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TOP CYCLISTS RACING THROUGH OUR VILLAGES

The prestigious Tour of Britain cycle race, which covers routes across England, Scotland and Wales, is coming to Suffolk in September and through several of The News villages. About 100 of the world's best riders will be cycling head-to-head through Charsfield, Debach, Clopton, Grundisburgh, Culpho and Tuddenham when Stage Six of the tour takes place entirely in Suffolk on Friday 8 September.

Starting in Newmarket at 10.30am, the 183-kilometre stage will pass along the B1078 at the edge of Charsfield and Debach before turning onto the B1079 through Clopton. The lead cars are anticipated to arrive at Charsfield at 1.29pm and Clopton by 1.39pm (although these times are provisional and subject to change).

Grundisburgh will be a fantastic spot to watch the action, with the cyclists speeding along Woodbridge Road past The Green and up Rose Hill to Ipswich Road at around 1.57pm.

On to Culpho

After Grundisburgh, the tour will continue to Culpho, with the lead cars due at around 1.45pm and then through to Tuddenham St Martin before heading onto the outskirts of Ipswich and round to Kesgrave for the last of the three sprints in the stage. The

route turns off towards Little Bealings along Hall Road before heading right through Woodbridge and out to Snape (with the only 'hill' on the route that was safe enough to use for the King of the Mountain points!) before finishing in Aldeburgh at around 3pm.

Spectators will get a chance to get their face on the TV with the last three hours of the race covered live on ITV4 (approximately 1-4pm) and highlights broadcast later.

Suffolk Coastal District Council is hoping that young people watching the race will be inspired to take up cycling and are offering free cycling sessions in the autumn term for Years 5 and 6 pupils in each primary school along the route. It wants to use the

momentum of the race to encourage as many people as possible to take up cycling.

The full provisional 96-rider list will be published at about 10am on Friday 8 September and more information on the Suffolk stage can be found on <http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-six/>.

More about plans to mark the occasion in Grundisburgh are included on page 16.

Tanya Fosdick



From top: Prize winning flower arrangement at Grundisburgh Village Show.

A Sumo wrestling challenge at Charsfest.

The Wizard of Oz characters won Amy Potter first prize in Charsfield's scarecrow competition.

More about summer activities around the News' villages featured inside.



News Diary

AUGUST

Monday 28

Fun Day & Car Boot

Grundisburgh Football Club
GrPF 2pm - 5pm Contact
735377

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1

Ashbocking Coffee Morning

10 Nelson Close 10.30am
Contact 890836

Saturday 2

St Mary's Grundisburgh

Church Fete GrVG 2pm
Contact 735953 or 738066

Saturday 2

Safari Supper Tuddenham

7pm PBE Contact 784545

Sunday 3

GADS Pantomime Auditions

Children 10.30am Adults 2pm
GrVH Contact 01394 446056

Monday 4

Plants for the Herbaceous

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

Tuesday 5

Baby Cafe GrPR 9am Contact
735183

Thursday 7

Harvest Supper and Punch

& Judy Grundisburgh WI
BCR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 8

An Evening of Words, Song

and Dance Annesley Hall
Great Bealings 6.45pm PBE
Contact nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10

Festival of Creative Arts and

Crafts St Mary's Church
Great Bealings Saturday 9am -
5pm Sunday 10am - 5pm
Contact 738312
nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Tuesday 12

Suffolk Cheeses

Tuddenham
WI Tuddenham VH 7.30pm
Contact 785368

Thursday 14

Craft Group

GrPR 9.30am
Contact 735517

Friday 15

Fish and Chip Quiz

Charsfield Village Hall 7pm
Contact 737701

Tuesday 19

The Treasures of

Christchurch Mansion

Grundisburgh Local History

Society GrPR 7.45pm Contact
738195

Thursday 21

Portrait of the River Alde

Talk by Chris Parfitt Hasketon
WI Victory Hall 7.15pm
Contact 735579

Saturday 23

Macmillan Coffee Morning

9 Post Mill Gardens Gr 9am
Contact 738507

Sunday 24

Harvest Festival and Lunch

Tuddenham VH 12.30pm
Contact 784545

Friday 29

Grundisburgh, Burgh and

Culpho Horticultural Society

AGM GrPR 7.30pm Contact
738997

Saturday 30

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuddenham WI Fynn Valley
Farm 10am Contact 785368

Saturday 30

Car Boot Sale

Grundisburgh
Football Club GrPF 8am -
12noon Contact 735377

OCTOBER

Monday 2

Jane Austen's Gardens

Otley
& District Gardening Club
Otley VH 7.30pm Contact
890563

Tuesday 3

Baby Cafe

GrPR 9am Contact
735183

Thursday 5

Members Meeting

Grundisburgh WI BCR
7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 6

Grundisburgh Village Quiz

Gr School 7 for 7.30 PBE
Contact 738831

Saturday 7

Swiland Coffee Morning

7 High Road Contact 785716

Saturday 7

St Mary's Gr Coffee

Morning GrPR 10.30am
Contact 735775

Tuesday 10

Suffolk Chapter & Verse

Tuddenham WI Tuddenham
VH 7.30pm Contact 735368

Sunday 15

The Big Breakfast

Charsfield
VH 9am Contact 737701

Tuesday 17

The Campaign in Ipswich

for Votes for Women

Talk by
Joy Bounds Grundisburgh
Local History Society GrPR
7.45pm Contact 738195

Thursday 19

Craft Group

GrPR 9.30am
Contact 735517

Thursday 19

Christmas Folding Cards

Demonstration by Ann
Wilding Hasketon WI Victory
Hall 7.15pm Contact 735579

NOVEMBER

Thursday2

AGM/Beetle Drive

Grundisburgh WI BCR
7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 3

Ashbocking Coffee Morning

Hawthorns, The Green
10.30am Contact 890836

Saturday 4

Fireworks Display

1st
Grundisburgh Scouts GrPF
4.30pm Contact 735352

Saturday 4

St Mary's Grundisburgh

Coffee Morning

GrPR
10.30am Contact 735775

Monday 6

Sir Cedric Morris - Iris

Breeder, Gardener and

Artist

Otley & District
Gardening Club Otley VH
7.30pm Contact 890563

Tuesday 7

Baby Cafe

GrPR 9am Contact
735183

Thursday 16

Craft Group

Gr PR 9.30am
Contact 735517

Thursday 16

AGM and Bring and Share

Supper Hasketon WI Victory
Hall 7.15pm Contact 735579

Saturday 18

AGM with Film Southwold

Past and Present and Buffet

Supper Grundisburgh Local
History Society GrVH 7pm
Contact 738195

Saturday 25

Advent Coffee Morning

Tuddenham VH 10am Contact
784545

DECEMBER

Friday 1

Ashbocking Coffee Morning

1 Nelson Close 10.30am
Contact 890836

Saturday 2

St Mary's Grundisburgh

Coffee Morning

GrPR
10.30am Contact 735775

Monday 4

Christmas Gardening Quiz

with Matthew Tanton Brown
Otley & District Gardening
Club Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 890563

Tuesday 5

Baby Cafe

GrPR 9am Contact
735183

Thursday 7

Kesgrave Singers

Grundisburgh WI BCR
7.30pm contact 735838

Tuesday 12

Christmas Sing Song

Tuddenham WI Tuddenham
VH 7.30pm Contact 735368

Tuesday 12

Silk - from China to the

border of Suffolk and Essex

Grundisburgh Local History
Society GrPR 7.45pm Contact
738195

Thursday 21

Craft Group

GrPR 9.30 am
Contact 735517

Sunday 31

New Years Eve Barn Dance

Clopton VH 7.30pm Contact
737417

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 November for the next issue
to Ingrid McIvor, 21 Thomas
Walls' Close Grundisburgh
IP13 6XB, or
diary@grunews.com
Please indicate if tickets must
be bought in advance.

**The diary is designed to
promote events and to help
organisers avoid clashes
when planning. Details can
be sent up to a year ahead
for the website diary.**

A festival of arts & crafts in Great Bealings

St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, is currently clad in scaffolding and corrugated iron. £80,000 of re-roofing work (mostly funded by grants but with some match funding by the Friends) should have been completed several weeks ago, but the discovery of bats has put the work on hold until the autumn.

The scaffolding is unsightly but does give visual evidence of the challenges of maintaining a cherished ancient building!

Undaunted by the rather unattractive appearance of the outside, the Friends of Great Bealings Church are hosting an arts and crafts festival at the church in Hall Farm Road during the weekend of 9/10 September. It will be open from 9am on the Saturday - to coincide with the Historic Churches Cycle Ride (a good opportunity for the cyclists to make a detour!) - to 5pm, and from 10am to 5pm on the Sunday.

Launch evening

There will also be a launch evening of words, song and dance on the 8th from 6.45pm until 10pm at Annesley Hall. This will include a performance by Elena Dumcheva of Khaita modern Tibetan dances, popular and classic songs sung by Nick Feldman, and renditions of Dickens by Laurie Werber.

Launch evening tickets (£10) must be purchased in advance (nhp@rillcott.co.uk).

The festival aims to show the artistic diversity and talent that lies, often unpromoted and unknown, in one small Suffolk village.

There will be a wide range of displays including: paintings, photographs, wood carving, jewellery, embroidery, walking sticks, bags, fruit and vegetables and

On Sunday at 5.30, to close the festival, there will be a special church service of reflection and refreshment on the theme of 'Creation and Creativity' which will offer an opportunity for quiet contemplation and discussion. All are welcome, regardless of religious inclination or commitment.

*Sue Prentice, chair,
Friends of Great Bealings Church,
sueprentice@btinternet.com,
01473 738312.*



Left: Watercolour by Bridget Lapsley, tutor at the painting and drawing masterclass which takes place on the Sunday from 2-4pm. Professional musicians Farran Scott (Violin) and Clara Charlesworth (Flute) who will be performing on the Saturday at 3.30pm.

Ride and Stride

The annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride event takes place on Saturday 9 September. Participants are encouraged to find sponsors and to walk or cycle to as many churches as possible to raise money for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. Sponsorship forms are available in many churches. Visit shct.org.uk for more information.

Calling pirates to the church fete

Grundisburgh Green and St Mary's churchyard are the venue for the annual church fete on Saturday 2 September.

New this year is a fancy dress competition when all young pirates are invited to win a treasure chest. Entry is free but

registrations will be needed by 2.30pm that afternoon. Other attractions will include a grand draw, a bargain hunt, lots of games, Zip wire rides for teddies and dolls, refreshments and cakes

Donations to the stalls are most welcome. For more information please contact Jenny and Mike Taylor 01473 738066 or Anne and John Ledgley 01473 735953.

Inter group quiz

Grundisburgh's annual village quiz, the hard fought battle between different local organisations, will be taking place on Friday 6 October.

I will be contacting all village groups shortly to invite them to take part. The contest takes place in Grundisburgh Primary School, 7 for 7.30pm. The bar and raffle will be run in aid of St Mary's Church and FOGS.

Ann Willetts 01473 738831

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Top: Phil & Kate Hatch, Gina Wilden and Lynne Bonehill (photo Jean Ellinor who also contributed the article).
Below: Jean Ellinor (alias Dee Sypher) being questioned by the Cutting Garden Crew (photo Gina Wilden).

AROUND THE LOCALS

Murder? It's a mystery!

The **Moon & Mushroom** pub at Swilland runs murder mystery evenings - which include a three course meal. The next one planned for 28 October will be set in a 'hotel in Transylvania where the vampire slayers' meet and is already getting booked.

On a Saturday in July guests were transported back to the 1930s for 'Murder on the Disorientated Express'. Train passenger Werner Von Black had been found dead in his compartment. The other passengers, Herr Cutz, Ivan Ego, Sigmund Freud, Kiki De Legs, Heidi Evidence and Dee Sypher, were all quizzed as to their involvement.

The winning team was the Cutting Garden Crew from Ipswich and the prize for the best costume went to Gina Wilden.

This was the eighth of the popular murder mystery dinner evenings at the pub. A 'GREASE' evening is being

staged on 2 September. Participants are encouraged to dress in keeping, with a prize for the winning outfit. The cost of £10 per head includes a cocktail and buffet. Details of all activities from moonandmushroom@gmail.com or 01473 785320.

The Grundisburgh Dog will be holding its summer craft beer and ale festival over the bank holiday weekend of 25 to 28 August. There will be live music from The Outlines, American style barbecues, wood fired pizzas, ten cask ales, ten rotating keg craft beers and a gin menu.

The community lunch at Otley's **White Hart** has celebrated its first birthday with jelly and ice cream, and some 25 people enjoying a chat, catch up and slap up grub. The lunch, open to anyone living in Otley and surrounding villages, is held on the fourth Thursday of the month and costs £6 for two courses. Phone 01473 890312 for more details.

Auditions for Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society 'French' panto

As the seasons change and the leaves start to fall, we arrive at that special time of year when Grundisburgh will be full of people in daft, wacky, ill-fitting, colourful clothes, doing their best to entertain all those who come to see them. It's GADS panto time!

Yes, it's time to get out the padded bra and brush off the cheesy old gags...and this year

they'll have a hint of brie about them we'll be going across La Manche (that's the English Channel to you and me) to visit our French neighbours to tell the story of The Three Musketeers.

This famous tale, originally by Dumas, has been given the full pantomime treatment by Hilary Mackelden. In charge of the cast and crew this time will be co-directors Judith Bignell and Dave Brown, making his directing

debut...bon chance Dave! Auditions will be taking place at the Grundisburgh Village Hall on Sunday 3 September. Children's auditions start at 10.30am and adults will begin at 2pm. It's open to all...come along and have a go. All for one and one for all! The script can be viewed at lazybeescripts.co.uk.

We'd like to thank everybody who came along to see our spring play 'What I did at school today'. As well as

playing a role herself, the director Charlotte Crown (below left) brought out the best in the cast and judging by the laughter, all who came had a great time.

As always, a lot of hard graft goes into putting these shows together so a big thank you goes out to all involved, especially those who served up the fantastic ploughmen lunches in the interval ...bootiful!

Words Ian Frost, photos Peter Kendall



UPDATE ON THE EAST ANGLIA ONE PROJECT

After several years of planning, the East Anglia ONE project is under way in our area. In May and June, we had a flurry of complicated road-closure notices with an ever-changing schedule. In the end, the work to construct passing places on our roads was carried out efficiently – albeit with some interesting variations on road-closed signage.

The project plant and materials depot on Playford Mount appeared almost overnight and now has a rather smart tarmac entrance.



The section opposite Culpho Hall, showing the archaeological survey area.

Archaeological surveys

Along the pipeline route, topsoil has been stripped back and in some places, there is a small army of workers beavering away with wheelbarrows, shovels, and garden hoes. Just for reassurance, these people are not digging the trenches for the pipeline; they are part of the team carrying out archaeological surveys that are required prior to start of the construction phase.

The archaeological survey areas within Playford, Culpho and Tuddenham are being worked and there is a temporary access entrance off the road between Culpho and Tuddenham. When the surveys are complete, these access points (as I understand it!) will be closed and the access area reinstated.

HGV traffic increasing

We do not have a date when the HGV traffic to Playford Mount depot via Grundisburgh and Culpho will start in earnest but from observation, there are more HGVs accessing the depot and this will increase through the autumn. The project HGVs are expressly forbidden to use routes through Great Bealings and Playford villages due to the narrow roads.

The project is keen to work with the local parishes and they have appointed a project liaison manager who is in contact with the parish clerks.

If you have any specific questions or issues you wish to raise regarding the project, please refer these to your parish clerk.

Words & photo John Lapsley, Councillor, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council, johnlapsley@hotmail.com 01473 738 008

The Scar on the Oak

Andrea Keyland been researching the true story of a young fighter pilot who lost his life when his English Electric Lightning aircraft crashed into a ploughed field between Otley and Helmingham on 5 January 1966, finally coming to rest in the garden of Oak Cottage. The 'scar on the oak' is still visible today along the side of the road. Andrea has produced a booklet telling the story of what happened on that fateful day and background of what Flying Officer Law was like as a person. Copies can be ordered from her at akeyland@gmail.com or 07908 039438 for £4.95 including postage and packing.



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PERSONAL PASSIONS



Alternative treatments for cancer care

Since 'Caring for me' was first featured in The News, soon after Grundisburgh residents Corinne and Terri Peacock set up the service in 2009, over 160 people have been helped.

Terri had been diagnosed with cancer aged 18 and as a result of their family's experiences they decided to fundraise for complementary therapies to help others cope with the effects of cancer treatments including chemotherapy, radiotherapy or surgery.

Since then Terri has made a complete recovery and the service has gone from strength to strength. It has funded over 720 therapy sessions at the Complementary Health Centre

in Woodbridge. Patients are offered six free treatments of their choice and can choose from Aromatherapy massage, Reflexology, Acupuncture, Homeopathy, Nutritional therapy or Counselling – or a combination –

depending on which they feel they would benefit from most.

Caring for me now collaborates with the wonderful local charity Cancer Campaign in Suffolk and is known as CCiS Community Complementary Therapy – Caring for me.

Recently they became one of three projects to receive funding from the very successful high profile Suffolk organisation Art for Cure which has raised many thousands of pounds for research and local cancer services through its art exhibitions.

Corinne and Terri have recently launched a new website with details about what they offer: www.caringforme.org.uk

Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Jessie Lee

Epilepsy Awareness

Making more people aware of the dangers of sudden death from epilepsy has been Linda Wilton's passion since she lost her son Alan two years ago. He was 30 and she feels that, if she had been more aware, she might have been able to save him.

Linda is a strong supporter of SUDEP - Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. Even the back ledge of her car promotes awareness with information posters about the dangers faced by people with epilepsy who are otherwise healthy.

Together with a friend who has also lost a loved one to SUDEP she will be spreading the word at the Kesgrave branch of Tesco on 6 October.

"If we can make just one more person aware of SUDEP it could stop one more person losing a life, and turning our loss into a positive by making them aware" Linda says. "We knew nothing about SUDEP



Linda by her message bearing car.

until it was to late".

Linda lives in Clopon with her husband Kevin. She works as a domestic cleaner and is a familiar sight around News' villages in her very pink decorated car. She says she has as many regular customers as she can cope with at present but always enjoys the challenge of doing one-off cleans when people find their homes are in need of some TLC.

She can be contacted on linwilt@outlook.com, 0739753362.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall

Dance

Passionate about dance since the age of four when she started lessons in her native South Africa, Teresa Jay became champion dancer there eight times. She is an examiner for the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and now lives in Little Bealings where she runs a number of dance based classes.

A new series of her 'Strictly Dance Fitness' courses starts there on 7 September on Thursday evenings. She also runs Ballroom and Latin American classes on a Tuesday evening and a social/practice evening on the third Saturday of the month.

Teresa can be contacted on 07929 310480, www.teresajay1@gmail.com

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PERSONAL PASSIONS

FOR FLOWER ARRANGING

Arranging flowers has been a passion for Pat Fletcher for many years. It started after she went to flower arranging classes and found it was something she really enjoyed. She particularly loves having a large assortment of flowers and letting them build a picture for her.

Pat has been involved in flower arranging at St Mary's in Grundisburgh for around 30 years now, first while she and Robert lived near Otley College and now in Post Mill Gardens. Having a very small garden and bungalow doesn't give Pat enough scope to follow her hobby at home - and so the church provides the perfect challenge for her talents. She finds it is a joy to do arrangements in church and a way of saying thank you for what she has.

Hoping for more

She took over as coordinator of flower arranging at St Mary's from Pat Polley some five years ago. She currently has a team of about ten. "We could always do with more" she says "We are very happy to help people who want to have a go but haven't had flower arranging experience".

The arrangers decorate the church for significant events in the church calendar; sometimes they are asked to decorate the church for weddings and from time to time they mount flower festivals there to raise money for the church.

Two festivals

This summer they have been responsible for two festivals - one in the Grundisburgh church itself and the other in the 'church in the fields' - St Michael and All Angels at Boulge.

The Grundisburgh festival was planned to co-incide with the horticultural society's Hidden Gardens weekend in mid June and its theme was gardens and gardening; there was a sensory garden, a seaside garden, a

Japanese dry garden, Sissinghurst White Garden - and many others. Pat was responsible for three.

At the foot of the pulpit Pat and Robert (her 'mechanics man') created a rock garden, including a waterfall made from lino tiles and clingfilm, and rock plants kindly donated by Katie's Garden Nursery.

Secret garden

The 'secret garden' on one of the north window ledges was Pat's highly praised second contribution. Here, too, was some family support with Robert enlarging her photo of a garden wall for the backdrop and her son creating an urn by 3D printing to sit in front of the wall. Her third was a 'garden border'.

The festival was highly praised by visitors. There was generous sponsorship to pay for the flowers, and £550 was raised for church funds over the three days.

The festival of summer flowers in Boulge later in June was equally well received; again generous sponsors paid for the flowers and visitors contributed a very welcome £560 towards the upkeep of this tiny church.

Dedications

The flower arrangements were dedicated to people who had been involved with the church. Pat's altar arrangement (above left) was in memory of Dick Snelling who as a Reader had taken services at Boulge.

The window decoration (above right), arranged by Sue Parr and Monica Brewer, was dedicated to Pam Cutter who had served as a hard working member of the parochial church council.

Words Nicola Hobbs,
photos Peter Kendall



.... and for Fairtrade

Another close thing to Pat's heart (apart from family) is selling Fairtrade goods from Traidcraft.

"These goods - soap, chocolate, bamboo socks, gifts and much more - help people around the world to transform their lives" she says. "Traidcraft helps people to help themselves by giving training, supplying loans, forming co-ops, and to earn a regular income to keep families fed, children educated and medical care available."

Pat has stalls in St. Mary's church on the first Sunday and second Sunday at 12 after morning service and at the coffee morning in Grundisburgh Parish Room on first Saturday of the month. Catalogues are always in the church and Pat will be at the fete on 2 September. She can be contacted on 01473 735775.

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1st Grundisburgh Brownies and Guides branching out

Starting in September 1st Grundisburgh Guides will have a new senior section. This is for the girls to move up to after finishing Guides at age 14 until age 25. This will be held at the same time as Guides (Tuesday evenings, during term time) but on a fortnightly basis, at Grundisburgh Primary School, from 7pm to 8.45pm. Anyone between 14 and 25 is welcome to join, even if they have not been involved with guiding before - so please contact me for more information.

We would dearly like be able to open a 'Rainbow Unit' for girls from the ages of 5-7. This would mean we would be able to cater for all girls from the ages of 5 to 25! We are looking for two people who might be interested in starting up a Rainbow Unit, with the support of the current Brownie and Guide leaders.

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, getting in touch with nature and playing games - it's all about learning by doing. It follows a diverse engaging programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

Anyone who would like to find out more please either

contact Kate Adams (01473 738144) or myself 01473 735044, deb290478@hotmail.co.uk.

Guides and Brownies had a very busy summer term which included a very hands-on visit from the fire brigade (photo below). The girls were given a 'what to do in case of a fire' lesson, the opportunity to use the hoses on the fire engine, which became a very wet experience for some! They also got to try on the fire officers' uniform and explore the fire engine.

We took part in the Monopoly Challenge jointly with the Scouts. This was a very successful camp where the girls were split into small teams and sent out to find all the places on a 'Grundisburgh' monopoly board. Then followed by a campfire and games.

Among other activities undertaken, the Guides did their First Aid qualification over two weeks and so they are now all qualified first aiders, including CPR for adults and babies. The Brownies looked at disabilities and learnt some British Sign Language. They also took part in the 'disability' Olympics where they had to tackle various sports and events with a temporary disability such as a blindfold or without using their legs!

Debbie Richards,



The ducks set off down the stream across Grundisburgh Green.

Report from Grundisburgh Scouts

What fantastic weather for our Duck Race in June – we sold all the remaining tickets. We had a marvellous crowd who enjoyed the BBQ, ice-creams, refreshments, stalls, raffle and 2,000 ducks swimming down the stream. Thanks go to all the prize sponsors, our leaders, Kesgrave Scout Group, parents and everyone who helped us make an amazing £2,654 towards a new HQ. Thanks also to Mhyrsini who sold 130 tickets, Mathilda 96, Williams Stores 95 and Livvy 50 – incredible achievements!

Awards

In April at the St. George's Day Service Archie Adams our Cub Leader was presented with the Chief Scouts Commendation for Good Service; he has been with the group over 10 years. I was presented with a Merit Award and medal for 25 years' service.

Challenge' and got very damp playing 'Wet Games'!

Cubs have taken part in the district air rifles night, an incident hike with sleepover at the hut, older Cubs went with Scouts on a 13 mile expedition challenge hike and they joined Beavers, Scouts, Brownies and Guides in the Monopoly Challenge.

Scouts took part in district air rifles, helped to clean the village stream, went on cycle camp from Norfolk down to Suffolk, joined the 'Monopoly Challenge' and in August will be at 'MOOT 6 Suffolk' being held at Bentwaters.

Explorers did their own Monopoly Challenge round Woodbridge, played Crazy Golf at Ufford, went 'Crabbing' at Waldringfield, they also helped to clean the Village Stream, went on Cycle Camp, hiked from Waldringfield to Felixstowe and will be at 'MOOT 6 Camp'.

We only have six adult leaders but with nearly 70 young members over four sections we are a bit 'stretched' if a leader is unable to attend. According to rules there should be two leaders at each section night, so if you are interested in helping us, please do not hesitate!

Our last report was not printed so if you would like a copy give me a call. Our Xmas Card Scheme made £201 not £20 as shown earlier.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Beaver Assistant 01473 735352
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk



Our archery team had amazing success in the National Finals in May gaining 24 medals and 11 cups/shields. Beavers have visited the Police Museum, hiked to Little Bealings, celebrated 4th July American Independence Day, taken part in 'Round the Village Monopoly

GETTING MESSY FOR CHURCH

Some of the churches in the Area – those in the Carlford Benefice – have been running bi monthly 'Messy Church' events in our village halls this year.

Messy Church is a style of church service, but with a twist, in that, yes it gets (a bit) Messy. We do have a bible story and sing some songs, but we also have a range of

activities for young people and their parents/carers to enjoy together.

In January, we had a Messy Christingle in Grundisburgh and yes we made the Christingle oranges and also stained glass windows.

On Good Friday in Otley we were literally cooking on fire and making wooden crosses. Our last one, in Clopton, was a picnic that involved printing with wet fish and no rules sandwich making.

In September, we are planning a similar event based on a welly walk (only a short walk with tea and activities) and at the end of November we'll have a 'Stir up Messy Church'.

All the Messy Church events end with the chance to sit down and share some food together, often tea with

sandwiches and cakes, but at Easter it was bacon rolls. Messy Church is informal and fun, you are never sitting still for long and there's the chance to mix and chat with other people. It's a great format for parents and carers with children so if you'd like to come to the next one

we'd love to see you..

Details of the next events are published on the new Carlford Churches website (see below) or you can like us on Facebook. We do like to get names and numbers in advance, just so we can get the food right, so if

you'd like to come, please let us know.

Mark Cresswell
on behalf of the Messy Church team

The churches in the Carlford Benefice have a new website and a Facebook page which includes news of the services and events. They also feature photos.
Website
<https://carlfordchurches.org>
Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/CarlfordChurches>



Above: Wendy Gourlay leads a messy Christingle.



Messy Welly Walk?

Why not come on our Messy Welly walk, for adults and children together, involving fun, singing, walking, sharing food and possibly some puddle splashing. Wear your wellies for lots of welly fun (and a short walk with tea afterwards.)

Hasketon Village Hall

Sunday 17th Sept 2017, 3pm to 4.30pm

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Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho's Horticultural Society has just completed a highly successful summer, and now planning for next year gets underway soon.

Our annual general meeting is being held on Friday 29 September in Grundisburgh Parish Room, starting at 7.30pm. We want to canvass ideas and share views, over a glass or two of wine. Everyone is very welcome.

In June we mounted our Hidden Gardens event which brought many visitors to the village and nearly £2,000 income to the society.

The show itself on 15 July was well supported. The number and standard of entries praised by the judges. Large enthusiastic crowds enjoyed the exhibits in the marquee and the wide range of entertainment outside on the playing field.

Our evening garden party in early August, held in the lovely garden of Burgh House by kind permission of Bill and



Primrose Denny Pickess receives the cup for the under-fives section from the Hon Robin Gurdon.



Above: Lady Cranworth at the Patrons reception before the show, with chairman Martin Cripps. Below: Judging the baking.



Jacqui Mayne, raised us getting on for £1,000.

So thanks to our fund raising events and generous support from sponsors and patrons, we are able to cover the high costs of staging the show and start next year in an encouraging position. The show will be on 14 July and other events will be fixed shortly.

Words Martin Cripps, chairman,
01473 738997,
photos Chris Turner and Peter Kendall



Left: The Ipswich Hospital Concert Band entertain. Below: the show 'silverware' waiting to be won. Right: exhibition of swing jive dancing.



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Clockwise from top: Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra conducted by John Richards; Grundisburgh School singers; Gill Twissell, solo singer; Oliver Cavenagh on Trumpet; Flute Cocktail.

Flute debut

Flute Cocktail made its debut performance at MSM 2017. The group started in January and meets in the Baptist Chapel Room, Grundisburgh, on the first Thursday of every month. Led by Sylvia Fairley, a local specialist flute teacher, we play a varied repertoire from classics to light jazz. It's a relaxed atmosphere and we gain satisfaction and enjoyment playing flutes together.

Would you like to join us? Our standard is pretty varied but in the range of grade 3 to 6 ish. To find out more do more contact me.

Liz Binns 01473 738555 /
liz.binns65@gmail.com



MID SUMMER MUSIC 2017

Grundisburgh's fifth festival of music was a all-out success. A large crowd enjoyed the wide range of music, from opera to rock, by local performers throughout the afternoon in warm sunshine - and on into the evening.

Making a second appearance was Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra who had given their first public performance at MSM two years before. The

group Elliotts Remedy, formed after being inspired by the first event in 2009, rounded off MSM 2017 in fine style

"It was a wonderful village occasion and we are very grateful to the Hibbert family for allowing Grundisburgh House gardens to be used again" said Clive Willetts, the chair of the organising committee. The event raised £5,200 for St Mary's Church development fund.

More photos of the occasion, taken by Mark Cresswell, are on the church website:
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Words and photos Nicola Hobbs

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PLAYFORD ART CLUB – VACANCIES IN THE AUTUMN TERM

Established over 40 years ago Playford Art Club has members who range from beginners to experienced artists. We work in a wide range of mediums. Three years ago our tutor retired and since then we have been having guest tutors twice a term.

During the past year these tutors have included Susan Boddy who did two sessions on mixed media and collage. The outcomes were a 'vintage red London bus' (photo 1) and a 'boatyard scene'.

Theronda Hoffman (2) demonstrated a field of poppies and a sunset landscape from which a range of colourful paintings resulted.

Andrew Casey had us posing for quick sketches to enhance our paintings with people in action. (3 and 4).

Recently members reviewed the way forward and as a result we are very fortunate to have Christine Lester to tutor fortnightly beginning in September for one term. She is well known for her animal portraits and is a very accomplished artist as well as an experienced art tutor.



We meet on Thursday mornings, 10 to 12 noon at Playford Village Hall, Butts Road, IP6 9DU. The fee is £25 per 11 week term. Half-terms coincide with school holidays.

During the summer holidays for those members who are brave enough to go public we have one or two plein air sessions painting in a place of interest nearby. Painting outside can feel like a daunting experience partly because an artist has to learn how to capture light and changing weather.

We have a membership of 20 and currently have two vacancies. New members are welcome to visit for a trial session free of charge before deciding if they would like to join. We have some spare painting materials for anyone new to painting which may be used in the first week.

So why not come along and get creative and meet new people. The autumn term starts on Thursday 14 September and runs until 30 November. If interested please contact Mary Spillet, our secretary, on 01394 385295

Jenness Proctor (Chairperson)



Grundisburgh Art Group held another successful exhibition in St Mary's Church over the weekend of 4/5 August with a preview the evening before. The group is tutored by Culpho artist Paul Bruce who runs two classes each week - on a Tuesday morning and on Tuesday evenings. Both of classes currently have vacancies (contact 01473 738265).

Paul also organises art tours and visits to exhibitions for members of the group and their families.



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CHARSFEST 2017 was the best ever attended and raised £1,185 towards the maintenance of the recreation ground. More importantly it brought together all the village organisations and showcased what a lovely friendly village Charsfield is. Thank you to all those who came along and supported us on the day. CHARSFEST 2018 will be on Saturday 26 May so put the date in your forward planner now.

Jan Pedgrift



Charsfest photos were taken by Trevor Boyd. Two more are featured on the front page.



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SUMMER IN TUDDENHAM

After last year's wash-out there was relief at Poplar Farm in Tuddenham when Saturday 10 June dawned bright and clear! The fete had the usual attractions and on a sunny but blustery afternoon was very well attended.

Everyone enjoyed the event and £2,500 was raised for church funds. Thanks to Monica and Bill Pipe for hosting and organising this popular annual event and to everyone who helped out.

Barbecue event

Following the success of TADPOLES variety show in March it was decided to use some of the profits to replace the goal nets at the Village Playing field and then to fund a BBQ on Sunday 16 July for villagers to get together and make use of the facilities.

About 50 adults and children enjoyed hot dogs, sports & a good old chat! There was a very lively game of cricket



with Pauline dominating the batting and also a football kick about with Tolly the dog scoring the winning goal!!

Thanks to Trevor, Liz and Hayden Beckett for organising and to Mike our master chef!

Safari supper

The annual Safari Supper is an ideal opportunity for Tuddenham folk to socialise with their neighbours. This year's supper will take place on Saturday 2 September and the cost is £7.50 per person for food (bring your own drinks). For more information or to book a place call Monica Pipe on 784545.

Photos clockwise from top left: Ice cream sellers Jim Bird and Tim Goulding; Cathy Watson at the fete plant stall; Pauline Proctor at the crease; a little rain didn't dampen barbecue chat!

Words & photos Jean Ellinor



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Otley gardeners wind up busy season

Otley & District Gardening Club's 2016-17 season ended with a busy climax to our activities.

Our first Open Plant Sale, on a damp 4th June evening, was nevertheless very well supported by club members, friends and bargain-hunters from local villages.

Fortified by free tea, coffee and excellent donated home-made cakes, most of the vast array of plants we'd grown for the sale were snapped up in short order. At the end of the evening I took the remaining plants home to offer at the kerbside, in return for donations to Otley Community Council.

Altogether we raised just over £400, a wonderful result for all of the hard work put in,

and we gave a cheque for £70 to the Community Council. A big thank you to all those who made it possible and supported our first sale event.

Bright and early on Saturday 24 June a party of 33 of us boarded a coach on our summer daytrip, this year to the Royal Horticultural Society's Hyde Hall Gardens in Essex. Everyone said they enjoyed their day out in these extensive and varied "dry" gardens.

Our final club 'appearance' for the season was at the Otley



Eager purchasers at the plant sale in the village hall.

Summer Fete on 1 July, where our theme was to focus on getting youngsters interested in taking up gardening. Our Buzzy-Bee guessing-game rewarded two lucky prize-winners, each getting a jolly mini-wheelbarrow packed with a complete starter-kit of gardening 'goodies'.

After our summer break (to do actual hands-on gardening!) we start the new season's meetings on 4 September with a talk on 'Plants for the Herbaceous Border'.

All welcome, contact 01473 890563 for details.

*Alan Trevelyan, Chairman,
Otley & District Gardening Club*

Magnificent setting for Playford Fete brings in the crowds

Playford Village Fête was held on 24 June at Playford Hall by kind permission of the owners, Adrian and Fiona Melrose. The day dawned warm and sunny and drew almost 800 visitors to the event. The magnificent gardens at Playford Hall were also on show to the ticket holders.

Ipswich Community Children's Choir provided excellent entertainment in the early afternoon - this was especially enjoyed by those seated around the refreshment area, partaking of the welcome array of tea and cakes.

The many attractions included a falconry display, tractor

rides, pony rides and a bouncy castle. Sideshows included a bowls competition, tombola, splat the rat and a treasure hunt whilst amongst the raffle prizes was a wheelbarrow of beer, a round of golf for four people and a magnum of Prosecco.

The event raised a total of



£4,600 towards the roof repairs at St Marys Church, Playford.

Marian Hedgley

Photos: Playford Hall; Washing line game (who can hang up a basket of washing the quickest); Fete crowds by the moat.



Frederick Quinton 1927-2017

Fred was born and raised in Grundisburgh and, with his brother Allan, went to the old school at village green until they went to work at 14.

From the age of 12 Fred had worked as a Saturday boy in the garden for Carlton Holmes at Hasketon, where he gained his love for growing fruit, veg and flowers. Through this work Fred made enough money to make regular HP payments and buy a second hand bike. He biked to Hollesley every day to work as site labour for a building company.

At 18 Fred was called up for National Service. Here he gained the love of motor bikes and became a dispatch rider.

When serving Fred met May his "little Yorkie" then aged 16 in Sheffield. They married in 1948, and later were lucky enough to take possession of their first and only home at 36 Orchard End, Grundisburgh, Fred's home for 64 years. In 1954 their son Tony was born.

At some stage during Fred's busy life he resurrected the Coits league, and he and a bus full of locals would travel round the villages for a game.



He worked for the local council as a driver. His favourite job was mechanical sweeper driver.

In his spare time Fred would take Tony and his friends fishing: they didn't catch much but enjoyed each other's company and time together. Losing May in 2006 was a big shock to Fred. They had been married for 58 years.

Fred loved the country way of life and enjoyed the many

activities in Grundisburgh: the lunch club, the men's club and the Lyttleton club and all those people who took the time to be part of his life.

Tony and Olive have been overwhelmed with the many cards they received - all saying what a lovely and much loved man Fred was.

Edited from information supplied by Tony and Olive. A copy of the full tribute is available in Williams and will be published on The News website.

WI REPORTS

We came together on a beautiful sunny evening in June to enjoy a garden party. We were well catered for by our president Barbara King and her husband Noel in their lovely garden.

For our summer outing this year we headed out to Granary Crafts at Buxhall where we were greeted by the proprietor Berice Jordon.

It is a wonderful place to while away an afternoon. We browsed in the gift shop, where most of us were unable to resist a purchase, then spent ages in the museum before finishing with a cup of tea and home made cake in the Tea Room.

The museum houses a marvellous private collection of household bygones, tractors, motor vehicles, and tradesmens' tools of years gone by.

Pip Wright presented us with a fascinating local history lesson in August when he talked to us about the Suffolk parish records of births, marriages and deaths, which in days gone by were kept in the parish chests of churches in our county. Vicars were supposed to record only the basic details of each event, but sometimes they could not resist adding their own notes which makes interesting reading.

For instance, in 1832 it was recorded that the bride had no arms, so the ring was placed on her 4th toe and she signed

the certificate with her foot!

Pip has written many books, which although fiction are all based on true events in Suffolk and paint a picture of social history in Suffolk.

As you can tell, our meetings are varied and interesting. You are most welcome to join us. See News Diary page for details or ring me.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838

Planning briefs

The application for five houses on the site of the builders' yard in Charles Avenue was rejected by Suffolk Coastal District Council on seven grounds. One of these was the loss of employment opportunities within the village.

The retrospective planning application for a woodshed and workshop at the junction of Meeting Lane and Half Moon Lane was turned down by the district council and the owner instructed to remove the building. This has now gone to appeal and a decision is awaited from the Department of the Environment.

Information about all planning applications can be found on the district council's website: eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planningapplications/publicaccess.

Ann Willetts, chairman, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council Planning Committee

Update on new hall

After much research, the steering group has identified 12 grant awarding bodies for which our new village hall is eligible. They include a national waste management company, an EU

rural development programme, and several charitable foundations with a focus on supporting community enterprises, especially village halls.

The potential grants available total over £260,000 and the group will be recommending that the Village Hall Management Committee starts submitting applications next month when the comprehensive business plan is completed.

September will also see the launch of a website for the new village hall which will include regular progress reports, site and floor plans, and projected activities for the whole community.

Peter Kendall, Chair, New Village Hall Steering Group, 01473 738267

Tour of Britain

Continued from page 1

Plans are afoot in Grundisburgh to mark the Tour of Britain. As much bunting as can be mustered will be up to wave along the riders and the church bells will ring out to celebrate the occasion.

Pupils from Grundisburgh Primary School are planning to attend to cheer on the cyclists and refreshments will be available from a tea, coffee soft drinks and cake organised by St Mary's Church, with The Dog intending to run a bar and pizza stall.

The Parish Council is planning a 'village spring clean' before the event to ensure that it is looking its best for spectators and television cameras alike (the competitors themselves will probably be travelling too quickly to notice how spick and span the route is!).



Grundisburgh School says sad farewell to long serving teacher

After 22 years of teaching Reception and Year One Fay Vickerstaff retired from Grundisburgh School at the end of the summer term.

Fay came to Grundisburgh in 1995 and has seen many changes over the years. The most significant one she told me was the move in 2013 to the new classroom in the place where the old swimming pool was. She showed me with pride the beautiful room with the painting area, indoor play area and the outdoor area with the garden where the children love growing things.

Julie Churchyard who has known Fay for many years told me she was a joy to work with.

Ingrid McIvor

As rumours of Mrs Vickerstaff's retirement went round the school playground over the last few years, there was one phrase that I heard repeated over and over again: "As long as she stays for one more year, so that my child has her!" It is one of the biggest accolades for a teacher to have parents wishing that their child's first



It had such a warm and welcoming feel about it and has made the transition from playgroup to school very much easier. She expressed her appreciation of the parents who come in to help with various activities. She also said that she felt that Grundisburgh School was particularly lucky in that it is such an important part of the community.

Headteacher John Lynch told me how helpful Fay was to him when he started six years ago and feeling his way around how the school works. "In her quiet and calm way she has influenced not just the staff and parents, but in particular the children under her care. With every new intake of children her caring way enabled the children to settle in quickly and over the next few months develop and be prepared for moving on to the next year" he said.

year can be spent in their classroom and parents in and around Grundisburgh have been doing just that for the last 22 years!

If you canvass the children you'll know that Mrs Vickerstaff was good at knitting, teaching phonics and putting plasters on scraped knees. But parents also know some other equally important things. We know that she made our children feel happy and safe; that her classroom was a place for our children to grow and flourish in; that she could get any class silent without raising her voice (although most of us will forever wonder how!).

So, what's left to say by us parents. Obviously a huge thank you and our sincere wishes for a retirement full of the things she had no time for whilst caring for our children. Thank you Mrs Vickerstaff.

Christina Poguntke (FOGS)



Cheers! Joan Hercliffe responds to her birthday toast from Lynda Bridges. Below: Gordon Bolton takes on Betty Poyzer at dominos.

Vacancy at the Lunch Club

Grundisburgh Lunch Club meets every other Wednesday in the parish rooms. Lunch comes over from The Dog, after members have had a couple of hours for a chat, games - and, whenever there's a birthday to celebrate, a glass of sherry.

The club was started over 25 years ago, primarily for older people living on their own. Transport is provided by the team of volunteer helpers. Members pay £5 for their lunch.

We currently have a vacancy which we would like to fill. Please contact Sue Harvey, 01728 748085, or myself if you or a family member would be interested.

Lynda Bridges, 01473 73561

Lyttleton Club closing

Sadly, Grundisburgh's other club for older people is to close. When I first re-launched the Golden Club as the Lyttleton Club five years ago, our membership grew to 25 people. But it has since been



dwindling and recent expeditions have had few takers. We are continuing into the autumn and then I hope that individual members may band together and arrange to meet up in each others' homes.

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Grundisburgh bowlers challenging Felixstowe's team in a home match.

Photo Peter Kendall

FREE MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR BOWLERS

Grundisburgh Bowls Club is having a very successful outdoor season this summer. We have won 8 of the 12 friendly matches played against other clubs to the middle of August, and hope this strong performance continues. But we have only 12 of our members able to play regularly, and we need more members to ensure we can continue to play friendly matches next year.

So we are offering free membership and green fees, until the end of this season (early October), for potential new members to try their hand at the sport, and hopefully decide to join us next season. Just bring along some flat-soled shoes to our club roll-ups on Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, and we'll supply the bowls. To take up this offer please contact me.

To ward off the winter blues between outdoor bowls seasons last winter, Grundisburgh members, family and friends enjoyed two extremely tasty supper evenings kindly hosted by Heather and Iain Langdon.

Once the current season had begun on 23 April, club members generously volunteered to give the clubhouse behind the Dog a well needed facelift, including new external doors (thanks to a parish council grant) and painting of the entire clubhouse exterior.

Alan Hill, Club Secretary, 01473 735662

Clean sweep for Grundisburgh Tennis Club

It was a straight sets win for the hard working volunteers at Grundisburgh Tennis Courts in July when they tackled marauding moss, pesky pigeon poo and lacklustre logs to give the courts and tennis hut a much needed face lift. A dozen people braved the heat

and went to work with brooms, buckets and paint brushes. The courts were swept, cleaned and cleared of weeds, the benches were cleaned and painted, and the hut repaired and given a protective coat of barn paint.

The courts look amazing and



the club is delighted to be able to provide such a wonderful amenity to both existing members and the new members who have joined us this year.

You can play as often as you like all year for an annual membership of just £68. Family membership is £115/ Couples membership: £90/ Junior membership: £28. A special summer membership runs to 9 September.

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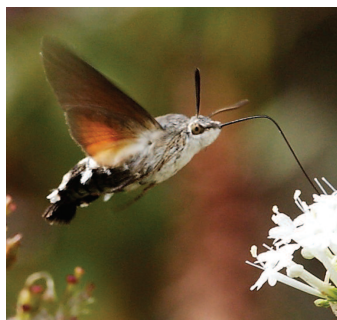
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The News' distribution coordinator Stephen Cooper spotted a Humming Bird Moth briefly on a white Buddleia in his Grundisburgh garden. He gathers this is not unusual, but was amazed at how it flew - just like a hummingbird, not like a moth.

to Grundisburgh Church, including white scented stocks. Some shrubs. Call by when the sign is out or ring 738267. No prices, donations to Send a Cow appreciated.

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Grovel

Our apologies to Charles Loyd who we managed to rename Christopher in the last issue. Charles organised the generous sponsorship by his company Strutt & Parker for Grundisburgh Village Show. Also to Debbie for omitting her name in our tribute to her father Nick Smith.

In both cases we were able to correct the mistakes in our version on the website.

The News needs ... more help!

We always welcome comments and suggestions - but we also need more help to get this paper out. People to follow up and write stories, take good quality photos, check pages before they go to press ... and someone to give the editor back up when needed.

If you think you could lend a hand in some way please contact Nicola (738267) or Richard (735540), editor@grunews.com

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR WILLIAMS STORE

Williams Stores on Grundisburgh Green is a well-loved village shop which the family have owned since 1968. Since then they have seen many changes in Grundisburgh which sadly has included losing all but two of the six local shops.

Rosie, Claire and Di have made a number of alterations in the last six months. They have got rid of the clothing but are still selling wonderful wellies. The drapery room has been repainted and the lovely old fireplace exposed giving the area an air of quaintness. The



Williams sisters, from left, Di, Claire and Rosie.

The most challenging aspect of the business is encouraging people through the door where they will find a huge amount of stock at extremely competitive prices. They are now striving to improve footfall so are planning some interesting new changes to develop the business for the next generation.

An exciting new venture will include a 'pop-

up' tea/coffee shop where customers will be able to relax and enjoy a tea, coffee or soft drink tempted by a lovely slice of homemade cake whilst overlooking the tranquil village green. These will be made by a very well known baker in the village who has a reputation for delicious cakes.

The 'pop-up' will be open for business in the next few weeks. Look out for a sign in the window and on Facebook.

The shop has had a Facebook page for the

last year which regularly updates people with the latest offers and what new stock is in. It regularly shares village events and is happy to sell tickets and promote local talent. For example they have signed copies of Gill Twissell's book "Rest Upon the Wind" available, Adam Gooding's lovely cards

in aid of Riding for the Disabled and of course, the fabulous Hallo Cards by Rupert and Carrie Herries (below right)..

Rosie and Claire welcome you to 'like' their page "Williams Stores" so that they can keep you up-to-date with all the latest news. They would also



shop floor has also been rearranged making it seem more spacious. The shop front will be repaired and repainted too and the main shop floor space will have a coat of paint to give it a fresher feel.

However these are the only 'improvements' that will be made as the Williams sisters definitely do not want to spoil the uniqueness of the shop which customers love.

Williams Stores sells a wide range of products, including gardening, hardware, DIY, fuel and are agents for Calor gas and Danes Launderers. They try to keep a little of everything in stock and if they do not have it they can normally get it quite quickly.



appreciate further feedback to let them know if there are any specific groups or activities anyone would like to see taking place in the 'pop-up' - for example crafts or board games.

Opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm.

Wednesday 9am-1pm.

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