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Fantastic Fireworks



Over 1,600 people came to our Firework Display on Saturday 8 November. Everyone enjoyed a spectacular show, the BBQ and stalls sold out, the weather was just right to see the rockets go up into the clear night sky.



Thanks go to the Football Club for rearranging their matches so that the field was free and for opening the Pavilion Bar; also thanks to the Primary School for allowing their car park to be used for visitors to the

Fireworks.

We had our most successful Display ever, raising **£10,160**. This total includes two generous donations for which we are very grateful. Thanks to all our Leaders, members and volunteers for their hard work, and to the public who



supported us in any way.

Three of our girl members have been chosen to represent our Group at the World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, Poland, in 2027. They had a fundraising stall at the fireworks selling sweets and any money from this will help towards going to Poland.

Many Leaders and members attended the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 9 November with our flags being proudly displayed during the War Memorial Service. Towards the Christmas holidays Beavers will have a Christmas

Sleepover, Cubs are having a Night Hike with Scouts, and Explorers will be camping at Hallowtree.

I was recently awarded my 30 Years Certificate (33 years actually!). I'm not Group Secretary now but 'Vice President', although still a local contact for the Village and wider Community. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pat Ross
Grundisburgh Scouts

Scouts new HQ
See latest pp 10-11

Hallo Cards

from Grundisburgh are selling their ever popular range of cards for Christmas in aid of East Suffolk Children's Hospices (EACH) again this year. To date they have raised a total of £4,635.65!

They are available at Grange Farm Shop and Woodbridge Charity Christmas Card Shop which is situated in Gobbits Yard this year, and from their website:
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Here's another fine mess you've got yourself into.....

On Thursday 30 October the driver of a four axle truck decided to take a chance on Half Moon Lane where City Fibre were installing new cabling. Despite clear signs that the road was closed he insisted that he had been told to drive up Half Moon Lane. He caused damage to the bank and ultimately needed help to exit at the junction with Meeting Lane. His lorry was not connected to the City Fibre work in any way and he appears to have been a subcontractor for another construction company....

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Celebrations in nine of our local churches

Christmas services in our nine churches are always special because they offer a deep sense of community and spiritual reflection amidst the busyness of the festive season. They provide a vital pause to remember the significance of Christmas: the birth of Jesus.

The services, which include carol, Christingle, Crib, Communion and a St Nicholas service start on the 14 December. Christingle is a wonderful service for children making Christingles and supporting the Children's Society.

Our Carol services happen in all our churches at various times and are a great way for villages to come together to celebrate Christmas. On Christmas Eve there are two Crib services (do dress up if you would like) before the first communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass).

On Christmas Day we have two communion services: at 9:30 and at 11am with an All Age celebration (non communion) at 10am.

The beautiful church settings, decorated for the occasion, enhance the sense of awe and reverence, making these celebrations a uniquely moving and memorable experience. Everyone is very welcome, do join us!

Mark Cresswell
Rector

The Diary will continue to appear on the News website. Information to:
Diary editor: Ian McIvor,
diary@grunews.com

Special Services for Advent and Christmas *All welcome!*

- SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER**
11:00 am:
St Nicholas Service (Clopton)
3:00 pm:
Christingle Service (Grundisburgh)
- SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER**
3:00 pm:
Carol Service (Boulge)
5:00 pm:
Carol Service (Otley)
- SUNDAY, 21ST DECEMBER**
11:00 am:
Carol Service (Swilland)
3:00 pm:
Carol Service (Culpho)
4:00 pm:
Carol Service (Ashbocking)
Carols & Christingle Service (Hasketon)
6:00 pm:
Carol Service (Grundisburgh)
- CHRISTMAS EVE**
3:00 pm:
Carol Service (Burgh)
4:30 pm:
Crib Service (Warrens Farm Otley)
Crib Service (Grundisburgh)
6:00 pm:
Carol Service (Clopton)
11:30 pm:
Midnight Mass (Grundisburgh)
- CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:30 am:
Christmas Holy Communion (Otley)
Christmas Holy Communion (Clopton)
10:00 am:
All Age Worship (Grundisburgh)
11:00 am:
Christmas Holy Communion (Ashbocking)
Christmas Holy Communion (Boulge)

Otley Church Preservation Trust

On 1 November 2025 the Trust celebrated its 31 birthday. It was one of the first organisations of its kind in the county and allows people to contribute to the maintenance of the church fabric in the certain knowledge that the funds cannot be used for other purposes. Of the original trustees, Rose Rogerson remains part of OCPT and I am immensely grateful for her long service to the Trust.

I am also very grateful to all the other trustees, both past and present, for their time and effort over the years.

The Trust raises money through a combination of collection boxes distributed throughout the village, regular donations from standing orders, a collection box in the church, legacies, donations from occasional offices at St Mary's and our own fund-raising initiatives. These have included

concerts from various choirs and a series of very successful performances by Jonathan Farnhill and the Horn Factory jazz band.

We have also produced postcards of St Mary's, calendars of Otley village scenes, a history guidebook



and a series of well-regarded Christmas cards.

Since its inception, the Trust has raised £115,000 for the maintenance of St Mary's, a remarkable achievement for an innovative scheme in a small Suffolk village. The

success of the Trust's fundraising has allowed it to support numerous projects including timber treatment for deathwatch beetle, re-roofing of the chancel, re-leading the tower, re-building the vestry chimney, over-hauling the clock and refurbishing its faces, repairing the rotting West Door, on-going redecoration of the interior, extensive masonry repairs, re-leading and re-glazing of many of the windows, guards for the older windows, new floor joists, guttering refurbishment and a new flagpole.

All of this has helped to keep St Mary's in fine overall condition and playing a central role in village life.

As ever with an ancient building, the maintenance work never ceases and trustees are currently reviewing projects arising from the recent full inspection of the church fabric.

Donations to support our work are always most gratefully received, whatever the amount or frequency. If you would like to contribute to the OCPT, please contact the Treasurer, Issy Lincoln, on 01473 890826 or issywizzy58@gmail.com

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all past and present trustees who have worked so hard and continue to do so to raise funds for the upkeep of St Mary's and to everyone who has contributed so generously to the Trust's work over the last 31 years.

Ian Beaumont
Trust Chairman

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the beautifully crafted sign of the Saxon Ship Wood planted on our land.



The event was attended by members of the Saxon Ship company including many of the volunteers who work on the ship itself.

Pratt and will showcase the new woodland for many years. The woodland itself is doing well and volunteers regularly tend to the young trees.

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Andrew Fitzgerald one of the trustees of the Trust said a few words of thanks to the volunteers who had made the creation of the wood a possibility and the ceremony was attended by district councillors Colin Hedgley and Dan Clery. Steve Molyneux, Woodbridge town, also was in attendance.

The sign was made by Mike

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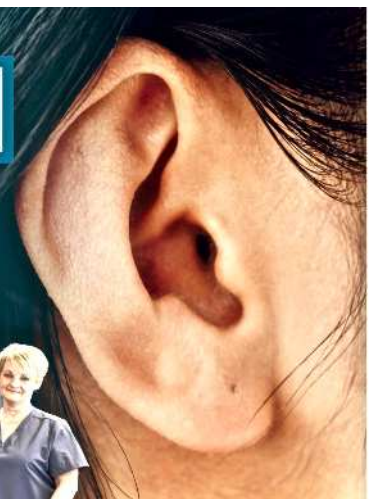
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Grund Force in action again!

The call for action

With the commitment and assistance of two wonderful village contractors, I am delighted to announce that a long-awaited community project is now GO!

Yes, the Village Green will finally get a dedicated power supply that can be used for our Christmas Tree lights and for various other events throughout the year.

The supply will come from the Parish Rooms and it will be routed in a safe and compliant manner that will not be obvious once complete and after the grass has regrown.

The ground and electrical works will all be carried out on the 14 and 15 of November, and I'm seeking volunteers for Saturday the 15th. On the Saturday we need to help the electrical guys pull cables through the underground ducting, and help the groundworks guys re-fill and make good the trenches/holes.

Spades and old clothing are highly recommended as it may get a bit mucky. I'd also advise wellies because we'll need to traverse the stream here and there...a prize will be awarded to anyone who falls in!

Chris Dow

The result

We were very lucky with the weather and there was a whole lot of digging and back filling going on, and together we broke the back of the electrification works.



The cable is laid, and both its connection to the Parish Rooms and to a new box at the green will be carried out in the coming days. A new duct will be dug from the box along the green to the village sign, and small inspection boxes will be sunk into the grass so that it's far easier to supply power to the Christmas Tree lights and some new lights to illuminate the Village Crest.

Aside from a couple of lids flush with the grass, none of this will be visible when the

grass regrows. We aim to get everything done and dusted, tree and sign illuminated, by Saturday 6 December.

Many thanks to Dave Ruse and his mini digger, Cav Doyle for the cabling works, the Grundforce Team with their spades and rakes and, last but not least, Heather Langdon for refreshments and her wonderful rock cakes.

Chris Dow



In our last issue, space limited us to a short piece about Vehicle Surgeon: we thought it would be helpful to add a few words here about the origins of the business. It was started really as a hobby by Michael Ladd (himself a vintage car enthusiast) in 1982. He got busier and busier and in 2010 he sold it as a going concern to the current owners although he stayed on to help them in the then new workshop on site. Some of the buildings we see today are slightly more recent, having replaced the first ones after a disastrous fire. And the business continues to grow.....

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Northern Bypass revisited

Meeting with Patrick Spencer - Northern Bypass

Patrick Spencer, MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, met with residents from within the News area at Grundisburgh Village Hall on Friday 30 October.

This was one of several constituency meetings held to discuss residents' concerns about a revival of interest, as seen in the local

press, in the Northern Ipswich bypass.

Patrick Spencer expressed his view that, for too long, the Northern Bypass has been put forward as a solution to the economic stagnation of Ipswich.

However, this would not be improved by a peripheral road with 25,000 houses.

He felt that Ipswich had many unique positives: an hour from London; cheap business accommodation; Sizewell and offshore wind farms offering opportunities nearby; good air quality and beautiful countryside.

It needed to be better promoted as a thriving place for young, inventive under 30s to establish businesses with good accommodation and better facilities within the town.

Traffic congestion in Ipswich was another major theme covered in discussions. The difference in travel times when children were on holiday from school was commented on.

More investment in railways and the possibility of another Orwell crossing were discussed.

Mr Spencer stated that current traffic flow analyses were not sufficient or good enough and he would engage with the relevant authorities on this.

Finally, the environmental implications of damage to the rural environment that would result from a new road were covered.

Mr Spencer believed that food security could not, and should not, be separated from our national security.

"Farmers are the best guardians of the soil, natural habitats and biodiversity. Any changes that were made would be irreversible and rob our children and grandchildren of something very special" asserted Mr.Spencer.

Rosemary Kneebone
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1 in 4 fatal crashes involves a speeding vehicle.

SAVID villages will be displaying banners in known speeding spots during Road Safety Week and arranging additional Community Speed Watch sessions as well as Speed Indicator

Devices (SID) deployment.

Our next meeting in January (date to be confirmed) we will be hearing about the Government's road safety strategy and considering the concerns about HGV's on our rural routes.

Pauline Procter SAVID chair



Grundisburgh Tennis Club



Christmas is coming into play at Grundisburgh Tennis Club

The build up to Christmas can be hectic, so a game of tennis is an ideal way to unwind, to cement friendships and to meet new people. The Tennis Club provides opportunities for socialising at some festive get-togethers alongside the regular club sessions.

We have been having an autumn clean up. The courts have been professionally cleaned and moss treatment applied. Leaves and other debris, brought down by autumn winds, is regularly cleared from the courts to keep the playing surfaces in good condition.

The club has recently been liaising with the playing field committee to ensure that we are able to take advantage of the newly refurbished pavilion. The Grundforce team has done a great job, and we hope to run more social events there in the future.

Club sessions, league matches and coaching will continue through the winter, weather permitting. Equipment is available at coaching sessions, and the first session will always be **FREE** of charge!

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Grundisburgh's 12 year old bowls star crowned National Champion

A young girl from Grundisburgh has made history in the world of bowls after becoming one of the youngest national champions in the country and now she's been shortlisted for the prestigious



Active Suffolk Young Sports Personality of the Year Award.

Twelve-year-old Nayara Drummond, who plays for the

Borough of Eye Bowls Club, captured national attention earlier this year when she was crowned Bowls England Girls Under-18 Singles Champion at Leamington Spa.

Competing against some of the most talented young bowlers in England, Nayara impressed with her composure, precision, and maturity far beyond her years.

Her route to the title was nothing short of remarkable. Over two intense days of competition, Nayara won six consecutive matches, showing determination and nerve under pressure.

In a dramatic semi-final, she lost the first set before fighting

back to win the second, forcing a tense three-end tie-break.

On the final end, she played three stunning shots to clinch victory against England international Sophie Wood, securing her place in the final and ultimately, the championship.

The final was also no easy task. Facing Dorset's Daria Rampelt, a far more experienced and physically stronger opponent, Nayara found herself in another tough contest.

She tied the first set before showing incredible focus and composure to edge the second set by just one shot, sealing an unforgettable victory and claiming the national title.

The triumph not only brought her national glory but also earned her the honour of representing England at the British Isles Championships in Wales.

Competing in her country's colours for the first time, Nayara relished the experience of playing on an international stage alongside some of the best young talents from across the UK.

Her achievements have since been celebrated widely. Nayara was featured in Bowls International Magazine, appeared on BBC Radio Suffolk, and secured sponsorship from Jack & Bowl, who recognised her as one of the sport's brightest rising stars.

Now, she's up for another

honour having been nominated and shortlisted for the Active Suffolk Young Sports Personality of the Year, an award recognising the county's most inspiring young athletes. The glittering awards ceremony takes place in November, where Nayara and her family will be in attendance to celebrate an incredible year of sporting success.

Despite all the attention, Nayara remains grounded and focused on the sport she loves.

"I just love being out there on the green," she said. "Winning



the national title and playing for England was a dream come true."

From watching her dad play bowls around Suffolk to becoming a national champion at just 12 years old, Grundisburgh's own Nayara Drummond has shown what passion, dedication, and a fearless spirit can achieve.

Andrew Drummond

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The village with a corporate identity

Grundisburgh is lucky in so many ways but another “reason to be cheerful” has emerged recently.

new logo for the new Village Hall which Sally Geeve created from scratch.

It shows a beautiful blade of



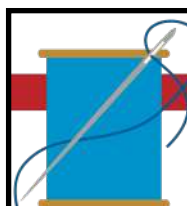
This is around the adoption by three of the village’s facilities of corporate style logos which have been specifically created for them by a professional designer.

The design creation has been funded personally by a generous donor who lives in the village, and to whom we are very grateful.

The first was the

grass with two silhouettes of birds. Very rural and appropriate and the grass cleverly forms the “V” of Village Hall. This is used on the website and elsewhere, and gives the hall its own identity. You will have seen





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the beautiful illuminated signs on two of the Hall elevations. The second logo was created for the village show and again incorporated the distinctive “V”

Following the success of this, the playing field wanted to create a new identity to go with its pavilion makeover and Sally came up with a similar style.

However, this time with a football and tennis ball instead of birds as a nod to the two main sports activities on the playing field.

This time the blade of grass is the “v” in Pavilion as grass is even more relevant to the playing field and pavilion!

This logo will be used for the new playing field website and seen on all other forms of branding.

The three logos seem very popular with people and are different but related, thus

giving Grundisburgh its very own brand, thanks to a generous donor and the expertise of Sally Geeve.

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As many village residents know, for many years the Scout Group has been trying to build a new scout headquarters. After purchasing land in Stoney Road a planning application was submitted to East Suffolk in October 2024.

Unfortunately, after months of work the failure of this application came from poor, improper scrutiny by senior management at East Suffolk Planning Department and led the application to be dismissed by lower level officer planners who were contracted in from outside Suffolk.

After consultation with East Suffolk, parish and district councillors, we were then advised by the head of Planning and Building Control to submit another application. We have been assured this will be dealt more fairly for a community project with significant public benefit.

At the time of writing the second application has been submitted and awaiting validation of documents. The new planning number is listed

under DC/25/4242/FUL and when this issue of Grundisburgh News goes to press it could be live on the Planning Portal for comments; however, this may still be a little while.

When it does go live on the Portal this is when we need the village and community support.

To prove to the planners that this project should be accepted and will enhance our village facilities, we would ask the residents to email or submit letters of support to East Suffolk Planning Department; hopefully we can get more support than before.

The new HQ has been designed to suit the many various needs and requirements of a growing and busy Scout Group.

The layout has two halls to allow multiple youth section meetings and additional community bookings on the same day and times. The building is placed centrally on the site to have effective use of all outdoor space and allow

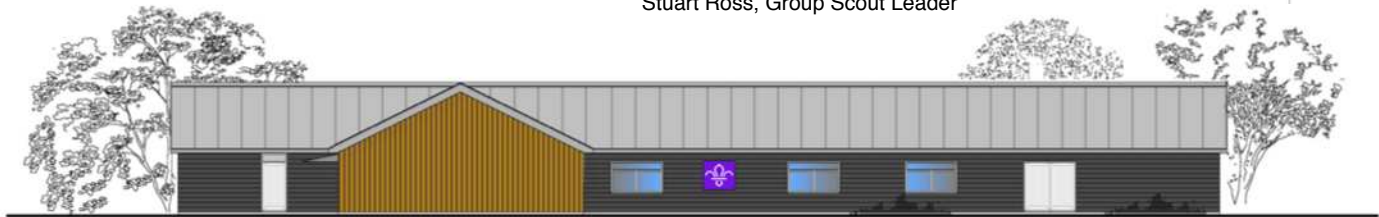
leaders to maintain an oversight of children participating in those activities, for effective supervision and safeguarding.

The one ground level floor throughout promotes ease of movement for all disabilities and needs. Being located behind an existing internal tree line will help reduce the visual impact from the nearby roads or residences, without being a blight on the Lark Valley view from the corner of Stoney Road.

We believe that our building aligns with planning policies that support community facilities in rural areas. It recognises the value of such spaces in promoting healthy lifestyles, education and wellbeing of youth members within a recreational infrastructure.

We hope this second application will be successful and make our dreams of a new, secure, and inviting headquarters a reality for future years of scouting and youth activities in the community.

Stuart Ross, Group Scout Leader



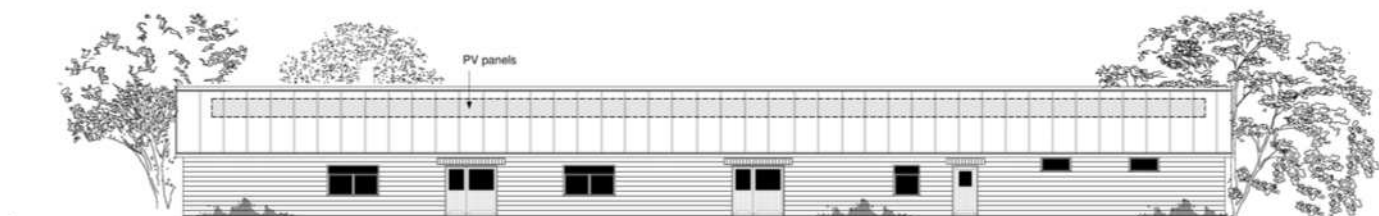
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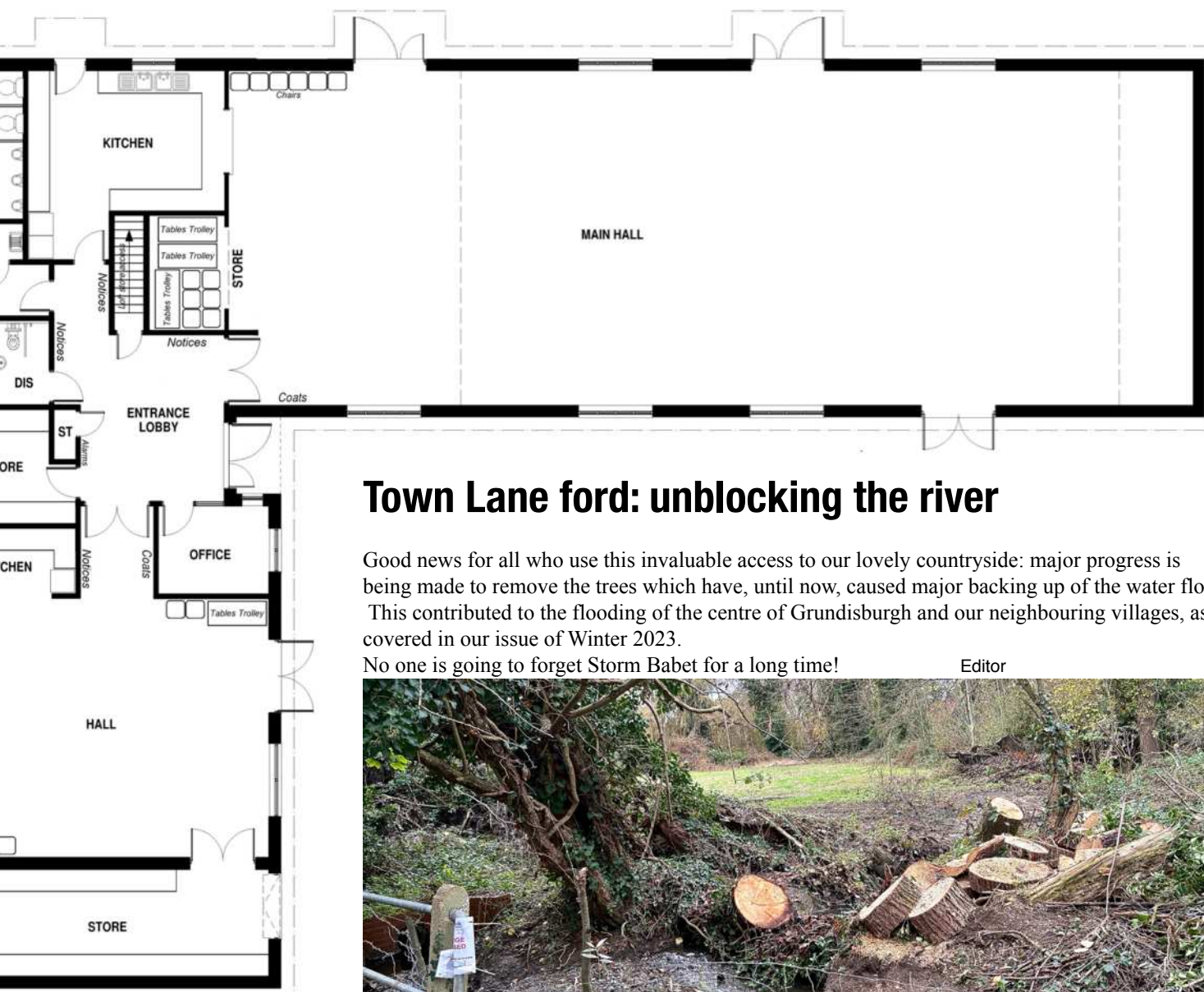


NORTH WEST ELEVATION (Side)



SOUTH EAST ELEVATION (Side)





Town Lane ford: unblocking the river

Good news for all who use this invaluable access to our lovely countryside: major progress is being made to remove the trees which have, until now, caused major backing up of the water flow. This contributed to the flooding of the centre of Grundisburgh and our neighbouring villages, as covered in our issue of Winter 2023.

No one is going to forget Storm Babet for a long time!

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ESPA, the East Suffolk Planning Alliance goes from strength to strength. It now has 56 affiliated town/parish councils and anticipates more as the new government's plans for mass development become clearer. ESPA recently spoke on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme with Nick Robinson.

Although edited lots of great points were raised and it got ESPA's name out there, another step in the right direction.

ESPA is now formally engaged with East Suffolk Council on vital planning issues and questions that affect all of us.

They have agreed a Community Engagement Group forum with East Suffolk Council enabling our local government and ESPA members to meet and identify, share and discuss important planning issues.



The CEG sets out to foster better mutual understanding of:

- (a) local government strategic planning and decision making;
- (b) planning procedures by the communities that are affected; and
- (c) how everyone can be fully engaged during discussions and conclusions to implement those decisions.

It all sounds rather bureaucratic but ESPA will seek to demystify the planning processes so that our (informed) voices can be not just heard, but listened to!

There is a perception that once a developer has received outline planning permission, they can often proceed with impunity.

For example, e.g. removing ancient hedgerows; changing the number of promised affordable homes in the scheme and ignoring designated routes on to the construction site.

One of the major questions is: will ESC Planning enforcement be strengthened to better oversee and ensure best practice and adherence to agreed planning conditions with developers?

Let's hope, with the help of ESPA, the answer is "Yes".

Rupert Herries



Latest figures show that Suffolk police has the third lowest recorded crime figures in the country for the fifth consecutive quarter.

The crime figures released by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) show Suffolk remains in the top three counties in England and Wales where people are least likely to be victims of crime.

Comparing the 12 months ending June 2025 with the previous 12 month period (ending June 2024), crime in Suffolk has decreased by 4.8%.

Nationally, there was smaller a reduction in crime (-1.5% for both England and Wales). Deputy Chief Constable Rob Jones said: "These latest crime figures continue to show Suffolk is one of safest places in the country.

However, as I have always said, whilst these figures are very encouraging, demonstrating how hard our officers and staff are working, it's crucial to remember that every crime that is committed has a victim involved and we extend our sympathies if this is the case for you.

As expected, shoplifting continues to be a challenge for us, as it does nationwide, and these figures continue to be closely monitored.

Our officers also can use a number of powers to tackle shoplifting such as the Anti-Social Behaviour Act to tackle persistent offenders, use of Community Protection Notices and Criminal Behaviour Orders. There can be evidential

difficulties to secure convictions, but the two most important factors are ensuring these crimes are reported to police and that businesses are aware of and make use of the crime prevention advice and technology available.

This helps stop crime in the first place but also aids investigations when they are reported.

Overall, I hope these results demonstrate how hard officers and staff are working to keep you safe, to solve crime and to catch criminals.

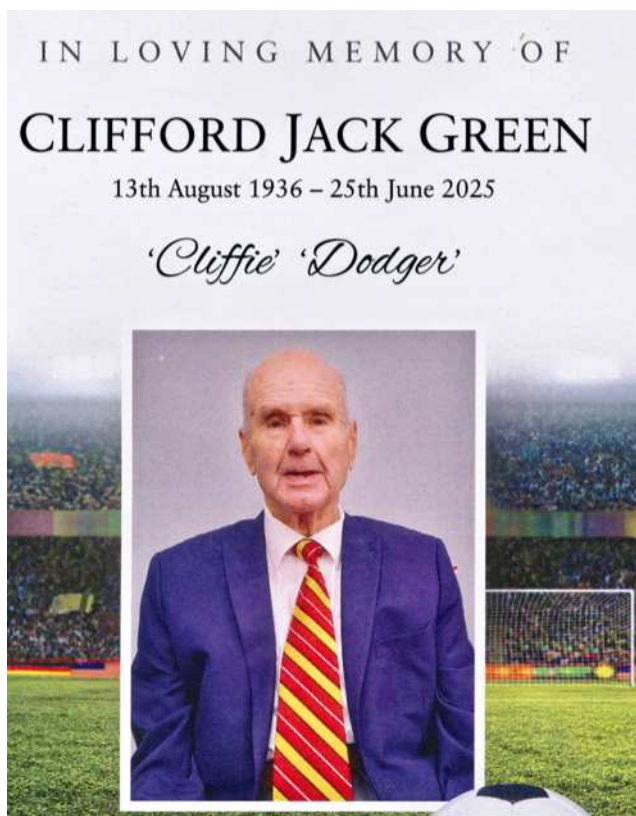
It's also about having a service that is accessible and responsive with officers being where you need them to be, when they are needed the most.

I am keen all officers continue to show compassion, professionalism, courage and a strong sense of community with everything they do.

We never forget how precious the trust and confidence that the public put in us is and we continue to work tirelessly to the benefit of our communities".



Tribute



Clifford Jack Green

13 August 1936 - 25 June 2025

Cliff was born at Bramley cottage Rosehill, Grundisburgh and attended the school down in the village until he was 14; he left school and then did odd jobs in Savages old store. He would have liked to have done carpentry, but there was a plumbing apprenticeship at Banyard and Houchels in Woodbridge so he had to take that; he cycled to Woodbridge to their yard, Monday to Friday.

When he finished his apprenticeship he was called up for National Service and spent three months at Bury St Edmunds in training. He was then posted to Cyprus for 21 months; he also spent his twenty first birthday in the mountains. He loved it there with the warm weather. When he came home he went back to his plumbing job in Woodbridge; he lived in Bramley cottage until he married. He met his wife to be and married in 1962 when they bought a bungalow in Post Mill Gardens.

He had two children, Lorraine and Alistair and in 1978 he went self-employed, which he did until he retired. He used to go to the village and get the newspapers everyday and he would sit out on the front seat and see the children go by to school, waving to them. Cliff did not enjoy good health for about a year and gradually declined. He lost the use of his legs.

On Fathers Day 15 June he had to go into hospital. and passed away on 25 June. He lived for his family.

His family would like to thank all who attended his funeral on a very wet day and who gave generously to the Royal British Legion; they are also thankful for all the wonderful cards and messages: we received over 100 in total. Donations to the Royal British Legion amounted to **£857.15**

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Grundisburgh Primary School:

I am delighted to share some wonderful updates about our school this term. The new academic year has begun smoothly, with our pupils settling in beautifully and embracing their learning journey.

I'm delighted to share some exciting developments happening within our school this term. Our pupil representation groups have been democratically established, with enthusiastic pupils from across all year groups stepping forward to represent our School Council, Eco-Council, Fairtrade Crew, and PE Crew.

I was particularly impressed by our Fairtrade Crew's recent initiative. They organised a wonderful 'Brew it' event that was open to our entire school community.

Pupils showcased their commitment to ethical sourcing by selling food and drink made from fairtrade products, demonstrating remarkable leadership and social awareness.

We've been fortunate to experience some truly enriching assemblies recently. A highlight was the visit from three exceptional string players from the Academy of St



Martin in the Fields Orchestra. They captivated our pupils with a beautiful performance



of classical pieces from various times and countries. The musicians shared fascinating insights about their instruments - the violin, viola, and cello - bringing music to life in a way that inspired our young learners.

Cultural understanding continues to be a priority for us. We were honoured to welcome a local Imam from Ipswich Mosque who explained the five pillars of Islam to our

pupils, promoting understanding and respect for different beliefs.

Recently, we welcomed a Buddhist leader who visited our school to teach children about Buddhism. These enriching encounters help our pupils develop a broader understanding of different cultures and beliefs, supporting their personal development and cultural education.

Our recent Harvest celebration saw all our pupils visiting St Marys Church in Grundisburgh, connecting our school community with local traditions and fostering a sense of shared experience.



Sporting opportunities remain important, and we recently hosted a boys and girls football

tournament at Whitton Sports Centre, encouraging teamwork and athletic achievement.

I'm also excited to share some fantastic news about childcare provisions on our school site.

A new nursery has opened, welcoming children from age 1 and operating 51 weeks of the year, from 08:00 - 18:00. This can be found at <https://bloomchildcaregroup.co.uk/bloom-childcare-group-coming-to-grundisburgh/>

This new nursery, combined with our wrap-around care which runs daily from 08:00 - 18:00, provides a comprehensive childcare solution for families.

We currently have spaces in some of our year groups, so if you're interested, please contact the school on 01473 735281 for more information.

We look forward to continuing to provide an outstanding educational experience for our pupils.

Adam Wilson Headteacher



Tucked behind Grundisburgh Primary School is the new Preschool and Daycare centre run by the Essex-based Bloom Childcare Group.

It has just opened and will provide its services of care for children from 3 months to 11 years, 51 weeks a year, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. It aims to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging learning environment for all its children. It will accept funding for all families: to secure a place for your child, please get in touch with the centre via email or complete the registration form on their website:
www.bloomchildcaregroup.co.uk

Once completed, you will be invited in for an admission meeting, where you'll be able to meet the team, explore the setting and finalise your place. Pippa Kaylene is waiting to welcome you - and your little ones - at 15 Alice Driver Rd, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge IP13 6XH
email:
info@bloomchildcaregroup.co.uk

Richard Watkinson (from material supplied)



New Headmistress Mrs Joan Ellis, who comes from North Yorkshire (centre), with Infant Teacher Mrs Rita Drake (right) and Part-time Teacher Mrs Anthea Squire.



Test your memory!

Each issue will now feature selected extracts from previous issues chosen by Noelle Hunt. It was she who suggested this feature and we welcome this refreshing look back in time.

Noelle did some research which revealed that the Connells building materials supplies company was still in existence until recently when it was acquired by Jewsons in 2006.

I understand it still occupies a site in Sun Lane.

Editor

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"Hi Mum, I've lost my phone and am using a friend's. Can you send me some money".

"There's a problem with your broadband and we need to download some software to make some corrections"

I am sure that many of us have either received or heard about these and many other common

I recently interviewed one very grateful user of the Tech Hub's services, Katherine Smith.

She won't mind me describing her as an elderly lady who has sought to use the benefits which modern technology enables.

Although she doesn't quite use her phone and computer as much as a modern teenager, she uses them for a wide variety of purposes to keep in touch with friends and to find information on the internet.

Katherine seems to have been targeted by scammers more than her fair share and many of them she could readily identify before she reached out to the Tech Hub.

"I had a call claiming to be from Amazon saying there was a problem with my account. I

advise Katherine accordingly. *"It's wonderful", she said, "They are always happy to talk to you".*

In addition to the specific scam checking, Katherine has received some golden rules from the Tech Hub to help her spot them.

So if there is a request for personal details, or the email comes from a foreign address, or the supposedly helpful agent starts getting ratty if she doesn't comply with the request to download software, Katherine now knows these to be 'red flags'.

If you would like to know more about how the Community Tech Hub could assist you in staying safe online, they now have a website:

communitytechhub.org.

There is a wider range of services available to members paying an annual subscription to help cover the costs of providing the services.

Many thanks to Katherine for sharing her experiences.

Paul Whittingham

CODE test supplied by Editor

The Diary will continue to appear on the News website.
Information to:
Diary editor: Ian McIvor,
diary@grunews.com

Editor

How to Protect Yourself?" Apply the C.O.D.E. Test

Shared by Halton Trading Standards, the C.O.D.E. test is a helpful way to assess QR codes before you scan them:

- **C** - CONSIDER the source. If the QR code came via an unexpected email, message, or letter, pause before scanning.
- **O** - OBSERVE its location. Is it a sticker? Is it placed in a strange spot? Does it cover another code?
- **D** - DESTINATION: When the code opens a link, check the web address carefully. Look for correct spelling and a secure 'https://' connection.
- **E** - EXAMINE the physical code. Does it match the branding of the business? Are there signs of tampering?

scams designed to panic us into giving money to scammers or allowing them to infect our computers.

Readers may well be aware of the Community Tech Hub, founded by Grundisburgh resident Paul Finch (but now including several more volunteers) which has endeavoured to highlight scams and help people who have got themselves in a pickle as a result of scammers or malware.

don't have an Amazon account!"

However, not all the attempted scams were so obvious and after becoming aware of the Tech Hub, Katherine now routinely calls their help line if she is approached by someone online, or by phone, who appears potentially dodgy.

When a Tech Hub volunteer takes the call, they then check to see if it is a scam or not and



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GADS panto now in rehearsal

GADS are currently in full rehearsal mode as we approach the end of the year, getting prepared for our panto, Little Red Riding Hood. This new version is a family affair as it has been written by Debbie Osborne and is being directed by her husband Darin.

Tickets are available on our website grundisburghamdram.net or by scanning the QR code on the advert on this page. Avoid disappointment and get your tickets early for new year family fun!

As members of NODA, in September, we were invited to attend a district awards ceremony at Henley Community Centre.

Four of our members, Amy Adams, Hannah Ashby, Sandy Broom and Judith Bignell-Pepper were all presented with certificates in recognition of their efforts onstage in recent productions.

Congratulations ladies..very well deserved!

See photos at right!

Don't forget, GADS meet at Grundisburgh village hall on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm. We're always on the lookout for new members so come along to see us if you're interested in joining our group.



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Proposed quarry at Westerfield

Stop the Quarry at Westerfield - update

The Stop the Quarry campaign group were delighted to announce that Suffolk County Council has received **1,790** individual objections to Tru7's planning application for a new industrial pit at Westerfield.

This is in addition to responses from statutory consultees and exceeds the campaign group's target. The County Council has confirmed that this is the highest number of objections ever received for any planning application in the county. The group has

described this response as an incredible achievement and thanked the public for everything they have done so far, saying "your support, voices and persistence have made a real difference - and the momentum we've built as a community is extraordinary".

Meanwhile, TippersRUs, part of the parent company Tru7, has been in the BBC News for illegal waste tipping at Iken which calls into question its attitude to its environmental and legal obligations.

Planning Officers will now ask Tru7 for additional or corrected information. Tru7 will then need to resubmit updated documents and the public will be re-consulted and able to object again.

Officers will then prepare a report for the Development and Regulation Committee which is expected to meet in February or March next year.

The Council has indicated that objections can still be submitted and will be reviewed up until their committee meeting.

If residents have additional or new concerns there is still time to act but the campaign groups' advice is to object as soon as possible. For further information about the progress of the campaign, including more ways to help, go to the Stop the Quarry website.

Rosemary Kneebone

Tales from a cottage

Well, autumn is certainly here. The garden looks a bit scruffy now with lots of flowers dying back: my hostas are now a golden brown with plenty of holes in the leaves; the gladioli are finished and the grapes have been harvested (more anon).

But the fuschias, evening primroses and pelargoniums are still in flower - along with the Michaelmas daisies which, I have to admit, are a rather insipid shade of pale purple and I am minded to replace them with something more vibrant for next year.

The ivy is still attracting bees so I am leaving the trimming until they have retired for the winter. But I must soon thin my yew tree to let more light into the top end of the garden and to stop its branches from touching the overhead wires coming into the house.



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Another job is to find and stop the small leak in the pond I created a few weeks ago. I'm rather glad I have expanded my waterbutt capacity: I can now refill my pond and water my plants with rainwater rather than chemical-infused tap water.

Even this small area of fresh water produced frogs this year and I hope they will go on to produce more next spring. I trust they will be hibernating this winter in the undergrowth and shelter that I have deliberately left (or created) for their occupation!

Unfortunately, I left the grape picking rather late but the crop was good and the organza bags certainly beat the blackbirds this year but mildew can still get in and that was a slight problem, especially where the bunches were sheltered from the wind and sun. The grapes at the front of my arbour fared better than those at the back which were more protected. Next year I shall train the vines more to the front and take off shade-giving leaves where they are close to the fruit.

I don't know whether the blackbirds were put off my garden altogether by the bags but there seemed to be fewer around this year although hedge sparrows seemed to be more prolific than before. I always thought that robins were ground-feeders and one always appears when I am working in the garden,

However at least one joins the passerine blue tits having a feed off the fat balls suspended from an old mother-and-daughter lamp I converted to a bird feeding station. Note to self: make and install a couple of swift boxes this winter.

I went to New Zealand a few months ago and brought back some native plants' seeds. I

sowed them here and a few seedlings appeared. Yippee - manuka, NZ flax and daisies, I thought. They did germinate - slowly - but as they grew, with my tender and loving care, I began to wonder what was what.



The seedlings didn't look like manuka at all and it's clear now that they are just common-or-garden (self-sown) lobelias. Bright blue and white flowers for planting out but where have all my manukas et al gone?

Coming back with a stop-off in Australia the seeds had to go into quarantine (chargeable, of course) as the Aussies are very wary of importing plant-borne diseases. My lobelias must now be the most expensive plants of that genus ever.

Cottage Gardener



Editors are occasionally given unsolicited assistance....

Editor

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Taking the waters.....

We sampled and tested over 60 locations in the Deben catchment in the first week of November in relatively mild and dry conditions.

Although October saw more rain than in any of the previous three months, river levels are still low and many of the ditches and even some feeder streams - e.g. Potsford Brook - are quite dry.

That said, at Debenham all the sampling locations now have water present for the first time in six months. During October, we saw a number of Combined Sewer Overflow incidents in the Woodbridge/ Melton area; most are apparently attributable to short periods of heavy rainfall.

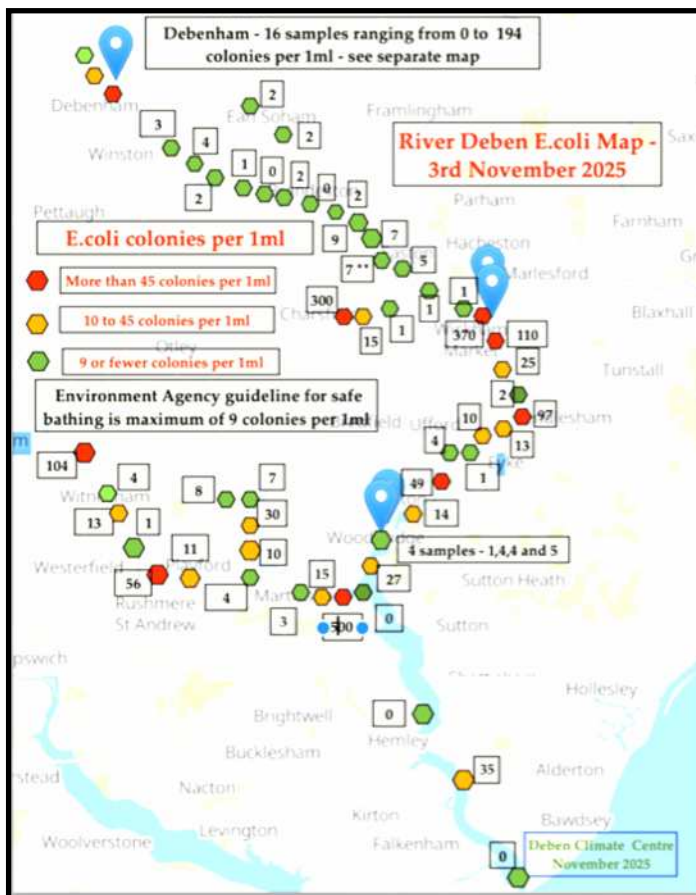
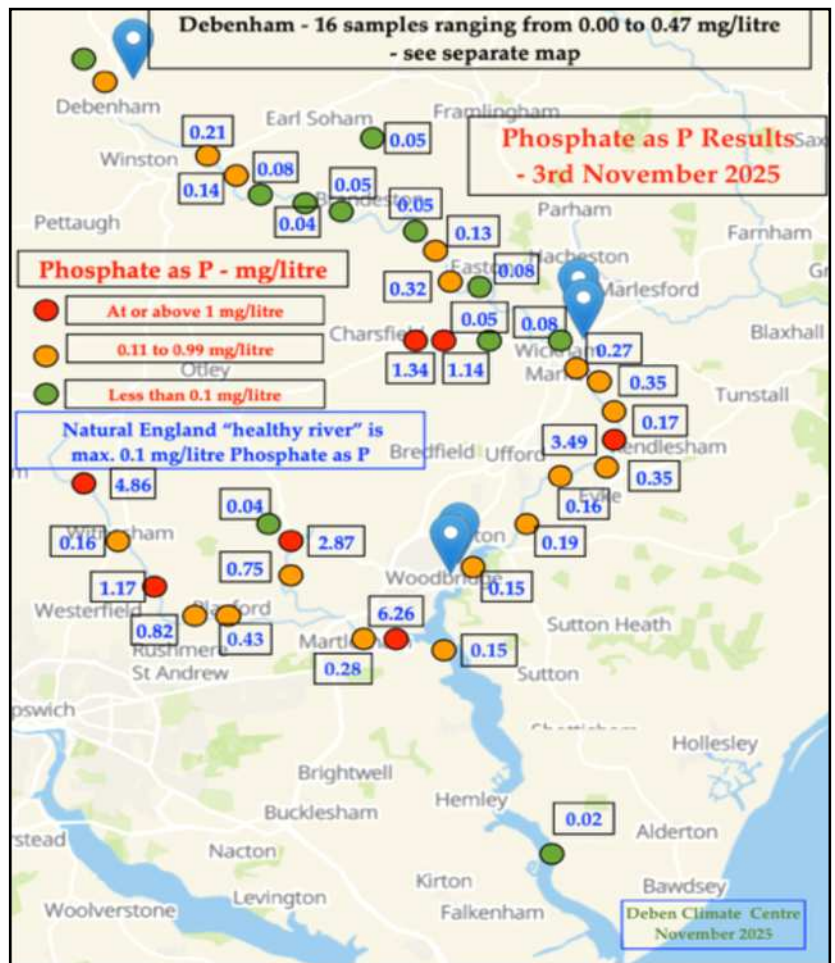
E.coli - the pattern of results are broadly similar to the established trends where E.coli spikes are generally associated with Anglian

Water's treatment works.

With river levels still quite low and ditches dry in many places, farm runoff is not likely to be impacting on E.coli; E.coli levels on the Lark and Fynn are also lower this month due in part to greater flow in these small rivers.

Phosphate - phosphate levels for the catchment are generally down on October's numbers, those on the Lark and Fynn by some margin due probably to higher flow rates.

The outfalls from the Anglian Water works at Henley, Grundisburgh,



Martlesham Creek and Rendlesham are the main sources of concern although we understand that the small Grundisburgh works is due to have phosphate stripping investment soon.

We are still waiting to hear about the Rendlesham works date. It is good to see that phosphate emissions from Wickham Market are back within permitted levels after several months of reported operational problems there.

Given the tidal dilution in the estuary section, it is concerning to see phosphate levels outside the "healthy river" guidelines. Water users continue to report algal and weed growth affecting sailing boats, most likely due to a combination of nitrate and phosphate pollution.

3. Nitrates - across the non-tidal catchment, nitrate levels are generally much higher than the "healthy" level of 5 to 10 ppm NO₃ and, in many cases, are on poor status (over 25 ppm NO₃).

A combination of nitrate emissions from the treatment works and from run-off during heavy rain showers experienced in October are probably the main contributors. Nitrate levels will be a particular focus in the next three months as rainfall levels increase due to autumn/winter rains.

Richard Watkinson