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They've made it!.....

The News has been following the Death Valley Challenge being undertaken by three young men from Tuddenham to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. The three, Cameron Wheeler, Scott Girling and Tom Caraccio-Hewitt, cycled the 420km through America's Death Valley to arrive in Las Vegas on 13 November. They were met in Las Vegas by Cameron's proud parents, Ros and Tony Wheeler, whose son, Alistair (Cameron's brother) died of cancer in November 2013.

The three cyclists raised over £18,000 for the Trust from their desert ordeal: Death Valley is so hot and dry, the rainfall averages less than two inches a year!.

photo: Ros Wheeler



FASTER FIBRES EDGE NEARER

Engineers from Telec Utilities, working for BT OpenReach, (pictured right) on The Green late on 14 November confirmed that they had completed the fibre optic cabling to Grundisburgh exchange and various new street cabinets.



BT has a period of testing etc. before inviting subscribers to join their Infinity fast broadband scheme. This involves a connection between the copper cables (which run from each house) to the optic fibre cable in the new street cabinets. The engineer I spoke to estimated there would be a three to six months wait before we will be informed that the service is fully available. Speed improvements are directly related to the distance of any particular house to the cabinet: the further away means the benefits are slightly less.

words and photo: Peter Kendall

In Otley, BT planned to provide Superfast broadband this November, the cabinet and trunking have already been installed. Unfortunately, they have had to apply to close Helmingham Road to allow them to install the fibre to the cabinet. This will cause some delay but BT now say they have the road closure planned for January with a go-live date in February.

Tony Barrett

Grundisburgh tradition revived - and a new one grows

A surprise for many this year - the traditional Christmas room at Williams Stores has been brought back - a veritable cave of delights: full story on page 11. And the annual Pumpkin Festival had extra attractions, such as pumpkin rolling, biscuit decoration and, as here, face painting (of Amelie Rogers) by Liz Reid. More pictures and story on page 5.

*photos: (right) Richard Watkinson;
(below) Emily Venn.*



Season's greetings to all our readers, contributors, distributors and advertisers.

News Diary

NOVEMBER

Tuesday-Sunday 25-30

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

Friday-Sunday 28-30

Festival of Wreaths Burgh
Ch 10am-4pm 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

Friday 5

Upbeat! Christmas concert
St Marys Ch. Grundisburgh
7.30pm PBE Contact 735853

Saturday 6

Upbeat! Christmas concert
Tuddenham VH 7.30pm PBE
Contact 735853

Monday 8

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

Tuesday 9

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

Wednesday 17

Pilgrimage to Israel Carlford

Network GrPR 2.30pm
Contact 735336

Village walk Gr VG 6.30pm
Contact 738219

Thursday 18

Scout Bingo Otley Scout Hut
7.30pm Contact 890057

Concert - Stella Quartet St
Marys Ch Gt. Bealings
7.30pm Contact
735565/623037

Friday 19

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

Wednesday 31

New Year Celebrations
Tuddenham VH Contact
785682

Barn Dance Clopton VH
PBE Contact 623296/737417

Band - Flaming Cheek
Gr.VH PBE Contact 738222

2015

JANUARY

Friday 9

Sizewell C Project Hasketon
VH 7.15pm PBE Contact
735579

Sunday 11

Village walk Gr VG 2pm
Contact 738219

Monday 12

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting
PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

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

Permission to Poison Otley &
Dist. Gardening Club VH
7.30pm Contact 738244

Tuesday 13

A Royal Year talk Tuddenham

WI VH 7.30pm Contact
785583

Thursday 15

Social Bridge Burgh
Schoolroom 7.15pm Contact
738877/735544

Friday/Saturday 30/31

GADS Panto Contact
738229/436278

FEBRUARY

Monday 2

Restoring a Cottage Garden
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club
VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Friday/Saturday 6/7

GADS Panto Contact
738229/436278

Friday 6

Quiz Night Burgh
Schoolroom 7.30pm Contact
738877/735544

Monday 9

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

Friday 13

Vietnam - a War, a Country
a People Hasketon VH
7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Thursday 19

Social Bridge Burgh
Schoolroom 7.15pm Contact
738877/735544

Friday 27

Quiz & Supper FOGS
7.30pm PBE Contact 738944

MARCH

Monday 2

Gardens of Gertrude Jekyll
Otley & Dist. Gardening Club
VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Monday 9

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting
PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

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

Tuesday 10

Rumour - a Suffolk Scandal
Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm
Contact 785583

Friday 13

Erik Punaks poetry, song
and much more Hasketon VH
7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Thursday 19

Social Bridge Burgh

Schoolroom 7.15pm Contact
738877/735544

Saturday 28

Easter Coffee Morning
Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am
Contact 738877/735544

JUNE

Saturday/Sunday 13/14

Hidden Gardens of
Grundisburgh, Burgh &
Culpho Contact 735517

Sunday 21 June

Midsummer Fete, Clopton

Sunday 28

Hasketon Jazz BBQ Contact
735579

JULY

Saturday 18

Grundisburgh Village Show
Contact 735517

Sunday 19

Duck Race iao Scouts Gr.VG
4.30pm Contact 735352

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 9 February 2015 for next issue to Heather Langdon, The Holme, The Green, Grundisburgh IP13 6TA, heather.langdon@btinternet.com

Please indicate if tickets must be bought in advance.

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What's On

Panto time? (oh yes it is)...

Don't miss the GADS latest production of 'It's A Panto Jim But Not As We Know It' by Andrew Yates.

Join Captain Nerk and his crew as they are forced to interrupt their hundred year mission and land their Spaceship Centipede on the planet 'Pantonia', where they help The Seven Dwarves awaken Snow White, fight the Evil Queen and help Cinderella get the man of her dreams. Your favourite panto characters, a little slapstick and lots of laughs.

Performances: see Diary; tickets (available after Christmas in Olde Forge Stores): adults £7, children under 14 £4, cheques payable to Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society, please. Book early for the best seats and to avoid disappointment!

Open auditions for GADS' Spring Play ('When we are married' by J.B.Priestley) are being held in Grundisburgh village hall on Sunday 30 November and Sunday 7 December from 1pm to 5pm. Performances: June 2015.

Further details from michaellacey@virgin.net

DARK MATTER

Grundisburgh's annual walk in the dark this year will be to Trevor and Hilary Hill's house (between Hasketon and Grundisburgh) on Wednesday 17 December. Meet at 6.30pm for a prompt 6.45pm start from the Green. Everyone is welcome and we will be having our usual free seasonal refreshments courtesy of the parish council. As we will be walking on roads and across fields, please bring torches and wear suitable attire!

This replaces our usual monthly walk held on the second Sunday of the month: these start and end at the Green and usually last about two hours. We walk at a reasonable, i.e. not too fast, pace and they are a great way

to get some exercise and meet new people. There is often a half-way cut-off point if five miles is too far for you.

Please contact Sally Grahn on 738219 to know more.

Come to the races

Grundisburgh football club is holding a family video horse racing night on Saturday 29 November at the club. Starter's orders at 7.30pm - till late. Jumbo sausage and chips supper. As this is a ticket-only event - please first call 07546 232499 or 07796 785961 Adults £6; children (<12) £4.

Music international

The Friends of Great Bealings church invite you to a concert in the church on Thursday 18 December at 7.30pm. Given by The Stella Quartet - four students - including Rosemary Hinton (right, above) from Little



Bealings - of The Royal Academy of Music, the programme includes works by Dvorak and Mozart and Christmas music. For tickets (including generous refreshments): £10 (£8 in advance). Children free. Contact Norman Porter, 735565 or email nhp@rillcott.co.uk or Vivien Hinton, 623037, email vivien@vhinton.plus.com

Grundisburgh Chapel

Everyone is very welcome to our Christmas services as we reflect again on the wonder of Christ's birth and its relevance for us today. Sunday 21 December: carol service for all the family 10.45am, followed by refreshments. Christmas Eve: carols 7pm.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. As ever, contact me on 738856 or 07979 120549. email candggrimwood@tiscali.co.uk

Colin Grimwood

Hasketon Second Fridays

The 2015 programme has topics ranging from poetry and song, to Churchill, to gardens and more - see Diary. More information on 735579.

BUSY BURGH

Successful events in 2014 enabled us to support several charities, including Suffolk Carers, Ipswich Food Bank and Macmillans. In 2015, we will be repeating our soup and ploughman's lunches and quiz nights. The latter allow smaller groups or individuals to come together for a fun evening (tables of up to four are established on the night if there are smaller groups). Our sell-out 'Curry and Adnams' evening will be repeated in early May, so remember to book early! The Schoolroom has proved to be a delightful venue for smaller events and can be booked at very reasonable rates by phoning Sharon on 738405.

Please ring me on 738877 if you would like to book for the curry evening and/or quiz nights or to know more about any of the Schoolroom events.

Sally Butler

Craft space

Clopton's village hall is open on the first Wednesday morning of the month (10am to 1pm) to anyone who would like to come and practise their hobby, craft or pastime in convivial surroundings: everyone is welcome. If you don't have a hobby, come along and get inspired, learn a new craft or simply join us for a chat and meet new people. Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat are free, all we ask is a small contribution of £2:00 towards hall costs.

For more info or directions, call me on 737805 or email: cloptonnews@gmail.com

Della Hughes

Grundisburgh Art Group

This very active group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am till 12.30 at Grundisburgh village hall and 7.30pm till 9.30 at the parish rooms in Grundisburgh and we have room in both the morning and evening classes.

We are a very friendly and relaxed group and cater for all abilities in any medium and subject matter. We also have visiting artists to demonstrate their work, discussions and we attend regular major exhibitions in London and East Anglia.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me on 738265

Paul Bruce

Moon and Mushroom

At 8pm on Friday 5 December, (just two days after our next quiz night), we have Carols by Candlelight with the Suffolk Singers choir. On 11 December we have an intimate dinner with Ryan Gooding, the modern medium. More candle-lit carols on 19 December from 8pm with the Swilland and Ashbocking Choir. Christmas Eve dinner is followed by live music from 'Rowlie's Song Book'. Christmas Day lunch is served from 12 noon and our New Year's Eve dinner is also followed by live music. We have just put on the fifth Murder Mystery Dinner in collaboration with The Otley Players: look out for the next one in February 2015!

Nikki Gavin 785320

Upbeat! on tour

The ladies' choir is performing at two venues this Christmas - Grundisburgh and Tuddenham. See diary (page 2) for details.

All six-digit phone numbers are 01473 unless stated otherwise

NEWS TRIBUTES

Elinor Scarbrough 1937 - 2014

Elinor was born of farming stock in Wales and the love of all things Welsh stayed throughout her life. She was clearly a person of intellect and wide in her outlook and used her love of all things political and social in her career. At Essex University, where she worked and studied for her PhD, one colleague said that she was an excellent teacher, much loved and respected by her students and those who took her courses in European politics and electoral behaviour. She gave generously of her time and energies as the co-director of the Essex Summer School and editor 'Electoral Studies' - her legacy as an educator has spread over a world wide network of alumni.

She served on the governing body at Farlingaye, ensuring that it retained its Sixth Form: it is now one of the highest rated schools in England.

Elinor served on Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council



and was chairman for a number of years. During her term of office, she fought vigorously for the maintenance

of hedgerows when the fashion was for them to be grubbed up. Throughout her life she showed compassion and care for friends in need - childminding for a friend each evening, while that friend's husband was in hospital with leukaemia. With a concern for social justice, she was a good friend to others in times of need.

Based on words from Clare Sanders

Phemie Shotton 1925 - 2104

Two years ago, The News carried an article on Phemie - she was leaving the village after 40 years to be near family in Bromley. On that occasion I used the letters of PHEMIE on which to hang my thoughts:

P - practical - a fine cook, especially of the 'welcome loaves', personally delivered to newcomers, and a brilliant gardener, who attended U3A garden groups with her dear friend Shealagh Watkins.

H - helpful, visiting the sick officially through W.I but



also popping in on anyone needing help, driving members to the Lyttleton

Club and inviting newcomers to meals with others.

E - excellent member of the community, knowing lots of people through W.I., church, local history and other groups. Never wanting to lead these groups herself but contributing so much to them by her ideas, knowledge and wisdom.

M - matchmaking: Joan Hercliffe ended up marrying dear Frank after Phemie 'arranged' for them to meet via the Lyttleton Club!

I - interesting and interested. Phemie was a lover of people, especially children and was a wonderful grandmother. She kept up to date with local and national news and current affairs.

E - example to others. Phemie disregarded her numerical age and lived life to the full. She showed us that life is for living in an unselfish way, thinking of others and showing real Christian spirit.

Sally Grah



Marjorie Archer 1914 - 2014

Marjorie was the daughter of a shepherd and was raised with her four brothers and sister. Shepherds went to wherever there was work so the family moved to Boyton, Bramford, Framsdén, Combs and Cretingham to name a few.

She went to school in Helmingham. She was keen to learn and was most frustrated when the headmistress took her out of class to darn stockings, which happened on a regular basis - Marjorie was very skilled with a needle from an early age! She left school at 14: unusually, she didn't go on to work for other people in bigger houses - she was needed at home to help look after grannie! All three generations lived in a two-up, two-down cottage, sleeping top to tail. She was to meet her husband, George, while living in Framsdén. They were married on 4 June 1938 and came to live in Otley. They both loved sport: indeed Marjorie played ladies' football and would often tell of playing against men in aid of charity but the men had to play with their hands tied behind their backs! Marjorie and George had two girls, Maureen and Yvonne and moved to Grundisburgh after George suffered a stroke: he died in 1971.

Mrs Archer was a member of the Mothers Union, the Golden Club and the Lunch Club. She had many friends in Grundisburgh and Otley: Hettie Fox has been a life-long friend. The support Marjorie received on her 100th birthday in Grundisburgh in March this year - with a peal of bells - bore testament to the affection in which she was held.

Philippa Billsberry 1925 - 2014

Philippa (Phyllis) Billsberry, beloved mother of Trudy, Leonard (Lennie), Joy and Brian; grandmother to ten and great grandmother to seven passed away peacefully after a determined fight against cancer. She came to England in 1950 from her native Malta, moving first to Army quarters in Kidderminster, where Joy was born. After discharge from the Army, the family moved to Alderton, where Lennie was born. The house was so dilapidated that, typical of her determined nature, she flatly refused to leave the maternity home because she thought the house was not fit to take a new-born into. She must have had a point because it was very shortly after this that the family moved into 14, Orchard End, which then had only recently been completed. It was here that Trudy came on to the scene and where her four children grew up, enjoying a very happy and carefree childhood.



Philippa lived in Grundisburgh for over 60 years, loving the village and all the people she met over the years. She was a devout Christian and, thanks to the kindness of many, was able to attend Mass in Woodbridge every Sunday. She also loved to attend Sunday services at St Mary's in the village. She was a regular member of the Lunch Club and was ever grateful to the ladies that organised the lunches and many trips they enjoyed. The club was very important to her: long may it continue.

We express deep gratitude to the many friends and family that attended her Requiem Mass and afterwards, the extremely well attended celebration of her life at the Grundisburgh Dog.

The Billsberry family

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**Contact KEN FRAY
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Hidden Gardens and more

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society's first event in 2015 will take place over the weekend of 13/14 June and we hope to have a wide range of gardens, both first time openers and old favourites, for people to visit.

Show time

Grundisburgh Village Show is on Saturday 18 July. Dates for the evening garden party and pumpkin festival will be announced later.

The charities chosen to benefit from the events in 2015 all support young people: Home Start, which works with parents to help them cope with the pressures of family life; Krissie and Friends, a new local charity which organises musical therapy for young people suffering from cancer; and Grundisburgh scout group for its new headquarters building.

Donations

This year, despite the heavy expenses involved with mounting the village show, the society was able to donate £500 each to its three chosen good causes - Age UK Suffolk; Headway, the brain injury association and Grundisburgh Scouts. Details for the classes for the village show are currently being drawn up and a list will be available in Grundisburgh Post Office and online (www.gbchs.co.uk) early in the new year to help those wanting to get ahead planning their entries and sowing seeds.

*Peter Kendall, chairman@gbchs.org.uk
01473 738267*

Pumpkins galore

This year's festival raised a record amount. Assuming the horticultural society makes a profit overall for the year, it will be able to donate over £500 towards the new scout headquarters. The society is

very grateful to all who helped make the festival such a success.

Iain Langdon

POST-IT NOTES

Grundisburgh scout group is again participating in the Christmas card postal scheme. Until 10 December, send any size card for 25p. to an address with postcodes IP1 to IP5 - plus Pinewood, Barham, Claydon, Great Blakenham, Kesgrave, Martlesham Heath, Rushmere, The Bealings, Playford and Grundisburgh. More details at our collection points: Williams Stores, Doctors' surgery and 3 Post Mill Crescent (all Grundisburgh); Grange farm shop Hasketon; Woodbridge Library and Wotsits in The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge.

Cards left at these points should have addresses within the designated delivery areas and with the correct money in a sealed bag.

Last year we raised £194 and this year we hope to better that! Many thanks to all who have supported us in this way.

Stuart Ross Group Scout Leader

Orchard Start?

Grundisburgh Parish Council is looking into the possibility of creating a community orchard. Hundreds of these already exist around the country, providing valuable ecological spaces offering people an opportunity to learn new skills, exchange knowledge and work together, as well as providing a place for quiet contemplation.

Ideally, we would be looking to establish a collection of fruit and, maybe, nut trees planted amongst grass full of wild flowers for everyone to enjoy, and as a focus for village events. As the Government recognises the value of such orchards (designated as a priority



Clockwise from top: Aashi and Srinu Alajangi with their competition entries; Monty Kirchmann with his prize jar of (173) sweets; and Alan Billings, winner of the adults' best carved pumpkin.

photos: Richard Watkinson



habitat in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan, 2007) because of the wild flowers, insects, birds, bees, bats and small mammals that can be supported, there's lots of help and guidance available.

The key is finding a suitable piece of land either inside, or just on the edge, of the village. So, if there is a farmer or land owner out there who would be willing to lease a piece of well-drained land for this purpose, we would love to hear from you.

Orchards are long-term projects; typically taking five years to become established and yield the first fruits. When thriving, however, they quickly become a focal point for local activities. If you would like to help in any way, please contact me by email at: annemwoods@gmx.com

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Tessa Amos



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FRANCE REVISITED

Harold Broom's name appears on the Grundisburgh War Memorial as one of the casualties of WWI. On a recent visit to some of the war graves in France, Richard Pepper located Harold's final resting place at Auchonvillers near the



Richard at Harold Broom's grave.

Richard said a few words of commemoration at his graveside in a short service attended by a few local villagers.

Another casualty from Grundisburgh was the Italian, W. G. Tacchi, (known as "Trelyn" to his friends) and he is also buried near the Somme at Bois Grenier. It is believed he was born in Canterbury and also had connections with Hythe in Kent but little else is known about him, other than that he was a mechanic in the Royal Flying Corps.

If anyone has any more information that they can add to the above, please contact Richard Pepper on 01473 735459

Marian Rosling

Family and Friends

Standing on Brighton beach (the Suffolk Regiment's training camp was at nearby Shoreham), two of the four Goodchild brothers from Grundisburgh, who signed up to serve in the first World War: Arthur (17, left) and Edmund (known as Ned, 20, right) were photographed in October 1914 wearing the makeshift 'uniforms' of Post Office blue serge and caps with a red stripe. Between them and in civvies is Sutton Smith from Hawes Farm



(now Hawthorn Cottage, just across Lower Road). Ned and Sutton in particular were great friends; sadly both Ned and Sutton were killed in the war, as was Sutton's only brother Jack.

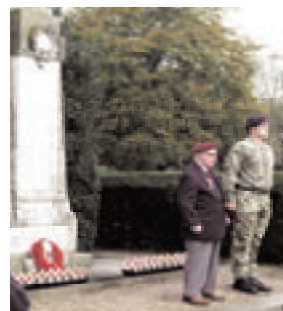
The photograph was kindly provided by Henry Finch, nephew of the Goodchild brothers and forms part of his website about the Goodchild family in the war



They were not forgotten

A large number of villagers and members of youth and other organisations gathered at Grundisburgh's war memorial on Remembrance Sunday this year to pay homage to those who lost their lives in World War I and subsequent conflicts. Geoff Jay laid a wreath on behalf of the village; he was accompanied by Aidan McIvor, currently serving in Germany but who lived in Grundisburgh from age two to 16.

Wreaths were also laid on the graves of Eric Nunn and Douglas Rayfield in the churchyard. The rows of crosses were laid by representatives of the Brownies (who wrote the names of the fallen on to the crosses) and cubs, guides and scouts.



Top: Geoff Jay and Aidan McIvor. Above and left: on behalf of Grundisburgh and Culpho parish council, Aidan laying a wreath on Eric Nunn's grave and Dennis Crowe doing so at the grave of Douglas Rayfield.

photos: Peter Kendall



(www.goodchilds.org). It also appears in the new local history magazine, illustrating an article written some years ago by Hilda Finch, his mother and sister of the brothers, about her recollections of being a child in Grundisburgh in the war. The family lived in The Fens, later called The Driftway, where Hilda lived until 2002.

Publication

The new magazine is being published by Grundisburgh local history society in early December. The first for seven years, it has 44 pages of

articles about the area's past, illustrated with a wide variety of photos. Another article from an earlier issue is one by Hilda Tuck on the development of Post Mill Gardens. New material includes the story of 'The Bombers' and the cycle racing track on the playing field in the 1970s and an article about Thistleton Hall which was demolished in 1955 and which stood on Debach airfield.

Copies are available at £4.50 from village shops and Grange Farm, Hasketon.

Nicola Hobbs

Grundisburgh Gleanings

A SIGN OF THE TIMES



The pillar supporting the village sign was getting dangerously weak so it has been replaced by a new oak one which should now last for many years.

I'd like to mention and thank those who helped getting the new village sign post erected.

As usual, in the village, whenever help is needed it just takes a few phone calls and helpers come running. In this case Steve Sim, Iain Langdon, Geoffrey Caryer and John Broad. Thanks, too, to Richard Garnham for providing the heaving lifting equipment. Also to Vollett & Dunett for the preparation work done on the new post.

Dennis Crowe



Above left: Dennis disassembling the old sign; above and right: erecting the new sign, which is some 300mm taller than the old one. It will be left to weather naturally. Part of the old timber will be used as gate posts for the church - the rest is being donated to a wood carver who will create objects for the church to sell.

photos: Steve Sim

church" said Lyttelton Club organiser Mary Bean. Around £100 was collected, with which Ben and Emily brought their daughter "some lovely clothes and a very complex play mat that will entertain her for hours".

words: Nicola Hobbs; photo: Peter Kendall

Ultra Violet!

A big attraction at this year's church fete in Grundisburgh was the visit of postman Ben, his wife Emily and new baby Violet. They had come to thank people for the money that had been collected in the village to mark Violet's arrival.

"It is a sign of Ben's popularity, particularly among older residents, that members of the Lyttelton Club decided to club together for a present. Then members of the lunch club wanted to join in, followed by contributions from the bridge club and the



Proud parents and a daughter quite unaware of her star status!

Church champions

This year it was three church-based teams who won top honours in a high scoring Grundisburgh Village Quiz held at the school on 3 October. The Carlford Group came out top (95 points), with Burgh Church second with 92, followed by St Mary's, Grundisburgh, with 84.

In all, teams representing 18 different organisations took part. Questions were again set by Phil Bailey and posed by Clive Willetts and Mark Sanders.

As last years' winners, the Grundisburgh News team had the task of running the bar and raffle and supporting the Willetts with the setting up. We also received the profits from this year's event - just over £600 - which has been divided between Diabetes UK, in memory of our colleague Nick Hayes and our own funds to help us continue publishing in full colour.

Nicola Hobbs



Mollie Bolton of the Carlford Group team receiving the winner's shield from the quizmasters.

photo: Peter Kendall



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Onwards and Upwards

Hundreds of pupils left school for the last time this summer - here just six from Grundisburgh reveal their plans for the future!

Stuart Blackie

"I've just started a six-year medicine degree at Manchester University. This

will give me degrees in medicine, surgery and another science of my choice, such as medical imaging. My course is very much self-directed so I have the flexibility to research more into a subject I'm interested in. I do, however,

still have lectures, work with simulated patients, surgery skills labs,



microbiology practicals and anatomy classes (which involve dissecting human cadavers!). I also go out to GPs' surgeries and hospitals to talk to real patients. My workload is immense, but I've still found time to cram in a social life!"

Brad Wattleworth

I'm doing a four-year masters degree in mechanical engineering at the University of

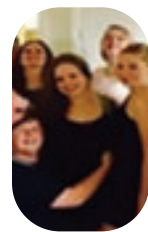


Birmingham. I'm also taking German classes, although starting from the very basics because I've forgotten pretty much everything I learnt at

GCSE! I've joined the athletics/cross-country team which has over 100 members and a great atmosphere. I'm looking forward to competing for the university in the future. I've really enjoyed being at Birmingham so far - the only problem is there's so much going on that I cannot attend everything all the time!

Adele Lemke

I'm studying European history at Canterbury Christchurch University. On the first day,



our whole floor congregated in the hall and since then we've all bonded really well. It's easy to meet new people on my course, too, thanks to student nights. I met my best friend when we were the last people out one night and since then we've spent nearly all our time together. I can tell I've made some friends for life. Living away from home has been a challenge but I've quite enjoyed having total independence. I was worried I wouldn't be able to cook for myself: however I can safely say I've only had one takeout!

Tom Adams

I decided to take a gap year and am currently working at PGL in Liddington, Wiltshire, as an activity instructor and group leader. I run activities such as abseiling, ball sports, orienteering, survival skills,

problem solving, challenge courses and aeroball for children. Luckily, I'll get a break in mid-November when the season ends, before moving on to another PGL centre in East Sussex.

Afterwards, I have a place at the University of the West of England to study finance.

Jess Tatham is also working for PGL - it's a popular choice for gap year students who want to gain experience of living away from home, whilst earning an income.

Katie Davis

I'm also taking a gap year and I hope to spend a few months living in France in order to become a



competent speaker. I've found lots of fantastic initiatives to help me live abroad on a tight

budget, such as "Workaway", where you help as a volunteer on family projects in exchange for your room and board. I've also planned to enrol on a 4-week intensive course which will certify me as a Teacher of English as a Foreign Language - a useful precursor to studying primary education at Roehampton University, London.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Scouting news

Unfortunately not a good start to the Autumn term with the devastating discovery that our archery container had been broken into and items to the value of over £1,600 taken. This means our training for the National Archery Championships will have to be suspended until we are able to replace this equipment, hopefully by means of an insurance claim. Some arrows have been found behind St. Mary's Church and Cranworth Close but please be vigilant and if you do see anything suspicious contact Stuart or Pat Ross on the number below, the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Exercise

In September some scouts and explorers had a weekend camp in Derbyshire and hill-walked up Kinder Scout. In October cubs, scouts, leaders and parents hiked along the Fynn Valley to Martlesham chip shop for a hot supper. Eight beavers went to the Fromus Centre in Saxmundham for a Christmas craft day; the beavers also had a visitor to the hut to talk about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights.



Beavers leader in Halloween guise

Scouts, guides and brownies helped at the Pumpkin Festival on the village green with a large number of people attending, some delicious food, great 'pumpkin' carving and fun games. A big thanks to the organisers from the horticultural society for staging this event in aid of scout funds. On the same weekend many of our group took part in the 'Jamboree on the Internet' at Kesgrave, where we were able to contact

and talk with scouting members all over the world.

All sections took part in the Harvest Festival and Remembrance parades (see p6) and we had great Halloween Parties at the Hut.

Pat Ross

It has just been announced that the scouts have been granted £1,573 from Cllr. Tony Fryatt's Community Enabling Budget to help improve security at the scout hut.

WI NEWS

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our dear friend Phemie Shotton (see p4). She was a member of our branch for over 40 years and our sick visitor, a role she took very seriously. We miss her quiet humour, friendship and commitment.

Our Harvest Supper took place in September, when we were hosts to guests from nearby WI branches. Our after-dinner speaker was Ann Day, an Ipswich tour guide, who spoke about 'Remarkable women of Ipswich'. Most of us are familiar with the Margaret Catchpole story but what about Edith Cook, born 1878 in Ipswich? She was the first British woman pilot.

Intrepid

She joined an aerial circus and would leap out of a balloon and parachute to the ground. She also performed on a trapeze suspended from a balloon but was killed in 1910, when her parachute caught on a factory chimney. We also discovered that Enid Blyton was a student teacher at Ipswich School.

Pat Polley agreed to be our president for a further year at our AGM, to be supported by Pat Sullivan as vice president. We always welcome visitors to our meetings which are held on the first Thursday of the month at the Baptist Chapel, at 7.30pm.

Carol Barker - 01473 735838

SAFETY MATTERS

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be part of a response team in the event of a local emergency - providing flasks of hot water/hot food, indicating availability of a land line for essential calls etc. The response was really good and those who responded have now been contacted with details of how the scheme works. The parish council has earmarked £1000 which can be used should the emergency be of a lengthy duration and help is needed beyond the capacity we have organised

Clare Sanders on behalf of the organising group



The Green and Post Mill Gardens Neighbourhood Watch schemes currently have vacancies: to learn more about

Neighbourhood Watch, contact Anne Powell on 01473 613888 x3313 or email anne.powell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Thank you..

I would like to thank everyone in the village who attended Nick's funeral on 7 May this year. I was so overwhelmed with the amount of people there. I also thank the Grundisburgh News for passing on the collection made at the Grundisburgh school quiz night to Diabetes UK in memory of Nick.

The Nick Hayes Memorial Golf Day at Seckford Golf Club was a success, even with only seven teams. The winning team included his grandson, Tom Fowler, so he would have been proud. We raised £300.00 for Cancer Research UK. This event will now be held annually.

Carole Hayes



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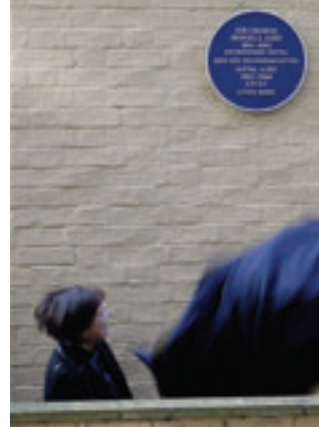
RETAINING OUR HERITAGE



Before and after: the Charsfield signpost beautifully restored. (note spelling of Dallington!)

Thanks mainly to the efforts of Shirley Wilson, with donations from the parish council and the Fletcher and Youngman families, the Victorian road sign at the junction of Church Street and The Street has been professionally refurbished by Gilbert Sills of Monewden. The sign was in such a bad condition we were in danger of losing it to a modern replacement and, as it is one of the few remaining such signs in Suffolk, we felt it important to preserve it.

Charsfield Parish Council



There are 67 airfields in East Anglia from which the 8th US Army Air Force flew bombing missions in WWII. Some site buildings survive as industrial or agricultural units - or as at Debach and Parham, host excellent museums - many structures have disappeared or are in a poor state. Before it's too late, a community history project called '8th in the East' has received Heritage Lottery Funding to record in detail, every building on all these 67 airfields and is encouraging members of the public to join in, describe, measure and photograph as much as they can, consistent with safety and right of access. The results will be available online as a permanent record and fed into the Historic Environment Records hosted by councils our case, Suffolk County Council

Training day

After training on a recent wet and windy afternoon on Debach airfield, 18 of us

amateur sleuths came away with enough basic knowledge to contribute to the project. Fortunately, most airfields were meticulously mapped immediately after the war and these help pinpoint buildings' locations and original purpose. But they don't classify everything and a clear description from even amateur surveyors can help fill the gaps. (I now know what Romney, Ripper and Jane have in common)*

Enthusiasts

Thanks to Richard Taylor and his devoted volunteers, Debach retains many original features. For example, the original parachute store survives, complete with the pulleys in the roof from which the 'chutes were suspended for checking; the original packing bench is there, too. This building currently houses the 'Queen Mary' trailer under restoration as described in The News this summer (issue 232).

If you would like to actively investigate our wartime

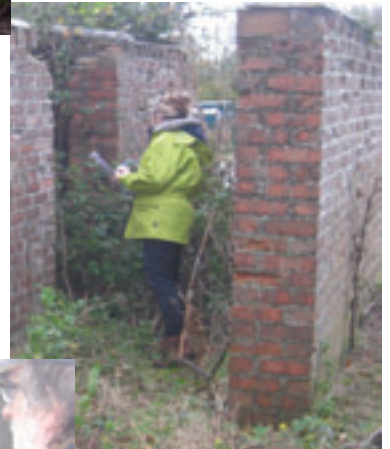
heritage or just learn more about it, 8th in the East would love to hear from you - www.8theast.org is their website.

words and photos: Richard Watkinson

* they are types of temporary buildings.



Clockwise from above: Richard Taylor pointing out features of Debach airfield; Lynne Andrews logging an unspecified building and Mark Durrant taking site measurements.



TALENT RECOGNISED

A blue plaque had been considered for some time by the Ipswich Arts Society and Friends of the Ipswich Museums. As a member of both societies I was given the task to undertake this project. On Wednesday 22 October, 50 years after her death, the blue plaque was unveiled by three direct members of

husband, Geoffrey Buckingham Pocock who was also an artist, worked there until Anna's death on 23 October 1964.

Anna Airy exhibited on a number of consecutive years at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions and became President of the Ipswich Art Club in 1945 until her death. She was looked upon as the most talented artist of her generation and was very keen to help, promote and encourage any young artists. The Ipswich Arts Society (as it's now named) present the Anna Airy Award annually to the most promising young artist.

Paul Bruce

There is an exhibition of Anna Airy's work as a war artist at UCS on the Ipswich waterfront until 10 January 2015.



the Airy family (above) and they were delighted that Sir George Biddell Airy, Astronomer Royal and his granddaughter Anna were at last recognised in the history of Playford.

George Biddell Airy from the age of 13 used to visit his uncle, Arthur Biddell, on a regular basis when he was living and farming at Hill House farm in Playford. George Biddell Airy was so enamoured with Playford and its surrounding countryside that in 1846 he bought the cottage in Playford as a holiday and weekend home.

Vision

Whilst staying at Playford in June 1848 he drew the first plans of his 'transit circle' - the famous telescope which went on to define Greenwich Mean Time and the prime meridian of the world - which it does to this day. At the age of 71, George Biddell Airy was knighted and was also a founder member of the Ipswich Museums along with Professor Henslow, who was Charles Darwin's tutor at Cambridge. After his death his son, Wilfred Airy, maintained the cottage and in 1933 Anna Airy and her

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

We have surprised our customers by re-opening our Christmas room! This is the first time for a number of years that Williams Stores has prepared this special venue. From wrapping paper and decorations to traditional wooden toys and a wide range of other children's gifts, Christmas lists will be fully ticked!

Nostalgia

Many of our customers have been taken back in time to their own Grundisburgh childhoods, remembering their mothers bringing them specially to see the Christmas showroom. One such was Charlotte Ramsay who has fond memories of being brought by her mother Angie and was delighted to share the experience with her own daughter, Imogen, as pictured on our front cover.

We are looking forward to welcoming more familiar faces and new customers, and adding a sparkle to the merry season. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas. The stores on Grundisburgh Green

are open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 1pm; Fridays from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

For regular updates visit our Facebook page

Rosie Venn



Village Treasure

Mike Stiff presents a copy of his photo which won him a first prize in last summer's village show to Joyce Williams - and which is now on display in Williams Stores. This photo of the presentation is by Emily Venn, whose own portrait of her grandmother won her third prize in the 'Picture of someone from your village' category.

Clear to build?



An essential step in the process of developing St. Mary's church, Grundisburgh was to check if the site is of archaeological significance. This involved digging trenches (see above and right) and recording what (if anything) was revealed. As we go to press we await the results of the 'dig' and hope to carry the findings in the next issue of The News.



Archaeologists Phil Camps at the digger's controls with Preston Boyles recording.

photos: Peter Kendall

Otley Offerings

AIRCRAASH RECALLED

I am working on behalf of the Wattisham Heritage Museum and wondered if anyone living locally had any memories or eye witness accounts of a crash which occurred on 5 January 1966?



The tree today which still bears the scar of the crash which killed 'Rollo' Law, the pilot. It is planned to place flowers at the site on 5

It involved an RAF Lightning which had left Wattisham en route for a routine training mission to RAF Bentwaters. The aircraft developed engine trouble, resulting in the pilot

aborting the mission and heading back to Wattisham. Unfortunately, the second engine then failed causing the pilot to crash-land into a field opposite which is now Oak

Tree Cottage along the B1079, Helmingham Road. The pilot's canopy had become stuck and he could not eject. He managed to survive the crash but the aircraft hit a tree which caused the canopy to

release and his ejector seat going off, propelling him into the tree which resulted in the pilot's death.

If anyone has any pictures, stories or eye witness accounts of that day I would be most interested to hear from you.

I am also looking for stories from any of the surrounding airbases during or after the

war. My contact details are akeyland@gmail.com or call 07583 081194. Thank you in advance.

Andrea Keyland

UNDER FIVES

The staff and committee of Otley Under Fives Pre-school were recently commended by Juliette Pearson, Early Years and Childcare Quality and Access Advisor for SCC on such a good outcome and report from Ofsted. "very good" were the words used during a visit by Ofsted in July. Both Juliette and Ofsted commented on our new digging area, nicknamed 'the chocolate factory' by the children. This is a fabulous exploratory area with stones and buckets and whatever else the children need to make their chocolate cakes and paint!

Innovative

Although we are a small pre-school we continually strive to provide the highest level of care and learning development. We are proactive to ensure our service consistently improves, being receptive to new ideas and current initiatives to provide the best learning environment for your child. We are very proud of our highly qualified staff and congratulate Michelle, who recently graduated with a degree in Early Years and her EYITT (trained teacher level). A pre-school may boast new books and toys, have a gleaming new building and be affordable to boot. But if it doesn't feel right then it isn't. It's essential that you feel comfortable with the staff who not only run the school and set guidelines for your child but who spend many hours with your child day in and day out.

Welcome

Why not come along for a visit? We are situated within the grounds of Otley Primary School and offer a free trial session and a settling in programme and would be delighted to meet you and

show you around our pre-school.....and chocolate factory!

Upcoming events :

Saturday 29th November – 9-3pm 'shop & drop' sessions *

Thursday 4th December – an evening with Ryan Gooding

Saturday 13th December – 9-3pm 'shop & drop' sessions *

* Would you like to go Christmas shopping without any children? 'shop and drop' sessions are open to pre-school children at Otley Under Fives and any primary school child. We will entertain your children between 9am until 3pm with Christmas themed activities for a small charge of £25/child £45 for 2 or more children. For further details or to book any of the above events please call us on 07789 468853



Otley poker

This year's annual poker tournament raised a magnificent £1,011 to help fund local cancer nurses who have provided so much vital support to me and a number of other White Hart devotees.

The money will reach Macmillan Cancer Support via the Woodbridge branch who are currently raising money to continue the funding of a local Macmillan nurse. The event was also great fun with a tremendous atmosphere in the pub with lots of people who had never played before: some made it all the way to the final table! If you have ever had any sort of interest in poker, why not join us in the White Hart next year - it's a great way to spend a November Sunday afternoon.

This year's winners were: Champion: Andrew Graham; 2nd George Chilvers; 3rd Steve McCarthy.

Tony Barrett

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Tuddenham Tales

Ladies (and lads) who lunch...

Tuddenham held its annual Harvest Lunch in the village hall on Sunday 28 September. As usual, the event was well supported and raised £230 for church funds. Many thanks to all who attended (see photos, right) and to everyone who cooked the delicious casseroles and puds!

.. and clean and ride!

St Martin's yearly church clean always coincides with the annual Historic Churches Sponsored bike ride. This year a number of volunteers gave the church its usual autumn clean: one such, Monica Pipe, is hard at it (below left). Pauline Proctor was excused cleaning duty to take part in the bike ride.

words and photos: Jean Ellinor



supplied by the club so the only expenditure is the £1 that we charge for an evening's bowling with tea/coffee, plus the annual subscription.

If you would like to find out more, then come along on any Monday evening and we will be only too pleased to give you some information and to let

you have a go at bowling if you want to. You will not be under any pressure to join but we hope that you will find it so enjoyable that you will want to become part of this club. If you would like to know more, then please contact me on 01473 610067

Ray Soames



Join the club!

There is an active carpet bowls club in the village currently with 28 members of all ages. We meet at the village hall every Monday from 6.30pm to about 9pm for a social evening of playing bowls. We also play against other local clubs on a competitive basis throughout the year. All the equipment is

T.A.D.P.O.L.E.S

Our next Panto is Jack and the Beanstalk - we rehearse throughout the winter and perform during February half term (technical and dress rehearsals on the Monday and Tuesday; performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, plus a Saturday matinee. Tiring but good fun!

We are looking for folk to join the junior and senior chorus and to help out behind the scenes. I hope you could join us - it's a good way to get to know the village. If you'd like to get involved, please ring me on 785682 or email jean.ellinor007@btinternet.com I'd love to hear from you!

Jean Ellinor

Christmas services at St Martin's

Sunday 21 Dec - 6.30pm carol service.

Christmas Eve - 3.30pm children's service (great fun for children and those who are kids at heart!)
11.30pm Watchnight service.

Christmas Day - 9.30am family service.

Village Hogmanay

Unfortunately, due to lack of support, the annual village New Year's Eve celebration has been cancelled.

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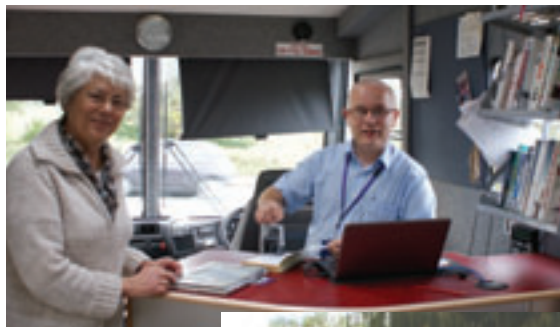
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The librarian/driver on routes 3 and 12 is Andrew Little. He has been doing the job for the past 10 years and describes it as "the best in the world". He had previously worked as a car sales manager for 22 years. Photography is one of his major interests and he has been the speaker at a number of Women's Institute meetings on the subject of digital photography.

Andrew can be rung on 07809 594685. He may be driving and unable to answer but, if you leave a message, he will get back to you.

Timetable

The next visits for Route 3 will be on Thursdays 18 December and 15 January. **Hasketon:** Village Hall, 12-



Grundisburgh resident Carol Barker with Andrew Little. Carol is a big fan of the service and wants to make sure that it's well used. She asked The News to give it a plug. "Use it or lose it".

12.15pm; **Bredfield:** Glebe Road 12.20pm-12.35pm & village hall 12.40-12.55pm; **Debach:** Alby Green Cottage 1.05-1.15pm; **Clopton:** Rous Hall Estate, 1.20-1.45pm; **Grundisburgh:** Village Hall 2.50-3.10pm & The Green 3.15-4pm; **Tuddenham St Martin:** Fountain, 4.15-4.30pm.

Route 12 is also on Thursdays, with next visits due in 4 December and 29 January (no visit early January because of new year holiday).

Witnesham: Weyland Road, 9.50-10.20am; **Swilland:** Moon & Mushroom 10.25-10.40am & Sunset Cottage 10.45-10.55; **Playford:** Phone box, 1.50-2.05pm;

Great Bealings: Lower Street, 2.15-2.30pm; **Little Bealings:** Admirals Head, 2.35-3pm. Route 7 has Peter Fiske on board. It also visits on Thursdays, with the next on 22 January (none in December due to Christmas).

Dallinghoo: Village Hall, 9.45-10am;

Charsfield: Southview, 10.05-10.30am; **Otley:** Spring Park, 11-11.20am & Village Stores 11.25am-12.15pm;

Ashbocking: The Green, 12.25-12.45pm.

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Tigers may be rare in the wild but their stripes can be seen on Grundisburgh green every Thursday evening (and at Otley village hall on the last Tuesday of every month). Expertly converted from an ex-Royal Navy vehicle, the Korilla curry caravan sports bright yellow, black and brown stripes over its gleaming stainless interior and bodywork and is the pride of chef and owner Jonathan Cooke who brings his Asian delights to us on a weekly basis. What started as a hobby is starting to take over Jonathan's life - his 'day job' is a teacher of English as a foreign language.

Jonathan offers a range of foods - the take-away menu includes chicken and vegetable curries (mild or spicy) with a range of accompaniments: a full meal costing only £6.50. Full details are on the website: www.thecurrycaravan.co.uk If you ring the van on 07535 632747, Jonathan will have your chosen meal ready for you to collect at the time you chose - no need to queue in the cold!

Richard Watkinson
photos: Peter Kendall (top) and Richard Watkinson



WREATHED IN SMILES



Customers visiting Oaktree Farm, Hasketon, to buy their Christmas trees and poultry, will find an extra Christmas touch this year - wreaths made by Maddie Margineanu. Maddie (short for Madalina) is the fiancée of Gabriel Belu who works for

Richard Stephenson at the farm and is responsible for looking after the trees throughout the year.

This is a new venture for Maddie who only finished university in Romania, studying linguistics and Italian, two years ago but, as a

child she always enjoyed creating things.

Oaktree Farm can be found in Chimney Pot Lane, Hasketon, IP13 6JH. Enquiries to 01473 735218. The wreaths cost £10 to £12 each.

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Lux illuminated

The owners of Lux Farm in Playford are Eileen and William Stennett: they took over the farm following William's father's death – and

recognisable with a broad white band round the body. Two heifers and a bull were bought as well as five in-calf heifers. Today there are two



thereby hangs a tale. William's father and grandfather took over the farm as tenants of the Marquis of Bristol and in 1952 they were able to buy the farm following the then Marquis' death. During this time the business was a mixed farm, meaning a combination of livestock and arable. However, during the 1970s and 80s the emphasis changed until the farm was wholly arable.

Herd instinct

It wasn't until 2005 that William decided to diversify the business and take the farm back into livestock production: he chose to specialise in Belted Galloway cattle - a sturdy breed and immediately

bulls, 100 breeding cattle and about 80 fattening cattle and the grassland has increased from 14 acres to 100. In 2009 the cattle were joined by Balwen Welsh Mountain sheep which had been part of the livestock many years ago.

Further diversification

By 2011 Eileen and her team were selling fresh meat from the newly created farm shop and in 2013 she opened a deli counter and cafe, (which was full the day I visited!). All of the cooked food served on the deli counter and cafe is prepared on site in the commercial kitchen, so the food really does go from the fields of Lux Farm to your fork.

words and photos: Wendy Witt

Caring finalist

Congratulations to Wendy Chard of Great Bealings for reaching the finals of the East of England's Great British Care Awards 2014.

Wendy, who is client services manager of the Clopton-based Home Instead Senior Care,

was up for the Front Line Leader award. Although she didn't win this time, it was a great achievement to reach the finals and I think no-one was more deserving of being shortlisted for this prestigious prize than Wendy.

She joined Home Instead a year ago from the Alzheimer's Society and carries out consultations with prospective and existing elderly clients.

Christopher Lye



Can you help? Great Bealings distributor needed.

Part of the village needs a new distributor for 50 copies of 'The News' to Boot Street and Grundisburgh Road. 'The News' is currently published four times a year: if you can help, please contact me on 01473 735517 or email iain.langdon@btinternet.com

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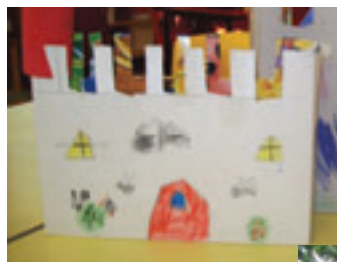


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Charsfield school report!

Here are just some of the exciting things that have been happening since we started back in September:



Class 1 has been learning about and enjoyed their visit to Framlingham Castle. There is a lot in the classroom about castles, including a play castle and chains hanging from the ceiling! They have been making castles too, (above) - and there's lots more fun stuff to come!

For class 2, 30 September was archaeology day: having learned about the destruction of Pompeii in 79AD, the children were keen to have a

go at being an archaeologist and see what they could recover and learn from their found artefacts (see below).

We have also been learning about 3D shapes: if you'd like to know what a cuboctahedron or a hexagonal antiprism looks like, come on in!

Class 3 has been learning about the Victorians and workhouse life through the stories of Oliver Twist. They have also been making land-yachts from wood and, under supervision, learning to use a

been built between staff and pupils and children moving on to Thomas Mills (the catchment school for Charsfield and Dennington) will immediately have a bigger pool of friends. Each school has a senior teacher allowing me to concentrate on my role as Head Teacher, including raising standards, across both schools. Children took part in a treasure hunt themed around villages in Suffolk and the winners of a competition to design a plate reflecting on the federation status were announced. The plates will go on display in both schools. A giant cake decorated with both schools' emblems had been baked for everyone to enjoy (below).

We have been learning about WWI and what it was like to be a soldier. We used Morse code to decipher messages, wrote letters home and



scroll saw, chisel and electric drill. When finished, the boats will be raced in the hall with the use of a wind blower. On 22 September Charsfield and Dennington schools became 'federated' whereby staff can collaborate, share ideas and expertise. Friendships have

created our own poems and art work to commemorate the centenary and those who fought for their country.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed; please see our website for information: www.greatsmallschools.co.uk

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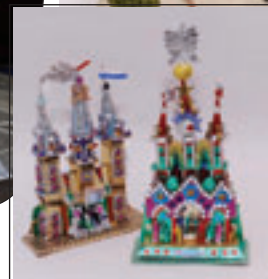
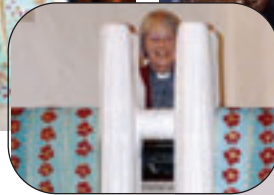
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Angels have joined the cribs in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, for the popular bi-annual festival which opened while the News was going to press and will close on Sunday 30 November at 5pm. Opening time is 10am.

Highlights include the 'Angel of the East' developed by assistant priest Wendy Gourlay who was inspired by Antony Gormley's 'Angel of the North' as well as the decoration in St Mary's Church. She was helped by children from the 'Funsters' group who made the initial small model also on view in the church.

There are cribs from many different countries, often collected by local people who have caught the crib collecting bug. The child sized crib

figures have been made by local primary schools in the style of famous artists. A book of messages from famous people sent in response to requests from Grundisburgh School pupils can be seen and visitors are invited to add their own. 'Artists in Residence' are working in the church and selling the results of their labours.

Entry to 'Angels & Cribs' is free, with donations welcomed. Refreshments are on sale in the church throughout each day

Photos clockwise from top left: St Mary's Funsters and the 'Angel of the East' they helped to make; Grundisburgh School Year 5 pupils who made a crib scene in the style of Picasso ;

Crib scene made entirely from loom bands by Elizabeth Willetts; Szopka crib models made out of sweet papers during cold winter months by Polish roadworkers; Angel created by the children of Grundisburgh Playgroup which stand by the font; Julia Bentley, playgroup helpers and pupils push their angel to the church carefully wrapped up; Centre: Assistant Priest Wendy Gourlay and her 'Angel of the East'. Photos courtesy Peter Kendall and Anna Greenwood.

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Family quest

The News has received another request for information. Wendy Ringwood is trying to find out as much as she can about Thomas John Kent (right), her great, grandfather born in 1876. She says "I have tried to find his military records but I keep coming up with blanks.

He lived in Rose Cottage, Grundisburgh: we are a huge family and have lost touch in so many ways. My nanna was Ellen (Nellie) Frost.

In this centenary year of the beginning of WWI, I feel compelled to find out all I can about my great, grandfather - my daughter's great, great, grandfather." If you can help with any information at all, please email Wendy at w.ringwood@hotmail.co.uk



Thomas John Kent - Wendy Ringwood's great grandfather.

Be in it to win it!

Grundisburgh FC's '100 Club' invites membership for 2014/2015. Entry is £2 per month per ticket. Draws take place every last Saturday of the month (September to June). The three prizes are: 1st - £50; 2nd - £35; 3rd - £25. If you would like to join the 100 Club, please call Stuart Robinson 07796785961 email stuart@scarlettbrown.co.uk

The results of August's draw are: £50 no. 62, Jenny Tampion; £35 no. 32, Pam Smye; £25 no. 10, Rob Smith.

New moves at bowls club

At the Grundisburgh Bowls Club's AGM on 21 November, the following were elected: Chairman: Heather Langdon; Treasurer: Kevin Kavanagh-Clark; Secretary: Alan Hill; Captain: Mick Jones; Greenkeeper: David Leech; Auditor: Paul Eaton; Ordinary Members: Hazel Peasey and Laura Kavanagh-Clark.

Kevin thanked John and Jean Broad and Laura Kavanagh-Clark for their hard work over the years and presented each with a small gift. The meeting decided to increase to two, the number of club afternoons per week but keep the annual subscription at £40 and rink fee per roll-up at £2, to remain attractive to new members. Our new chairman intends to revitalise the social scene in the club, starting with a club dinner in January, to boost our winter spirits.

The bowls club needs up to four exterior solid doors (no glass). If you can help us, please ring me.

Alan Hill, Club Secretary, 01473 735662

Every little helps

Like all SCDC ward members, Tony Fryatt has a Community Enabling Budget which can help local projects. Recently, he has supported the restoration of the Gurdon banner in St. Mary's Grundisburgh, repairs to the Angela Cobbold Room in Little Bealings and new curtains for the stage in Bealings village hall.

SCDC have also provided a capital grant of £1,000 to help with the cost of building a dual-purpose bus stop/band stand in Debach. Further help came from the Virador fund and Adnams charity.

Where there's muck...

Watering cans, magic muck, beehives and dairy cows are among the items in the latest Send a Cow catalogue of 'virtual' gifts for Christmas. Recipients receive a card showing what has been given in their name and the proceeds help African families work their own way out of poverty. Copies of the catalogues are available in Grundisburgh post office and Grange Farm Shop - and gifts can be ordered online (sendacowgifts.org.uk) and delivered up to Christmas Eve.

Nicola Hobbs

Grateful thanks to all who gave so generously to the June collection for Arthritis Research UK. Grundisburgh £75-35, The Bealings £195-15, Playford and Culpho £106-61, Tuddenham £127-97 and Witnesham £90-93. The grand total was £1,012-75. Thank you again for your continued support.

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RED BOXES, GREEN FINGERS

Witnesham is lucky enough to have two pop-up libraries. They came about following a plea from the parish council for ideas about what to do with the two redundant phone boxes in the village.

A member of the local book club, having heard of a similar venture elsewhere, floated the idea and Liz Farrow took the proposal to her neighbour, a member of Witnesham and Swilland Parish Council. The council were enthusiastic and agreed to buy both boxes and have been very supportive, undertaking the repairs needed to both - windows replaced and a door mended. Liz is fortunate enough to have as her gardener a man 'who can turn his hand to anything'. He took on the task of replacing the windows and also made and installed the shelves, apparently not fazed by the fact that, due to a difference in configuration of the boxes, one set of shelves did not fit and had to be remade to suit the second!

Maintenance

Liz and Caroline Sherrod and other book club members take responsibility for keeping the contents in order, clearing overcrowded stock as necessary and making sure the books are in decent condition - they do request 'no magazines' since these can quickly become damaged and

untidy. The after school gardening club at Witnesham primary school keeps the pop-up libraries looking pretty with hanging baskets - planting them up two or three times a year: winter pansies in the autumn and other bulbs and flowering plants in the spring and summer.

Productive

The school is very proud of its gardeners and the contribution they make to the village - they produce not only vegetables but also lovely flowers for the summer fair. Their enthusiasm has an international flavour too - for several years the school has contact with the de Bernebrage primary school in Opeinde in Friesland in The Netherlands and Witnesham has benefitted from gifts of bulbs from this school, which the gardeners planted near the recreation ground in the village, producing a lovely show of daffodils in the Spring.

Madge Nicholas;



From top: one of Witnesham's two old phone boxes with plenty of winter reading. (nb the post box is still 'live'). The two flower baskets on each phone box are kept filled by pupils from the primary school whose Dutch daffodil plantings also help brighten the village in springtime.

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