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## Changes to electoral boundaries

The Boundary Commission has now published the new warding pattern for Suffolk Coastal. The number of councillors will be reduced from the current level of 55 to 42. This will apply from the district council elections in May 2015. It will mean that the ward members will have to cover a bigger patch and some changes to the current groupings.

For Great and Little Bealings the link with Grundisburgh is

severed and they, together with Hasketon, will be in with Woodbridge and be served by three councillors.

Grundisburgh will join with Bredfield, Boulge, Burgh, Debach, Clopton and Otley parishes with one member.

A new single member ward, to be called Fynn Valley, will cover the parishes of Playford, Witnesham, Rushmere village, Swilland, Tuddenham and Westerfield.

The changes should ensure a more even balance of electors to councillors with the projection of housing growth up to 2019. It is broadly in agreement with proposals put

forward by Suffolk Coastal, but with some amendments suggested by our MPs.

*Tony Fryatt, district councillor for Grundisburgh ward*

## AUCTION FOR COMMUNITY

The auction of paintings held at Playford in June realised £810 for parish council funds. Four paintings by Geoffrey Pocock were sold to local people and an ex-villager, and a fifth was bought by the Friends of Ipswich Museum.

Geoffrey Pocock had lived in Playford with his artist wife Anna Airey and painted many

local scenes. The paintings had been acquired by a resident who wanted them to be sold for the benefit of the community. Playford Parish Clerk Marian Rosling said the money raised will be used to upgrade facilities in Playford and to enhance the village.

## Honour for The News

Or rather for The News' webmaster and distribution organiser. Iain Langdon was awarded a BEM in the Queen's Birthday Honours this summer for "services to the community in Grundisburgh" - which included very many roles in addition to his work for us. More information on page 7.



## SCENES FROM SUMMER

Photos clockwise from top left: Jazz at Hasketon (story on page 13); Money spinning ducks away (p9); Judging flowers at Grundisburgh Village Show (p10); Show entry for collection of four fruit (p10); Egg and spoon race at Charsfield's Charfest 14 (p15.)



# News Diary

## SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4

**Harvest Supper** WI Gr  
Baptist Chapel 7.30pm  
Contact 735838

Saturday 6

**Church Fete** St. Marys Gr  
VG 2pm Contact 263391

Sunday 7

**Childrens Auditions** GADS  
VH 2pm Contact  
738229/436278

Monday 8

**Gr & Culpho PC Meeting**  
PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

**Knit & Stitch** Burgh  
Schoolroom 10.30-12.30  
Contact 738877/735544

Tuesday 9

**So Climate Change is Real,  
what can we do about it?**  
talk Tuddenham WI VH  
7.30pm Contact 785583

Friday 12

**Fusion energy** Hasketon VH  
7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

**AGM** Grundisburgh Burgh &  
Culpho Horticultural Society  
PR 7.30pm Contact 735517

Saturday 13

**Coffee Morning** Burgh  
Schoolroom 10.30am Contact  
738877/735544

**Barn Dance** iao Atlantic  
Challenge Otley VH 7pm  
Contact 892030

Wednesday 17

**Vietnam - a war, a country, a  
people?** Carlford Network  
GrPR 2.30pm Contact 738188

Friday 19

**Quiz Night** Burgh  
Schoolroom 7pm Contact  
738877/735544

Saturday 20

**Ceilidhs on the Move**  
Bealings VH 7.30pm contact  
01394 383329

Friday 26

**Quiz** Charsfield VH 7pm  
Contact 737701 or 737221

Saturday 27

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**  
Burgh Schoolroom 10-12  
Contact 738877/735544

Sunday 28

**Jeep Day** at Debach Airfield  
11am Contact 07850078432

**Harvest Festival & Lunch**  
Tuddenham Contact 785272

## OCTOBER

Monday 6

**Plants for Winter Interest**  
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club  
VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Friday 10

**Birds in East Anglia**  
Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE  
Contact 735579

Monday 13

**Knit & Stitch** Burgh  
Schoolroom 10.30-12.30  
Contact 738877/735544

Tuesday 14

**Felting** talk Tuddenham WI  
VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Friday 17

**Scout Bingo** Otley Scout Hut  
7.30pm Contact 890057

Saturday 18

**Pumpkin Festival** Gr Burgh  
& Culpho HS GrVG 12noon -  
3pm. Contact 735517

**Ceilidhs on the Move**

Clopton VH 7.30pm Contact  
01394 383329

**Soup Lunch** Burgh

Schoolroom 11.30-1.30pm  
Contact 738877/735544

Sunday 19

**Big Breakfast** Charsfield VH  
9am-12noon Contact 737701

## NOVEMBER

Monday 3

**Bees** Otley & Dist. Gardening  
Club VH 7.30pm Contact  
738244

Thursday 6

**Miniature Teddy Bears** WI  
Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm  
Contact 735838

Sunday 9

**WW1 exhibition** Otley Local  
History Soc OVH 11.30am-  
4.30pm Contact 01243 892030

Monday 10

**Gr & Culpho PC Meeting**  
PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

**Knit & Stitch** Burgh  
Schoolroom 10.30-12.30  
Contact 738877/735544

Tuesday 11

**AGM** talk Tuddenham WI VH  
7.30pm Contact 785583

Friday 14 Quiz Evening

Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE  
Contact 735579

Friday 14

**Angels Talk** St Mary's Ch Gr  
6pm Contact 735183

Saturday 15

**Ceilidhs on the Move**  
Clopton VH 7.30pm Contact  
01394 383329

Friday 21

**Quiz Night** Burgh  
Schoolroom 7pm Contact  
738877/735544

**Scout Bingo** Otley Scout Hut  
7.30pm Contact 890057

Tuesday-Sunday 25-30

**Angels & Cribs** St Marys Ch  
Grundisburgh 10am-5pm  
Contact 735183

Friday-Sunday 28-30

**Festival of Wreaths** Burgh  
Ch 10am-5pm Contact 738877

## DECEMBER

Monday 1

**The Passionate Gardener**  
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club  
VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Thursday 4

**John Richards & Children**  
WI Gr Baptist Chapel 7.30pm  
Contact 735838

Monday 8

**Knit & Stitch** Burgh  
Schoolroom 10.30-12.30pm  
Contact 738877/735544

**Craft Evening** talk  
Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm  
Contact 785583

Saturday 13

**Coffee Morning** Burgh  
Schoolroom 10.30am Contact  
738877/735544

Tuesday 16

**Xmas Floral Workshop**  
Burgh Schoolroom 1.30pm  
Contact 738877/735544

Friday 19

**Mulled Wine and Mince Pies**  
Burgh Schoolroom 7pm  
Contact 738877/735544

Wednesday 31

**New Year Celebrations**  
Tuddenham VH Contact  
785682

## 2015

## JANUARY

Friday/Saturday 30/31

**GADS Panto** Contact  
738229436278

## FEBRUARY

Friday/Saturday 6/7

**GADS Panto** Contact  
738229/436278

## JUNE

Sunday 21 June

**Midsummer Fete**, Clopton

Sunday 28

**Hasketon Jazz BBQ** Contact  
735579

## JULY

Saturday 18

**Grundisburgh Village Show**  
Contact 735517

Key to abbreviations:  
PBE - pre-booking essential  
P/VH - Parish/Village hall  
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 by 5  
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# What's On

## SUPPER & TALKS

Our Ploughman's supper followed by a talk on the second Friday of most months, in Hasketon Village Hall, was as popular as ever this summer.

The autumn kicks off with science journalist and author, Dan Clery, telling us about Fusion Energy. He says "Fusion is the process that powers the sun and stars. It is an alternative form of nuclear energy that uses seawater as fuel, produces no greenhouse gases and no long-lived nuclear waste. It sounds perfect, the only problem is that it's fiendishly difficult to get it to work on earth. I'll describe scientists' 60 year quest to master fusion and what the future may hold."

In October acclaimed wildlife photographer, Bill Baston, will give an illustrated talk.

You are most welcome, wherever you live. The evening begins at 7.15pm 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

## Jeeps mustering in Debach

Sunday 28 September is Jeep Day at Debach Airfield. At 11am the vehicles will be mustering at Debach and will leave at 12 noon for a trip round the farm tracks and the village roads. All are welcome, particularly people with jeeps. Visitors are invited to bring their own picnics – and take advantage of the hot and cold drinks,

snacks etc. which will be available at the airfield museum's visitor's centre. More information on [www.493bgdebach.co.uk](http://www.493bgdebach.co.uk) or from Richard Taylor on 07850 078432.

## Angels join the cribs at St Mary's

The now famous Cribfest mounted every other year at St Mary's, Grundisburgh, will have a new slant this year. Angels will be joining the nativity scenes, and there is to be increased emphasis on working with the local community.

Ten local schools are involved, artists in residence are being booked and St Mary's Assistant Priest Revd Wendy Gourlay, whose ministry has a focus on the creative arts, will be working on a major project to create 'The Angel of the East'. Young people from the regular Funsters group will be playing a crucial part in the project.

Angels and Cribs will be open from 25 to 30 November, between 10am to 5pm. Arrangements can be made for visiting groups to come in at other times, at a cost of £5 a head for a guided tour and commentary. Refreshments will be served throughout.

In the run up to Cribfest, St Mary's welcomes Jane Williams, wife of the former Archbishop of Canterbury - and a leading theologian in her own right - to speak on 'Angels', a subject on which she has written and published.

This takes place on Friday 14 November at 6pm. The £6.50

per head charge includes wine and light refreshments.

The main contact is Canon Rev Clare Sanders, 01473 735183, [revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk)

## FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

Burgh's St Botolph's Church hosts its first 'Festival of Wreaths' from Friday 28 until Sunday 30th November, from 10am to 5pm. We felt that we would like to offer visitors to the brilliant Cribfest, the opportunity to visit our nearby historic church and view a unique display of wreaths.



Sally Butler makes a curled paper wreath.

We do not want to compete with other churches in the area who have beautiful displays of decorated trees so decided to exhibit a wide range of innovative wreaths of all sizes. It is planned that around 100 wreaths will be on display covering topics including Advent and Christmas, memorial, recycled materials, garden, children and crafts. We aim to inspire, amuse and provide food for thought! All profits from the exhibition will go towards the Burgh Church Fabric Fund for urgent repairs.

If anyone has a wreath they would be willing to loan for

display please contact me. We are happy for people to use this as a promotional opportunity for their business.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy lunches, tea, coffee and home-made cakes in Burgh Schoolroom throughout the event in support of a variety of local charities.

Sally Butler, 01473 738877, [sally@martinandsally.co.uk](mailto:sally@martinandsally.co.uk)

*Burgh's newly restored Schoolroom continues to be the venue for events, both regular and one-off's. See The News' diary on page 2.*

## Traditional fete on The Green

Grundisburgh's annual Church Fete takes place on the village green on Saturday 6 September between 2 and 4.30pm

In addition to the bottle stall, tea and cakes, grand draw, jumble stall, Fair Trade, ice creams, cakes, lucky dip and a variety of traditional games - with prizes to be won - there will be wood carving stall. Trevor Hill will be selling items he has created from the wood of a Yew tree felled in the churchyard, with all proceeds going to St Mary's Church.

Coordinator Anna Wilkinson is looking for more helpers on the day. She can be contacted on [anacondor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anacondor@yahoo.co.uk), 01473 735925

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**What's On**

**PANTO PLANS**

Auditions for children wanting to appear in GADS' 2015 panto are being held on Sunday 7 September. These take place in Grundisburgh Village Hall starting at 2pm.

Performance dates for 'It's a Panto Jim But Not as We Know It' are 30/31 January and 6/7 February. Tickets (£7/£4) will be on sale every Wednesday in November at the hall between 7.15pm and 8pm or by contacting Sarah 738944) and later from Olde Forge Stores. Any question about the auditions please call Nikki on 01473 738229 or Debbie 01394 436278.

**Keep fit or at least keep moving in Hasketon**

Every Wednesday evening between 7.30 and 9pm, you will see bodies attempting to move in a co-ordinated way to the beat of the music in the Victory Hall, Hasketon. Fear not, it is not a rave, it's ladies keep fit.

Currently we are a group of, what you may call more mature ladies, trying to stem the tide of age, but it is for

everyone. Whatever your age you would be made very welcome. We are led by Sue Lisette who devises routines for us, with everyone working at their own level.

Sue is a fully qualified and KFA accredited teacher. She can be contacted on 01473 273924 or lisettej@btinternet.com for more information, or just call me for the lowdown on what it's like. We start again on 10 September and the cost is £4 per week if paying for the whole term up front and £5 for pay as you go.

Hilary Hill, 01473 735336,  
hilary@talk21.com

**Impressionist's village view**

Roy Frost is keen to show Grundisburgh residents his view of the village. An exhibit of his impressionistic paintings will be on view over the weekend of 20/21 September in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms.

Born and bred in the village, Roy returned to live there a few years ago after some time in Canada. 'Impressions of Grundisburgh' can be visited between 9am and 5pm. Queries to him on 01473 735828.

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# REMEMBERING WORLD WAR 1

## Otley's Roll of Honour

An exhibition titled 'Those who served: Otley's 'Roll of Honour' is being held on Sunday 9 November (following the Remembrance Day Service) at Otley Village Hall.

Following on from research on the 36 men named on Otley War memorial who died in the



James and Alice Wade

1st World War, Otley Local History Group is now researching a further 79 local men and women who served in the war and survived. This exhibition will include details of what has been found so far.

Many of these men and women were known to be associated with Otley during the war, but it could be that they were born or lived in the parish, then moved away.

Some worked or worshipped in Otley, or may only have been briefly connected to the village.

Following our exhibition in April, people have been very helpful in providing more information. The names of a further 22 men and women have been discovered, many of whom were born in the village. Some interesting stories have emerged, and often several members of the same family enlisted. The Dowsing, Osborne, Moss and Wade families each had at least three brothers involved in the war, with five Smith brothers serving in the army. There are also connections with neighbouring villages, as families moved and found work in the locality.

Many have interesting stories: William Cattermole was mentioned in dispatches in 1916 for gallant and distinguished conduct in the field. James Stammers worked for the New Explosives Company at Stowmarket making cordite, before he was called up for service in 1917. James Wade was captured by the Germans at the start of Operation Michael in 1918, and several other villagers were also prisoners of war.

More interest and help would be welcome, so do come along, between 11.30am and 4.30pm on the 9th, or get in touch.

Sally Whiffing, 01243 892030,  
historian2007@gmail.com



William Cattermole (seated on left) of the 2nd Suffolks. The men are all wearing roses in their button holes to mark 'Minden Day' to celebrate the victory at the Battle of Minden on 1 August 1759.

## Tuddenham Remembers

On 3 August at 4pm Tuddenham villagers gathered at The Fountain to remember all from the village who served in WW1. The event was jointly organised and sponsored by St Martin's Church, The Fountain and Tuddenham Parish Council and was free to anyone from the village.



Haydn Beckett.

The event comprised afternoon tea, a sing-along to favourite tunes of the day and a short act of remembrance conducted by Revds Catherine and Alan Forsdyke.

Seventy two Tuddenham men went away to serve their King and country and 15 did not return. There was a display featuring George Bertie Smy who survived the war and Harry John Parker who did not.

Catherine Forsdyke and Monica Pipe (with the help of the Over 60s) put together a book with information for each of the 72 men who served. For some there is a wealth of information and photos but for others very little is known.

However this is a work in progress and they are continuing to look for as much information as they can. Any information or photos will be welcomed by Monica (01473 785272).

Ten year old Hayden Beckett, who was born in Australia and came to live in Tuddenham last year, was pleased to see information relating to his great great grandfather, Harry Beckett. Harry served in the Navy from 1893 to 1904 and was in the Royal Fleet Reserve. He was called up on 2nd August 1914 at the age of 38 and served on HMS Imperieuse at Scapa Flow. He survived the war and came home in June 1919.

The event was well supported – with some folk bringing old

photos and family mementos which prompted lots of chat and sharing of memories of Tuddenham's history and its characters.

Although admission was free, people were invited to make a donation if they wished and £99.70 was raised for the Royal British Legion.

Words and photo Jean Ellinor

## Tracing Burgh's war dead

As part of the centenary of the First World War I am researching the lives of the men from Burgh who died in the war.

Albert Victor Last - died 30 December 1915

Herbert George Hughes - died 12 November 1914

Horace Sherman - died 1 February 1917

Robert Broom - died 25 April 1918

William Gladstone Chenery - died 16 September 1916

I have found some information from the Ancestry website. If you are a descendant of these men, or have any further information or photographs I would love to hear from you.

Shane Hines,  
shane.hines2012@btinternet.com or  
01473 738492.

## Grundisburgh's special service

On Remembrance Sunday 9 November, St Mary's Grundisburgh will hold a Service of Remembrance for the whole community.

This will incorporate the traditional laying of wreaths and remembering by name and the laying of individual crosses those men from this village who gave their lives.

We will also use contemporary voices from the First World War in a presentation of events and experiences at the front and in Suffolk.

Canon Rev'd Clare Sanders



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## More drivers urgently needed for Suffolk Community Transport service

The community car scheme, as it is generally known, is urgently seeking to recruit more volunteer car drivers. The needs of an increasingly elderly population - and also those of younger people - for transport to enable them to keep appointments, visit friends, go shopping or attend clubs and day-care centres is particularly acute in villages where bus services are sparse or even non-existent.

I'm keen to try to attract more drivers who live in the villages served by The Grundisburgh & District News; people do prefer to be driven by local people, many of whom they know, and it does make a difference to the fare they pay.

Drivers use their own cars and are recompensed for fuel and running costs, the remuneration being calculated in pence per mile from the driver's home, the current rate being 45p per mile.

Passengers also pay a small amount directly to the driver, the amount being set out on a sliding scale.

A short training course is given which covers such subjects as road traffic legislation and duty of care,

plus very useful advice on how to help passengers who may have problems with mobility, hearing and sight, confusion or speech impairment. The course may not be immediately available, but drivers are allowed to drive while awaiting a place. Volunteers are also required to have a CRB (now DBS) check and provide proof of appropriate insurance.

It is recognised that drivers are volunteers and asked only to do such journeys as they wish - you can say no!

The local scheme is run by Community Action Suffolk and is based in Framlingham, (01728 621210 between 10 and 12 each weekday, as well as 2-4pm on Mondays and Wednesdays). Alternatively Billy Morton, the community transport coordinator can be contacted on 01473 345342.

As a driver for a number of years I would urge anyone who likes driving, and likes people, to consider offering their services. It really is rewarding - you meet interesting people and enjoy the most fascinating conversations!

*Madge Nicholas*

## MEDICAL BULLETIN

The Debenham Group Practice, which has surgeries in Grundisburgh and Otley as well as Debenham, serves many people in The News' area. It is holding three flu clinics this autumn:

\* Tuesday 7 October Debenham Community Centre 9am-3pm.  
Drop in - no appointments needed

\* Saturday 18 October Otley Surgery 9am-12noon.  
Appointments needed

\* Thursday 23 October Grundisburgh Surgery 2-5pm.  
Appointments needed.

Flu vaccinations are recommended for people over 65 or who suffer from heart disease, asthma, diabetes or renal failure, or who are pregnant.

The practice has recently undergone some re-organisation, with Steve Bloomfield taking up a new role of Business Manager, and Kathy Parsons becoming Practice Manager.

It is hoping to increase involvement in its Patient Participation Group by setting up a separate 'virtual group' whereby members can express their opinions without having to attend meetings.

Anyone interested should contact Kathy Parsons: [kathyparsons@nhs.net](mailto:kathyparsons@nhs.net) or Jean Housley, Chairman PPG: [jbhous1950@btinternet.com](mailto:jbhous1950@btinternet.com)

# Grundisburgh Gleanings

## KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON

Five years ago Grundisburgh neighbours Martin Hough and John Ager agreed that an e-mail information service about events in Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho would be an efficient way to contact the village community.

alerts, travel information, village charities and much more. Once even helping in the search for a lost tortoise!

Some other villages have followed our lead and have developed their own e-mail information service, so Martin and John have set the ball

going ... very successfully.

Words & photo Wendy Witt



The team behind the Grundisburgh Googlemail service: Martin Hough (left) and John Ager.

It was not intended to compete with the Grundisburgh News, but simply to supplement it with information about latest events.

The new service was immediately popular, and has now grown to cover more than 250 households. It fills a real need for instant information, and allows people to get involved with community events. E-mail addresses are not shown, everything is confidential and there are no passwords. And what's more, it's completely free!

If you want to be included in the service, send your e-mail address to [grundisburgh@googlemail.com](mailto:grundisburgh@googlemail.com). You can be sure subscribers will only see their own name when they receive e-mails. Information is non-commercial, except for local businesses, and covers events run by the village's 40 clubs, organisations and societies - church & chapel, young peoples' organisations, sports and social clubs, primary school, FOGS, GADS plus weddings and funerals, parish council meetings/ consultations, etc, police

## Annual quiz

As winners of last year's Grundisburgh Village Quiz, The News will be involved in organising the 28th annual quiz between village organisations. This takes place on Friday 3 October in the school hall from 7pm, to start at 7:30pm.

Organisations and groups are invited to enter a team of up to eight; a charge of £2 per person is payable on the night.

Details have been circulated by Ann Willetts who asks that the application slips are returned to her as soon as possible - and not later than 20 September. There is a limit on the number of teams that can take part - so the first 20 to reply will be accepted. Ann can be contacted on 738831, [ann.willetts@uwclub.net](mailto:ann.willetts@uwclub.net).

Quiz questions are again being set by Phil Bailey and asking them as usual will be Clive Willetts and Mark Sanders. News team members will be running the bar and the raffle (all quiz teams are asked to bring a raffle prize). The proceeds of the evening will be shared between The News towards our production costs and Diabetes UK in memory of our colleague, Nick Hayes.

Nicola Hobbs



Partying post concert, from left Carol Jopling, Biddy Vince, Michelle Richer, Wendy Henderson and Julie Hoyle.

## Very Upbeat celebrations

Upbeat! Ladies Choir celebrated with strawberries, cream and Pimms on Sunday 6 July. No, not the Wimbledon final which was also taking place that afternoon, but our first summer concert in Warren's Farm Barn, Otley. A drizzly morning gave way to sunshine by the interval and we were able to enjoy afternoon tea outside in the lovely surroundings.

The programme consisted of new songs and a few old favourites and also a sing-along with the audience of 'Pack up your troubles' and

'It's a long way to Tipperary' to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War. We also welcomed members of the Coffee Chorus, Carol's Monday morning mixed choir, who joined us in some of the songs. We were very pleased to raise £1,200 for Headway.

Our Christmas concert will take place on Friday 5 December, at 7.30pm, in Grundisburgh Church. Information about joining either choir is available from our musical director and founder Carol Jopling (01473 735812)

Words Sue Haddock, photo Jean Ellinor

## Honour for service to the community

Continued from front page

The range of different activities for which Iain Langdon received his British Empire Medal for services to Grundisburgh is enormous, stretching back to when he and Heather first came to the village to live 39 years ago.

During this time Iain has served on the parish council, been chairman of the village hall committee and of the Friends of Grundisburgh School, founder of the amateur dramatic group (GADS) and run the 'kids discos'.

Iain's involvement with the horticultural society in one capacity or another goes back virtually to when he first arrived - and he is now treasurer and the main organiser. Other current activities include Grundisburgh Music Day, church cleaning and organising the bookings

for the parish rooms. There is rarely an event in the village for which Iain does not set up the sound system - and it is often his voice at the mike. Some frailer members of the community have been greatly helped by personal support from Iain and Heather.

The award will be presented at Helmingham Hall in October, and Iain and Heather will be off to Buckingham Palace for a garden party next summer. Very well deserved recognition.



# Grundisburgh Gleanings

## Fond farewells at playgroup ...



We said goodbye to the older children as they head off to school by holding a leavers' lunch (see picture). Most of our children progress next door to Grundisburgh Primary; the Playgroup also has excellent links with other local schools.

The children have made fantastic progress with us and we wish them well at big school. For their last week the theme was Pirates. The

children had great fun dressing up, building pirate ships, hunting for treasure and eating pirate snacks.

We also said farewell to Margaret and Shelley. Margaret lives in Grundisburgh and has been a play assistant for the last seven years. Shelley was our apprentice and has trained with us for the last two years. Both have made a great contribution to the playgroup, we thank them for their hard work and wish them well.

The teachers are busy planning for the new term when we welcome a number of new children. Remember to add your child's name to our waiting list. We are a fun setting, with a large covered outdoor area, we offer daily sessions with some all-day options. To arrange a visit call us on 01473 735161 during term time or 01473 738856 in the holidays.

*Helen Jerrold*



## ... and at school

The 'Leavers Service' at Grundisburgh Primary School was particularly poignant this year, for the school was saying goodbye not only to the year six children but also to two long serving, extremely popular and respected members of staff: Rebecca Brotherton (in photo on right with headteacher John Lynch), and Kate Adams (middle).

At the service, John Lynch spoke to each child in turn, praising individual achievements and contributions to school life. Then it was the turn of Mrs Brotherton and Mrs Adams and he detailed the tremendous contribution each had made to the school.

Rebecca Brotherton trained in Southampton and came to the school in 1996 as a newly qualified teacher, appointed by the then head Graham Hudson. Over the years she has taught every year group except year six! She married in Grundisburgh Church in 2002 (cheered on by her pupils) and after her children were born she first taught part time. She says she has been lucky to have taught under great headteachers in a school with good staff relationships. The school has offered her new challenges, and she's gained different experiences - but feels that now is the right time to move on.

Rebecca moves to Heath Primary School in Kesgrave as Key Stage 1 phase leader working with a group of five or six others responsible for

ensuring targets are met for years one and two.

Kate first became involved at the school as a parent helper in 2000, and in 2002 she was employed by Mr Hudson as a teaching assistant for one hour per week! Six years later the next head Rosemary Scott suggested she might train as a higher level teaching assistant, and after a year of study she qualified in 2009.

Theoretically Kate was then attached to year six, but has in fact helped wherever needed; last year she has assisted in every class at the school. Now she too is moving on, feeling it is probably time for a change.

Responding to an approach from an admired former colleague, Kate is moving to Rendlesham primary school, again as a higher level teaching assistant, but with a whole 2p an hour more pay! Kate admits she has anxieties; she says there is something special about Grundisburgh School and that this move "may well be the hardest thing I've done in my life"!

Happily Kate will still be involved with other Grundisburgh activities, particularly St Mary's Church and the Scouting movement in the village. Rebecca Brotherton also retains her Grundisburgh links. She and her family live here and have been involved particularly with GADS - as of course has Kate.

The best wishes of all who know them go with the 2014 Grundisburgh School leavers.

*Madge Nicholas*

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# Grundisburgh Gleanings

## SCOUTING NEWS

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our eighth Annual Duck Race in July. The fantastic news is that we made £2,458 towards our fundraising for a new Scout and Guide HQ (although we may need to have a few more duck races before the new building materializes!) We had a great day with hot dry weather and managed to clear away before the storm came later that night.

One of our young Beavers, Myhrsini Poguntke, was presented with a prize for selling over £70 in duck tickets to family, friends and neighbours.

We now have 22 Beavers. At a section night in June they each hand-painted and named a duck which later joined in the race. In June our Assistant Cub Leader Paul Gratton brought some of his collection of amazing 'live' animals to show the Beavers – amongst which was a Tarantula spider much to the dismay of some of us!

We had 'Humphrey the Hedgehog' and his carer from the Wildlife Trust speaking about the decline in hedgehogs and how we could help them and to prevent them from disappearing altogether.



Left: Stuart Ross 'invests' the new Beavers at Bealings Playing Field. Above: With winning duck.



Left: Spectators on The Green watching the ducks float past along the stream.

Above: Some of the duck race organising team: at back Daryl Swain, Steve Swain and Stuart Ross; front: Archie Adams, Kylan Close, Oliver Smith and Pat Ross. Photos by Stephen Waller.

Beavers, leaders, parents and helpers hiked to Bealings playground where the new Beavers were 'Invested' into the Scouting movement. They took part in the District Archery Day and in July we finished for the summer holidays by visiting 'crazy golf' in Felixstowe.

Cubs have been on two camps; the one in May was the District Camp in Boxford with other groups, and in June

at Hallowtree, Nacton, with our own Cub group, leaders and helpers, which they all enjoyed very much. Cubs also took part in the Deben District Archery Day and on a section night had a great evening having games with wet sponges (we did tell them to bring old clothes!)

Scouts and Explorers combined to clean the village stream ahead of the duck race and also took part in the

District Archery Day. Both sections, together with Kesgrave Scout Group, went on summer camp in August to the New Forest for a week where they enjoyed loads of activities, cycling, hiking, visiting Beaulieu National Motor Museum and taking a boat ride to Brownsea Island where scouting all began.

We're looking forward to our new programme in September.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352  
[www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk](http://www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk)  
[www.fynvalleyexplorers.org.uk](http://www.fynvalleyexplorers.org.uk)

## Report from the Women's Institute

Tom Newman came along to the Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI's June meeting to show us his film about Southwold. Tom is member Brenda Garrett's grandson and is probably the youngest speaker we have had, but he was well able to hold our attention.

His interest in media and film gained him an A level at Kesgrave High School, and he went on to win a BBC award at the age of 17 for a documentary about lawn mower racing. His Southwold

film, which took him a year to make, was narrated by Geoffrey Palmer and is full of historic facts about the town with some brilliant filming. Tom is currently working for Sky Sports and obviously has a bright future ahead of him.

Our outing this year took us to Debach Air Museum where the 493rd Bomb Group of the American Air Force was based during the Second World War. From the moment we arrived we were well looked after by Roger Blunt and his group of volunteers. They served us

cups of tea, while Roger gave a brief history of the museum. We were then free to explore the many exhibits, very professionally displayed by the volunteers who give up so much of their time; they included a military hospital ward, 1940's kitchen and living room, and a superb collection of toys and other items made by the prisoners of war who were based there during the later part of the war. The vintage military vehicles and the control tower were of special interest.

Our guest speaker in August was Mary Skelcher who came to talk about nutrition and healthy eating. She does not believe in dieting, rather developing a healthy eating lifestyle - and gave us lots of tips, including drinking plenty of water during the day, choosing rainbow colours in fruit and veg to provide a good range of nutrients and eating slowly, sitting at the table. We all agreed that we had a very interesting and lively evening

Carol Barker

# SHOW GETS BIGGER AND BETTER

More people than ever entered classes in this year's Grundisburgh Village Show in July. The judges - most of whom are provided by the Suffolk Horticultural and Produce Association - were full of praise for the quality as well as the quantity of entries. "The best show in Suffolk" was the comment of one.

As well as the display of entries in the 130ft long marquee, there was a diverse range of entertainments outside on the playing field. The school choir, Suffolk Phoenix Brass, car boot sale, children's races, tug of war, a wide range of refreshments, coconut shy ..... all help to bring in visitors and in many cases much needed funds. The displays of cars and motor bikes proved a very popular attraction.

Because of the high cost of mounting the show (the marquee alone costs well over £2,000 to hire), Grundisburgh Burgh and Culpho Horticulture Society also has to mount other events to meet the gap. And, thanks to our skilful treasurer, we are also able to make donations to charity at the end of the year.

For Hidden Gardens this year we included a garden from outside our three villages for the first time when designer Cathy Watson volunteered to open her lovely garden in Tuddenham. The dance in the marquee after the show run by Richard and Brenda Garrett attracted a big crowd. The annual evening garden party was held in the lovely garden of Albert and Sylvia Usher by The Green.

The annual general meeting is on 12 September (see invite

below) and the only event still to come in this calendar year - although technically it's the first event of the society's next year, is the Pumpkin Festival.

This takes place on Saturday 18 October on Grundisburgh Green between 12 noon and 3pm. There will be lots of pumpkin related activities - food, competitions, carving ...

We always need more help with running these events. We could certainly do with more people to join the committee, but even more important is knowing who we can call on to help mount the various activities. You don't have to be a horticultural expert, just enjoy being involved with community activities.

Please contact me if you think you might be able to give us a hand next year.

*Peter Kendall, chairman@gbchs, 01473 738267*

Show photos courtesy Emily Venn, Adrian Hobbs, David Lawrence and Peter Kendall.



Edna Warren holds the cup presented in memory of her son David who had been a very successful exhibitor. Last year the cup was won by her granddaughter and this year by her daughter-in-law.



Above: Wood fired pizzas were among new food options for visitors to the show. Left: Kate Adams who compered the fancy hat competition, with winner.



Above: The photographer caught: Emily, granddaughter of Joyce Williams, took the title of the show for The News; Creative childrens' entries - origami flower and butterfly; Left: Judging the roses; Below: Races organised by the Baptist Church.



Please let us have your ideas about the show and have a glass - or two - of wine with us at our

**Annual General Meeting**

**Friday 12 September**

**Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 7.30pm**

Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society



Judging the baking classes (above) and produce (below).



Peter Kendall receives the trophy for the best photo in show, named for former society chairman Steve Roberts, from Steve's son Tom and first grandchild.

ly Venn,  
many of the photos  
flower and tissue paper  
Chapel.



Steward Jo Lawrence and the judge for the well supported children's classes.

## Football fun day moves indoors



The fun day held each August Bank Holiday Monday to raise funds for Grundisburgh Football Club had to move into the pavilion on the playing field this year because of the downpour. But a good time was being had by all when The News visited.

The club urgently needs more volunteers. Anyone who would like to support them should contact the new chairman Stuart Robinson on 07796 785961, [stuart@scarlettbrown.co.uk](mailto:stuart@scarlettbrown.co.uk)

## Interpreting Millennium Meadow



John Dunnett, who is the mastermind behind Grundisburgh's Millennium Meadow, unveiled a new interpretation board there in July, with the help of Sally Grahn. After a walk from The Green, Bucks Fizz and nibbles were consumed to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the opening of this conservation area of untreated grassland where wild flowers and birds thrive.

# Clopton Chat



## Heritage Project makes major progress

The Heritage Project was started at the same time as the work on the church bells and new frame, in 2013. We were given a grant from The Heritage Lottery Fund and our aim is to research the history of the village of Clopton and make all the information available in the church for people to see.

Any information about the village eg. families, farming, manors, church, school, field names, 493rd Bomb Group, shops, etc are on the list of items to research. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who can share information with us.

A set of census records for Clopton is already in the church. A Heritage Group has been formed which meets every few months and we would welcome anyone who would like to help us to find information. Some of the project folders are now in Clopton Church for people to look at. Copies of any of the information can be sent if contact information is left in the book on the table.

Work is ongoing and any information, however small, will be greatly appreciated. The church is open during daylight hours.

*Doris Main*

Photos: First meeting of the Heritage Project group;  
Doris Main with the project folders and display.



## AN AFTERNOON OF CELEBRATIONS!

The afternoon of Sunday 2 June was one of celebration for many reasons for both Clopton and Debach. It began with the ringing a full peal of 5040 changes on the bells, which lasted about two hours and 45 minutes. The peal was rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Jack Rude of the 493rd Bomb Group, who has always supported the church with all its fundraising. The church has just repaired and refurbished the six bells and rehung them in a new bell frame.

The celebrations began with the presentation of the Long Service Awards to Arthur and John Barham for maintaining the churchyard at Clopton for an amazing 50 years! The certificates from the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich were presented by Rev. Clare Sanders and all were then invited to enjoy the wonderful refreshments provided by the team at Clopton church.

The highlight of the afternoon was to welcome back Jack Rude, a veteran who has visited Debach on numerous occasions in the years since the end



Top: John and Arthur Barham;

Below: Brian and Pam Ward, Jack Rude and Vyvian Blunt.

of the war. He was a tail gunner on a B17 bomber and enlisted in 1942 aged only 18. He was stationed at Debach during 1944/45 when most of the missions took place.

Richard Taylor gave a speech about Jack's 21 visits from Amarillo to Debach. This year's visit was particularly important, as he celebrated his 90th birthday in April. He was presented with a lovely cake made by Pam Ward and all joined in singing Happy Birthday and having a piece of cake. Jack then spoke movingly about how much he has always enjoyed coming back to Debach to see all his friends and the memories his visits bring back to him. He thanked all who had come to this special occasion. Everyone wished him a safe journey back to the USA and hoped he would come back again soon.

*Ingrid McIvor*

## The Midsummer Fete returns

After a break of several years, Clopton's Midsummer Fete was held on Sunday 22 June. The wonderful weather, wide variety of stalls, live music and a delicious range of hot and cold food and drinks, together with prizes and gifts donated by various local businesses, all helped towards making it a great success. £675 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Care. Another event has already been agreed for next Midsummer, 21 June.



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# Hasketon Highlights

## The Blazing Barbecue & Jazz

The 18th year of Hasketon's jazz/barbecue popular event went off well with everyone enjoying themselves, at least until just after 3pm when the weather deserted us and we had a real downpour. Some enthusiasts danced on the lawn to the band playing on under their shelter for a while longer.

We were a bit down on profit for our parish church but the total, still increasing as we sell off remaining food and drink, will be in excess of £2,400, so it was well worthwhile. Nothing would have been possible without the generous help from the folk in the village and beyond.

Next year we have New Orleans Heat, another very popular band, as usual the last Sunday in June, the 28th in 2015, so diaries out now!

*Gordon Smith*



Top: Mike Barry and his Uptown Gang; The audience sheltering; Far left: Gordon and Molly Smith, the instigators of the event on whose farm it is held; Right: Hilary Hill on barbecue duty.

Photos above and below Peter Kendall.

## Lots of talent on show!

Hasketon's exhibition of local talent was held in the church over the village fete weekend in August. Over 40 exhibitors produced some wonderful items of metalwork, woodwork, embroidery, knitting, painting, beadwork, quilting, poetry, photographs, weaving, fishing flies and models. These were greatly admired by the many visitors.

Jewsons (Connells) lent us boards for the display which we augmented by draping the organ, pulpit and pews.

I have organised an exhibition in the church for over 30 years. This involves me sleeping overnight in the church to protect the exhibits - but I hope someone younger will take over the job next year! The exhibition then will be featuring 'Jugs' so I'm hoping we'll be lent many interesting items.

*Katherine Smith*



Angie Sellon and one of her four samplers in the exhibition; 'The Seaside' created by Molly Smith with knitted boy by Edith Stannard; Miniature beach hut by Pat Kerridge; Mollie Smith with a kneeler and a fall made for the church

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## Tuddenham Tales

### LUCKY DAY FOR THE VILLAGE FETE

Weather wise Saturday 7th June was a day of extremes. The morning was grey, stormy and windy – after a couple of the gazebos had blown down and we had been drenched in torrential rain, we wondered if the fete would go ahead at all!

However at lunchtime the weather changed dramatically and we had a hot sunny afternoon for our annual village fete. Music was provided by Ipswich Community Wind Band and there were stalls, competitions, face painting, games, a prize draw, tombola and tractor & trailer rides.

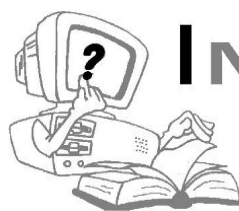
Those seeking refreshment could have one of Arthur's ice creams or a delicious cream tea. It was an extremely enjoyable afternoon and, despite attendance being down on last year, we still raised £2,200 for church funds.

Many thanks for those who supported the fete by donating prizes, baking cakes or helping out on the day.

*The Tuddenham Remembers event is featured, with other World War 1 stories on page 4, and the update on the Death Valley cycle venture is with other sporting challenges on page 18.*



Top: Lollipop ladies Jo and Laura Tickle. Below: Sheep croquet. Words and photos Jean Ellinor.



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# Charsfield Clippings

## CHARSFEST 2014

Charsfest is our annual fun day on the recreation ground where all the village organisations take part, either manning a stall or a game. They donate 10% of their profits to recreation ground maintenance funds.

The sun shone brightly on Charsfest this year and a great time was had by all.

The event lasts from 2pm until late at night. We have fun races, a penalty shoot out for golden oldies (team of four whose ages have to add up to at least 200), sumo wrestling, croquet, fun tennis, Harley Davidsons and classic cars.....and lots more.

In the evening we had a performance by Farlingaye Big Band, followed by an open mic session and karaoke.

Hot food is served and this



The hard fought men's sack race - the 'lion' is either Andy Wyatt or Clive Woodhall who took it in turns to supervise the races.

Part of the Farlingaye Big Band who entertained in the evening.

year it was Don's Carribean Feast plus Clare's Delightful Desserts.

Book the date for Charsfest 2015 - 30 May!



## Speeding in Charsfield



A message from Edward Armes and Fern Evans, the Road Safety Officers at Charsfield Primary School, has been sent to The News.

"In road safety we are aware of speeding in the village. It is an advisory of 20 MPH past the school, but this is only an advisory. We are very concerned that our path to the school is now dangerous due to lack of responsibility of motorists. We are concerned that after school time is very busy on the road and that it can be a dangerous environment near to the school.

If there are cyclists and horse riders, they should be approached with caution.

We are aware of the obstruction of foliage to the 30 MPH signs, which can be a problem which leads to speeding. Please take care when driving through our village. Thank you."



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## Bredfield Village Hall gets new windows

Work on installing new windows for Bredfield Village Hall has just been completed, thanks to a grant from the Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All'.

The grant, for £8,000, was to help the Village Hall Committee to replace most of the old wooden framed windows and doors in the hall, which were showing signs of age and becoming difficult to maintain. In all four large

windows have been replaced with modern uPVC double-glazed units, and three new double doors (which also act as fire exits) have been installed. This will not only reduce maintenance, but should ensure that the hall, which is well used by local groups, will remain a centre for local activities for many more years.

The replacement doors and

windows are the latest in a programme of updates for the hall – over the past five years Bredfield Village Hall has benefitted from a new floor, refurbished toilets and improved parking. The work to improve facilities will continue, with the next project being the updating of the village play area, situated next to the hall.

David Hepper, Treasurer,  
Bredfield Village Hall

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## DEBACH OPEN GARDENS

We had the perfect weather for our Debach Open Gardens in June. Visitors were treated to nine gardens of various sizes and styles as well as enjoying refreshments and games on the village green.

The money was raised for Suffolk Carers. A big thank you to everyone who helped and organised this event.

Emma Grimwood



Di Ewing in her garden

## Otley Under Fives commended by Ofsted

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# Otley Offerings

## New award scheme in memory of Otley entrepreneur



Business opening: Helen with former England footballer and tv pundit Ray Wilkins MBE, and her business partner Andrew Fowler.

will have a team of business advisors, mentors and

A young entrepreneurs awards scheme to help people suffering from cystic fibrosis build their own businesses has been set up in memory of Helen Barrett, who was born and brought up in Otley. Despite suffering from the disease from the age of three, Helen grew up determined not to let her ambitions and dreams be limited by the disease and ran her own successful gym business.

Sadly, she died in 2010, a week before her 32nd birthday after fighting a long and difficult battle with the chronic condition. But the gym business she founded still flourishes today.

The scheme, which will give grants of £500 to £2,000 to winning entrants, will run in partnership with A4e the public services provider who

also give winners access to variety of employment and training services. It is a joint venture between Helen's father, Tony Barrett, who lives in Otley, the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and A4e.

For more information about the Helen Barrett Young Entrepreneur Awards scheme and details on how to apply visit: [www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/entrepreneurs](http://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/entrepreneurs) Applications for the first awards close Monday 8 September. For any queries email: [helenbarrettawards@cysticfibrosis.org.uk](mailto:helenbarrettawards@cysticfibrosis.org.uk)

## SCOUTING NEWS

1st Otley Scout Group held its annual 'Pig Roast' on 12 June. It was lovely to see so many people from the group and the village, as well as past members who came to support

us. We said goodbye to our treasurer Alan Taylor who has done a fantastic job for 1st Otley Scout Group.

The group has an exciting 12 months coming up...we will be 40 years old in September 2015. Lots of events, challenges and fun activities are being planned, including our group camp on the playing field in Otley on 18/19 September. This will also be the 'leaving camp' of our Group Scout Leader Brian Childs who will have completed 40 year in scouting. Any past Scouts who would like to come, please contact me and I'll be able to give details nearer the time.

By the time you read this our Cubs will have enjoyed their camp at Bury St Edmunds and Scouts their summer camp. Group camp will be late September and we wish our new Akela - Kev Jackson - lots of luck working for his camping permit there.

Scout Bingo starts again on 17 October and 21 November (7.30pm in the Scout Hut); Christmas Bingo on 18 December will be in the village hall. The Christmas post service will be run again.

All our sections are running well, but have a few places available. Beavers can be joined from age 6, Cubs from 8 and Scouts start at 10½. If anyone would like more information please contact me.

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## RIDING - OR STRIDING - FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH

If the roads are crowded with cyclists on Saturday 13 September, Suffolk Historic Churches Trust will be delighted. It will mean that its funds to support the restoration of lovely church buildings in the county are being replenished.

The 33rd Sponsored Bicycle Ride - also known as 'Ride and Stride' - will be taking place across Suffolk and counties throughout England.

The bright yellow sponsorship forms are available in all churches and include details of the local organisers.

Participants are encouraged to visit as many churches as possible between 9am and 5pm, getting their sponsorship forms signed at each. The money they raised is divided between their own church and the trust.

In addition to wanting as many people as possible to



ride or walk, the local organisers need volunteers at the churches to sign sponsorship forms and offer refreshments. Since the event started in 1981, well over £2m has been raised in Suffolk.

James Hall from Otley has taken part almost every year - when he was much younger he managed to reach 55 churches in one day, but nowadays prefers stopping to chat and appreciate the churches and the countryside. He is often accompanied by his wife Jane, who is assistant priest at Otley, and/or their children.

James chaired the trust's bike-ride committee for a few years and has been the local Otley organiser throughout. He says, "It's a wonderful way to spend a day in the fresh air in beautiful surroundings, meeting friendly people, and for a very good cause. You don't have to be a Bradley Wiggins to enjoy yourself."

*St Elizabeth Hospice is organising a sponsored cycle ride from Ipswich to Paris next year and is looking for 100 cyclists to take part. A special registration evening takes place on 15 September. To reserve, visit [www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/team100](http://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/team100) or email [team100@stelizabethhospice.org.uk](mailto:team100@stelizabethhospice.org.uk).*

*The team behind the Breakthrough Breast Cancer exhibition is organising a sponsored cycle day for 10 September - with 25 or 50 mile routes starting from Blaxhall. This to raise funds for local cancer charity Caring for Me. Details from 07952 678412 or [ratcliff@keme.co.uk](mailto:ratcliff@keme.co.uk)*

## The Death Valley Challenge: latest

The spring edition of The News featured Cameron Wheeler, Scott Girling and Tom Caraccio-Hewitt who are taking on the challenge of cycling 420 km across America's Death Valley in memory of Cameron's brother Alistair to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust.

The boys have been busy raising funds for their ride in November. There have been a variety of activities and they have raised nearly £11k so far!

There has been a quiz night, an Easter raffle and a 'Modern & Motown' night at the Holiday Inn and a fun run at Queens School in Woodbridge. They took part in Woodbridge Regatta with Woodbridge Rotary Club. Cameron's uncle recently did a 10 hour walk around Southwold and Walberswick. The boys are also making presentations to Woodbridge, Ipswich East and Southwold Rotary Clubs.

Training has been going well, having done Suffolk Sunrise (60 miles) and London to Woodbridge (100 miles). A 200 mile ride from Ipswich to Amsterdam is planned for September.

Donations to support their efforts can be made at

<http://www.justgiving.com/deathvalleychallenge2014>

## Phil's Atlantic Challenge

On 15 November, with your help, I will be setting off from the Canary Islands to sail across the Atlantic to Barbados. Before I can face the challenges of the Atlantic I have the challenge of raising £5,000 for St Margaret's Hospices.

I will be on the third leg of a complete circuit of the Atlantic. The event will do more than raise funds for the the extremely valuable work of the hospices. On each of the eight legs one of the crew will be someone with a life-limiting illness, another will be their carer.

To help raise money, I am organising a barn dance at



Otley Village Hall on Saturday 13 September starting at 7pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £7.50 for children and will include supper. There will also be a bar. Contact me to book your tickets. I will also be very pleased to receive any raffle

prizes before the event.

I have been sailing for quite a few years, but do not have my own boat so normally rely on friends needing crew when I don't have to work.

You can find out more about my challenge, the work of the hospices or make a donation at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/philwhiffing](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/philwhiffing)

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From left: Tom, Scott and Cameron.

## Small ads

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## RECYCLING REDUNDANT PHONE BOXES

Redundant public telephone boxes are being rescued by local people and given a new identity in a number of villages around our area.

There was a public outcry in Great Bealings when BT proposed removing the telephone kiosk opposite the former post office due to lack of use, but happily the parish council stepped in and bought

the box. Zoe Firebrace, having seen a similar venture in Norfolk, suggested the idea of the book exchange or library, and so it began. The box was stripped, repainted and fitted shelving which "just filled up"!

Pat Ketch who lives opposite the 'library' noticed that the box was looking very overcrowded and he now takes responsibility for the enterprise. Pat says it doesn't need much looking after; he keeps the ground around the kiosk clear, and every so often the shelves need clearing to make way for other books since he says it is "just like the magic bottle of Guinness, it just keeps filling up".

The books he removes

Pat Ketch at the Great Bealings box.

Photo Wendy Witt



Pat takes to Oxfam. There is no formal administration; people take a book and put one back, or just bring books they no longer want. The shelves are labelled according to genre, the most popular of which seems to be thrillers and romances. There is a small notebook and pen should anyone wish to record what books they have borrowed or returned or just comment on the project. "A brilliant idea" is about the most frequent response.

The old phone box in Burgh has only recently opened in its new guise of pop up library. There is already a good range of fiction/non-fiction, children's and cookery books in there so far.

One feature to be included later is a stylised map of Burgh to help visitors, delivery drivers, nurses, etc - find their way as most houses only have names not numbers.

Witnesham is lucky enough to



Amber Cavenagh tries out the new 'library' in Burgh where the shelves were made by her father Malcolm.

have two unused telephone boxes – so two pop up libraries. We will be featuring these in the next issue of The News - and would love to hear from other villages.

It is good to relate that, as Pat Ketch pointed out in respect of Great Bealings, despite open access, none of the pop-up libraries have suffered damage and the people of the villages take pride in their projects and make very good use of them.

Madge Nicholas, 01473 738824



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