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Safer driving in villages

Arrangements are being made by the Safer Driving in Villages Group (SAVID) for a Speed Indicator Device to be bought and shared between member villages. Grundisburgh Parish Council has agreed to host the device which is being funded from our county and councillors' community enabling and locality budgets.

Arrangements for rotating the device (known as a SID) between a number of the villages will be discussed at our next meeting. We will also be considering further priorities for our villages in our efforts in speed reduction and road safety.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm in Bealings Village Hall. Members of the public are encouraged to attend our meetings to share local concerns and contribute to SAVID's aims. Further details on our website <http://savid/safervillage.onesuffolk.net>

Pauline Procter, SAVID Chair

Major planning concern

When Suffolk Coastal's Final Draft Local Plan was published in January, Grundisburgh was delighted to see that the site to the west of Ipswich Road had been removed. But it was horrified to find another site, known locally as Chapel Field, had been substituted without any

further consultation. To make matters even worse, with an allocation of 70+ homes.

On 24 January Grundisburgh Parish Council held a very well attended extraordinary meeting where it was agreed that the surrounding roads were totally inadequate to support any development there. Meeting Lane, Chapel Road, Park Road and Lower Road are narrow single track roads with no pedestrian footways.

Many of the people then went to the public drop-in events run by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC). As a result of the facts he obtained, Craig Plant produced a website and a leaflet to give more information to residents. Representation forms and guidance materials were also available for parishioners without internet access.

As SCDC did not consult on the Chapel Field site in the initial draft plan there is now no opportunity to challenge it but rather send our case and objections, via SCDC, to a government inspector.

The Final Draft Local Plan and the representations that have been made will be examined by the planning inspectorate. In June there will be an examination 'hearing' in public when a planning inspector will call those *they* choose, from those who registered an interest in speaking. I intend to go, whether called or not, to hear



Top: Panto time - in Tuddenham (left) and Grundisburgh. More photos on back page. Below: Some of the dogs of Otley who said a sad farwell to their favourite postman. Story on page 12.

how Grundisburgh's case is presented.

The Inspectors report will be published in October and the Final Local Plan adopted in December 2019. We can only hope the inspector listens to the local people and the parish council who have submitted their well researched heartfelt objections to this outrageous proposal.

Ann Willetts, chairman. Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council Planning Sub Committee, 01473 738831

An invitation to ...

*The News AGM
Friday 29 March -
Grundisburgh
Parish Room
7pm.*

*Please join us for a
drink - or two - and
give us your ideas.
Or maybe volunteer
to help us!*

NEWS DIARY

MARCH

Saturday 2
St Mary's Grundisburgh
Coffee Morning GrPr
 10.30am -12 Noon
 Contact 735775

Monday 4
Butterfly Gardening
 Otley & District Gardening
 Club Otley VH 7.30pm
 Contact 890563

Thursday 7
Gemstone Mining in Kenya
Pat Dougan
 Gr. WI BCR 7.30pm
 Contact 735838

Tuesday 12
History of Spoken English
Charlie Haylock
 Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm
 Contact Pauline Proctor 785368

Wednesday 13
Dahlias
 Gr. Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc
 GrPr 7.30pm Contact 735228

Wednesday 13
SAVID open meeting on
 traffic issues Bealings VH
 7.30pm. Contact Pauline
 Proctor 785368

Friday 15
Ceilidh (folk dance)
 Gr VH 7.00pm for 7.30
 Contact 738107

Saturday 16
Fun Quiz
 Gr.Football Club PBE
 GrPav 7.45pm
 Contact 07702 306190

Tuesday 19
Ipswich Airport Remembered
John Griffiths
 Gr.Local History Society
 GrPR 7.30pm -9.00pm
 Contact 738108

Thursday 21
Craft Group
 GrPR 9.30am
 Contact 735517

Friday 29
Annual General Meeting.
Grundisburgh News
 Gr Pr 7.30pm Contact 735275

Saturday 30
Mother's Day Tour of
Gardens, Otley Hall
 2pm - 4pm PBE £20pp
 Contact 890264

Saturday 30
Swap the Hike for a Bike
 Lent Appeal Coffee Morning
 Tuddenham WI VH 9.30am
 12 Noon
 Contact sharon.
 may.ans@btinternet.com

APRIL

Monday 1
Ornamental Grasses
 Otley & District Gardening
 Club Otley VH 7.30pm
 Contact 890563

Thursday 4
Sewing for the Queen
Clare Perkins
 Gr.WI BCR 7.30pm
 Contact 735838

Saturday 6
St Mary's Grundisburgh
Coffee Morning
 GrPr. 10.30am-12 Noon
 Contact 735775

Tuesday 9
East Anglian Photography
Ken Sawford
 Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm
 Contact Pauline Proctor
 785368

Saturday 13
Soup and Sweet Lunch
 Tuddenham WI VH 12.30pm
 Contact Pauline Proctor
 785368

Tuesday 16
Suffolk's Early Maps and
their Makers
Vivienne Aldous
 Gr.Local History Society
 GrPR 7.30pm - 9.00pm
 Contact 738108

Thursday 18
Craft Group
 GrPR 9.30am
 Contact 735517

Friday 19 to Monday 22
Art exhibition
 Grundisburgh House Gallery
 Contact 738842

MAY

Thursday 2
Whizzy Wallop Vinyls
Amanda Caswell-Robinson
 Gr.WI BCR 7.30pm
 Contact 735838

Saturday 4
St Mary's Grundisburgh
Coffee Morning
 GrPr 10.30am -12 Noon
 Contact 735775

Monday 6
Gardening for Wildlife
 Otley & District Gardening
 Club Otley VH 7.30pm
 Contact 890563

Thursday 9
Craft Group
 GrPR 9.30am
 Contact 735517

Tuesday 14
WI Resolutions Meeting
 Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm
 Contact Pauline Proctor
 785368

Saturday 18
Village Quiz
 Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm
 Contact Jean Ellinor 785682

Saturday 18/Sunday 19
Open garden 5 Boulge Rd
 Hasketon 3.00 - 6.00p
 Contact 01394 601975

Tuesday 21
Suffolk Houses
William Haward
 Gr.Local History Society
 GrPR 7.30pm - 9.00pm
 Contact 738108

Thursday 23
Trip to East Ruston Old
Vicarage
 Gr Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc
 PBE 8am Contact 735228

Saturday 25
Open Plant Sale
 Otley & District Gardening
 Club Otley VH 10.30am
 Contact 890563

Tuesday 28
Grundisburgh & Culpho
Annual Parish Meeting
 Gr VH 7pm
 Contact 738008

JUNE

Saturday 1
St Mary's Grundisburgh
Coffee Morning
 GrPr 10.30am - Noon
 Contact 735775

Thursday 6
Centenary Celebration
Garden Party
 Gr.WI GrPF from 3.00pm
 Contact 735838

Saturday 8/Sunday 9
Hidden Gardens
 Gr Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc
 2pm - 6pm Contact 735228

Wednesday 12
Outing to Kew Gardens
 Otley & District Gardening
 Club PBE Otley VH 8.30am
 Contact 890563

Saturday 15
Church Fete & Open
Gardens at Playford Hall
 Gardens open 10pm - 8pm
 Fete 2pm - 5pm
 Contact 07979 694928

Key to abbreviations:
 PBE - pre-booking essential
 P/VH - Parish/Village Hall
 PR - Parish Room
 PF - Playing Field
 Pav - Pavilion
 BCR - Baptist Chapel 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
8 May for the next issue to
 Andrea Ockenden,
 Gabledene, Rose Hill,
 Grundisburgh IP13 6TG, or
 diary@grunews.com. Please
 indicate if tickets must be
 bought in advance.

The diary aims to promote
planned events and to help
organisers avoid clashes of
future events

Details can be sent up to a
year ahead for inclusion for
the website diary which can
be seen on www.grundisburghnews.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON



A special Mother's Day at Otley Hall

Treat your mum to a unique tour of Otley Hall gardens in the company of Head Gardener Simon Nickson. Learn about the history and planting of the gardens and their development over the centuries.

Following the tour, a delicious afternoon tea will be served in the Great Hall and Linenfold Parlour. Relax on the cosy sofas, and in front of the roaring log fires our tour guide will regale you with tales strange and true of Otley Hall's past residents. Our menu will include sandwiches, cakes and scones along with a selection of teas from around the world and a glass of Prosecco!

This takes place on Saturday 30 March between 2 and 4.30pm. The price is £20 a head. Contact me to book.

*Karen Gwynne-Vince, Events Manager,
01473 890264, events@otleyhall.co.uk*

Horticultural happenings

It's full steam ahead planning for this year's main events run by Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society.

The first is the Hidden Gardens weekend on 8 and 9 June. This year marks the 30th birthday and we hope to have 30 gardens open and an art exhibition along the lines of last year's hugely successful event. More details can be found on our website (www.grundisburgh.show),

Facebook or by contacting Catherine Laxton on catherine@laxtoninteriors.co.uk

Grundisburgh Village Show takes place on Saturday 13 July. Class lists are available in Williams Stores or can be found on our website: www.grundisburgh.show. Full details will be available in the schedule, being published in May.

If you would like to take part in any way, volunteer to help or want to raise funds for your charity, please contact the Show Secretary: secretary@grundisburgh.show

Trips and talks take off

Our latest venture, 'Trips & Talks' has already begun and coming up we have:-

Wed 13 March - Matthew Long from Riverside Bulbs will be giving us the lowdown on growing Dahlias

Thurs 23 May - Coach trip to East Ruston Old Vicarage

Thurs 1 August - Coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall Flower Show

For more information visit our website or contact catherine@laxton-interiors.co.uk

The first talk in the series in the parish rooms in February - on growing and showing vegetables - given by senior managers from Notcutts was well supported.

In January Sharon and I attended the launch of the new badge system for Guiding Group (see page 13) which the horticultural society helped fund. We also made a donation to the Blossom breast cancer appeal. Over the

past ten years, the society has donated over £18,000 to good causes.

This year the horticultural society committee has agreed that its chosen cause will be Grundisburgh's new village hall project.

If you would like to help us to help others in our community by volunteering please contact me.

*Martin Cripps:
chairman@grundisburgh.show*

Artists opening organic garden

Two artists who garden on organic principles will be opening their garden in Hasketon again over two weekends this year - 18/19 May and 7/8 September.

Martin and Nicola Coe moved to Hasketon six years ago and brought the garden back to



life, so that it is now full of plants, art, vegetables and wildlife. Entry is free between 3 and 6pm on each day, and light refreshments will be available. There will be plants for sale and a chance to find out about the practices the couple have adopted, involving permaculture, polyculture and forest gardening.

The garden has a number of different areas - a spring garden, a forest garden with friendly chickens, and flower borders with a wildlife pond.

Their two studios will be open. The address is 5 Boulge Road, Hasketon IP13 6LA. Martin and Nicola's work will be included in the exhibitions at the new Grundisburgh House Gallery - see page 10.

Easter egg hunt

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel's popular Easter Egg Hunt takes place again on Good Friday at Millennium Meadow (Lower Road) at 2.30pm (if wet, at the chapel). It also includes fun challenges lasting for about an hour. Anyone needing to drive should park in the chapel car park and take the short walk down to the meadow. A donation of £1 per child for East Anglian Children's Hospice is suggested.

On Easter Sunday our service is at 10.45am and is suitable for all ages. Everyone is welcome as we consider what the resurrection of Jesus means for us today.

The Chapel runs a weekly children's club for primary age children on Monday evenings (6.30-7.30). We have a variety of fun activities, games and craft, as well as teaching valuable lessons for life from the Bible. All children welcome, admission is free.

*Colin Grimwood (Pastor),
738856; colin.grimwood12@hotmail.co.uk;
website.grundisburghchapel.org.uk*

Farming talk

A talk on 'Farming through the Ages' and a lunch is being held on Thursday 4 July to raise funds for St. Botolph's Church. This takes place at Culpho Manor and the talk is being given by experienced local farmer Richard Garnham. Tickets at £15 are available from Robert or Lynette Chapman on 01473 738510 or by email at steadfast.culpho@gmail.com

Fete date

St Mary's Fete on Grundisburgh Green is reverting to a September date this year. It will be on Saturday 14th, from 1-4pm.

VOLUNTEERING

STEPPING UP FOR SUFFOLK

Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF), which operated out of Grundisburgh for a few years, until it outgrew the top floor of the Parish Rooms, still has a really small team of staff, many of whom are part-time and supported by a loyal band of hardworking volunteers. The whole team devotes their time and effort to support the needs of people here in Suffolk.

The Foundation works hard to increase local giving, and then reaches out to projects that need support and offers them financial assistance via a program of grantmaking.

Its 'for Suffolk by Suffolk' approach over the last decade has seen over 20 million pounds raised and distributed to over 2,000 local charities.

The key to everything is to develop ever stronger support for our voluntary sector – the local charities and community

groups (totaling almost 5,000 in number) - who work tirelessly to help vulnerable people in our communities. Without volunteers and local donors, none of this would be possible.

One of these volunteers is Sally Haird, who has volunteered her time to the Foundation since 2012. She is a resident of Charsfield and knows only too well the issues faced in the local community and surrounding areas.

Sally explains, 'I became a volunteer after helping out with the Foundation's annual Suffolk Dog Day event at Helmingham Hall. Conversations with other volunteers followed regarding the charity's work, in particular their focus on Suffolk, the areas of deprivation, reaching those in need and small charities

improving people's lives. I enjoy being part of their team and very quickly decided it was a worthwhile cause to pursue. I do all I can to support them.'



Volunteer Sally Haird.

Whilst ensuring that money is coming in is vital, so is ensuring that money raised reaches the projects who need it. 'Donors often take charge of making the decision about where the money they have given should go, but several funds receive multiple smaller donations from the local population. It's a privilege to sit on a number of these 'themed fund' panels where this money is distributed. We review grant requests submitted to the Foundation.

Demand is often far greater than the money we have to spend, but we do try to support as many good projects as we can and to reach a variety of different groups right across Suffolk,' Sally explains. 'I really enjoy taking part in follow up visits, where you can see just what a

difference the money is making. Life as a volunteer at SCF is never dull, with so many campaigns and events on the go,' says Sally.

Sally is on the team again this year for Suffolk Dog Day, and is helping with the brand new Woofers Winter Walk, which comes to Helmingham Hall on 3 March.

'People have probably noticed the signs that tend to pop up all over the county in the run up to Suffolk Dog Day, but they don't necessarily realise that it's a Suffolk Community Foundation charity event,' explains Sally. 'It's a really important event, and has raised over £500,000 for local charities.'

After the Woofers Winter Walk, the next important event in the SCF calendar is the High Sheriff's Awards, a celebration of volunteering in Suffolk.

'Volunteering is really rewarding but it is also really important. I find volunteering at the Foundation is a fun, humbling experience. If you have time on your hands, however small, volunteering at a charity is fulfilling and you can always find something that fits in well with your life.'

Visit the Suffolk Community Foundation website www.suffolkcf.org.uk to find out more about how you can help as a volunteer, become a financial supporter, or receive help for a local project in your area.

Elizabeth Stevenson

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VOLUNTEERING

Sound On calls for volunteers

Every week nearly 300 people with sight loss are sent specially made recordings of items from the Ipswich Star. These are organised by teams of volunteers from Sound On, the talking newspaper for Ipswich and District which started 41 years ago and has been running without interruption since then – the 2,000th edition was celebrated 18 months ago.



Christopher at the recording controls.

Their youngest listener is in her twenties and the oldest has just topped the 100-mark. The recordings are now sent out on 'memory sticks' for use on special 'black boxes' which the listeners have on loan from the charity for as long as needed.

Sound On now operates from a room in the Conservative Club in St. Stephen's Church Lane, Ipswich.

Thursdays

Much of every Thursday is taken up with the production of these weekly bulletins. The first job for the unpackers is to remove the returned sticks and sort out the wallets into area and alphabetical order. Next the sorters check returned wallets against a register, record the return and the fact that this week's memory stick needs to be sent out.

At about 5pm four readers arrive to read from a script, previously edited from the

week's editions of the Evening Star. A skilled engineer records the reading of 90 minutes of news onto a master, which later on will be copied onto memory sticks.

These are then packed into yellow pouches marked "Articles for the Blind", by now addressed to the listener and sent out free, courtesy of the Royal Mail, for delivery by the weekend; with the exception of a rare postal strike or equipment fault, they do deliver on time.

In all, 12 volunteers work each Thursday on a four-to-



Agnes preparing to read the news. Her co-reader behind the microphone is Pat Hudson from Hasketon.

six-week rota, and an extra magazine edition is sent out twice a year, in the summer and around Christmas.

Feedback shows that the listeners really do appreciate the service, as do their relatives and carers.

Otley residents

Among the volunteers are Christopher and Agnes Dix-De Hert from Otley who had asked The News to feature the Talking Newspaper scheme to attract more volunteers. They have both been involved for some seven years, their interest sparked off initially by the sight problems of their daughter Annemieke Dix.

Christopher acts as a recorder and copier, as well as serving on the committee. Agnes is one of the readers and also helps with packing the memory sticks.

They moved to Otley nearly 30 years ago and between them have been involved in



More drivers needed for New Horizons Club

I have been a volunteer driver for New Horizons Club for the last two years, transporting two ladies from nearby villages to St Mary's Church Hall on the Market Hill in Woodbridge.

New Horizons Club is a not for profit organisation for active older people, open on Mondays and Thursdays (except Bank Holidays), from 10am to 2.30pm. The club is currently seeking new drivers to assist me on a regular basis, either weekly or fortnightly on a Monday.

It is a very rewarding occupation and doesn't take up too much of your time. You get to know the members and they are really pleased to see you each week. It means a lot to the members who otherwise can be quite isolated. They get a day out, the opportunity to make new friends, join in activities and have a superb home cooked lunch.

If you are available from 9.15 to 10.15am and 2.15 to 3.15pm on Mondays and feel that you would like to make a difference to someone's life, please get in contact with Brenda on 07514 364752 or email newhorizons912@gmail.com

Penny Creasey, Burgh

In the photo above Penny is on the left, with club members Heather Cutting from Helmingham and Jean Fisher from Clopton. Volunteer driver Margo Hammond, formerly of Witnesham, is on the right.

many aspects of community life there and surrounding villages - including Otley Community Council, Speedwatch, Otley Green, Otley Players, a spinners and weavers group based in Clopton and a Scottish dancing group in Bredfield.

Find out more

Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer - as an editor, unpacker, sorter, reader, recorder, copier or packer - can contact the chairman, Pam Pelling on 01473 684601, pam.pelling@yahoo.co.uk; or ring Agnes or Christopher on 01473 890537.

*Words Nicola Hobbs,
photos Peter Kendall*

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SCHOOL REPORTS

Grundisburgh

Things are moving fast at Grundisburgh Primary. As we reported in the last issue, John Lynch is leaving at the end of the academic year and his replacement has already been chosen.

She is Sue Marks who is currently Head of Exeter Junior School. Much of Sue's family live in the East of England so moving to this side of the country will save her the long treks from the West Country. Talking of long treks, Sue is a long-distance cyclist and runner: last year she pedalled all the way from John O' Groats to Land's End and is now training for the London Marathon.



Sue Marks, newly appointed head at Grundisburgh.

When she visited Grundisburgh in February, Sue was very impressed with the ethos and the atmosphere of the school and wants to build on that: she would like to involve the community with school life and I think we can expect to see more parents and others working with the children to further develop their skills and outlook beyond the basic curricular

subjects. Sue is a highly qualified scientist so who knows what experiments she will be devising for pupils!

The school celebrated MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Day on 7 February. There was a buzz about the school with classes focusing on different languages and cultures. Year 3 learnt all about Greek food and culture through a parent visitor.

They tasted different Greek foods and experienced dance. Older classes focused on Mandarin and Czech which were well received by the children, whilst younger classes were speaking Spanish and French.

It was a great day to celebrate languages throughout the school and build on its successes achieving the Silver Linguamarque.

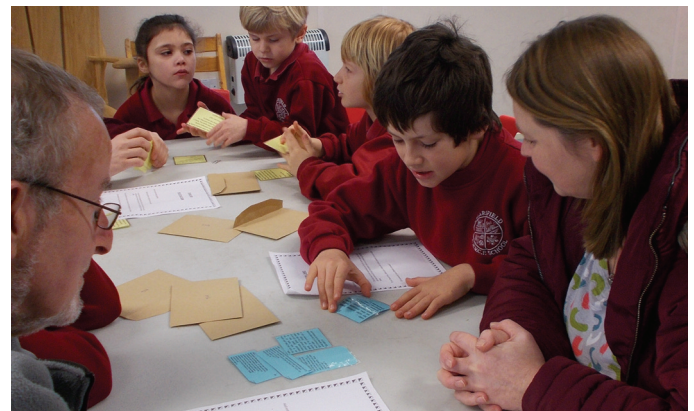
Academisation has been put on hold at Grundisburgh. The governors want to be certain that the financials of the Academy are sound and that won't be clear until next year so rather than proceed in an uncertain situation, it was decided to wait until the next financial results are available.

Gardening help needed

Grundisburgh School is looking for a volunteer to come in once a week to help maintain the school's fruit and vegetable garden. They are not looking for a professional gardener, just someone who enjoys gardening and has an hour or two to spare every week. It might suit a small group of friends. If you are interested, please contact Mr Lynch on 01473 735281.



Preparing the Greek meal.



Top: Delighted bookworms. Below and right: Charsfield pupils learning to keep safe on the internet.

Charsfield

As part of National Safer Internet Day on 5 February, pupils and their parents at Charsfield CE Primary School took part in "Learning Together" sessions about keeping themselves safe on the internet.

The activities were differentiated according to age, and were designed to get a dialogue started between parents and children about what pupils are doing on the internet and how to keep themselves safe.

Mrs Reeve, the Head of School and the school's Safeguarding Lead, said "It's important in this day and age to teach children about keeping themselves safe online and the children and



parents found lots to talk about – mobile phones were a hot topic as it had been highlighted in the news recently.

"We find sessions like these invaluable to highlight awareness of key issues in today's modern society in our small rural communities" she added. Feedback from parents and children was extremely positive and everyone was able to take away something

important from these sessions.

Charsfield entered the recent 'Books for Schools' competition run by the East Anglian Daily Times/Ipswich Star. The school enlisted parents, families, neighbours and the local village community to collect tokens in the two newspapers. They managed to collect an amazing amount for their total of just 46 pupils - enough to win £2,500 worth of books.

Mrs Reeve said, "We wish to say a huge thank you to everyone who collected the tokens for us - it really goes to show that, with lots of help from our parents, relatives and village community, as a small school we can win such a lovely prize for our children.

Pupils from the School Council will now be involved in deciding which books to purchase."

Lego quest

In the meantime, the school has just signed up to the current newspaper promotion to gain 'Lego for Schools': any kind donations of tokens would be gratefully received.

Charsfield currently has vacancies and welcomes new pupils: to see what this small, friendly school can offer, just ring 01473 737347.

School reports are compiled by Richard Watkinson.

The News would welcome hearing from other schools in our catchment area. Contact Richard on richardwatkinson7@gmail.com

LOCAL ELECTIONS COMING UP

Elections to the district council and the parish councils take place on 2 May.

In the case of the district council - apart from all but one of The News' villages - it will be to a new authority. East Suffolk Council has been created by the merger of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils

The electoral wards have also been changed, following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), which is an independent body set up by Parliament and operates throughout England.

To comply with LGBCE's ruling, the number of district councillors serving the area has been reduced from 90 to 55 - this represents roughly 3,600 voters per district councillor.

Carlford and Fynn Valley

Grundisburgh ward is being merged with Fynn Valley to create a new ward known as Carlford & Fynn Valley. This comprises 19 parishes: Boulge, Bredfield, Burgh, Charsfield, Clopton, Culpho, Dallinghoo, Debach, Great Bealings, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Little Bealings, Otley, Playford, Rushmere Village, Swilland, Tuddenham St Martin, Westerfield, and Winesham.

Two district councillors will be elected to jointly represent the 7000 voters living in these

parishes. Everyone on the current electoral roll for this ward will be invited to vote for two candidates to become the new district councillors. Information will be circulated to all households near the time.

Parish councils

Parish council elections will also be held on 2 May - although these only take place if there are more candidates than the number of councillors allocated to the parish.

Some parishes in The News' area are keen to encourage an election. Grundisburgh, for example, is aware that there has not been an election there for 20 years, and only four of their current 13 councillors have ever been elected

"Villagers need to ensure that the representatives on their parish council are their choice and can speak and act for them for the next four years" says Steve Barnett, Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council's chairman.

He can be contacted for

information about standing for this council on 01473 738630.

Some other parish councils in the News' catchment area are concerned about the financial cost to the parish of an election taking place.

Nomination forms have to be submitted by 4pm on 3 April. Candidates have to be 18 or over, live or work within the parish boundary or live within three miles of it, and be nominated by two residents.

Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a parish councillor can contact their parish council clerk or chairman, or visit the National Association of Local Councils <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/elections>.

Range of functions

Parish councils take decisions or are consulted on a range of functions including allotments, footpaths, public transport, housing, highways, law and order, sport and recreation, bus shelters, lighting, village greens, conservation and planning.

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Pub profile:

THE WHITE HART AT OTLEY

The White Hart is a free house and the only pub in Otley. Its 'Hart' beats enthusiastically and vigorously to the drum of local rural life. Lynda is the landlady with Stella and Jude, all three doing the cooking. Calum is the head barman.

The pub is half a mile from the centre of the village, heading north on the B1079 towards Helmingham Hall and Debenham. It prides itself on local procurement and seasonal observation; when I visited in mid-January local game was on the menu. You can expect fish from the North Sea, local pork, apples, vegetables and seasonal game.

Lynda says that there is always something new on offer and it certainly isn't boring. The pub does not produce fast food and often cooks to order. Lynda is happy to discuss what is being cooked beforehand and also offers an outside catering service.

As a free house, there is a range of drinks behind the bar, Aspall's Harry Sparrow Cyder sits alongside Adnams and Earl Soham and at least one guest ale.

Locals help out

Lynda tells me that locals come and help out with jobs. And as if to confirm the country atmosphere, there are several small friendly dogs, not necessarily to each other, that were quite happy to come up to me and ask if I had any biscuits; in my case the ones I keep in my jacket pocket for our dogs.

The pub puts on events such as live music and wine tastings - details can be found on the website. But throughout the week there is a set pattern of events with various groups using the pub for meetings and informal gatherings. For example every other Tuesday, the Ukulele Group meets and practices together and on the alternate Tuesdays, it is the Knitting and "Nattering" Crochet Circle.

On Wednesdays, happy hour is between 5.30 and 7.30, with beer and wine from £2.50 a pint/glass and supper specials from £6.50. This event helps make the pub a strong part of the Otley community, acting as a cohesive event in the village calendar for the exchange of ideas, knowhow and sometimes assistance.

New people to the village are very welcome to come along and Lynda makes an effort to introduce different people so it is not just a visit to the pub with everyone minding their own business.

Sunday is family day and all about the 'Roast'...Lynda makes strong claims about their roast lunches and I am sure they are



well founded. Portions are offered in different sizes - Baby Bear, Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear!

There are also occasional events. Last November, the pub conducted its Annual Charity Poker Tournament in aid of local charities. All entry money went to the charity with prizes donated by friends and sponsors. In previous years the event has raised more than £1,200.

On 30 March there is a live music, pink themed, event for charity in aid of breast cancer where Daniel Fraser will be singing some of his own and other songs.

The pub has been getting some good reviews on Trip Adviser: comments about party visits to the pub including

"The food was excellent, and I'm advised the beer was wonderful and well kept. Top marks all round for the White Hart."

"I cannot recommend Lynda and her team highly enough and we will definitely be hiring her for future events too."

As is so often the case with local pub sites, it was nearly turned into housing in 2006 and deserves the full support for the effort made to provide us with a high quality local service. <http://www.thewhitehartotley.co.uk>

Words Stephen Cooper, photos Peter Kendall

This is the fifth of Stephen's profiles of local pubs for The News. He has previously visited The Three Horseshoes at Charsfield (issue 247), Moon & Mushroom, Swilland (248), Turks Head, Hasketon (249) and The Dog at Grundisburgh (250).



Photos from top: The comfy sitting area; your hosts Lynda and Andrew; head barman Calum; part-time cook Romy; the Ukelele group rehearsing in a side room.

Pub dates

Moon and Mushroom, Swilland

31 March 12-4pm Mother's Day Sunday Lunch
Evening from 6.30pm Elvis Tribute (Andy Ottley) with dinner

White Hart, Otley

30 March from 7pm live music event in aid of breast cancer, with Dan Fraser.

Grundisburgh Dog

31 March Special Mother's Day set menu. Sittings at 12noon, 2.30pm or anytime after 5pm.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE



The Gourmet Sausage Van

On leaving school Roger Brash, having completed an apprenticeship in butchering, thought he would like to do something in catering and pondered on the possibilities. He was used to animals, having grown up surrounded by them on his father's land in Essex and he bought himself two Oxford and Sandy Black pigs. These two eventually became 47 and he realised he needed help!

An appeal to friends and colleagues brought a response from one colleague – Sally – and the two became friends. Friendship blossomed into marriage and they moved to Suffolk in 2013. When Roger was diagnosed with cancer, and off work for nine months, he and Sally renewed their acquaintance with pigs, responding to an advert on Facebook by Anita and Darren of the Suffolk Black Pig company in Ufford, seeking assistance with their herd. So began a friendship both personal and professional.

Sally and Roger saw the success that Anita and Darren were having with their own sausages, and another friend Derek who owns a butchery was also making his own sausages from locally sourced outdoor reared pigs.

Roger's long-time ponderings began to take shape! At his invitation Derek created some sausages flavoured with beer from



the White Lion micro-brewery in Ufford and another sample using Aspels cider. Darren provided Black Pig sausages and a lively tasting session with friends ensued! The traditional Black Pig sausages and Adnams Ghost Ship beer sausages proved very popular. Those great tasting sausages and the enthusiasm for the

product are proving 'a dream come true' for Sally and Roger, but there is another important player in the success story – the blue van – the old Citroen which, although in much need of renovation, Sally and Roger bought from another friend and which is now the eye-catching and fun ingredient in this quirky business.

With the van fitted out with a Calor gas griddle, Roger with a food hygiene certificate and all requirements of the 'food hygiene lady' satisfactorily met, they were open for business.

Two years ago Sally and Roger and son Theo moved to live in Grundisburgh, having visited often, charmed by The Dog pub and the feeling of a genuine village like Roger's childhood home. Last August the blue van made its first appearance on Grundisburgh Green, repeated early February. I can tell you that a really tasty hot sausage in a crisply toasted roll will warm you up no end on a freezing cold morning! They will be back on the first Saturday of each month between 8am and 1pm. The van will also be making an appearances at a number of festivals.

Roger and Sally can be contacted on 07507 175959 or thegourmetsausagevan@gmail.com.
www.thegourmetsausagevan.co.uk

Words Madge Nicholas, photos Steve Newton

GRUNDISBURGH HOUSE GALLERY

Last year, to support the Grundisburgh Hidden Gardens, we offered to use our garden and an empty coach house to host an art and sculpture exhibition, imagining it was a one off event.

The reception the exhibition received was incredible, particularly from the local community and we realised there was a will for more exhibitions of this kind. The discovery that the building itself, which has a beautiful situation overlooking the Lark Valley and masses of natural light, was surrounded by an astonishing number of talented artists was all the incentive we needed to set up The Grundisburgh House Gallery.

We plan to use the space for workshops and pop up exhibitions. For Hidden Gardens (8/9 June) we have a sculpture exhibition in the gardens and gallery, showcasing the work of stone sculptor Meryem Siemmond and Butley Mills Studios

We welcome your support and hope to see you at future events. You can contact us on Facebook or through Instagram for details or telephone 07779 241496. [@thegrundisburghhousegallery](https://www.instagram.com/thegrundisburghhousegallery)

We have received incredible support from local artists and

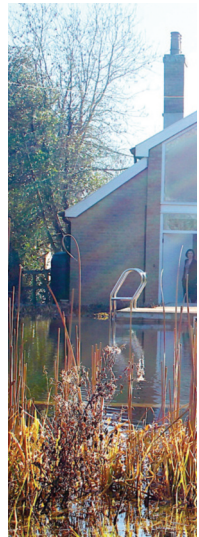
enthusiasts in particular from Hasketon-based artists Nicola and Martin Coe, who exhibited with us in June and encouraged us to take the plunge to create The Grundisburgh House Gallery.

Nicola set up the incredibly talented 12 arts plus group and curated their first exhibition with us last December.

A visit to the couple's studios in their Hasketon garden, alive with wild birds and flowers, is a testament to the importance of the natural environment to them both. Nicola says it was the therapy of gardening and the outdoors that brought them here, having previously taken a step away from their art to be parents and carers.

Martin and Nicola are proof that it's possible to step back into art after a substantial break and even be the better for it. Martin draws and paints, while Nicola's work encompasses many disciplines, drawing from print-making and photography, including producing her own dyes and inks from seaweed and oak gall.

Their work will be featured in three exhibitions planned for 2019 at Grundisburgh House Gallery, as part of a collaboration with 12 plus arts



Nicola and Linden at the gallery's first exhibition.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE

over Easter, August Bank holiday and early December.

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Words Linden Hibbert,
photos Nicola Coe and Peter Kendall

Lights, camera, action ...

There is no signboard to tell you that, behind a bungalow in Great Bealings, you will find a hub of exceptionally creative talent - all down to one young man.

Tom Newman was fascinated by the world of film from an early age and, with a very supportive father, began making movies of, well, almost anything that moved! He still has pictures he made when 11 or 12 years old. A pupil at Kesgrave school, he studied film to A level and clearly showed promise by getting to the finals of the BBC Young Film Makers competition with a documentary on lawn mower racing!

When just 18, Tom set up Summer Isle Films as a commercial operation which is still thriving ten years later - the name encapsulates memories of a holiday once spent on the Isle of Wight.

He has a small team of specialists to help him turn his clients' ideas into the reality of a high quality, finished film. Craig Robinson, the Creative Director, is the primary contact point with clients but Tom employs relevant technical or artistic experts as and when he needs them: he says choosing the right people is critical. But, at the end of the process, Tom is the Editor and his decisions are final!

TV commercials

His prime market is short TV commercial or advertising films where the message has to be got over in just a few minutes or even seconds: Summer Isle has produced promotional videos for Manfred Mann's albums but, over time, Tom aims to acquire a wider range of styles

to give him more versatility in the marketplace.

One cold evening last December, Steve Newton and I had the opportunity of seeing just how films are made on location: Tom was commissioned to make a short Christmas ad for a property agent, subtly extolling the virtues of living in Woodbridge. He hired a professional actor, Paul Goldsmith, (who has appeared in many TV ads and on stage does a very passable impression of Basil Fawlty!) to walk through the town, stopping at a few spots, generally soaking up the atmosphere and admiring what he sees.

What struck me was the necessary attention to detail that's needed to get just the right shot: there were at least five retakes of one particular scene before Tom and Craig were satisfied with the image portrayed. Patience was rewarded as you can see if you access the video via https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZ40MCsgU_k&t=1s



From top: Tom Newman at his editing suite;
Shooting on location in the Thoroughfare and Market Hill in Woodbridge;
Inset: Actor Paul Goldsmith.

One of Tom's ambitions is to make the John Lewis Christmas TV ad and, who knows, with a promising future, he may well get the job! And yes, the director really does call "lights, camera, action" before shooting!

Words: Richard Watkinson,
photos: Steve Newton



The gallery and natural swimming pool.

TEACHING PILATES

Having been teaching yoga for almost a year, Caroline Boggon has now qualified as a pilates teacher and will be holding classes in Bealings Village Hall from 14 March.

"Pilates is a form of exercise which concentrates on strengthening the body with emphasis on core strength" she says. "This helps to improve general fitness and overall well being. My yoga will influence my class style, so we will still concentrate on posture, balance, flexibility and breathing".

The classes are from 9.30 to 11am. Caroline can be contacted on 07850 683196, caroline.boggon@btinternet.com.

Margaret Quinton

If you run an enterprise in one of the 18 villages covered by The News, why not tell us about it. Contact editor@grunews.com

TUDDENHAM TALES

CYCLING FOR LENT

St Martin's Church have a Great Lent Challenge this year – and we need your help! We want to raise money to buy bicycles for the clergy of Kagera in Tanzania who have to walk up to five miles between their churches.

It's 4,178 miles from Tuddenham St Martin to Kagera, and we'd like you to do a few of those miles – and get sponsored for them during Lent (Ash Wed to Easter Sunday). So pick up one of

our sponsorship forms from Tuddenham Church or download from www.wtandw.org.uk and start clocking up the miles.

You can do them on a cycle ride, on an exercise bike, or even ditch the bike and go for a walk with friends, the dog, the pushchair - it all counts.

If exercising is not your thing how about donating money for some Kagera bike accessories? £2 would buy a bell, £10 a pump and £20 a basic helmet.

Sharon Evans,
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OTLEY OFFERINGS

A farewell to dedicated postman.

Otley's postman Adrian Bardwell has hung up his post bag after 31 years delivering post to hundreds of residents.

Adrian has spent the last eight years based in Otley delivering our post come rain or shine, wind or snow. He had become a friendly face we enjoyed seeing each day and always making sure our post was delivered and received

safely. Not only was he popular with the residents of Otley but he had a huge following of four legged friends. The dogs of Otley wagged their tails and would drag their owners up the street if they saw Adrian, all for one of his doggy treats and a pat.

As a thank you to Adrian the residents of Otley and many dogs gathered together on Saturday 4 January outside Otley Village Store as Adrian finished his (almost last!) morning post round.

Post Mistress Mrs Penny Sunaway spoke words of thanks to Adrian on behalf of everyone and presented him with a card signed by residents, a card of thanks from the parish council and gifts of gratitude.

Denise and Phil Wilcox of 'Logos2go' based in Otley, kindly printed a montage T-shirt of all Otley's dogs and also a shopping bag for Adrian's wife.

Adrian will be missed but we all wish him well in his retirement and hope he comes back to tell us about all his new adventures!

Rachel Green, Clerk, Otley Parish Council



Di and Steve Ausebrook

Tribute to Di Ausebrook 1959 – 2018

Tuddenham residents joined with husband Steve and her children Charlie, Gigi and Freya to say goodbye to our neighbour and friend, Di, who lost her brave fight against cancer in December

Di was born in Doncaster in 1959 and she and her three sisters spent their childhood in Sri Lanka. One of Di's earliest memories was of her and twin sister Debbie helping to decorate the elephants for the ceremonial processions and painting their toenails.

Di went to Leeds University and gained a degree in English & History of Art. After a secretarial course she moved to London to work in publishing. She became the circulation manager for the newly launched Wall Street Journal Europe before moving on to launch new publications Prima and Best magazines.

Whilst living in London she bumped into Stephen, who she had met at uni, and romance blossomed. In the early 90s Steve was posted to New York and Di, having recently been made redundant, decided to go with him. They had a wonderful time living in 'The Big Apple' and married in 1993 after returning to the UK.

They initially lived in London but Di decided to follow twin sister Debbie to Suffolk and they moved to Tuddenham in May 1994. Di was a great cook and loved to organise social events – within two

weeks of moving in she hosted a huge party for her father Neville's 70th birthday.

Within a year of arriving, son Charlie was born followed by daughters Gigi and Freya. Harry was born in 1999 but sadly did not

survive. The family, with Di at the fore, became very much involved in village life. They were part of the village dog walking fraternity with Max, then Kofi and more recently Mojo, and could be found each year at the village fete manning the toy stall. She regularly provided beautiful flower arrangements for the church and spent some time as clerk to the parish council.

Although she was good fun, with a dry sense of humour, Di was never one to be in the limelight. At village social events, she was usually in the kitchen preparing the delicious ploughman's supper for the quiz, dishing up one of her tasty soups for the soup & sweet lunch or serving up her famous sausage casserole at the harvest lunch.

Di's funeral at Seven Hills Crematorium was "standing room only" – a testament to her popularity. Her ashes will be interred in Tuddenham Churchyard with baby Henry. She was kind, generous and reliable, a good neighbour and friend to Tuddenham. She will be much missed.

Jean Ellinor

Tuddenham Online

To keep up to date with what's going on in the village, residents can find our Tuddenham St Martin Community Page on Facebook.

They can also access the parish council website: <http://tuddenhamstmartin.onesuffolk.net>

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

Guides launch their new programme

Grundisburgh Girlguiding Groups have started the year with a real bang. The launch evening on the 15 January, to introduce the new programme, was a huge success. We were overwhelmed with the support from current members and new faces alike.

We were proud to welcome representatives from the

Grundisburgh Horticultural Society and would like to thank them for their very generous support.

This has enabled us to purchase the new programme materials along with a new flag for the Rangers which we hope will arrive in time for its first appearance at the Mothering Sunday church parade.



Photos from the top: Kate Adams and Debbie Richards and a small part of the audience at the launch; learning about wind power; building a washing up stand. Photos Peter Kendall

All four groups have started the new programme this term with some very exciting and practical activities including martial arts with the Guides and learning about managing money and credit with Rangers. The

Brownies and Rainbows are having a joint pancake celebration evening in honour of the first birthday of the 1st Grundisburgh Rainbows.

Room for more

The groups continue to go from strength to strength and we have some very exciting opportunities and camps later in the year. The Brownies, Guides and Rangers all have spaces for any girls wishing to join in the fun.

So if you are/know a girl aged between 7 and 18 yrs who may be interested, please contact one of the leaders for information on how they can get involved.

Debbie Richards (Guides and Rangers) - 01473735044



After the Remembrance Day parade. Photo Archie Adams.

SCOUTING NEWS

All the Grundisburgh Scouts sections enjoyed their Xmas Activities - Beavers had a Party in the Scout Hut, Cubs Xmas Bingo, Scouts Ten Pin Bowling and Explorers Xmas Party with sleepover in the hut. The Xmas card postal scheme was well supported, total cards 688, Williams Stores was again the 'winning collection point' with 386 cards; we made £209 for our funds. Thanks to everyone who took part.

We had a fantastic New Year's Eve Party with 'Ed Gasket and The Rockers' and thanks to Sam and Dave Brown, two of our Explorer Leaders who play in 'The Rockers', we made £800. In January over 40 of our members attended the GADS panto which was excellent and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Archie, our Cub Leader, was 'persuaded' onto the stage, tied onto a board, blindfolded, surrounded by balloons which were then 'popped' by imaginary 'knives' - we were relieved when he sat back again in one piece!

Our archery training has started again and we look forward to the National Finals in May. In March we are attending Mother's Day Parade and in June holding our famous Duck Race.

Beavers had 'Burns Night' with Highland Games, visited the Police HQ museum, Shrove Tuesday pancakes, Chinese New Year Dragons, Badge Night and Mother's Day Cards.

Cubs had International Flags, Knots and Promise nights, Creative Pancakes, bell ringing at St. Mary's, health Night, a hike around local villages with a sleepover in the hut and an Easter egg hunt in April.

Scouts hiked to Hasketon eating Hot Dogs on arrival, had Map Skills Training, Route Planning, First Aid Night, in March older Scouts are attending Phoenix Camp in Bury St. Edmunds, an Expedition Challenge Debenham to Grundisburgh and in April Swimming & Chips.

Explorers also hiked to Hasketon to enjoy Hot Dogs, had Blind Date, Campfire Oven Pancakes, Map Skills, Route Planning, Phoenix Camp in Bury St. Edmunds, joining Scouts on the Expedition Challenge and Climbing in Stowmarket.

We close this report on a very sad note - a dear friend and former Scout Group Honorary President Jeff Jay passed away on 25 January. Jeff had also served on the committee for many years, giving interesting talks to our young members, coming to the annual meetings; he loved to hear about and see photos of our activities. We will miss Jeff very much and send our sincere condolences to his wife Daphne and family.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352.

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

Grundisburgh Youth Club has provided a great facility in the village for the past 12 years. Sadly, it is having to take a break this term as the number attending has dropped dramatically. However, we are planning to restart in the summer term, with a special offer of free sessions for the term

(normal subscription is £2 per night). Please contact Just42 for details nearer the time on Facebook (www.facebook.com/just42Ltd) or on their website (www.just42.org.uk) or email Hilary Hill (hilary@talk21.com).

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

A PORTRAIT OF GRUNDISBURGH

With more homes being built in the village, many newcomers will be unaware of the traditional families and residents. Over 25 years ago, I decided I would try to 'capture' the locals on canvas (well actually on hardboard!).

Sadly, many of the old traditions of country life have disappeared along with many of those village characters. Life today travels along at such a speed and long gone are the days when people gathered on the village green to just pass the time of day. Disappeared into the mists of time are the days when Foulger's cows ambled down Rose Hill peering into the cars whose drivers impatiently waited for these beautiful black and white beasts to pass.

My studio is at Hill Farm, home of the loved and respected Keith Burch. From this converted former agricultural shed I have, hopefully, succeeded in capturing a likeness of nearly 200 Grundisburgh residents. Sadly many have, over the last quarter of a century passed away and others have moved to pastures new.

Most of my paintings were created in acrylic on board 48 by 24 inches for economic reasons since a sheet of hardboard can conveniently be sliced into four. Many families or individuals have purchased these portraits, most of whom

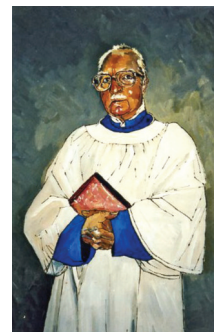
liked them though others hated them but that is the way with art, a bit like Marmite.

I have been considerably helped to "paint the village" by Lord Cranworth. Not only did he commission me to capture both his current and ex workforce in paint but now all of these paintings are housed together in a single collection.

One very poignant painting is that of a retired farmworker leaning on a rake with considerably gnarled hands. He had been a prisoner of war in the Far East. One of my favourite efforts was a portrait of Joan, Lord Cranworth's former cook. We all love Joan. I wonder what she was thinking standing in the kitchen of Grundisburgh Hall?

I painted two portraits of the late Dennis Hazlewood, a truly remarkable man who combined growing tomatoes with poaching. One portrait showed Dennis with flat cap and wearing a large 'poacher's' jacket. I know for a fact that there was a pheasant in one of those pockets – its tail was sticking out!

The other portrait was of Dennis on his bike wearing a string vest and carrying his little dog in a tray behind the saddle. One summer's morning I was cycling to my studio when I met Dennis coming in the opposite direction. We had a difficult conversation (Dennis was very deaf) but he told me that he was going to



catch two rabbits, one for himself and one for his little terrier.

Many village residents will remember Dougie Gandy and his dear wife Peggy. I simply had to paint Dougie several times – he was always standing by his front gate as I cycled past.

I painted Joyce and Ray Williams from the Stores and their daughters Claire and Rosie, and Rosie's children, farmers Keith Burch and Rodney Pryke, dentist Denis Watkins, Maggie Thompson, artist Joy Pirkle, The Rev Norman Davies, Pastor Colin Grimwood, John Ager, Rupert Herries, Jean Crossley, Jeff Jay and his son Ian, Colin Tribe, Ray Jackaman, Peter Paternoster and his brother Dennis. Oh, and Mick the fish, little Jim Smith (who spent most of his life in the Navy) and Jim's brother who lived in Stoney Road and where, after his demise, they discovered ordnance including several hand grenades in his

kitchen. Obliging too were Bruce Massingham, his sister Wendy and her Mum, Pam. Hardly anyone escaped my brushes – Tom Bye, dear Sheila Paternoster, my friend Lenny Bilsbury and of course, as well as Foulger's friesians, I painted the Foulger brothers, John's son Charles, and milk supremo, Adrian.

I took delight in painting the former 'posties' on their bikes including Jill Girling and Ann Dee. In hindsight, I wish I had begun to paint and record earlier some of the old country traditions that were part of Grundisburgh village life but now long gone.

Reg Snook, 07897 294173

Some of the paintings still in Reg's possession will be on display at the annual parish meeting on 28 May (see p15). He hopes to be back on his bicycle and in his studio following a back operation in the spring. We wish him a speedy recovery. Ed.



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GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

£100,000 local fund-raising initiative for village hall

There is a real sense of increasing momentum in the project to build a new village hall. The openness and transparency promised is still at the forefront of our minds and so a new website is to be built to allow more information to be shown and comments to be collected.

There is a new emphasis on fund raising and we continue to work with the Big Lottery who are considering our application and we have set ourselves a target to achieve £100,000 from them. In addition, we are targeting over 75 other grant giving bodies and have a separate target to raise £100,000 from these entities.

Perhaps the most exciting development is the announcement of a local match funding initiative to raise over £100,000. A group of individuals are pledging a total of £50,000 (possibly worth £62,500 with Gift Aid) which will match fund any other sums raised for the new hall by people from the village.

This gives a real incentive to people to donate sums of whatever amount as that donation will effectively be doubled by the match funding. Whether you want to make an individual donation, ask others to donate, seek grants from entities we are not aware of, or arrange a fund raising event, this initiative will match your donations. The total match funding is aiming to raise over £100,000

Personal donations from tax payers are extremely effective. Because of Gift Aid and tax relief, a £100 donation from a 40% tax payer will "only" cost the donor £75 (net of tax relief) but could be worth £250 to the charity (after match funding)!

Once we have a better idea of the grants we can achieve, a community-wide consultation will take place as soon as practicable.

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Speeding update

Plans to deter speeding through Grundisburgh are progressing - slowly. Eight volunteers have signed up for the Speedwatch team and are awaiting training in operating a speed gun from the Police. We hope this will take place shortly. Fourteen residents have volunteered to maintain a SID (speed indicator device) once we can install one.

Suffolk County Council has installed two new posts for a SID to be mounted on the B1079 and has replaced another post on Ipswich Road that was leaning over. This, coupled with existing posts gives us at least five possible locations for the device.

Grundisburgh has agreed to host the SID from SAVID (see front page) and until that is available will try to borrow one in the meantime.

Geoff Caryer, Grundisburgh Parish Council, 738108, geoff@caryer.co.uk

CHURCH DIG COMPLETE

The archaeological dig at St Mary's, Grundisburgh, is complete and Linzi Everett and her team who were carrying out the excavation have now left the site.

During the excavation 40 plus sets of remains were uncovered, 18 of which were complete skeletons. The remains, which were temporarily stored within the church, have now been taken to Suffolk Archaeological headquarters where they will be cleaned, annualised and recorded. The church has to pay the considerable cost of the work associated with checking the complete skeletons. Burials as early as 900 to 1100 AD were uncovered; these burials were

earlier than the building of the present church and may have been associated with a Saxon church that may have previously stood on the site. No evidence was found of the names or details any of those who have been buried there over the years.

When Suffolk Archaeological have completed their work the remains will be returned to the church where they will be reburied. In due course a report will be issued by them detailing what was found.

Peter Brunning

Calling all past WI members

It is 100 years since the Grundisburgh Burgh and Culpho branch of the WI was formed. We are planning to hold a centenary celebration on 6 June at 3pm on Grundisburgh playing field (or in the football pavilion if the weather is not good). All past members are invited to join us. RSVP by 16 May by ringing Carol 735838 or Gill 735547 for details.

Our last meeting of 2018 was a real musical treat. We were entertained by The Phoenix Handbell Ringers to a selection of Christmas songs and carols. 2019 began with an informal meeting, when we enjoyed a buffet and a beetle drive.

Sharon Lockhart from FCC Environment joined us in February, giving a lively and informative presentation. We warmed to her from the start and questions flowed freely throughout. We discovered that all grey bin waste in Suffolk is now burned at the recycling centre at Great Blakenham and none goes into landfill. A sophisticated and strictly monitored filter system means that very little pollution reaches the environment. The energy produced goes into the National Grid.

We learned that proceeds from the Reuse shop at the Foxhall recycling center goes to The

Benjamin Foundation who help up to 2,000 under-privileged people each year.

The items put into the Scouts clothes bank in Grundisburgh are taken to Birmingham where everything is hand sorted and graded. New, nearly new and 'designer' labels can be sold, garments just a bit worn with plenty of wear left in them are sent all over the world to help those less fortunate than us. Stained or torn items are turned into industrial cleaning cloths. Sharon did her best to persuade us to cut down on single use plastic. Just very small steps can make a huge difference.

We are a thriving group but we can still find room for you.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838

Another sell out for Upbeat!

Upbeat! Ladies choir performed another sell out concert at St Mary's Church in December where they were joined by the choir from Grundisburgh Primary School. Proceeds of the concert were donated to two worthwhile charities: FIND (Families in Need) who run a food bank in Ipswich and the Suffolk branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Each received £1,000.

The choir is going from strength to strength and currently boasts almost 60 members – anyone interested can just come along to Primary School at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings or check out our Facebook pages.

Jean Ellinor, secretary

Annual Parish Meeting

Grundisburgh & Culpho's annual parish meeting will be on Tuesday 28 May, starting at 7pm in the village hall. The organiser John Lapsley is aiming to refresh the format and celebrate the wide range of activities the village has to offer. It will end with the usual refreshments from Grange Farm shop and a chance to chat informally.

NEWS TRIBUTES

Margarete Semec 1914 – 2019

Our mum came to England from Germany in 1949 through an agency, to work as a domestic in Stutton. She met our dad, Mykola (Mick, who had recently come from the Ukraine) in Ipswich. They lived in a cottage at Bonds Corner, Grundisburgh, where dad worked on the farm and where Angie was born in 1950. They then moved to a farm at Burgh, where



Christine (Inge) was born in 1953, and later that year moved to Orchard End. There they stayed. Dad died in 2010 and mum stayed on briefly until she became a resident at

Rendlesham Care Centre.

Mum was always busy; when we were young she would like to knit, crochet and make our clothes. She preferred to have a job and over the years worked at Cranes, Girdlestones, childminding, fruit picking and finally retired at St Audrey's, Melton.

We have fond memories of mum, making up a picnic for our Sunday trips to Felixstowe, in the summer with Soames's coaches. The grandchildren also remember her lovely recipes of potato

pancakes, meatloaf, marble cake and apple cake.

Angie Ramsey and Inga Semec

Major Charles Bunbury MBE 1941 – 2018

Charles was an absolute Gentleman with a marvellous sense of humour, one of those people that one takes to instantly. He came across as very laid back but underneath he was extremely organised and efficient.

He could trace his family history back to the Norman conquest and, like his father and grandfather, was destined for a military career. Charles joined as an army entrant working his way up to Sandhurst where he became a Cadet Sergeant before being commissioned in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment in 1962.

He had a varied and interesting career in the army serving in Norway, Hong Kong, Sandhurst as an instructor (a job only given to the best), Barbados, Germany and Northern Ireland.

At the height of the troubles, he was Community Liaison Officer in Londonderry in 1973 just after "Bloody Sunday" and used to go into the Bogside Provo pubs with jacket, regimental tie and dog (there was always a dog in Charles' life) to talk to and share a pint or two with the 'players', who respected him as a safe conduit for communication. For this



extremely challenging and brave work he received his MBE. Charles ended his career at Colchester Military Corrective Training Centre before retiring to Creting St Mary where he took to gardening with gusto. In more recent years he moved to Playford.

Charles loved to go to the pub of an evening with his dog for a couple of pints and a chat, something that the rest of us will miss terribly. He is survived by his wife Veronica, children Victoria and William and half sister Mel.

Tony Powell

Jeff Jay 1923 - 2019

Jeff was born in Ipswich, the sixth of seven children, and left school at 15; most left at 14, but Jeff was considered too small- so he did an extra year. He went to work for Footmans and joined the Church Lads Brigade achieving the rank of sergeant.

When war broke out, Jeff was too young to join up officially, but it didn't stop him from volunteering. He joined the Parachute Regiment - of which he was proud to be a member, until his dying day. He narrowly avoided death and was on the run for 10 days, hiding in French farmhouses before being captured and imprisoned.

It was at a job at Hewitt's in Ipswich, collecting grocery orders on his bicycle, that he met Daphne. They married at Kirton and remained happily so for over 60 years

Together they moved to Badwell Ash where Jeff found similar work - and then on to Grundisburgh to become the van driver for Mr Linley (then owner of what is now Williams Stores). A house came with the job and Daphne and Jeff with the boys lived in what is now the

Old Bakery.

In 1962 they moved to No 9 Meeting Lane - Jeff was now the village milkman, working for the Foulgers. He enjoyed that job and helping with the harvest too. His final job was with Roadworks - working on the roads. It was hard physical labour but Jeff loved it and stayed until retirement in 1988.

Jeff had a strong practical Christian faith and he found enormous fulfilment in his ministry as an Elder - first appointed in Grundisburgh. He was faithful in visiting the housebound and elderly. He kept a diary with all the details of every service he ever led and especially loved singing in the choir where he notched up 49 years,

His love of God was mirrored in his love for his family - including sons Ian and Philip, grandchildren and great grandchildren. At home he enjoyed simple pleasures - Countdown, Songs of Praise, Pointless and, without fail, the 6 o'clock News. He was a follower of



Top: Jeff with Daphne. Below at the Grundisburgh War Memorial on Remembrance Day 2018

Ipswich Town, a member of the Lyttleton Club and the Lunch Club, president of the Scout group for many years and a driver for the Leg Club.

Edited from the tribute written by Canon Revd Clare Sanders

The full versions of tributes can be seen on The News' website and in the folder in Williams cafe on The Green.



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If you've ever been to an event in Burgh Barn and looked upwards, you will have seen just how spectacular the building itself is. Some 35 metres long, six metres wide and with a ceiling rising to 10 metres above you, the barn reveals its true self.

Built probably in the early 18th. century and originally thatched, it was a largely agricultural building for storing hay etc. until the current owners, Bill and Jacqui Mayne decided to adapt it to become a largely domestic asset.

The 1987 hurricane had left its mark - a definite lean to leeward: this had to be corrected using tractor-mounted winches to literally pull the building back into shape (once all the roof tiles had been removed).

Over the years, some areas had suffered from rot - these were carefully removed, with new timber being scarfed into place.



Where necessary, steel brackets hold key areas firmly in place. Overall, the building was made water-tight, thermally insulated and is now used by the Maynes as an adjunct to their family home, not least as a spacious table-tennis 'court' or as winter storage for Bill's Flying Fifteen keelboat!

But it is also occasionally used to hold community events such as Burgh Church Harvest Supper and a performance by the Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra; the owners have no intentions of turning it into a commercial venture.

*Words Richard Watkinson,
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Left: Bill with Sam. Above: Bill challenges Richard Watkinson to table tennis.



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Grundisburgh Football Club

Since gaining promotion to the SIL Senior Division in 1980/81, Grundisburgh Football Club has proudly been in the top flight for 38 seasons. And barring a massive miracle we will be back in Junior football next season. We have played 20 games out of 30 and have only five points with just one win and two draws all season.

After two seasons without a Reserve side, we have rejoined the league in Intermediate 'C' & although also bottom of the league the young side run by Julian Beaumont have won their last two games 5-2 and 3-1.

The club lost two past members last year.

Firstly John Juby sadly passed away in September aged 87. John was on the Grundisburgh committee for a very long

time from the late 80's through to the 2000's, his wife Jill was our secretary for many years and son Rob a Grundisburgh Reserve Team Manager in the past. John was a real gentleman and helped the club in a lot of ways including work on the clubhouse.

Former player Brian Hetherington died in November. He played in our first Suffolk Senior Cup win in 1964 scoring in our 3-0 replay win over Felixstowe Town. The following season he played in goal against Ipswich Town Reserves at Portman Road in the Suffolk Premier Cup, which we lost 4-0. but Ipswich were impressed with him and signed him on.

Outstanding fixtures

The remaining 1st team 'home' fixtures are:
Haughley Utd - 2 March,
Coplestonians - 16 March,
Bramford Utd - 6 April,
Leiston St M 13 April
Reserves :
Ufford Sports Res - 9 March,
East Bergholt 'A' - 23 March.

Fun quiz

We are also holding a fun quiz at the pavilion on Saturday 16 March, 7.45pm. The cost is only £3pp, with teams of four, nibbles and prizes. To book call 07702 306190.

Micky Squirrell, GFC 1st Team Manager,



Top John Juby; left Brian Hetherington, centre, with Peter Paternoster (left) and Neville Rayment (right).

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Winter weekday morning tennis. 'Photo Chris Lee.

From Winter Winners To Spring Sparks at Grundisburgh Tennis Club

Sunday league is played throughout the winter and, despite playing against strong competition, one of the Grundisburgh Tennis Club men's teams was promoted last year. Our hardy ladies have continued to meet up and play on weekday mornings through the winter too, occasionally organising walks with a coffee stop when the weather made play impossible!

Spring is just around the corner and our new tennis year starts on 31 March. We will have lots on offer for all ages and abilities such as regular adult social play sessions for all abilities.

Carl, the tennis coach, return with some great coaching offers and fun events, including:

Quorn Family Cup - Sat 27 April @2pm - Fun doubles parent/child competition based on the mini tennis format, using soft balls and short rackets.

Road to Wimbledon - Sat 11 May @2pm - Fun singles tournament for kids 14 and under with the winner going on to represent the club at regional finals and possibly going all the way to Wimbledon!

Tennis for Kids 2019 - The LTA's flagship Tennis for Kids programme will return in the spring for beginner players in the 5-7 or 8-11 age brackets. TFK is a great way to introduce children to the fantastic sport of tennis and each six-week course includes a racket, t-shirt and set of balls.

Mini Tennis - Mini Tennis RED (5-7) and Mini Tennis Orange(8-11) squads will return to the club after the Easter break and are a great way for kids to continue to build their tennis skills and Tennis 3's - one for the adults and older kids, a fast paced and fun version of tennis played as a team. This one will get your pulse racing and help develop skills, reaction levels and tactical awareness.

Cardio Tennis - Cardio Tennis is a high energy fitness activity that combines the best features of the sport of tennis with cardiovascular exercise, delivering the ultimate, full body, calorie burning aerobic workout. No prior playing experience required, and all equipment is provided.

To find out more about any of the opportunities mentioned above or to find out how to join the tennis club please visit:

Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/GrundisburghTennisClub>

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PANTO TIME - IN TUDDENHAM AND GRUNDISBURGH



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The Emperor's New Clothes

In 2016 Tadpoles put on their 30th Panto 'Mother Goose' and thought it might be nice (or do we mean kind?) to have a rest. However you can't hold a good gang down, and so this year came back with a new panto written by long term Tadpole Adrian Frost and his daughter Katherine – 'The Emperor's New Clothes'.

Our Emperor (Edward Ottley) is a fine figure of a man, if he says so himself. He wants to make sure that his Birthday Suit shows off his crown jewels to best effect! He commissions young Tailor Swift (Sarah Myers), son of palace cook Dame Sally (Mike Trotman), to make him a royal suit but it is

hijacked by sneaky tailors Snippet & Pinch (Fiona Woods and Julie Beckett).

Fortunately Ted Sheeran (Gary Perkins), an enterprising Suffolk boy, saves the day, and makes sure the Emperor's standing is not diminished!

And so we have a happy ending with the young tailor marrying the Emperor's daughter Princess Petunia (Holly Airey)

Now Tadpoles have gone back to the panto format, what's in store for next year? Who knows? It could be a Greek tragedy, a classical ballet or a martial arts extravaganza - Oh yes it could! You'll have to wait and see!

Adrian Frost and Jean Ellinor

Little Panto of Horrors

For this year's panto, GADS once again went down the non traditional route and performed Little Panto of Horrors, directed by Nikki Brown and Debbie Osborne.

All the normal panto shenanigans were present, with Joel Tatham as Flora Flowerpot trying to save her floundering flower shop by growing some 'exotic' new plants with the help of a passing martian.

There was a mad dentist, some imaginative knife throwing, some light sabre duelling and a man eating plant! In the end, as in all pantos, the bad guys were defeated (or in this case, eaten!) and Seymour and

Audrey, played by Rob Gilbert and Amy Adams, lived happily ever after.

GADS would like to thank everyone involved in putting on the show and everybody who came along to see it.

Spring play

Our spring play is called 'Mightier Than The Sword', written by GADS' member Phil Bailey. It is the story of a vanity publishers being taken over by an ex-gangster who wants to go straight and the hilarious and bawdy consequences that ensue! Performance are 6, 7 and 8 June in Grundisburgh Village Hall.

Ian Frost