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Slowing down Otley

Over the past few years the volume and speed of traffic through Otley has increased significantly. Now a group of residents has decided to try and do something about it. We are launching a 'I Drive at 25' campaign.

Speeding traffic dissuades villagers from walking and cycling; it makes it dangerous for our children to cycle or walk by themselves to school. Traffic noise impacts on our quality of life and distracts

requesting their employees to 'drive at 25mph'. We have the full backing of the school and playgroup who have run a competition to design posters for the campaign. The quality of entries was outstanding. We will shortly leaflet the village and hope to get everyone's support.

Too many drivers ignore speed limits through our villages and that puts lives at risk. It would be great if the campaign could spread by being taken up by other villages. We could all take a small step in winning our villages back from traffic. We hope over time that it becomes anti-social to speed through any village. We would be happy to provide further information.

David Hook, parish councillor, 01473 890966, or Tanya Graham, 890657

In a number of other News' villages, residents have been taught how to use speed cameras in a scheme started by Clopton Parish Council some years ago. Grundisburgh operators frequently record around 30 speeders in just over an hour. More in the next News.

Broadmere garage site

The application to build three houses on the former garage site by Grundisburgh Playing Field (front page of The News last time) has been withdrawn. If it is re-submitted to the district council, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council will hold a meeting to hear residents' views.



Winning campaign poster and artist. More photos p17.

from the natural sounds of the countryside.

There are approximately 600 cars in Otley. If we all drove at 25mph in the village we could slow traffic down. Our village could become safer, quieter and more relaxed, especially at peak times.

We are currently contacting local businesses to ask them to support the campaign by



Darts mad: Pat Dee, collector of darts memorabilia, appeared recently in The Antiques Roadtrip. See page 10



£3,000 worth of cigarettes and alcohol - as well as the till later found melted in the back of a burnt-out car in Clopton - were stolen in a ram-raid on the Olde Forge Stores in Grundisburgh on 29 April. Here, a police forensic officer is testing for fingerprints amid the chaos left by the criminals. Shop owner Justin Denny said the initial shock has worn off to some extent and it is now business as usual again but with added security precautions. Police are still investigating this and similar crimes in the area and would be grateful for any information that might lead to arrests.

News Diary

JUNE

Friday 1-Tuesday 5

Flower Festival St Mary's,
Gr 10am-4pm (from 1pm
Sunday) Contact 735775

Saturday 2

Bredfield Church Fete The
Old Rectory 2.15pm Contact
01394 383156

Thursday 7

Yoga Gr Burgh & Culpho WI
GrPR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 8

History of Magic Hasketon
VH 7.15pm PBE Contact
01394 388970

Saturday 9

Garden Open Larks' Hill
Tuddenham 1-5pm Contact
785248

Saturday 9/Sunday 10

Hidden Gardens Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc 1-6pm
Contact 738267

Thursday 14

**How does your Garden
Grow?** play GADS GrVH
7.30pm Contact 738648

Tiddlywinks Toddler Group
St Mary's Church Gr 2.30pm
Contact 735604/735183

Friday 15

**How does your Garden
Grow?** play GADS GrVH
7.30pm Contact 738648

Saturday 16

Tuddenham Fete, Poplar
Farm 2pm Contact 785415

**How does your Garden
Grow?** play GADS GrVH
7.30pm Contact 738648

Friday 22/Saturday 23

Charsfield Conviviality
Contact 07974 648897

Saturday 23

Songs from the Shows
concert St Mary's Ch Clopton
7.30pm Contact 737507

Sunday 24

Hasketon Jazz BBQ
Shrubbery Farm 12.30pm
Contact 01394 383106

Thursday 26

Teddy Bears Picnic
Tiddlywinks Toddler Group St
Mary's Church Gr 2.30pm
Contact 735604/735183

JULY

Thursday 5

A Year in the Life of a Hive
Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GrPR
7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 9

Gr & Culpho PC meeting
7.30pm Culpho Church
Contact 735541

Friday 13

Galapagos Islands talk
HasketonVH 7.15pm PBE
Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 14

Village Show Gr Burgh &
Culpho Hort Soc 12.30pm Gr
PF Contact 738267

Summer Disco show marquee
7.45pm GrPF PBE Contact
735469

Sunday 15

Real Craft Fair GrPF 10am-
4pm Contact 735524

Saturday 21

Scouts Duck Race GrVG
4.30pm Contact 735352

Garden Open Larks' Hill

Tuddenham 1-5pm Contact
785248

AUGUST

Thursday 2

Flowers of Tileagd Gr Burgh
& Culpho WI GrPR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Friday 10

Evening Garden Party
Gr Hall Gr Hort Soc PBE
Contact 735517

Saturday 25

**Hasketon Village Fete &
Teapots, Jugs & Mugs**
Exhibition 2pm Contact
01394 388970

Sunday 26

Teapots, Jugs & Mugs
Exhibition Hasketon Ch
12noon. Contact 01394 388970

Otley Hall Open Day 1pm
Contact 890264

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1

St. Mary's Church Fete
GrVG 2pm Contact
735775/735857

Thursday 6

Hollesley Bay Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI GrVH 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Monday 10

Gr & Culpho PC meeting
7.30pm GrPR Contact 735541

Tuesday 18

**The Remains of Conflict-
from Earthworks to**
Pillboxes talk Gr Local
History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738108

Friday 14

Alcock & Brown
Transatlantic Flight talk
HasketonVH 7.15pm PBE
Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 29

Grand Feast Otley Hall PBE
Contact 890264

Saturday 29/Sunday 30

Otley Hall 500th
Anniversary 12-4pm Contact
890264

OCTOBER

Saturday 13

Pumpkin Festival Gr Burgh
& Culpho Hort Soc Gr Green
11.30am-3pm Contact
738799

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 20/Sunday 25

Crib Fest St Mary's
Church Gr Contact 735183

Key for abbreviations:
PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PF - Playing field
PR - Parish rooms
VG - Village green
Pav - pavilion
Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless
given otherwise.

Brief details of village events
should be sent by 8 August for
next issue direct to Heather
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What's On

OTLEY HALL GARDENS

Listed in The Independent's Top 50 Best British Gardens to visit, Otley Hall is surrounded by 10 acres of beautiful grounds both formal and informal. The gardens and the popular café are open this summer every Wednesday from 11am to 5pm until 26 September.

Visitors can enjoy a walk in the grounds and then a cup of tea or fresh filter coffee along with a slice of homemade cake or a light lunch. There is a one-off £3 admission charge, allowing unlimited repeat visits throughout the season. Otley Hall is in Hall Lane, Otley IP6 9PA.

Enquiries to Karen Gwynne-Vince, 01473 890264, enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk

Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho gardens

The Hidden Gardens weekend on 9 and 10 June is offering several artistic venues in addition to the 24 places to admire plants and landscaping.

Programmes giving entry over the two days between 1 and 6pm will be available from village outlets in advance at the discounted price of £4.50. On the day they will cost £5 from the stall on Grundisburgh Green, where there will also be plant and cake stalls.

Vouchers in the programme can bring 20% discounts on the special dishes Vincent, the chef at The Dog, will be creating.

Crossroads will be serving their usual delicious teas in the parish rooms, while upstairs in the temporarily vacated reading rooms there will be an exhibition of work by Grundisburgh Art Group members.

Village Show

The schedules with full details of classes for the Village Show on 14 July have recently been circulated to all homes in Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho. Entrants from beyond the three villages are welcomed, and further copies can be collected from local shops, seen on the website or requested from me.

Julia Bentley (735524) has arranged a programme of activities and entertainment for the playing field including a zumba demonstration and the chance to have a go, 'trash & treasure auction', fancy dress, races, music performed by school pupils. There will also be a large display of 'Classic' cars. Julia is also the point of contact for people wanting to run stalls. The car boot will be run as usual, with pitches still at £5 and no pre-booking. Maggi Thompson is the contact (735238).

The summer disco and fish and chip supper runs that evening. Tickets (£10.50) must be booked in advance from Richard Garrett, 735469.

Advance booking will also be necessary for the evening garden party on Friday 13 August at Grundisburgh Hall, by kind permission of Lord and Lady Cranworth.

Hopefully good progress is being made by the children given the pumpkin seeds generously donated by Thompson and Morgan. They are invited to enter the competitions at the Pumpkin Festival on 13 October.

More details of all the events being run by Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society are on our website: www.GBCHS.co.uk. or are available from me.

Nicola Hobbs, 01473 738267, secretary@gbchs.co.uk

Real craft in action

Julia Bentley is presenting her third 'real' craft fair in Grundisburgh on Sunday 15 July, in the large marquee on

the playing field put up for the Village Show the day before. "I now organise a number of similar events where people demonstrate their skills as well as sell their wares, but I look forward to the Grundisburgh one particularly because of the wonderful atmosphere" she says.

The marquee, to which entry is free, will be open from 10am to 4pm, and there will be a £2 charge for parking.

Members of FOGS (Friends of Grundisburgh School) will be running the 'Craft Cafe' and serving refreshments throughout the day.

Many of the real craft fair regulars will be there, joined by some new faces among the stall holders. Anyone else interested in being involved should contact Julia on 01473 735524 or email julie-bentley@tiscali.co.uk.

More What's On overleaf.

GADS presents:



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

a farce by Geoff Bamber
at Grundisburgh Village Hall

Thursday 14th June
Friday 15th June
Saturday 16th June
at 7.30 pm

TICKETS £7.50 from The Olde Forge Stores, Grundisburgh
(includes light refreshments)

See us also on The Green on Sat 2nd June 2012 @ 6.30pm
for our Jubilee entertainment!

Tuddenham Fete

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Saturday June 16th at 2pm
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accessories etc.
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What's On

Trad jazz at the farm

The Sussex Jazz Kings are the trad band booked by Gordon and Molly Smith to play at the 16th jazz and barbecue event under the apple trees at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon. It takes place on Sunday 24 June, between 12.30 and 4pm.

Tickets, which can be obtained from 01394 383106/388970, include a generous barbecue meal and cost £14. This goes up to £15 in the last four days (if any left - last year they sold out early). Children are free but pay for food. The proceeds go to support the upkeep of Hasketon Church.

A farcical production from GADS

This year GADS players are performing a farce by Geoff Bamber entitled 'How Does Your Garden Grow?' But before horticulturalists get too excited, this has little to do with gardens!

Directed by Phil Bailey, it is set in a country hotel somewhere in rural England. The plot revolves around a faded rock legend Nathan Pond, played by newcomer Darin Osborne, who is planning a come back. He is scheduled to appear in a rock concert and many of his old fans are hoping to attend. One of these is Jane Fenton (played by Nicky Seabrook) who with



her husband Peter (Ian Frost) jointly runs the hotel. Nathan is booked in, under the pseudonym of Jones, by his manager, the glamorous Cassandra Blue (Nikki Brown).

The hotel is not doing well and the Fentons' personal banker, Ruth Bleach (Bettina Lambert) is threatening to close them down unless business picks up fast. A subplot emerges: Ruth's bank colleague Roger Crompton (Steve Newton) is planning a cosy weekend and unbeknown to her, he's booked a double room for them both, also under the name of Jones! His operations are helped by a colleague Martin Trott (played by newcomer Tom Beasley).

Come and enjoy the chaos and confusion that ensues. Saskia the Latvian hotel maid (played by Natasha Lambert with a

very convincing accent) adds amusement to the scene with her perception and acceptance of the situation. She seems to be the only one who knows who's who!

Nathan is also pursued by another ardent fan, Daphne Flannel (alias Debbie Osborne) who is stalking him everywhere and in turn is being watched by WPC Primm (Sandy Broom) who gets mistaken for a stripagram artiste!

Performance details are in the advertisement on page 3.

GADS outdoors

Three short comedies will be performed by GADS players on The Green on Saturday 2 June as their contribution to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Starting at 6.30pm, the plays are entitled 'Fiesta Fandango', 'Field of Fashion' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter'. Please bring your own chairs or a blanket to sit on (and possibly an umbrella!) A barbecue run by GADS will be in operation but please feel free to consume your own food and drink if you wish.

Directed by Madge Nicholas, these plays are all extremely amusing and should go down well, weather permitting. If conditions are too inclement, we will retreat to the Grundisburgh Village Hall and

perform them there instead! Whichever, we hope to see you there! No money or tickets needed.

Marian Rosling

Clopton concert

Ipswich Operatic & Dramatic Society will be performing 'Songs from the Shows' in St Mary's Church, Clopton on Saturday 23 June. This starts at 6.30pm. Tickets, costing £10 to include wine and finger food, are available by ringing 01473 737507 or 737602 to raise money for the bell restoration fund. This is one of the Society's rare community appearances - they are more used to the footlights at the Regent Theatre and are always highly entertaining.

Exhibits wanted!

Following our successful walking stick and umbrella exhibition last summer, we are featuring teapots, jugs and mugs in Hasketon Church. This will be on 25/26 August, coinciding with the Village Fete. Precious displays will be protected by transparent screens, and notes beside each item will detail its history. Please contact me soon if you have interesting pieces we could borrow so that I know what to expect, but we won't want to have the actual items until mid August.

Richard Smith (01394 388970)

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CELEBRATING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

The News villages will be marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in a wide variety of ways. This gives just a snapshot of the activities being organised by the villages, mostly for their own residents. In some cases the Olympics are being celebrated too.

Bredfield

Bredfield Parish Council has purchased special mugs, in celebration of the Jubilee which have been offered free to every child aged 16 or under in the village. A small early evening celebration in the grounds of the Old Rectory for the community will follow the annual fete on the Saturday. Another way the jubilee is being marked is through the restoration of the village's pump (see page 15).

Burgh

Both Burgh's celebratory events are on Sunday 3rd. Bishop John Wayne will be presiding at the official Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at 9.45am when everyone is invited to attend if possible wearing red, white and blue.

The Burgh Jubilee Street Party is for all Burgh residents, families and friends. It is free but everyone has been asked to bring a plate of food (cakes, sandwiches, etc).

Charsfield

The celebrations being held in Charsfield will mark both the Jubilee and the Olympics, and take place on 22 and 23 June. They will include a musical concert, open gardens and a wide range of activities on the recreation ground. More details of these are included on page 114.

Contact Sally Thompson,
sally@damsselfly.biz.

Clopton

It will be sandwiches, party food and cakes, games and face painting in Clopton Village Hall on the Saturday afternoon. Residents, both adult and children, are being invited to enter the best home made crown competition.

Dallinghoo

The first off the mark, with its celebrations on 19 May, which included Chris Pennington and his band, plenty of stalls, food and fine weather. More on page 12.

Debach

In addition to a Jubilee party and barbeque for the village, a time-capsule will be created. This will have photographs of all the people in the village together with small items that would show what life was like for us on that day. We have registered our official Jubilee Beacon and this will be lit at the appointed time later in the evening.

Great Bealings

On the Sunday morning a special Songs of Praise service is being held in St Mary's Church, Great Bealings. Contributions will include a specially written narrative with extracts from the Queen's speeches and Christmas messages.

Residents will be joining neighbours from Little Bealings for a celebration at the village hall and playing field on Monday 4th when 'The Queen' and 'Duke of Edinburgh' will come in a horse-drawn carriage to open the proceedings around midday. There will be a patriotic music, drinks tent, boules, football, inter-village tug-of-war etc - street party style, with people bringing in contributions of salad and puddings to accompany the hog roast.

Grundisburgh & Culpho

Four days of festivities are planned, starting with fun runs for all ages on the Saturday morning and plays on The Green performed by GADS that evening.

A new village map on the side of Olde Forge Stores will be unveiled on the Sunday with an afternoon footpath walk. Street party activities take place in the school grounds on the Monday and the scouts are organising a BBQ, bonfire and fireworks on the Tuesday evening. A flower festival in the church lasts throughout the celebratory period.

Hasketon

Hasketon will be celebrating with a party on the Village Green, starting with children's sports and races of every kind - potato and spoon, three legged, relays, sack races and 'running backwards'. A tug-of-war will be the climax before tea outside at long tables on

a 'sunny afternoon'! Families will be providing plates of food on a bring-and-share basis. A selection of music will be played during the afternoon.

Little Bealings

As well as the shared party with Great Bealings, the planting of trees at the former county council waste site at Sinks Pit is planned.

Otley

Otley's Jubilee celebrations for its residents, families and friends are on the Monday, starting with the ringing of the church bells before a short, informal

service of thanksgiving at noon on the playing field. Then it's the Big Lunch when people have been asked to bring their own picnics, before the entertainment and competitions begin. Afternoon tea is provided with places pre-booked at The Village Store. There will be a Jubilee disco and lighting of the beacon at the Otley White Hart later that evening!

Playford

The Olde Street Party in Spring Meadow will start off celebrations in Playford, with sandwiches, cakes and tea from 3 till 5 pm on the Saturday afternoon. On the Monday evening residents will enjoy a hog roast with a bar and Ceilidh, the taking of a village photo and beacon lighting at Hill Farm.

Tuddenham

Red, white and blue is the dress code for the party on the Tuesday at the village hall. Guests are invited to bring their own picnic food. There will be games and music. There will be a presentation of mugs to all the children, followed by tea..

Witnesham & Swilland

Witnesham is having a street party to celebrate on the Tuesday from 12 noon, with bunting, entertainment, food and marquees. Outdoor activities include live music all day, tables set out for picnic lunches and fun and games for all ages, and tea and cakes in the afternoon. A large TV will be available to watch the events in London

A BBQ in the evening followed by fireworks, is supported by Witnesham, Ashbocking and Swilland Community Council. The beacon is registered to be lit at 10pm in the Barley Mow car park.



NEWS TRIBUTES

Phyllis Clarke, June 1919 - March 2012

The youngest of five girls, Phyllis was born on mid-summer's day at Saddlers Cottage, Grundisburgh, the house that she loved and in which she spent most of her

life. She attended Grundisburgh School

where she admitted she was not a great scholar; however she did excel at sports

and singing, and was a member of the church choir for many years.

She loved to talk about her childhood - it was a very happy time for her. Some of her recollections that were included in the Grundisburgh Remembered CD were played at her funeral, reminding many friends and family of

her memories spoken in her own words. Her Suffolk dialect was legendary.

At 14 she left school and went into service, a part of her life she did not like very much and was not keen to discuss at any length. She clearly felt that not all aspects of the good old days were that good. After a few years she returned to Saddlers Cottage to help look after her father and in 1947 to start her career as a nursing assistant at St Audry's Hospital in Melton which she continued to do until she retired aged 60.

Edited from the eulogy given at her funeral by Terry Tatum, her great-nephew

Patricia (Paddy) Pryke, August 1935 - March 2012

Paddy was born in Bedfordshire, the only child of farmers and grew up with farming in her bones. In 1947 the family moved to Grundisburgh, to a bigger farm where the land was

better suited to arable. Paddy settled well into the village school and though bright she had no wish to continue with further education - she was needed on the farm.

When in 1953 her dad died of TB at the young age of 44 years, Paddy and her mum kept the farm going with help especially from George Andrews and a certain young

ploughing the fields. During the summer and harvest-time the family from Bedfordshire would often come up and lend a hand and great fun would be had in the evenings playing cricket in the meadow.

Two days each year at the Suffolk Show took the place of holidays and Paddy also became a speedway fan, cycling from Grundisburgh to Foxhall Heath with a group of other dedicated fans. Paddy was a very private lady, keen to do everything well. She enjoyed helping Carol in the Boundary Flowers shop, wiring ivy for wreaths for Christmas and helping decorate marquees and churches for weddings.

Later, when she couldn't get out she liked to indulge herself watching sports of all sorts, tennis, Grand Prix, darts and, of course, speedway!

That Paddy was well loved in the village was evidenced by the size of the congregation in the church at her funeral and Rod and Carol are most grateful to everyone for their warm and generous support.

Madge Nicholas - with thanks to Rev. Clare Sanders

Sadly, these tributes have had to be shortened because of space. The full versions are in The News' tributes folder in Grundisburgh Post Office. Ed.



Rod Pryke from Laurel Farm next door who started calling in on a regular basis.

Paddy and Rod courted for four years and were married in 1958; their daughter Carol was born just before Christmas - hence the name! Paddy was never 'just' a farmer's wife but a hands-on farmer, caring for the pigs, chickens and turkeys, driving the tractor and

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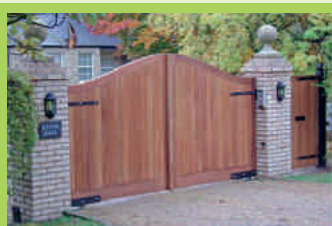
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

School achieves Fairtrade status



Grundisburgh School Fairtrade steering committee

Grundisburgh School has become one of the first primary schools in Suffolk to gain accredited Fairtrade status. This is a huge achievement for our village school and something we have been working towards for more than three years. We had to meet five goals:

- * Set up a Fairtrade School Steering Group with at least half pupils and which meets at least once a term.
- * Write and adopt a Fairtrade Policy which has the support of the board of governors and is signed by the headteacher.
- * Use and sell Fairtrade products as much as possible.



* Learn about Fairtrade in at least three subjects in two year groups.

* Take action for Fairtrade at least once a term in the school and once a year in the community (you may have spotted that The Dog is now serving fairly traded coffee and sugar – that was us!).

The whole school community is passionate about supporting

Fairtrade and the children now understand how their actions and choices impact on the lives of other people who are not as fortunate as they are.

Fairtrade is a concept that works well within schools as children have a very strong sense of fairness and can

easily see that it's only fair that the people who produce what we eat, wear and use should get paid enough to live on and a chance to improve their lives. Well done Grundisburgh School!

Gemma Oakley, teacher, and Sarah Cavanagh, parent, school fair trade steering committee

Today more than 7 million people across 58 developing countries benefit from the international Fairtrade system. www.fairtrade.org.uk

Pat and Robert Fletcher have been promoting and selling Fair Trade goods through St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, for three years. They have a stall at the church coffee morning on the first Saturday of the month, and the first and second Sundays at the 11am services. The Fletchers will also be at the Village Show and the Church Fete and sell direct from 24 Post Mill Gardens; 01473 735775.



Additions at The Dog

Dog landlords Charles and Eilir Rogers with the pub's newest resident Amelie Mary who arrived on 13 May, and the longer established Harley, in their redesigned garden. The makeover has included new furniture and umbrellas, gravel and raised beds. There is an olive tree and a wide range of herbs which are also for use in the kitchen. But the popular children's play zone is still there.

Jubilee celebrations at the pub include a traction engine in steam plus a hog roast ('Hog at the Dog') on the Monday afternoon, live music from 'Lily and Leo' that evening, and a beer and cider festival on all four days.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

New committee for the Playing Field

A new committee has been formed for Grundisburgh Playing Field, after an annual general meeting in January. The committee comprises Grundisburgh residents who wish to enhance the social role which the playing field can offer to the village. For this objective to be achieved a strategy has been set out for both short and long term projects.

Already we have repaired the fence around the play equipment, replaced old litter bins with new, enhanced signage and carried out essential repairs to the pavilion. The pavilion is available for any individual or group and hiring details can be obtained from the booking secretary Alison Garrod 01473 738340. Long term projects centre around providing additional outdoor activities for the younger generation of all ages!

*Richard Garnham, Chairman,
Grundisburgh Playing Field Management
Committee, 738139*

WI TALKS

Hilary Hill visited Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members on a bitterly cold night in February to share memories of her very special holiday in the Galapagos Islands. We were shown slides of many strange

and beautiful animals and birds that are unique to these islands.

Barbara Butler came along in April, giving us a very moving account of Pudge's role at Dunkirk. The barge (Pudge) was requisitioned at Ipswich Docks while waiting to be loaded with wheat. Her mission was to take fresh water and ammunition to troops on the beach. Barbara related survivors' personal accounts of blazing beaches, overhead bombing, artillery fire, mines, and the death and destruction all around. Our normally chatty ladies sat in stunned silence as she finished her talk.

In April, Ipswich town guide Anne Day gave us an historic armchair walk around Ipswich Docks. She began with some background history of the town, before moving on to the growth of the docks. Ipswich became a very prosperous port. She brought us up to date with the huge changes that have taken place over recent years following the eventual decline of the port, resulting in the modern docks or Waterfront as we know it today.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838



Mud, mud, glorious mud

Volunteers from the Greenways Project de-silted the pond at Millennium Meadow, which increased its depth by a factor of five, to the delight of the tadpole population. The project's volunteers have provided enormous help in restoring and maintaining the water meadow as a natural habitat which local people can enjoy

The Easter Egg hunt organised by the Baptist Chapel at the meadow, brought some 62 children and a dozen adults.. John Dunnett, Grundisburgh Conservation Group, would welcome more volunteers from the local community at the working parties he organises on the first Saturday of each month, between 10am and 12.30pm. A whole range of tasks are undertaken, though none usually as muddy as the de-silting. Tools, gloves and drinks are provided. He can be contacted on 01473 735515.

The meadow, at the end of the Driftway, off Lower Road, was created to mark The Millennium on land that had never previously been used for agriculture. It has been provided on a long lease to the parish council by Lord Cranworth.



Duck update

During the past weeks strenuous efforts have been made to re-establish the Grundisburgh Green duck population. This was so successful that 32 ducklings have been reared, courtesy of a possessive hen duck Goldie (left) who took two broods under her wing in the pen built and looked after by Barry, Phil and Claire in Mrs Williams' garden. A third brood was lovingly cared for by Nick and the girls at the Coach House.

Drivers are asked to make time to let the ducks cross the road and residents not to overfeed the ducks. Bags of left-over bread by the stream only encourages vermin, in particular rats, to breed.

Words and photo Mike Stiff

In fact the advice from the RSPB is that bread is not good for wild birds (see <http://birding.about.com/od/birdfeeders/a/feedingducksbread.htm> Ed

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SCOUTING NEWS

In early March Explorers and Scouts attended Phoenix Camp near Colchester where they had a fantastic time including swimming and roller-skating. The end of March saw the Scouts having to build their own shelters at the Outdoor Challenge Camp at Boxford. They also learnt about axe and saw safety and had a go at air rifle shooting and tree climbing.

All sections took part in the Easter egg hunts around the village with much anticipation of some treats back at the hut.

At the St. George's Day Parade at Framlingham, attended by some 400 people, the Grundisburgh Group was privileged with three of our Scouts taking the St George's Flag in the parade. Stuart, our Group Scout Leader, was the parade master for the first time, and was also awarded a Certificate for 10 Year's Service to Scouting.

The last weekend in April the Beavers had a sleepover at Boxford – *it was wet!* – although they still enjoyed themselves, having a go at orienteering, BMX bikes, sisal

trail with an indoor campfire to finish. We had help from 10 parents who were kept busy going round with the Beavers and trying out the activities themselves. Grateful thanks for all the help – perhaps next time will be drier?

During the early May bank holiday we were on our cycle camp, coming back the 90 miles or so from Duxford Imperial War Museum to Grundisburgh Green. At the same time, the Cubs were at Boxford Spinney Campsite taking part in the District Camp Competition, where they were joined by other Cub packs for rafting, hiking, archery and cooking all their own meals.

A small team of Scouts and Explorers attended the National Archery Competition in Hertfordshire in May and gained 22 Awards.

More information can be found on the websites:

www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk

www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, Group Secretary,
01473 735352



Creepy Crawlies at Playgroup

Grundisburgh Playgroup children began the summer term with some very interesting visitors. Kimmy's Mobile Petting Zoo brought along a number of furry friends and creepy crawlies including a hedgehog, snake and stick insects. This gave the children the opportunity to explore living creatures through an educational sensory hands-on experience.

The children have been busy getting their hands dirty by planting seeds to grow their own in the vegetable garden, and they continue to use the jolly phonics method of learning by exploring the letters U and Q. In preparation for the Diamond Jubilee we are looking at the Union Jack flag and learning about the Queen. We will be joining in the Village Jubilee

celebrations by taking part in the sponsored Fun Run on 2 June. Everything raised will be shared between Playgroup and Youth Club, so pop along and give some support to our little athletes. You will also find our cake stall on The Green on the Sunday of the Hidden Gardens weekend and our stand at the Village Show.

The playgroup building is open on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 3pm for a very informal toddler session, to which anyone interested in welcome to drop in.

Helen Jerrold, 738818

The egg hunters

We had an 'Eggcellent' turn out at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel's Easter egg hunt on Good Friday and were able to raise much needed money to help disadvantaged and orphaned African children to get an education. Thanks to all who came.

Our Jungle Club also went well, with some new children coming along. We had an Olympic theme to the week, with many children winning gold medals and a visit from 'Ussein Bolt'! We looked at ways in which the Christian life is like an Olympic competition, and also had some great Jungle Doctor stories dramatically told by Lois. We continue to run Chapel Club for Primary age children on Monday evenings from 6.30-7.30, with Bible stories, games and craft.

We are looking forward to our open-air meeting on the Village Green on 8 July at 3pm, where one lady will be telling about how she became a Christian and others will be sharing the Christian message. It is a great opportunity to find out more in an informal atmosphere where you can pop in and out as you wish.

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738856,
mobile 07979 120549.



Left: Bearing St George's flag:
Below: Beavers do the carpet run during sleepover.



Urgently wanted - more helpers to set up the jubilee 'street party' at the school on 3 June. Ring Sally Grahn 738219.

KILI FOR CAMILLE



As founder member of Camille's Appeal – Charsfield resident Sally Thompson - is planning a sponsored climb of the tallest free standing mountain on earth, Kilimanjaro.

Alongside her on her journey will be her good friend and trip organiser Tracy Edwards, who works for local tailor made travel company Tribes Travel, and negotiated a special charity price.

Training for a mountain climb and living in Suffolk do not go together! So Sally contacted Grundisburgh based fitness company, The Barn300, to see if they could put together a training regime.

Owners Jay and Caroline, were keen to assist. Unlike a standard fitness centre, The Barn300 does not follow conventional training methods - they have an indoor space but more time is spent outdoors working in small groups. Each session focuses on the individual's fitness targets. "With the Kili trio it is about strength and conditioning training to improve overall fitness with a focus on the legs" Jay explains. Sally and Tracy have been attending bootcamp once or twice a week.

The eight day trip - five of which are spent on the mountain - leaves the UK on 23 June. Support for them can be made through Sally's Justgiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/KiliForCamille>

"I am also writing to local businesses to offer them my marketing services free of charge in return for a donation to the climb" said Sally. "This is only possible, thanks to



Above left: Sally and Camille;
Above right: Sally with trainer Jay, setting off on a winter outdoor training session to prepare for Kilimanjaro.

Moat Barn Nursery in Hasketon, who have provided my daughter, Tess, with a place for one day a week.

"Any business interested in taking me up on my offer should contact by emailing: kiliforcamille@gmail.com. To support my climb, please go to her Justgiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/KiliForCamille>

"For more information on the charity, which helps support children suffering with brain tumours, please visit www.camillesappeal.co.uk."

ORWELL WALKER



Culpho resident Lynette Chapman has signed up to do her first ever sponsored walk – on the Ipswich East Rotary Club's Annual Orwell Walk on 24 June. She has a choice of a 12, 18 or 25 mile circuit and is hoping to raise money for two local charities.

A quarter of the sponsorship money raised goes to Rotary and the rest goes to the walkers' own chosen charities. Lynette and her husband Robert are both keen sailors, and she has nominated EAST

(East Anglian Sailing Trust), which offers regular sailing opportunities for disabled people on the River Orwell. She has sponsorship leaflets in Grundisburgh Post Office or can be contacted by email on steadfast.culpho@gmail.com.

Anyone else brave enough to sign up can contact Norman Haines on 01473 215333. Walkers on all routes are fully supported with checkpoints every three miles, refreshments, first aid and transport back to base if needed.

Helping local animals

Grundisburgh has received a thank you from Pat Monk, the RSPCA house-to-house collections organiser for the area. She is delighted to have a third volunteer collector – Sarah Miller has joined Maggie Goddard and Ann Franklin, making Grundisburgh the only village in her branch to be fully covered, with a resulting increase in money collected.

Pat would love to hear from people in other villages who might sign up – she can be contacted on 01394 284605

The Suffolk East and Ipswich branch of the RSPCA has a wide ranging programme of fund raising events during the summer, including a fun dog show, quizzes, a clairvoyant evening and car boot. Details on www.ipswich-rspca.org.uk or by ringing 01473 623280.

STARRING TELEVISION

Grundisburgh resident Pat Dee received an 'out of the blue' telephone call from someone at the BBC enquiring about his collection of darts memorabilia.

They asked what he'd got and how much he'd got, and as anyone who has seen Pat's collection will understand, Pat found it impossible to describe so suggested it might be best if someone came out to see it. The result was Pat's appearance on The Antiques Road Trip on BBC2 in March.

Pat began collecting darts memorabilia 21 years ago when, following a devastating accident at work, he had to take early retirement and was



no longer able to indulge his passion for playing darts.

Needing something to occupy his mind he naturally turned to the game he'd loved since when, at the age of 12 years, he'd been invited to watch the men play darts at the Kings Head pub at Bildeston. In those days men would whittle their own darts and make their own darts cases and it is artefacts from those earlier days that Pat is most interested in collecting. He has a number of old French wooden darts with a lead weight insert and goosefeather flights as well as



Pat with presenter

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brass darts and rapier slim modern tungsten darts.

Pat will tell you how people on the convict ships made dart boards from the base of barrels and darts from arrows; he'll show you a photograph of the Queen Mum throwing a mean dart somewhere in London in the 20s or 30s, and he'll tell you of the men who were so good they couldn't be beaten in the 1940s and so were barred from competition and had to resort to exhibition matches!

He regrets that the old stuff is gradually disappearing - such as the boards made of elm which had to be soaked before use so that the darts would

In his playing days Pat was a dedicated member of the Grundisburgh Dog darts team for 20 years and was awarded The Dog housecup in perpetuity having won it three years running. He played in the Ipswich League and the County League and in the 80s he once played Eric Bristow and the legendary Jackie Wilson - games he didn't win! At one time the whole family played - wife Ann (who used to be a post lady) and daughter Tracy (who works in Grundisburgh Surgery) won the pairs in the Woodbridge League in 1999. Pat does still miss playing but collecting for his museum maintains his interest in the world of darts.

In September 2011 Pat had gone to a book signing of 'Scoring for Show, Doubles for Dough' by Bobby George and a photograph of him with the author appeared in the press. Two friends who work at the antique shop in Needham Market cut out the photograph and pinned it onto a cork board in the shop. There it was seen by James Lewis who called into the shop on his hunt for items to feature in the Suffolk leg of The Antiques Road Trip.

Told about Pat's collection he was sufficiently intrigued to contact the BBC and so it was that Pat and his collection, alongside Bobby George, appeared on the programme. James Lewis said he couldn't believe what he was seeing and was most impressed by Pat's dedication in building up the collection over the years.

Pat didn't really notice the cameras or the time the filming took (all day!), he was so enthused talking to James and Bobby about his treasures - 'it's a passion of mine' he says in a masterly piece of stating the obvious! James Lewis and Bobby George both left their autographs in Pat's visitors book and he is always delighted to welcome visitors, and an opportunity to talk about his passion! Telephone Pat Dee on 735311.

Words Madge Nicholas

The photo of the collection and of Pat on page one by Wendy Witt



James Lewis.

stick. He has over 300 boards, one made of matchsticks - a 'Yorkshire' board which has no trebles and no bullseye, but his favourite is a board made of plasticine which had to be rolled

smooth after each game! Much of his collection Pat has acquired from carboot sales and auctions, but there is stuff personally donated too - a photo of Ted Hankey, winner of the World Championship in 2000 and 2009, Eric Bristow's shirt and the cloak and candelabra which Bobby George, who won the News of the World title, used in his appearances.



Photo: Eily at the top of Ditchling Beacon during the London to Brighton ride.

Carrying the Olympic flame

On 5th July, Eily Buffone will be proudly carrying the Olympic Flame on part of its journey through Woodbridge, having been selected from thousands of nominees to be one of the 8000 torchbearers. She is delighted and feels extremely honoured to be conducting the Olympic Flame on its 70 day journey through 1000 cities, towns and villages in the UK to the opening ceremony in London.

Having overcome an ovarian cancer diagnosis in 2005, Eily enjoys fundraising in aid of The Eve Appeal gynaecological cancer research charity. Her efforts include hosting numerous tea parties and completing the London to Brighton cycle ride last year in which she raised £650. She is currently planning car boots for this summer and her 'guess the weight of the cake' stall at the Grundisburgh Village Show. Last year featured a rather impressive teapot cake.

Cycling has been Eily's passion for the past six years; during that time she has clocked up over 11,000 miles. She keeps a diary of every mile thanks to a mileage tracker and notebook because she says numbers are very motivational. She sets herself targets which she achieves - her latest, as suggested by a friend, is to cycle 2012 miles before the start of the Olympic Games. Despite a very wet April, Eily is well on track to reach her target. In addition, she has been training for, quite literally, her biggest milestone yet - the Suffolk Sunrise 100 mile cycle ride for Action Medical Research in May.

Knitting scarves, making fudge and taking part in the annual Suffolk Churches charity bike ride, are just some of the ways in which Eily strives to support other charities such as Breast Cancer Care. She helped run the FOGS school cake stalls for years whilst on the Grundisburgh Primary School parents' committee. Next month she is helping a friend raise money for Alzheimer's Research by packing shopping bags at a supermarket. Where does she stop?

Her answer seems to be that she doesn't. Eily believes you should always think positively and never give up - it is amazing what you can achieve when you set your mind to it!

Katie Davis

Grant givers move

The Suffolk Foundation has moved from the Old Reading Rooms, Grundisburgh (above the Parish Rooms), and has sent thanks for being made so welcome over the past three years. With its programme of grant making for small charities and community groups in Suffolk growing, somewhere bigger was needed and they have moved to The Old Barns, Peninsula Business Centre, Wherstead, Ipswich IP9 2BB, 01473 602602. www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk

A new tenant has not yet been found for the Old Reading Rooms. Anyone interested should contact Peter Brunning on 01473 735481 or Clive Willetts on 738831.



Residents of Dallinghoo got in early with their celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee - on 19 May. There was a party, with lots of stalls and food in the Jubilee Hall and field in surprisingly fine weather. Chris Pennington backed by The Cobblestones played a wide range of music. Chris had also painted the Royal Coat of Arms (note the extra diamond) which will now hang permanently in the hall. The hall, originally known as 'the church rooms', is believed to have come originally in pieces from Havergate Island in about 1908 and was refurbished and renamed for the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Words and photos Jeremy Quinlan



Dallinghoo celebrates the Jubilee



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Convivial Charsfield

The organisations in and around Charsfield are joining in Charsfield Conviviality (Conviviality = a festival of merriment!) one weekend later in June. These fun activities will be a celebration of both the Jubilee and the Olympics, starting with a musical concert in the church on the evening of Friday 22nd.

On the Saturday, a number of gardens will open from 10am, followed by the main event on the recreation ground from 2pm. This will include a whole variety of activities including the FROTH pop up pub, traditional games, a performance from the children of Charsfield School, stalls, bouncy castle, BBQ etc, with music and bar running into the late evening.

Sally Thompson, sally@damselfly.biz



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As so many village post offices have closed during the past few years, it is a matter of rejoicing that Grundisburgh has managed to retain this most valuable service.

When Maureen Hyde became sub-Post Mistress 30 years ago she was looking for a business that could give her an income sufficient to raise her young family, and employ staff so to give her the flexibility also needed when bringing up children. There was the added advantage of living accommodation included - although a two bedroomed flat provided somewhat cramped space, and the family were relieved when eventually they were able to buy the house next door.

Maureen has seen many changes in the intervening years, the major one being the introduction of the computerised system - 30 years ago everything was done in ledgers by hand. Her banking background stood her in good stead as the Post Office training consisted of someone standing with her for one week, and helping with the cashing up. She was fortunate also to inherit the experienced services of Norma Hunt and values the contribution made in later years by other counter staff, Sue Harvey, Margaret Knott and Pauline Coomber.

Presently we are served by Penny Finch, Carole Mulcahey and newcomer Kimberley (Kim) Ng, in addition to Maureen.

Kim is of Chinese extraction, her family moving to Ipswich when her father joined BT at Martlesham. She still lives at home but spends much of her time in Grundisburgh with her

she had her children, Carole was employed at Barclays Bank. She finds working at a village post office different to the job in town - you get to know your customers in a village and that is what makes the job so enjoyable.

Maureen says the Post Office is now more like a bank and in many ways it is the hub of the



boyfriend Andrew, Maureen's son. She covers Saturday mornings and holiday relief and enjoys the job very much, mainly because of the people who have made her feel very welcome.

Penny lives in the village and joined the staff about ten years ago. She also has a banking background and works part-time, she and Carole covering most of the week between them. Penny also says the best part of the job is 'the people'.

Carole Mulcahey began working at Grundisburgh in 2006, having previously worked at the post office in Woodbridge and as a holiday relief at Winesham, two doors from where she lives. Before

village. As well as the traditional Royal Mail services it issues motor vehicle licences, provides foreign currency (Euros on demand), issues gas, electricity and telephone top ups, pays pensions through card accounts, acts as a co-agent for many banks (cash point) - though it is no longer allowed to issue passport forms. The photo-copier gets well used.

As sub-Post Mistress Maureen is no longer responsible for ensuring mail delivery - the postmen (or women) are sent out from Ipswich and it is a matter of some regret that she can no longer offer employment to local people like Nelda Daniels, Vi Walker, Ann Dee and Gill Girling.

However, it does also mean that she is not required to turn out and deliver mail herself in an emergency!

Recently presented with the 30 years service award by the Royal Mail, Maureen says that in many ways things have got easier and she is pleased that the business has moved with the times.

All in all, it's been a very good life for her and her family; Grundisburgh is a "super village" in which to bring up children. She is grateful for the support she has received from staff and customers as without it the Post Office would not have survived - and Grundisburgh would be much the poorer.

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Photo Wendy Witt

Photo: from left:
Maureen, Penny, Kim
and Carole.

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Hasketon Highlights

TEAPOTS, TROMBONES AND TORTOISES

We have a full social calendar coming up, starting with the village diamond jubilee celebrations on Saturday 2 June. Children's sports on The Green are a must to start such an afternoon ... with an attentive audience there to coax and encourage. Tea at long decorated tables, with bunting and flags and music will be a lot of fun. It is just a pity that the Queen herself cannot be here to respond to the Loyal Toast ... it is amazing she's done the same job for sixty years!

Jazz it up!

Our sixteenth Jazz and Barbecue will again be at Shrubbery Farm, the home of Gordon and Molly Smith on 24 June. The Sussex Jazz Kings will be playing trad jazz and there will be a delicious barbecue with salads, followed by a wide selection of puds. Bring your chair and maybe a decorated umbrella for the 'brolly parade'. Tickets from 01394 383106 / 388970.

Roll up, roll up...

The village fete this year will be on Saturday 25 August, starting at 2pm. It is always a jolly occasion with plenty of stalls to capture your attention. Whatever your age, you will find lots to do, with games of cleverness or luck, cups of tea and ice cream, bottle stall and Aunt Sally's and so on!

The Exhibition of 'Teapots, Jugs and Mugs' will be on show in the church, on

Saturday 25 August between 2 and 4pm, and again on Sunday (with cream teas) between 12 noon and 4pm. It should be most interesting, judging by the exhibits that we have been promised!

It's magic!

Don't forget our 2nd Friday evenings in the Victory Hall. For £5 you get a delicious ploughman's supper at 7.15pm, followed by a talk by a guest speaker or other entertainment. On 8 June, Colin Hopper, otherwise known as 'Colini', will explain the origins of the 'World's



Hilary and Trevor with a local resident of the Galapagos

second oldest profession' ... Magic! The talk will be illustrated with diagrams and demonstrations but no secrets will be given away! Hilary Hill, our local friend, will tell us about her trip with Trevor to the Galapagos Islands at our

13 July meeting. They had an eight-day voyage around eleven of the islands, learning how the geology and geography affects the abundant wildlife.

Flying start

We have time-off in August as we will be busy with the fete and exhibition but start again on 14 September with Group Captain Tony Alcock's talk about his uncle's first non-stop Atlantic flight (Alcock & Brown).

Church news

John Dyter has been joined by Katherine Smith as churchwarden. She follows Robena Westbury, who has conscientiously looked after us for several years, for which we are very grateful.

Playgroup project pays off

With the promise of a very welcome £10,000 grant from Suffolk County Council and other donations, the Hasketon Playground Project is about to order additional equipment for our children to enjoy around The Green. They next intend buying a Lambda Fitness Trail and are organising several more fund-raising events to help pay for other attractions.

New faces behind the bar

We welcome new landlords Lisa and Sean to The Turks Head and wish them well. They are open 7 days a week and I know they serve delicious food and good drink!

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Bredfield Barometer

Village icon restored



Bredfield's iconic landmark is its pump, standing at the road junction at the south end of the village. But why is it there? For centuries there has been a well at the 'Pump End' of Bredfield. Even in the driest of summers, when many of the village's wells ran dry, this one never failed to produce cool, clean water.

We don't know when a pump was first put over the well, but it must have been before 1863, when the Parish Surveyor paid Mr Barker "17s 3d for painting and lettering direction signs over the Pump" – probably those that still stand, albeit attached to a much less ornate structure than the present much-loved feature.

Before the days of piped water, the pump was a meeting place for villagers to gossip whilst waiting to draw water. Eric Pearce, writing in 1988, recalled that some people came with two buckets on a yoke, while others had a two-wheeled water cart. They couldn't get the cart under the spout of the pump because of the railings all round, so they would hook a length of water troughing under the spout and run the water down into the cart. In the summer, Harry Rudd would fix a large steel cup to the pump by a chain, so that passers-by could have a drink.

In 1953, the village decided to commemorate the Coronation

of Queen Elizabeth II by replacing the old ironwork with the beautiful wrought-iron canopy we see today. Echoing the general shape of the previous canopy, this was designed and constructed by the local firm of SC Pearce &



The pump before its 1967 restoration.

Sons of Bredfield Forge, and was topped by a gilded crown.

The firm, founded by Sidney Charles Pearce in 1919, has been renowned for the quality of its craftsmanship ever since. Herbert Cone, Chairman of the Parish Council, performed the unveiling ceremony on the eve of Coronation Day. We have no photos of this event but there is one in the Recorder's collection showing the previous structure, bedecked with flags for the Silver Jubilee of King George V and

Queen Mary in 1935.

The actual pump under the wrought iron canopy was given to the parish council in 1967 by Adnams who had removed it from a pub they were renovating at the time. The work of removing the old, dilapidated pump and installing the 'new' one was naturally done by Pearces - by the late Roy Pearce, son of the founder.

In 1990 Dr John Bray instigated a stage-by-stage renovation. The work, undertaken by Roy's brother Eric, assisted by Bob and Arthur Woods, included the re-gilding of the crown, on the base of which they found the name of the designer, Clem. Pearce (another brother) and the date, June 1953. Arthur Woods, a skilled sign-writer, repainted the direction fingers pointing to the Boulge, Hasketon and Melton roads.

More recently, the parish council decided to add extra direction signs. These were made by Eric's son, Terry, who repaired the structure last year after a car failed to negotiate the corner.

The pump is now back to its former glory, in time for its Diamond Jubilee – and the Queen's!

Ann Pilgrim

Celebrating the Jubilee ...

On Saturday 2 June, we are holding our annual Church fete from 2.15 to 5pm

to coincide with the Queen's accession 60 years ago. Following this fun-filled, traditional garden event, I would like to invite all village residents to join in jubilee celebrations in the grounds of the Old Rectory, with food, drink and exceptionally good company.

Andrew Miller

... and the Olympics

From 5 to 7pm on Olympic Opening Day (Friday 27 July) our village hall and field will be the venue for our own games. There will be the family football tournament, vegetable games, children's art activities, singing workshop, fancy dress and the chariot race.

Bring a dish for our pot-luck supper at 7.30, have a drink at the pay-bar and watch the Olympics opening ceremony live on the big screen. Festivities will go on until midnight. Look out for leaflets and invitations in June but put the date in your diary now.

Hassina Khan, 07990 931275

Jumbo success

Over 200 bargain hunters thronged the village hall for our jumbo jumble sale on 10 March. Thanks to those who kindly donated so many items, we raised £1,210 for the church in just two hours!

Susie France 07770 762481

See page 18 for news of Bredfield Tennis Club.

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Otley Offerings

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Brian at the awards ceremony receiving his award from Paul Winter of Ipswich Building Society.

Brian Childs was named as 'Suffolk Volunteer of the Year' at the High Sheriff Awards in March. These are organised by the Suffolk Foundation, and Brian was chosen from 27 other people after being nominated by Chris Taylor, Chairman of Otley Community Council.

In the nomination, Chris said: "If you were to draw a picture of the typical 'Scout Leader' it would be Brian: weather beaten, skinny, baggy shorts, handle bar moustache, big grin and charming personality."

"Brian brought scouting to Otley in 1975, giving young people a sense of purpose, adventure and camaraderie. Since then, he has worked tirelessly and with huge enthusiasm to build the group up and to bring cubs and beavers to a small rural village. He has been instrumental in the expansion of the Otley Scouts group, turning it into one of the biggest rural troops in Suffolk. Brian has held the position of 'Group Leader' with passion and dedication for over 25 years."

"When the group was formed, he played a large part in

raising the funds for a scout hut and then kept it in good order thanks to his skills and enthusiasm for woodwork and fixing things. The fundraising continues to this day through events that have become embedded in village life.

"Brian is also a prominent figure within the local community. A keen member of the Baptist Chapel, he ran a youth group with them for 15 years. He is also a parish councillor with over 20 years service and can always be relied on to support village events and to lend a hand."

The first Brian knew about his nomination was when Elizabeth Stephenson from the Suffolk Foundation rang to invite him to the award ceremony. And he was overwhelmed to win - there was such an impressive group of nominees. As well as the certificate and cup, Brian was given a cheque for the scouts; how this will be spent will be decided shortly.

Brian came to Suffolk from North Devon in the early 70s to work and never returned, after meeting and marrying Christine, who is Otley born and bred.



Young campaigners: the winners of Otley's 'I drive at 25', campaign poster competition run at the primary school, from left Dylan Feavearyear, class 1, Hannah Coles, Class 3, and James Thrun, Class 2. Dylan's poster is being used in the campaign. Photo taken by Stephen Czarnota, who is a school governor and part of the anti speeding drive in the village. More information in the article on the front page.

New look for village website

Otley Parish Council has a new look website which can be found at www.otley.onesuffolk.net.

Here you will find the latest news, such as the work taking place to install a new village sign, a page giving the history on Otley and you can also check the Benefice Calendar for the church within the 'Useful Information' page.

Here there is a link to the Church Times magazine, a good source of information on what is happening in the

village both within the church and other village organisations, and you will also find the Village Store and Post Office opening times.

We also have a page dedicated to walks around Otley with a link to 'walk4life' which will show you walks in the surrounding area.

If you have any comments about the new website then please let us know by contacting me.

Vanessa Osborne,
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Sporting Stories



Nimble Nippers branches out!

Nimble Nippers has now been up and running for a full year. The initiative run by Grundisburgh mums Alice Sim and Sandy Page offers coaching to children from as young as two in multi sport disciplines.

The pair started Nimble Nippers to encourage young children to get involved in sport from an early age and learn the essential skills needed to enjoy and develop within their sport. Since starting the sessions on a Friday afternoon on Grundisburgh playing field, or in wetter months the village hall, the Nippers have gone from strength to strength.

Nimble Nippers now offer sports coaching at Moat Barn Nursery in Hasketon and are pleased to be offering a brand new after-school club at Grundisburgh School for classes 1 & 2.

Sandy says "It's fantastic that Nimble Nippers has received so much support in the area and parents engage with us to get their children active. We are thrilled the new after-school club has proved such a success, it gives true job satisfaction to see such young talent emerging"

For further details about Nimble Nimble Early Years Sports Coaching contact Alice Sim on 01473 735150

Tennis in Bredfield ...

Bredfield & District Tennis Club has existed for some 35 years and continues to have an active membership who plays regularly. The cost for adults is just £30 for one year, £15 for students and £5 for juniors and gives unlimited use of the courts throughout the year.

New members are always welcome and invited to come along on Sunday mornings at 10am when members meet to play some informal tennis.

The club's courts and facilities, which are in excellent condition, are at the side of the Bredfield Village Hall playing field. Interested in joining? Then please

contact membership secretary Angela Bridges on 01394 384874 for further details.

... and Grundisburgh

The summer season at Grundisburgh Tennis Club is now in full swing, with club sessions on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Coaching is available for both juniors and adults - details from Geoff Caryer on 01473 738108.

Fees have remained the same for several years - adult £59, family £100, junior £25.50, couple £79.50. New members are welcome and anyone interested can come to any of the club sessions before committing to joining. The club will be marking its 40th anniversary later this summer.

Monica Begg, Chair, 01473 738830



The Stan Kirsopp (indoor bowls) Trophy was contested even more keenly than usual this year. With three games left to play any one of four teams could have won but it was Roy Girling's team that kept its nerve to top the league. Roy is pictured here with Hazel Peasey at The Dog receiving the trophy from Maureen Day, who was deputising for Stan's widow, Joyce. The third team member, John Hancock, was not able to attend.

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Calling for cakes

Crossroads ... Caring for Carers will again be providing teas for the Hidden

Gardens weekend of 9/10 June from 1 - 6pm in the Parish Rooms. These teas always offer delicious refreshments, as cakes and scones are generously provided by local people. We are so grateful for their help and hope that they will support us again this year by cooking for us once more and, ideally, delivering them to us on the day.

Recent lucky winners of the Crossroads 100+ Draw are: March: D.Warner, Hasketon £15 and A.Deacon, Walton £10. April: C.Richardson, £15 and J.Hart, £10, both Felixstowe.

Katherine Smith, 01394 388970

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We are experimenting with printing the whole of this and the next issue in full colour, instead of the usual four or six pages. If we get enough demand from advertisers to have their adverts reproduced in colour we hope to continue. As a special offer this is currently £5 extra per issue for the smallest size, £10 for medium and £20 for the quarter page ads. Val Crouch would like to hear from anyone interested.

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ARTISTS OPEN THEIR DOORS

The News' villages are once again well represented in the Suffolk Open Studios programme. For some of them it is the first time they have taken part in the event, when members of the public are invited free into studios during some or all of the weekends in June between 11am and 5pm. The visitors are encouraged to view work in progress, talk to the artists - and if they want - to buy work and discuss possible commissions.

Among the first timers is textile artist, **Elizabeth Taylor** (right). She moved to the Old School in Debach a year ago and has a beautiful new studio built by her neighbours. When she retired from teaching she studied on a City and Guilds Creative Textile course; she now creates two and three dimensional textile works, including 'wearable art', and is inspired by nature. *Open 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 & 23/24 June. 07941 023777.*

Also taking part for the first time are two other textile artists with studios at Willowmead, Otley Bottom. Weaving is **Kandi Munson's** passion, with inspiration drawn from sunset photography and yarn provided by the resident alpacas. **Elisabeth Kendrick**, who is the author of two books on plain weave using simple looms, uses natural and man made fibres to create fabrics. *Open 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 & 23/24 June. 01473 274390.*

For **Clare Rizzo** it is the first time she has opened at her new home in Low Road, Hasketon, although she participated in Open Studios when she lived in Woodbridge. She used watercolour and oil pastel in her architectural career and now is exploring these media



'Above: Elizabeth Taylor; Top right: Jewellery by Elizabeth Sadler; Right: 'Southwold', a watercolour by Clare Rizzo for her recently published book on the Suffolk coast.

with the Suffolk coast and countryside as her inspiration. *Open 9/10 & 16/17 June 01394 384789*

Cyndi Speer has been opening her studio in Grundisburgh for a number of years. Her paintings depict natural and man made elements from the surrounding landscape. Swirls of patterns and contrasting tones are built up to create an overall slightly abstracted image. *Open 9/10, 16/17 June. 01473 738823.*

As usual there is strong support for the event among Great Bealings based artists, five of whom are opening their studios, mostly within easy walking distance of each other.

Elizabeth Sadler's studio is at Bealings Barn, Grundisburgh Road, Great Bealings, where she creates jewellery using sterling silver and draws



inspiration from a rich palette of semi precious stones. *Open 9/10, 16/17 June. 01473 735527.*

Ceramics are **Leah Hinks'** medium - hand built porcelain jewellery, dishes, bowls, spoons, candlesticks, cufflinks,

pictureswith colour inspirations from the Moroccan souks to the Mediterranean sea. Her studio is at The Granary, Hall Farm Road.

Open 9/10, 16/17 & 23/24 June. 01473 735880.

Alison Calvesbert produces her mixed media work at the Magna Studios, 1 Boot Street. She specialises in textured print, photographs or multi layered surfaces, which all reflect the influences of her coastal childhood at Bawdsey. *Open 9/10, 16/17 June. 07861 379642.*

Painter **Remraf** is based at the Old Post Office in Lower Road; specialities include local scene and nature photography and she has developed her own style of Impressionist and Aboriginal painting. *Open 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 & 23/24 June. 01473 735230*

Paper-making demonstrations will be taking place at Annesley House, Boot Street, with an invitation from artist **Judith Chestnutt** for visitors to have a go. *Open 9/10 June. 01473 735343.*

In addition some of the artists are involved in an exhibition at Sutton Hoo in early August. Cyndi Speer and Clare Rizzo are jointly exhibiting at the Pond Gallery in Snape in August and in Cyndi's own house in Grundisburgh from 31 May to 6 June.

Details of the 118 artists taking part around the county are featured in the free 2012 Open Studios Directory widely available in shops and libraries around the area.

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