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Boundary changes in the offing

Local people are being encouraged to have their say about plans to cut the number of councillors on Suffolk Coastal District Council from 55 to 42. The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has launched a consultation on the new electoral wards which will end on 28 April.

In The News' area it is proposing that both the Bealings and Hasketon should be in Woodbridge Ward, served by three councillors. The revised Grundisburgh Ward (with one councillor) would contain Culpho, Clopton, Otley, Debach, Burgh and Boulge. Rushmere Ward

(three) would take in Playford, Tuddenham and Swilland. Bredfield would go into the Melton Ward (two).

The full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available on the Commission's website at consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk. Hard copies of the Commission's report and maps can also be viewed at council buildings and libraries.

PLANNING MATTERS

An appeal against the refusal by Suffolk Coastal District Council of an application for houses behind Saddlers Cottage in Grundisburgh has been lodged with the Secretary of State for the Environment by the applicant. The council has

asked for any additional comments by the 13 March.

The application for a new headquarters for Fork Lift Rent PLC on the old Sinks Pit site in Little Bealings has been agreed by the district council. The parish council and many local residents had objected because they considered the noise and light pollution caused by 12 HGVs leaving the site each day at 5.30am would be unacceptable.

Gardens wanted

The call has gone out to gardeners in Burgh, Culpho and Grundisburgh to open their gardens over the weekend of 14 and 15 June. The horticultural society is

keen to offer some still 'hidden' gardens as well as popular regulars. Anyone interested should contact Iain Langdon, 735517, iain.langdon@btinternet.com.

Classes for the Village Show on 12 July are open to people from all areas. Details are in Grundisburgh Post Office and on www.gbchs.org.uk.

AN INVITATION
TO JOIN MEMBERS OF
THE NEWS TEAM FOR
OUR AGM ON FRIDAY 21
MARCH AT 7.30 IN
GRUNDISBURGH PARISH
ROOM. PLEASE HAVE A
DRINK (OR TWO) AND
GIVE US YOUR IDEAS.



The iSwim team at the Dolphin Pool in Clopton from where they run a successful swimming enterprise, from left: Lorraine Ager, Sylvie Moodie, Ann Minter and Sandy Page. Their story on page 10. Photo by Emily Venn.

Bessie Lanham left her job as a teacher in Otley and joined the Woman's Royal Naval Air Service in the First World War. She worked as a carpenter in the Women's Royal Air Force. Her story is among those to be told in an exhibition mounted by Otley Local History Group in April showing the researches it has been carrying out into local survivors of the war.

More about this and other villages' activities to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War are on page 5. The News welcomes more information from villages about their plans to commemorate the anniversary.



News Diary

MARCH

Monday 3

Weather influences on Gardening Otley & Dist Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Tuesday 4

Tuddenham PC Meeting VH 7.30pm Contact 785256

Thursday 6

A Talk on Guide Dogs WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 10

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting GrPR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Remarkable Women of Ipswich Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Wednesday 12

Soup Lunch Burgh Schoolroom from 11.30 Contact 735544

Friday 14

Curry & Quiz iao Gr Sch 7 for 7.30pm Contact 738944

Growing Up in the Deep South of USA Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Quiz Charsfield VH 7pm Contact 737701

Saturday 15/Sunday 16

Garage Sale Little Thatch, Culpho 11am-4pm Contact 738330

Monday 17

Finding Strength in the Lord Otley Hall 10am PBE Contact 890264

Tuesday 18

Medieval Suffolk Deer Parks Local History Soc. Gr PR 7.30pm Contact 738108

Wednesday 19

Ethiopia Carlford Network Group GrPR 2.30pm Contact 738450

Saturday 22

Coffee Morning iao Hands of Mercy Phillipines Charity PR 10.30-12noon Contact 735695

APRIL

Saturday 5

Table Top Sale iao WI GrVH 2-4pm Contact 735469

Monday 7

AGM and Birds of the Farm & Field Otley & Dist Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Tuesday 8

A History of Medicine Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Thursday 3

Digital Photography WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Wednesday 9

Why Did Jesus Die? Otley Hall 10am PBE Contact 890264

Friday 11

The Ipswich Charter Hangings Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 12

Craft Fair iao EACH Bealings VH 10am-4pm Contact 624141

Spring Coffee Morning Burgh Schoolroom 10am-12noon Contact 735544

Tuesday 15

The River Deben Since Roman Times Local History Soc Gr PR 7.30pm Contact 738108

Saturday 19

Ceilidh dancing to Kegs Clopton VH 7pm Contact 01394 383329

Thursday 24

Broad of Church and Broad of Mind Otley Hall 10am PBE Contact 890264

Friday 25

Auction Viewing Charsfield VH 7.30-10pm Contact 737701

Quiz Night Burgh Schoolroom PBE Contact 735544

Saturday 26

Auction Charsfield VH 9am-12noon Contact 737701

Bealings Annual Plant Sale VH 10am Contact 735565

MAY

Thursday 1

Life of a Trawlerman WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 2

Art Exhibition Preview iao Breakthrough Bredfield House PBE Contact 01394 384712

Saturday 3-Monday 5

Art exhibition & Sale iao Breakthrough Bredfield House 10am-5pm Contact 01394 384712

Monday 5

Plant & Book Sale Hasketon VH 2.30pm Contact 01394 383106

Tuesday 6

Tuddenham PC Meeting VH 7.30pm Contact 785256

Wednesday 7

Glass & Mirror Painting Workshop Otley Hall 10am PBE Contact 890264

Friday 9

10,000 Miles in Africa Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 10

Open Garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 1-5pm Contact 785248

Monday 12

Evening Guided Walk at Crown Nurseries Otley & Dist Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 73824

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting GrPR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Tuesday 13

Sutton Hoo - An Update Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Saturday 19

Ceilidh dancing to Instep Clopton VH 7pm Contact 01394 383329

Tuesday 20

All That Glitters Local History Soc Gr PR 7.30pm Contact 738108

JUNE

Saturday 7

Bredfield Church Fete Old Rectory 2.15pm Contact 01394 384371

Friday 13

Edward and Mrs Simpson Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 14

Hidden Gardens iao Gr Hort Soc 2-6pm Contact 735517

Open Garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 1-5pm Contact 785248

Sunday 15

Hidden Gardens iao Gr Hort Soc 2-6pm Contact 735517

Sunday 22

Clopton Midsummer Fete VH 12-5pm Contact cloptonnews@gmail.com

Sunday 29

Hasketon Annual Jazz & BBQ Shrubbery Farm 12.30pm PBE Contact 01394 383106

Saturday 31

Charfest Charsfield Recreation Ground 2-11pm Contact 737701

JULY

Saturday 5

Strawberry Supper iao Culpho Ch PBE Contact 738139

Monday 7

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting Culpho Church 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 11

Biberach Internment Camp Revisited Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 12

Village Show iao Gr Hort Soc Gr PF from 12.30pm Contact 735517

AUGUST

Saturday 9

Evening Garden Party iao Gr Hort Soc Purbrook House, Gr. 6pm PBE Contact 735517

Sunday 10

Open garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 1-5pm. Contact 785248,

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 - with date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number - should be sent by 5 May for next issue.

They should go separately from any editorial, direct to Heather Langdon, The Holme, The Green, Grundisburgh IP13 6TA, heather.langdon@btinternet.com.

Please indicate if tickets must be bought in advance.

What's On

Art for a cancer cure

A unique and exciting collection from over 50 artists and sculptors will be exhibited at my home in Bredfield to help raise money for the Breakthrough breast cancer charity

Sally Ball and I have both been victims to the disease and are now treated. We are hoping to be able to donate a significant amount to this highly valued charity and help further an optimistic future for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

There will be works by artists and sculptors from all over the country as well as some eminent figures from the East Anglian art world like Maggi Hambling, Jelly Green, Jason Gathorne-Hardy and Graham Giles.

The event takes place at Bredfield House, Bredfield, IP13 6AA (access from A12) from 3 to 5 May between 10am and 5pm, with entry by voluntary donation. There will be a wonderful mix of very special paintings, prints and sculpture indoors and out. Please come and support our event or make a donation.

Tickets for an evening private view on Friday 2 May are £25. To book for this or for any further information, please email belinda@the-grower.co.uk or ring me on 01394 384712. www.artforcure.org.uk

Belinda Gray

CASH IN YOUR ATTIC?

Charsfield Recreation Ground's first fund raising event in 2014 is our St Patrick's Quiz on Friday 14 March at 7pm – with a two course Irish stew supper and licensed bar. The cost is £10 per head for teams of four.

And then for something different..... We shall be holding an auction in Charsfield Village Hall on Saturday 26 April.



Sally Ball (left) and Belinda Gray with some of the artwork which will be for sale.

The event will run as follows: between 3pm and 7pm the day before items for sale to be delivered the hall for cataloguing and setting out. Public viewing will take place between 7.30pm and 10pm with a licensed bar open.

On the Saturday, doors will open at 9am for bacon rolls and coffee or tea. The auction will start at 10am. There will be a small commission charge to buyers and sellers - and bid forms will be available for buyers and sellers who are unable to attend the auction.

This is the first time we have attempted this sort of fund raising and to make it a success we need people to participate and hopefully make a bit of money for themselves as well! Contact me for further details.

Jan Pedgrift, 01473 737701 or Janpedgrift@btinternet.com

Table top bargains

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members are holding a table top sale in Grundisburgh Village Hall on Saturday 5 April, 2-4pm. Light refreshments and a cake stall will also be on offer. Pre-booking essential at £5 a stall. Contact 01473 735469.

Garage sale at Little Thatch

Sadly the area has lost one of its most popular bed and breakfast destinations. Little Thatch in Culpho closed in the autumn and its owners Libby and Richard Cooper are having a bumper garage sale there over the weekend of 15 and 16 March. This will include much of the furniture from the B & B as well as children's things and many other items.

Over the ten years Libby has lived in the village, she has made a name for producing delicious food for numerous fund raising events – and she promises to do some baking to raise money for Lehmann House care home on this occasion. The bargains will be on offer between 11am and 4pm. Queries 01473 738330.

Crafts for Easter

A special craft fair is being run at Bealings Village Hall on Saturday 12 April. This is to raise funds for EACH, the children's hospice, and is in memory of Kate Wasyluk, who lost her life in a tragic accident in Ipswich.

There will be a wide variety of exhibitors – textile art, visual art, ceramics, paper crafts, bead arts - and much more. Members of the Wolsey Miniatures Club, which meets monthly in the village hall (see back page), have agreed to demonstrate their skills. Refreshments will be available. Kate's Memorial Craft Fair takes place between 10am and 4pm. More information from Kate's cousin, Ferial Rogers, ferialevarnsrogers@btinternet.com, 01473 624141.

PLANT SALE IN BEALINGS

Now in its 21st year, Bealings plant sale on Saturday 26 April will have its

usual vast array of plants including perennials, shrubs, specialist grasses and vegetable plants, to delight gardeners. In aid of Great and Little Bealings Churches, the sale starts at 10am.

There will be a raffle with great prizes and refreshments will be served all morning. The organisers look forward to seeing all their regular supporters as well as welcoming new ones.

The children's playground at the back of the hall is ideal for the children to let off steam and you will find good parking facilities. Further information from 01473 735565 or 01473 610219.

Hasketon spring book & plant sale

The early spring bank holiday event selling plants and books in the Victory Hall, Hasketon will be on Monday 5 May. Starting at 2.30pm, there will be a wide range of fiction and non fictions, paper and hardbacks, classics and modern literature.

On the horticultural front professional plant growers have been invited as usual and there will also be stalls with home grown plants.

Contributions of both books and plants to sell will be welcomed in advance at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon

...and Jazz BBQ

Hasketon's popular annual Jazz and bbq event is planned for Sunday 29 June at Shrubbery Farm. Traditional jazz from Trumpeter Mike Barry and the Uptown Gang and great bbq lunches as usual. Tickets will be £15.

For more information about both Hasketon events contact Gordon & Molly Smith of Shrubbery Farm, 01394 383106, gordon.smith172@me.com

**More
What's On
overleaf**

'FOSSIL FIND GARDEN' OPENING FOR CHARITY

Many readers may have seen in the press about our extraordinary luck at finding a fossilised limb bone of a pliosaur in our garden at Larks Hill, Tuddenham. The full story, with photographs, has now been written in booklet form, and copies can be purchased at our garden open days or by post.

Very sadly we have just lost our head gardener who has had to retire through ill health. Donald Kent has been here for over twenty-one years, and will be sorely missed.

In the five years that we have opened our gardens under the National Gardens Scheme we have managed to raise many thousands of pounds for various charities. We plan to open again in 2014 for private parties of 15 people or more (please book through me), and on four open days - Saturdays 10 May, 14 June and 12 July Sunday 10 August, between 1pm and 5pm:

Admission is £5 for adults but children are free. This can be used as a season ticket for the whole of 2014.

Our 'Garden Booklet' which guides you around our eight acre garden is available at £2, and 'The old fossil story' at £1. Refreshments will be available at ultra-low prices.

Please come to support us in raising money for the real treasures we have - the charities doing such vital and necessary work.

John Lambert, Larks Hill, Tuddenham St Martin, IP6 9BY, 01473 785248, jrlambert@talktalk.net

* Wednesday 9 April: Fred Woods. 'Why did Jesus die' with varied musical illustrations.

* Thursday 24 April: Jane Hall. 'Broad of Church and broad of mind'. A day to enjoy the poetry of John Betjeman and explore some aspects of his life.

Retreat Days run from 10am-4pm and cost £22 to include refreshments throughout the day and a ploughman's lunch.

New to our calendar is a Creativity Workshop on Wednesday 7 May. Participants will be guided through glass and mirror painting and surface pattern cutting to produce stunning gift boxes and trinket holders. Lunch will be followed by the therapeutic art of rag rug making.

All materials will be supplied and any articles made can be taken away. The workshop is suitable for all abilities and costs £40 including refreshments and lunch, and runs from 10am to 3pm.

The Retreat Days and the workshop must be pre-booked.

Gardens open

The gardens and popular cafe at Otley Hall will be open every Wednesday from 7 May until 24 September between 11am and 5pm.

Visitors are invited to wander around the 10 acres of stunning gardens or relax in the garden café where homemade lunches and a good selection of cakes and treats are served. Entrance to the gardens is £3 per person per visit - or for a £5 annual pass visitors can come as often as they wish. Groups welcome.

Karen Gwynne-Vince, 01473 890264, events@otleyhall.co.uk, Otley Hall, Hall Lane, Otley IP6 9PA

Ceilidh evenings

Ceilidhs on the Move group are holding more English ceilidh and barn dances. These are for all ages and abilities, with music from local and national bands.

On 15 March Butley Village Hall is the venue for 'Dance to Syzewell Gap'. On 19 April 'Dance to Kegs' will be at Clopton Village Hall and on 17 May it will be 'Dance to Instep', again at Clopton. Doors open 7pm, dancing from 7.30 to 11pm. Dancers are invited to bring their own drinks. Tickets are adults £8, youth (10-16) £4, u10s free, family £20. Advance tickets from 01394 383329 or email Christine@sills12.fsnet.co.uk

2nd Fridays in Hasketon

The programme of a Ploughman's supper followed by a talk on the second Friday of most months in Hasketon Village Hall, has continued to be very popular.

We began 2014 with a fascinating look at the world of optical illusions and look forward to talks in the spring ranging from growing up in the deep south of the USA to the Ipswich Charter Hangings, to travel in Africa and a talk about Edward and Mrs Simpson. You are most welcome, wherever you live.

The full programme can be found on the Hasketon website www.hasketon.net.

The evening begins at 7.15 and entrance is £5 each. Please let Katherine Smith - 01473 735579 know by the previous Wednesday if you are coming, but pay on the door.

Hilary Hill, 01473 735336

Goings-on in Burgh Schoolroom

Burgh Schoolroom has a number of events booked for the coming months, some regular and some one-offs.

The Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month between 7 and 9pm (next meeting 4 March). Details from Robert Mathers at mathers502@yahoo.co.uk.

Knit and Stitch (10.30am to 12.30pm, second Monday monthly) invites people to bring their project to work on while chatting. Guidance available for novices. The £2 per session, includes refreshments (10 March).

The third Thursdays have Bridge for all levels of players between 7 and 9.30pm, £2 with refreshment provided (20 March).

Among the one-off events are a soup lunch on Wednesday 12 March with a variety of homemade soups, rustic breads, and a seasonal dessert. Pay for what you eat!

The spring coffee morning on Saturday 12 April will offer seasonal gifts for sale, a fantastic raffle, a wonderful range of cakes, between 10am to 12noon. A quiz night is booked for Friday 25 April, while a school holidays kids' craft club and a wine tasting are at the planning stage.

More information about events from Anne Clements on 01473 735544 or Sally Butler 01473 738877. Posters can be found about a week before an event at The Olde Forge Stores and the Post Office in Grundisburgh.

Otley Hall events

Otley Hall has a number of events planned for this spring and summer. This includes our programme of Retreat Days:

* Monday 17 March : Christopher Chapman 'Finding strength in the Lord.. A day of deep silence.

Photo taken in Otley Hall gardens by Peter Kendall.



FIRST WORLD WAR

The start of the First World War 100 years ago is being commemorated in a variety of ways. During 2014 The News will be featuring these activities in our villages as well as carrying articles about the impact of the war on local people.

Otley

Following on from research on the 37 people on Otley War memorial who died in the First World War, Otley Local History Group (OLHG) is now researching a further 54 villagers who served and survived.

Many of these were known to be associated with the parish during the war, but it is sometimes proving difficult to work out what the association was. It could be that they were born or lived in the parish, but they may have moved away, worked or worshipped in Otley, or perhaps been only briefly connected to the village.

OLHG will be putting on an exhibition in the Village Hall between 12noon and 5pm on Sunday 27 April, which will include information gathered so far. Can you help us to identify some of our unknown survivors?



Jack Todd (above) enrolled with the Suffolk Regiment in September 1914 but was injured when a shell exploded close to him. After walking miles to the closest hospital, his lower arm was amputated. He was given an artificial arm which he used with a hook or hand, and after the war was well known as Otley's postman. In May 1918 it was reported

in the Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury that Mr William Osborne of Otley Green had five sons, three sons-in-law and one grandson fighting in the war. A surviving letter from 1914 mentioned that the family had heard from one of these sons "that he has now got his uniform, and has sent his other clothes home".



George Runnacles (above) was captured in 1918 and became a prisoner of war in Germany. William Podd enlisted with the Sherwood Foresters in November 1914 and narrowly survived being gassed, shot and left for dead. His father ran the White Hart pub in Otley, and his son later became well known as a thatcher.

A chance contact has also revealed that it was not only men who left the village to serve in the Forces. It was very exciting to discover recently that in 1918 Bessie Lanham left her job as a teacher in Otley and joined the Woman's Royal Naval Air Service. See photo on page 1.

The exhibition will include village photographs and information on the two projects on which we are currently working.

Our second project concerns village shops and businesses in the 20th century, some of which link directly to survivors of the war. Did your

family have Otley connections? Are you interested in finding out what we are discovering? Your interest and help would be welcomed, so do come along, or get in touch.

Sally Whiffing, 01473 892030

Clopton

Clopton Heritage Group would love to get in touch with any descendants of the 15 men from Clopton who died in the First World War. Their names are: William Alfred Adams, John Barker, Herbert Branch, Stanley Broom, Percy James Claude Dennett, Ernest Frederick Fenton, Albert John Hawes, Charles William Norris, Arthur Henry Hugh Ruffles, Allen Smith, Arthur Smy, Noah G Smy, Ernest Wright and Walter Wright.

Can you tell us anything about them as we would like to produce a Memorial Book for our Heritage Centre.

Doris Main, 01473 737602 or d37main@gmail.com

Grundisburgh & Culpho

The main item at this year's annual parish meeting on Tuesday 8 April will be a talk and exhibition on 'World War 1 - Grundisburgh & Culpho'. On display in Grundisburgh Village Hall will be items

from the Suffolk Record Office and St Mary's Church records. More photos, documents, letters, medals etc relating to the war display would be welcomed. Some fascinating information and artefacts have already been discovered. The meeting starts at 7pm.

John Ager, 01473-735541. j.ager@tesco.net

Bredfield

Ann Pilgrim would be delighted to hear from anyone who has connections with Bredfield residents who were involved with the First World War, ready for their Commemoration Service of the centenary. This will be taking place on 22 June at 3pm at St Andrew's, Bredfield. Contact Ann on 01394 382773.

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Return to Otley

They say you should never go back, but that is exactly what I have done as I have returned to The White Hart in Otley some five years after I left to move to Angola. Now my husband Paul Hackworth and I are concentrating on building up trade. I am back cooking up a storm in the kitchen whilst Paul's engineering and maintenance management background is

proving useful in keeping an excellent cellar.

The last five years have really broadened horizons as Paul's job took us to three different continents and some incredible experiences. I have learned so much about different cultures and, of course, their foods. After Angola, Paul was transferred first to Monaco, and then to Rio de Janeiro. We were always accompanied by our dogs.

Since we've been back, we have acquired a new furry friend. Stinky the Patterdale Terrier was brought in by some customers late one dark, dismal Friday night having been found dumped on the road near Monewden...and never left! Dog friendly then, child friendly and we think serving one of the best Sunday lunches around, The White Hart is definitely back on the map.

Lynda Saint

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team@thewhitehartotley.co.uk

Ladies' month at The Dog!

Saturday 8 March is International Women's Day and we are giving away one glass of pink fizz for every pint of beer bought between 6 and 8pm. A donation to the charity 'Women's Aid' will help end domestic violence to women and children. And there is a free glass of fizz for Mum with the special set

lunch or dinner menus on Mother's Day (30 March).

Radio Caroline started broadcasting from a ship off Felixstowe in 1964. To celebrate the exact 50th birthday of the station that changed the musical world, The Dog is holding a vinyl party on the evening of Friday 28 March. There will be a special three-course 60s retro menu and everyone is encouraged to BYOV (bring your own vinyl) for our DJ to play - mini-skirts and flares also encouraged but optional! Booking essential.

On May Day (1 May) we are holding a special charity evening for the RNLI (the charity that saves lives at sea), with music, raffle and a choice of two or three course 'river, sea and shore' set menus. That weekend also sees the year's first Beer Festival with cask and bottled beers from our favourite breweries, plus some craft beers from smaller, less well-known brewers for you to try.

*Charles and Eilir Rogers, 01473 735267,
www.grundisburghdog.co.uk
fb: The Grundisburgh Dog*

Turks Head

The Turks Head, Hasketon, is closed again. The parish council is concerned and held a public discussion which concluded with the hope that it will be able to continue as a pub. Owner Colin Cosimini has since told The News that it has been sold to a developer and he hoped the pub would re-open in due course.

Bed & Breakfast

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Bells to celebrate 100th birthday

Marjorie Archer who lived in Orchard End for over 50 years will be 100 on Monday March 24. Her birthday wish is to have the church bells rung - and her daughters Maureen and



Yvonne are arranging this. All former neighbours and friends from the village are invited to join them at the church at 10.45am to celebrate and be part of a birthday photograph.

In lieu of presents, the daughters are suggesting donations towards a tree or a garden seat for Prince of Wales House where Marjorie is now being cared for. Maureen can be contacted on 01473 399433 or Yvonne on 01473 613231.

A chance to have your say!

Grundisburgh & Culpho's Annual parish meeting this year will on Tuesday 8 April starting at 7pm in Grundisburgh's Village Hall.

In addition to the talk and display about World War 1 (see page 5), reports will be given by a representative sample of village organisations. Questions can be asked throughout - and wine, soft drinks and snacks will be served at the end to provide the opportunity to meet friends and to speak informally to parish, district and county councillors and community police officer.

A slide show of photos of village activities is being compiled by Peter Kendall, Grundisburgh News' picture editor. He would welcome

contributions sent to peter@peterkendall.com

Please do come to our annual parish meeting: the meeting deals with issues that affect everyone. Ask your questions. Have your say.

*John Ager, parish clerk, 01473735541,
j.ager@tesco.net*

Where can the bottles go?

Grundisburgh will lose its facilities for glass collection if no new location can be found for the bottle bank skips currently on the playing field car park.

A combination of factors - an increasing amount of collateral litter which has to be cleared by playing field volunteers; noise disturbing nearby residents and the fact that the village no longer receives any money from recycled glass, have come together to mean the bins will go from there.

Across its area, Suffolk Coastal recycles 60 tonnes of glass a week and the prospect of Grundisburgh losing its bottle bank disappointed Steve Green, Operations Manager at Suffolk Coastal Services. He said that the village is particularly good at recycling.

At the time of going to press, a new village site is being sought: has anyone any suggestions? If so they can contact parish clerk John Ager. In the meantime, the nearest bottle banks are at Wyevale, Tesco and some other villages. The Scouts' textile bin will remain on the car park.

Richard Watkinson

CLEANING UP GRUNDISBURGH

The annual village clean up will be on Saturday 29 March from 10am for a couple of hours. Please come to Grundisburgh Green and you will be made very welcome in this job of making the village litter free. If you have a litterpicker please bring it with you. Gloves and bags will be provided. All we need is the manpower for a couple of

hours. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of people! Any queries to me on 738219.

Sally Grahm

A CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Are you an instrumentalist who could augment the 'musicians group' for a special benefice service, celebrating Mothering Sunday, 30 March, at 11am in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh?

Please contact Wendy for music if you'd like to play (01728 685335, rev.gourlay@gmail.com). Group practices take place on Tuesdays 11 and 25 March, in St Mary's from 7-8.15pm.

A VERY UPBEAT CONCERT!

Upbeat! Ladies choir held its second charity Christmas concert early in December, to raise money for Caring for Me. This charity was launched by Terri Lee and her mum Corinne following Terri's diagnosis with cancer in 2009, at the age of 18. The service aims to help patients through cancer by offering free complementary therapies.

From the concert, the choir raised £700, which will fund 35 treatment sessions for local cancer patients.

The choir sang a wide variety of well known songs to a packed audience, with guest performances from

'Handelbars' and the Burgh Wind Quintet. For more details about Caring for Me, contact The Woodbridge Complementary Health Centre on 01394 388234.

If anyone is interested in joining Upbeat! please contact me for more details.

... and now a mixed choir too

A new, informal, singing group has just started in Grundisburgh and is open to anyone who is free on Monday mornings. Songs are well known and light hearted, and similar in style to those sung by Upbeat! ladies choir, but with the addition of male voices.

Whether you can or cannot read music, or whether you have or have never been part of a choir before, come along and give it a try! If you would like to find out more, please phone me.

Carol Jopling, 01473 735812

Recording the present for the future

The Suffolk Local History Council is looking for a volunteer recorder for Grundisburgh to note significant happenings and changes. Anyone interested can look at the recorders pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk. You do not need to be an historian, just have an interest in your parish. To volunteer, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

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Grundisburgh Gleanings



Playgroup going from strength to strength

Grundisburgh Playgroup is pleased to welcome back Anna Greenwood and Julia Bentley as managers. Both have previously worked at playgroup and live in the village. They bring with them a host of new ideas and years of experience in early years learning. The building is already looking very different and the children are thriving.



At the end of last term we enjoyed a visit from Ofsted, which resulted in our Ofsted judgement being upgraded another level. This is great news for the children and staff and shows that hard work really does pay off. A copy of the report is available on the Ofsted website.

This term the children are talking about other cultures, finding out about Chinese New Year, learning Greek numbers and singing some Maori nursery rhymes with the help of some of our very talented parents. If you have a talent or skill you are willing to share with the children we would love to hear from you.

We are in desperate need of paper so if anyone has any unwanted paper of any shape or size we would be very grateful.

Playgroups sessions run daily; sessions are limited so if your child would like to attend now or in the future please contact us to add your name to the waiting list. We look forward to hearing from you. Playgroup telephone number is 01473 735161 or 738856.

Words Helen Jerrold, photo Peter Kendall

Left Julia Bentley and Anna Greenwood (right). Above Apprentice Shelley Nixon (right) and visiting mum Lindsey help the children decorate cakes for a birthday celebration.

Scouting News

A big thank you from the Scout Group to all those who took part in the Xmas Card Postal Scheme; we raised £194.32 for our funds.

Much appreciation is given to our collection point sponsors Mrs Williams and the Doctors Surgery in Grundisburgh, Grange Farm in Hasketon, The Library and Wotsits in Woodbridge. Also to Hilary Hill, who managed to find an obscure address for us - and some of our young members with parents who delivered the cards around the village.

Explorers have been to Chelmsford for bowling, ice-skating and swimming and

will be attending Phoenix Camp in March at Colchester.

The Scouts will be having an Outdoor Challenge Camp at Boxford in March; this will entail them making their own shelters in the woods and other outdoor activities.

Archery training is doing very well with some excellent scores and we look forward again to the National Championships in May.

On 31 January the village hall was practically full with nearly 50 of our Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders to watch the excellent GADS 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Many of our members were involved in the panto along with hilarious

performances from some of their parents.

Unfortunately our Beaver Colony Section has had to be temporarily suspended as we cannot get enough volunteers to help as assistants or warranted leaders. We hope it will not be closed altogether as the 6 to 8 year olds enjoy it so much and we appeal to any interested persons to contact us. Also our Explorer Leader is unable to take the Explorer Section every week and we ask for help with these 14 to 18 year olds.

More information and photos from our events can be found on our websites:

www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352

Iris Grodecki 1929 - 2014

Iris first came to Suffolk after marrying a USAAF sargent in the early 1950s. He was moved around American bases and they lived for a while in Charsfield and Bredfield.



When Joe's tour ended they went to the USA, intending to move back to Suffolk when he retired. Sadly Joe died before they could - but Iris came anyway, settling in a new house in Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh. She was famous in charity shops for buying wool, knitting it into jumpers and blankets - and giving them to Oxfam and animal charities.

Nick Hayes

Ethel Turner March 1921 - December 2013

Ethel, her husband David and four of their original ten children were only the second family to move into the new Cranworth Close development in 1952.

She had served in the ATS during the second world war but she was very much a Suffolk girl and her life revolved around her home and family - which grew to include 16 grandchildren and "more great grandchildren than can be counted".

Madge Nicholas

Madge's fuller account can be seen in the News' tributes folder in Grundisburgh Post Office.



Marianne More

May I thank our friends in Grundisburgh and surrounding district who sent me and my family such kind messages of sympathy and hope on hearing of the death of my dear wife Marianne. She died peacefully and without pain; released from a long illness which she endured with great fortitude and courage, in her own home, with some of her family round her. She and I retained a deep fondness for Grundisburgh and its people - our home for 41 happy years. *With best wishes and gratitude,*

Bob More, Lakenheath

Grundisburgh Gleanings

FAMILY BUSINESS IN OLDE FORGE STORES

Justin Denny says that when he took over the shop from his mother Maureen Hyde nearly seven years ago 'it seemed like a good idea at the time'. To be fair, he says it does still seem a good idea, 'four days out of five'.

Justin had previously trained as an engineer at Sizewell B and then taught water sports abroad before coming back to work alongside his mother to learn the business, for six months! He admits it was a steep learning curve (says he is still learning) but he could call on his mother for advice, and has experienced staff to rely on for ordering and stock control, and importantly has a good accountant!

The shop has been re-organised. The floor has been relaid making it warmer, new tills and fridges have been installed, there is new shelving displaying the price of goods. The off-licence trade has increased, new chiller cabinets have been brought in, since Justin thinks it is important for most whites to be chilled.

The Deli range has been, and is continuing to be, expanded and Justin is keen to support other local businesses. The newly introduced pork pies, meat pasties, sausage rolls and pies etc., are supplied by a firm in Capel St Mary, the Black Dog Chili products

come from Bredfield, coffee from Peasenhall, curry paste from Rendlesham

Justin sees the store's range of products being increased steadily with plans to increase special offer and convenience foods, while continuing to carry the traditional range of items.

He also hopes to expand the shop's delivery service this year, building on the present limited service for elderly people. He invites people to



phone (01473 735414) with their order which the staff will make up, and Justin will deliver. The charge for this service is £1 at present.

The shop

offers Pay Point services, where customers can pay utility bills, and cashback.

The latest innovation is the sale of kindling, coal, logs and smokeless coal, daily from 1pm - this being a 'gentleman's agreement' with Williams Stores which sells the same products but are not open after 1pm, except on Saturdays (and never on Sundays!)

That 'learning curve' Justin spoke of has, over the past 18 months, included security. The shop was ram-raided (no-one ever charged) and then another break-in resulted in the loss of the till plus

cigarettes and alcohol (again culprit not found). More security measures have been introduced, including bollards in front of the store, but Justin though 'narked off' is fairly phlegmatic - "if they are determined they'll find a way in!"

The Olde Forge Stores are open 364 days a year, most days from 7am to 7pm. The shop relies on part-time, local staff who all live in the village! The News will be focusing on them in the next issue.

*Words Madge Nicholas,
photo Peter Kendall*

WI REPORT

Asing song for Christmas' was the title for Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI's December meeting.

We certainly were not expecting the evening that Joyce Kimber had in store for us. She staggered in with various bits of equipment, and proceeded to set up an array of computer paraphernalia and a screen, resulting in a sophisticated type of karaoke.

Then, led by Joyce with her lovely singing voice, we sang our way through the next hour or so, with renditions of old

music hall numbers and Christmas songs. I don't think we have ever been so ready for our cup of tea!

For our February meeting Steve Sim took us on a pictorial tour of the village, starting with Williams Stores which dates back to the 16th Century. After visiting the old school, we learned that the scouts used to meet in Ford House which was originally built in 1847 as stables for the village rectory behind (and now is the HQ of The News).

Many businesses thrived in Grundisburgh and there were once five public houses.

Steve made this such an interesting evening. His book, 'Grundisburgh's Historic Houses', has lots more information and is available from Williams Store or the Post Office for the modest sum of £2.

We are looking forward to the rest of 2014 with Pat Polley at the helm again as our president. We will continue to meet at the Baptist Chapel in Meeting Lane, first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. See diary page for details. Do feel free to join us.

*Carol Barker, 735838, with contribution
from Pauline Coomber*

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Learning water skills

From very small beginnings in a private swimming pool in Clopton in 2010, iSwim has grown into an enterprise involving 18 staff, 700 children swimming weekly in eight different pools around the area, with Lorraine Ager and Sylvie Moodie at the helm.

Now the iSwim management team has been strengthened by the addition of two new directors Sandy Page, a local mum from Burgh and Ann Minter from Ipswich, who are concentrating their efforts at the Clopton Pool. All four are pictured on the front page.

iSwim aims to teach children to swim in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment, giving them the water skills and building confidence to become fantastic swimmers! Lessons for babies, toddlers, pre schoolers,

after school ages 4+, teenagers and adults are available. Classes are always kept to a maximum of six to eight students, with two teachers so the ratio of child to teacher is never more than 4:1.

Over the summer holidays many people hired the



Clopton pool for family swims. Also on offer then and extremely popular were 'Scuba try dive sessions' and 'snorkelling lessons'. Most afternoons there were 'Pirate Swim Camps'.

The majority of activities are based at the Dolphin Pool in



Clopton, but the organisation also runs classes at several schools and at Ufford Park. The newest venue is the Melton Day Nursery.

Among new activities are open swims with no pre-booking needed, fun sessions for NCT and creche groups, private hire, lessons for nurseries and exercise with keep fit sessions and primary school lessons.

"The pool at Clopton, which is now heated to between 31-32 degrees, is a great facility and we welcome any ideas and suggestions to fill up every spare slot" says Lorraine. "Please call us - at our office at Clopton on 01473 277085." Full details are included on the website, www.iSwim.biz

Lorraine Ager has lived in Otley for the past 20 years and has two children who work part time at the pool. Her co-founder Sylvie lives in Woodbridge and also has two children, one of whom is among the iSwim teachers.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photos Lorraine Ager

Swiland author focuses on fantasy

Natalie Crown has been writing since the age of eight - and maybe even before. Her book 'The Wolf's Cry' is part of a trilogy and has received 5-star reviews. It is available on Amazon - and this is all before her official book tour which starts on 10 March.

The online book tour will involve popular book blogs posting reviews, as well as featuring interviews, guest posts and other special features. The dates and blogs will be shared across her social media.

Living in Swiland from the age of two, Natalie attended Winesham Primary School, followed by Claydon High School, doing A levels at Claydon and Thurstleton



Sixth Form Centre. She has a degree in English and History with a year abroad (Bologna, Italy) from University of Leicester.

Natalie moved to live in north London in late 2012 and, despite her

job and a busy social life, has already completed the second book in the trilogy

She says "I write because I enjoy it. I write fantasy because I enjoy it. I try my hardest to put something of myself into my writing. I like to think my characters have depth, I like to think that my fantasy worlds reflect upon the real world in some way".

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Wolfs-Cry-Semei-Trilogy-ebook/dp/B00HCI41HG#fbNatalieCrownAuthor>



**PANTO
TIME**



Above: Jez Brotherton as Ray; Right top: Amy Adams as Goldilocks; Below: Bears Sarah Cavanagh, Abigail Radwell and Darin Osborne.



This year's Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society pantomime was 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Directed by John Richards and produced by Vicky Hart, once again the stops were pulled out, including such special effects as a self-collapsing chair and a rotating platform.

The usual GADS' stalwarts and children took part, ably aided by debutants Sarah Kavanagh as Mummy Bear and Jez Brotherton as Ray, the village idiot, who carries his front door around with him as he has lost the key! As well as the usual characters of Goldilocks, the Three Bears, Principal Boy TomTom and Dame Auntie Septic (Ray's Mum), there are three evil bees and a wasp (on an exchange visit) led by an evil Queen who wants revenge on the humans after being imprisoned in a jam jar by Ray. The brave



GOLDSILLOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

comic duo woodsmen Choppit and Splinter can't prevent the evil Queen turning the bears into her personal enforcers via the use of poisoned hypno-honey, who then drive the humans out of the village. Just as he is about to be eaten by the bears, Ray feeds coffee to the hypnotised bears, breaking the Queen's spell and then, by using his front door, allows TomTom to defeat the Queen in combat – allowing Goldilocks and TomTom to enjoy a musical wedding at the end!

The characters' shenanigans, Ray's champion conker, the hilarious set-pieces, the complex dance routines performed by the youngsters (choreographed by Debbie Osborne) and specially-modified songs (music by John Richards) all combined to make the evening a magical and memorable experience!

Words Phil Bailey, photos Vicky Hart



Top: Curtain call for the cast.
Below: Paul Whittingham as Auntie Septic.

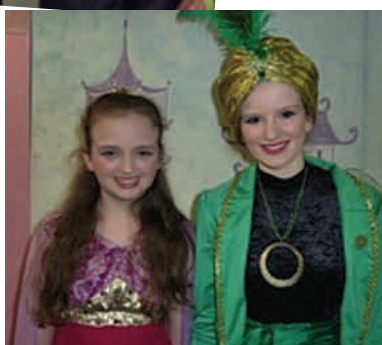
GADS' spring play will be performed on 5, 6 and 7 June.



ALADDIN

Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People of Little Experience (TADPOLES) performed their 28th annual pantomime on 20 to 22 February. A vicar in a frock showing his bloomers, a big scary and a little not so scary dragon, a wicked uncle, the campest policeman in China, a magic lamp and a jolly green genie - Aladdin had it all! We had laughter, tears and tantrums – and that was just Dave and his stage crew! If you'd like to see TADPOLES in action, you'll have to wait until next year – oh yes you will!!

Words director Jean Ellinor, photos Jo Tickle



Clockwise from top left: Widow Twankey (Rev Alan Forsdike) with Aladdin (Dawn Poole) and Wishee Washee (Luke Tickle); Hi and Lo (Alice Clayton and Amber Graham); Slave of the Ring (Holly Airey) and Genie of the Lamp (Emily Nye); Fire Queen (Francesca Willenberg) and Ice Empress (Lynne Airey) with the fire and ice warriors.

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Tuddenham Tales

Three friends take on Death Valley for TCT

In November Cameron Wheeler, Scott Girling and Tom Caraccio-Hewitt are taking on the challenge of cycling 420 km across Death Valley in Nevada in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT). They will average 90km a day whilst having also to encounter temperatures of up

to 30 degrees and steep hill climbs of over 1,577m. Their target is to raise at least £12,000. They are riding in memory of Cameron's brother, Alistair who died last year, aged 24; but their main purpose is to raise money and thank the charity for all its hard work improving the quality of life and chances of survival for young cancer patients, in the hope that more specialist units can be built.

TCT is dedicated to improving the lives of young cancer patients between ages of 13-24 years and funds the development and running of special wards in NHS hospitals across the country for young people affected by cancer. They provide dedicated staff, bringing young people together so they can be treated by experts in the best possible surroundings. Cameron's brother was fortunate to be treated on their ward C9 at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

Back in September 2012 Alistair was diagnosed with a very rare cancer, Rhabdomyosarcoma; he was given a very limited prognosis of just single figure months. With chemotherapy, radiotherapy and a strong will, Alistair lived for 14 months. Notwithstanding numerous hospital trips to

Addenbrooke's, he resolved to make the most of every minute of every day. His approach was astounding to those around him.

He made the most of his time enjoying the company of his friends when and wherever possible, also taking on a new work assignment. Nothing

stopped him, even following a major hip replacement operation; within days he was up and out with friends to a concert at the Olympic Park to see Mumford & Sons. Throughout the whole situation Alistair remained strong but

sadly on the 22 November he passed away. For more insight into Alistair's experience, visit his blog; <http://bollockstocancer.blogspot.co.uk>

Please cheer our three cyclists along if you see them around Tuddenham and surrounding villages, they will be recognisable by their red white and blue TCT cycle shirts.

They have raised £2,800 so far. Anything you can do to support this worthy cause would be much appreciated. If you wish to make a donation you may do so at <http://www.justgiving.com/deathvalleychallenge2014>.

Ros Wheeler

Photos: Above Alistair Wheeler: Below: The cyclists, from left: Cameron Wheeler, Scott Girling and Tom Caraccio-Hewitt



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Tuddenham Tales



Clockwise from top left: Scott Punton brings in the Haggis; Chairman's welcome from Jim Punton; Piper Andy Offord; Alan and Catherine Forsdike.

CELEBRATING BURNS NIGHT

Over 60 folk gathered on a cold wet Saturday evening to celebrate the 255th anniversary of the birth of the famous Scottish poet Robbie Burns.

The event was arranged by Gill Cruickshank and presided over by Jim Punton - our very own Anglo-Scot.

The Haggis was piped in by Tuddenham-born piper Andy Offord and presented to the top table by Scott Punton. The address to the Haggis was given by Paul Jennings and was followed by a feast of Cock-a-Leekie Soup, Haggis with Neeps & Tatties and Tipsy Laird pudding.

The Toast to the Lassies was given by Adrian Frost and the reply by Fiona Woods.

Reverends Catherine and Alan Forsdike provided the music and tried (without much success!) to organise the Scottish Dancing. The evening closed with Auld Lang Syne.

Despite the chaos in the dancing - a good time was had by all!

Words & photos Jean Ellinor



Congratulations from the Queen

Jean and George Felgate received a special postal delivery last November - a greeting from the Queen on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. George was born in Tuddenham in 1926 (having lived in the village all of his life, he is our longest inhabitant) and worked at Church Farm. Jean came to Tuddenham from her home town of Eye in 1950 to work for Mrs Cubbitt at The Reedings (now Tuddenham House). The pair met in the village and the rest, as they say, is history - 60 years of happy marriage.

Words Jean Ellinor, photo Wendy Witt

WI visit to Everest base

Irene and Nick Lewiston gave Tuddenham WI members a very interesting talk in January about their trek to Everest base camp which they completed with a group of people to raise funds for Headway.

The adventure began with a flight from Kathmandu, Nepal's bustling and colourful capital city, to Lukla airport with its incredibly short runway situated in the Himalayas. With the help of porters/sherpas they trekked the route to the base camp and back to Lukla.

Along the way they stayed at lodges and encountered problems such as herds of unpredictable yaks, altitude sickness and out of date Mars Bars!

Topics for future meetings are listed in The News diary.

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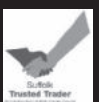
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Reports from Charsfield Primary School pupils

This term we have been learning in English/literacy how to write sci-fi stories and how to create a hill like shape for our stories. This is our story line. We use this diagram to show where the peak of the suspense or dilemma has been created. You can then edge your descending down to the end of a story or leave it as a cliff hanger. We drew our hills whilst watching a clip of Doctor Who, so we could

write on our diagrams where we thought different peaks were in the clip, and where the tech was in the storyline.

We also have been creating our own sci-fi stories in which we had to include our own sci-fi gadgets we'd created as our homework. This activity was good for learning different vocabulary and how to vary your sentence openers. We enjoyed this fun story write that got us to level up our writing and experience a fabulous change to our writing.

Eddie Armes (Class 3)

This term in P.E, class 3 and class 2 have been taught by



Left: Producing Brazilian art.
Above: Learning the Capoeira.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Burges how to do the 'capoeira', a Brazilian fighting dance. It all started in the 16th century when the Portuguese bought slaves from Africa and Brazil.

The slaves had to grow crops and clean houses for the Portuguese. It had been a sad, poor time for the slaves. But when they had free time they would do the 'capoeira'. It taught them to fight but they did not hit each other. That's how the 'capoeira' started. In the 'capoeira' there are lots of

different moves, the Ginga, Cocorinha, Meia lua, Esquiva, Roll out and Cartwheel.

As well as learning a Brazilian dance we also learnt about their culture. We had to find out information about Brazil and then learnt how to speak some words in Portuguese. We found out about Christ the redeemer, Festivals, South America and much more.

Rose Branton (Class 3)

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Flower festival funds support Bredfield church works

Thanks to the money raised at St Andrew's Flower Festival in the autumn, the heaters in the church can be moved. This means that the kneelers which parishioners have painstakingly restored can be hung and more kneelers can be brought back to life without having to use resources needed for work to maintain the fabric of the church which will cost £54,000.

The flower arrangements brought many compliments. The display of kneelers, organised by Ann Pilgrim, was much appreciated. Many of the people who had been involved in making the 60 kneelers during the 1960s came to the 'Celebration of Skills' festival and a total of £1,324 was raised.

"This amazing result was made possible by the team



Left: The Bredfield Village Shop display created by Alvina King and Kate Pirkis. Above: A relative of Bridget Stoddart admires the kneeler made Bridget in 1966. Photos by church warden Steve Stammers.

effort of over 100 hard-working people, all generous with their time, talents and resources. We are very grateful to all those involved and those who supported us" says Ann Stammers.

Tree Planting Day at Jubilee Meadow

Residents have been invited to join in the tree planting day on Saturday 1 March. Hot dogs and burgers will be served from 1.30pm, a tree planting demonstration takes place at 2pm and all trees must be planted by 4pm. If the weather is bad and planting is impossible, the event will take place a week later.



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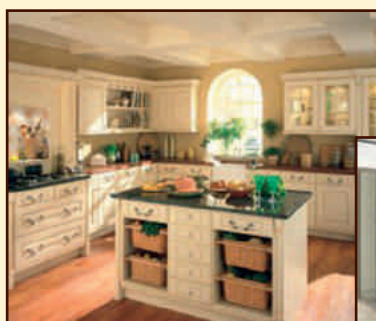
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Churches collecting food

Many churches in The News' area, including Grundisburgh, Burgh, Ashbocking, Swilland, Clopton, Otley, Tuddenham, Witlesham and Hasketon, are collecting for food banks. There is easy access to these churches, all of which have a box in which to deposit food. Items needed are tins and packets of food with a long sell-by date and especially meat products which are a good source of protein. Things which require little energy to heat up are particularly good as often people who cannot afford food are in fuel poverty as well. As items are stored in a warehouse, fresh food cannot be accepted. Cat and dog food is also gratefully received, as are toiletries.



Nigel and Pauline Crowley from Otley are the collectors and deliverers of the food stuff to FIND (Families in Need) in Ipswich. This is a Christian charity, who then distribute it to needy people. Families and individuals have to be referred by officials such as social workers, health visitors, the CAB and job centres as self-referral is not allowed. Usually enough food is given to last three days although, if necessary, people can be re-referred. FIND is run by Maureen Reynaud with a large number of volunteers, who not only sort the items at the centre, but also distribute the boxes to the families in need.

Vanessa Barker

.... and clothes

St Mary's Grundisburgh is also the collection point for clothes that are then given to the Ipswich Winter Night Shelter. This is a group of churches in Ipswich that provides a hot evening meal, bed for the night and breakfast the next morning for homeless people in the town. These shelters are run by members of the churches, as well as other volunteers from the community. As the guests frequently arrive with wet clothing, the shelters would appreciate gifts of any suitable clothing – both male and female. Any clothes that are not used by the end of March, when the project ends, will be given to other charities.

There is a container just inside St Mary's for clothes to be deposited and they are taken regularly to the churches involved.

Ingrid McIvor

Crossroads 100+Club

Katherine Smith has handed over the organisation of Crossroads 100+Club. She would like to thank people for their support over the years and hopes they will continue. Annual subscriptions of £6 for each number are due now and cheques payable to Crossroads Care East Anglia should be sent to Kevin Mulley, 2 Victory Road, Ipswich IP4 4LE. There is a monthly draw for the prizes of £10 and £15.



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Under Fives

Our busy little people of Otley Under fives recently explored and celebrated the Chinese year, having the chance to cook and taste some Chinese food; the trickiest part was using chopsticks! Alongside this we have been looking at Chinese symbols and letters and having a go at recreating our own.

Inside we have been creating our own 'small world', using lots of sand and mini-diggers, through the children's imaginative creations we have our own village with twig trees, model houses and animals. Every individual child is given the opportunity to explore, create and learn, enhancing their development.

Outside, when the weather allows, we love to play on bikes, scooters and trikes which take us on wondrous adventures. The older children are invited to play in the playground with the school children, forging friendships and building confidence for when they start school. Also Otley Under fives are fortunate to attend a weekly assembly with the school where the children begin to familiarise themselves with the staff and school, and get the chance to practice singing!

With spring almost here we can begin to make the most of our rural location, exploring the countryside whilst going on a bear hunt! Digging over our veggie patch ready to sow and tend to the veggies. Planning visits to see the lambs and chicks. Otley

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New for Tuesday afternoons is 'Rhyme time'. Bring your little ones 0-5 years and your singing voice for a fun and interactive singing session. Starts 2pm, finishes 2:45pm in time for school pick up. £2 per session payable each week. Drink and snack provided.

Marie Isles

Singers compete in Wales

Otley Parish Council congratulates The Suffolk Singers on their recent success at being accepted to compete at Llangollen 2014, a mixed choir competition on 12 July.

The Suffolk Singers is a small, sociable choir of 25-35 regular members who meet every Thursday evening from 8pm to 10pm in Otley Village Hall, hold four to five concerts a year and in addition sing at a wide range of events including weddings, entertainments and music festivals.

Their Music Director is Claire Weston, a previous principal soprano with English National Opera and their aim as a choir is to enjoy themselves, sing beautifully and work hard to improve.

Anyone interested in joining Suffolk Singers should email newmember@ suffolksingers.co.uk

OTLEY'S FREE SPIRIT

A brief mention on the Otley page of the last issue of The News intrigued me - who or what is 'Clare Free'? Meeting her in Otley, where she lives with her husband David and two children, I discovered Clare Free (yes, that's her real name) is an internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter.

Predominantly a blues singer, not only does Clare write and sing her own songs, she plays guitar and has two bands for live gigs. With a poet father, it's not surprising Clare should write expressive songs that

direct contact with her audience. Some of her early work might be considered a bit on the heavy side, but she says her newer material is lighter and more lyrical, with strong personal overtones. Her latest album, 'Butterflies', comes out in April says a lot about inter-personal relationships and includes a song about her father and a prayer for her child. 'Butterflies' will be available as a CD, not a download.

Technically excellent, her songs are recorded in her home and then professionally

mastered off-site. She finds recording studios too clinical and prefers the intimacy of her front room whose acoustics are so good that if her cat Willow purrs too loudly, she has to be removed until the session is over!

Another string to Clare's bow is her music PR company, 'Outlawpr', which aims to help and encourage young up and coming musicians.



very much reflect her own slant on life. She has performed in India and across much of Europe although she says she is moving away from large venues - where she can hardly see the audience - to more intimate concerts where her acoustic guitar is more at home and where she can make

Clare knows there is no magic bullet to guarantee success in the music business - but the right kind of promotion can go a long way to help newcomers accomplish what she has so clearly achieved.

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Sporting stories



Team Bealings celebrating success, from left: Alex Laker, Luke Roberts, Reece Kerry and Sam Betteridge.

Bealings School makes its mark at Table Tennis

Bealings School recently took part in the English Schools Table Tennis Championships. Teams from the school played in the first round of the competition at Copleston High School when Sam Betteridge, Alex Laker, Luke Roberts and Reece Kerry qualified to represent South

Suffolk in the second round. This was played at Stowupland High School. There were some close games, amazing shots and long rallies. The boys fought hard and ended with a memorable nail biting last match that went to five games.

There was a tense wait to hear the final score but the boys were thrilled to hear they had won and were now the Suffolk Champions! They represented

Suffolk at the zone finals in Grantham in January and, although they did not win, they played some very tight games.

Considering the small size of Bealings School, with no formal coaching programme, the boys did phenomenally well to qualify as the Suffolk Champions.

The boys showed great nerve against county teams from much larger schools, some which even trained three evenings a week on top of their table tennis programme during school time.

We hope they are as proud of themselves as their school and parents are of them, for their achievement in becoming the Under 11s English Schools 2014 Suffolk Champions!

Rachel Laker

Grundisburgh Football Club looking good for the double

The 2013/2014 season started slowly but the strengthening of the squad took us to the semi-final of the Suffolk FA Senior Cup on 22 February which we were unlucky to lose to Whitton United. But we are in the semi-finals of the League Cup which will be played at Grundisburgh Playing Field on Saturday 22 March and we are still in the picture for the league as well. So the double is on.

We would love to see more villagers come and support us and, as always, we are looking for volunteers to get involved to help in the running of one of the most successful clubs in the local area. Please feel free to come up to the playing field and watch a game on a Saturday afternoon - and enjoy a cup of tea or a pint.

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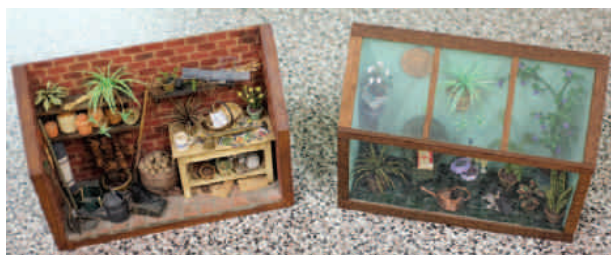
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Above: Box room created by Peter Carr in a cabinet he found at a car boot sale. The room is approx 12" x 15". Left: Miniature potting shed and greenhouse by Charlotte and Martin Wilmott.

creating them in miniature. The scale in which miniaturists usually work is one twelfth.

Some of the members will be demonstrating their skills at the craft fair that I am organising at the hall on 12 April (see page 3).

*Words Ferial Rogers,
photos Peter Kendall*



Peter Carr who lives in Little Bealings has been an enthusiastic member of the club for five years although he had to take a break recently because of eye problems. His magnifying visor now helps him work in the very small scale involved. Here he is working on a needlework box to instructions provided by a fellow member at the meeting. He got involved initially after buying a tiny tea service because "it was pretty and wondered what to do with it - and I love the fantasy world".

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