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Moves afoot at local post offices

If you've been into Grundisburgh post office recently, you may have noticed a pile of bright red leaflets inviting you to "Run your local Post Office - it's a great business opportunity". Inside the leaflet it says "We are looking for someone to run your local Post Office". Fearing this vital local amenity was in danger of closing, I decided to investigate.

It seems that the Post Office is now much more commercially orientated than it used to be

the business had until 29 May to put a proposal to the Post Office: at the time of going to press we don't know if anyone has come forward. To be clear, it's not the premises that's on offer but the running of the post office counter as a business. On its own, that would make little commercial sense for a new owner - the trick is to use the post office as a means of increasing 'footfall' into the premises - to supplement whatever runs alongside the post office (cafe, shop, who knows!) and thereby make a viable business operation as a whole.

In the case of Grundisburgh, Maureen owns the business **and** the bricks and mortar - any new operator would therefore have to negotiate terms with Maureen if the post office is to remain where it is. Post Office rules state that any new



Grundisburgh's present post office

and is looking for business people who "self-motivated and sales focused" to take on post offices as and when the opportunity arises. And it so happens that the chance may arise at Grundisburgh as Maureen Hyde, the postmistress of 33 years' standing would like to retire. Anyone interested in taking on

operation would have to be within a mile of the present office so, if there was a change of ownership, the post office would probably stay close to the village centre.

What if no-one comes forward with a proposition acceptable to the Post Office? Maureen said that although she would like to retire as postmistress to concentrate on her bed and breakfast business at Stonham Aspal, she would not be closing the post office in Grundisburgh in

the short term but would continue to search for a suitable successor. Whatever the future set-up in Grundisburgh, postal deliveries to your door should remain as they are now.

I also spoke to Penny Sunaway who runs the community post office in Otley. She assures me that their operation is very different from the main Post Office business and there is no suggestion of a major change there. Indeed, it is likely that the post office area in the shop may soon be increased slightly to improve facilities for staff and customers.

Words and photo: Richard Watkinson



Witnesham barn fire

Visible for miles, black smoke rose hundreds of feet into the sky above Maple Tree Farm, Witnesham on Friday 16 May. From the footpath running beside the Gressingham site, the flames, smoke and loud crackling like small arms fire it was obvious the blaze was more than just a bonfire! Geoffrey Buchanan of Gressingham Foods told The

News that no-one was hurt in the fire and no livestock was involved. Suffolk Fire and Rescue said that fire crews worked

throughout the night to control the fire, ensuring it did not spread. After controlling it and dampening down the hot spots, the crews left just after 6pm the following day. At the time of writing, they were carrying out an investigation into the cause of the fire.

Words and photos: Richard Watkinson



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News Diary

JUNE

Thursday 5

Stopped Interrupting play by GADS GVH 7.30pm PBE Contact 738042

Southwold Film talk WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 6

Stopped Interrupting play by GADS GVH 7.30pm PBE Contact 738042

Saturday 7

Stopped Interrupting play by GADS GVH 7.30pm PBE Contact 738042

Bredfield Church Fete

Old Rectory 2.15pm Contact 01394 384371

Tuddenham Fete Poplar Farm 2pm Contact 785415

Tuesday 10

Brief Encounters talk Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

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

Commemoration Service for WW1 St. Andrews Bredfield 3pm Contact 01394 382773

Friday 27

Anna Airy's Life and Works talk Playford WI VH 7.30pm PBE Contact 738265

Sunday 29

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

JULY

Saturday 5

Strawberry Supper iao Culpho Ch PBE Contact 738139

Monday 7

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting Culpho Church 7.30pm Contact 735541

Tuesday 8

Garden meeting Tuddenham WI - venue tba Contact 785583

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

Saturday 19

Duck Race iao Scouts Gr VG 4.30pm Contact 735352

AUGUST

Thursday 7

Nutrition and Healthy Eating WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 9

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

Hasketon Fete and Exhibition VH & Ch 12-3pm Contact 735579

Sunday 10

Hasketon Exhibition VCh 2-4pm Contact 735579

Open garden Larks Hill

Tuddenham 1-5pm. Contact 785248

Tuesday 12 **My life in print** -

talk by Lynne Mortimer Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Monday 25

Football Club Car Boot and Funday GPF 2-5pm Contact 735377

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4

Harvest Supper WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 8

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 12 **Fusion energy**

Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Key to 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 events with date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number should be sent in by 6 August 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.

Gardens plus ...

There's a busy summer ahead for the Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society. The normally hidden gardens opening up for visitors over the weekend on 14/15 June include a number of first time openers as well as several old favourites. For the first time a

garden from Tuddenham is featured. Programmes giving entry to all 30 venues can be bought a week in advance from local shops for £4.50 and on the day from the Green at £5. The Dog will be serving specially created dishes and Crossroads will be selling delicious teas in the parish rooms.

Schedules for the Village Show on 12 July have now been distributed to all homes in Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho - further copies are available from village shops and on line (www.gbchs.org.uk). Entries for classes from people from all areas are very much welcomed.

The programme of entertainment being laid on for visitors to the show includes a return visit from Suffolk Phoenix Brass and from the musical pupils of Grundisburgh School. There will be a motorbike display for which people are being invited show off their machines - anything from 1000cc to 50cc, from speed machine to moped. Another innovation is the fancy hat competition for which people are invited to model any sort of home made headpiece, the more extravagantly decorated the better. Details of all these events from Julia Bentley (01473 735424). These are in addition to a wide range of stalls and other activities, non stop refreshments and bar, and the car boot (no pre booking needed, £5 a car), from 12.30

The summer dance takes place in the marquee on the evening of the show with live music from Flaming Cheek. Tickets from Richard Garrett, 01473 735469.

On Saturday 9 August, the society's annual evening garden party is being held at Purbrook House, Grundisburgh, by kind permission of Sylvia and Albert Usher. Tickets have to be bought in advance from Olde Forge Stores.

Peter Kendall, chairman, Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, chairman@gbchs.org.uk, 01473 738267



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What's On

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL ARTISTS

Anna Airy was born in Greenwich in 1892, the granddaughter of Sir George Biddell Airy who became the astronomer royal. From the age of 13 she stayed frequently with his uncle Arthur Biddell at Hill House,



Playford. In 1916 she married Geoffrey Buckingham Pocock, also a talented artist who painted many landscapes in the Playford area. Anna was a WW1 war artist and the Imperial War Museum holds a large collection of her work. In 1933 she moved to the Playford cottage where she lived and worked until her death in 1964.

Culpho artist Paul Bruce will give a talk to Playford WI on 27 June at 7.30pm in Playford Parish Hall about her life and work. Some of her original works will be on display.

Husband's works for sale

Two days earlier (on 25 June), Playford Parish Council is holding an auction at the parish hall of pictures painted between 1935 and 1947 by Anna's late husband, Geoffrey Pocock. There are five paintings of scenes local to Playford - these have been recently acquired by a resident and any money raised will be donated to parish funds. There will, hopefully, be a lot of local interest.

Viewing will commence at 6.30pm with the auction starting promptly at 7.15.

Prospective buyers should register their intention to attend the auction by emailing auction@playford.org.uk

Photographs of the paintings can be seen by visiting www.playford.org.uk
Cash only – no credit cards.

A fresh angle

Paul Bruce invites you to an exhibition of his recent works and sculpture at his home, The Old White House, Culpho on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June, 10am to 5pm.

The inspiration for this exhibition has been falling trees on the shores of our estuaries. Paul has also looked deeply into the natural world before us, creating a unique interpretation of the wonderful shapes and forms presented to him.

This is a relatively new concept, working with oil paint on hessian and various other interesting approaches.



'Suspended Forms' by Paul Bruce (oil on hessian)

Fetes plus...

Clopton's Midsummer Village Fete will be held at the village hall and field, Manor Road, IP13 6QN on Sunday 22 June from 12 noon to 5pm. The fete has not been held for a while and we are hoping that success this year will lead to a permanent reinstatement.

So, come along and enjoy the attractions which will include a variety of stalls featuring local crafts, garden plants, cakes, books, nail-art, face-painting and more. There will also be a bouncy castle, a visiting fire engine, side-show games, childrens' competitions, teas, refreshments and BBQ. And, to make the afternoon really



'Dairy Cottage' by Geoffrey Pocock - to be auctioned with other originals on 25 June at Playford Village Hall.

memorable, there will be great live music from popular local artists. Free entry, parking available. Contact: cloptonnews@gmail.com

Della Hughes 01473 737805

Hasketon Fete will be held on Saturday 9 August. At the same time there will be an exhibition of local talents in the church, which will also be open the following day from 2-4pm with cream teas in the village hall. More details on page 14.

BUSY TIME AT BURGH

Burgh Schoolroom, Drabs Lane IP13 6QA is the venue for much activity this summer:

*Knit and Stitch every second Monday 10.30am to 12.30.

Bring your own project and enjoy a chat over tea and biscuits/cake. £2. Beginners welcome, help available for crochet, knitting and sewing;

*Ploughmans' lunch on Saturday 14 June from 11.30 to 1.30. A summer version of the popular Soup Lunch in July/August is being arranged: to help catering, those intending to come please ring Sally on 01473 738877;

*Bridge evenings every third Thursday from 7.30 to 9.30. All levels, coaching available. £2.00 Refreshments provided;

To avoid summer holiday boredom, the children's Craft Club will be held from 10am

to noon on a date in mid-August to be arranged.

Details from Sally on 01473 738877 or Anne on 735544. Posters in Olde Forge Stores and Grundisburgh Post Office.

Musical Afternoon

Upbeat! Ladies Choir is hosting its first summer concert on Sunday 6 July in aid of Headway. Admission from 1.45pm, the concert will start at 2.30. The venue is Warren's Farm Barn (indoors) Otley (IP6 9PE). Ticket price £7.50 includes afternoon tea. Weather permitting Pimms and strawberries will be on sale. We hope to be joined by members of Grundisburgh School choir and Carol's new Monday morning mixed choir. Tickets must be bought in advance and are available from Anna Greenwood on 01473 735853 or 07834 984591. Raffle + free parking.

Spring Play

GADS' next theatrical offering is the surreal comedy 'Stopped Interrupting' by Nick Broadhead, directed by Darin Osborne. The play begins within another play and involves burglars, old writing partners temporarily reunited, a very confused policeman and what seems to be an audition for Britain's Got Talent!

The usual troubles of an am-dram group are revealed in its attempts to put on a play in which the plot and characterisation change course wildly from beginning to end. If rehearsals are anything to go by, a hilarious time is guaranteed for all! Performances at 7.30pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall on 5, 6 and 7 June. Refreshments included in the £8 tickets - from Olde Forge Stores.

GADS meets every Wednesday at Grundisburgh village hall from 7:30 onwards and welcomes any new members who fancy getting involved in matters theatrical, onstage or off.

Tributes

Sheila Crooks

Sheila was born in 1921 in the West Midlands and moved to Suffolk when her father took over the White Horse pub at Holbrook. During the war she met and married Peter Crooks, later moving to Fynn View in



Tuddenham where sons Bernard and Jim were born. Sheila lived there for over 60 years.

Fuchsias were a large part of their lives, her husband being a keen shower at flower festivals. After his death in 1983, she went on to develop her own varieties including the 'Sheila Crooks'. In her 60s she started respite care at her home, looking after the elderly. Being very keen on village life she entered into most things – whether it was donkey rides with Gilbert at the village fete, collecting jumble with the donkey or the thousands of cakes and hours put in for the WI and Over 60s club. She was a feature of village life for nearly 70 years.

Jean Ellinor

Judi Ayre

Tuddenham is now a gloomier place without her bright smile and sense of fun. She lived here for the last fifteen years, making a huge impact as a valued member of the community.

Judi was a real do-er. She

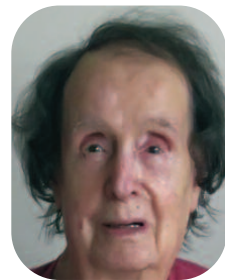
could always be relied on to roll up her sleeves and get stuck in whether it was the fete, a fund raiser at the hall or some other village event. She was a skilled and experienced physiotherapist and after her retirement Judi helped several people in the village with her skills and healing touch.

But it was her sense of humour we will remember. Many of us can recall the very funny speech she made at the Burns night supper a few years ago. As drama wardrobe mistress she was inspired in her choice of costumes, tailoring them to match the personality of the characters. She went out of her way to help and cajole the younger, quieter or shy members of the cast. We are all so sad to have lost Judi.

Jean Ellinor & Paul Jennings

Jessie Titshall

Jessie was born in 1915 in Clopton, third child of William and Amelia Smith. The family were traditional



farm workers, mainly caring for the horses. Jessie was christened at Clopton

church and later sang in the choir and, along with her mother, was always on the church cleaning and flower rota. From the age of five to fourteen years she attended Clopton school, achieving well and passing the 11+.



Amongst her treasures she kept very carefully a beautiful sampler that she worked at the age of twelve. She was a proud member of Clopton Girl Guides. At 14, Jessie left school and went into service at Charsfield Hall and remembers leaving home with her possessions in a tin box. It was here she met Frank, love blossoming amongst the dark leafy lanes! They married at Clopton in 1939. After the war, Jessie and Frank made their permanent home at Rose Cottage. Jessie was very proud of her grandchildren, Victoria, Jason and her great grandchildren, Thomas (christened at Clopton church), - Amelia, James and Joseph.

Shirley Perry (daughter)

Evelyn Moyer

Known to family and friends as Joyce, she was born on 9 March 1930 into a very musical family. Her father



was an amateur violinist who played in local orchestras in his spare time. She was also very artistic

with journalistic tendencies, which were to feature later in her life: she wrote for a local newspaper many recollections of her personal experiences and what life was like for workers around her in her early years.

It was at Ransomes where she worked that she met Stanley: they became engaged in 1948 and married in 1951. They moved to Post Mill Gardens in Grundisburgh in 1961. In her spare time Joyce helped at the village hall and in the lounge

at The Dog during the miners' strike. She did not abandon her artistic love and she was often to be seen pedalling around the country lanes on her bicycle, brandishing her camera to photograph the countryside in general and churches and windmills in particular.

Words and picture supplied by her son, Philip

Raymond Steele

Ray - a.k.a. Curly or Steely - was born in 1938 in Ipswich, the youngest of thirteen children. After attending school, which he left at the earliest opportunity, he found work on the travelling fairs. At just 15 he met Violet, the girl who was to become his wife. They had four children, Tom, Mandy, Mark and Charlie and all travelled in one trailer around East Anglia, picking fruit and vegetables. Wherever they went Curly would go into the pubs, playing his squeeze-box, tap dancing and playing the spoons - sometimes to the embarrassment of his children.



The family came to live in Grundisburgh in the 1970s - but only in the winter months. After 20 years or so Violet wanted to settle and tend her garden, so Curly began to keep his chickens but he still visited markets, buying and selling what he could.

Many will remember him with his dog Whisky on his daily visits to Violet's graveside, often more than once a day - in all weathers - accompanied by children and grandchildren of whom he was very proud. He recently took great delight in becoming a great-grandad to Max and Ralph. Curly would always stop for a chat and people took pleasure in conversing with him as he sat on the bench beside Violet's grave - as faithful in death as he was in life.

Madge Nicholas - with thanks to Rev. Canon Clare Sanders and Ray's family.

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Join the Club!

Grundisburgh Youth Club was established in 2006 by the Grundisburgh Youth Committee to combat some difficult behaviour around the village. However difficulties soon became apparent in recruiting enough volunteers with the right qualifications and getting the right insurance, so they asked Just42, a local charity running youth work in the Woodbridge area, to step in and run the club for them.

Since then, the club has run successfully - offering healthy and positive diversionary activities for young people. The club no longer deals with difficult behaviour - the hard work of everyone has paid off.



Getting to grips with a python

"We offer a wide variety of activities in an unstructured style, so that it's not at all like school," says Julia, who is employed by Just42 to run the club. In the summer the group heads over to Grundisburgh Playing Field to play cricket, rounders, football and basketball, while during inclement weather the tables and chairs at the village hall can be shifted around to make space for a game of indoor hockey. They also have a pool table, table football, air hockey and an Xbox for rainy days.

Extras

One special activity is put on each week, often food-based, but can range from making slush puppies to quiz nights and racing wind-up toys. Occasional themed nights are imaginative with topics such as the Olympics and American Independence Day and, last Christmas, a mobile petting zoo visited them (see pic

below, left) - I'm not sure if they all took the opportunity to hold the tarantula! Walks also take place about once per term, with a possibility of free chips from the pub at the finish line!

Welcome

The club runs from 7.30-9pm every Thursday during term time, led by Julia, five volunteers from Grundisburgh, and a young person on a Duke of Edinburgh Award placement. Anyone aged 11-16 is welcome and very soon the children from year 6 will be invited to join before they start high school. No joining fee: just a £2 payment each time you go, with your first visit free of charge.

Currently there are between 15 and 25 members who attend each week but they would love to see more new people. Just42 also runs similar clubs in Hasketon and Bredfield. On 7 June at 10.30am there will be a coffee morning at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms in aid of the youth club. And they will be running a tuck shop at the Grundisburgh Village Show. The club hopes the money raised will allow it to keep going and to buy a wigwam as the summer approaches. Please show your support by dropping in to either event (or both!)

Katie Davies

Guides are Go

We are 1st Grundisburgh Guides and are a group of girls aged 10 - 14. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8.45pm. We do a large range of activities such as outdoor games, crafts and occasional trips and camps.

Each term we choose and complete a Go-For-It badge in our patrols, as well as another badge as a unit. This term the Go-For-Its include Football, Fitness, Glamourama and Survival. Our badge for the unit is the circus skills badge. We will be working with the Brownies for part of this.



This year we are celebrating 100 years of Brownies, and will be completing The Big Brownie Birthday Badge. To do this we have been tasked with different activities which represent Brownies and what they have done within their communities over the last 100 years.

We are writing this because in 1939, Brownies from bigger cities were evacuated and joined new units in the countryside. They kept in touch with their old units by letter, sharing their adventures with their new Brownie friends. Thankfully as no one needs to be evacuated, we thought we would write to the Grundisburgh News and tell you what we get up to as Guides in 2014.

Debbie Richards, Leader
1st Grundisburgh Guides 01473 735044

**DON'T FORGET THE
DUCK RACE EVENT
SATURDAY 19 JULY
VILLAGE GREEN - BBQ,
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DUCK RACE 6pm**

1st Grundisburgh Guides above; learning to appreciate the difficulties faced by blind people in sport (below) as part of their Go-For-It programme.



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NEW VILLAGE HALL LATEST

On 3 April, Suffolk Coastal planners unanimously consented to the application for the development of Top Field, to enable the building of a new village hall. The consent is in outline form but establishes the framework for the development including the contributions by the landowner of land and cash for the new hall.

The scheme approved is much the same as that showcased at the Open Houses in April 2013 seeking comments from local residents. Over 250 villagers attended the Open Houses and 176 respondents out of a total of 208 supported the project. While the total

Objections were noted, but these did not outweigh the planning policies supporting the application. It is important to note that outline planning consent will not be issued until a related agreement is completed between the landowner and SCDC setting out the details of the various public benefits and how they are to be delivered. I am working with SCDC to ensure the village hall benefits are secure, as well as trying to tidy up some loose ends with respect to the consent.

Next steps

The Steering Group will hold consultations on the design and features of the new hall. Using technology to reduce the carbon footprint and costs of running the hall will be a key part of the plan: residents with comments or ideas on design and specifications should contact Richard Pepper on the village hall management committee or John Ager, the parish clerk.

A further detailed planning application will have to be submitted for approval. Before this, a village meeting will be held to discuss the plans and to vote on the sale of the existing hall and use of the proceeds for the new one.

Barry Zins, Chair, New Village Hall steering group

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

A planning application (outline) for a new village hall and 24 houses (including 3 affordables) was advertised last December inviting comments. A change to this application was submitted in February to increase the number of affordables to 8 within the

original 24 and to include potential further road access to the western part of Top Field, presumed to be for further housing development beyond that currently being proposed. Further comment was invited from residents: over the two invitations, 66 letters of objection were received by SCDC and 12 in support.

The planning officer recommended the application in his report and the head of planning recommended the scheme to the committee members. On 3 April, the planning sub-committee passed the application unanimously. No site visit was called for before deciding.

The main arguments used :

1. *Enabling the Village Hall to be built*
2. *Provision for affordable housing*
3. *SCDC does not have a 5 year housing supply as required by central government.*
4. *The village physical limits boundary and conservation area no longer have much relevance as discussed by members of the committee.*

Before the meeting, a report by a chartered town planner was lodged with the planning officer and committee members in which several planning issues were raised and a number of reasons to reject the application were provided. It seems this report was ignored.

Since the 3 April meeting, the classification of Top Field has been altered. Previously, the site was rejected by SCDC as being unsuitable for housing development and was shown as being 'not well related to the housing settlement'. The current application is outline, the details are indicative. The development will require detailed planning consent.

Paul Franklin, objector to the application

SUFFOLK COASTAL SAYS:

The Planning Department received a total of 38 letters of objection to the application (there were also 23 objections to the revised layout suggested). However, it is not known how many of these were 'new' objections so these have not been included for fear of double counting.

There is no consent to allow further access to that part of the Top Field site that is not the subject of the current consent. An amended indicative layout (below) did show a small cul-de-sac extending towards the field beyond this site but the detailed road layout will be subject to a reserved matters application which will be considered on its merits. The site has not previously been rejected. It was considered in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and assessed as 'not well related to the settlement' but that does not remove the possibility that the site could be developed for



Grundisburgh's village hall when new.

number of residential units remains the same, SCDC insisted on the full complement of affordable units so the plan now includes eight of these: four one-bedroom apartments and four two-bedroom semi-detached bungalows.

Compliments

The landowner's contributions towards the new hall were not reduced despite this additional benefit to the village. Indeed, there is a new undertaking by the landowner to contribute an additional £30,000 for the purchase of semi-mature trees to compensate for the loss of existing trees along Ipswich Road due to the County's visibility splay requirement for the access to the development. I told the council that this revised package was "a very good deal for Grundisburgh" and complimented the landowner on his family's generosity. Members of the Development Committee also complimented the approach taken by Grundisburgh.



housing. The comments made by the chartered town planner were included in the report." Cllr. Bob Snell, Chairman of the Development Management Committee, said that the committee impartially considers each application on its material planning merits within the requirements of the Local Plan. "It is clear that the s.106 Agreement would have mechanisms to ensure that the hall, with appropriate access, would be delivered. A planning permission would not be issued until it was signed by all relevant parties".

Full details are in the minutes of the meeting: www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Grundisburgh Gleanings

Here to help - the second part of the Olde Forge Stores story

The shop relies on part-time staff who all live in the village. Owner Justin Denny says there's a very good staff relationship and co-operation is excellent. It seems that those who keep this valuable village amenity functioning have only one major complaint - 'not enough gossip!' I wonder how many

so been in yet - oh I'll call and see if he/she is all right". Charlotte has been at the shop since 2009, not counting the shifts she did as a schoolgirl, and it seems there may be a danger of nepotism since she followed her mother Angie into the job and in turn has been followed by her daughter Sophie as a 'junior'.

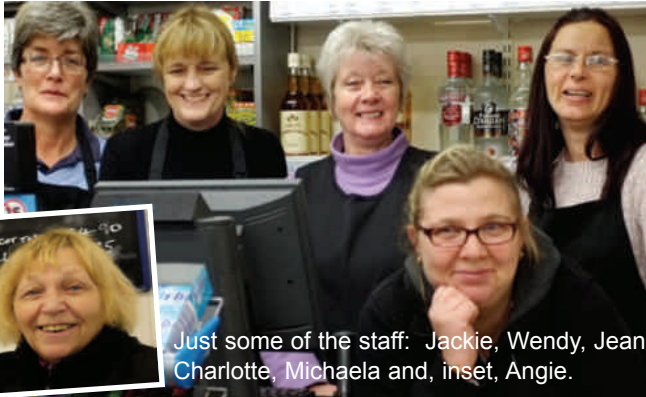
With Justin, the staff cover seven days a week from 7am on weekdays, 8am at weekends, until early evening, every day except Christmas Day! Early shift falls to Richard, helped by Jared; understandably Richard's 'worst part' is getting down the road at 6am 'in all weathers' - even though if snow is deep, the papers are not likely to be there. These days most people buy their papers at the shop but Justin and Michael Foulger will deliver if asked.

It is important to mention the 'juniors' - youngsters who find that shifts at the store provide not only welcome pocket-money but also very useful experience to help develop their communication and interpersonal skills. The dynamics of the group change from time to time but as I write we may be served by Megan Moon, Jess Crosby, Sophie Wood or Megan Smith. Keeley

Whitlock has recently achieved 'senior' status which means she can now use the ham slicing machine, among other things!

The staff like the way the shop is now laid out, 'it's brighter', - 'more modern', - 'airier', - 'feels bigger', - 'he's done a good job', are some comments. It would seem that The Olde Forge Stores has bright future.

Words: Madge Nicholas,
photos Peter Kendall



Just some of the staff: Jackie, Wendy, Jean, Charlotte, Michaela and, inset, Angie.

of us, seeking information have on occasion said: "we'll ask at the shop". According to Jean Marsh and Wendy Pugh we'll be disappointed - they claim that the staff are often the last to know what's going on - despite having between them, clocked up some 52 years service. Not that they, or any other staff members, Angie and Charlotte Ramsey, Jackie Whitlock, Michaela Grey, Richard Pepper, Jared Hipkiss, Alex Baxter and Andrew Hyde would pretend they don't hear 'conversations' in the shop!

Charlotte says the shop is seen as a meeting place, people gather and chat and check up on each other - "hasn't so and

As their children came along most of the women were pleased to find a job with negotiable hours and was local enough to feel 'relaxed', non-pressurised' - (I'm not entirely sure that they didn't underestimate the pressure!) It is obvious they enjoy the job and most found it hard to answer my question "What's the worst thing about the job?" No doubt about 'the best part' - it's the customers, hearing their views, sharing their news, sometimes pleasurable, sometimes not. The friendships, laughter and chat with each other run a close second for 'best part'. Jean's comment, "I'd miss it if I didn't do it" seems to be the general opinion.



It isn't often we have a picture of The Queen in The News: this is the card sent to Marjorie Archer on the occasion of her 100th birthday on 24 March. Her daughters Maureen and Yvonne would like to thank family, friends, the bell ringers, villagers and everyone who helped celebrate the occasion. Donations totalled £225 which will buy a garden chair for the Prince of Wales House, Ipswich, where

Marjorie now lives. To hear the bells that were rung for Marjorie on her birthday, please go to

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

NOT FORGOTTEN



Grundisburgh's war memorial was unveiled in 1920 by Lt-Col H C Copeman. Shown above is its dedication in 1921 by the Rev. Edwin Sutton whose 23 year old son Geoffrey was killed in the war and is commemorated on the memorial.

The war memorial by the entrance to the churchyard in Grundisburgh was commissioned by the ladies of the village and unveiled on 3 August 1920.

WW1 was disastrously expensive on many fronts, not the least of which was human life and suffering. It was not just the men who died: many more were injured horrifically and suffered physical and mental torture for the rest of their lives. There was no counselling or follow-up treatment in those days. Women were deprived of husbands, sons and brothers; children of fathers. 31 men were lost from Grundisburgh alone (and 11 more in WW2).

Over the top

Originally it was suggested that an appropriate memorial would be an Italian marble bridge built over what was then just a simple ford but an

official thought that was far too grand for this little village. Even the present memorial was still commented on as being 'too grand'.

Also in 1921 the Imperial War Museum appealed for photographs and locations of war memorials to record the different constructions but the response was sporadic so a clear picture never emerged. More than 60 years later, concerns were expressed as to the condition of some these memorials.

Digital update

The UK National Inventory of War Memorials was established in 1989 to try to record all memorials (visit www.ukniwm.org.uk). Now renamed the War Memorials Archive, almost 65,000 war memorials have been registered. Records are currently being transferred to a new database - they have 1000

images online so far; unfortunately Grundisburgh does not yet appear to be among them.

Marian Rosling

Call-up recalled

When we came back to Burgh in 1970 I became great friends with Billy Venn. One day over a pint in the Dog he told me what happened in Grundisburgh around the end of August 1914. The then Lord Cranworth made it known that he wished to address all men between 19 and 40 on the village green. He duly arrived in a wagon drawn by two Suffolk Punches and explained why every able-bodied man should join up. Then only 16, Billy described the scene as a mixture of bravado and emotion: watching wives say goodbye to husbands, fathers to children, lovers and grandparents was by far the most moving scene he had ever witnessed. He had never seen so many tears from men he thought would not know how to cry.

Eventually, men clambered aboard and went off to Ipswich recruiting office to enlist. Billy later told me that there were one or two who would not have got on the wagon had it not been in public. All recruits were later sent home to await orders: a good few pints were downed in the Dog and the Half Moon that evening!

Adam Gurdon

Garry Venn is Billy's grandson: he tells us about his grandfather's family.

Born 1898, to parents John Dennis and Jane Mary Venn, Billy had two brothers and five sisters all living at

Bonds Corner, Grundisburgh. He joined up in 1916 and served at the Somme and Ypres with the Suffolk regiment. We believe he suffered from a gas attack while in the trenches.

His older brother, John, also served and survived service in WW1 with the Suffolks: both are commemorated in Grundisburgh church for their service.



Billy survived and in 1919 signed up for a further tour in the army and saw service in

India and action in the Malabar uprising in 1921. He was finally discharged on 12 May 1926 - not long after marrying Ethel Daisy Pinner. They had three children, Doris, Gerald and Alan, and lived at 1 Vine Cottages. After the army, he took on a variety of jobs, including labourer and butcher's roundsman. He successfully helped train greyhounds for Raymond Burch, the dogs winning trophies at White City and he helped the 1930s Grundisburgh team win the local tug of war tournament.

His younger brother, Verdun, served in the RAF in WW2 as a leading aircraftsman. He was posted to the Far East, captured by the Japanese and died in captivity on 5 October 1944, aged 28. He is commemorated on the Grundisburgh war memorial.

Billy died on 30 June 1994, aged 96. He had three children, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Garry Venn

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Grundisburgh Gleanings



Families joining the chapel's Easter Egg hunt

Chapel News

The children enjoyed our Jungle Club again this year and the Easter Egg Hunt was as popular as ever, when we were able to raise money in aid of EACH. We are planning a Family Service on 29 June at 11am, preceded by bacon butties and cups of tea from 10.30 – all are welcome. We are holding our Open-air Service on The Green on Sunday 13 July at 3pm. As ever, everyone is welcome to join us or else just listen in from a distance.

If you would like to chat to me about matters of faith, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Colin Grimwood 738856, email: candgrimwood@tiscali.co.uk

THE WI REPORTS:

Eleven members of the Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI attended the Spring AGM where over 800 ladies gathered. After the business affairs our afternoon speaker was Roy Hudd. We learned that his family were killed in the War and he was brought up by his grandmother who introduced him to the Music Hall at an early age. Roy, as expected, had everyone in fits of laughter.

Two dogs joined us for our March meeting, accompanied by Penny Parker, a puppy walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind. The two adorable labradors, Umber eight years and mischievous and Apollo sixteen weeks, certainly stole the show. The dogs usually stay with a puppy walker for 16 months before going to a centre, (before being homed with a blind person) for more

intensive training. Penny says she always finds it hard when they have to part company. But in the case of Umber, he pined for her so badly and would not respond to further training so she joyfully agreed to take him back permanently, and he immediately reverted to his former self.

It costs £50,000 to train and feed a guide dog and their food is not exempt from VAT as in the case of greyhounds, who are regarded as working dogs by the Government.

Our friendly librarian/driver, Andrew Little is an expert in digital photography and came to our April meeting to share his knowledge. In May, Andy Malcolm from the Fisherman's Mission explained just how dangerous the life of a trawlerman is and how the mission helps with hardships. 20 June is Fish Day: for every piece of fish we buy that day from Tesco, they will give a donation to the mission. He joked that Jennifer (a member who works on the fish counter in Tesco) would be very busy that day.

Carol Barker and Brenda Garret.

S.O.S Emergency Planning in Grundisburgh

Do you have a gas hob - or an Aga which doesn't require electricity? Do you have a land line, which doesn't require electricity to operate?

Would you be prepared to have your name on an Emergency Contact List and fill flasks with boiling water and perhaps warm up a meal, for someone without power? Or use your phone to contact help? If so, please contact me on 01473 735183

Clare Sanders

WEATHER NO MATCH FOR EDWARD!

The cold and blustery weekend of 11/12 May was no deterrent to the Grundisburgh scouts at the 9th. National Scouts Archery championships in Hertfordshire. Yet again they came back laden with medals: 22 gold, 10 silver, 6 bronze and 19 other awards. Edward, their young mascot, clearly doing his stuff, too!



Good news - the Beaver Colony has been restarted, thanks to the willing team of Geraldine Millar, Annette Haughton and Zarah Decker - below. An open



night was held at the scout hut on 28 April where 15 young members and parents took part in various activities (below), especially icing and decorating biscuits (plus eating them!). Beavers meet 5.50 - 7pm on



Mondays in the Scout Hut.

Over the early Spring Bank Holiday 80 Scouts, Explorers and adults took part in the annual cycle camp from Norwich to Grundisburgh. The journey was 90 miles with excellent weather and we stayed nights in village halls.

We recently had an Archery Training Camp at Boxford where the whole weekend was

archery shooting, archery quizzes and archery films! We have very good links with the Deben Archery Club and are having great success in tournaments (see above!). We are hosting the Deben District Archery Competition on 21 June. An interesting visit in May was to the Suffolk Constabulary Force Headquarters at Martlesham for a guided tour of their museum.

Our textile bin on the playing field car park is doing very well: please continue to support us whenever you can. Over the last year items of clothing have been left behind in the scout hut: unclaimed items will be put in the textile bin or destroyed - please call me if you think your child may have lost something.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352

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Many good turns!

Suffolk Mid-Coastal Woodturners is a club attracting men and women from juniors to seniors who are interested in the art of woodturning. It offers a yearly programme of demonstrations and learning, as well as the opportunity to exchange ideas.

The first meeting of the club was in 1993 when 12 people met in Marlesford village hall. We have now expanded to over 70 members and are now based at Dallinghoo Jubilee Village Hall, meeting on the



first Thursday of each month.

Since its inception the club has engaged with the local community to promote the craft. In 2000 it was awarded a Millennium Grant which it used to give demonstrations by internationally renowned woodturners to teachers and sixth form art and design students in Suffolk, as well as a two-day event in Ipswich open to all. This was particularly popular with the schools and the club has been giving school demonstrations and tuition since then.

Charitable Works

Over the years we have supported local hospices and have held two one-week sales of members' work at Snape Maltings, raising in excess of £25,000 and the club continues to support other local events. One of the mainstays of the club and now club president, Peter Taylor, has been awarded the British Empire Medal for his charitable work.

Celebration

The club has decided it would like to celebrate its 21st anniversary by doing what it does best: having fun and

helping the hospices. The event will be held over two days with free admission and parking at Dallinghoo Jubilee Village Hall IP13 0JY on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August from 10 am to 4 pm. You will be able to see demonstrations and talk to club members about wood turning and about the club itself. The articles produced are of a very high standard, with some members receiving national recognition for their work. So for those people looking for high quality presents this is the place to come and you may also have the opportunity to talk to the turner. To keep the whole family entertained there will be prize draw, tombola, turned



Some fine examples of club members' work



items for sale, refreshments and other amusements.

The club is not looking to profit from this event and all items for sale have been donated by the members. Once it has covered its costs, all proceeds will be equally divided between the East Anglian Children and St Elizabeth Hospices.

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Sue Goode of Grundisburgh at the lathe



One man and his hobby

What better way to enjoy active retirement than to create something in a medium you really love? Originally from South Wales, retired woodwork teacher Eric Richardson seems to have found the perfect formula by using his skills to produce walking sticks and crooks from his small workshop in Great Bealings.

Eric taught at Kesgrave and Thorpeness and worked at Ipswich Museum among other places before retiring. He then took a specialist course in stick-making and now produces high-quality items available from local outlets including Grange Farm, Hasketon, and Lux Farm, Playford. Every stick is unique and Eric will also take commissions for individual customers.

With the grain

The basic material for sticks and crooks is local hazel, ideal because of its strength and straightness. Usually, Eric keeps his sticks for about a year before they are topped and tailed with ornamental heads and brass ferules. Any hazel that is slightly curved can be corrected over time using a bending device: other woods he uses include blackthorn, ash and holly. Eric says "God made the stick - I am just a stick dresser".

There are regional differences in the design of traditional shepherds' crooks. In Wales the crook is big enough to restrain a sheep round the neck whereas in Scotland the crook is much smaller - for grabbing a sheep by the leg. And there is much variety in



Straightening the raw material (above) and appraising antlers for possible use on a stick.



the design of the heads of walking sticks: simpler designs use a single type of timber but more complex ones may need two or more laminated together for effect and/or strength. Eric's favourite wood is yew because of its wonderful natural grain and markings. Oiling or varnishing brings out the natural grain of any wood, further enhancing its appearance. Bone and horn is also used, taking advantage of their natural curves and 'feel'.

Not only does Eric make sticks and crooks, he is happy to give personal tuition to anyone seeking to emulate his skills. Ever the teacher!

Eric can be contacted on 01473 735428; email e.richardson.richardson@btinternet.com

Words and photos: Richard Watkinson

BIG JOBS AT DEBACH AIRFIELD MUSEUM



During the early days of the Battle of Britain in WWII there was a great shortage of Spitfires, Hurricanes and other fighter aircraft to engage the incoming Nazi bombers and fighters. The RAF was hugely outnumbered by the enemy.

The RAF therefore created rapid reaction teams to recover crashed fighters for repair or

any useable parts to reuse on rebuilt fighters as quickly as possible. The recovery team comprised a crane truck, a couple of lorries for recovery, aircraftmen and a Queen Mary tractor and trailer.

Giants

These trailers came in two sizes: 3 and 5 tonners. They were built by Taskers of

conversion but whoever did it did a very thorough job! We recovered it from a nearby resident's garden, where it had lain for many, many years, buried in trees, bushes and scrub and we had an interesting and challenging time recovering it and getting it back here. It will need some restoration and repair but is in remarkable condition considering its age. When finished, we will use it to display archive photographs taken on and around the airfield during war time.

More work

The other Queen Mary, which has not been modified and remains in its original form and volunteers are part-way through an extensive restoration. It had rusted badly and we've spent two years working on it and hope to have it completed in 2 years' time.

David Emmerson

Open Days are every 4th Sunday from 11am-4pm. The September one is a special - the Jeep Day road run. And it is the 70th anniversary of the 493rd Bomb Group's arrival in Debach this year!

The recently discovered 'converted' Queen Mary (above and left) and one undergoing a two-year restoration (below)

Andover and over 2,000 were made. They were named after the Cunard liner Queen Mary. Like the ship, the trailers were huge at over 60 feet (18.3m) long and 9 or 10 feet (2.7 - 3m) wide.

Later, when the tide of war had turned and the defeat of Britain looked unlikely, the trailers' uses were diversified to carry British and American bombers which were being used in huge numbers bombing Nazi targets. Later still, some Queen Marys were converted for all sorts of purposes, such as that shown here. This trailer is the second one we have at Debach. We don't know who was responsible for the



Open to View

Just two artists in the News' area will be opening under the Suffolk Open Studios scheme this year. Leah Hinks, who specialises in ceramics, (below) will again be showing visitors around her studio at The Granary, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings IP13 6NY on 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 June from 11am to 5pm.



Hasketon-based artist Nicola Coe will be opening her studio under the scheme for the first time since moving to Suffolk over three years ago. She is an artist who uses photography to capture the way she sees the world. At the moment she says she is particularly fond of her vintage Sx70 Polaroid camera, using it to capture still lives of the natural world.

Nicola's studio is set in her third of an acre garden, which she also regards as an ongoing piece of artwork!

Her studio at 5 Boulge Road, Hasketon IP13 6LA will be open on 7, 8, 21 and 22 June also between 11am and 5pm.

For further information visit the Suffolk Open Studios website at www.suffolkopenstudios.org

Richard Watkinson

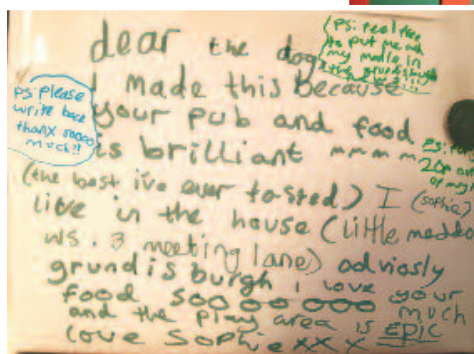
Below: an example of Nicola Coe's work: 'The Crocus Flower'



PUB NEWS

Grundisburgh Dog:

Most people show their appreciation of good pub food by leaving a tip but nine year old Sophie Willsher of Grundisburgh went one better - she presented the owners with a model she made of the pub and its forecourt, complete with tables and umbrellas (right)! And an unsolicited testimonial (+ 20p) on the back (pic. below). It now has pride of place in the bar.



(see School Reports on p17 for more details). The Queen's baton itself will be in Ipswich on 9 June.

Landlord Les Osborne is planning a WW1 commemoration event in August and is appealing for memorabilia to put on display. If you can help, please contact Les on 01473 785395

Witnesham Barley Mow will be participating in the 'Commonwealth Games six villages baton relay' on 7 June

for memorabilia to put on display. If you can help, please contact Les on 01473 785395

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Tribute

Nick Hayes

Nick was a member of The News' management team: he died in April after a long illness.

He was born in Kent in 1942 and, as his father was with the Tank Corps, the family had to move wherever he was stationed. While in south London and Woking, a very significant friendship developed between Nick and Jill, forming a close bond, like brother and sister, which has lasted to this day. Nick's mum was not a well woman and he was cared for by Jill's parents and various aunts and uncles. He joined the Merchant Navy at 15. He spent five years at sea, liking Australia so much that he jumped ship three times - the authorities there banning his re-entry for at least a year.

Back in UK, his next major job was at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden -



attending members of royal families and VIPs. Here, too, in 1965 he met Carol: it was a whirlwind romance- he proposed to her three weeks later. After 12 years at ROH, he went to Carlsberg but with his knowledge of the world of beer and wine, what was more natural than to run his own pub with Carol in Cornwall. But pub life isn't easy and with daughter Sara now in Suffolk, they decided twenty years ago to come to Grundisburgh, Nick finding employment with Debenhams and Suffolk County Council. He was always a much admired and liked colleague, as the many cards Carol has received have shown.

Unsurprisingly, Nick loved travel and made trips to see friends and relatives on the Continent, Canada and, yes, Australia.

Words based on eulogy by Clare Sanders

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Tuddenham Tales

Douze points

On the evening of the Eurovision Song Contest what tempted "Upbeat!" choir leader Carol Jopling and five of her choir members to make their way to Tuddenham Village Hall? The chance to take part in a Eurovision sing-along? No! – it was the chance to compete against 12 other quiz teams to win the Tuddenham Toad Trophy at our village quiz and take it back to Grundisburgh!

Unfortunately, even though they performed well, they failed to win the trophy. But they did have a very enjoyable evening and, despite their team name of 'Can't we have a Curry?', they enjoyed the delicious ham and cheese ploughman's supper provided by Monica Pipe and her catering team. Adrian Frost did an excellent job as Question Master, assisted by James and Ella.

Dummy hand

The youngest team member was Arthur Johnson aged three months who was mascot of the 'Baby Blues' team. Unfortunately he didn't answer any questions so his team did not do very well –



Dymphna Jackson and David Lugo setting up the quiz tables

but it did manage to miss winning the booby prize!

The results were: Winners - 'Knitters & Natterers'; Booby prize - 'Cream Teasers' (the ladies from the Old Stores Tearoom). Best Team Name - 'Delia's Deflated Dumplings'.

Funds

The evening was a big success and raised over £400 for church funds. Another fund-

raiser was the annual Soup & Sweet luncheon held on 5 April in Tuddenham Village Hall. This popular event is always well attended and this year raised £320 for church funds. The running of the lunch alternates between the ladies of St Martin's church and Tuddenham WI. This



Organisers of the lunch Monica Pipe and Jackie Lugo (above) with just a couple of the hungry ladies! (below)



year it was the turn of St Martin's.

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Will (left) and George Jennings. After TADPOLES the world is their oyster.

Next stages in brothers' careers

Local brothers Will and George Jennings have recently landed their first major professional roles. Having previously appeared in the Tuddenham pantomime for several years under the watchful eyes of Monica Pipe and subsequently Arthur Jackson, they were inspired to pursue careers as professional performers.

Older brother, Will, appears as Christopher Wren in Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap' at St Martin's Theatre, Covent Garden until February 2015. George is appearing as Marlow in 'She Stoops To Conquer', with Exeter-based touring company Creative Cow. George performed locally at The Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds in May before heading off to Cork as part of a tour of Ireland and the UK. A number of Tuddenham folk went to see him perform and thoroughly enjoyed the play.

Paul Jennings



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Hasketon Highlights

Talents to be revealed

Hasketon Fete will be held on Saturday 9 August this year and gets under way at the earlier time of 12 noon. The fete will feature the Grand Draw, a range of traditional stalls to appeal to all the family plus delicious refreshments, including a BBQ. In parallel, there will be an exhibition of Talents in the church from 12 noon - 3.00pm, which will also be open on Sunday 10 August from 2-4 pm with cream teas in the village hall. This year's exhibition is by special request as it is many years since we had the last one. It was so interesting and amazing then to see so many skills displayed. Do come and see what we have this year.

Children of the Raj

Are you a child of the Raj? That is, born or growing up in India during the 'time of the Raj' before partition and

independence in 1947. If you are, you might be interested in joining our Children of the Raj group. About 24 of us meet twice a year, usually the first Thursday in March and September for a curry lunch in the Victory Hall. The next one is on Thursday 4 September. If you would like to join us and for more information ring me on 01473 735579.

Katherine Smith

Monthly Talks

The programme of a ploughman's supper followed by a talk on the 2nd Friday of most months in Hasketon Village Hall, continues to be very popular. The summer programme begins in June with a talk about Edward and Mrs Simpson and in July we will hear from someone born in a German internment camp. After a break, the autumn kicks off in September with a science journalist and author telling us about fusion energy.

There's something for

everyone and you are most welcome, wherever you live.

The full programme can be found on the Hasketon website www.hasketon.net. Evenings begin at 7.15 and entrance is

afternoon in the sun with good foot-tapping traditional jazz. Mike Barry and his Uptown Gang will be playing this year.

There is the usual generous barbecue, salads and pudding -



A flavour of last year's Jazz BBQ

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Hilary Hill 01473 735336

Jazz and barbecue

This year it is on Sunday 29 June, from 12.30-4 pm. Those who have been to our 17 previous annual events will know that you enjoy an

all in the £15 ticket. Vegetarian food will be available, too, and a bar, ice cream etc will also be on site.

Now is the time to get your ticket from Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon, the venue for the event, which is in aid of St. Andrew's Church. Phone Gordon or Molly Smith: 01394 383106 or email gordon.smith172@me.com



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BARROW LOADS OF ENTHUSIASM AT BURGH



The wooden side boards on the slope up to Burgh church had deteriorated to such an extent that renovation was necessary this year. A working party duly turned out to make the access safe and clean again.



Pictured are the gallant team: Julia Cutmore, Pat Howegeo, Dave Hayhow, Nigel Cutmore, Malcolm Cavanagh (the boss), John Richards, John Hiliar, John Spooner, Ernie Frost, Robert Matherson and Jane Hiliar. Also there - and very helpful - were Maston King and Carol Pallant who will be married in Burgh Church on 6 Sept.

information from Gillian Gurdon

Clopton Round-Up

The new bellringers are progressing well under the tuition of David Stanford. There have been two full peals and several quarter peals since the work on installing a new bell frame was completed.

New ringers will always be welcome: please contact David on 01394 384017.

Artefacts wanted

The Heritage Centre at the west end of Clopton church will hopefully be ready for

use by the end of June. The aim is to have all items of local history on display.

We have a lot of interesting information but hope that new articles and photos etc will be given to us.

Clopton has very few long-term residents but we are hoping that families that have moved away will get in touch.

Devotion

Arthur and John Barham have been maintaining Clopton churchyard for 50 years this year. They always keep it

looking attractive, putting in many hours mowing grass and cutting hedges and are always careful to protect the wild flowers.

They will be presented with Long Service certificates from the Diocese in recognition of their dedication and hard work.

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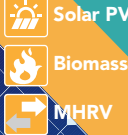
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Otley Offerings

AMBITIOUS PLAYERS

lot of fun during rehearsals and performing this and received lots of great comments from appreciative audiences.



The Otley Players had a busy start to the year with two successful productions. The Juniors' musical 'Around

We're now looking forward to the rest of the year: the adults will start reading through plays with a view to autumn



The World in Eighty Days' was very ambitious but the children pulled it off with a very colourful show. There were many delightful costume changes, some amusing songs, and a few challenges for the set builders – including an elephant!

The adults' production in April was a hilarious farce entitled 'Cat on the Fiddle'. We had a

and spring productions. We meet on a Friday evening and always welcome new members – if you are interested in joining us, or would like some more information please email info@theotleyplayers.co.uk. The Juniors rehearse on Saturday afternoons and start again in September. If your child is between 8 and 16 and would like to join then email

juniors@theotleyplayers.co.uk for more information.

Keep up to date with all our news and future productions on our website www.theotleyplayers.co.uk or by liking our facebook page!

Vanessa Ling

Hall's busy time

Otley Hall is holding a number of events this summer for all ages, old, young and in between! Here is a flavour of some of the things we will be doing, so why not join us?

Our gardens and cafe will open every Wednesday until 24 September.

Stroll through 10 acres of stunning formal and informal gardens or sit alongside the canal and watch the wildlife go by. Our popular licensed cafe will be serving homemade lunches and cakes, so why not spend a few hours enjoying the peace and tranquillity of this Suffolk garden?

Both garden and cafe are open 11am-5pm. Garden entrance is £3 per person per visit - or buy a seasonal pass for just £5 and enjoy Otley Hall gardens again and again this summer.

Workshops

Children's craft workshops will be held on Wednesday 30 July and Wednesday 29 October from 10am-1pm; £15.00 to include a children's lunch box and access to the gardens for one accompanying adult, plus free tea or coffee.

Our quirky workshops are designed to keep even the most active child busy! We will guide them through puppet making, pot painting, jewellery designing and glass painting. There will also be the opportunity to create some '10 minute toys' such as pom pom poppers, stress balloons and monster book marks.

All crafts are suitable for all abilities; an accompanying adult must supervise their child throughout the session. Places must be pre booked and limited numbers apply.

Open Gardens

On behalf of Age UK Suffolk, these will be open on Wednesday 9 July from 11am to 5pm. £3 entrance - the fee being donated to the charity.

For more information on any of our events, please contact me on 01473 890264 or email events@otleyhall.co.uk

Karen Gwynne-Vince

No show

There will be no Otley Village Show this year. The committee has decided to take a break and look for new ideas. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please email Helen.Quilliam@btinternet.com.

A provisional date for the show in 2015 will be Saturday 12 September but this will be confirmed next year.

Crossroads 100+ Club Winners:
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School Reports

ACTIVE GRUNDISBURGH

Life is as busy as ever here at Grundisburgh Primary.

On 22 June from 11am, 14 of our musicians will be taking part in a performance called 'Musicircus' along with some international musicians in Aldeburgh. The theme is 'The Sea' so we have picked nine sea-related songs and an instrumental piece called The Sailors Hornpipe. Everyone included in the concert will be performing at the same time in various different places in Aldeburgh. As we will be performing on the streets you don't have to have tickets - you just stop and watch if you think it looks good!

Sports

There has been a great number of sporting events involving Grundisburgh School lately.



Grundisburgh swimmers

These have been with the other Farlingaye pyramid schools. Sixteen children recently went to Hollesley Primary to do a cross-country race; it was a hard course as some of the children had to do three and a half laps of the field.

Other events lately include: a swimming gala (see report from Otley), a basketball tournament and a netball tournament in which we came third of seven.

Lake District

Some year 6 pupils are going to the Lake District from 2 - 6 June. Altogether, 22 children are going. Some of the activities we will do are ghyll scrambling, canoeing and mountain climbing. We will also be learning about the environment in some of our wide-ranging activities. We

will be doing at least two activities a day, sometimes changing at lunch time.

Erin, Daisy, Amber and Oliver (year 6)

Yes, you can crib!

Schools attended by Grundisburgh children are being invited to take an active part in the Cribfest at St. Mary's, which will have a new slant this year: angels will be joining the nativity scenes. Grundisburgh school will be involved in writing to 100 VIPs asking for their message for the World for 2015 ('angelos' in Greek means 'messenger').

All the schools are being asked to create life-size nativity crib scenes in the style of an artist of their choice. So far, Grundisburgh; St Mary's Woodbridge; Kyson CP, Woodbridge; Community Primary School, Woodbridge; Orwell Park; The Abbey and Brandeston have agreed to take part.

St Mary's Assistant Priest, Wendy Gourlay, who is also an artist and teacher, will be working on a major project to create 'The Angel of the East'.

Cribfest run from 25 to 30 November, from 10am to 5pm.

Clare Sanders, 01473 735183

OTLEY IN THE FAST LANE

On the day of the swimming gala we were all very excited. As first ones on the coach we got the choice of seats, then went with Grundisburgh and Kyson to Deben Pool. Leaving the changing room suddenly we all felt nervous. Ben thought the pool looked smaller than the last time we went - we all agreed. Miss B

and Mr Liddell were the teachers that came with us.

First race was the 25m freestyle: Katie came 3rd which is amazing for she is a strong swimmer. She also came 3rd in the 25m backstroke. Ella is so good at breaststroke and came 1st - we were all so impressed! In the 25m legs-only freestyle, Ben achieved a 2nd - just an inch behind the winner. James in the 25m legs-only breaststroke stormed to a very impressive win.

I swam the 25m legs-only backstroke - my favourite. I swam really hard and came third. There were many other very good individual performances from all my schoolmates, including Jimi, James and Amy.

Exciting finale

Finally, it was time for the 8x25m super relay - we all did front crawl. Ben swam first, finishing first. James next and we were still first! Then Katie - Otley still first. I followed; Jordan next and we were still first! Then it was Jimi, Amy and Ella doing so well that we were second overall in the relay.

Out of all the schools that took part, we came ninth and in the small schools we came third. We were all so pleased. It had been an enjoyable morning. Mr Liddell had cheered us on in all the races and was our best supporter and, although

we didn't win, it's the taking part that counts.

Written by Jemima

Away game

On 19 March Otley played Netball away against Woodbridge Primary School. When we got there we were greeted by a lady at the reception desk. She showed us to the netball pitch where Woodbridge were sitting having a team talk. In the first quarter Jemima was making some good interceptions as was Ben. At the end of the first quarter the score was 7-0 to Woodbridge. In the second quarter Alfie was catching some amazing throws from the likes of Amy and Ella. Jake threw a couple of fantastic balls and after many attempts I scored. At the end, the score was 12-1. In the third quarter Lewis O was intercepting loads of balls from Woodbridge.

I managed to score another two goals in that match with the help of Jake. Isla was doing very well and was catching the ball loads.

The score was 15-3. In the fourth quarter everyone was trying so hard and intercepting and passing balls amazingly well. The final score was 19-4. After that they took us into one of their classrooms and had a drink and biscuit.

Written by Katie



Sporting Stories



Members of the Grundisburgh Bowls Club ready for the start of a new season. Heather Langdon (below) in cracking form!

Bowling along

Grundisburgh Bowls Club (behind The Dog) has opened for the new season. The green is in excellent condition, thanks to green keeper David Leech and his keen volunteers, who lent a hand top-dressing the green and tidying up the grounds. Friendly matches are planned throughout the summer against other local clubs, organised by our captain Mick Jones.

New members are always welcome at any time. You can even have a go first to give bowls a try. Just bring some flat-soled shoes and we'll supply the woods. We play on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 and Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6.30. Need more information? Just contact me .

Alan Hill, Club Secretary 01473 735662
photos: Richard Watkinson



Grundisburgh Netball Club playing at their new summer venue on the multi-sports court at Bealings Village Hall. They will be appealing in the next issue for new players for next season.



Anne Lee's picture captures the peloton of the first women's cycle tour rushing through Little Bealings on 9 May, the third day of the tour, en route from Felixstowe to Clacton.

THE STAN KIRSOPP TROPHY

Grundisburgh's Indoor Bowling Group completed a very successful and happy season at Felixstowe. Six teams of three bowlers played each other on a league basis: a really friendly group even if the competition sometimes gets taken semi-seriously. Thanks of the members are due to Roger Anderson and John Broad for the organising and the administration and we all look forward to next season starting in the autumn. We conclude each season with a lunch and the trophy presentation.

The late Stan Kirsopp's name is honoured by the indoor bowls competition contested at Felixstowe Leisure Centre each winter. His widow, Joyce, is pictured below after presenting individual trophies to the members of this year's winning team, John Broad, his wife Jean and Roy Girling.



Grundisburgh Football Club

The season went very well: we reached the semi-final of the Suffolk Senior Cup going out to Whitton Utd. We came runners up in the senior league by three points but we did pick up some silverware when we won the league cup final, the seventh time we have achieved this.

The football club will be holding its annual fun day on the August bank holiday Monday as usual and it would be good to see as many locals as possible on the day. Anyone interested in getting involved with our very successful club please come and introduce yourself at the pavilion bar which is always open on a Saturday at 5pm - so feel free to pop in for a pint.

Jon Trenter, chairman, Grundisburgh FC

Grundisburgh Football 100 Club winners: Feb £50 Liz Burgess, £35 Trevor Marwick, £25 Liam Woodhouse. March £50 Michael Moore, £35 Pam Smye, £25 Paul Garwood. April £50 Mick Brown, £35 Lewis Driver, £25 Kevin Cunningham.

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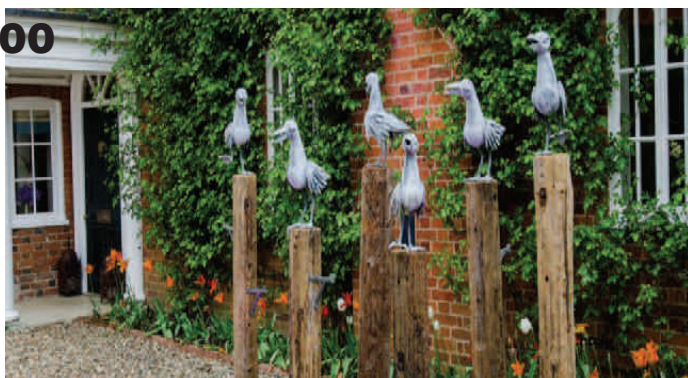
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'Art for Cure' raises over £100,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer



Photos clockwise from top left:
Organisers Belinda Gray (left) and Sally Ball;
A group of 'Seagull on Post' created in galvanised steel by Paul Richardson stand guard outside Bredfield House;
'The Quiet Man' also by Paul Richardson, floodlit for the evening preview; Bronzes by Kate Denton.



Photos by Claudia Gannon (www.claudia-gannon.com)

The art exhibition held in Bredfield to raise money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer in early May surpassed all expectations. Just over £100,000 was made, more than doubling the target.

It was masterminded by Belinda Gray, in whose home the event took place, and friend Sally Ball, with help of many supporters, sponsors and volunteers.

The interior of Bredfield House was turned into an art

gallery and the garden filled with sculptures. Nearly £200,000 worth of sales resulted in £67,000 in commissions for the campaign, while the remaining money came from a silent auction, raffle, sponsors and donations.

The whole event was meticulously planned, with great attention to detail, pink themed in line with the Breakthrough identity. Even the thank you letters from Belinda

and Sally to purchasers of artwork were signed in pink ink!

And that is not the end. The artists involved have agreed that their unsold work can now be sold on line and some are sending new work.

"This is perhaps the beginning of the Art for Cure Online Gallery" say Belinda and Sally - who have both been successfully treated for breast cancer themselves.

"We hope to curate an online gallery with established and up and coming new artists locally and nationally, with the commissions continuing to benefit Breast Cancer research".

The online gallery can be visited on <http://artforcure.org.uk/gallery/>

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Nicola Hobbs,

(who is now the proud possessor of Seagull on Post no 4).

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