickets for the 2nd Friday events need to be reserved in advance from me. Sheets showing the full 2011 Victory Hall programme are also available from me.

Richard L Smith, 01394 388970

Late news: the Hasketon Charity Fair on 21 November raised a total of £921.38 for a wide range of good causes.



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Otley Offerings

HELI'S HEDGE

There have been some more changes around the Otley doctor's surgery since the fruit trees were planted last year. The dreaded Leylandii have gone, and been replaced with an 'edible' hedge, planted in a double row to maximise value to wildlife. This is an OtleyGreen project with funding from the Co-operative Membership Community Fund and the help of children from Otley School. The hedge consists of plants producing edible fruits and nuts:

Sea Buckthorn - an orange berry like fruit;
Myrobalam Plum - tasty fruits the size of cherries;

Rosa Ragosa - hips
Cornelian cherry - edible cherry like fruits;
Black Thorn - Sloes;
Hazel - Nuts

The hedge was planted one month after my daughter Helen Barrett died from Cystic Fibrosis. As a child, Helen attended Otley Primary School and received excellent care at the surgery. The hedge is dedicated to her memory. 'Heli' was my nick-name for her.



Helen Barrett

Helen had waited over a year for a lung transplant but no suitable lungs became available in time. There is a desperate shortage of organ donors in this country and every day three people die unnecessarily. It is so easy to sign up as a donor and potentially save the lives of nine people. It can be done online in minutes: <http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/ukt/>

Tony Barrett



Tool kits for college students

A cheque for £1000 was presented to Steve Coghill of Otley College (right) by Iain Langdon, treasurer of Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society (left) and its newly elected chairman Andrew West. This will go to buy tool kits for horticultural students to help them in their studies. The college hopes to work with the society on joint projects in the future, including a 'gardeners' question time'

The society was also able to support the EACH Treehouse Appeal from the four events it runs. Planning is already underway for next year and details will be included in the spring issue of The News or from the website, www.gbchs.org.uk. A list of the classes for next year's Grundisburgh Village Show, scheduled for Saturday 16 July, will be available from Grundisburgh Post Office shortly or can be seen on the website.

Otley Village Show



It may seem some time ago now, but we had another successful year at the Otley Village Show - even though the date was a week earlier than usual in September. There were plenty of entries and many remarked on the high standard.

Among the highlights were the Best Exhibit winners, which were runner beans, a fuchsia, a fruit cake and sugar flowers. There were beautiful mobile phone covers and some lovely entries in the home-made kite category. It was also nice to

see some new faces this year, not just from Otley, but other surrounding villages too!

Many thanks to the committee for organising the show and other helpers on the day. We hope all the entrants and visitors enjoyed the event and had a pleasant afternoon.

We are now planning for next year's show, scheduled for September 2011, and committee members would welcome ideas or suggestions about any aspect of the show.

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CHURCH ROOM OPENING



Bishop Nigel cuts the ribbon protected from the rain by his chaplain Mary.

Over 60 people attended the celebration service and opening ceremony of St. Andrew's Church Room on 26 September. The service was led by our Rector, Revd. Dave Gardner. The Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, The Right Revd Nigel Stock spoke about the mission of St. Andrews.

It was a lovely service followed by a short dedication ceremony (in the pouring rain) during which Bishop Nigel cut the ribbon. Despite the wet weather, everyone stayed on for refreshments afterwards and we all had a great time.

A big thank you to all those who provided food and drink for the refreshments, and to all those who were involved in the planning and construction of the room. It was a marvellous community effort.

The room is proving invaluable and has already seen a great deal of use. Apart from Junior Church every Sunday and refreshments after services, it has been used by the parish council, youth club, mothers union and the PCC.

The Revd Dave Gardner is presenting a series of talks there called 'What is the Church for anyway?' for members of the Bredfield congregation.

The room is available for bookings by contacting me.

Steve Stammers, 01394 384371

Churchyard clear up

A large gathering turned out for our annual churchyard clear up at St. Andrew's, Bredfield, on 23 October. After a very wet start to the day, the weather was brilliant and the churchyard now looks absolutely fantastic, and we should all be proud of it.

A huge number of jobs were completed. The guttering was cleared, both around the main building and in the tower. The oak doors were cleaned and treated last year and this year the job was completed when the hinges and other fittings were painted. Some of the windows in the church needed cleaning and painting so this was done as well. One important ongoing job started

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In the churchyard itself the grass was mown and strimmed where necessary and fenced toms cleared of weeds and debris. The trees were pruned and the hedges were trimmed.



Everyone enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by a dedicated band of volunteers, washed down with a glass of Bredfield wine along with homemade cakes to finish. Tea, coffee and cakes were on tap throughout the day. It was wonderful to use our new church room for this.

was the digging out of the vegetation from around the church walls. This allows them to breathe so that damp is not so much a problem in the medieval walls which have no damp course.

This annual event has become an important part in the life of St. Andrews and it is another demonstration of the wonderful community spirit in our village. Thank you to all who took part.

Steve Stammers, churchwarden

FARM VISIT

It was bright and breezy when we met in the farmyard at Grove Farm in mid October at the kind invitation of Nigel and Tricia Rolph.

Nigel started the tour by telling us about the farm, how it had been farmed by the Rolph family since 1958, initially as tenant farmers with 160 acres, and that it now totals nearly 1,000 acres and stretches up as far as Bealings. The soil varies from heavy clay to lighter sands; the main crops grown are wheat, sugar beet, oilseed rape and beans on a 4-year rotation.

Barley is also grown and potatoes on the lighter soils in Bealings. Nigel talked about each crop in turn before taking us inside one of the barns to show us how the bean crop, which had been good this year and therefore would be exported to Japan for human consumption rather than for animal fodder.

Apparently, if you want a taste of products from Grove Farm, then opt for the 1kg bags of Silver Spoon sugar (only produced at the Bury Sugar Beet factory), Carlsberg lager brewed in the UK or Maltesers

(which contain four products from the farm - malt, sugar, vegetable oil and milk via the fodder beans!)

After the talk we were treated to a viewing of Nigel's father's collection of agricultural machinery. This included a wide variety of items from old tractors and ploughs to butter churns and mangles. He is currently restoring an old machine for binding up Christmas trees using twine rather than netting.

We then headed off on a treasure hunt ably prepared by Tricia, who had also arranged some activities for the younger visitors which kept them well amused until long after the adults had enjoyed cups of tea and cake in the barn.

Our thanks go to the Rolph family for their hard work and enthusiasm in making this visit such a pleasure and offering an insight into the working of a farm.

Anne Ackerley



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Clopton Chat

News from Clopton Church

Our Harvest Service was preceded by breakfast. The bacon rolls were very popular and it was good to have time to chat before the service. Led by Graham, it was a true celebration of harvest with well known hymns played by Rachel. The church looked beautiful and all the produce went to the Salvation Army Hostel in Ipswich. The collection was sent to Farm Africa.

The work to repair the cracks in Clopton church tower was completed last year. Over the years the old oak bell frame had been acting as a battering ram on the tower walls each time the bells were rung. The frame is beyond repair but as it is of historic interest it cannot be removed.

The solution is to install a new bell frame on a lower floor of the tower and rehang the bells. This will be a mammoth and expensive task but without this work the six bells cannot be rung.

So once again we are fundraising! It would be good to have lots of support for our first event on Friday 3 December in the village hall.

Can anyone remember the 'Marathon Man'? He played his keyboard for 24 hours in December 1996 and raised over one thousand pounds for repairs to Clopton Church. He has offered to play at a social and musical fun evening.

There will be easy listening music, musical games (for adults and children), dancing, name that tune and a raffle with lots of prizes. There will be a DIY buffet (everyone brings a plate of food for the buffet table). Tea, coffee and squash will be provided. We hope that people from the 'News' villages will come and join in the fun or sit and relax with friends. From 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Adults £3, children £1. Contact 01473 737758 for more details.

Doris Main

New Year barn dance

A barn dance will be held on New Years Eve in Clopton Village Hall, with dancing to local band 'Flash Company', starting at 8 pm.

Please bring a plate of food to share and your own drinks. Tickets at £10 (under 13's, £5) are available from Graham on 01473 623296 and Diana 737417.

Profits from the dance will help fund six Wolsey District Scouts attend the 2012 Jamboree being held in Sweden next summer.

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News in brief ...

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The 2011 national census questionnaires will be coming through letterboxes in the spring and the census take place on 27 March. The responses enable central and local government to plan services. Staff are being recruited to help ensure a high return. Anyone interested should visit www.censusjobs.co.uk or their local job centre.

Kyson Probus Club is looking for more members. This is for retired professionals and business men 'over 50' to meet every second Monday each month at Ufford Park Hotel for lunch and a talk. The December meeting will be its Christmas lunch and in January they look forward to being in 'Nigeria -

in the Swamps', with Frank Boswell (of Bredfield). Contacts are (Secretary) Michael Atkins 01473 736668 and (Chairman) Paul Thompson (Grundisburgh) 01473 735344.

More speed watchers wanted

The speed watch scheme run by local parish councils has a new coordinator, Malcolm Gooch, who lives in Witnesham. He writes:

"A big thank you must go to Gill Gipp who has been the coordinator since the scheme started two years ago. Her move away from the area will be a great loss.

We are beginning to see the results of speedwatch in all the villages we cover, but we do need more people to get involved. Volunteers are trained to monitor the speed of vehicles at designated locations using hand held speed detection devices - this need not be in their own village. Please could anyone interested call me on 07788 806627 for more information.

The scheme was initiated by Clopton Parish Council and also operates in Grundisburgh, Debach, Otley, Swilland, Westerfield, Witnesham and part of Woodbridge."

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Mixed results for Grundisburgh FC so far

The performance of both the first and reserve teams at Grundisburgh Football Club have been inconsistent during the first months of the season.

Although in mid table in the league, the first team has already lost three times and went out of the Suffolk Senior Cup in the first round. The reserves have fared slightly better and are in the top half of their division but have not reached the same level of performance as was the case last season.

The club is still looking for help on match days and anyone interested is asked to contact club chairman, John Trenter, or any committee member at the ground on a Saturday afternoon.

Sadly two of the club's most loyal supporters, Alf Flexman

Sporting stories



Aerobics classes are run during term time on Monday mornings at Grundisburgh Village Hall. These are structured to meet the needs of all customers, with options given to work at a level to suit the individual's fitness level. "I thoroughly enjoy teaching the classes and it's lovely having customers of all ages and ability level," says Zeta Wright, aerobics instructor, who also runs sessions on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings at St Johns Church Hall, Woodbridge. Anyone interested in joining can contact her on 01394 386228.

and Fred Cole, have died recently and we send our condolences to their families.

Terry Frost

Grundisburgh FC 100 club results for August: £50 Phil Smye, £35 Barry Warren, £25

Doug Mustoe, £20 Jenny Tamin.

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Thank you letters

Ann Dee would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who sent cards and contributed to her retirement gift, also to all those who signed the card in the Post Office. She is gradually getting herself well, and hopes to still see many people around the village.

Sheila Lankester and family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving service for her dear husband Alan. And all those who sent flowers, cards and letters of condolence. Also to Clare Sanders for her kindness. The sum raised for the EAC.H Appeal was £658.

Thank you to all my family and friends, and the kind people living in Grundisburgh and the surrounding area, who sent cards, letters, flowers and donations to me, on the death of my husband Fred Cole.

Also many thanks to the Rev Canon Clare Sanders for her kindness and for performing such a beautiful service at Ipswich Crematorium. Katie Bicknell for her wonderful rendition of 'Forever Autumn' on solo flute. Pastor Colin Grimwood and his wife Gill and family for their care and kindness. To all who attended the service.

We live in a wonderful village, and I feel the community is like one large family.

Wendy Cole and family.

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SCOUTS' FIRST FAMILY CAMP

1st Grundisburgh Scouts and Explorers held their first ever family camp in September with 80 people. This was open to any of the young scouting members to bring brothers, sisters, mums and dads to experience what a typical camp would be.

After pitching tents on the Friday night we had a wide-game in the forest, and in the morning, after a cooked breakfast, everyone had the chance to experience archery, grass-sledging, campfire cooking, orienteering, assault course and rafting. The rafting was the main highlight and it was interesting to see the variety of rafts, some of which barely floated! Caesar Salad for lunch, a BBQ for the evening meal followed by a campfire with songs and sketches. Another cooked breakfast on Sunday morning ended a fantastic weekend with brilliant weather and everyone really enjoying themselves.

Photographs of the camp, which was held at Boxford Spinney, can be viewed on our website. We are now planning a joint family camp for 2011 with the brownies and guides.

Earlier Scouts and Explorers had their first joint summer camp with 1st Kesgrave which saw almost 50 of us camping for 10 days near Hemel Hempstead. We enjoyed pot-holing, cycling, crate stacking, cinema, ice-skating,



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swimming, high-wires, cooking, skiing, snow-boarding, bowling and an ice-climbing wall. The highlight was a day trip to London where we tried to complete the Monopoly Challenge and visit every place on the board and

photograph ourselves there. Just before half-term 40 members hiked from Playford Village Hall along the Fynn Valley Walk to the chip shop at Martlesham, which was completed in an impressive one hour 20 minutes.

PCSO Jacqui Bye gave a safety talk to our Beavers, and encouraged them to try on old police uniforms, have their fingerprints taken and look at a police car.

Fund raising schemes

As part of the continuing fundraising for our new Scout and Guide HQ, we will be participating in the Ipswich area scout Xmas card postal scheme. This allows anyone to send any sized card to an address within the postal code areas of IP1 to 5, plus Barham and Claydon, for 18p each (normal 2nd class post is 32p).

All cards are guaranteed to be delivered by Christmas Eve. This is the 22nd year the scheme has been operating, and last year 91,000 cards were delivered. We will earn 9p from each card collected.

More information is available at our collection points: Williams Stores and doctors' surgery in Grundisburgh, Grange Farm Shop, Hasketon, and Woodbridge Library. There is also one at Grundisburgh School just for pupils and families. The cards should be left in a bag with the correct amount of money by 9 December.

Money from old clothes

Another part of the fund raising drive is a 'textiles bin' soon to be placed next to the glass recycling bins in Grundisburgh pavilion car park. This is for old clothing, as well as shoes, sheets, blankets, towels and curtains (but not duvets or pillows).

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