

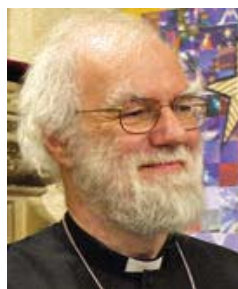
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VIP VISITOR TO ST. MARY'S



St Mary's church in Grundisburgh was packed on 21 November to hear Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, talk on the role and significance of the Virgin Mary. This was the culmination of the Cribfest which attracted 1,400 visitors this year. Just two of the nearly 300 exhibits are shown here: the carving of the crib on a single matchstick from

Chile and this colourful creation (below) of the nativity scene from Spain. Paul Bruce was the artist in residence shown here sculpting a Madonna. To hear Rowan Williams' talk in full, scan this QR code or visit www.grundisburghnews.org.uk/rowanwilliams.org.html



The church windows were illuminated in colours during Cribfest and will remain like this until Twelfth Night.



photos: Peter Kendall and Eilir Rogers

We've got our bridge back!

After nearly five weeks' closure, the bridge in Grundisburgh is back in service. Deterioration of the old structure meant a totally new bridge was needed: the new one will be able to carry the loads imposed by those HGVs (up to 44 tonnes) that come through the village.

Claire Williams, whose mother's shop is next to the bridge, cut a symbolic ribbon and danced a jig for joy! She said "initially, the work did affect our business but things got better towards the end. We are most grateful for the support from our lovely, loyal customers - they made all the difference".

Donald, a spokesman for residents of The Green, quacked that he and all his friends were delighted to be able to swim under the bridge again and to reclaim their resting places on the grass!

Claire urged drivers to drive carefully: speed is a determining factor in a quarter of all fatal collisions. The map (right) shows reported injury crashes in part of our area over the last five years



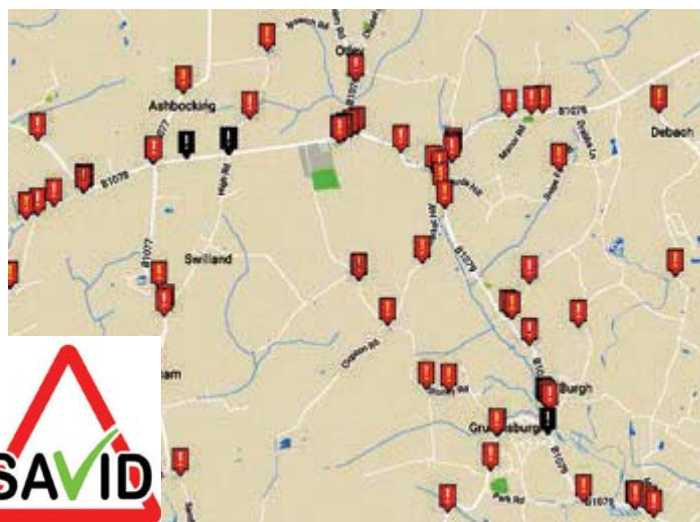
Top: work commences on the crumbling old bridge; centre: Claire cuts the ribbon and celebrates the opening of the new one.

(fatal ones are shown in black). Readers can look for their home area by putting their postcode into www.crashmap.co.uk

Fact: young drivers in Suffolk Coastal areas are 72% more likely to be more involved in injury crashes than young people from Ipswich - just look at the map on page 15.

Suffolk County Council is funding a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for the SAVID parishes. SIDs can be moved to different locations to warn drivers of their speeds and are a positive piece of equipment in the road safety toolkit. We aim to carry more news about our SID in the next issue.

words: Tanya Fosdick and Richard Watkinson; photos: Peter Kendall



NOVEMBER

Sunday 27

Hasketon Charity Fair

Hasketon VH 2pm Entry
£1.00 Contact 01394 386297

DECEMBER

Thursday 1

Christmas Songs and Poetry

Led by Erik Punaks GrWI
BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 2

Ashbocking Coffee Morning

Hawthorns, The Green
Ashbocking 10.30am Contact
890836

Friday 2

Upbeat! Christmas Concert

St Mary's Church
Grundisburgh 7.30pm Contact
735853 or 07834 984591

Saturday 3

Upbeat! Christmas Concert

Tuddenham VH 7.30pm
Contact 785682 or
07834984591

Sunday 4

Toy Service iao Refuge St
Mary's Grundisburgh 11am
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Monday 5

Horticultural Christmas

Decorations Otley & District
Gardening Club Otley VH
7.30pm Contact 890563

Monday 5

Indoor Bowls Tuddenham VH

Contact 610067

Tuesday 6

Pilates Tuddenham VH 9am,

10.30am and 11.45am

Booking 07977 049332

Tuesday 6

Baby Café GrPR 9am Contact
735183

Friday 9

Pilates Tuddenham VH 9am

and 10.30am Booking 07977
049332

Saturday 10

Elliott's Remedy 'Live'

GrVH 7.30pm Contact 738944

Tuesday 13

Christmas Medley

Tuddenham WI Tuddenham
VH 7.30pm Contact 785368

Tuesday 13

The Suffolk Yeomanry and

World War II Talk by Nick
Sign, Grundisburgh Local
History Society GrPR 7.45pm
Contact 738195

Monday 19

Christmas Walk GrVG 6.15
for 6.30pm Contact 738219

Wednesday 21

Christmas Meeting with

Wendy Gourlay Carlford
Network Group GrPR 2.30pm
Contact 735098

Saturday 31

New Year's Eve Barn Dance

With Skylarking Clopton VH
8pm - late Contact 737417

*(More New Year's Eve events on
page 14).*

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 3

Baby Café St Mary's
Grundisburgh GrPR 9 -
10.30am Contact 735183

Thursday 5

Social Evening and Quiz

Grundisburgh WI BCR
7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 7

St Mary's Grundisburgh

Coffee Morning GrPR
10.30am Contact 735775

Monday 9

Gr. & Culpho Parish

Council Council Meeting
GrPR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Tuesday 17

Quaker Burial Grounds in

Suffolk Talk by Val
Norrington Grundisburgh
Local History Society GrPR
7.45pm Contact 738195

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2

Hats and Flower Making

Demonstration by Magdalen
Snowden BCR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 4

St Mary's Grundisburgh

Coffee Morning GrPR
10.30am Contact 735775

Tuesday 7

Baby Café St Mary's

Grundisburgh GrPR 9 -
10.30am Contact 735183

Tuesday 21

St Audrey's Melton 1767 -

1993 Talk by David Phelan
Gr Local History Society
GrPR 7.45pm Contact 738195

MARCH

Saturday 4

St Mary's Grundisburgh

Coffee Morning GrPR
10.30am Contact 735775

Saturday 4

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in January.

Monday 6

A Clematis for Every Season

Otley & District Gardening
Club Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 890563

Saturday 18

Eve Appeal Easter Tea Party

Coffee Morning BSR 10am
Contact 735554

Monday 13

Grundisburgh & Culpho

Parish Council Council

Meeting GrPR 7.30pm
Contact 735541

APRIL

Monday 3

Growing from Seed and in

Containers Otley & District

Gardening Club Otley VH
7.30pm Contact 890563

MAY

Monday 8

Winter Vegetables -

Planning and Growing Otley

& District Gardening Club

Otley VH 7.30pm Contact
890563

JUNE

Monday 5

Plant Sale Evening Otley &

District Gardening Club Otley

VH 7.30pm Contact 890563

Saturday 10/Sunday 11

Hidden Gardens of Gr,

Burgh & Culpho 2-6pm

Contact 738267

Key to abbreviations:

PBE - pre-booking essential

P/VH - Parish/Village Hall

PR - Parish Room

PF - Playing Field

VG - Village Green

Pav - Pavilion

BCR - Baptist Chapel Room

BSR - Burgh School Room

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 1
February for the next issue to
Ingrid McIvor, 21 Thomas
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Please indicate if tickets must
be bought in advance.

**This News' diary was
introduced to promote
planned events and to help
organisers avoid clashes of
future events. We also run a
web-based diary which is
regularly updated to show
new events or changes to
any shown here. Visit
www.grundisburghnews.org.uk
and click on News Diary.**

WHAT'S ON



PLAY AT PLAYFORD

The Deben Bridge Club (above) meets at Playford village hall on Monday evenings from 7 to 9.50pm and extends a warm welcome to new members. Started in 1990s, we play Duplicate Bridge and are affiliated to the EBU and offer a friendly membership of intermediate and upwards ability who enjoy an evening of competitive play; a host system available for members and guests who come on their own; a serviced website with next day results and club information. Annual subscription £70, includes EBU membership and benefits. No table money charge – guests welcome £3 per evening. Ample parking. For further information: please ring Ann Kent 01473 785262 or me on 01473 738510.

Lynette Chapman

William Kent - designing Georgian Britain.

That's the title of the illustrated talk the well-known Culpho artist Paul Bruce will be giving at Playford village hall at 7.30 pm on 17 March 2017. Paul is a painter and

sculptor and Vice President of the Friends of Ipswich Museum and has made a particular study of William Kent. One may not be familiar with Kent but he was a man of extraordinary talent: an artist, landscape gardener, illustrator and the foremost designer of

furniture, silver, metalwork and sculpture of the 18th century.

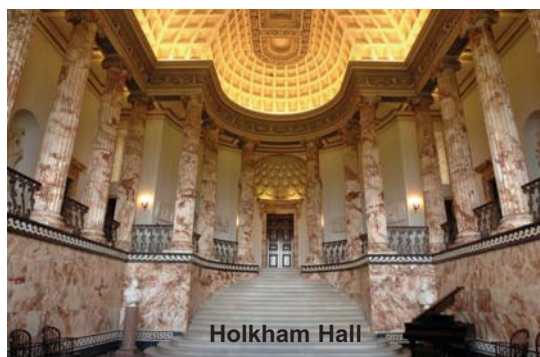
He played a significant role in the design of many notable buildings in London, Euston Hall in Suffolk and Houghton and Holkham Halls in Norfolk.

Paul's talk will be followed by an auction of paintings by celebrated artists - all in aid of Playford Church roof fund. Wine and nibbles also laid on!

For further details, contact Paul on 01473 738265 or pauldburce@tiscali.co.uk

LOOKING AHEAD

An evening of clairvoyance with Stephanie Carr will be held in Hasketon Victory Hall at 7 for 7.30 pm on Friday 2 December. £10 per ticket which includes nibbles, tea or coffee. Raffle. In aid of Victory Hall fund. Ring 01394 389330 or 07857 601753 or email lynberwick@hotmail.com for tickets.



Hidden gardens revealed

Hidden gardens of Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho will be revealed on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11

June 2017. 738267 for more info. And the village show will be at Grundisburgh Playing Field on Saturday 15 July 2017 from 12.30 to 5pm. 738997 for more details.



Chester and friend hard at play at the 'Baby Café'.

Café society

On the first Tuesday of each month from 9 to 10.30am the Parish Room in Grundisburgh hosts the Baby Café where I welcome mums, dads, carers, babies and toddlers for play, chat and free coffee, tea and biscuits. It's all very relaxed. Next café is on 6 December. Do come!



Tiddlywinks is a church-based group for pre school children and babies with parents/ carers which meets on Thursdays in the Upper (Parish) Room from 2.30-3.15pm – it's now too cold in church! We offer a story, activities and songs – along with tea/coffee – children's drinks and food!

Clare Sanders

Getting ready!

Upbeat! ladies' choir has been practising for weeks for their annual Christmas concerts taking place at St Mary's Church in Grundisburgh on Friday 2 December and at Tuddenham Village Hall on Saturday 3



December. At Grundisburgh, the ladies will be joined by the Grundisburgh Primary School choir.

The concerts include a variety of songs, including a tribute to the late David Bowie as well as some festive offerings – including the ever popular Twelve Days of Christmas with audience participation!

Upbeat! is a community choir. Its members, aged from 17 to 70, come from Grundisburgh, Burgh, Clopton, Otley, Tuddenham, Woodbridge and Ipswich. It is open to all ladies irrespective of age or singing ability – there is no audition to join. It meets during term time on Thursday evenings at Grundisburgh Primary School. If you are interested in joining us in the New Year please contact me on 07956 106437 or visit our Facebook page.

Carol Jopling

New classes

Julia Endacott moved to Tuddenham in August 2015. A Chartered Physiotherapist and Pilates teacher, she has set up Pilates classes at Tuddenham village hall on Tuesday and Friday mornings during school term time.



Julia says that the benefits of Pilates include the release of unnecessary tension; enhanced whole body awareness and emotional and physical health.

Everyone works at his or her own level and in their comfort zone. Give it a try - the first session is free and all equipment is supplied - just wear clothing that stretches and moves easily. To book a place or for more information, contact Julia on 07977 049332

TRIBUTES

Doug Gandy

1927 - October 2016

Doug was the youngest of six children. He started work as an apprentice baker going out on deliveries: that's how he learnt to drive and was very proud that he had never taken a driving test! He joined the family building firm and carried

on as a jobbing builder for the rest of his career. He met his wife Peggy at dance classes in

Brentwood and married in 1952. Retiring to Grundisburgh, they both loved gardening: Doug was proud of his connection to Gandy's roses. He grew sweet peas and won R.H.S. medals for them. They quickly became involved in many aspects of village life, setting up the 'Gardeners Get Together' group and thoroughly enjoyed visiting nurseries and meeting potential guest speakers. Doug was also a regular grass cutter and player for the bowls club and helped found the indoor bowls club. For many years, Grundisburgh had miniature traction engines taking people around The Green on trips just before Christmas with Doug often at the front, bowler hatted and waving a red flag to warn of the oncoming hazard! Doug regularly delivered about 1000 copies of the News to local distributors. In later years, Doug relied on



his local friends for support: he coped extremely well and continued meeting them regularly, particularly at the Luncheon Club. His health did deteriorate a couple of years ago and he moved into Woodbridge Lodge: he loved the staff there and was always well looked after.

Iain Langdon

Paul Finch

1944 - October 2016

Paul loved life, even in his 60s he tried sky diving and climbed the Sydney harbour bridge. He was a true Suffolk man, born in Hollesley, where he lived with his parents and brothers Tony and David.

After leaving school, he went to college to study painting, decorating and sign writing. He supervised many of the major projects in the area such as the hospital and ASDA.



Paul had three sons: Daniel, Craig and Robin of whom he was immensely proud. His main interest was Badminton. He played throughout his life and became Suffolk coaching co-ordinator. He helped to train coaches and taught many generations of Suffolk players. We moved to Grundisburgh about 20 years ago and Paul

took village life to his heart. He enjoyed the job of village handyman and loved to chat to the people who stopped.

Recently a man asked a villager who had renovated a seat: he was told that it was probably Paul Finch, our local good Samaritan. Paul would have been chuffed with that. So would I.

Penny Finch

Muriel Alice Copping

1930 - October 2016

Muriel was born in Grundisburgh, the family living in Stoney Road, her mother's maiden name being Harris. She attended Grundisburgh school and for more than twenty years she worked at Grundisburgh Hall, cooking and helping nanny look after the children. She loved dancing and first met her future husband Fred, at a dance at Grundisburgh village hall when she was just sixteen. Fred, 19, was from Charsfield and would cycle over to Grundisburgh three or four times a week to see her but it was three years before he was invited to the house! And so it continued, with Fred cycling to Grundisburgh and Muriel cycling to Charsfield - sometimes staying over. Finally, when Muriel was



twenty-five, they were married at St Mary's in Grundisburgh. She had an aunt in Winesham; two cousins, (one in Grundisburgh), a brother and sister-in-law in Ipswich and a niece in Norfolk. She will be much missed by all of them - particularly, of course, by her dearly beloved husband Fred.

Madge Nicholas

Peter Bishop

1930 - November 2016

Peter Bishop moved to Finndale House in Grundisburgh

when he retired from the financial world in London in 1987. He was soon hard at work researching the history of the village and published 'Grundisburgh: The history of a Suffolk Village' in 1992. This was highly praised for its style, the research and readability. Histories of Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds followed.

During the 1990s, Peter served as chairman of Grundisburgh & District News for several years and helped put us on a sound financial footing. He also chaired Grundisburgh Local History Society.

When the lovely garden at Finndale House became too much, Peter and his wife Helen moved to a house in the middle of Woodbridge in 2009.

Nicola Hobbs



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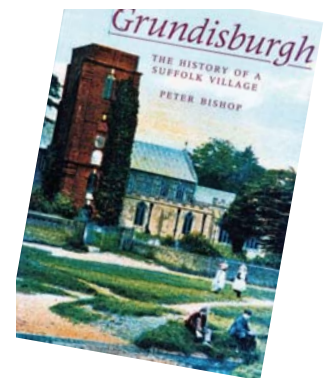
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Helen Bishop has kindly donated the remaining copies of the three local histories to be sold in aid of Grundisburgh's St Mary's Church. They are available in Williams Store.

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS



The architect is now preparing the technical design for the new village hall. This includes all architectural, structural and building services information, and any specialist subcontractor design and specifications. He has requested guidance from the management committee on a number of issues including kitchen design, stage area, landscaping and flooring. Advice is now being sought from professionals on these issues, using local individuals and contractors wherever possible.

This technical design will be used to seek estimates on the cost of construction so that the village hall management committee can then match these with the business plan which is currently being prepared. Applications for grant funding can then be made and the tender documents organised.

Your say

When this point is reached, we plan to hold a further public open meeting so that everyone can have full, up to date information and another opportunity to discuss the whole project. The application for developing the current village hall site has now been revised to take account of planning requirements.

I'd be happy to hear from anyone with ideas or wanting further information.

Peter Kendall

*Chair, New Village Hall Steering Group
peter@newvillagehall.com
01473 738267*

What's in store?

A concerted, almost audible sigh of relief went up in Grundisburgh when we learned that negotiations for the sale of The Olde Forge Stores had been completed. There was no longer any danger that we might lose our village shop (perhaps there never was!) - and, furthermore, the Post Office too was safe - albeit with a change of site. The new joint owners, Minesh and Sanket share the same last name, Patel, but are not related. In fact they met when both were studying for a Bachelor of Commerce degree. After graduation, they arranged to meet up again in Cambridge where both had family and friends in the retail business. Experience gained from working with and for these friends and families gave them the confidence to open their first store in Old Newton.

Hub

Minesh and Sanket are very aware that the shop is valued not just as the place to buy your newspaper and groceries but also as a social hub and

they fully intend to continue to promote this aspect of the store. They gained useful relevant experience at Old Newton, serving a village with similar requirements to Grundisburgh. They will build on the foundation already established at The Olde Forge Stores regarding suppliers and

alleviate any problems.

The question of security has been raised. A new alarm has been installed and plans to develop living quarters above the shop should help increase security. The plans for a one bedroom flat were submitted by Justin and permission was granted but allowed to lapse.

These plans may now be re-submitted to SCDC. A base here would be particularly useful for Sanket who commutes from Cambridge -



Minesh, Sophie and Sanket ready to serve

opening hours and the Post Office (PO) will also be open on Sundays. This will be alongside the tills and will offer the services offered at the present site. Early in the New Year is the proposed time for the change over but, though no firm date has been set, I am assured there will be no gaps! Information leaflets about the move from The Street to The Olde Forge Stores are available at both sites.

Environment

Some concern has been voiced to me regarding parking problems when the Post Office moves but facilities will remain the same as ever - 'on street' mainly. Minesh and Sanket are looking at this to see if anything can be done to

not an easy journey at any time, especially in winter. It occurs to me that having a five-month old son may also mean some sleep deprivation occasionally!

Continuity

Although with Minesh and Sanket there are two 'new' faces at the shop we are all very familiar with the 'old' faces - Michaela, Charlotte, Sophie, Andrew, Michael, Richard, Luke and Gemma - all still serving us with a smile (most of the time!) and adjusting to the new situation.

Sanket and Minesh say their plans for the future are, broadly, to serve people in the village and wherever possible make things even better. It seems to me to be a happy combination of established custom and innovation.

Madge Nicholas

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GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

WI NEWS

We had a good turn out in September for our Harvest Supper, (our membership is on the increase and we are thriving once again). After a satisfying meal, we settled down to be entertained by our guest speaker, Gus Kitson. Gus is a true Suffolk man, and lives on his farm in a quiet corner of our county surrounded by his family, dogs and horses. The



Roy (Carol's husband) gives Gus (behind the steam) a hand at wheelwrighting.

latest addition is a young Suffolk Punch called Foxy. He sadly lost his 27 year old Punch - Adam, last year, but as with all Gus's animals he had a good life and was well loved.

The youngest of 12 children and, while still at school, he did a paper round followed by a baker's round each day. Gus said that on leaving school at 15, the only certificate he had gained was one for swimming. He had a variety of jobs, working with horses first, then as a cowman, brickie and plasterer, before settling down with his wife, Mary, on the

farm, where he still lives. He became a much respected wheelwright and though supposedly retired, he still keeps busy renovating gypsy caravans amongst other things. What an evening, and what a character he is. Even singing a few ditties to amuse us.

Mary Moore, also a well known Suffolk character, joined us in October, to tell us of her life and work at the Forge in Brandeston, where her husband, Hector, was the local blacksmith. One of his most memorable pieces was the processional cross for Bury St Edmunds Cathedral, designed by Jack Penton. It was cast and electroplated in gold and silver.

Hector died in 1999 but Mary continued designing village signs with the help of a couple of friends. Over 50 signs emerged from Brandeston forge. (See News issue 236)

Two very interesting meetings which complemented each other.

Carol Barker - 01473 735838.

Stepping Out!

Where can you go on a Monday evening from 7.45 to 9.45 for only £2? And meet a happy, friendly dance group?

Try Grundisburgh Folk Dance Group at the village hall (IP13 6UP). We dance a wide range of styles,

including barn dances that most people will have danced at weddings etc. There are also historical dances from the 16th and 17th centuries and dances written in the last decade. None of us are experts but we have a lot of fun trying to be!

All the dance moves are explained in simple terms and it is not necessary to have a partner. Come along and start your week happy: do contact me on 01473 735788 for more details.

Sally Talbot

Clubbing together

We have enjoyed another happy year and celebrated on several occasions. This year marked the 60th year of the Golden Club (now known as the Lyttleton Club), founded in 1956 by Humphrey Lyttleton's mother who lived in the village at the time.

Mary Suter and Mary Thompson took over in 1976 and did a great job until they both moved from the village in 2010. This year in June we

celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday at a street party at the school which we shared with the Lunch Club and the children. In July our members enjoyed a festive lunch at the Fountain celebrating the Club's 60th, and three members' 90th birthdays. We are looking forward to another happy year and maybe some new members, particularly gentlemen - please come and join us.

Mary Bean - Co-ordinator



Some of the members of the Lyttleton and Lunch Clubs having enjoyed fish and chips and apple pie at the street party. Pat Doggett and Gordon Bolton (seated); Marian Person (standing). In background, Daisy Rayfield, Betty Poyzer and Barbara Ward .

photo: Mary Bean

SCOUTPOST

The Scouts' Christmas card scheme runs this year until 8 December - cards of any size can be sent for 25p to certain areas. Collection boxes in Grundisburgh at Mrs. Williams Store; doctors' surgery; Grange farm shop in Hasketon; Wotsits shop and the library in Woodbridge - and 3 Post Mill Crescent.



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These two pictures have been found in Grundisburgh church. The left one is of the choir taken in 1956: John Dunnett has been able to identify most of the people - I would be interested to know who the others might be.

The picture above John thinks might be of a 'rogation procession' and the rector possibly Rev Sutton. Date? John guesses 1930 but I think it might be earlier, judging by the dress and hat worn by the lady in white. More like 1910 (my grandmother had just such a dress and hat for her wedding in 1909!) What do our readers might make of it?

If you have any information, please email me at ingrid.mcivor@btinternet.com



Back row:

1 Friend of 2? 2 Glacice Watling; 3 Jennifer Harris; 4 Jennifer Heale; 5 Maureen Shenstone; 6 Graham Leach (cross bearer); 7 Ann Dunnett; 8 Veronica Watling; 9 John Andrews; 10 Janet Heale; 11 Maureen Churchyard; 12 Susan Wells; 13 Rosalind Leach (Organist); 13 Mrs Broom; 14 Mrs Kersy-Wellard (Choir Trainer); 15 Dorothy Coates; 16 Janet Gladden.

Middle row:

1 John Cotton; 2 ? 3 Ian Rayment; 4 Rev Anthony Thursfield; 5 John Dunnett; 6 Howard Leach; 7 Neville Rayment; 8 Susan Jessup.

Front Row:

1 John Sammels; 2 Michael (?) Beale; 3 Mervyn Jessup; 4 David Rayment; 5 Trevor Spurling; 6 ? Davies?; 7 Jeanie Dunnett; 8 Richard Sammels.

From Charsfield Baptist Church....

Many thanks for your wonderful support and encouragement throughout a busy summer of events, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Our summer started with Songs of Praise on 5 June celebrating the Queens 90th birthday with a brief history of Charsfield village. Thank you to all who shared your personal recollections, photographs and statistics to help us better appreciate our wonderful village.

Harvest

During the 'Harvest Supper' on 18 September, £157 was raised for the Charsfield defibrillator fund: this will be used to support training days. Thank you for your generosity and also to all who used their creative talents preparing Wild Berry and Seed Mosaics to exhibit during the evening and for the Harvest Celebration Service the following day - they all looked great!

Again, it was great to welcome many of you from the village to worship with us and give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest. On Friday, 30 September we joined in with the World's Largest Coffee Morning in support of

MacMillan Cancer Support. A grand total of £210 was raised. A special note of thanks to our friends in Monewden for the bric-a-brac and books they donated.

Games galore

Every second Thursday of the month, come and enjoy a variety of table top games or bring your own favourite along to share from 6:30pm onwards at the Chapel Hall. Age 6-106? From Mid-Loes and beyond - you are all welcome to join in the fun! As usual, tea/coffee and hot

chocolate will be available.

Every blessing to all.

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....and Grundisburgh Baptist chapel

We look forward to Christmas celebrations once again with an opportunity to take a break from the hustle and bustle to think about what the birth of Jesus means for us. We warmly invite you to our Christmas services: see below.

You can find out more about us on our website www.grundisburghchapel.org.uk where you can also download our Sunday sermons.

If anyone would appreciate a visit at home or in hospital or wish to chat about Christian things, please feel free to get in touch with me or Bruce at Charsfield..

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CHRISTMAS CHURCH and CHAPEL SERVICES

Ashbocking: Carol Service 18 December 4pm; Holy Communion 25 December 11am

Boulge: Holy Communion 25 December 11am

Burgh: Carol Service 24 December 6pm; Holy Communion 25 December 9.30am

Charsfield Baptist Chapel: Village Carol Service 18 December 6.30pm; Morning Service 25 December 10.30am (jointly with Grundisburgh chapel)

Clopton: Carol Service 24 December 6pm; Holy Communion 25 December 11am

Grundisburgh: Carol service 18 December 7pm; Crib Service 24 December 4.30pm; Midnight Service 24 December 11.30pm.

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel: Family Service 18 December 10.45am; Carol Service 24 December 6.30pm

Hasketon: Carol Service 18 December 5.30pm; Crib Service 24 December 3pm; Midnight Service 24 December 11.30pm.

Otley: Carol Service 18 December 5.30pm; Crib Service 24 December 4.30pm; Midnight Service 24 December 11.30pm.

Swilland: Carol Service 18 December 11am; Holy Communion 25 December 9.30am

Tuddenham: Carol Service 18 December 6.30pm; Children's Service 24 December 3.30pm; Midnight Communion 24 December 11.30pm; Family Service with Communion 25 December 9.30am

BY THE BANKS OF THE FYNN...

Objection!

Thanks to well-attended public meetings held in Little Bealings and Playford in August, over 150 letters of objection were received by SCDC planners from residents and interested parties. The focus of the objections was Kesgrave Town Council's proposed boundary for their Neighbourhood Plan which had included parts of the adjoining parishes. Kesgrave TC has now reduced the area encompassed to coincide with its own town boundaries. Now this has been accepted by SCDC, Kesgrave can progress with their Plan.

Plans afoot

Playford has been exploring the possibilities of developing its own Neighbourhood Plan for the last year or so and now that Theresa May has advised it's in every parish's best interest to have one, we will almost certainly go ahead!

Great Bealings has been working on their Neighbourhood Plan for the last three years - it's now in the final stages and should be accepted in January or February 2017.

Disruption

Initial work on laying underground cables for EAOW project has started and we've had van loads of workers standing around scratching their heads looking at bare fields and trying to remember where they said they would dig (I'm hoping it's more organised than that but

that's what it looks like at the moment!). Playford and Little Bealings have been assured that local footpaths will only be closed for the very minimum time possible while work is being carried out but, of course, if they strike an unforeseen snag, who knows?.....

A large temporary depot is to be built to the north of Playford on the south side of the C324 (Bealings Road) and will be in operation for two or three years, thankfully they haven't started it yet as, despite what we've been told, I cannot believe it won't disrupt traffic in that area.

Marian Hedgley

(see also planning notes on p.15 - Ed.)



Saturday 8 October saw a 'political' marriage in Playford Church when Marian Rosling, clerk to Playford parish council married Colin Hedgley, District Councillor and Great Bealings councillor. Colin is also the present Playford churchwarden. The Church was full for the ceremony and the reception was held in Playford village hall. The couple plan to take their honeymoon later in the year.

Good byes and hello at Tuddenham!

After 33 years as a Tuddenham resident in which she has given freely of her time and expertise in many ways, Dr Gill Cruickshank has moved to a new home in Woodbridge.

The village held a bring and share tea party in Gill's honour on Sunday 16 October to say thank you and goodbye. Chairman of the parish council, Bill Pipe, made a presentation to Gill and in his short speech acknowledged the work that she has undertaken - most notably chairing the village hall committee, being a member of St Martin's PCC and organising the annual church fete and the bi-annual Burns Supper.

In her response, Gill thanked the village for supporting her through difficult times. She added that, in leaving, she has realised what she has left behind.

We wish her well in her new home - but it's not goodbye just au revoir!

Words: Rev Alan Forsdike.



Bill Pipe and Gill Cruickshank

TADPOLES' REPRIEVE

Jean, Alan and Catherine having stepped down from the production team - and nobody stepping forward to take over the reins - TADPOLES will not be performing their usual Panto in 2017. However from an idea initially proposed by 13 year old Hayden Becket, TADPOLES have decided that they will instead perform a 'One Night Only' variety show on Saturday 4 March 2017.

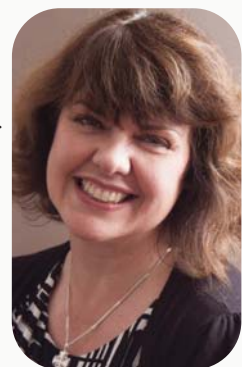
Put the date in your diary - and if you wish to be involved (on or off the stage) please contact Liz or Trevor on 785400

Introducing Sarah...

Sarah Jenkins is a student at Westcott House Theological College, Cambridge, where she is training for ordination. Sarah is 'on attachment' to St. Martin's benefice for the two years of her training. During her time with us, Sarah will be taking as active a part in our church life as possible. She will worship with us on Sundays and be involved in leading parts of some services and will have opportunities to preach each term. Sarah will also attend some of the meetings we have during each year and will become a temporary member of the ministry team.

This is an exciting opportunity as much for us, as for Sarah.

Jean Ellinor



p.s: St Martin's held its annual Gift day and Bring & Buy on Church Hill on 22 October. The event was well supported and raised over £2,200 for the church fabric fund. Church wardens, Monica & Jim, thank everyone who supported this event.



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LOCAL HEROES

In our Autumn edition we reported **Mike Stiff** of Stoney Road Grundisburgh and James, his autistic son, were in the planning stage of an 80km/50 mile sponsored walk from Woodbridge to Southwold to celebrate their 80th and 50th birthdays respectively.

The walk duly took place in October and was a great success in that James thoroughly enjoyed the experience, being up and ready to walk on the four mornings in question. To have cover for any mishaps, Mike had a guest walker accompany them each day: on the final stormy day it was James's sister Sarah.

Whilst being a further lifetime experience for James to add to his two Lands End to John O'Groats cycle rides, the prime

incentive for the walk was the raising of money for the Home Farm Trust. This is a charity which supports some 3,000 people with a learning disability. James has so far raised an amazingly £8,146!

Mike would like to thank most sincerely the generous folk of Grundisburgh who supported their cause, not forgetting the daily 'gofer' Heather who, when convenient, appeared with her mobile Costa Coffee services. Well done on this family achievement!

Margaret Quinton of Grundisburgh would like to say many thanks to everyone who supported her for staying sober for October in aid of Macmillan. She raised the grand sum of £435.

On 30 September two Tuddenham ladies, **Diana Pipe** and **Lucie Clayton** went to London to compete in the Urban Challenge to raise money for Evelina Children's Hospital, which saved James Pipe's life 5 years ago and

saves so many little lives every day.

They began with a 2.4km run, then jumped on a bike for a 15km cycle ride and finished with a gruelling stair climb to the 29th floor of the world's tallest hospital tower. Between them they raised approximately £1,500.



Clockwise from top: Diana Pipe and Lucie Clayton; Rachel Ward; Tommy Brown; James Mike Stiff with Sarah on Southwold pier.

More than 80 people assembled at The Dog on to cheer on **Rachel Ward** as she suffered the 'indignity' of having all her hair shaved off - in public! Rachel's mother died of cancer three years ago and she wanted to do not only something positive to help other cancer sufferers but also to draw a line under what Rachel called a series of personal tragedies. The head-shave followed two fund-raising 25-mile walks (which netted nearly £1,500) and three entries in the Race for Life in as many years. Rachel's shave attracted support to the tune of £800 - four times her expectation - which has been donated to



Somersham Ward at Ipswich hospital. What did Rachel do with her hair that was cut off? She donated it to Locks of Love - a charity that makes hair-pieces for children who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment. Nothing wasted.

Things have finally begun moving on to the home straight for **Tom Brown** and the family's desire to provide him with a 'window to the world'. As featured in our autumn issue, Tom faces a number of daily



challenges due to his cerebral and pseudobulbar palsy. Unless there are any delays in the planning process, building work is due to start in the new year.

The target amount was reached, thanks in no small part to a generous donation of materials from SEH



Windows. The local Gurdon Trust also donated £500. Further fundraising efforts to come include a stall at the Hasketon village fete on 27 November; a collection from the pupils at Kyson Primary School in Woodbridge using

Smartie tubes (kindly organised by headmistress, Libby Brown - the proceeds being shared between Tommy and the Ipswich Night Shelter); and an evening of choir song in Grundisburgh church, courtesy of Upbeat! on 2 December (and again at Tuddenham church on the following evening).

Tom and his family would also like to thank everyone who donated their spare change in Grundisburgh post office over the last few months, raising £50 for the cause. Without the support of local residents and businesses, it would have been so much harder to achieve this for Tommy.

Tanya Fosdick

End of the line?

BT are proposing to remove from service about 60 public phone boxes. Places affected in The News' area are **Playford, Little Bealings, Clopton, Tuddenham and Otley** and each box should have a notice posted inside. SCDC has a 90 day consultation period and will be writing to each affected parish council for their views. If the telephone service removal is accepted, parishes will have the opportunity to adopt the box for another form of community use.

Sizewell C shows

Two new reactors are proposed for Sizewell C. Consultations are scheduled to take place between 23 November 2016 and 3 February 2017. EDF are holding public exhibitions with staff on hand to answer your questions: these will be held from 11am to 3 pm as follows:

Ufford Park Hotel, Melton on Monday 28 November; **Wickham Market Village Hall** on Thursday 1 December; **Ipswich Town Hall**, Friday 9 December; **Woodbridge Community Hall**, Tuesday 13 December. There will be further exhibitions in Yoxford, Campsea Ashe and Hacheston: to be advertised locally once timings and venues have been confirmed.

HEARTFELT ART

Beth Taylor has been creative her whole life. Her mother was a very skilled seamstress who made all her own clothes and Beth absorbed everything from her, beginning with making clothes for her teddy bears as a child to then dressing herself. Sewing is just a huge pleasure for her.

Her professional career culminated as headmistress of a school in Colchester but it wasn't until she retired and



Beth says "I believe that handing on the skill is very important and that gives me great satisfaction". She has indeed taught others: in her first year of staging an open studio she had more than 90 visitors. Textile working is currently enjoying a resurgence in popularity and is by no means a 'dying art'. She feels strongly that textile art and felting should indeed be regarded as art and not a craft. From what I saw, I completely agree with her.

She is planning a solo exhibition in Woodbridge Library in August 2017 entitled, appropriately enough, 'Wearable Art'.

Amanda Cooper

In civvy street, Brian started as a farm machinery lecturer at the Rope Walk in Ipswich. In 1960 he pioneered the Witnesham Agricultural Education Centre on the site of the present primary school. Walter Hayles, the then County Farm Machinery Adviser, who lived in Bealings, was often brought in to provide specific expert advice. In the same year, Brian became a founder member and Secretary of the (East) Suffolk Farm Machinery Club which used to meet over the Cock and Pye in Upper Brook Street. Still going, with Brian as its Secretary, the 120-strong club now has centres at Debenham, Bury, Halesworth and Woodbridge. He organises visits to farms and factories around the UK and the continent. The club also has a active social and lecture programmes.



Above: the green felt jacket nominated for gold medal; below: a close-up of Beth's intricate felt-work.

knowledge immensely. In the final year of the course she worked on the altar frontal for Dedham church and wrote about embroidery through the ages as part of her diploma.

Beth was interviewed to join the '02 textile Group', so named as most members completed their C & G course in 2002. It is a very professional group which meets once a month to share ideas. They have exhibited widely at Snape, Hyde Hall, Chelmsford and in a Southwold art gallery.

The studio in Beth's Debach garden is overflowing with wonderful things - from pictures that have been machine embroidered to jackets which can only be described as 'wearable art' - they are so

beautifully crafted and original.

Beth showed me some examples of felting and I was not expecting the delicacy of the pieces she put in front of me. The wool had been worked with immense skill and many examples have beautiful silk threads running through them, which only adds to the intricate detail of her work.

embarked on a four-year City and Guilds (C & G) textile and embroidery course in 2005 that textiles really became a passion. One of her final pieces for the course, a green felt jacket was nominated for a gold medal.

Inspiration

She particularly mentions her teacher Chris Bojan who inspired her to try new techniques: this broadened her

Stacks of knowledge!

If you want to know anything about farm machinery - from early hand-operated seed drills to the latest GPS-controlled tractors (some now are even driver-less), then Brian Bell of Ashbocking is your man.

Farm machinery has been his life-long passion from the time when, as a young boy in Norfolk, he learnt at first-hand how mechanisation could vastly improve productivity and profitability for the farmer. Following a particularly successful commercial relationship with a local store, his father was able to buy a brand-new Ferguson tractor for the princely sum of £325 which enabled him to do lucrative contracting work for other farmers in the area. Brian took an engineering apprenticeship after he left Paston grammar school in North Walsham and did his national service with REME. Naturally.



Pictures from top: a Bamford's Patent No 3 'Rapid' grinding mill restored by Brian; receiving his MBE from HM The Queen; the sprayer found at Charsfield and restored; a half-track Model N Fordson tractor from the 1930s displayed at an enthusiasts' agricultural machinery show.

After ten years at Withesham, Brian moved to the newly-opened Otley College which then comprised only two workshops, four classrooms, a library and a dining room: nonetheless 250 farm students a week would attend day-

release courses there. Brian lectured until he retired in 1993 whereupon he received the MBE for his services to agriculture. He was a Vice Principal of the college, organised many 'Power in Action'

demonstrations and has authored many text books plus some 17 DVDs on farm machinery: in fact he still writes for The Farmers Guide magazine under a pseudonym.

Collector

Not content with the academic side of mechanisation, Brian has his own collection of agricultural and grass machinery. Restoring them to working order and in their original colours is all part of the fun which he enjoys with his son Jonathan.

His oldest artefact is a Ransomes cultivator from 1890. Of particular local interest is a 1930s Ruston & Hornsby petrol/paraffin-powered sprayer



found virtually derelict in an apple orchard in Charsfield. The machine (which still works) was used to mix water and chemicals and pump the resultant cocktail through a network of buried pipes leading to hydrants around the orchard. The trees could then be treated with minimal effort and manpower.

As if machinery wasn't enough, Brian also has a large collection of domestic glassware including antique bottles, stoppers and meat paste jars. Much of this collection was dredged from a nearby pond which had been used as a rubbish tip.



And he showed me the 'mystery object' pictured above. If you want to know what it is, go to page 19!

words: Richard Watkinson

photos: Richard Watkinson and Brian Bell

Here be Dragons!

Chris Turner has been passionate about animals since childhood. Then it was cats and dogs but he has now become fascinated by more exotic pets. Currently he has six bearded dragons, two corn snakes and a leopard gecko, all with their own individual tanks.



This all began when Chris worked at Sea Pets in Martlesham and was allocated to the reptile section because none of the other staff wanted to work there (particularly with the tarantulas!).

Leo, the leopard gecko, was the first to arrive at Chris's Grundisburgh home, followed by the corn snakes. The two adult 'beardies' are Yoshi and Bowser, plus Yoshi's four offspring. Chris had problems when her eggs were being incubated due to a major power failure for two to three days and he had to try creative ways to keep them warm. Two are a bit undersized as a result, but they are healthy Chris says.

The beardies seem to be Chris's favourite and he finds them very responsive. "Their body language is easy to read as their beards change colour and puff out if



young ones. The menu for the pets includes live insects, fresh vegetables and salad - and ready frozen rats.



Chris's day job is with Gull Cottage Cattery in Dallinghoo where he cares for the cats being boarded there. He also runs his own small

enterprise, Turner Pet Services*, which offers a range of animal services from pet sitting to behaviourist work. He takes his care of all those in his charge very seriously and has studied animal care on-line for a number of years, gaining many qualifications.

Many of the creatures arrived with Chris because they needed new homes.

Food needs to be served once a day - and more for the

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Planning Grundisburgh's Village Show for 2017

A new year has already started for Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society. At our AGM, I was elected chairman while former chairman, Peter Kendall, becomes vice chairman. Sharon Cripps is the new secretary and Michael

Cambridge has agreed to continue as treasurer.

The society's main event, Grundisburgh Village Show, is booked for Saturday 15 July and Hidden Gardens for the weekend of 10 and 11 June. The date for our evening garden party will be fixed later.

Financials

Over the past 10 years or so, the society has been able to pass on money to charities – amounting to some £10,000. However, this year all our current funds need to be retained to mount next year's show and we have not been able to release any money. So, we have decided that the two good causes chosen for 2016 – Grundisburgh Scouts and the Country Trust – will benefit next year.

While a highly successful event, the show costs a lot to run and we are looking at more ways of increasing revenue. This will include a drive to recruit additional sponsors who cover prize money and advertise in the



Sharon and Martin Cripps.

schedule, and more show patrons (formerly known as vice presidents) who make an annual donation.

An enthusiastic team is in place to organize the events but we could still do with more help, particularly on show day itself.

Details of the classes for the 2017 show will be published in January and be available on the website – www.grundisburgh.show - and in Grundisburgh shops. I can be contacted on chairman@grundisburgh.show

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SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUPS

Siren voices at Charsfield

In Class One at Charsfield, the children have been very busy learning about our term topic - Superheroes - and have been designing their own Superhero comic strips. Class Two pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their literacy lessons, re-writing the opening chapter of the BFG. They focused on using descriptive language to draw in the reader and to create suspense. Some are very spooky!

Children in Class Three have been learning about what it was like to have been a WW2 evacuee: they made gas masks, gas mask boxes and labels for our evacuee day. We

a wonderful singing project called 'Everlasting Light' in aid of the charity 'Tear Fund', which is aiming to raise £50,000 to support children and families in some of the poorest regions of Uganda. The children attended a recording session at Kesgrave High School with many other local schools on 8 October and from this a CD and DVD of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs will be produced to go on sale at the end of November. In early December the children have been invited to perform at a concert at Felixstowe Spa Pavilion. Their singing is beautiful and the children have shown real enthusiasm for learning the 14 songs!



built an Anderson shelter in our classroom for the children to use when we hear the air raid siren. Several commented that they found the sound very unnerving but it helped them to imagine what it would have been like in the war. Earlier in the term, the class took part in our bi-annual residential visit to Hilltop in Norfolk, challenging themselves at various different activities, such as the super swing, orienteering, bush craft and the tree-top trail.

Song and dance

In September, a Caribbean Steel Pan workshop from London came to the school, with the children playing the steel pans, dancing and singing. This was an amazing experience which all loved and which was a great chance to see something quite unusual for them.

Key Stage 2 children from Charsfield and Witnesham had the opportunity to take part in



Félicitations, Witnesham!

At Witnesham Primary School on 27 September all pupils and staff came dressed in the flag colours of a country of their choice - some even painted their faces! This colourful occasion was to promote the European Day of Languages to celebrate the 6000+ languages spoken around the world; promote language learning and to have some multilingual fun. Throughout the day pupils took part in a number of different activities including Brazilian salsa drumming, making and eating Dutch apple flappen pastries, Indian dance and Japanese art. The day ended with a whole school

assembly where the children were given the opportunity to talk about the day and say what they had enjoyed.

The School has for many years taught French to all Key Stage 2 pupils and early in September received the Bronze Linguamarque Award for the quality of its teaching of French.

On Friday 7 October the school held its annual harvest festival celebration. Pupils brought in packets and tins of food which were then donated to the local charity FIND, supporting families in need. The next day, many children gave up their Saturday morning to join with other schools (including Charsfield - see above) at Kesgrave to record that CD of Christmas songs for Tear Fund.

Swings and Roundabouts at the Playgroups

Grundisburgh Playgroup welcomes a new member of staff, Alison, who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team - she joins following the departure of Anna Greenwood, who has retired and Maria Garcia who has returned to Spain. The playgroup wishes them both well in their new pursuits.

Earlier this year Suffolk County Council (SCC) dropped a bombshell on playgroups, seeking massive hikes in rents and fees but, following meetings between Grundisburgh Playgroup committee and SCC, a deal may be in sight over the ground lease for the playgroup building, built 25 years ago by the community for local children. Originally, the playgroup also faced significant charges for SCC annual building inspections, plus a charge of £1,000 for the drawing up of the new 25 year lease! SCC have agreed terms to allow the playgroup to pay the fees for the drawing up of the lease over two years, which is a big help for a small children's charity. The playgroup is currently waiting for the detailed terms of the new lease and then they very

much hope the matter will be settled. Thankfully, the peppercorn rent remains and SCC have agreed that the playgroup can provide their own annual inspections for the building which, incidentally, they have always previously carried out anyway!

More widely

Sadly, Grundisburgh is not the only playgroup facing similar challenges and we hope to provide updates for elsewhere in the area in the next edition of the News.

You may have heard through National media about the proposals for 30 hours free child care where both parents work and earn under £100k per year. As you can imagine, this may be an offer that many parents take up and which will have a significant impact on small groups like Grundisburgh, Hintlesham, Witnesham and Otley. In order for it to meet the anticipated number of places required, SCC are asking groups to offer extended hours and a 50 week per year service, as opposed to the current term-time only service. Fortunately, these playgroups meet to discuss the common challenges they face and they work together to exchange information and provide mutual support.

Have your say

Playgroups want to meet the needs of local parents and welcome your views: to gauge the demand for this service in Grundisburgh, you are invited to take part in a survey: forms are available from Olde Forge Stores or ring 735161 for a copy by email or post. The results of the survey should be out in January and the service offered will hopefully meet parents' needs.

If you would like more information about playgroup, please feel free to call in at any time and see it yourselves. Or email grundispg@gmail.com for a brochure and application form. Current session times are: Monday: 9.10am - 12.10pm and 12.10-3.10 pm; Tuesday: 9.10am-12.10pm and 12.10-3.10 pm; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.10 am -12.10 pm.

Tanya Fosdick

PUB NEWS and EVENTS

Charsfield Three Horseshoes

As usual, every Friday evening it's fish and chips; on the last Wednesday of the month it's curry evening with a choice of five home-made curries. Our Christmas menu is now available. On 3 December we celebrate four years at the pub with a party and lighting up the Christmas tree. On Christmas Eve there will be carols by candlelight and a prize draw (7pm start).

We are open at lunchtime only on Christmas and Boxing Days and closed on New Year's Day. But see 2017 in at our New Year's Eve party from 7.30 - posh dress, posh nosh. £5 a head!

Hasketon Turk's Head

We are delighted to have made it into the Good Food Guide in our first year - a real tribute to chef Mauli's wonderful dishes. We have also just been added to The Good Beer Guide. We will be open on Christmas Day for drinks from 12 to 3pm and we

are hosting a New Year's Eve party starting at 6.30 with a fabulous curry buffet and dancing to The Jack Starr Band. Tickets £45 per head are available at the bar.

Incidentally, did you know - our leaf sphere sculpture and our wonderful seagulls are by local artist Paul Richardson, famous for his dancers at Ipswich hospital and the man swatting flies above the loos, near the Ipswich Regent!

Otley White Hart

Many thanks to all who made summer at the Hart so enjoyable... Now Autumn has her grip, the roaring fire is back in commission and we have a couple of new red wines on our list for your delectation and delight. Our annual charity poker tournament on 13 November this year was in aid of Lighthouse, a local charity which helps women and children escape from domestic abuse.

The Ukulele group still meets

every other Tuesday and we are thinking of starting a craft/knitting/crochet group to meet on the alternate Tuesday - contact me on 01473 890312 if you're interested.

Christmas is nearly upon us and we are looking forward to celebrating with you all. Our website - www.thewhitehartotley.co.uk will keep you up to date with all that's going on at your very local pub.

Grundisburgh Dog

In addition to the normal fare, we are running a special game menu from 24 to 27 November (inclusive). Our BIG Christmas quiz - will be on Sunday 3 December at 7pm; our New Year's Day quiz will be at the same time on 1 January 2017 as will the Valentine quiz on 5 February.

Our Christmas party menu is on from 1 to 24 December: lunchtime - 2 courses £14, 3 courses £17.50; Evening - 2 courses £19, 3 courses £23.50 New Year's Eve set dinner

menu £35 per person 7pm for 7.30pm (pub closes at 10.30).

Looking ahead: our Burns' Night supper will be at 7pm on Friday 27 January and there's a special Valentine's Dinner menu on the day itself - Tuesday 14 February.

Swilland Moon and Mushroom

On 27 November come and have a 3-course Taste of India for £25. The next day it's the Men's Group with dinner and speaker. Our Christmas menu runs from 2 to 23 December: 2-course lunch £16.95, 3-course £18.95. Three course evening meals £22.95. On 12 December it's our lunar ladies group dinner and quiz. Ashbocking and Swilland carol singers are here on 15 December; on 21 December we have carols by candlelight from 8pm. We are open for lunch and dinner on Christmas Eve; lunch on Christmas Day until 6pm; lunchtime only on Boxing Day. New Year's Eve: drink and a buffet - £10 a head.



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Grundisburgh scouts

This December the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group will celebrate 60 Years of continuous scouting having restarted for the third time in 1956. The Group originally began in 1921 but all records have been lost, then again in 1936 but because of the Second World War the Group and we held our first fireworks display in November to celebrate those 60 Years. It raised £1,200 for scout funds.

We welcome Sam Brown as Assistant Cub Leader giving Archie much needed help with the Cub section. Paul has left with our best wishes but he will support the group when he can.



Above: Grundisburgh Beavers preparing shoeboxes for the appeal (see also p.20); below: Charsfield Cubs and Scouts on the Deben.

Beavers hiked to Great Bealings village hall where new Beavers were 'invested' into the group. We had the story of Guy Fawkes and made a guy; had a great Halloween party when all Beavers came in fancy dress; 'Experiment Night' with a parent and Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Gift Night. We will, of course, be making Christmas decorations and having a party!

Cubs have been working towards the 'Our Skills' challenge badge, involving athletics, problem solving, the human body and many other things. Cubs visited 'Pets At Home' with the older ones going to link camp with scouts. Most cubs attended a Halloween camp at Hallowtree with the added bonus of a major firework display. They will join scouts to hike along the Fynn Valley, ending at Martlesham fish shop and are

having a Christmas party at Ten Pin Bowling, Martlesham. A very active few weeks!

Scouts went on an Incident Hike in September, attended district link camp, had an international badge night, district cooking competition at Kesgrave and visited the Police headquarters' famous museum. They, too, will be ten pin bowling at Christmas.

Explorers went on a navigator badge hike in October, attended district camp and sold Glow-sticks and sweets at the firework display, taking part in Chief Scout badge work and having a Christmas party sleepover.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary 01473 735352

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

Otley appeal

The 1st Otley Scout Group has been very busy over the last year. Cubs attended the District 100 year birthday camp at Glemham Hall and the scouts went to the Forest of Dean for their summer camp, spending a week hiking, pioneering and kayaking. The Beavers went on a sleepover to Sizewell



and had a super campfire on the last meeting of the summer and cooked marshmallows and bananas on the fire, ending with campfire songs.

Ben Dines (Scout Leader) ran a very successful kayaking course for cubs and scouts: it lasted 10 weeks and all the young people thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They kayaked down the Olympic course at Lee Valley for their last session!

The group had a good turnout harvest festival on 2 October and were very proud of Joseph (Cub) as he read the prayer.

The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders are all going to see the 'Wizard of Oz' at the

Regent as their Group outing, and lots of exciting activities and camps are already being organised for next year.

1st Otley is a very successful scout group and is always looking for new children and adults to join. We especially need more adults to enable us to carry out a full and rewarding programme. If you'd like to know more about joining or helping (you don't have to make a regular commitment – just come along and join in the fun of scouting), please contact Martyn Osborne on 892180.

Jayne Vaughan

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Eight of the 24 homes currently being built on Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh, will be available for rent.

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The properties will be made available to those on the Suffolk Coastal Housing Register through Homechoice who make a bid, with priority given initially to those with a local connection to Grundisburgh. After that, priority will be given to people with a local connection to one of the neighbouring parishes (**Clopton, Otley, Burgh, Hasketon, Great Bealings, Culpho, Tuddenham St Martin and Swilland**).

Anyone wanting to be

considered for one of these properties should ensure they are on the housing register www.gatewaytohomechoice.org. Anticipated completion date is March 2017.

Risky young rural drivers

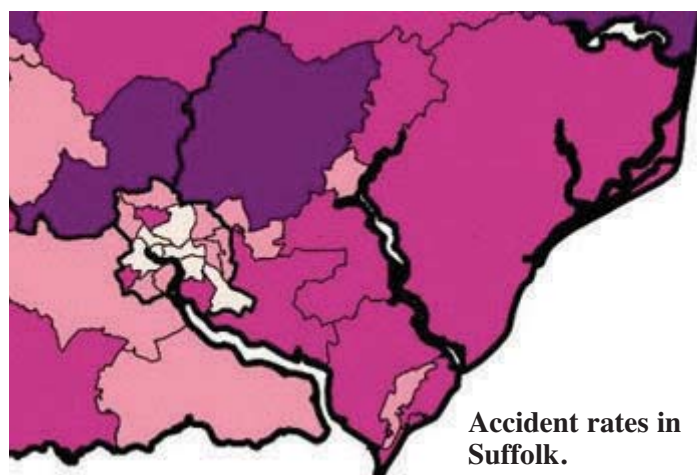
Fact: nationally, young drivers living in rural areas are 44% more likely to be involved in an injury crash than their urban cousins. A combination of rural roads and inexperience means that rural youngsters are over-represented in crashes on bends; in darkness; on wet roads and with loss of control as a factor. They are also over-represented in single vehicle crashes and where alcohol plays a part. One reason for their over-involvement is that rural young people start to learn to drive earlier than those from towns and cities - not surprising, given public transport options.

Highest risk area

Recent work for Suffolk County Council compared the crash involvement of residents across the county and found that young people in The News' area are amongst those with the highest collision rates, as shown in the map below. The darker the area, the higher the number of young drivers per head of population involved in crashes, with young people from our area in particular over 3 times more likely to have a collision than those from Ipswich.

More on Suffolk crashes at: www.suffolkroadsafe.net
National research data is at: www.roadafetyanalysis.org

Tanya Fosdick



Accident rates in Suffolk.



A Paradise for Pets !

Carol and Maston King moved to Burgh in 2009 and were keen to set up a business on site. They decided kennels was the obvious choice as they have a huge love of animals. It took two years to complete state-of-the-art facilities which boast underfloor heating and air conditioning in the 12 kennels with outside runs.



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The kennels have a large client base with much repeat business as well as many referrals. This reflects the ethos of the Kings who want to offer a small, exclusive and personalised service. Their approach to their canine guests? "We treat them as if they are our own". The dogs are let out to play and exercise a minimum of four times a day and any particular needs are catered for and Carol has happily hand fed dogs staying with her. She always tries to

'think dog' and is confident they will "go home as happy as when they arrived". There is always someone on site 24/7 and they even offer shampoo and blow-drying to their canine guests (and day boarders can enjoy these facilities too).

So what does the future hold for this conscientious business? Naturally, the answer is a cattery which is due to be up and running by the Spring 2017. There will be five cat pods but with



flexibility for multiple cats from the same family to be able to stay together. Everything will, of course, be up to scratch.

To contact: 01473 738169 www.king-kennels.co.uk

Amanda Cooper



PICTURE PERFECT

Carrie Herries has been in business with Hallo Cards for 30 years working from her Grundisburgh studio. During this time she has faced many challenges, such as the dramatic decline of shops and galleries on the high street in the recent economic climate. As a result there has been a complete rethink of marketing strategy. This has not been easy but Carrie and her husband Rupert have worked steadily to rebuild the local market by supplying cards to farm shops and new retailers, as well as direct to the public at the monthly Bawdsey market and online at www.hallocards.com. They have also staged events in popular tourist locations like Southwold and Walberswick; last year Williams Stores in Grundisburgh did very well on sales in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

Inspiration

Many of Carrie's ideas and designs come from her own imagination. Inspiration also comes from constantly observing life and particularly humorous moments as they happen and which are recorded in her sketchbook. A work in progress shows a group of ice-skaters with Santa finding time to join in and have fun whilst his reindeer look on. Often something stays in her head for years and re-emerges unexpectedly fully formed as a design. The aspect Carrie enjoys most is making things happen by following through her own ideas and initiatives. Also seeing people enjoying her work and the satisfaction that they are sending Hallo Cards to friends and relatives across the world.



Carrie works in many media and particularly enjoys pen and ink with coloured wash which translates well into print. Gouache, oil paint, watercolour and coloured pencils are also used. Hallo Cards were originally silk-screen printed using hand-cut stencils, creating a unique style which still proves popular. Carrie normally begins by drawing doodles and sketches which are then developed into finished designs. She then passes these on to her husband who prepares them ready for digital printing. She also reproduces her paintings as cards, many of which are local land and seascapes.

Moving ahead

When asked if there were any plans for expansion, Carrie said that things have changed so dramatically that they are looking for new ways to publicise their products. This means updating and re-designing their web-site with the help of their son Lewis.

Despite the growth of social media and the decline in letter writing, people still enjoy sending greetings cards. As Hallo Cards are blank inside it provides the space for a personal message and an opportunity to keep in touch in a joyful and positive way - which is great news for the business.

Jenness Proctor



J20 ? - no, JMO

Jubilee Year and, to honour that thought, the 'Jubilee Field' became a new and distinct part of Bredfield. Bought by the parish council in 2013 with money from sponsorship from Viridor and others, including SCDC, Adnams and Bredfield Charitable Trust, this was a brand-new venture for the whole population of our small village and a new way of thinking.

This was extra space provided with people in mind: what did we each want to achieve? How could we make it suitable for everyone to enjoy in their own ways? And also make something of it for the village 'as a whole'? A lot of thinking and a great deal of talking - just a marvellous way for people to get to know each other better and to choose ways forward which could meet some, if not all, of the answers.

Core features

There were plenty of different ideas from every direction - and none any 'better' than the others: so it was decided that two main benefits should be gained from the field: the chance to develop a wildflower meadow and to plant a fruit orchard in the traditional Suffolk way. So you can see exactly how the name became the JMO - the Jubilee Meadow and Orchard - and why it's shortened all the time! The Wildflower meadow was already in evidence, and establishing well as the field had not been cultivated fully for many years. From the

very beginning we have had wonderful help from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust - professional advisors on every subject and a personal Community Leader for events for the first two seasons. (We miss her even now!).

On 1 March 2014 we planted our traditional orchard trees - each sponsored (but not owned) by local families. Again we had enormous amounts of energetic advice on grafting, planting and choosing our trees - this time from the Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group - led famously by Paul Read. When mature, the trees will be of a great height and give good shade for picnics but just now they are youngsters so we



Above: press coverage - bringing fruit into the gazebo for the squeeze; below: Vincent Buckman hard at work.



have a long time to wait. To to keep ourselves busy we have interplanted with dwarf fruit trees which are doing really well and which will give us fruit in only a few years' time.

Bats and botany

This year, we had a wildflower lesson from botanist Stephen Massey - a lovely walk on a perfect June evening; a bat evening - learning about the different species and the rescue charity caring for all bats. And in October, a Juicing Day - an experimental afternoon when residents brought their own

garden fruits, used the chopper and pressing machines and took home bottles of delicious juices - mostly mixed apple with pear. 2016 was declared

a wonderful 'Vintage'!

So the future looks bright: we have plenty of regular work to do and much fund-raising to achieve - but the prospect that one day there will be such a harvest to gather and to share is a delightful one and so true to Suffolk and its values. Next on my Agenda is to start to ask neighbouring villages what they feel about creating a 'co-operative' of local orchards so that we can begin to share our thoughts, hopes and one day - big chopping and juicing machines..... to match the size of the harvests!

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Tough Times!

Grundisburgh FC are having a difficult season so far along with many other clubs in local football, mainly due to lack of commitment from players, so much so that we have had to withdraw our Reserve side from the league, leaving just the 1st Team.

The 1st Team have only managed to secure one win so far this season and currently sit bottom of the senior division, a very unusual situation for the club as for many years we have been one

of the most successful sides in the league. If anyone is interested in playing football at a senior level then please don't hesitate to get in touch. Training is every Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Playing Field, please feel free to come along.

Off the pitch the committee, and friends of the football club, are still working extremely hard to keep the club going and as usual are always on the look out for willing volunteers. We look forward to better times.

Jon Trenter 01473 735377



for them at the beginning of the 2016 season. Then half way through he was signed up by Ipswich Witches as well - something he had dreamed of since childhood.

The Witches were lingering at the bottom of their league but, after Joe joined, they were unbeaten for weeks and moved rapidly upwards, reaching the semi-finals.

Belle Vue is in the top division, one above Ipswich, and were only beaten in the finals.

"Since I returned to the sport I have been enjoying my

racing and have a better mental approach" Joe says.

Now Joe is returning to Australia for part of the winter to race and to enjoy himself. Next season he has his eyes on Poland which has a well developed speedway set-up.

But without all the help and support he gets from friends, mechanics and sponsors, none of this would be possible, Joe stresses. "This is not something you could do on your own". His progress can be followed on his website Joe Jacobs Racing, and on Twitter and Facebook.

Joe spent his childhood in Burgh and Grundisburgh but now lives in Woodbridge.

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Witches fly - thanks to Joe

The News has been following the career of Joe Jacobs on the speedway track for some years. This went on hold in 2015 when he took the year out of the sport to consider his future - but when he was asked to 'mechanic' for a friend, Joe realized how much he missed speedway.

The big break back came when Belle Vue Aces based in Manchester asked him to ride

Spoilsports:

Scores of Grundisburgh children were out enjoying themselves on Hallowe'en but the occasion was marred for some when at least two pumpkin lanterns were stolen and one vandalised. We hope it won't happen next year.

Steve Sim



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Last year, we were privy to some of Santa's secrets from his grotto: this year, he is in a more reflective mood (it's his age, you know).

It was over for another year! The rounds had been done and only three parcels were left over. I had recuperated and the reindeer were finishing off the carrots. As tradition demanded, I called in all my helpers and they sat around the big oak table chewing on a miscellany of mince pies and quaffing goblets of noggin. It was time to read out the 'thank you' letters from the grateful little children. There were nine: I opened the first one and read aloud:

"Dear Sir or Madam,

Last year we gave you a special dispensation regarding the absence of 'hi-viz' jackets for you and for your transport system with the dangerous

protruding antlers. This year, you were spotted on many occasions standing, upright, on a roof with no safety harness, no helmet and no goggles. Please desist immediately or there could be serious repercussions.

Lapland Elf and Safety"

I sighed. All these years and I haven't fallen on anyone yet.

I was sure the next letter would be better. It read:

"Cher Papa Noel,

You should be aware that if there's a vote for Brexit, once Article 50 has been signed, we could introduce tariffs for all deliveries in the Eurozone made by a non-EU citizen.

Commission of the European Union"

"Not a good start", I thought but the next will be from Amy, that sweet, innocent little girl I met.

"Dear Mr Claus,

You are required to make the following return to show how many of your helpers have the correct work permits for this type of undertaking".....

This was getting rather tedious and I skim-read the next few letters

"RSPCA – leaving wild animals unattended on the highway....."

"Save the Planet! Help eradicate Global Warming. Invest in an electric powered sleigh. Half way around the world on one charge! Cut out the exhaust fumes!"

At least there were no parking fines this year. And then I found that letter!

"Aha!" I exclaimed. It read:

"Dear Father Christmas,

Thank you very, very much for my Christmas present. I really, really, really wanted a little baby sister for Christmas and you brought me one!

Loads of love,

Amy"

That one letter wiped out all disappointment of the others. My little helpers cheered, had another swig of noggin and set about starting the whole round again.

Santa Claus

IN THE REAL WORLD...



Rev Clare Sanders blessing the 142 shoeboxes packed by the volunteers organised by Jenny Taylor (see also picture on p.15).

photos: Peter Kendall, Barbara Waltham

On 10 November Rev Clare Sanders blessed the 142 shoeboxes that Jenny Taylor and her volunteers had filled the previous day at the parish room (see also Scout news on p. 15). The gifts in the boxes were donated by local people to send to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child so that children who may otherwise get nothing would receive a gift at Christmas.



The GSO in concert at the village hall this year.

Good news, too, for the Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra: they have been awarded a grant from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation to enable them to buy a professional upright piano for the village hall and to fund other instruments and musical tuition for each section. The aim is to make the orchestra a sustainable resource for the whole community. It will foster a love of orchestral music, increase its accessibility and affordability and inspire the next generation of musicians, whatever their age, background or ability.

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