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DRIVE TO REDUCE SPEEDING IN VILLAGES

The parishes of Boulge, Burgh, Charsfield, Clopton, Debach, Great Bealings and Otley have set up a new group to encourage safer driving in their villages. SAVID (Safer Village Driving) aims to make sure that all motorists drive safely and within the speed limit as a matter of course.

Speeding and dangerous driving are issues constantly raised at village meetings. In Debach alone, a recent survey conducted by the police discovered that around 60% of traffic was

exceeding the 30 mph speed limit, and around 25% drove at a prosecutable speed. Clearly, there is a problem - one which causes widespread concern.



The new group already has the support of Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council Highways, Suffolk Preservation Society, Community Action Suffolk and the Police. The last two are regularly represented at SAVID meetings.

SAVID has already started taking some steps to help reduce village speeding and make people aware of its approach.

The campaign will be officially launched in June, but in the meantime we welcome your own views on how to reduce speeding in our villages. Contact The Secretary, Suffolksavid@gmail.com.



Jessica Pope, who lives in Grundisburgh, is the executive producer of the BBC series 'The Musketeers'. The second series finishes at the end of February and work on filming a third season gets underway in April. She is seen here with the four glamorous leading men played by Tom Burke, Luke Pasqualino, Santiago Cabrera and Howard Charles, and writes about her work in television on page 5.



This cartoon drawn by Giles of his friend Ike is thought to have hung in the Fountain pub during World War Two. Memories of the Afro American GIs and other servicemen stationed at Debach are being sought for an exhibition - see back page.

Broadband: A Sorry Saga

Many residents and businesses in Otley suffered three weeks of frustration recently, unable to use either phone or broadband. At least they are now back on line, but there is still no definite date for the start of the superfast broadband much-trumpeted by BT. I contacted the Chief Executive of BT for an update; the response I received from Dave Hughes, BT Regional Director, Eastern England on 19 February is included on page 5, together with a response from Suffolk County Council.

Richard Watkinson

AN OPEN INVITATION ... TO THE NEWS' AGM

WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOUR
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TWO) OF WINE.

FRIDAY 20 MARCH
7.30PM GRUNDISBURGH
PARISH ROOMS, IP13 6TA

News Diary

MARCH

Sunday 1

Traidcraft Big Brew St.
Mary's Church 10.15am &
12noon Before & after church
service Contact 735775

Monday 2

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

Thursday 5

Homestart talk Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI Baptist Chapel
7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 7

Fairtrade Coffee Morning
Gr PR 10.30am Contact
735775

Monday 9

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting
PR 7.30pm Contact 735541
Knit & Stitch Burgh
Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm
Contact 738877/735544

Tuesday 10

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

Friday 13

**Erik Punak's poetry, song
and much more** Hasketon VH
7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 14

Race Night iao Gr FC. Pav
PBE Contact 07796 785961 or
07546 232499

Wednesday 18

Carlford Network GrPR
2.30pm Contact 735712

Thursday 19

Social Bridge Burgh
Schoolroom 7.15pm Contact
738877/735544

Saturday 21

Ceilidh to Skylarking Clopton

VH 7.30pm Contact 01394
383329

Friday 27

Quiz Night IAO Macmillan
Cancer Support Bredfield VH
7 for 7.30pm Contact 737378

Saturday 28

Easter Coffee Morning
Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am
Contact 738877/735544

APRIL

Thursday 2

Forties Hair Fashion Gr
Burgh & Culpho WI Baptist
Chapel 7.30pm Contact
735838

Friday 10

**Churchill a Study in
Leadership** Hasketon VH
7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Monday 13

AGM and Quiz Otley & Dist.
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Knit & Stitch Burgh

Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm
Contact 738877/735544

Tuesday 14

**Inspiring Women - Janet
Dann** talk Tuddenham WI VH
7.30pm Contact 785583

Thursday 16

Social Bridge Burgh
Schoolroom 7.15pm Contact
738877/735544

Saturday 18

Ceilidh - to Liam Robinson
Band Clopton VH 7.30pm
Contact 01394 383329

Table Top Sale Gr Burgh &
Culpho WI VH 2-4pm PBE
Contact 735469/735547

Soup & Sweet Lunch

Tuddenham VH 12 noon
Contact 785583/252315

Friday 24

St Georges Quiz Charsfield
VH 7pm Contact 737701

Saturday 25

Soup Lunch Burgh
Schoolroom 12-1.30pm
Contact 738877/735544
Annual Plant Sale Bealings
VH 10-12noon Contact 735565

Tuesday 28

Annual Parish Meeting Gr &
Culpho GVH 7pm. Contact
735541

MAY

Friday 8

History of Cottage Gardens
Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE
Contact 735579
Curry Night Burgh
Schoolroom 7.30pm PBE
Contact 738877/735544

Monday 11

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting
PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Tuesday 12

Forensic Science talk
Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm
Contact 785583

Saturday 16

Ceilidh - to Ducking and
Diving Clopton VH 7.30pm
Contact 01394 383329

Village Quiz Tuddenham VH
PBE 7.30pm 785272/785682

Monday 18

Visit to the Walled Garden
Benhall Otley & Dist.
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Friday 22

Quiz Night Burgh
Schoolroom 7.30pm Contact
738877/735544

Sunday 24

Car Boot Sale iao Otley
Youth Club VH 9am-12noon
Contact 890269

Saturday 30

Charsfest Ch Recreational
Ground 2pm Contact 737701

JUNE

Saturday 6

Tuddenham Village Fete
2pm Poplar Farm Contact
785272/785415

Sunday 7

Debach Open Gardens iao
village funds/First Responders
2-5pm Contact 737611
Golf Day at Seckford iao
Charsfield Rec Contact 737701

Wednesday 10

Soup Lunch Burgh
Schoolroom 12-1.30pm
Contact 738877/735544

Saturday/Sunday 13/14

**Hidden Gardens of
Grundisburgh, Burgh &
Culpho** 2-6pm Contact
735517

Sunday 21 June

Midsummer Fete, Clopton
Contact 737805

Wednesday 24

Coach Trip to Capel Manor
Gardens Otley & Dist.
Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Sunday 28

Hasketon Jazz BBQ Contact
735579

JULY

Saturday 4

Midsummer Music Gr Hse.
Contact 738831

Monday 13

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting
St Botolphs Church Culpho
7.30pm Contact 735541

Saturday 18

Grundisburgh Village Show
Contact 735517

Sunday 19

Duck Race iao Scouts Gr.VG
4.30pm Contact 735352

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18

Fish and Chip Quiz iao
Charsfield Rec VH 7pm
Contact 737701

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 6
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What's On

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

A quiz night and supper is being held at Bredfield Village Hall on Friday 27 March, 7pm for 7.30pm to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This is being organised by the Woodbridge & District Committee. Tickets cost £10 and must be booked in advance from Sue Key-Burr, suekeyburr@btinternet.com, 01473 737378. Cheques made out to Macmillan Cancer Support should be sent to Sue at Ridleys, Dallinghoo IP13 0JT. Wine will be available by donation. People are welcome with or without a team.

Supper and talk

Each 2nd Friday there is an enjoyable ploughman's supper, followed by a talk in Hasketon Victory Hall. The topics are wide-ranging and there is something for everyone.

Recently we have heard about EDF's plans at Sizewell and seen excellent slides of East Anglian birds accompanied by a talk by renowned wildlife photographer, Bill Baston. Coming up the topics are as diverse as Winston Churchill, the history of cottage gardens and Trinity House, as well as a talk from an author.

Everyone is welcome wherever they live; we have regulars who come from the metropolis of Ipswich! Programme details are in the News Diary and on <http://www.hasketon.net/> or from me.

Hilary Hill, 01473 735336,
hilary@talk21.com

GARDEN WISDOM

Otley & District Gardening Club continues to thrive. We meet monthly from October to April at Otley Village Hall (See News Diary). You are welcome to join the club or just come to

any meetings or outings. Annual membership: £10; additional charges: members £1.50 per meeting, non-members £4 per meeting. (refreshments included).

On 18 May, we will be having an evening visit, hosted by Matthew Tanton Brown, to The Walled Garden, Benhall (own transport).

On 24 June, our annual coach trip (we have a few seats left) will be to Capel Manor Gardens, Middlesex. £15 members £25 non-members. If you would like to reserve a coach seat, or, have any other queries please contact me.

Jenny Vince, 01473 738244 or
jenn.vince@btconnect.com

PLANTS FOR SALE

The annual plant sale and coffee morning at Bealings Village Hall is being held on Saturday 25 April between 10am and 12 noon. The £1 entry fee includes coffee and biscuits. Children come in free and can use the play area at the hall. All proceeds go to Little and Great Bealings churches

Gardens to visit

Debach will again be opening its gardens to the public. This year the event will be on Sunday 7 June with gardens opening at 2pm with the last visitors being admitted at 5pm.

There will be tea on the green, a tombola and games. Entrance will be by donation with the monies raised being split between village funds and the First Responders.

If you missed our inaugural event last year please plan to come and see us this year.

Di Ewings, Chair, Debach Social Committee

... and more gardens

The call has gone out to gardeners in Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho to take part in the horticultural society's Hidden

Gardens weekend on 13/14 June. Anyone who has not yet been approached but would like to open their garden should contact Iain Langdon, on 01473 735517, ian.langdon@btinternet.com. The gardens will be open each afternoon.

Lists of all the classes for this year's village show are available from Grundisburgh Post Office and on the society's website, www.gbchs.org.uk.

Midsummer Music

Grundisburgh's biennial music event to raise money for St Mary's Church will be back this summer - but a little later than usual, on Saturday 4 July. But same venue Grundisburgh House, with bar, refreshments, BBQ and grand draw as usual. Come and listen to some old favourites and discover new musical 'finds'.

Anyone interested in 'taking the plunge' can contact Clive or Ann Willetts on 01473 738831.

TABLE TOP BARGAINS

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI members will be holding a table top sale in Grundisburgh Village Hall on Saturday 18 April, 2 to 4pm. A cake stall and light refreshments will also be available. Why not come along and find yourself a

bargain? Pre-booking stalls is essential at £5 a stall. Contact 735469 or 735547.

Carol Barker

Specials in the pubs

Mothers' Day (15 March) sees several pubs with special meal deals. The Grundisburgh Dog is offering lunch sittings at 12 and 2.30 with two or three course options, plus a drink of fizz for mum! The Moon and Mushroom in Swilland is also offering a three-course lunch special - see their website (www.themoonandmushroom.co.uk) for details.

If you like live music, try 'The House Shakers' at the Bredfield Castle on 28 February and 'Silbury Hill' (a folk duo) and dinner on Saturday 14 March at 8pm at The Moon and Mushroom, who are also planning a folk evening in April - all musicians welcome: please check with the pub for details. 'Eat my Pop' are performing live at The Dog on Sunday 24 May. The Castle continue to hold their drop-in music sessions on the first Saturday evening of every month.

To celebrate St George's Day (23 April), The Dog is holding a traditional food evening with roast rib of beef and jugs of beer, followed by a beer and cider festival on the early spring bank holiday.

More What's On overleaf ...

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What's On

Retreating at Otley Hall

Otley Hall Retreat Days are a wonderful chance to enjoy our beautiful grounds whilst having an opportunity to reflect and grow spiritually. The days are organised by Revd Catherine Beaumont, the owner, who is an Anglican minister.

Each has a different theme and is led by a different speaker who guides you through the day. The days include discussion, occasionally individual exercises to work on and time for silence. Throughout the



day you are free to enjoy our award winning gardens, which are a lovely environment in which to spend a day of reflection. We have areas of water and plenty of wildlife

including ducks and peacocks.

We have now finalised our programme of Retreat Days for 2015. Once again, we have included three 'deep silence' days in which refreshment breaks and lunchtime are kept silent. Other delights include an Eastertide Retreat Day titled, 'I have called you by name', led by Bishop Stephen Cottrell on 22 April and a musical day titled, 'How shall I sing that majesty?' led by Bishop Clive Young on 7 October.

In response to requests, we have included several poetry days, a day based on our Labyrinth and two days based outside in the gardens, one creating a 'retreatants garden' and one experiencing the dawn chorus!

Retreat days vary in price but start from £15 and always include refreshments and a two course buffet lunch.

For further enquiries about all Otley Hall events please telephone 01473 890264 or email events@otleyhall.co.uk. Our website also contains full details: www.otleyhall.co.uk

'Walk and Pray'

A new Lenten activity has been introduced – a morning of journeying on pilgrimage, visiting churches in the benefice, while walking and talking and praying. These will be led by Canon Rev'd Clare Sanders.

3 March departing from Grundisburgh at 9.30am and walking to Burgh, for prayer –

then journeying on to Hasketon, for further time of prayer.

19 March departing from Ashbocking at 9.30am and walking to Swilland for prayer – then journeying on to Otley, for further time of prayer.

Bring a packed lunch – drinks will be provided.

HUNTING EASTER EGGS

The Baptist Chapel's annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Good Friday on the Millennium Meadow at 2.30pm. We are asking for a minimum donation of 50p per child in aid of EACH.

We have a Family Service on Easter Sunday morning starting at 11am, preceded by bacon butties and hot cross buns from 10.30am, to which all are welcome.

We are starting another Christianity Explored Course very soon. This consists of seven sessions, in an informal atmosphere, exploring the basics of the Christian faith, looking at who Jesus is, what he did and what it means to be a Christian. If you would like to join, please let me know.

We are thrilled to announce that we have a new part-time mission worker now helping us in the Grundisburgh and Charsfield churches.

His name is Bruce Francis, who has been working in a children's ministry in the Philippines for the past 13

years offering a more hopeful future to underprivileged children. He has been the director of a school he set up there as well as pastoring a church. He is settling in to Suffolk life in Charsfield manse, along with his Filipino wife, Mary and two children Joshua (10) and Isabella (7). They are looking forward to meeting as many people in our villages as possible. Weekly 'coffee pot' mornings have started in Charsfield Baptist Chapel Hall, from 10-12 when all are welcome.

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738856,
mobile 07979 120549,
email candggrimwood@tiscali.co.uk

Fairtrade fortnight

St Mary's Church in Grundisburgh has been a strong supporter of Fairtrade for many years. To mark Fairtrade Fortnight, which runs until 8 March, a Traidcraft Big Brew will be held in the church on 1 March at 10.15 and 12noon, before and after in the family service,



and a Fairtrade coffee morning in Grundisburgh Parish Room on 7 March at 10.30am. This will include the opportunity to buy the special Fairtrade Easter eggs (which can also be ordered by ringing 01473 735775).

"In many countries families spend as much as 70% of their income on food, leaving only 30% to spend on healthcare, education, shelter and other necessities of life. If you think that's not fair then join us at our Fairtrade events and raise funds to help families grow more, earn more and eat more", said Robert Fletcher, who with his wife Pat, are the local organisers. "Money raised will be matched pound for pound by the UK government".

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Piling down in Culpho

Suffolk Highways are carrying out works to repair the bank to Ipswich Road at Culpho on behalf of Suffolk County Council. After the bank collapsed in 2014, two way signals controlled the traffic. During this time a special sheet piled retaining wall was designed, consisting of steel piles to retain the bank once it had been rebuilt.

The piles are 7.9m long, with 5.5m of the piles buried in the ground. The piles are vibrated into the ground with a special attachment which is fitted onto the arm of a 34 tonne excavator. A reinforced concrete 'capping beam' will be built on top of the steel piles to provide strength. Once the piles and the capping beam are completed, the failed section of road will be repaired and kerbs and a fence will be installed.

For the safety of our workforce, and that of the travelling public, the road has been closed for the duration of the works. The diversion route

has been signed via Grundisburgh, A12, and the A1214 to prevent HGVs negotiating unsuitable roads around Culpho. The works are programmed to be completed on 20 March; should this date change residents and parishes will be updated.

John Rozier, Suffolk Highways,
photo Peter Kendall



THE SORRY SAGA OF BROADBAND Continued from p1

I am pleased to tell you that BT is rolling out fibre broadband within your local area as part of The Better Broadband for Suffolk programme, a partnership between BT and Suffolk County Council (SCC). This has so far made the technology available to around 600 local homes and businesses, primarily in the Grundisburgh area.

It would help if you could share this with your Grundisburgh readers to make sure they are aware we have enabled the village and that they should try the availability checker.

There are other works on going, to serve some properties in the Otley area but

some engineering challenges have been encountered. This means we cannot use our planned route and a new route will need to be dug for the new fibre cabling to be laid. Work is due to start on this new route within the next couple of weeks. I will update you when this has been completed and the technology is available.

In October 2014 BT signed an extension contract with SCC to extend the rollout of fibre broadband even further in Suffolk. Along with other commercial and existing programmes, the contract aims to extend the coverage of fibre broadband to 95% of homes and businesses in Suffolk, and will include

premises which were previously outside the scope of the original rollout. Residents can find out the latest news on progress on the contract at www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com.

Dave Hughes, BT Regional Director,
Eastern England, dave.e.hughes@bt.com

Otley resident Tony Barrett received an email explaining the reasons for the delays from Jonathan Chown at SCC, also on 19 February, saying

"Earlier in the upgrade course, we had a 2km road closure to arrange due to blocked duct (which I would reiterate could not be foreseen until physical works started) which required the usual noticing. This caused the initial delay. We then hit a second delay which has been more complex: Openreach have discovered a 500m length of asbestos duct in this area, which nobody could have foreseen. They are now looking to see if they can mole plough a new section of cable in, but this is the cause

of the delay. Unfortunately the nature of these things is that sometimes delays are encountered, and it will be overcome as quickly as possible.

We are all committed to delivering it ASAP and, of course, we apologise for the delay, but it is to some extent a couple of complications which nobody could have foreseen, which will be overcome as soon as physically possible. This is very much the unfortunate exception in the programme, as overall we are well ahead of target, although I appreciate that this will not be of consolation to those who are left waiting. "

Tony Barrett says that the latest estimate from BT is "Summer 2015": perhaps his recent letter to County Councillor Peter Belfield urging him to do what he can to speed the process will help!

Compiled by Richard Watkinson

MAKING THE MUSKETEERS

The Musketeers is one of the most enjoyable shows I have ever worked on. The scale of the production is huge and it's all filmed in The Czech Republic so going backwards and forwards all year between Grundisburgh and Prague can be a bit disorientating; although bizarrely the weather last year was pretty much identical in both places most of the time!

My work is to oversee the running of the production and work with the writers on the storylines and scripts. It's the most rewarding part of the job but also the most intense. It mostly involves sitting with a never ending supply of coffee with a roomful of excited and animated writers all thinking and talking about a whole host of 'what ifs?'. What if we do this to that character? what if we kill this one off?

They're a hugely talented bunch of people and I rely on them all massively to produce high quality exciting stories for our four heroes week after week.

Speaking of those 'heroes' - brilliantly played by Tom Burke, Luke Pasqualino, Santiago Cabrera and Howard Charles - they are all the easiest men in the world to work with. I think this is mainly because the process of making the show, whilst hard, is also an actor's dream. They get to fight, ride horses, swagger in soldiers' leathers, thwart the villains and win over beautiful women. It's not easy playing heroes but it is definitely enjoyable. And considering how many stunts they do, no one has been hurt which is always a major worry when filming.

It's a genuine pleasure and a privilege to make this show for the BBC; though I'm always pleased at the end of each series after the mayhem of filming has come to a close to come home to Suffolk and just sit quietly by the stream in my garden in the middle of Grundisburgh and watch the ducks. I have the best of both worlds I suppose.

Jessica Pope, Executive Producer, BBC Drama Production

A photo of Jessica with the four stars is on the front page.

NEWS TRIBUTES

Robert David Pugh (Bob) 1950–2014

The words about Bob Pugh spoken by Clare Sanders at his funeral were written by Bob himself; written with great humour in his final days. It is these words on which The News draws here.

Bob covered his childhood in Ipswich (an infant school report read “We’ve had a few worse boys than Robert – but not many”) and his apprenticeship with the Central Electricity Generating Board before going into teaching. He was at Farlingaye for 32 years, mostly teaching PE, and was greatly respected.

The Territorial Army Special Forces drew him in until a wrecked knee (playing

football) led to him being invalidated out. He missed the parachuting that had attracted him in the first place. Bob still managed plenty of other, mostly daring, sports. Shooting on local estates played a major part in his life and latterly riding his Fireblade motorbike.



There were loving words for his family and stepfamily, and particularly for Wendy Sanders-Pugh, his wife.

Bob ended with an invitation to drinks at The Dog. “I’m going to be sitting

in the corner, in my ‘regular’ chair, watching you. Don’t make pigs of yourselves, you’ve got all day and night, just enjoy!” On the days of his death and his funeral a lit candle was placed on his regular seat.

Bob was a resident of Ipswich, Felixstowe, Kesgrave and latterly of his

beloved Grundisburgh where he lived most happily for the last 15 years of his life

Wendy and family would like to thank everyone who attended Bob’s funeral and for the cards, letters, flowers and generous donations. Thank you also to Reverend Canon Clare Sanders and Buttons Funeral Services.

Hannah Reynolds (Burch) 1965–2015

Hannah’s doctors gave up predicting how long she had to live after her inoperable brain tumour was diagnosed in May 2012 - so often she surprised them with her will power to continue leading a full and busy life. This included singing with



Upbeat!, Grundisburgh’s choir, and visits to Germany, France and Belgium.

Before her illness, Hannah had worked as a fitness instructor at Martlesham Leisure Centre and a bookkeeper at Woodhall Manor. She had grown up in Ipswich and came to live in Grundisburgh when she married Charles Burch, who runs EXF Fitness. They had two children, Jack and George.

Hannah later moved to Alice Driver Road in Grundisburgh. For the last few years of her life, she had the love and support of a great number of friends, but most especially her family and partner Andy Cutting.

Thanks to her determination to defy the doctors’ prognosis, and the support of family and her army of friends, Hannah was able to enjoy George’s 18th birthday, and see him do brilliantly in his A Levels and attend Jack’s graduation with a First Class Honours degree.

These things meant a huge amount to her.

“We may have lost Hannah in person, but surely that extraordinary spirit, sense of fun, and sheer love of life will never die” were the words with which her brother-in-law Terry Hunt ended his tribute in a totally packed St Mary’s Church.

Susanne Mary Martin 1943–2015

Sue was a twin, arriving (unexpectedly) four days after her sister, Elisabeth - and so small that she was fed milk from a fountain pen. As a young lady, she was a keen Young Farmer where she met her future husband, John. They married in 1971 and moved to The Cottage in Otley, later to Green Farm in Monewden and then to the family home, Moat Farm, Otley.

Apart from being a devoted mother to Fiona and Caroline (a teaching assistant at Otley School) and grandmother of five, her great passion was horticulture, as her garden in Meeting Lane testified.

She and John moved to Grundisburgh in 2003; she attended church and chapel as well as being a keen and helpful member of the Lyttleton Club. Sue passed away after a short illness.

The family name lives on in the shape of Martins’ Meadows, a wild flower-rich reserve in Monewden donated by John in the early 1980s and managed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

The tributes were compiled with the help of the families



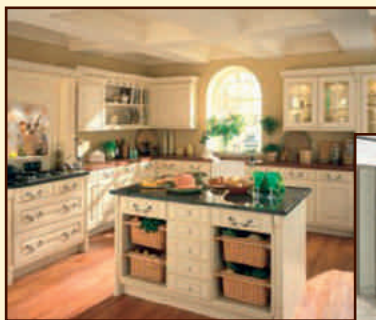
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION ISSUED FOR NEW VILLAGE HALL

The outline planning permission for Grundisburgh's new village hall and the residential development of Top Field was finally issued at the beginning of February.

It seems a dog's age since 3 April 2014 when the Suffolk Coastal District Council's Development Management Committee unanimously approved the planning application. However, that consent was contingent on the execution of a 'section 106' agreement between the landowner/developer and SCDC ensuring that the public gain, such as the contributions towards the new village hall and the affordable housing, would be realised. That agreement took an age to finalise but has now been signed by all necessary parties.

The landowner is now in the process of arranging the sale of the residential development site to a developer with the transfer of the new hall site to the Village Hall Management Committee to be made at the same time. Completion of this process will hopefully be towards the end of March/early April, soon after which the committee is scheduled to receive the cash contributions as well.

It is proposed that preliminary works be started soon as the transfers are completed with detailed planning applications for both the residential development and the new hall being submitted as soon as practicable thereafter.

The work seen recently on the field was part of the archaeology survey required by the council prior to the issuance of the formal consent. The survey did not reveal anything of archaeological significance and this condition was therefore deemed met.

The next steps towards the new hall will be the appointment of an architect to

guide us in the initial design and specification and then putting the project out to tender. The old village hall will need to be sold subject to completion and occupancy of the new hall. The village will be kept informed on these matters and can have its say on design matters and the detailed planning application as these develop.

Barry Zins, chairman, New Village Hall Steering Group

Annual Parish Meeting

Guest speaker at Grundisburgh & Culpho annual parish meeting this year will be Mary Moore, who worked with her famous blacksmith husband Hector on many of the village signs in Suffolk. She gives a fascinating illustrated talk on her life with Hector.

During the meeting reports will be given by a representative sample of village organisations, with opportunities to ask questions throughout.

Peter Kendall, picture editor of Grundisburgh News, is compiling a slide show of 2014 village photos and would welcome contributions at peter@peterkendall.com.

Wine, soft drinks and a buffet supper will be served at the end of the meeting to give the opportunity to meet friends and to speak informally to parish, district and county councillors and our community police officer. The annual parish meeting is on Tuesday 28 April in Grundisburgh Village Hall, starting at 7pm.

Emergency on stand-by

Happily so far this winter Grundisburgh's 'Emergency Committee' has not had to leap into action. This was formed last summer as a result of the prolonged

power cut the previous autumn which had caused many people problems. This informal committee aims to help vulnerable people in the event of, say, a power cut or heavy snow.

We are thankful that we live in a village where people do care for each other and many people received valuable support, but we were aware that some needy people might have been inadvertently missed.

If you feel you might need help some help at such times or you know someone who you think might, please let one of the committee know. The members are Clare Sanders (representing St.Mary's Church, 735183), John Ager (Parish Council, 735541), Sally Grahn, (Parish Council, 738219), Brenda Garrett (Gurdon Trust, 735469), Sue Harvey (Lunch Club, 735755), Mary Bean (Lyttleton Club, 738425) and myself.

UK Power Networks keep a Priority Services Register of vulnerable people which means they will get advance warning of problems and be kept updated, be given a priority phone number for use in a power cut, be provided with a generator where necessary or a hotel booking. People can apply to go on the register by emailing psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk, writing to the Customer Relations team, UK Power Networks, Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA or through www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/

priority. Our local committee members would be pleased to help with applications.

*Colin Grimwood, (Baptist Chapel),
12 Alice Driver Road, 738856*

CLEANING UP GRUNDISBURGH, AGAIN

Our helpers at the annual village clean up last spring totalled 15 and they made a great difference to the cleanliness of the village. Most litter appears to have been thrown out of vehicles going down our lanes. We would love a good turnout on Saturday 28 March this year to carry on the good work and just need an hour of your time. We start from Grundisburgh Green between 10 and 11am. All equipment needed is supplied but if you have a litterpicker, please bring it with you.

Sally Grahn, Footpaths and Environment Committee, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council, 738219

Post Office update

Despite appearing on the Post Office website, Grundisburgh Post Office has not yet found a buyer. So the post office and shop remain open, and owner Maureen Hyde says that she does not intend to close them without a buyer coming forward.

Grundisburgh ladies choir, Upbeat!, raised a total of £1,600 from their two Christmas concerts for the Eve Appeal and DiabetesUK.



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SCOUTING NEWS

All sections of our group enjoyed great Xmas parties with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts attending Kingpin Bowling, Explorers going Paintballing, Crazy Golf and Roller Skating.

In January over 50 of us attended the panto with some of the Scout group members in the cast - it was very funny with excellent acting.

Archery training for the National Championships has started with a good number of participants, and a great article in the local newspapers.

We will be at the Grundisburgh Mothers' Day

Joel Tatham gave a very interesting talk about the 'Planets, Comets and the Solar System'. The police came and spoke about 'How to Keep Safe' and we also had a 'Night of Knots' learning how to tie knots. We are looking forward to making pancakes, having an international themed sleepover and learning First Aid with the St. John's Ambulance.

Cubs visited 'Pets At Home' in Martlesham, had Lego Robots, Night Hike and International Scouting Nights. They will be visiting St. Mary's Church in Grundisburgh and the Hindu Mandir in Ipswich to complete their Promise Challenge Badge, also walking around the area for the Local Knowledge Badge. The First

Aid Badge should be fun with one of our parents doing some 'plaster casting'.

Scouts took part in the District Air

Rifle Competition and did very well; they will also be doing the Expedition Challenge, hiking from Stowmarket and Needham Market back to Grundisburgh, orienteering, an Easter egg hunt, incident hikes and cycle camp with some Explorers.

Explorers have also been busy, including swimming at Crown Pools, a night at the panto and pancake making. Early in

March they will join the older Scouts on Phoenix Camp in Bradfield Park, Bury St. Edmunds.

With the help of a grant from our local district councillor, Tony Fryatt, we now have a secure storage container. A big thank you, too, to all who

supported our Xmas card scheme - those who provided collection points and those who sent their cards through it. We made £205 towards our fundraising.

Pat Ross, Scout Group Secretary

Scouts appeal for help

Volunteers are needed to help us move ahead with our plans to build much needed new premises to serve as a meeting place for the Scout and Guide movements - and also for clubs, organisations or private hire if other venues are not available. We need individuals who could form a willing band of helpers with particular skills in planning, legal advice and assistance, construction and building trades and would value their input with this project. If you would be interested please contact Pat Ross on 01473 735352/07929 730709.

St Mary's Church Extension

The need for an extension to provide toilets, a gas boiler and a meeting room with some kitchen facilities at St Mary's Church was recognised almost ten years ago. The journey has been long, at times frustrating, but never boring.

We have had planning permission for some time but we are still awaiting a faculty from the church authorities before we can begin to fund raise. The obtaining of the faculty has recently been complicated by the need for an archaeological investigation of the extension site which has now been completed.

The investigation, which involved the digging of some trial trenches (featured in the Winter edition of The News) resulted in a formal report suggesting that there could be up to 300 bodies buried in the extension area. To remove and, where required, to examine bones can be a very expensive process, the cost of which would fall on the church.

Our architect is currently in negotiation with the County Archaeological staff to establish precisely what work is needed and hence for us to have a clearer understanding of the cost of the archaeological works. It may well be necessary to review our plans for the extension and its surrounds once we have a clearer idea of the archaeological requirements.

When the financial position is clear the Parochial Church Council will review the extension proposal and come forward with the final plans.

Clive Willetts

The Angels & Cribs festival mounted in St Mary's Church in late November was very well received, with many returning visitors. A highly successful innovation was having an 'artist in residence' each day. The festival raised almost £4,000.

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Grundisburgh playgroup leaders Anna Greenwood and Julia Bentley help the children prepare for Chinese New Year.

Grundisburgh Playgroup gets good reports

This term the children continue to study the seasons and have made comparisons between a tropical rainforest and the ice and snow of winter. The half term ended making Valentine's cards and preparing for the Chinese New Year.

Grundisburgh Playgroup is thriving and numbers are increasing. A safe and happy atmosphere is created for 2, 3 and 4 year olds to learn and to develop their social skills through play. Suffolk County Council provides 15 hours of funding per week for 3 and 4 year olds - some 2 year olds also qualify. Further places are available but must be funded by parents.

During term time, sessions are run every weekday morning and on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in the playgroup building next to Grundisburgh Primary School – to ensure a place for your child it is best to book a term in advance.

Staff members have each completed a Paediatric First Aid course and Stage 2 of

Makaton training - this is a language programme using signs and symbols to communicate and is designed to support speech.

Outdoor play is encouraged and children enjoy gardening projects from Easter onwards. The outside area is to be revamped soon – the old decking will be removed and an area of artificial grass will provide a soft landing from any tumbles.

Last year's Ofsted report was "Good" and "Outstanding" is being aimed for next time.

Fundraising for extra equipment is always ongoing— this year homemade cakes will be on sale again at the Hidden Gardens weekend in June and refreshments will be provided at the Village Show in July. If any kind person is willing to make cakes for either of these events to help boost funds, please contact Jo Kersey on 735243 or speak to a Playgroup helper on 735161 during session times.

*Words Marian Rosling,
photo Peter Kendall*

WI report

At Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI's December meeting, 36 children from the primary school (accompanied by their teacher John Richards) entertained us. Bright eyed and with smiling faces they sang their way through a variety of Christmas songs and carols. Obviously very well rehearsed, they played a selection of instruments including the hand bells. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by parents and members alike. The children are a credit to the school and our village.

We began the New Year with a relaxed social evening, a chance to chat and to enjoy a laugh with each other while taking part in a quiz, followed by a 'bring a plate' buffet.

Colin Grimwood, Pastor of Grundisburgh Chapel, visited us in February to show us slides of his holiday in Israel. He and his wife Gill made the trip to mark their 30th wedding anniversary. They sampled local foods, came across lizards, rock rabbits, laughing doves, ibex and found the river Jordan to be teeming with fish.

They were even brave enough to go for a camel ride. Their travels took them to Nazareth and on to the Valley of Jezreel, also known as Armageddon where, Colin told us, they found 22 levels of civilization. Each layer being built on the previous ruins. He showed us pictures of a church in Capernum which is on stilts, built above the ruins of the house where it is thought that Peter the disciple lived. In Jerusalem they wandered through the market stalls in the narrow streets, where you have to bargain for your goods.

We meet at the Chapel in Meeting Lane on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Do feel free to come and join us. You are sure of a warm welcome, young and old alike.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838

Ninety nine years young ...



Millie Harris celebrated her 99th birthday in November at her home in Paradise Lakes Resort, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. Millie is an avid reader of The News and regularly sends us information about her life there with her son Ron and daughter Sandra. A life that, judging by the photographs, suits her very well indeed.

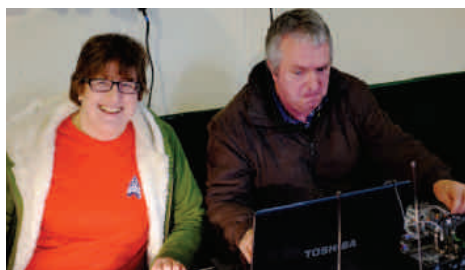
A member of the Pipe family, Millie lived first in a cottage by Grundisburgh Parish Rooms and then in the brand new No 1 Meeting Lane (since demolished to make way for the Pipes Close development). With her late husband Les, Millie and their children migrated to Australia in 1954.

GADS PANTO 2015



The title was 'It's A Panto Jim, But Not As We Know It' - and that was certainly true! Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society's latest production included characters from many different popular pantos as well as space adventures. Captain Nerk and his crew aboard their spaceship Centipede landed on planet Pantonia where they helped Snow White and her Seven Dwarves awaken Snow White, fight the Evil Queen and help Cinderella get the man of her dreams. I attended the first night when there was an enthusiastic reception and vigorous audience participation. Indeed, the Scouts in the front rows were surprised to receive generous amounts of shaving foam in one dramatic scene. Heroes and heroines were cheered, villains booed and a good time was had by all!

Words and photos Peter Kendall



IT'S THE TADPOLES AGAIN!!

In the words of the opening song "It's the TADPOLES again! " – we performed our 29th annual pantomime, Jack & the Beanstalk, during February half term in Tuddenham Village Hall.

This year we saw a welcome return of some old friends, including Dame Nala Ekidsrof (a close relative of Vicar Alan), as well as some new faces. With magic beans, dancing flowers, a talking hen and a cow who gave milkshakes – it was a spectacular show!

Thanks to all who were involved – both onstage and behind the scenes – and all who came to see it. In the words of the panto song "Thank you very much!"

Footnote: TADPOLES stands for Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People of Little Experience!

GADS photos clockwise from below:
The final curtain call;
Prompt Jo Bailey and sound Phil Bailey;
Musicians David Brown guitar and Chris Holifield bass;
Dwarves Grouchy (Adam Kearney) and Sniffy (Kate Adams) apply the shaving foam to First Officer Mr Knock (Ian Frost);
The robot Chips (Darin Osborne), Snow White (Amy Adams) and Cookie (John Richards);
The wicked queen (Karen Tatham);
Chorus Oliver Laxton. Maisie Gill-Muttitt, Issy Barr, Ellie Moon and Alice Potter;
Director Nikki Brown and producer Debbie Osborne



Clockwise from below: The junior chorus;
Dame Dilly Dally (Alan Forsdike) and wicked Fairy Hogweed (Pauline Procter);
Jack (Fiona Woods), Kylie the Cow (Alfie Woods & Oscar Taylor) and Dame Dilly;
Villagers - Jim Punton, Mishel Wayland and Lynne Airey;
Mary Mary (Francesca Willenberg) and Simple Simon (Kevin Beckett).
Photos taken by Sarah Willenberg.

'Jack & The Beanstalk' was produced & directed by Jean Ellinor & Catherine Forsdike. Musical Director was Alan Forsdike.



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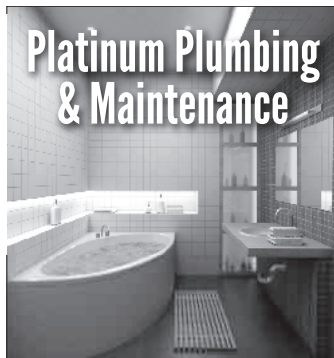
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A new Turks Head emerges



Work is proceeding apace at the Hasketon Turks Head with a new restaurant area being added to the rear of the existing building. The owners anticipate that the pub - which they intend to be family-friendly but retain its local feel - will reopen this summer. It will include two petanque pistes and a large area for outdoor drinking - the garden amounts to two acres! A biomass boiler and solar panels will help to reduce the pub's carbon footprint. Once the pub is opened, the adjacent four houses under construction can be sold.

Words & photos Richard Watkinson

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Hasketon supports charities

Hasketon's annual Charity Fair raised just over £920, which is a considerable amount in one afternoon for all the good causes involved. Thank you to all who came and bought, particularly on such a wet and soggy afternoon. The fair was originally started about 28 years ago and I have only recently taken on the organising role from Jenny McWhirter. However I hope that with help and continued support this worthwhile Hasketon event will continue for many years to come. I would like to offer a really big thank to all those locals without whose help this event could not have taken place.

The charities represented this year were East Anglian Air Ambulance, Save the Children, St Elizabeth's Hospice, Redwings Horse Sanctuary, Suffolk Home Start, Goodwill and growth for Africa, Fair Trade, St Andrew's Church, RNLI and Children in Need.

Heidi Hughes

Burgh happenings

The Festival of Wreaths held in St Botolph's Church, Burgh, in November caused great interest and many kind remarks. 110 wreaths were on display made from a wide variety of materials and by people of all ages. We aimed to inspire and make people think 'outside the box' and comments suggest that this was certainly achieved. Just over £1150 was raised for the Church Fabric Fund. Our thanks go to all who contributed in so many ways towards its success. The December mulled wine and mince pie evening (the Burgh Christmas booze-up), enjoyed by young and old alike, was so successful that a village summer BBQ is planned – date to be confirmed.

This year sees more of our usual varied events in Burgh Schoolroom, including a repeat of last year's curry evening in May (already filling up fast) and the popular soup lunches with our home-made soups, rustic bread and crumble and custard. The monthly Knit & Stitch and Social Bridge groups are now well established but new members are always most welcome. See The News Diary for dates.

For more information on clubs/events or to book for the May curry/quiz evenings – please phone Anne on 01473 735544 or Sally on 738877. The schoolroom is a lovely venue ideal for smaller groups/events and is available for hire at very reasonable rates. The booking secretary is Sharon, 01473 738405



Dinner for ten in Burgh School room was the prize on offer in a raffle which raised £750 for Burgh Church. The winning ticket belonged to Arthur Banham, who, with his brother John, has only recently retired from looking after nearby Clopton Churchyard for 50 years. The schoolroom made an ideal venue for the meal which was prepared and served by Gillian Gurdon, with support from Sally Butler and wine waiter Adam Gurdon. When The News left after the photographs (and a drink), a very good time was being had by the Banham brothers, their wives, Paula and Jenny, and friends. Arthur now lives in Occold but the brothers grew up in Newsoms Farm in Clopton.

MUSIC IN BEALINGS

One of the highlights of the Christmas season in Great Bealings was the return of the highly talented Stella Quartet to give a concert in our church. Organised by the Friends of the Church, the programme included quartets by Mozart and Dvorak.

An audience of around 100 delighted in the wonderful music played to a professional standard by young musicians whose performances recently have included venues as prestigious as the Wigmore Hall. The girls are a wonderful cosmopolitan mix – from France, Russia and Ireland, plus Little Bealings' very own Rosemary Hinton.

The girls make a country weekend of it before flying off home to Christmas. We do try to spoil them, as they perform for not much more than expenses. The second half of the concert, after a break for readily consumed refreshments, put the audience in full Christmas mode, as the girls treated us to arrangements of carols, and invited audience participation.

They enjoy this engagement so much that, despite other professional commitments, they would love to come back again next year. The concert also raised £250 for church funds and we thank all those who supported it, within and beyond our local community.

Norman Porter

The Friends of Great Bealings Church's reputation for good music events continues with a concert by the Brook Street Band on Saturday 28 February, 7pm at Bealings Village Hall. The highly acclaimed group will be playing works by Bach, Telemann and Handel, as a try out performance before a concert they will be giving at St John's Smith Square in London. Tickets cost £10 on the door. Ticket sales have gone well, but there were still some available at the time of going to press. To check availability phone 01473 735565 (Norman Porter).



Rosemary Hinton – the local member of the Stella Quartet – started playing at age six, wanting to follow in her grandfather's footsteps as a violinist. From school in Kesgrave, Rosemary joined the Guildhall School of Music at 11 and played in their Junior String Ensemble and Junior Symphony Orchestra. Her place (eventually as co-leader) in the National Youth Orchestra took her all over the UK. Going on to study at Chethams School of Music, Rosemary's performances have included the 2010 BBC Proms. She formed the Stella Quartet in 2012 with three colleagues who, like her, were studying at the Royal Academy of Music. Follow the Quartet online: www.facebook.com/QuartetStella

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BRIEFLY ...

As it marks its 15th anniversary this year, East Anglian Air Ambulance is looking for more volunteers to help keep its two helicopters flying 365 days a year. To find out about the many volunteering opportunities visit www.eaaa.org.uk/support/-/volunteer/becoming-a-volunteer/ or contact the local area fundraising manager Nigel Donkin, 01473 209333, nigel.donkin@eaaa.org.uk. Among its anniversary celebrations will be a 'Tea at 15.00' on 15 May in many locations across the region.

Healthwatch Suffolk is seeking to build its team of local volunteers who visit health services in the area. They are expected to observe and assess the services, collect views of users and make recommendations for improvements. Details on www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk. Amanda Stevens on 01449 703949 can talk about what it means to be an authorised representative.

A social enterprise, created by parent carers ten years ago, has launched two new services – the PASTEL Singing Club and Cooking Club. Both aim to reduce social isolation for adults with additional needs, eg learning disabilities as well as those living alone and/or feeling anxious or depressed. They run weekly in Saxmundham. Details from www.pastel.org.uk or by contacting Don Tricker on 01728 604944 or don.tricker@pastel.org.uk.

Suffolk Family Carers is extending its support to people acting as carers for a member of their family. In conjunction with local hospice staff a series of informal sessions will aim to improve the carer's own situation as well as that of the person they are caring for when they are reaching the end of their life. To find out more or to book free place contact Carly on 01473 835420 or wellbeing@suffolkfamilycarers.org.

HELPING PEOPLE COPE WITH BEREAVEMENT

Cruse is a national charity which 'exists to promote the wellbeing of bereaved people'; its free services include information and advice, education, campaigning and support to people struggling to understand their grief and cope with their loss. Suffolk Cruse was formed in 2009 as an amalgamation of four branches and offers its own training courses, a requirement for anyone interested in supporting and caring for bereaved people.

Volunteers with counselling skills are invaluable to people like Jane Campos of Grundisburgh and Jennifer Grist and her husband Andrew West who live in Tuddenham. Jane was very close to her father, and when he died of cancer in his early seventies, quite soon after diagnosis, she felt dazed and refused to accept the fact. She also had guilt feelings because she could not bring herself to visit her father's grave, and while her mother and siblings turned to her for support Jane felt the need to turn to someone outside the family.

GP advice

On the advice of her GP Jane contacted Cruse, and was visited by a volunteer. Jane found the volunteer helped her to understand about bereavement, "they help you move on a step". Jane had three visits of an hour each, and could have had further sessions but she knew there was a long waiting list and thought other people may have a more urgent need, some people have no family to support them and "you feel so alone" she says. Jane's father died three years ago and although she admits it still feels quite raw she is "learning to live with it" and Cruse has helped her "move on a step".

Jennifer Grist also contacted Cruse following a suggestion from her GP. Her relationship with her mother had had its difficulties and when she died six years ago Jennifer found herself in an emotional state, unable to concentrate and had two or three weeks off work.

Jennifer waited about three months for her first appointment with Cruse, but feels that perhaps the wait was beneficial. She then had six one hour sessions and found it extremely helpful to talk to someone she describes as "non-judgemental" and who was not shocked when Jennifer talked about her mother and her feelings about their relationship. She found the volunteer warm and open and felt safe and nurtured, like "walking a path with a guide", and says it changed the way she felt about her mother.



Somewhere to turn when someone dies

Jennifer says she felt sad to end the contact with her counsellor but did not feel dependent upon her.

It was Jennifer who suggested to her husband he might find it useful to talk to a Cruse volunteer. Andrew had enjoyed a very good relationship with his parents and when his father died aged 96, he accepted it as natural progression. However, when his mother also died unexpectedly a year later while Andrew was working away in Iraq, he found this much more difficult to deal with. After he contacted Cruse, he later "felt a fraud" and cancelled. Nevertheless, a volunteer visited and although she agreed that Andrew had dealt with his bereavement, they talked of other things

over two sessions and he now regards their conversations as part of the healing process.

Children and young people may also be in need of support when someone close to them dies. Cruse is aware of this need, and offers specialised support locally through its 'Young Cruse' service at 19 Tower Street, Ipswich.

Elizabeth Murphy, chairman of the Ipswich branch, is very committed to the training of volunteers. The next 'Awareness in Bereavement Care' training course starts in May in Ipswich. This develops basic counselling skills and is accredited by Ascentis at Level 2. For more information, contact suffolk@cruse.org.uk or visit www.suffolkruse.co.uk.

'Backroom' help needed

While volunteers derive great satisfaction from the counselling role, Cruse is also very dependent on 'backroom' skills. Help with fundraising, administration, publicity etc., is absolutely vital if Cruse is to survive and continue to offer support to bereaved people. Anyone interested volunteering in any role can ring 01473 230659.

Aware of the sensitive nature of its work, Cruse is very discreet about its organisation and does not publicise the names or contact details of its volunteers or staff. Anyone seeking help and support should contact one of the local helplines - Ipswich 01473 20888 or Suffolk Coastal 01394 670770.

Madge Nicholas

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Tuddenham Tales



The Wheeler family with Cameron's fellow cyclists and, far right, TCT chief executive Siobhan Dunn.

TCT fundraising – the final total is

For the last year we have been following the fundraising efforts of Cameron Wheeler, Scott Girling, & Tom Caraccio-Hewitt who were raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Cam's brother Alistair. Here is an update from Ros Wheeler:

We attended the TCT offices in London on 23 January, to hand over a cheque for £22,230 in memory of Alistair. The whole office came out to see us. It was an emotional time as you can imagine.

Cameron has just finished an internship with TCT and they presented him with a book about finding your way around London as he has now been offered paid work with them in the music and events section. He will be helping with organising concerts in March at The Albert Hall (in charge of the celeb boxes!) Also he will be going around the country to the different wards with various VIPs, one of which is going to be Stephen Fry which is ironic as Alistair was a great fan of his and I can hear him saying "I don't believe you mate!"

Footnote: The three intrepid cyclists have signed up for another fund raising challenge in aid of TCT - a sky dive on 10 July. This is in memory of Stephen Sutton MBE who at the time of his death from cancer aged 19 last year had raised over £3m for TCT and had set his heart on breaking the record for the most number of tandem dives in one day.

TUDDENHAM SPEEDWATCH

Tuddenham is now a Speedwatch village! A number of volunteers undertook training and Tuddenham is now on the Speedwatch rota.

We had our first session in November and it had a marked effect on the speed of traffic driving through the village. Details of several vehicles exceeding the speed limit were sent to Suffolk Constabulary. So be alert when driving through Tuddenham – there may be a Speedwatch team checking your speed!

Calling all eggheads!

It's the Tuddenham Quiz again on 16 May. Held at the village hall starting at 7.30pm, it's the same format as last year – tickets £7.50 per person including Ploughman's

(bring your own drinks). Teams of six. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

For further information or to book tickets contact Monica (785272) or Jean (785682). The quiz was very popular last year so book early to avoid disappointment!

Soup & sweet lunch

Tuddenham's annual Soup & Sweet lunch will be hosted this year by Tuddenham WI.

Date: Saturday 18 April

Time: Arrival 12 noon for 12.30 - 2.30pm lunch

Tickets: £6 adults and £4 children.

Contacts for tickets: Jackie Lugo (01473 252315) or Cathy Watson (01473 785583)

Jean Ellinor

Photos from TADPOLES' latest offering are on the centre pages with other panto pictures.





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PLANE CRASHES REMEMBERED

I would like to thank the many people who came forward after my plea (News 234) for witnesses of the Lightning crash in Otley on 5 January 1966.

Thanks to the eyewitness accounts, I have been able to piece together a better picture of the day's events which led to the crash. I understand that first on the scene was Albert Taylor-Balls who had been



working in a field nearby. Another eyewitness was Russell Ling of Grange Farm, Otley. Michael Lenney has also been helpful in my research.

The pilot, 24 year old Derek Law, (above, who had flown one of the 16 Lightnings that flew over Churchill's State Funeral on 30 January 1965), died in the arms of Emma Sparkes who



Left: Flying Officer Law; Above: At the graveside after the service, with Mike Bettell (second left).

lived in Oak Tree Cottage at the time and who was the mother of Albert's best friend, Clifford.

Through The News, I also was able to locate one of Flying Officer Law's colleague's, although from a different squadron, and Air Commodore (ret'd) Mike Bettell and his wife, Val, from Little Bealings. Both attended a memorial service in January held at St

Catherine's church, Ringshall, where the pilot, is buried.

I am also researching the fatal mid-air collision involving two Meteor jets over Grundisburgh/Clopton on 8 July 1953 while practising for the Queen's Coronation Review. If anyone can tell me anything about the crash, please do contact me. I would also love to see any pictures of VE Day, 1945.

Andrea Keyland, 01473 784673

Charsfield Recreation Ground's fun plans

CHARSFEST, our annual day and evening cocktail of fun for all the family is taking place this year on Saturday 30 May on Charsfield Recreation Ground 2pm till late.

In addition to our usual mix of traditional stalls, games and entertainment we are looking for new ideas. Come along and have a drink at Charsfield Village Hall on Monday 16 March at 7.30 pm to have a chat and post your ideas on the suggestions wall. We also have a few spaces for new stalls, commercial or for other organisations. We just ask for a donation of 10% of any profit made. If you can't make the meeting, contact me.

A new venture this year: we are joining forces with The Friends of Charsfield School to hold a Christmas Craft

Fayre in Charsfield Village Hall on Friday 4 December from 7pm to 10pm. If you would like a stall at this event please get in touch with Jo Wyatt on 01473 737221, jo.wyatt@btinternet.com or Elspeth Gilmore on 01473 737156/ 07875 644820 elspethgilmour@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

We have several fund raising events arranged for 2015, including a golf day at Seckford Golf Club in June and our annual Big Breakfast in October so please keep an eye on the News Diary. Our first fund raising event this year is a St George's themed quiz on Friday 24 April in Charsfield Village Hall at 7pm. Come and enjoy a two course hot supper and a friendly evening of fun. Teams of four - £10 per person.

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Otley Offerings

Hair and Beauty business at Wood Farm

I started my business in 2005, a couple of years after we had moved to Otley from Essex. I had worked in a large salon there and had no plans to work here as I moved with my now husband to start a family. But, as I was asked by so many people in the village for haircuts, my husband converted the boot room at the end of our house into a salon. Initially I worked just Saturdays but as the word spread it has evolved into working five days a week 9am to 6pm.

I originally met Lucy, who has lived in Otley for 11 years, when she came in to have her hair cut and coloured. I learned she was a beauty therapist going to people's houses but would like to run a salon - so we decided to bring our businesses together. Wood



Farm Hair and Beauty started in February 2014. We offer our hair and beauty services in a relaxed environment with low prices and plenty of free parking. To try the Wood Farm Hair and Beauty experience please call us on 01473 890782.

Victoria Hook

Victoria's husband David runs the Wood Farm Kitchens business in The Old Barn behind their house in Helmingham Road, Otley. Photos by Peter Kendall.

If you run a business in one of The News' villages why not tell us about it?

OTLEY UNDER FIVES PRE-SCHOOL

Spring term began on 8 January with the children eager and ready for some new adventures and explorations. There is plenty of fun to be had as we celebrate the festivals of Chinese New Year (of the Sheep) and Valentines Day, with lots of crafts, tasting new foods and learning about different cultures.

We are delighted to welcome Rosie, Finley and Ella, who joined us this term and we also welcome a new member of staff, Angela Peck. Following the success over the last couple of years of our 100 Club Lottery we are running this again with 50% of the fund as prize money! New members are always welcome and the subscription is £12 a year per number. Each member is allocated a permanent number in a monthly draw, which takes

place in Otley Village Stores at the end of the month and anyone interested in joining can contact Suzanne Howells on 01473 785729.

Our next fundraiser is a Jumble Sale on Sunday 8 March, 10am-12noon in Otley Village Hall, £1 entrance charge which includes a free cup of tea or coffee; after all, a rumble in the jumble can be thirsty work!

If anyone is having a spring clear out and has any clothing or household items they could donate towards our fundraiser please call Vanessa on 07973 272185 or Claire on 07799 654342.

There is lots of information on our website and Facebook page, and if you would like to visit us or arrange a free trial session please telephone on 07789 468853.

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Sporting stories

PLAYING FIELD REPORT

Grundisburgh Playing Field Committee has held a meeting with the main user of the pavilion, Grundisburgh Football Club, to debate the aims and ambitions of both parties.

The football club has recently decorated the wall in the pavilion lounge and installed some fresh tables and chairs, as well as carrying out a refurbishment of the kitchen area. New heaters have been fitted in the lounge and toilets funded by the playing field account.

A video race night with a sausages and chip supper is being run by the club in the pavilion on 14 March. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 for children (under 12) and can be purchased by contacting: 07796 785961 or 07546

232499. It is planned to have a joint fund-raising event in the future.

To book the pavilion please contact Alison Garrod on 01473 738340 or e-mail: ali_garrod@hotmail.com

*Richard Gamham, Chairman,
Grundisburgh Playing Field Committee*

GFC 100 club winners:

*September £50 Tom Stone, £35 Ben Sadler, £25 Sally Baldwin.
October £50 Tom Jackson, £35 Asa Millyard, £25 Pat Ross. November £50 Peter Garrod, £35 Craig Payne, £25 Karl Baldwin.*

December £50 Pat Ross, £35 Jack Walden, £25 Adam Gardner. January £50 Jenny Marwick, £35 Steve Morris, £25 Peter Goldsmith.

New tennis season

Grundisburgh Tennis Club has something to offer a wide range of age groups and abilities. We run coaching twice a year in spring and

autumn for juniors and adults and there are open club sessions starting in April on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings which are open to all members, whatever their ability. If you would like have a go, contact Monica Begg at monica.begg@sky.com, 01473 738830 for more details or just come along to a club session.

There are ladies' sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the day. These are popular and very relaxed get-togethers. The courts are also available for members to use outside of organised sessions.

The winter season is coming to an end and our league teams have managed to play most of their matches in spite of the weather. If you enjoy competitive tennis at any level we would love to hear from you as we are always looking for more team players.

We have a number of social events planned for the coming

year including ten pin bowling, a BBQ, a walk with a pub lunch and a cycle ride.

Membership runs from 1 April and there is a discount for anyone joining before the end of April. The discounted rates are adults £68, family £114 and juniors £28. Members can also be entered in the club's Wimbledon ballot.

Our AGM will be on 11 March at 7:30pm in the lounge bar of The Dog. All existing and future members are very welcome to attend. The new season starts on 12 April and everyone is welcome to come and play.

Grundisburgh Tennis Club has three all-weather hard courts on Grundisburgh playing field, behind the leylandii hedge. Our website <http://grundisburghtennis.co.uk/Join.aspx> has more details about membership and forthcoming events.

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Responsive Bealings

Iain Langdon's appeal in the last issue for another distributor for The News in Great Bealings immediately resulted in three offers. The round is now being shared between two of the volunteers.

Family history info wanted



Michael and Julie Dunnett are trying to find out about the lives of their great, great grandfather Joseph Dunnett who was born in Grundisburgh 1825, and his mother Elizabeth Dunnet born in Burgh in 1807. Her mother, another Elizabeth, married Samuel Leech in Burgh 1806.

Joseph Dunnett owned a grocers shop at "The Firs" (above) on Chapel Lane. He was married to Rosetta Mobbs whose relation William Florey was the original owner of "The Firs". His father was a local man James Adams. If anyone can help with any information at all please can they e-mail Michael and Julie: mdb62@gmail.com, or telephone 01692 678043.

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Giles and the Afro American GIs

The Eight in the East project, which is exploring the cultural and landscape legacy of the 8th US Army Air Force and their time in our region during WW2, is looking for wartime memories to record.

One of the most fascinating, and under-researched, aspects of the story is the role played by Afro-American GIs in constructing and maintaining the airfields. They were segregated from white US servicemen and often lived under harsh conditions compared to their white colleagues.

However, many local British people took these men to their hearts - none more so than the renowned local cartoonist Carl Giles. We know that Giles played piano in an informal band with the Afro-American servicemen at the Fountain pub in Tuddenham. And that he became good friends with two men in particular- Butch and Ike. We also know he drew several images of these men and have located these to the Carl Giles archive at the British Cartoon Archive, University of Kent.

We are keen to develop a high quality exhibition around these images to provide a living memorial to the Afro-American servicemen who served our

country so well at the time of war. Locally, they were based as part of an aviation engineer battalion at RAF Debach.

We'd be very grateful if



anyone who has memories of Carl Giles and his friendship with the Afro-American servicemen, the aviation engineers in general, or any other recollections of the US troops during WW2 could get in touch with me. We will then provide a recording of their recollections which will help our research and the development of the exhibition.

David Cain, david@8theast.org, 07944 10283, 01986 873516, www.8theast.org



Above: Section of an image by the famous photographer Lee Miller, who visited for a Vogue feature and captured the scene in the Tuddenham Fountain one night in 1944. This image was previously uncredited but the project tracked it down to the Lee Miller archive.

Top left: Giles with Ike;
Below: Ike and Butch with Giles' wife.
A cartoon of Ike drawn by Giles is included on the front page.





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