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## YOUTH CLUBS GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The young people of Grundisburgh and Hasketon have given a huge thumbs up to their youth clubs, and turn up in big numbers every week to chill out with their friends. Now Bredfield, Dallinghoo, Boulge and Debach have the opportunity to have a club of their own, based in Bredfield.

"So if you're 10-16, get along to a Fun Night on Monday 4 June at Bredfield village hall, 7-9pm. We need your ideas and support to make this happen," urged Baz Wilkinson, from youth work charity Just 42. "We need at least 10 young people saying they want a youth club in order to get it off the ground."

Grundisburgh Youth Club was started in February by Grundisburgh Youth Committee and Just 42 for 11-16 year-olds, and already has 57 young people registered for the group which meets on Thursday nights, 7.30-9.30pm in the village hall.

Hasketon Youth Club, JADS, has around 30 young people



A muddy time: Grundisburgh's river gets a clear out from the scout group. More photos on page 11.

aged 11-16 who use the club that takes place every Tuesday 6.30-8.30pm at Victory Hall. Baz Wilkinson says: "They have support, encouragement from the team, a chance to discuss topical issues, to relax and chill out with their friends, listen to music, play pool, table tennis and use the games consoles. A lot of informal education goes on that maybe they don't get at school. It's their time, their space to be themselves with their friends.

*More on page 7*

## Recycling supplement

This issue includes a four page pull-out supplement on recycling. It was prepared by Frances Green and other members of GrEG - the Grundisburgh Environment Group, with the support of Sustainable Development Systems. The design is by

The News' consultant designer Sally Geeve, and the 'locality' funding was arranged by county councillor Peter Bellfield. GrEG will join the district council's recycling roadshow on 12 June (see diary on page 2).



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## JUNE

### Sunday 3rd

**Playford Hall Garden open** 2-5pm iao St. Elizabeth Hospice. Contact 622509

### Monday 4th

**Fun Night** Bredfield Youth Club BVH 7-9pm. Contact 01394 380992

### Tuesday 5th

**Quiet Day** Otley Hall 10am-4pm. Contact 890264

### Thursday 7th

**'Flying Feathers'** GADS GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738648

### Friday 8th

**Celebration Party** Victory Hall Hasketon 7.15pm. Contact 01394 388970

### **'Flying Feathers'** GADS

GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738648

### Saturday 9th

**Tuddenham Fete** Poplar Farm 2pm. Contact 785415

**1940's Hangar Dance** Debach Airfield 7.30pm-midnight. Contact 737236

### **'Flying Feathers'** GADS

GVH 7.30pm. Contact 738648

### Sunday 10th

**Parish Walk** meet G'burgh Green 2pm. Contact 738219

**1940's Military Open Day** Debach Airfield 10am-5pm. Contact 737236

### Tuesday 12th

**Suffolk Coastal Recycling Scheme Roadshow** G'burgh PF 10am-12 noon, Victory Hall, Hasketon 1-3pm. Contact 01394 444050

### Friday 15th

**'Thomas Clarkson'** Playford Church 7pm. Contact 624556

### Saturday 16th

**Hidden Gardens** G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, programmes G'burgh Green 2-6pm. Contact 735932.

**Bealings Village Fete** School PF. 2.30pm. Contact 738737

**Charsfield Church Fete** Potsford House 2pm. Contact 737629

**Open Day** White House Farm, Hasketon. 10am-4.30pm. Contact 01728 663605

**Abba Tribute Dance** Debach Aifield 7.30pm-midnight. Contact 737293

### Sunday 17th

**Hidden Gardens** As Saturday

### Wednesday 20th

**Otley Hall Quiet Day** Contact 890264

### Thursday 21st

**'Memories are made of this'** Bealings WI BVH 7.30pm. Contact 623985

**Midsummer Walk** to Millennium Meadow from G'burgh Green 7pm. Contact 738219.

### Friday 22nd

**Charity Wine Tasting** Otley Hall. Contact 228075

### Sunday 24th

**Hasketon Jazz/BBQ** Shrubbery Farm 12.30pm Contact 01394 383106/388970

**Otley Village Fete** OVH from 2.30pm. Live music and BBQ at 7.30pm. Contact 890970

### Thursday 28th

**'Handicrafts'** G'burgh Golden Club GVH 2.30pm. Contact 735650

### Saturday 30th

**Playford Fete** Hill House Farm 2pm. Contact 624077

**Car Boot Sale** iao G'burgh Football Club GPF 8am-1pm. Contact 735681

**Family Garden Party** Pound House G'burgh 2-5pm. Contact 738255

## JULY

### Thursday 5th

**Garden Meeting** G'burgh Burgh & Culpho WI. Contact 735088

### Saturday 7th

**'Bealings Got Talent'** iao Bealings PF. BVH. Contact 614855/738076

**Crossroads Concert** St. Mary's Grundisburgh 7.30pm. Contact 01394 388970

### Sunday 8th

**Parish Walk** to White House Farm, Hasketon. Meet G'burgh Green 2pm. Contact 738267.

### Monday 9th

**G'burgh & Culpho Parish Council Meeting** GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735541

### Tuesday 10th

**Entry night** for G'burgh Village Show GPR 6.30-9pm. Contact 738267

### Wednesday 11th

**Butterfly Walk** High View, Tuddenham Lane, Winesham 10.30am. Contact 216518

### Thursday 12th

**Otley Hall Quiet Day.** Contact 890264

### Friday 13th

**Beetle Drive** Victory Hall Hasketon 6.30pm. Contact 01394 3820059

### Saturday 14th

**G'burgh Village Show** GPF 12.30pm-5pm. Contact 738267

**Village Show Dance** GPF 7.45pm. Contact 735469

### Thursday 19th

**'Back to Basics'** Bealings WI BVH 2.30pm. Contact 623985

### Saturday 21st

**Sports Day & Tug-of-War** The Green Hasketon 2.30pm. Contact 01394 388970

### Sunday 22nd

**Culpho Church Concert** 7.30pm. Contact 01728 747605

### Saturday 28th

**Car Boot Sale** iao G'burgh Football Club GPF 8am-1pm. Contact 735681

## AUGUST

### Thursday 2nd

**'Romania'** G'burgh Burgh & Culpho WI. GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735088

### Friday 3rd

**Evening Garden Party** iao G'burgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society. G'burgh Hall. Contact 738330/738550.

### Saturday 4th

**Hasketon Village Fete** The Green 2pm. Contact 01394 388970.

### Sunday 5th

**Hasketon Flower Festival** The church 12noon. Contact 01394 382208

### Tuesday 7th

**Otley Hall Quiet Day.** Contact 890264

### Wednesday 22nd

**Otley Hall Quiet Day.** Contact 890264

### Sunday 26th

**Open Day** Otley Hall 1-5pm. Contact 890264.

### Monday 27th

**Fun Day and Car Boot Sale** iao G'burgh Football Club GPF 2-5pm. Contact 735681

## SEPTEMBER

### Saturday 1st

**St. Mary's Grundisburgh Church Fete** The Green 2pm. Contact 738866

### Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th

**Exhibition** G'burgh Art Group Culpho Church. Contact 738265

*Key for abbreviations:*

*P/VH - Parish/Village hall*

*PF - Playing field*

*PR - Parish rooms*

*All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.*

*Entries must be separated from any editorial sent and include a contact number.*

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# What's On

## Fete season in full swing

### Charsfield

The church fete at Charsfield takes place on Saturday 16 June, at Potsford House, Church Road, (almost opposite St Peter's Church). After the grand opening at 2pm, there will be dancing, a magic show, children's fancy dress, plant and cake stalls, cream teas and much, much more. Come and enjoy an afternoon with the family.

*Stephanie Davies, 01473 737629*

### Playford

The Playford fete at Hill House Farm on 30 June at 2pm will include lots of stalls and games to play with Ally the children's entertainer, together with face painting.

The Playford Art Group will be displaying their pictures and there will be a fun dog show to see which has the 'waggiest tail'. The Woodbridge Excelsior Band will play for the afternoon while tea is served or, as an alternative, sample the BBQ and enjoy an ice cream.

Always a great afternoon with the money raised going to St Mary's Church and the Playford Parish Hall.

*Judith Dunnett, 01473 624077 or Eileen Stennett, 01473 635236*

### Grundisburgh

Following last year's success, St Mary's Grundisburgh will be having its annual fete on the village green and around the church

again. This will be held on Saturday 1 September. There will be refreshments, tombola, raffle, jumble and many games and activities for all ages. Helpers will be welcomed.

*Ingrid McIvor, 01473 738866*

### GARDEN PARTY PLUS

My daughter Katie (11) and her friend Natalie ran a garden party at our home at Pound House in Park Road, Grundisburgh, last year on a small scale. This year they have decided to expand it.

They have planned it for 30 June and made the decisions - and then enlisted lots of adult help. It takes place from 2 to 5pm in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice and Redwings Horse and Donkey Sanctuary.

Designed to appeal to all ages, the party includes informal open gardens, teas with strawberries, ice-creams and home baking, an extensive plant stall, raffle, lots of children's activities such as cross-country course, relay games, a scavenger hunt and flower arranging.

*Susie Davis 01473 738255*

### Charity wine tasting

Come and join us at Otley Hall on what will be a beautiful summer's evening, on Friday 22 June. Enjoy a fantastic range of wines from across the world, specially picked by local wine merchants 'Wine Buffers'. Nibbles will also be provided, and you will be able to explore the 10 acres of stunning

gardens and canal. Tickets are £10 per person. To book call Matthew at The Hearing Care Centre on 01473 228075. All proceeds are being donated to 'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People'.

### Clarkson talk

Playford Church is the venue for a talk by the entertaining Suffolk historian, Clive Paine, about Thomas Clarkson, the slave trade abolitionist. The history of the church will be covered too. The event is on Friday 15 June at 7pm. Tickets are £6 on the door and include wine and nibbles.

### Singing about 'The Weather'

The Strolling Singers will be singing for the charity Crossroads 'Caring for Carers' in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, on Saturday 7 July, starting at 7.30pm. They will again be joined by soloist

Sabina Wallace-King. This year the concert theme will be 'The Weather' and so there should be plenty of variety.

Tickets at £5 include refreshments and can be bought from The Forge Stores, Grundisburgh or by telephone on 01394 388970.

*Katherine Smith*

### MUSICAL EVENING

The Friends of St Botolph's Church Culpho, present a musical evening in the church on Sunday 22 July, commencing at 7.30pm. Popular songs and music will be provided by members of the Ipswich Choral Society who have kindly donated their time.

Tea and coffee will be available during the interval, and the evening promises to be very enjoyable. An entry fee of £5 will be payable at the door.

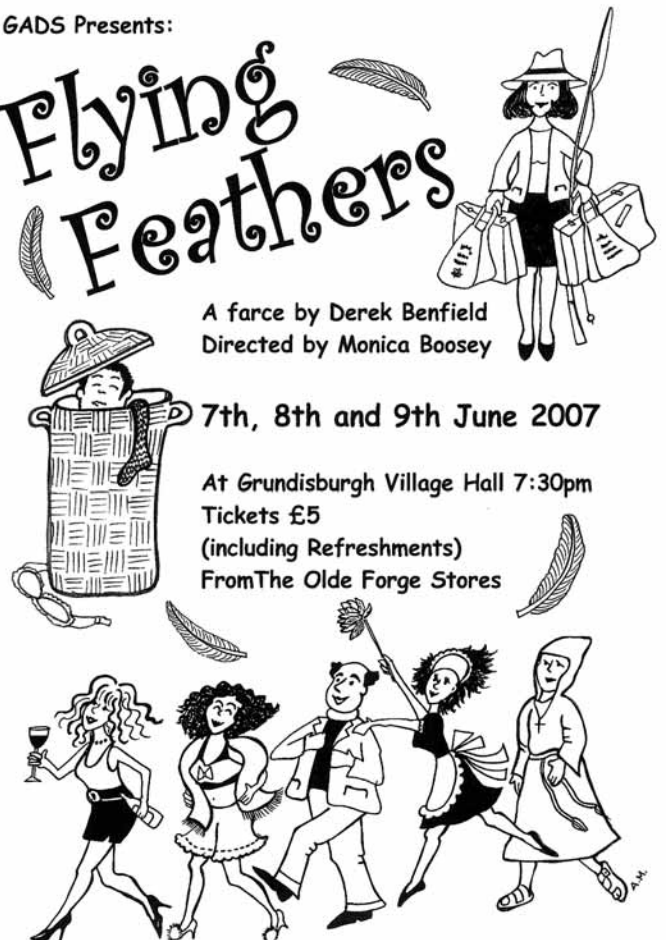
GADS Presents:

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## FARCICAL COMEDY FROM GADS

For this year's Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society spring play Monica Boosey is directing 'Flying Feathers' by Derek Benfield, a farcical comedy set in a large country house. When Bernard leaves his house in the hands of his old housekeeper and goes off to live in a religious commune in the Orkneys, a new housekeeper puts the available accommodation to a very different use.

Trouble and misunderstandings arise when Bernard is reported dead and his brother - a chief constable - arrives to sort out his affairs. Despite heroic efforts to prevent it happening - involving a horse, a bicycle and a laundry basket among other devices - in the end the truth will out! See the advert on page 3 for performance details.

On Sunday 22 July we will again be presenting our 'GADS on the Green' event. As usual there will be a barbecue and two short plays given by the senior members, and hopefully another performed by some of the enthusiastic youngsters who took part in the pantomime.

Bring your seats and drinks, and prepare to enjoy a feast of laughter and burgers and bangers. In the event of bad weather we shall repair to the village hall. No tickets

necessary but a collection will be made. The young people's offering will be presented first at the village show on 14 July.

As always we are eager to welcome new members to GADS and we can be found each Wednesday evening at the village hall, or phone Judith Bignell (chairman) on 01473 735459, or Niki Brown (secretary) on 01473 738229.

*Madge Nicholas*

## HORTICULTURAL EVENTS

The first of the events run this year by Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society is Hidden Gardens on 16 and 17 June.

Gardeners from all three villages have signed up to open between 2 and 6pm. Programmes which give admission to all the gardens are available from The Green (and local shops a few days in advance). These cost £3.50 per person, with profits going this year to the Stroke Association (in memory of former committee member Henry Thorpe), Crossroads, which cares for carers, as well as towards village show costs.

The show is on Saturday 14 July. The schedules have been distributed round the three villages, and more copies are available from local shops and the Grundisburgh News website. Entries are also welcomed from outside the three villages with classes open to all-comers.

As usual there will be a range of entertainments and stalls on the playing field outside the marquee. Local groups and charities are able to keep all the profits they make; any who have not yet contacted Jane Awad on 738891 should do so as soon as possible.

Sponsorship has been arranged for a number of classes and, for the first time, the fancy dress competition is being sponsored - by solicitors Gotelee and Goldsmith - which will bring much more generous prizes.

Richard Garrett is running the usual dance in the marquee after the show. Tickets priced £8.50 include a fish and chip supper and dancing to the Joe Elliott Roadshow.

The final event of the season to help recoup the costs of mounting the show is an evening party on 3 August in the garden of the society's president Lord Cranworth. Tickets (£4) must be brought in advance.

*Contacts:*

*Hidden Gardens Wendy Witt 735932/Lynn Chapman 738510*

*Show Nicola Hobbs 738267*

*Dance Richard Garrett 735469*

*Garden party Libby Cooper 738330/Pauline Coomber 738550.*

## Wildlife open day

An open day at White House Farm, Hasketon, the organic farm and country wildlife site, is being held on Saturday 16 June, from 10am to 4.30pm.

The wildflower meadows include a wide variety of orchids; woodland and ponds. The guided walks are at 10.30am and 2.30pm, and unaccompanied walks can be followed on the nature trails. Traditional crafts and wood sculptures will be on display. Wholesome picnic lunches can be ordered, and refreshments and snacks will be available.

Admission is by ticket only - adults £6, concessions £4.50 and children (must be accompanied by an adult) £3, Sinfield Nature Conservation

Trust members free (including members joining when booking). Tickets are limited for non-members. Call 01728 663605 or email [charlotte@sinfieldtrust.org](mailto:charlotte@sinfieldtrust.org).

*Grundisburgh Parish Council's July walk will be to White House Farm where a member of the trust will show walkers around. The walk will set off from Grundisburgh Green at 2pm on Sunday 8 July. The walks, on the second Sunday of each month, are free and open to all.*

## BUTTERFLY WALK

You are invited to join a walk along the Fynn Valley with the Suffolk Branch of the Butterfly Conservation Group on Wednesday 11 July. The meeting point is High View, Tuddenham Lane, Witnessham (the back road between Tuddenham and Witnessham) at 10.30 am.

After looking round our three acres of meadow local expert Richard Stewart aims to start the walk along Strugglers Lane to Tuddenham Bridge around midday, recording butterfly sightings but not oblivious to other wildlife. At varying times we have foxes, deer, badgers and squirrels, and a reasonable variety of flowers. Your packed lunch will be eaten the other side of Tuddenham.

The walk continues to Playford and back (some six miles), ending back here by 3pm. A shorter walk is possible, as is just visiting our home. We shall serve tea or coffee, lunch or light refreshments here all day, with donations going to the Gulliver HIV Hospice Children's Garden Project (part of Romanian Child Action). Queries to Richard 01473 216518.

*Barbara Butler, 01473 785206*

*Last call:*

*Tickets for the Hasketon Barbecue & Jazz on Sunday 24 June (12.30-4pm) are going fast and need to be booked soon as numbers are limited. Ring 01394 383106 or call in at Shrubbery Farm.*

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# Local man providing services to local people



'SleepSafe' is the name that Ollie Billsberry has chosen for his new heating and boiler services business that he runs from his home in Grundisburgh.

"The various tragedies - such as the one in Corfu when two children were killed by poorly maintained gas systems - made me realise how important it is to get across the message that gas and oil appliances must be regularly checked" he says.

Ollie was already working part time in the heating engineering business before he left school. Later he joined the well established Ipswich company AD Veale for a few years. Once he had decided to set up on his own and, unlike many other companies, offer the full range of services, he moved to a number of other firms to make sure he had all the necessary experience, sometimes taking pay cuts in the process.

Along the way he qualified in a wide range in plumbing and heating courses, including energy efficiency. He is Corgi and OFTEC registered for all domestic installations and services.

Ollie's new venture started last November and he is already getting enough work to employ his younger brother

Luke part time. His aim is to expand to make it a fully fledged family business, providing a local and reliable service.

Like his father Lennie, Ollie was born and bred in Grundisburgh. He has lived there all but two of his 28 years - he bought a house in Dennington but missed Grundisburgh so much he moved back to the house next to Lennie at Bonds Corner. His grandmother Philippa lives in Half Moon Lane.

Ollie went to school at Grundisburgh and Farlingaye, played in Grundisburgh Football Club's 'B' team and was an active member of Otley Karate Club. Field sports such as shooting and fishing are another interest.

Now much of his spare time is spent with the newly re-formed band, The Zillionaires. Ollie (guitar and vocals) and the other original member, Clopton resident Chris Towndrow (keyboard and backing vocals), were joined by drummer Steve Smith (who has played with The Fortunes, Joe Cocker and Freddy and The Dreamers) and Dave Cousins (bass). The most recent addition to the band is the lead guitarist Chris Moyse. A concert in Clopton Village Hall in February was a sell

out. They also helped the new year celebrations at Grundisburgh's Dog.

Future plans include an open air mini festival at Bonds Corner on 4 August in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance (which came to Ollie's rescue last year when he broke his leg and had to be airlifted to hospital). More details about the concert will be included in the next issue of The News.

Some members of The Zillionaires will be performing at Grundisburgh Village

Show on 14 July.

Contacts:

*SleepSafe: Heating & Boiler Services, No 2 Bonds Corner, Grundisburgh IP13 6SA, telephone 01473 735285 or 07766 464336, email olliebillsberry@btinternet.com*

*The Zillionaires: Chris Towndrow, 07748 776948.*

*Nicola Hobbs*

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# NEWS TRIBUTE

## Grace Harvey, March 1923 to March 2007

Grace's mother died when she herself was only seven, and she took on the responsibility of caring for her father and brother Jack which she did without complaint. Those close to her say she never did complain at what life brought her.

Leaving school at 14, Grace started work as a kitchen maid at Woodhall in Shottisham at 15 while continuing to look after the men of her family. She was known as an extremely hard worker and she rose to the position of cook. This was now wartime, and at 19 Grace began work at Letchworth, assembling scientific instruments for the War Office, returning in 1944 with a glowing reference.



On her return home she met again with Bob Harvey whom she had known at school and they were married in 1947. They came to Grundisburgh to live next to the village hall in Laundry Cottage (now no more) as Bob worked for Mrs Bull, daughter of 'the old' Lord Cranworth. There their son

Robert and daughter Jean (now Marsh) were born and later they moved around the corner to No 8 Park Cottages where their youngest son Allen was born.

Grace joined the WI and often helped out at the cake stall at the show. In those days it was held on the parkland opposite the cottages on Park Road. Laughingly Grace would recall the occasion when, having set up the stall and arranged the cakes carefully, a sudden fierce squall of wind overturned the table and its goods onto the ground. Since the park was daily frequented by a herd of cows the cakes were now covered in a less

than tempting topping!

Maintaining her reputation for hard work, Grace took on various cleaning jobs in the village as well as working in the fields picking fruit and potatoes. As many had to be, Grace was a careful house-keeper and Jean tells how her mother would walk to the local farm to buy her pint of milk rather than pay the extra half penny to buy it from the roundsman.

After work Grace enjoyed nothing more than spending time with Bob and the children - cycling to Ipswich to see the stockcars, scrambling or speedway.

As the years passed Grace's family grew with six grandchildren (Julie, Gary, Mark, Lee, Joanne and Sam). When Bob retired he and Grace moved to Otley where they made many new friends. Grace loved car-boot sales and most weekends could be found browsing a car-boot somewhere in Suffolk. As she became less mobile Grace enjoyed doing crosswords and watching television - especially the soaps - and

liked a good gossip with Jean about her favourite characters and their activities.

Three other additions to her family - great grandchildren Joshua, Alicia and Katie - completed the shape of the family of this loyal, loving wife and mother, caring and giving grandmother and great-grandmother.

*Madge Nicholas (with thanks to the family)*

*Madge's tribute has to be cut back for space reasons, but the full version is available in Grundisburgh 5Post Office.*

*Tributes to Barbara Lancaster and Gladys Dimmock will appear in the next News.*

## Brian Harvey

My family and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbours for their support and kind words following Brian's untimely death. It is a great comfort to us that he will be so fondly remembered by so many. We are also delighted to present a donation of over £675 to Brian's charity, Heartbeat.

*Janet Harvey*

## Tuddenham Church Fete

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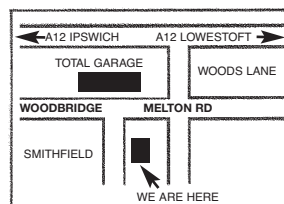
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# UPDATE FROM RURAL ROADS CAMPAIGN

Three traffic safety surveys have now been commissioned by SORR (Save Our Rural Roads) from consultants of the Freight Transport Association .

The reports on the B1078 (at Coddendam) and the C309 (through Bredfield, Boulge and Debach) have been completed and the results are a clear indictment of the dangers along these roads. They will be posted on the SORR website ([www.sorr.org.uk](http://www.sorr.org.uk)).

The third survey covered the B1079 from the Wyevale roundabout through Hasketon, Grundisburgh, Burgh and Clopton to the junction with the B1078. It was undertaken on Monday 21 May, and the report will be available at the end of the month.

This survey was made possible by a very generous donation from Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council.

When all three reports are available, SORR will present the full results and analysis to the county and district councils. They will provide incontrovertible evidence that we have serious problems on these roads which require a much stronger and more effective approach from the transport authority.

Already, the problems in Coddendam have been recognised and there is agreement that they need some radical and urgent action. A meeting with Suffolk County Council has been arranged for the end of May to decide what

is to be done to release this charming village from its traffic nightmare.

The campaign is receiving considerable media and press interest. There have been several articles in the East Anglian Daily Times that have prompted a vigorous debate in the letter columns. The campaign has featured on both local radio and television (and, of course, on front page of the last issue of The News).

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council kindly invited Keith Gipp, Chairman of SORR, to give a presentation at its parish meeting which was well received.

*Tony Fryatt, Secretary, SORR, 01473 737218, [anthony.fryatt@tiscalo.co.uk](mailto:anthony.fryatt@tiscalo.co.uk)*

*SORR has been working since 1997 to improve conditions on rural roads in the area. It now has representatives from the parish councils of Burgh, Bredfield, Clopton, Coddendam, Charsfield, Debach, Grundisburgh & Culpho, Hasketon, Hemingstone, Letheringham, Otley, Swiland & Winesham, and Wickham Market.*

## YOUTH CLUBS GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

*Continued from page 1*

Just 42's barn dance in April at the Victory Hall in Hasketon was declared a great success. More than 80 visitors, including many young people, danced to folk band Syzewell Gap, and helped raise more than £350 towards the cost of

the summer holiday club in the village. Just 42's children's work manager, Ruth Blunt, who organised the event, said: "Many people helped by bringing food, and others sold tickets, and helped on the night. I am so grateful to everyone who came and helped make the evening such a success."

Talking of holiday clubs, Grundisburgh and Hasketon children can look forward to some great summer holiday activities now that funding has been awarded.

*Clare Baldwin*

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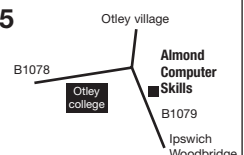


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# Grundisburgh Gleanings

## PLAYGROUP GETS A MAKE OVER

Grundisburgh Playgroup has a new logo which adorns the new t-shirts and sweatshirts now being worn by the children and staff.

Last term the children had been discussing animals as our theme and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by bringing in pet guinea pigs, a dog and a rabbit to visit. For one of our visits we went to Barn Farm and met Farmer Charles who showed us

his cattle, ducks and chickens. We had a visit from the 'Creepy Crawlie Road show' which brought along a corn snake and a 'pink' toed tarantula to name but a few!

Our new theme for the rest of

the summer term is 'our village and us' and the children will be studying the various villages in which the children live. They are looking forward to a visit from Vicki, the police officer, and the community support worker, and to learning about being safe. As part of this theme the children will be preparing their exhibits for the village show and we will be encouraging the children to be proud of their community.



Playgroup pupils preparing for the village show by planting their exhibits which they will water and watch grow over the coming weeks. The budding gardener on the right is sporting the new sweatshirt.

Ofsted (Office for Standards in education) paid us a surprise visit recently and we were delighted to be awarded an overall 'Good' for our education and care. Staff are happy to offer the full report to prospective parents or anyone else with an interest; it is available from playgroup or at [www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/reports).

Our AGM was well attended in March and many thanks go to retiring committee members for all their hard work and welcome to all new members of our parent committee - a busy year of fundraising lies ahead. Enquiries to 01473 735161.

*Anna Greenwood*

now our children's and young people's meetings do not clash with other events in the village. We would be pleased to see others coming along to the appropriate meetings, so if you or your children would like to come you would be very welcome.

We are looking forward to our open-air meeting on The Green on 29 July between 3 and 4pm; please feel free to join us.

*Colin Grimwood 738836/56*

## WI REPORT

At Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI's April meeting we welcomed Mr Debham, a family butcher from Cliff Lane, Ipswich, who talked to us about meats and barbeques.

In May we discussed at length the only resolution to be voted on at the forthcoming meeting which was passed unanimously. We then enjoyed a delicious supper to which everyone contributed. There followed a social evening including a quiz prepared by Gill Johnson. Quite a hilarious evening which we all enjoyed.

*Shealagh Watkins*

## Art opportunities

Grundisburgh Art Group has a few spaces on its courses led by Paul Bruce. These are on Tuesdays - from 9.30am to 12.30pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall and from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Culpho Church. Enquiries to Paul on 738265.

## Changes to Baptist Chapel schedule

In the last News (and in our Grundisburgh link) we mentioned some changes to Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel's weeknight meetings. These didn't work out as we had thought, so now our weekly schedule looks like this:

Sunday: 10.45am and 6.30pm  
Worship services

Monday: 6.30pm Chapel Club  
(for primary age children)

Tuesday: 7pm Seekers (for tens and up)

Wednesday: 2.30pm Ladies Meeting (2nd & 4th in month)  
2.30pm Men's Group (2nd in month)

7.15pm Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

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# Grundisburgh Gleanings

## Celebrating 20 years of friendship and food

A very large congregation gathered in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 13 May for a special service celebrating 20 years of the Grundisburgh Lunch Club. The eldest member, Mrs Marjorie Archer, cut a cake for everyone to enjoy with a glass of wine or

cup of coffee after the service. There was a display of photographs taken over the years at various lunch club occasions. Former rector Reverend Canon Norman Davis told how the club began and had some interesting and amusing stories to tell. Many old members are sadly no longer with us but are fondly remembered.

*Mollie Bolton*



Top: Norman Davis and lunch club members after the service.

Above: Norman presenting Geoff Jay with a Meritorious Certificate for his long service with St. Mary's. Photos courtesy Brian Robinson.

### A brief history of Grundisburgh Lunch Club

The lunch club began in 1989, as a parish church initiative. The hope was to draw together people who spent a lot of time alone, especially through infirmity. The church has the right to free use of the parish room on Wednesdays, so that became the venue. The club settled to meeting twice a month.

A team of kind and capable helpers was formed. Some helped in the parish room. Others were 'taxi drivers'. The club is a very happy place, with coffee, lunch, a cup of tea, and a good chat as the main programme. Friendships are made, and a network of support develops that goes on far beyond just Wednesdays. One elderly lady was even escorted to Germany for a family wedding.

It is a club with much laughter. Birthdays are always celebrated with a glass of sherry and a cake. So often, that I suspect that everyone is having three birthdays a year! From time to time, someone's usual chair is empty; a dear friend is missed. But the memory of them would be cherished. There is a large photo-archive of 'old familiar faces' who in their time enriched the club with their company. And there is always a wonderful team spirit among the helpers.

Some years ago, the National Agriculture Centre, Stonleigh (ie the Royal Show) awarded lunch club, third prize in the competition for the best church activity in a village in Britain. Quite a tribute to the generous friends who voluntarily give time and energy to this relaxed but valuable feature of Grundisburgh life. Long may it flourish!

*Norman Davis*

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*James Rogers, chef and co-landlord, The Dog, 01473 735267*

*The Dog now prepares the food for Grundisburgh lunch club - which is much enjoyed by members and helpers.*



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# SWIMMING INTO THE BLUE IN CLOPTON

My love of swimming started at the age of four, and continued through the ranks of the Ipswich swimming club until reaching county level.

I live in Otley with my family and, after 13 years in the travel industry, decided on a new career. I gained the Amateur Swimming Association levels 1 and 2, adult and child swimming tutor qualification, along with a rescue award. This year I hope to qualify as an aquasize and a snorkling instructor as well.

After three years working in a variety of public pools in the area, I felt my classes needed more space, the sole use of a swimming pool and purpose built facilities. So with the offer of Dolphin Pool-share in Drabbs Lane, Clopton, I started 'Swim Into The Blue'. I have two assistants, my sister Louise (qualified as ASA Helper) and Kate Oxbrow (ASA Level 2 teacher) who also teaches with the Ipswich swimming club.

Keeping it in the family, my mum, Kate, works behind the scene organising all the renewals, administration, certificates and endless paperwork needed for over 100 swimmers a week!

Teaching children of all ages and abilities, I particularly enjoy teaching nervous non-swimmers and beginners. I

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for older children who are interested in a better and more effective technique, lifesaving and diving.

Classes are held every Monday between 1 and 6.30pm and Thursdays 2 and 6.30pm. Class sizes are kept to a maximum of six swimmers and there is usually a teacher in the water for most of the pre-school and non swimmers' classes.

Teaching continues throughout the year breaking up only for Easter, August and Christmas.

Exciting events planned during August to include the chance



Left: Lorraine; above: Kate Oxbrow (left) with Lorraine and young pupils.

for older children (eight and above) to have a scuba diving session (on Mondays). Early booking is recommended. For younger children there will be the chance to try out some snorkelling lessons. Private swimming lessons will also be available during the holidays.

*Lorraine Ager*

*Dolphin Pool-share is run by Prilly Taylor, and her interesting form of farm diversification will be featured in a later issue of The News. We will also be featuring the other instructors who use the Clopton pool for swimming*

*lessons. They are Rachel Esling who runs 'Little Fishes' for babies, and Caroline Shaw who teaches the Shaw Method which applies the Alexander Technique to swimming.*

**Contacts:**

*Lorraine Ager 07720 260102, lorraineager@yahoo.co.uk*

*Prilly Taylor, Dolphin Pool-share, Drabbs Lane, Clopton, IP13 6QS (contact number 01473 737236).*

*Rachel Esling. 01728 688227, eslings@hotmail.com.*

*Caroline Wilson, 01728 602433.*



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Paul Garwood and Lucy Nightingale entertaining the stream cleaners.

Photos on this page courtesy Peter Kendall.

## Stream cleaning on Grundisburgh Green

Many thanks to all who helped at our stream clean on Saturday 12 May. We were lucky that the rain held off until we finished - and the ducks were very appreciative at the excellent job we made of it.

There was a great turnout of volunteers from the guide movement and the scout/explorer groups, with special thanks to parent helpers as well.

We had a very good cake stall which made £85 for scout group funds, lovely BBQ refreshments for the

workers, and music from Paul and Lucy's barrel organ helped make the morning very enjoyable.

A highlight for us all was when a live eel was found swimming down in the smelly silt; after we had a good look at it the eel was put into deeper water and off it swam.

This was the first time for three years the stream has had a clean out and many loads of muck were taken away in Richard Garnham's truck.

*Pat Ross, group secretary, 1st Grundisburgh Scouts  
01473 735352*

Left: Another photo taken at the unveiling by Reg Snook (right) of his painting marking the 50 years of continuous scouting in Grundisburgh celebrations. With the Rev Clare Sanders are past and present scout leaders and boys. The News apologises to Stuart Ross (back right) for calling him Ian in the front page caption in the last issue.

Below: Grundisburgh Football Club members Mark Haddock (in goal) and Darren Richardson ran a 'beat the goalie' competition throughout FOG's Spring Fair at Grundisburgh School. .



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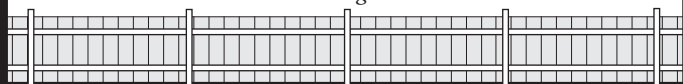
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## Hasketon Highlights

The Victory Hall is now refurbished except for a lick of paint, which we hope to complete soon. To celebrate our work, we are having a party on 8 June at 7.15pm, to thank those who have generously given us grants and those who have worked hard to improve the hall. We would also welcome anyone who would like to consider hiring the hall either for regular or individual events.

Two important meetings have been held in the village recently. For the Parish Council, Jane Dewberry recently replaced Val Leech, and now Linda Meadows and Paul Strugnell have joined the council. We thank retiring members Val Leech, Pat Hudson (previous chairman) and Nicholas Longe who have all given many years of unstinting service to the village. At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, John Dwyer and Dot Warner were re-elected as churchwardens. After thanking outgoing PCC members Karen Arnold, Gina Jones, Belinda Nash, Debbie Verrill and Donald Westbury for their much appreciated three years on the council, Diane Dibben, Claire Harrington, Jane Hudson, Richard Smith and Robena

Westbury were welcomed as their replacements.

Jazz & Barbecue tickets for Sunday 24 June at Shrubbery Farm are selling fast, and this year we have decided to restrict the numbers, to give people more room. The French Quarter All Stars promise to give us a great programme of traditional jazz and, being one of the food team, I know the grub will be excellent too. Tickets from Gordon Smith (01394 383106).

Our sports day on The Green is on Saturday 21 July, starting at 2.30pm, when there will be all sorts of races for the children, and a tug-of-war competition. If your family would like to join in the fun, do come along and compete with the Hasketon children. For the tug-of-war, local teams from clubs or pubs will be welcome and should apply to me for an entry form ... the more the merrier!

The other important event is the Hasketon Village Fete and Flower Festival on 4 August, starting at 2pm. It is always a happy day 'for all the family'. The flower festival continues on the Sunday.

We have a busy summer ahead of us and hope that people from surrounding villages will join us.

*Richard L. Smith*



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# Clopton Chat

## REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual parish meeting at Clopton received annual reports from county and district councillor Peter Bellfield, the village hall committee, the Parochial Church Council, the Clopton Ladies Group, POORs Charity as well as a chairman's and financial report from the parish council.

The annual meeting of Clopton Parish Council took place immediately following the annual parish meeting. The parish council regrets that David Emmerson, Chris Towndrow and Karen Hare

decided not to seek re-election to the council and wishes to extend its sincere appreciation for their valuable contribution to the community of Clopton. Tony Fryatt was co-opted onto the council. Tony brings planning and transportation expertise to the council, which looks forward to a long and fruitful association with him.

Roy Compton was re-elected chairman with Sylvia Freeman as vice chairman. Sue Christensen continues as the council's representative at the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and Sylvia Freeman as the council's representative of SORR.

Oliver Rofix remains the councillor looking after the footpaths and rights of way in the parish. Please contact the appropriate councillor if you

have any problems or information.

This means that there are two vacant seats which the council can fill by co-option. These are changing times for parish councils with the likelihood that the principal authorities will devolve more powers to parish councils over the next few years.

If you would like to be a part of these exciting times in grass roots democracy and help influence the way in which Clopton develops, further information on joining the parish council can be obtained by contacting the chairman, Roy Compton on 01473 735495, myself or any of the other councillors.

The next meeting of Clopton Parish Council is scheduled

for Thursday 19 July at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome

*Janet Clarke, parish clerk., 01473 830398*

## Church news

We are hoping for a nice sunny day for Doris Main's Strawberry Tea on 23 June. Do come along and enjoy her lovely garden, and tuck into delicious homemade cakes as well as strawberries and cream. There will also be a draw and bring and buy. The proceeds are for church funds.

*Peggy Martin*

*Oliver Rofix wants to draw attention to a black tie charity ball in Ipswich on 4 August in aid of Leukaemia Research. Details from 01473 890470 or email rachmittell@msn.com.*

# Bredfield Bits

## Community council winding up through lack of support

The recent Bredfield & District Community Council's annual general meeting on 23 April had two special resolutions. Firstly there was the re-appointment of the existing executive officers, if nobody else was willing to stand; secondly to decide whether the BDCC could continue as a viable organisation.

The chairman reported that although the BDCC had joined forces with Bredfield Church to host the barn dance last October, we had not held any events of our own since March 2006, and were unable to host a Christmas fair because of lack of helpers.

Unfortunately Lynn Taylor tendered her resignation as newsletter editor in August and a replacement editor has not been found. We are grateful to her for continuing for so long despite the lack of contributions.

Since its inception in 1976 the BDCC has provided a local newsletter, organised a variety

of events and raised funds for the monthly draw and projects, in particular the village hall and play area.

The chairman said that the fact that we are not able to sustain our own newsletter, the village shop becoming independent, the severe lack of active committee members and that the three officers being well overdue for replacement, regrettably the resolution to dissolve the BDCC was necessary. He thanked everyone who had helped sustain it over many years.

A short discussion took place before the vote was taken, when it was noted that although the BDCC has around 160 members, only 21 had come along to the meeting.

The resolution to dissolve the BDCC was carried with 20 votes in favour, and one against. This fulfilled the necessary two-thirds majority required. The existing executive officers were re-elected and agreed to serve

again to help with the winding up of the organisation.

*Barbara Hepper, secretary*

## VILLAGE HALL PLANS

A well attended annual general meeting of Bredfield Village Hall Committee was held in the hall on 23 April. A new committee was elected, with several people coming forward to join. The new group responsible for running the hall will be:

Chairman, Keith Derham, Treasurer David Hepper, and Secretary Kath Woods, with Rowland Irving, Tony Bence, Tim Keats and Denise Causier. The various village organisations will also be entitled to send members.

Outgoing chairman, Paul Cannard, reported that ideas put forward for hall's refurbishment were being pursued, with estimates obtained for renewing the flat roof, repairing the hall floor and revamping toilet areas (including new non-slip flooring and new hot water taps.) It was also hoped that

on completion of the floor repairs, the floor could be re-varnished and the hall repainted internally. The possibility of a paved pathway from the road to the hall was being investigated.

Treasurer David Hepper sounded a warning note over the hall's income, which had fallen over the last 12 months, resulting in an uncomfortable excess of expenditure over income, but he was hopeful that this would improve over the next year.

New chairman Keith Derham was pleased with the level of interest shown, and hoped that that the planned improvements would go ahead, and this would result in a healthier situation.

*David Hepper*

## Bredfield Parish Council

Seven people stood for the Parish council at the recent local elections. As there were no other nominations, all were elected without contest: Denise Causier, Anne Henderson, David Hepper, Andrew Miller, Tony Richardson, Grahame Taylor and Peter Tilley. Details on the parish notice board.

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## Three councils join forces for parish plan exercise

Nearly 100 residents from Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford gathered in the Angela Cobbold Hall on 2 April to learn about the parish plan process - and to make the important decision of whether the three parishes should go ahead and produce one - or more - parish plans.

The result: each parish voted separately to set up one joint steering group to carry out consultation and present findings. It was decided to await the outcome of the consultations before deciding whether one joint plan or separate plans should be produced. It may be that some issues identified are joint concerns best addressed by the parishes working together, while others may need to go into a plan unique to one.

An impressive 45 people volunteered to take some part in producing the parish plan - either by joining the steering group, helping with distribution or collection of questionnaires, inputting data or in other ways. The steering committee was due to meet for the first time on 22 May.

If more people would like to volunteer they should contact their parish council clerk: Sarah Cartwright, Great Bealings PC & Playford PC, 01473 621050, [GreatBealingsPC@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:GreatBealingsPC@hotmail.co.uk)/[playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk); Carol Ramsden, Little Bealings PC, 01473 610088, [littlebealingspc@btinternet.com](mailto:littlebealingspc@btinternet.com)

## LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

The annual parish council meeting on 14 May started with a minute's silence in memory of Eric McCoy.

The following were elected for 2007/08: Chairman of the Parish Council: Ferial Evans  
Vice Chairman: Jenny Shaw  
SALC representative: Ferial Evans; Footpath and Tree Warden: Jenny Cook; SORR (Save Our Rural Roads) representative: Peter Carr  
Following the resignation of Mr Dunnett, Mrs Margaret Wilson was co-opted to the parish council.

The National Association of Local Councils Standing Orders were adopted, and a revision to current public speaking arrangements was agreed so that, in addition to the current maximum period of 15 minutes at the start of each meeting when members of the public are invited to raise issues of concern, they will also be able to speak for up to three minutes on any matter on the agenda, at the beginning of that matter.

The revised Standards Board Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils was also adopted, including the provision for councillors to speak on a matter in which they have a prejudicial interest. A copy of the adopted code is available for inspection from me.

The accounts for 2006/7, internally audited by June Gosling, were adopted, and the report to the external auditors was approved.

Jenny Shaw is now updating



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the welcome leaflet for new residents and any changes in contact details for local groups should be given to me. The website ([www.little-bealings.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.little-bealings.suffolk.gov.uk)) now includes an excellent history of the village provided by Jim Pawsey.

PC Gilmore said there had been three reported crimes since the last meeting: a theft of a motor vehicle (resulting in an arrest and charges), and two attempted burglaries. The new Wickham Market Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team was now in place.

Peter Carr reported on the SORR meeting on 1 May, which had included discussion of traffic management on Martlesham Road and Playford Road. It was noted that Suffolk County Council (SCC) had not allocated any funding to traffic management in Little Bealings for 2007/08 (ie for pinchpoints or signing), although it had identified four project areas which it may be able to assist. County councillor Peter Bellfield will pursue the matter with council officers. PC Gilmore reported that the Martlesham Road/Playford Road site was visited regularly by the Roads Policing Unit, and cautions and penalty notices issued.

It was agreed to seek funding directly from one of the project areas for pinchpoints and to write to adjoining councils seeking support for a joint approach on the speed limit on the A1214. A draft licence for the permissive footpath between Great and Little Bealings was being revised by SCC and works on the adjacent verge costed.

The next parish council meeting is on 9 July in the village hall committee room at 7.30pm

*Carol Ramsden, clerk, 01473 610088,  
littlebealingspc@btinternet.com*

## Fund raising for the playing field

Cars from Bealings and beyond met up at the village hall on 29 April for a car treasure hunt. Claspings clues devised by the inimitable Chris Mason in their nervous hands, ten teams set off on a route that wound its way to Martlesham, through Woodbridge to Bromeswell and back through Bredfield. At each location, hunters scoured the area for obscure dates, names and numbers to complete the clues.

Back at the hall it became clear that there were four winning teams with all questions correct, but only one prize. The prize was deposited in the middle of the hall floor, and a member of each of the four winning teams placed in a corner, wearing a blindfold. The first to get to the prize was the winner. Youth, speed and agility won the day in the shape of Sam Elias.

Congratulations to all the hunters, and thanks to Chris Mason for devising the clues. £100 was raised for the John Belstead Playingfield.

### Upcoming events

**17 June Orwell Charity Walk**  
A team from Bealings will be taking part in this sponsored walk, organised by the Rotary Club of Ipswich East. The John Belstead Playingfield will get 75% money raised. To take part or sponsor someone taking part, please call me.

**7 July 'Bealings Got Talent'**  
Old attic-bound musical instruments are being dusted off and voices ring out across the Fynn Valley as performers prepare for 'Bealings Got Talent'. Bealings Village Hall

is the venue for an evening of fun and entertainment. Twenty different acts will be taking to the stage to showcase singing, dancing and all sorts of music. There really will be something for everyone, with a bar and raffle. Tickets are on sale from Bealings Post Office or me. All money raised goes to the John Belstead Playingfield.

### 28 September Quiz 'n Curry Night

Following the success of last year's spicetastic brain teaser, we'll be doing it all again!

Plans are afoot (dates and details to be announced) for a fun event for canine residents and their lead-holders. Watch this space!

*Malcolm Watson, 614855*

## WI REPORTS

At our March meeting Bealings WI members welcomed Mr Baker from Home Meadows Nursery who gave us a talk on 'Hanging Baskets and Containers'. His first suggestion was that we check the brackets to see if new fixings were needed or make existing ones good, remembering the weight of the baskets you intend to hang. Easy to plant are the open sided wire baskets using wool moss, this is made from wool jumpers which have been donated to charity shops. Before choosing the plants, he recommended deciding first the background colour, then thinking about how much sun or shade it will get.

Once again we welcomed back Maureen Midwinter as our speaker for the evening meeting in April. A large display of wood carving and gilding was set out and its uses fully explained. The idea of gilding went back as far as the 1760s, oil gilding, water gilding, and 'rabbits' skin glue were among many items used.

We were delighted with the results of Suffolk East WI Camera Club. Sandra Banham was awarded 3rd place, Jennifer Cook and Peggy Abel were highly commended.

*Doreen Shilling and Dorothy Yule*

## BRIEFLY...

The Thames Barge Sailing Trust is inviting young people between 13 and 18 years to join Youth Sails 2007 in August. They join the barge at Ipswich on the evening of 14 August, and sleep two nights on it. The qualified crew will teach the rudiments of sailing on a 100 year old vessel. There is a one day sail on the 17th when all the family may join in. Contact Andrew Berry on 02392 469139 or [crewing@bargetrust.org](mailto:crewing@bargetrust.org).

A regimental military Open day is being held by 23 Engineer Regiment on 30 June at Rock Barracks, Sutton, near Woodbridge. There will be a variety of military equipments and displays, competitions such as manual bridge building races, tug of war and superstars with inter-service teams. Profits will go to the Army Benevolent Fund, St Elizabeth Hospice and Sutton Heath schools.

Ipswich's Arts Festival is back for its fifth year between 24 June and 8 July. It boasts an enticing and fascinating array of events spanning the full spectrum of visual art, dance, theatre, literature, music and film. For details contact [www.ip-art.com](http://www.ip-art.com) or 01473 433100.

The fifth Ufford Bygones and Fun Day takes place on Sunday 15 July at Crown Farm, off Crownfields, Ufford, 10am to 5pm in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. Attractions lined up include steam engines, agricultural bygones, vintage tractors and old motor cycles, exhibits of vehicles from the 1920s through to the 1970s, and minis from the local mini club. Entrance is £2 for adults, £1 for children over five, and free for under fives. Contact 07812 037150 for details.

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## Otley Offerings

### Junior TOPs shine in The Jungle Book

The production of 'The Jungle Book' in late April was my first exposure to Junior TOPs; and from my daughter's reaction it certainly won't be the last. This was true family entertainment and not just for two hours on a Saturday afternoon; thanks to this performance, I am now treated to regular shows by my four and a half years old. I also gained more insight into Rudyard Kipling's life.

To put things in perspective. The Jungle Book is not a stage production of the Disney film but more of an extract of the life of the young Kipling. Alexandra Beaumont ably portrayed the young Kipling who was persecuted by his school mates but supported by his teachers who suggest he uses too many words (!) and wrote stories for escapism.

The play opens at Kipling's school and takes us through the development of the Jungle Book as a story. Young

Mowgli (Madeliene Ling) who was captivating is lost in the jungle and adopted by the Wolf pack. He is pursued by Shere Khan (Robert Gilbert) and his side-kick, the jackal Tabaqui (Heidi Baker), who are representations of Kipling's key persecutors at school (very cleverly done – well done wardrobe). Baloo (Nathan Cant) was brilliantly casted and Bagheera (Amber Hale) was a most believable panther. Lucy Robinson portrayed Mowgli grown up.

The parts were convincingly portrayed, the dancing catchy and the children held the story together excellently. I am very impressed by the calibre of Junior TOPs and the enthusiasm of the cast and parents who have supported them. Costumes, scenery and lighting should all be praised as well as, of course, direction, prompt and all the actors!

Sara Cliff



Top: OtleyCubs on a great day out in London as part of a group of 250 Suffolk cubs.

Left: Ben Selby and Gabriel Powell were presented with their Silver Chief Scout awards during a visit to Woodbridge Police Station.



# Otley Offerings

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Otley's Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 17 April.

Chris Taylor of the community council gave an informative presentation of their plans for the much needed revitalisation of the playing field. These include a new safe play area for the youngsters along with a multi-games facility for the older children. In the short term it is hoped to install a basketball post and five a side goals. Villagers were urged to attend fund raising events to support this important project.

Christine Gough, headteacher of the primary school, reported on a lively and successful year of change following the establishment of the federation of Otley and Winesham schools. The introduction of French teaching along with a school trip to France, which included a visit to a war cemetery, enabled the children to have a better understanding of the meaning behind Otley's new war memorial.

The meeting was also addressed by district and county councillor Peter Bellfield, along with PC Danny Wheddon of the newly formed Wickham Market Safer Neighbourhood Team, which looks after Otley and the surrounding villages.

## CHURCH ORGAN RESTORED

The traditional church pipe organ, varying in size and specification, has been a feature of virtually every parish church since early Victorian times. But it is now becoming an endangered species (not unlike the organists themselves!)

St Mary's organ had been increasingly showing its age with creaks, squeaks and rattles, but primarily the bellows - the organ's lungs - were on the point of collapse.



Otley players above, from left Vanessa Ling, John Cutting, Mark Robinson, Brian Smith, Mike Sheppard, Sue Courteney, Alyson Chilvers, Ruth Bullock. Below Mark Robinson and Ruth Bullock.

The PCC decided to restore the organ and the contract was awarded to Holmes and Swift of Fakenham.

It was completely dismantled; pedal board and both manuals and all 726 pipes were removed, cleaned and repaired where necessary. Natural materials used included sheepskin, leather, cork and felt. A new rank of pipes was added to the Swell to give more tonal variety and the whole intricate system of trackers, stickers and thumpers reassembled in a confined space on time and to budget.

The restored organ was blessed by priest-in-charge Joy Rapley on Easter Sunday, with an opening rendition of an arrangement of the theme from the Saint Saens Organ Symphony played by Helen Jay (organ) and Tom Rogerson (piano). We now have a fine instrument which should see us through until today's Junior Church are pensioners.

*The organ's interesting history was featured in News No 196.*

## A murderous performance from The Players

'Any Number Can Die' - and any number certainly did die (or appear to) with bodies appearing at regular intervals from the various different secret doorways hidden in the set in The Otley Players' latest presentation. In the end there

came a point when guessing the identity of the murderer looked like it was going to be a piece of cake as there weren't that many contenders left to choose from as the play was drawing to it's conclusion.

Imagine the scene, we are transported back to the eerie old mansion of Ravens Head, dark dingy and dusty with faded wooden panelling, situated on an island just in international waters off the Carolina coast at the time of prohibition. It is the fag end of the roaring twenties with the Charleston, speakeasies and gangsters. The will of the late Cedric Russell is to be read at midnight complete with prophetic owls hooting and strange servants.

Everyone had a reason to kill everyone else in order to inherit a fortune and solve the riddle set by the dear departed Cedric. On top of all that virtually no one was who they professed to be and not all actually remained dead!

I don't think that I've have ever seen so many expertly made secret doors and openings in a set, all working with hardly a wobble - and the piano actually played! A great



evening from an expert cast, authentically costumed, well directed, played out on an atmospherically lit, skilfully constructed and decorated set all washed down with a fabulous pint of locally brewed beer.

It certainly beats watching the television! It would have been great had such hard work (rehearsals start before Christmas) been rewarded with full houses every night. Those who didn't go missed a good evening of light-hearted entertainment. I look forward to the next time.

*John Parish*



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## Sporting stories

### Grundisburgh footballers win division title - and nearly make the treble

The season came to a satisfactory conclusion for Grundisburgh Football Club as silverware returned to the pavilion for the first time in six years. The Senior Division title is back in the village for the first time since 2001.

It had been a close run thing

for most of the season, with Grundisburgh only pulling away from Haughley just before the end.



The club has been increasing its involvement with the local community - including organising a 'Beat The Goalie' competition at the school spring fair. Regular second team player Mark Haddock (above) was kept very busy.

But it was close to being an even more successful ending to the season. The team lost 2-1 to Stowmarket in the final of the Suffolk Senior Cup in March, and had looked to be in a winning position for much of the match. In the Ominico Cup Grundisburgh was knocked out in the semi finals by eventual winners Melton St Audreys

Managers Micky Squirrell and Kevin Cunningham and their backroom crew can be proud of what they have achieved; but

already plans for next season are taking shape with ambitions on and off the pitch to keep the club moving forward.

Work is going on to get the pitch ready for next season. With the first five a side tournament at the end of June, the break will seem short before it is back to the usual sweat that accompanies pre-season training. The first training session will be on a Wednesday in mid July and anyone and everyone is welcome to come up to the pavilion to watch and socialise. Details of the fixtures for the 2007/08 season will be posted around Grundisburgh.

The winners of the club's 100 club competition for March were £50 John Clements, £35 John Leggett, £25 Rob Juby, £20 Pam Quinton, and in April £50 Gary Marsh, £35 Ian Watson, £25 L Wagstaff, £20 Brubby Grey.

*Darren Richardson*

*Late news ...*

*Ipswich Bicycle Club has been refused permission by the police to hold the Eastern Road Race Championships in the Grundisburgh area on 3 June (see issue 198). It is now being held in the Newmarket area. Queries to Kirsty McLaughlin, 01473 832948.*



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## Thank you letters

### Local council elections

May I thank those people who supported me during the district council elections on 3 May. During the next four years, I will do my best to serve the interests of all residents of Grundisburgh and Culpho, Great Bealings and Little Bealings.

If I can be of help in any way, please contact me at my home address: Finn Cottage, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6LH, 01473 624152.

*Ivan.Jowers@SuffolkCoastal.Gov.UK*

### Poppy Appeal

I would like to thank Andrea Leyland, Rosemary McCarthy, Kathy Woods, Charles and Tracy at the

Castle public house and the Community Shop for helping to raise £284-84p towards the British Legion Poppy Appeal in Bredfield year 2006. Also thank you to everybody who contributed.

*Diana Marriott*

### More thanks .....

*(these letters have had to be cut back for space reasons)*

Diana Marriott would like to thank everybody who sent cards, flowers and good wishes for her recovery following her recent 'role in casualty'.

Maisie Caryer would like to thank everyone who sent her cards and presents for her 90th birthday.

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# SUFFOLK STUDIOS OPENING DURING JUNE WEEKENDS

Many readers will be familiar with the Suffolk Open Studios event when artists invite people to enter their studios in weekends throughout June. Visitors will see the working surroundings of the artist and gain an insight into the creative process.

This year 180 artists and craftspeople from all corners of this large county take part. In The News' area, there are seven artists taking part. One, Edward Morgan, is a first timer and the others, the Chestnutt family, Leah Hinks and Ferial Evans, are seasoned performers.

Since retiring last year from work as a multimedia programmer, Edward returned to his roots in photography and in particular, digital photography. He says, "Whatever the medium, digital should be seen as a continuum from the analogue. Digital may offer fresh possibilities and new working methods but

the core issues and criteria remain much the same. The more I work at digital photography the more I find myself drawing on 'old' skills and judgments. However, the



Photograph by Edward Morgan of Anish Kapoor's huge sculpture for the Turbine Hall at Tate Modern.

digital environment greatly facilitates my current interest in assembling multiple images, an approach that mirrors how our eye and brain work."

He also spends time developing courses on digital photography and digitising his collection from the 1960s and 70s of several hundred artists, writers and composers who

were working in East Anglia." At the Chestnutt Studios, Christopher's experience as an architect influences his sensitive pen and ink drawings. Michael's expansive landscapes are the result of looking through the lens of Russian square format and

delicate, free flowing forms in wonderful translucent colours with a touch of lustre. "I draw inspiration from forms in nature like the layers of a shell or the spiral of a fern unfolding," she explains.

My painting seeks the mysticism of the natural environment. I delight in the soft shades of watercolour and from this to the richness and vibrancy of acrylic. My illustrations observe the interaction in the human and animal psyche.

*Ferial Evans*

*Details of all studios are in the brochure available from a wide range of outlets. Local studio opening details are:*

*Edward Morgan - June 2/3 & 23/24 11am-5pm, Culpho Hall, Culpho IP6 9EA.*

*Chestnutt Studios - June 9/10 11am-5pm, Annesley House, Boot Street, Great Bealings.*

*Leah Hinks - June 9/10, 16/17, & 23/24 10am-5pm, The Granary, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings.*

*Ferial Evans - June 2/3 12noon-5pm, 1 Holly Cottages, Holly Lane, Little Bealings.*

panoramic cameras. Moyra's interest is in drawing people, observing them in their daily lives. Judith makes paper from natural and recycled pulp. She will demonstrate papermaking and invite visitors to have a go.

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