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Otley - Best Village in Suffolk Coastal

Otley is delighted to have won the Suffolk Coastal Village of the Year Award for 2012, having been up against stiff competition from Orford, Kelsale-cum-Carlton and Yoxford.

The village will receive the annual trophy and a cheque for £200 from the Chairman of Suffolk Coastal District Council at the Otley Village Show on Saturday 8 September at 3pm.

Grundisburgh Village Show: Right: Phil Lake with two of his prize winning entries which contributed to his victory in the Perpetual Challenge Cup for the most points in the baking classes, the first male winner in the cup's 75 year history. A regular entrant in several different categories at the annual show, Phil says his baking skills were learnt from his mother.

Below: The hanging baskets. More show photos on page 9.

Otley went forward as the district council's representative in the county-wide competition, organised by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Judging was on 8 August. Unfortunately, Otley was not so successful this time - although the judges were extremely impressed with the Village Stores and the range of services provided. They also particularly praised the co-operation between Otley College, the White Hart Pub and the community as a whole.



A COMMUNITY ORCHARD FOR BREDFIELD?

Bredfield has the chance to create a community orchard and will be holding a public meeting in September to discuss how the money could be raised.

The parish council has been offered one of two remaining fields in the village owned by the Diocese of St Edmundsbury, the last remnants of Glebe Land, traditionally used to generate an income for the parish. After much research and discussion, Bredfield Parish Council

is proposing that the field be used to establish a community orchard. This would maintain a green space in the centre of the village, as well as producing food and serving as an area for quiet contemplation and as a haven for wildlife.

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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was marked enthusiastically in News' villages. Grundisburgh's celebrations ended with fireworks organised by the scouts. Debach's beacon is featured behind our masthead. More photos are on centre pages.



News Diary

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1

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

Monday 3

The Work of a Violin Maker
talk Bredfield Ladies Group
VH 8pm Contact 07802
874397

Thursday 6

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

Bredfield Community Orchard Public meeting VH
7.30pm Contact 386565

Saturday 8

Cake stall iao Grundisburgh
Bowls Club GrVG 10am
Contact 735517

Monday 10

Gr & Culpho PC meeting
7.30pm GrPR Contact
735541

Wednesday 12

Pamper Evening iao Otley
under Fives VH 6.30pm PBE
Contact 890329

Thursday 13

Tiddlywinks toddler group
St Mary's Church Gr 2.30
Contact 735413

Friday 14

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

Tuesday 18

The Remains of Conflict-
from Earthworks to
Pillboxes talk Gr Local

History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738108

Wednesday 19

My Trip to the Galapagos
talk GrMU PR 2.30 Contact
735413

Thursday 20

Ladies Afternoon Gr Burgh
& Culpho WI GrVH 2pm
PBE Contact 735838/735547

Thursday 27

Tiddlywinks toddler group
St Mary's Church Gr 2.30
Contact 735413

Friday 28

Otley Local History
Exhibition VH 2-4pm
Contact 792030

Saturday 29

Grand Feast Otley Hall PBE
Contact 890264

Saturday 29/Sunday 30

Otley Hall 500th
Anniversary celebrations
12-4pm Contact 890264

Art Exhibition Paul Bruce
Old White House Culpho
10am-5pm Contact 738265

Otley Local History
Exhibition VH 11am-4pm
Contact 892030

OCTOBER

Monday 1

The Work of the
Probation Service talk
Bredfield Ladies Group VH
8pm Contact 07802 874397

Thursday 4

Members Meeting Gr
Burgh & Culpho WI GrP
7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 5

Grundisburgh Village
Quiz (inter-groups) School
7pm PBE Contact 738831

Monday 8

Companion Planting - not
just for pest control talk
Otley Gardening Club VH
7.30pm Contact 738244

Thursday 11

Tiddlywinks toddler group
St Mary's Church Gr PR 2.30
Contact 735413

Friday 12

History of Christchurch
Mansion talk Hasketon VH
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970

Saturday 13

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

Tuesday 16

Ann Boleyn - Queen of a
Thousand Days talk Gr
Local History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738108

Thursday 25

Tiddlywinks toddler group
St Mary's Church Gr PR 2.30
Contact 735413

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1

World of Toys Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI GrPR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Monday 5

The Antarctic Odyssey talk
Bredfield Ladies Group VH
8pm Contact 07802 874397

Friday 9

Simple Cosmos Guide
talk HasketonVH 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394 388970

Monday 12

Gr & Culpho PC
meeting 7.30pm GrPR
Contact 735541

Antique Tools talk Otley
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Sunday 18

Hasketon Charity Fair
Hasketon VH 2.30pm Contact
01473 735174

Monday 19

Christmas Shopping iao
Otley under Fives OVH
Contact 890329

Tuesday 20/Sunday 25

Crib Fest St Mary's
Church Gr Contact 735183

Wednesday 21

HMP Hollesley Bay talk
GrMU PR 2.30 Contact
735413

Tuesday 24

AGM & My Life as a
Country Gamekeeper talk
Gr Local History Soc VH
7.30pm Contact 738108

DECEMBER

Thursday 6

Images of Suffolk
Christmas Theme Gr
Burgh & Culpho WI GrPav.
7.30pm Contact 735838

Clairvoyant Evening iao
Otley under Fives Contact
07747698223

Thursday 13

Tiddlywinks toddler group
St Marys Church Gr PR 2.30
Contact 735413

Tuesday 18

The History of Orford
Castle talk Gr Local History
Soc PR 7.30pm Contact
738108

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JULY

Saturday 13

Grundisburgh Village Show
Contact 738267

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 17
November for next issue direct
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What's On

OTLEY HALL CELEBRATES 500 YEARS

To commemorate the building of the Great Hall and Linenfold Parlour at Otley Hall in 1512 we will be holding a special weekend of celebrations on 29 and 30 September.

The hall will be open both days between 12 and 4pm. Historical re-enactments including Tudor doctor and executioner will be displaying their skills along with dancers, jugglers and archers. Children can take part in our Tudor Treasure Hunt with live Tudor clue givers and real treasure!

Tudor crafts and games can be tried and an exhibition of life spanning the centuries will be on display with artefacts and voices from the past. The cost for adults is £8 children £4 and families £22

Tudor Feast

On the Saturday evening we will be holding an evening of Tudor feasting, merriment and dancing, as part of our anniversary celebrations. The 'Lord and Lady' of the hall will welcome their guests and enjoy specially prepared period food and drink to the sounds of the Lute.

Tudor music and dancing will follow with guidance from the Norwich Early Dance Group. Tudor dress is essential!

Tickets are strictly limited and start from £49.50 to include food, drink and entertainment.

For more information about both events ring 01473 890264 or email enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk

Culpho artist's works on show

Paul Bruce, our well-known local artist who studied at Ipswich School of Art in the 1960s, is having an exhibition of his work at The Old White House, Culpho, on Saturday 29 September and Sunday 30 September. This can be visited between 10am to 5pm daily.

He is showing some 30 pieces of sculpture, ranging in size from 6 inches tall to 7 or 8 feet in height.

Paul uses a wide variety of materials – steel, wood, hessian and resin, direct plaster, ceramics – to match form to material. As he says, his inspiration comes from "the line of nature" and his larger sculptures will be set in his garden, with the biggest pieces appearing against the sky. He ranges from abstract to representational, and all his work is characterised by energy, imagination and vitality.

The smaller pieces and works on paper have Culpho Church as their space, and all (with one exception) are for sale. Admission is free, and wine and refreshments will be provided. Parking is in Culpho Church car park, opposite The Old White House (IP6 9DH)

Words and photo Peter Kendall

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Following the success of last year's pilot event, Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society will again celebrate one of the largest and most spectacular vegetables we can grow in the UK. Our pumpkin festival will be held on Grundisburgh Green on Saturday 13 October from 11.30am and 3pm, and have something for all the family.



Those with a competitive streak will be able to compete for the largest or smallest (in circumference) pumpkin or squash, the best carved pumpkin and the popular pumpkin rolling and apple bashing make a welcome return plus many other attractions. Seasonal food and drink with a pumpkin theme will be available as well as produce and plants for sale.



Paul Bruce in his Culpho studio

Helpers are needed on the day; for the whole event or part of it. We are looking for budding pumpkin carvers and face painters to join our already skilled team. In addition to this, extra hands would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact me. The profit made will be going towards the new Scout Headquarters

*Joanna Lawrence, 01473 738799,
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Church fete

St Mary's Church fete on Grundisburgh Green will be all you would expect – plus a little more. You will have a chance to buy cakes, clothes, books and Fairtrade; play Roll-a-Ball or Catch-an-Egg; win at the grand draw and bottle stall; guess the weight of the dog (a live one, not a toy); refresh with teas, cakes, and ice cream

This year for the first time visitors will be invited to feel some of the buzz of motor racing - local youngster James Clarke will show his race winning formula kart and trophies from his British Cadet Races. Action starts at 2pm on Saturday 1 September.

Charity Fair

Hasketon annual fair to Henable national and local charities to raise funds and for bargain hunters to find Christmas presents takes place

on Sunday 18 November. Anyone who would like to raise funds for their favourite charity should contact Jenny McWhirter on 01473 735174 to enquire about a stall. The Victory Hall opens to shoppers at 2.30pm.

PREPARING FOR PANTO

Tuddenham's annual pantomime performed by TADPOLES (Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People of Little Experience) will take place during February half term with performances from Thursday 21 February to Saturday 23rd. Auditions for adult roles will be held at Tuddenham Village Hall on Wednesday 26 September at 7.30pm. Anyone who doesn't want a main role but is interested in becoming involved – chorus, backstage or making the tea – please call our producer, Joan Bloomfield on 785682 or email her (jmbloomfield@gmail.com) Children's rehearsals will start on Sunday 11 November at 2pm. All children resident in or connected with the village are welcome to come along. For more information, please contact me.

*Jean Ellinor, 01473 785682,
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Information about the auditions for Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society's panto is on page 6.

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Arthur Page 1923-2012

Arthur was the eldest son (of four) of a gamekeeper at Freston, went to school there and at Holbrook Senior, worked first at Fox's boatyard and then on a farm, joining the Home Guard as the second world war approached. Conscripted into the Suffolk Regiment he was shipped to fight in India, had a bad time against the Japanese in the jungle, leading to time in hospital. Back home, Arthur worked in the gardens of Belstead House and married Muriel in 1950, which led to Anne being born in 1951 and



Tim in 1954. They lived happily in a tied cottage at Belstead House, where Arthur became Head Gardener in 1956, a job enjoyed until retirement in 1988.

Muriel had inherited the bungalow on the sharp bend in Lower Road, Grundisburgh. (Her father, Redvers Dunnett, had been an ambulance driver.) Arthur's retirement gave more time for his own garden, for some paid gardening, for his children, grandchildren and his model railway. After Arthur suffered a major stroke in 2000 the couple moved to a wardened flat in Felixstowe and he died in a nursing home. A true country gentleman.

*Information from the family,
words by Bruce Polley.*

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Local dairy not cowed by market giants!

Milk order milk? Surely not! It is only a very small percentage of its business but Grundisburgh-based Foulgers Dairy is one of the very few suppliers of raw Jersey milk: one customer was so keen to have it that Foulgers couriered it to Scotland (where it's unobtainable), arriving by 8 the next morning! Just one example of the personal service that owner Adrian Foulger and his staff of eight provide to customers appreciating the convenience of doorstep deliveries of milk - and other products from eggs and cream to coal and cling film.

Passionate about dairying, Adrian took over the milk side of the family farm business in 1999 with 450 customers, mostly in and around Grundisburgh. Today,



he has 2,200 regular customers, serviced by six rounds, still mostly in The

News area, but with a growing proportion from Ipswich to Saxmundham to Bawdsey. But he says it is not an easy job to convince people that cheapest is not necessarily best and of the advantages of supporting local businesses and local employment.

Most of Foulgers' milk is Suffolk produced and bottled by Marybelle at Walpole near Halesworth so 'milk miles' are minimised. Typically, cow-to-doorstep time is two or three days, compared with up to a week

from supermarkets. About 80% of milk sold is semi-skimmed.

The UK dairy industry is going through a difficult time, with supermarkets cutting payments to farmers to the point where it is not economic for them to keep cows and many dairy farmers have gone out of business.

But Adrian is optimistic about the future although it means hard work generating new customers. He personally calls on households and organisations like schools, residential homes and nurseries to add to his customer base but he is very grateful for the continuing support he receives from his loyal, local customers.

Words and photos Richard Watkinson

website:

www.foulgersdairy.co.uk

tel 01473 735916 email:

doorstep@foulgersdairy.co.uk

Top: Adrian Foulger;

Below: Office manager John

Hill, the voice behind the phone.



Lofty Heights is the aptly named scheme which is the brainchild of Grundisburgh resident Olive Quinton. She set up the social enterprise to help overcome both fuel poverty and youth unemployment, problems which she became very aware of during her earlier career with Age UK, and social and health services.

A group of four previously unemployed youngsters were recruited and underwent a four week training course at Otley College, as well as three weeks work experience. Now they are working with Olive to provide a loft emptying service to elderly and disabled people who want to take advantage of the various free home insulation schemes. Most of the companies offering roof insulation will only work in an empty loft - a task beyond the capability of those most needing a warmer home.

By the time The News went to press, the team had completed nine loft clearances and have

orders to several more. The young men have been employed initially on a three month contract, and will continue to receive training and mentoring. "It has been such a delight to see how they have developed in confidence as we have undertaken more jobs and they can see what a tremendous improvement they are making to peoples' lives" says Olive.

The service can also be valuable in other situations, for example when someone is wanting to downsize or move into sheltered housing. The cost involved depends on individual circumstances. The whole team, including Olive, have been vetted with CRB checks.

Olive's enterprise has been helped by the Eastern Enterprise Hub through business mentoring and use of office space. A small grant was provided by the Warmer Homes, Healthy People project. Olive would welcome enquiries from anyone wanting a cosier home. The team can be contacted on 07745215114 www.lofty-heights.org.

Nicola Hobbs



Olive Quinton and her Lofty Heights team

One of the schemes offering free insulation is the 'Warm as Toast' Greener Homes scheme supported by Suffolk County Council and district councils. This has an additional benefit in that, for every home that takes up the offer, £15 will be donated to one of the schools/groups that have registered with this scheme. Otley primary school has already taken advantage of this. The scheme ends on 30 September. For more details call 0845 603 7686 or visit www.greensuffolk.org/toast.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Productive comedy from drama group

I enjoyed 'How Does Your Garden Grow?', the latest Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society play in June. As usual this was a comedy with much innuendo, mistaken identity and continuous comings and goings, on and off the set.

One has to recognise the many hours of rehearsing and script learning that goes into these village productions. I take my hat off to all those that were involved. The unlikely theme this time was set in a small hotel three miles from an annual rock festival.

All ten actors turned in a fine performance and I'm pleased to say that the script prompter was not called upon to assist more than a very few times, which is commendable. As I have reported before, I am amazed a village the size of Grundisburgh is able to enjoy the successful series of plays and pantomimes that GADS consistently achieves. That clearly is why these performances are so well supported.

In addition to the actors, the many behind the scenes producers, directors, scenery makers and other helpers are to be applauded. Long may GADS continue to entertain us. We appreciate your hard work.

Roving Reviewer



Cast of 'How Does Your Garden Grow', from left: Sandy Broom, Debbie Osborne, Tom Beasley, Nikki Brown, Ian Frost, Nicky Seabrook, Darin Osborne, Natasha Lambert, Steve Newton and Bettina Lambert
Photo Brian Robinson

Panto auditions

The title of GADS next panto is 'Pirates' by Sharon Hulm. This is a multi-charactered (not quite traditional) but colourful show which should hopefully amuse everybody.

Anyone who wishes to audition will be welcomed whether a GADS member or not - but will be expected to join GADS and abide by the rules if they are awarded a part. Auditions will be held at Grundisburgh Village Hall on Sunday 9 Sept - children from midday to 2pm, and adults from 2pm to 5pm.

The final script read-through for adults prior to auditions will be on Wednesday 5 Sept at our usual GADS meeting.

Marian Rosling, 01473 738648,
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CARDINAL WOLSEY BROUGHT TO LIFE



Rupert Herries has been playing Cardinal Wolsey, the prelate who was a major force during the reign of Henry VIII, to sell out audiences in churches around the county.

The specially written play 'Thomas Wolsey, the Rise and Fall', comes back for a third series in September, starting with a performance at St Mary's in Woodbridge on the 5th (tickets are available from Woodbridge Books, 66 The Thoroughfare). Other performances are at Glemsford, Felixstowe, and Bury St Edmunds. All start at 7.45pm and tickets cost £8. Queries and box office 01394 279613

The production is mounted in partnership with Heritage Open Days and is raising money for church restoration funds in Suffolk.

Rupert lives in Grundisburgh. He has worked with many theatre companies throughout the UK, starting at the old Ipswich Arts Theatre when he was 15, where he first trained. "It has been a great privilege to play Wolsey in Suzanne Hawkes' new play for Black & White Productions, especially as we have been performing in some of Suffolk's most magnificent churches", Rupert says.

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SCOUTING NEWS

First Grundisburgh Scout Group has had some fantastic achievements. In May the Cubs won the District Camping Competition as well as the District Archery Trophy. A team of Scouts and Explorers excelled in the National Archery Competition by winning 18 medals, three cups and three shields. Some of them are now the best archers in their age category across the whole Scouting Association.

In June we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a superb campfire, songs, sketches and a marvellous firework display to end the evening - thanks for staying with us during the rain!

Also in June the Cubs and Brownies had a giant sleepover on Grundisburgh Playing Field with over 60 children and adults attending.

A very busy July with the AGM where over 200 badges were presented, along with six Bronze, ten Silver, seven Gold and three Platinum Chief Scout Awards.

Our crockery smash was a great attraction at the Village Show but yet again the weather was not too good.

The sun eventually shone for our sixth Duck Race. The crowds of people attending had great fun on the games and stalls, tasty BBQ and scrumptious cakes. We sold 1850 ducks and the grand total of the day was a marvellous £2800 towards our new Scout & Guide HQ. Very grateful thanks to all our sponsors, parents and helpers for supporting this, now annual, village event.

Summer camp in August was in the Peak District where 20 Explorers, 16 Scouts and Leaders joined up with Kesgrave and Leiston Groups totalling 102 members camping all together. The many activities included caving, canoeing, rafting,



Duck race spectators included the two white ducks that live on Grundisburgh Green.

cycling, hiking, swimming, bowling, visit to attractions in Manchester and a day at Alton Towers Theme Park. In September the Scouts are hill-walking up Kinder Scout while later the Cubs and Scouts are at Hallowtree on the District Link Camp.

We would like to thank the Grundisburgh & Culpho Horticultural Society for making our new HQ appeal one of its nominated charities this year.

More information can be found on the websites:
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

*Pat Ross, Group Secretary,
01473 735352*

TEXTILE RECYCLING

The Scout Group is appealing for people to continue to use its textile bin on the playing field car park, despite the introduction of the district council's textile recycling scheme.

The Scout's scheme has already raised £1300 and we are concerned that the council scheme could take away some much needed funds. Please keep using our textile bin and if you find it is getting full please contact 01473 735352 and we will get it emptied. Of



course there is nothing against you using their bags and putting it in our bin! The district council's main concern is to reduce the amount of rubbish going into landfill.

*Stuart Ross, Group
Scout Leader, 01473
735352*



Awards galore: Top: Scouts. Below: Cubs.

Ladies invitation

Following a successful fashion show last year, Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI had requests for another event. So ladies are invited to Grundisburgh Village Hall on 20 September between 2 and 4pm. The £5 entry fee will include a delicious tea of cakes and sandwiches, and a warm welcome.

The Body Shop will be represented, also a variety of craft stalls selling jewellery, pens, handbags, home made cakes etc. For an extra charge there are manicures or leg and foot massage. Tickets are available from Gill 01473 735547 or Carol Barker, 01473 735838.



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Celebrations at St. Mary's

Two significant events occurred this summer for the clergy serving the community at St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Grundisburgh.

The 25th anniversary of the first ordination of women in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich fell on 31 May. Our vicar, the Rev. Canon Clare Sanders was one of the women ordained as Deacon - which is the last step on the long road to becoming a Priest. The anniversary was commemorated by a service at a packed St. Mary's with the The Right Reverend Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich officiating

and three of the women who later became priests attending. Two have now retired but Clare is extremely busy not only as a Parish Priest but also as Rural Dean and is very actively involved in many other duties throughout the Deanery.

A month later the Rev. Wendy Gourlay, who lives in



Cretingham but has been attached to St. Mary's as deacon for the past year, was consecrated as Priest.

The service of ordination took place in the Cathedral at Bury when Wendy together with five others, was ordained. The solemn and moving service was conducted by the Bishop. Wendy was supported by Clare and by her own husband and family, with many people from Grundisburgh and others in the congregation. A very happy occasion concluded with a gathering in the Cathedral grounds and the taking of many photographs.

Wendy celebrated her first Communion service the following morning at St. Mary's. She was presented with several gifts from the congregation including two specially commissioned stoles. Wendy, who will continue to



serve here as Curate, is well known for her skill in music and her interest and encouragement of young people.

Words and photos provided by Brian Robinson

Above: Wendy Gourlay takes her first Communion Service; Left: Clare Sanders with The Reverend Canon Sally Fogden and the Reverend Margaret Blackall who were all celebrating their 25th anniversary:

Below left: The newly ordained priests 25 years ago, with Clare on the far left.



News from the Baptist Chapel

We had an incredible open-air service in July. It seemed to rain almost the whole day except for the hour we were on the Green! We do believe the Lord is in control of the weather. We hope the sun will shine for the farmers as they get the harvest in.

We have a packed harvest weekend this year with a Harvest Supper on Saturday 22nd September at 6.00pm, which will include some social activities and a short epilogue. Please contact me for (free) tickets. On Sunday 23rd at 10.45am we have an all-age Harvest Thanksgiving service. In the evening at 6.30pm we have a Songs of Praise. We invite you to choose your favourite hymn to sing with us (it doesn't have to be a harvest hymn!). Everyone is welcome to these events.

On Saturday 10 November at 8.30am we have a Men's Breakfast at the chapel, with a short talk by David Rushbrook from Rendlesham. All men are invited, please contact me for (free) tickets.

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A blooming good show!

Will it, won't it? The rain was again a concern at Grundisburgh Village Show but happily didn't disrupt proceedings much. The main event of Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society's calendar, the show was held on 14 July.

David Warren of Hasketon again took the trophy for the most points in flowers, fruit and vegetable classes, while for the first time there was a male winner of the home baking cup (see photo on front page). All the cup winners are listed on the society's website (www.gbchs.org.uk). The weather beforehand had played its part in discouraging horticultural entries; but there was still an impressive number of entries to most classes and judges, who mostly come from the Suffolk Horticulture & Produce Association, commented on the high standards.

The show costs a lot of money to mount, mainly because of the marquee hire. Sponsors play a major part - through taking advertisements in the schedule, providing raffle prizes or money for class prizes. The other events we run - Hidden Gardens, Pumpkin Festival, Summer Disco and Evening Garden Party - all bring in funds.

Happily the society is now able to give donations to charity as well. Treasurer Iain Langdon is hoping that the 2012 donation will be able to exceed the £2,600 given last year. The good causes benefitting this year are the Scouts appeal for a much needed new hut and the Woolverstone Wish for improved facilities for cancer outpatients.

The Horticultural Society is run by a small group of volunteers. We are not serious horticulturalists, rather people

who enjoy organising community events. We need more people if we are to continue to mount the Village Show, particularly more muscle! Volunteers do not need to serve on the main committee - they are welcome

to become involved in one or more the events or to be available to help as and when needed. Anyone who can help support the society's activities please make contact.

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

An invitation to

Our annual general meeting
Friday 21 September 7.30pm
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Please come and give us your ideas on how
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Photos Peter Kendall.



Clockwise from top: John Richards and pupils from Grundisburgh School entertain; John Lynch presented the cups, including a surprise one to Iain Langdon for all the hard work he puts in on the show; Display from Suffolk Vehicle Enthusiasts proved a big attraction; Lego model in the 5 to 7 year old section; Winning vase of five garden flowers. Chris Pearce, one of the Culpho contingent who ran the popular tea tent; Centre: Fancy dress contender.

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CELEBRATING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE



Debach children with their mugs and stamps.

Debach Jubilee street party

It was lovely to have such a great turnout from the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Even the sun came out. We held a 1950s theme party on the green. Everyone contributed food with the highlights being delicious cakes and puddings in the design of the Union flag. The children buried a time capsule the village had put together. The capsule included photos of each villager outside their house along with a brief article about each family. I wonder how many of the children will be around to dig it up in 60 years time?

The village would like to say a big thank you to local businesses - Gressingham Foods for donating jubilee stamps for every child in the village and Debach Enterprises for the kind donation of souvenir mugs. Later in the evening the village turned out in force again for the lighting of the jubilee beacon and fireworks.

Emma Grimwood



Tuddenham's red, white & blue picnic

Tuddenham celebrated with a Red, White & Blue themed Bring & Share picnic at the Village Hall. Over 100 villagers attended and joined in an afternoon of games and quizzes finishing with "60s decade" sing-along led by our musical vicars Reverends Catherine and Alan Forsdike. Everyone had a great time!



... AND THE OLYMPICS



Top Grundisburgh Scouts' bonfire over the river. Peter Brunning formally launched Cyndi Speer's special Jubilee map on the side of Forge Stores. Fun run down Rose Hill. Flower Festival in St Mary's. Members of Grundisburgh's Lunch Club and Lyttleton Club joined forces for a celebratory tea. Attractions at The Dog included a traction engine and songs by Lilly and Leo.

An album of photos taken by Peter Kendall, Brian Robinson and Richard Watkinson during the jubilee in Grundisburgh can be seen in the Post Office.



Eily Buffone from Grundisburgh carrying the torch along Quay Street in Woodbridge on 5 July. She was cheered on by a large crowd of all ages shouting encouragement and waving flags. A wonderful hot and sunny day to celebrate the Olympics!

Photo courtesy Ian McIvor

Bredfield Olympics

On Friday 27 July Bredfield village celebrated London 2012, with games on the field and a community screening in the village hall of the opening ceremony. Excitement began a couple of weeks beforehand as signs went up and people began to scavenge materials and draw up secret plans for their contribution to the highlight of the afternoon; the chariot race.



Chariots arrived at 5pm and after an opening fanfare by Bredfield's very own band, we were led in a parade round the field by Rod Caird on the bagpipes. Then followed children's fancy dress, a football tournament, bunting making, target tennis and vegetable games, including sugar beet shot put, a

cucumber relay race and leek javelin throwing. After the eagerly awaited chariot race, won by Lawrence Shipp with a Bacofoil-wrapped pram, the



afternoon concluded with a medal ceremony for all the winners.

Later that evening, over 100 people brought food (themed as dishes from around the world), the Castle Inn opened up the bar, and everyone watched the magnificent London 2012 Opening Ceremony on the big screen in the village hall. Only a few people made it to the end at 1am, but whichever part of the day people came to and however short their stay might have been, they all had a fantastic time. Many thanks to everyone who made it a success, and here's to Rio 2016!

Words Hassina Khan, photos Steve Stammers

Otley Olympics

Otley's celebrations took place at the primary school in mid June. The afternoon began with an Olympic inspired procession, where each child represented a different county, with music from around the world.

The children took part in a selection of traditional races - running, sack, three legged, egg and spoon, bean bags and buckets. Earlier in the week they had taken part in a decathlon where they were able to gain points for their team. Activities included long jump, throwing and target throwing and many more.

The afternoon ended with a presentation of medals and refreshments provided by parents.



Burgh bellringers joined thousands of others round the country to peel the bells at 8.10am on 27 July.

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SPEEDING MATTERS

More speed watchers wanted

The Speed Watch Scheme has been running in a number of villages for over three years. Volunteers are trained to use cameras to check the speed at which vehicles are travelling.

More recruits will always be welcomed but are currently urgently needed in Winesham and Swilland.

The scheme also covers Grundisburgh, Westerfield, Otley, Debach, Clopton and a part of Woodbridge.

Cretingham is well on the way to becoming part of it too. Volunteers can either opt to operate in their own village or elsewhere.

The registration numbers of the vehicles caught speeding are passed to the police - and can eventually lead to fines and points on licences. Offers of help and requests for

information to the scheme's co-ordinator Malcolm Gooch on 01473 445, email malcolm.gooch@btinternet.com

Speed limit success for Debach

After two years of campaigning and lobbying, Debach village will soon have an extension to its existing 30mph speed limit. This means that the restriction will apply throughout the village up to the junction with the B1078.

The road has been designated as a limited lorry route and this should make it somewhat safer for the children who live at that end of the village.

However, it comes at a cost - the legal procedures, consultations and signage will be in excess of £2,500. Funding can be met through a grant from Councillor Bellfield's Locality Budget and a generous contribution from William Buchanan of Gressingham Foods. Our sincere thanks goes to both of them for this. The residue will be from local donations.

Tony Fryatt

Visit from SID

The Speed Indicator Display, commonly known as SID, appeared in Grundisburgh in July. This was operated by Suffolk Roadsafe at the request of the parish council to assess the

speed of vehicles in Ipswich Road and Rose Hill. This mobile sign displays the motorist's speed, to raise their awareness of their speed and to encourage them to drive within the speed limit. SID is essentially the friendly side of speed enforcement, but never-the-less effective. Speeds have been reduced during SID's visits and early monitoring of accidents shows pleasing results.

The detectors were placed on the corner of Gull Lane looking south and just down from Alice Driver Road, near the sandbin, facing north. During the ten hour period 1,023 vehicles went on this stretch of road. Just over half of these were doing less than 29mph and the highest were two between 41 and 43mph. It should be born in mind, however, that it was school holidays and there were no vehicles doing school runs - and some vehicles coming up the hill from The Green would be slowing down to turn in to Alice Driver Road.

This was first of three visits and the results will be presented to the parish council at its next meeting on 10 September. Data collected by SID is also passed to the Police when appropriate. Further discussions will be held with Suffolk Roadsafe to discuss the feasibility of taking additional SID readings at The Green, Grundisburgh, in the future.

Tom Coomber, chairman, parish council
transport sub committee

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Hasketon Highlights



JAZZ & BARBECUE DEFEAT THE WEATHER!

The Thursday evening before the Hasketon Jazz Barbecue in late June was fine although a bit windy for the erection of our large tents and gazebos. But the next morning, after a night of near tornado experience at Shrubbery Farm, saw almost the whole lot flat, upturned, bent and even torn.

Suffolk Coastal Marquees were most helpful and erected two large and very substantial marquees to save the situation and provide cover for the food. Fortunately the cover over the band and the wheelchair gazebo survived as did the cover on the scaffold for the barbecues.



We almost had a fine day! A sudden squall as the band was setting up drove rain under their cover and wet their electrical gear causing temporary consternation,

but we are well protected with circuit trips etc so things soon dried and the Sussex Jazz Kings were soon into their usual happy entertaining mode with excellent New Orleans style music.

Of course, we had no gazebos for the audience but no-one complained and most enjoyed the light and the sunshine; the sea of umbrellas during the one shower was quite a sight.

The usual great food, for which this event has gained a

noted reputation, was enjoyed without being dampened and several couples danced on the lawn with considerable energy! Overall it was a successful day with a clear profit of around £1,500 for the work of the parish church. You can now book the date for 2013: Sunday 30 June.

Gordon & Molly Smith,
01394 383106

Photos by Peter Kendall.

Top: The Sussex Jazz Kings,
Centre: Gordon Smith.

Second Fridays

Although Richard Smith, the instigator of our very popular 2nd Friday talks, has been ill, the events are continuing. We have speakers booked until February and would welcome suggestions for future talks as soon as possible as good speakers need to be booked well in advance. Please contact me or Hilary Hill (01473 735336).

I am very grateful that Hilary has volunteered to organise the speakers and John Goode to take on the posters and publicity. My team of helpers will do the food as usual. Please book by the Wednesday before the Friday as that is when I get the food. We

always welcome more volunteers to put the tables up and down and washers up.

On September 14 Group Captain Tony Alcock, nephew of Sir John Alcock, tells the story of the first non-stop Transatlantic flight which took place in 1919 by Alcock and Brown. Included in this fascinating presentation will be Alcock family memorabilia and documentary video about the Atlantic Air Race.

On 12 October. Paul Bruce, a past chairman of The Friends of Ipswich Museums, will talk about the history, families and collections of Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich. He tells the story of the three families who have lived there, their furnishings that were in fashion at the time and he describes some of the most interesting paintings displayed in the mansion.

Mike Hayes will give us a 'Simple Guide to the Cosmos' on 9 November. He has his own observatory near Stutton and he will explain his exploration of those many planets and stars across the sky that one normally just sees on a clear night and thinks how pretty they are!

Katherine Smith, 01394 388970

LATE NEWS: Shortly before The News went to press we heard the very sad news of Richard's death. A tribute to him and his many contributions to community life will feature in the next issue. Our deepest sympathy to Katherine and his family.

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RESTORING THE CHURCH KNEELERS

Renovation of the kneelers in St Andrews Church has started, with three meetings in the Church Room and additional work in various homes in between times.

Beth Taylor has kindly put considerable work into researching, organising and starting the preliminary work. Foam pads with carpet toppings have been covered with cotton envelopes and tapestry covers carefully emptied, washed and dried, ready for the next stages in the process.

A little experimenting has shown that the resulting work will be a vast improvement and by the Harvest Festival we plan to have some on display. We hope to eventually hang the kneelers to prevent further damage from being moved around on the floor and also to display the designs.

The 60 kneelers were made between 1964 and 1966 by a large team of Bredfield residents and contacts from the surrounding area, elsewhere in the UK as well as Australia. They were

presented to the church by Sir Denys and Lady Pilditch and dedicated to their son Peter and Lady Pilditch's mother, Mrs Irene Russell. Mrs Russell was related to the five Australian ladies who worked on the tapestries. On their completion the bells rang out to welcome about 70 people to a dedication by the Assistant Bishop of Coventry, Bishop John McKie, a friend of Mrs Russell.

Our next working party is on 12th September from 2-4pm in the Church Room, where there will be tea/coffee, biscuits, chat, fellowship and help and probably lots of laughter.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who was involved with, or related to, anyone involved with making the kneelers in the mid sixties.

Ann Stammers (01394 384371)

A community orchard?

Continued from page 1

Establishing a community orchard would fulfil two of the objectives of the Parish Plan: a majority of the villagers expressed a wish to both 'investigate a suitable site for a wildlife area' (AP21) and to 'ensure that certain areas and open spaces are protected

from inappropriate development and ensuring the character of the parish is retained' (AP27).

It is foreseen that, although Bredfield Parish Council would be responsible for the site, a small group from the village would oversee the creation of the community orchard and associated wildlife areas and would be required to report to the council at regular intervals on the state of progress.

However, to meet this ambitious aim, the money to purchase the field needs to be raised – how this may be achieved is currently under consideration; the parish council does not have the necessary funds at its disposal and a community effort will be needed if this is going to be achieved.

A special meeting will be held on Thursday 6 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The proposal will be presented and possible ways of raising the money will be discussed – I would ask that as many people as possible attend this meeting.

David Hepper. davidhpr99@gmail.com

Ladies Group

Bredfield Ladies Group meet at 8pm in Bredfield Village Hall on the first Monday of each month. Here are details of the sessions leading up to Christmas. New members always welcome - please contact Anne Henderson on 07802 874397.

On 3 September Russell Stowe will talk about 'The Work of a Violin Maker and Restorer'. The topic on 1 October is The Work of the Probation Service, and on 5 November Christopher Parfitt covers his 'Antarctic Odyssey'

Members will be having their Christmas Dinner at 7pm at The Castle, Bredfield, on 3 December

Coverage of the Bredfield Olympics event is included on page 11.

Briefly ...

Cunningly placed buns, Apples and vases are all that come between the audience and the bold actresses of the Debenham Players who are casting off their clothing at three performances of the Tim Firth play 'Calendar Girls'.

Performances are at Debenham High School on 6, 7 and 8 September, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets, including cheese, wine and desserts, cost £15 and are available from The Garden of Deben, 6 High Street, Debenham or online at www.debenhamcalendargirls.co.uk For more information, call 01728 860893.

Deben Radio CIC continues to grow, and its new website is now up and running. The community radio station wants to hear from local people about what they want to listen to and what they think about the service. Its aim is to broadcast live. Kate Redmond, who reads stories for 'Storytime', is eager to hear from authors of short stories for younger children that she - or the author - could read. Visit www.debenradio.com or email contact@debenradio.com.

Suffolk Singers are again hosting a choral workshop, with Framlingham College the venue this year on Sunday 21 October. Three coronation anthems will be prepared - Handel's Zadok the Priest, Parry's I was Glad and Elgar's Great is the Lord - for a performance as the finale to the day. Participation is free to those under 19 and the price for the day for others is £17. To reserve a place or find out more ring Alison Bestow 01473 625070 or email alison.bestow@btinternet.com.

Apple Day on Sunday 21 October (2-4pm) is one of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's attractions this autumn at Foxburrow Farm, Melton. Queries to 01394 380113, Foxburrow.education@suffolkwildlifetrust.org www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org



Janet D'Arcy (left) and Beth Taylor on kneeler duty.

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Otley Offerings

Suffolk Coastal Village of the Year

A big thank you must go to all those who came out armed with lawnmowers and hedge trimmers, for the litter picking, street sweeping and sign cleaning, and to the representatives of the village who met and chatted with the Village of the Year judges. It made a difference to the overall appearance of the village. That Otley is the Suffolk Coastal Village of the Year is testament to the many residents who volunteer and offer support to the village, of the numerous clubs and activities for all ages that run in Otley. Without them there would have been nothing to write about on the entry form!

Vanessa Osborne, Otley Parish Council Clerk

New safe key service from police

The Suffolk Police and Suffolk Coastal Community Safety Partnership hosted a crime reduction awareness day in Otley offering advice on practical measures to reduce the chance of becoming a victim of crime. Members of the Woodbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team handed out crime reduction packs full of handy hints and tips on steps to protect property and also information on the Suffolk Safe Key service.

This innovative new service provides protection and help for residential and non residential property owners if they lose their keys. It also provides Suffolk Constabulary accessible emergency contact and keyholder details should the police be called to an unattended property and reduces the risk of forced entry property and potential costs incurred. For more information visit www.suffolk.safekey.org.uk or call the Suffolk SAFEKey hotline on 08444 121 802.

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Otley Offerings

NEW VILLAGE SIGN

The original wooden village sign had been commissioned by Otley Woman's Institute in 1977, and believed to commemorate the Royal Silver Jubilee. Mrs Hope Longbottom, who was well known for her artistic ability, was responsible for the design and her husband Ted Longbottom, a craftsman cabinet maker, for the carving of the work in oak.

The sign depicted the Gosnold Crest, the sailing barque 'Godspeed', a sheaf of wheat representing corn taken from East Anglia in the ship, and the grapes from which settlers established vineyards in North America. The other elements



of the sign – oak leaves, wild rose and birds – were designed to convey a picture of the Otley area. This sign received three repaints over the 35 years but sadly was damaged beyond repair in strong winds in January 2012.

Village Green Signs, a company based in Watford who produce house signs, worked closely with Otley Parish Council to replicate the original sign in a polymer resin. They had never produced anything quite so large before. The company also had the forged iron decorative bracket produced and the completed sign delivered to Otley in time for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in early June.



Local history on display

Otley Local History Exhibition will be taking place on 28, 29 and 30 September, mounted by the Otley Local History Group and provides an opportunity to learn about village history.

Russell Ling and Lester Hawes will be launching their new book 'Otley Past: Folklore and Local History'. This contains many stories, photographs and memories of life in the village over the past hundred years. The exhibition will include photographs and other items kindly lent by local people.

The book and exhibition coincide with Otley Hall's celebration of 500 years since the Great Hall and parlour were built (see page 3).

Members of the Local History Group look forward to seeing you at Otley Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm on the Friday, or from 11am to 4pm on the Saturday and Sunday.

Sally Whiffing, Otley Local History Recorder and Coordinator of Otley Local History Group, historian2007@gmail.com

Invitations from the Under Fives

Otley Under Fives is inviting ladies to come and be pampered and do a bit of shopping at Otley Village Hall on 12 September. This runs from 6.30pm until 10pm. Tickets are £3 in advance, £4



Two of the photos for display: Top: On 2 June 1934 Mrs Dorothy Sherston hosted a village fete at Otley Hall to help pay the debts incurred by the renovation of the church tower the previous year. The fete also featured an historical pageant, produced by Mrs George Dowsing and performed by villagers of all ages. The exhibition will include a copy of the pageant script, which was based on the history of the church bells.

Above: Dennis Stebbings shoeing a horse at Otley's smithy, which stood on the west side of Helmingham Road, just beyond Post Office Corner. He was the brother of Fred Stebbings, the last working blacksmith in Otley. The lad holding the horse is Charles Mortimer, who seems to be wearing an old army uniform.

on the door, and include entrance and a glass of wine. Pampers are booked on the night: reflexology, back and neck massage, mini manicure and pedicure or Indian head massage.

The group is also organising a Christmas shopping evening on 19 November, while on 6 December there will be a clairvoyant evening with Stephanie Carr.

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Sporting stories



FIRST FUN RUN

Grundisburgh mounted its first ever fun run as part of its Diamond Jubilee celebrations. There were 21 under fives, 20 eight to eleven year olds, and 51 aged twelve and over - making a total of 109 runners in all.

The youngest ones completed one circuit on the playing field, and the second group two circuits, while the older group also ran on roads through the village, covering 5kms in all.

This is wonderful for a first time and we hope that it can become a biennial event. The money raised from entry fees and sponsorship of £444.73 was divided equally between Grundisburgh Youth Club and Grundisburgh Playgroup. We are very grateful for all the help received to run this event.

Clive and Ann Willetts



The new programme of Stepping Out in Suffolk Health Walks has just been published. This covers the rest of 2012, plus some of the first walks for the New Year, and includes over 250 walks.

These range from starter/rehabilitation walks of up to half an hour to more taxing walks of approximately three hours - and some even more. All walks are free and led by trained volunteer health

walk leaders. There is no need to book, you can just turn up, but we do ask for anyone new to health walks that a health questionnaire is filled out - but once that is done you are free to enjoy any of the walks available to you.

The walks are organised as part of the Live Well Suffolk initiative. One of the two part time co-ordinators is Grundisburgh resident Sharon West. The walk on 28 October starts in Playford and on 14 November in Grundisburgh. There are many others in towns and villages across the whole of Suffolk.

Full details can be found on <http://www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk/healthwalks.php> where the current programme is available to download or copies are also available in libraries and some doctors surgeries.

Inter-Village Rounders

The second Inter-Village Rounders Tournament is being held on Sunday 16 September at Sutton near Woodbridge. The tournament has been created as part of Suffolk Sport's Fit Villages initiative.

Teams of up to 15 people can enter. No more than nine can be on the pitch at any one time, of whom no more than five can be men. All must be 16 or over. Last year's tournament was held in

Hollesley and Bawdsey were the eventual winners. Further details from henry.tapp@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk,

Grundisburgh Football Club

Grundisburgh Football Club was founded in 1920 by David Vinnicombe (the headmaster of the Grundisburgh Primary School at the time) when he formed the first men's team. The club has enjoyed many successes since then - their biggest triumphs include winning the Suffolk and Ipswich League nine times along with the league cup six times, in addition to the Suffolk Senior Cup seven times.

Last season the club's first team were pipped to the post in the senior league, finishing runners up after losing by one point to the winners. The 'reserves' team also finished runners up in the Suffolk and Ipswich intermediate league, and won the Suffolk and Ipswich league cup final.

The players are now at the top of their game; unfortunately lack of facilities means they cannot be promoted to the next league. However, Jon Trenter - the club's chairman - says their aim now is to keep playing at this brilliant standard. Grundisburgh FC have been well prepared for the new season now under way, playing four friendlies beforehand including two against higher league teams.

The support from family, friends and the club's associates is tremendous, although the club are keen to see more villagers on Saturday afternoons cheering on their home team. In addition, they are always seeking willing volunteers to make teas, erect the goals and cut the grass!

A feature on some of the well-known characters previously involved with the club will follow in a later issue.

Katie Davis



Lynette Chapman nearing the end of the Orwell Sponsored Charity Walk in June. She completed the full 25 mile circuit and raised £2,768. Her first venture of this kind, she trained by walking laps between her home in Culpho and Grundisburgh - and before the day had only managed a maximum of 19 miles.

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A 'REAL' CRAFT FAIR

At Julia Bentley's 'real' craft fairs most exhibitors not only sell their wares but also demonstrate how they make them and, in some cases, invite visitors to have a go. Her latest fair was held in the marquee on Grundisburgh Playing Field, the day after the village show in mid July.

Among exhibitors who work in The News' catchment area was Jo Hammond. She runs classes in willowwork and basketry including some at Willowmead, near Otley, and led special sessions when visitors to the fair tried their hand at making dragonflies. Her next series at Willowmead starts on 13 September. She can be contacted on 01473 327646, jo.twigweave.hammond@btinternet.com.

Exhibiting together for the first time were two long term friends Suzanne Denny-Pickess and Kate Mills (nee Taylor) who grew up in



Grundisburgh as neighbours. Their friendship had a lot to do with their craft adventures.

Kate who trades as Kat.Purr Designs has been a textile designer since completing her degree in Birmingham. But it was her own wedding at St Mary's Church last year that fuelled her new-found passion for wedding and home accessories, after making her own favours and thank you gifts (including one for Suzanne, her bridesmaid).

To help Kate keep calm before the wedding, the two enjoyed an afternoon decorating cupcakes. Suzanne's baking also came in handy with a

double chocolate cake for Kate and her husband Phil's tea-party themed wedding breakfast. So it was a great personal gift that led to Suzanne's new craft venture; she spent hours and many broken plates, making a tiered cake stand for Kate this Christmas, using beautiful china plates.

Suzanne had great success at the fair selling nearly all her cake stands, and has been inspired to branch out to include other up-cycled vintage china plate/cup products. The stands are also really useful for a new venture catering for functions

Above: Alan Billings displayed a wide range of sticks that he crafts at his Grundisburgh home;

Top left: Jo Hammond and dragonfly makers;

Left: Kate Mills (left) and Suzanne Denny-Pickess.

in which Suzanne is involved with her husband Simon. She can be contacted for catering or cake stands via seasonscatering.co.uk

Kate's facebook web page (facebook.com/kat.purrdesign) shows her beautiful cushions and hangings. All her designs can be personalised for any occasion, big or small. Appliqué, vintage/modern fabrics with embellishments combine to become original handmade textile designs, using machine stitch. Kate can be contacted on e-mail: kat.purr@talk21.com.

Now that the Grundisburgh Real Craft Fair is an established event, Julia is looking for a suitable venue to host a Christmas craft fair for people to have the opportunity to buy something unique, affordable and hand made by local crafts people.

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