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POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Electricity generated by the estimated 200 - 600 turbines of the proposed East Anglia ONE and subsequent windfarms off the Suffolk coast is planned to be fed into the national grid through cables passing right through The News' area.

Coming ashore at Bawdsey, the buried cables would follow the Deben and run between Great and Little Bealings on their way to Bramford. A large storage site is proposed in Playford and local roads may be temporarily realigned to cope with the inevitable heavy construction traffic. This might also directly affect the centre of Grundisburgh as plant may well use this route to and from the work site, although final details of this aspect are not yet available. Work is expected to start in 2014.

Plans of the proposed cable route have been on display during 2012 and we are now

in the consultation phase. The Planning Inspectorate will have to be convinced that the applicants have undertaken the consultation properly and have four weeks in which to seek the views of SCDC and Suffolk CC. Councillor Tony Fryatt says there is wide concern that the consultation regarding the Playford site and the levels of HGV traffic was deliberately late and inadequate: we still do not have any estimates of traffic types or numbers. However, if the Inspectorate decide that enough has been done, they will move quickly on to the full hearing.

Parish councils will get the opportunity to present written and oral evidence if they so wish. But Tony Fryatt says the process moves very quickly and that it is essential the four villages affected get together to agree their approach and how the representation should be made.

Little Bealings PC is strongly opposed to the cable route and is of the view that insufficient weighting has been given to the impact the proposed route would have on both the

Bealings and intends to pursue its objection direct with the Planning Inspectorate. It also objects to the proposed site at Playford.

Chairman Dennis Crowe says that Grundisburgh and Culpho PC takes the view that, in reality, the impact on Grundisburgh will not be as great as for the other three parishes, whichever route is chosen but would support the concept of restricting operating hours to lessen the effect on the village.

We await developments.

Richard Watkinson



Paul Bruce's work; BBC tv at Grundisburgh's Cribfest after interviewing Clare Sanders on synod's recent decision; deep concentration by young cooks and the annual village quiz. More about these - and other - happenings inside.....
Photos Peter Kendall



The News wishes all its readers, contributors, advertisers and distributors a very happy Christmas and New Year

What's On

AHOY THERE, SHIPMATES!

GADS has a rumbustious show this season - 'Pirates' by Sharon Hulm - with well-known characters from just about every Panto. An adult crew of swashbuckling, bloodthirsty pirates help the show along, together with a full complement of ship's rats, mice and the ship's cat, played by local children.

The two principal characters are again played by local children: Lucy Moon plays Cinderella, who is now married to her Prince Charming (Lauren Savage) and what a delightful couple they make! They are spending their honeymoon on a cruise ship but whoever booked it for them did not allow for PIRACY on board and all the attendant misadventures.

Ian Frost portrays Bluebeard as the fearless, cut-throat Captain who strikes terror into the hearts of his crew - however, he does have a softer side, as will be seen as the show progresses. Widow Twankey is played very convincingly by Joel Tatham whose wife, Karen, makes her acting debut as Pirate Pat who seems to be in charge of most of the proceedings. As Karen is also in charge of costumes, she has her work cut out to ensure that everyone is well-dressed!

Little Red Riding Hood (aka Red) is played by Kate Adams and Wolfie, the Big Bad Wolf is played by Adam Kearney. Together, these two provide all the usual banter and innuendoes of a good Panto, this time helped along by their good friend Goldilocks (Patsy Frost) portraying her character as having had a somewhat colourful past! And the Wicked Queen (Jo Bailey) also has secrets from her past! An invaluable backstage crew is busily working on scenery, costumes, props and will in due course also tackle front of house requirements. Music

will be provided by John Richards with the help of Rogue Traders. Choreography is by Debbie Osborne.

Come and see this fantastic show if you dare!

Marian Rosling

Wise Words



Following Reg Snook's first book 'Portrait of a Park' now in its second reprint, November saw the publication of 'Portrait of an Owl', describing the life cycle of Ipswich's nationally famous tawny owl 'Mabel' resident in Christchurch Park. Also featured are Reg's experiences with other owls. 'Portrait of an Owl' is illustrated with colour plates and line drawings. At £7.50 it makes an ideal Christmas present.

From 1 December until Christmas, Reg's book will be on sale at his Hill Farm, Grundisburgh, studio with paintings and drawings from the book plus many new works.

UPBEAT!

This ladies' singing group formed in January is giving a Christmas concert in Grundisburgh church on 7 December at 7.30 pm. The £5 ticket includes a glass of wine and a mince pie. Proceeds to the local hospice. Upbeat! warmly welcomes new members - just come to the Parish Rooms at 7.30 on any Thursday evening and give us a try!

Carol Jopling 735812

Cooking up a storm

Cooking classes for children have begun in Grundisburgh. Kiddywinks Kitchen offers classes and parties for children aged 5 to 11. The promotion of healthy eating is not a new concept and there are many ways to educate young children in this important life skill. It is easy to reach for the readily available convenient food in our cupboards but the self-satisfaction of knowing it was you, or your child, who had prepared the food instead can be very rewarding. Spring class dates available, see News Diary for detail and future dates.

www.kiddywinkskitchen.co.uk

Rebecca Lemke 01473 735975

Grundisburgh Chapel

We are planning to go carol singing round the village on 22 December in aid of EACH. Meet on The Green at 6pm: if you would like to join us, please get in touch with me.

Colin Grimwood 01473 738856

SUNDAY WALKERS

This is an informal group (open to *all* News readers) who get together on the 2nd Sunday of the month to do a circular walk around Grundisburgh. We don't go at a fast pace but aim to walk for two hours, often with a cut-off point for people who want to return after an hour or so. There is no joining fee - just turn up on the Green at 2pm and wait for that month's leader to take you somewhere interesting!

Sunday 9 December - 2pm

Wed. 19 December - 6.30pm
a pre-Christmas walk across

fields and lanes to Little Thatch where free festive food and drinks will be provided by the Parish Council. Last year about 40 people took part in this walk which takes about 45-60 minutes. Torches are a very good idea. Everyone is welcome- no need to book.

Sunday 13 January - 2pm

Further details from Sally Grahn 01473 738219

Winter Warmers

Otley Hall Tour on Friday 14 December.

Christmas trees, decorations sparkling in the glow of open fires and candle lit rooms, followed by mulled wine and Christmas nibbles. Tour starts at 6.30pm. Tickets £13 per person and must be booked in advance. Contact 01473 890264 email: events@otleyhall.co.uk

Burgh Winter Coffee Morning on Saturday 8 December at 10am at Burgh Church. 2013 A3 calendars £6.50 each, (£12 for two) will be on sale.

Christmas Concerts

Burgh: takes place in church on Thursday, 13 December at 7.00pm. Village Voices have kindly agreed to come and lead our singing as well as performing many Christmas classics, both secular songs and carols. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the interval. Tickets £5.

Culpho Church will be serving up festive music, readings and general merriment on Saturday 1 December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 at the door.

Christmas favourites by Suffolk Singers: Saturday 8 December at 7.30 in St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Needham Market. Tickets £8 call 01449 720316 or 01473 635525.

Give The News for Christmas: An ideal gift for people who have moved away from the area and are keen to keep in touch. It costs £3.20 to have the four issues of The News mailed to addresses in the UK, £8 to Europe and £12 worldwide. Send details to Pat Hall, Crest Cottage, Chapel Road, Grundisburgh IP13 6XL (enquiries 01473 735319).

News Diary

DECEMBER

Saturday 1

Christmas Event

St. Botolph's Church Culpho
7.30pm Contact 01728 747605

Thursday 6

Images of Suffolk Christmas

Theme Gr Burgh & Culpho
WI Gr Pav. 7.30pm Contact
735838

Clairvoyant Evening iao

Otley under Fives Contact
07747698223

Saturday 8

Burgh Winter Coffee

Morning Church 10am
Contact 735783

Christmas Bazaar iao

Bredfield play area VH 9.30 -
12.30 Contact 7377707

Monday 10

Climbing Plants talk Otley

Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Thursday 13

Burgh Christmas Concert

Church 7pm Contact 735783

Thursday 13

Tiddlywinks toddler group

St Marys Church Gr PR 2.30
Contact 735413

Saturday 15

Christmas Bazaar Hasketon

VH 2pm - 4pm Contact
01394 388970

Tuesday 18

The History of Orford

Castle talk Gr Local History
Soc PR 7.30pm Contact
738108

Wednesday 19

Christmas Walk Gr Green

6.30pm Contact 738219

Saturday 22

Kiddywinks Kitchen

Cookery Class GVH 10 - 12
PBE Contact 735975

Carol singing iao EACH Gr

Green 6pm Contact 738856

Monday 31

New Years Eve Dance

Clopton VH Contact 623296

JANUARY

Thursday 3

Bring and Share Supper Gr

Pav 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 11

London-Bombay on a Vespa

talk Hasketon VH 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394 388970

Monday 14

All About Grass talk Otley

Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Gr & Culpho PC meeting

7.30pm GrPR Contact 735541

Tuesday 15

Maintenance and Repair of

Timber-Framed Buildings

talk Gr Local History Soc PR
7.30pm Contact 738108

Saturday 19

Swap Shop iao Gr Youth Club

10 - 12 GrPR Contact 738831

Friday 25

Pirates Panto GADS GVH

7.30pm Contact 738648

Saturday 26

Pirates Panto GADS GVH

2pm & 7.30pm Contact
738648

FEBRUARY

Friday 1

Pirates Panto GADS GVH

7.30pm Contact 738648

Saturday 2

Pirates Panto GADS GVH

2pm & 7.30pm Contact
738648

Thursday 7

Womens Aid talk Gr Burgh &

Culpho WI Gr Pav 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Friday 8

Summer Holiday musical

Junior TOPS Otley VH
7.15pm Contact 890787

Parson Woodford's Diary

talk Hasketon VH 7.15pm
PBE Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 9

Summer Holiday musical

Junior TOPS Otley VH
2.15pm & 7.15pm Contact
890787

Kiddywinks Kitchen

Cookery Class GVH 10 - 12
PBE Contact 735975

Monday 11

Holistic Gardening talk Otley

Gardening Club VH 7.30pm
Contact 738244

Tuesday 19

Saving East Anglia's

Windmills talk Gr Local

History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738108

MARCH

Saturday 2

Grundisburgh's Got Talent

iao Youth Club Gr School
7pm Contact 738856

Thursday 7

Ghosts of Landguard Fort

talk Gr Pav 7.30pm Contact
735838

APRIL

Saturday 13

Kiddywinks Kitchen

Cookery Class GVH 10 - 12
PBE Contact 735975

MAY

Saturday 11

Open Garden Larks Hill

Tuddenham 2 - 6pm Contact
785248

JUNE

Saturday/Sunday 15/16

Hidden Gardens iao Gr Hort
Soc Contact 735517

JULY

Saturday 13

Village Show iao Gr Hort Soc

Contact 735517

Key for abbreviations:

PBE - pre-booking essential

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

Pav - pavilion

Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless
given otherwise.

Brief details of village events

should be sent by 13

February for next issue

direct to Heather Langdon,

The Holme, The Green,

Grundisburgh IP13 6TA,

heather.langdon

@btinternet.com.

Please always give a contact

phone number and indicate if

tickets must be bought in

advance.

The diary is designed to

promote events and to help

organiser avoid clashes - so

send your entries as early as

possible.



PAUL SCORES A DOUBLE CENTURY

Over 200 people responded to the invitation from Paul Bruce to visit his sculpture weekend in late September. They were able to see a wide range of his latest sculptures and works on paper at the first complete showing of his work for some years.

These were displayed in both Culpho Church and in his garden nearby - very fortunately co-inciding with two days of glorious sunshine. Some of the larger sculptures were positioned where they were able to be complemented by the surrounding landscape.

Paul, who studied at Ipswich school of Art in the sixties, has lived in Culpho with his wife Sue for 12 years. He is involved with many aspects of art in the area, including running the Grundisburgh Art Group for which he tutors two classes a week. The Tuesday evening class, which has recently moved to the parish rooms, has some vacancies. Paul also organises expeditions for the group - most recently to visit galleries in the Liverpool area.

Taking a great interest in the fine and decorative arts at Christchurch Mansion, Paul is vice-president of the 'Friends of the Ipswich Museums' and undertakes talks and guided tours of the Ipswich art collections. Paul has promised to make sure that a collection of his smaller sculptures, paintings and drawings will be on view and for sale in his Culpho garden studio for the annual Hidden Gardens weekend on 15 and 16 June. He can be contacted on 01473 738265, pauldbruce@tiscali.co.uk

WI GRIPPED

September is usually a busy month for us at Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI, and this year was no exception. The ladies afternoon was well supported



Paul's two and three dimensional works at Culpho. Photos Peter Kendall.



by members and visitors alike.

We were seated ready for our harvest supper when a voice boomed out "I am Declan Moore,

your speaker for this evening, and I don't mind if you slurp your soup while I talk" and talk he did! - for the next hour barely stopping for breath. Declan who previously worked at Highpoint prison and is now Governor at Hollesley Bay, captured our interest from the start. He explained that Hollesley is very much an open prison, with a road running through and a bus stop in the middle. The offenders hold keys to their accommodation and are often found working out in the community. Many of them have not known the security of a stable home life that most of us take for granted.

The colony works hard at building up their self esteem and trust along side the necessary discipline so obviously needed in such an environment, with the aim of returning them to the outside world as useful members of society and hopefully a better chance in life.

Our programme for 2013 has been arranged and looks like

being another year to look forward to. Check the diary page for details if you would like to join us.

Carol Barker

SCOUTING NEWS

In September some of our Scouts had a weekend Camp in Derbyshire and went hill-walking up Kinder Scout. Also in September nine Cubs and five Scouts attended Link Camp at Hallowtree, Nacton, where they enjoyed climbing, air rifle shooting, orienteering, pioneering and chariot racing.

In October the Beavers had a visit from the police to show them a police car and uniforms. They also gave a safety talk with stickers and books. We had an excellent turnout from all sections for the harvest parade and service at St Mary's Church: thanks to all who attended.

Also in October we had our annual night hike along the Fynn Valley walk with over 60 people. Along the way we invested three Cubs and five Scouts under the A12 bridge. We then carried on to Martlesham fish shop at Crown Point where we had a hot supper.

On 13 October some of our Group helped with the Pumpkin Festival on the village Green which was great fun with lots of games all in aid of the Scout Group funds for which we are very grateful.

Before finishing for half-term all the four Sections had halloween parties at the Scout Hut. Everyone wore fancy dress instead of scout uniform and had a fantastic time. The hut had been decorated with skeletons, spiders, ghosts, skulls and ultra violet lights. Amongst the many games were 'bobbing' for apples, cutting 'flour mountains' and using only their teeth trying to get bats, rats and spiders (plastic!) out of 'glowing' jelly.

Aiming high

We have started archery training and hope the national archery competition 2013 will see us win more than before - this year's total was an amazing 18 Medals, three cups and three shields!

The 1st. Grundisburgh Scout Group would like to thank the Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho Horticultural Society for having the Scout Group as their nominated Charity this year and for their generous donation towards our new Scout and Guide HQ.

More information and photos from our events can be found on our websites:

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

Pat Ross

Grundisburgh Scouts are running their Christmas card delivery service again this year. Send any card for 20p. More information from notice boards or ring Pat Ross on 01473 735352.

Heather's skill stole the show



A year ago a group from St. Mary's church went to Westminster Abbey to hear our rector, Clare Sanders, preach. Her sermon was based in the main on Harry Potter. So, churchwarden Valerie MacCuish and I thought how nice it would be for Clare to have a keepsake of the occasion.

So, after consultation, Heather Langdon agreed that, if I would do a design, she would interpret it to create a stole. The colours of the finished silk stole are blue (Ravenclaw), green (Slytherin), yellow (Hufflepuff) and red (Gryffindor) and on the back the famous Harry Potter scar.

We hope that Clare has a fitting Grundisburgh memento of that day, Sunday 11 September 2011, given with love and a certain amount of reflective pride.

Ann Willetts

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Hannah's hairy ride

A solo bike journey across the widest stretch of Britain, from Lowestoft to St David's Head in Wales, has raised over £800 for the British Heart Foundation. Hannah Roberts undertook the challenge in memory of her father, Steven Roberts, who was chairman of Grundisburgh Horticultural Society and advertising manager for Grundisburgh News (among many other activities) before his death from heart failure in 2000.

Hannah's trip involved some fairly hair-raising experiences including having 16 inches of her own hair cut off as it was getting in the way and having to buy a new bike due to brake problems. It also involved Hannah in some memorable eating experiences along the way, having inherited a great love of food from her father. She is a freelance chef and often works at Campsea Ashe Old Rectory. She can be contacted on 07590 581118.

A blog of her trip:
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Human dynamo still sparking

Three of us recently went to visit our dear friend Phemie who moved from the village to Bromley, Kent, on 14 September to be near one of her twin sons. Her send-off at the Pasteurs' home was marvellous, attended by over 50 people, most of whom were hoping secretly that the move would never take place as we felt she was indispensable here!

Phemie has been a wonderful member of the Grundisburgh community for over 40 years since she moved here with Douglas who was transferred to BT Martlesham. They lived first at Aquarius in Half Moon Lane and then moved to Hillingdon on Rose Hill.



Phemie (centre) with Sally (left) and Shealagh

After the death of Douglas, Phemie, ever practical, decided to move to a smaller place and a brand new bungalow off Post Mill Gardens became her beautiful new home. Here she continued to

entertain frequently, creating mouth-watering meals and gardening enthusiastically with great energy and skill. Phemie belonged to many groups locally including the Church, W.I, Lytton Club, Local History and the walking group where she was the oldest but fittest and fastest walker! She was a true friend to many and always thought of others. Her trademark gift to newcomers to the village was a freshly baked home-made loaf and welcome card.

Shealagh, Anne and I can report that Phemie is coping well in her lovely Victorian terrace house in a quiet cul de sac ten minutes walk from Waitrose! She is near the station and now uses buses to explore the area as she no longer has her car. Being Phemie, she has already dived into many local activities such as churches and swimming pools and Internet lessons. She is delighted to be able to help care for her young grand-daughter Lucy every day after school. Her son and family live a short walk away. Phemie sends her best wishes to all her many friends and acquaintances who know and miss her. If you would like her address and/or telephone number (and possibly her email address in due course!) please contact me or Shealagh Watkins.

Sally Grahn 01473 738219

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DERRICK PEARCE

20 May 1924–21 July 2012

Derrick was born in Great Bealings, went to school in Little Bealings and Kesgrave after which he worked for Marriotts as a plumber, cycling to and from Ipswich whatever the weather.

During the early part of World War II he was a member of Churchill's Secret Army only disclosed in very recent years when articles began to appear in the press. He served with the Devonshire Regiment in the Far East. He was wounded and left to make his own way back to base as best he could.

He married Evelyn Florence Read at Great Bealings, living in the village until 1953 when they moved to Grundisburgh with their daughter Veronica and son Nigel.

Derrick worked as a bricklayer with Ingram Smith at Woodbridge and Cook, builder, at Grundisburgh, then on the estate of Lord Tollemache at Helmingham. He was very proud to say he decorated the bedroom where the Queen stayed when she

visited and also to have met the Queen.

Derrick and Evelyn so very nearly reached their diamond wedding but sadly Evelyn passed away on 21 July 2006, less than two months before the anniversary.



Derrick enjoyed driving but, unfortunately with failing eyesight he decided to give up driving but he was to enjoy several years "whizzing" around Grundisburgh on his electric buggy. He liked to garden, particularly growing vegetables. Finding his house difficult to cope with, he moved to more suitable accommodation at Felixstowe in February this year.

Veronica Watkins

SINGING SUCCESS

Those of us who went to the Autumn concert in St. Mary's church in Grundisburgh on 26 September, had an inkling that the performers would do well at this year's Suffolk Festival of the Arts in October in Woodbridge. Of the singers at Grundisburgh, Charmian White from the village achieved Third overall in the Championship for solo voice.

Charmian also received seven Commendations and two Merits - quite an achievement given that she took up singing only in 2010 - after a break of 32 years! She also received a Distinction in the Old Tyme Music Hall class, singing 'I'm shy, Mary Ellen, I'm shy'. Her costume comprised many borrowed items, including her late husband's shoes and Clare Sanders' jacket. The Johnny Depp moustache was, however, a painted replica!

Her ambition is to one day sing professionally at weddings or similar occasions. Not only is she a singer and poet but also a talented botanical artist, producing extremely accurate drawings and paintings of plants to serve as records for posterity.

words and photo Richard Watkinson



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GRUNDISBURGH'S LOST ARENAS



Above: the 1974 Bombers team. L - R: Rob Smith, Kenny Jessup, Dave Hunting, Ray Smith, Mike Hart (captain), Dick Smith, Guy Vincent, Chris Hart, Gordon Levett (manager).

Forty years ago the village bobby, P.C. Allison, knocked on the door of one Grundisburgh resident, giving him the fright of his life. However, it was not to arrest him but to see if he was interested in doing something positive for the youth of the village. David Hunting, already an ace speedway rider, seemed to be the logical person to approach. A meeting in the village hall decided that a cycle speedway track should be built in a corner of the playing field. Fundraising dances and sponsored rides started immediately and, with much help and encouragement from organisations and friends, including Clive and Christine Hammond and Stevie Potter plus many others, an oval track was carved out and completed in just four months.

Riders arrive

A team of keen youngsters started racing in September 1972, calling itself 'The Grundisburgh Bombers'. They quickly gained strength and a deserved reputation for success in their league with the club's zenith probably in 1974-5. Then there were some 40 riders, of which more than half were Juniors. Team and individual honours abounded. The track was flooded on occasions but the club had no clubhouse as such but made good use of the Half Moon pub to do its off-track business!

Tensions in the club eventually led to a change of direction and racing had ceased by 1980, the track reverting to nature. But it still exists under the grass near the tennis courts and part is, in fact, still visible.

David Hunting's website - www.cyclespeedwayhistory.org.uk - has a detailed history of local and national clubs: if anyone has any photos or can fill in any gaps in the records, David would love to hear from you: his number is 01473 726522.

Ship to shore

A slightly less energetic sport was also practised in the village as Fred Quinton, former secretary of the now defunct Grundisburgh Quoits Club recalls. Many people have heard of deck quoits being played on board cruise ships - but it is actually a serious sporting activity. At one time it was very popular, not only here but in many surrounding villages and towns - Ipswich, Woodbridge and Felixstowe among them. David Leach, whose father Sid was a club member, tells us that every year at the Co-op fete in Ipswich there would be a quoits competition, with Ray Bennett being Grundisburgh's champion.

Fred remembers as a child there was a quoits field on Meeting Lane but by 1948 it had moved to a piece of land off Woodbridge Road, donated by the Gurdon family. This meadow was fenced

off to keep the cows at bay and the bed was laid using two three-foot diameter iron rings made by the local blacksmith and blue clay dug up from the stream nearby. The bed was tilted, raised higher at the back and kept in shape using what Fred calls 'a rammer' and needing to be watered regularly to keep the clay bed in good working order. A pin with a hole in the top was driven into the centre of the bed with a compass measure to accurately gauge the distance from the pin of any quoit. A team of 15 men attempted to put a steel quoit over the middle pin from a distance of 25 feet. Each man had two quoits: a successful throw over the pin was classed 'a ringer' and scored six points, 21 being the top score.

Men only

Quoits was strictly a male affair - Fred cannot recall women playing in any team Grundisburgh encountered. After a game here, everyone would repair to the Half Moon pub across the road and once a year there would be an outing by motor coach - Great Yarmouth being the favourite venue. The photograph below shows one club outing with Fred seated fourth from the right on the front row. He can name all the men depicted except the man in the light suit sitting next to him. Can anyone identify this man? (*The News carried this picture three years ago but no-one then knew his identity.* - Ed).



No-one seems able to explain why the interest in quoits faded or why Grundisburgh Quoits team folded. We have been told that there is still a team at Holbrook: do others survive locally? Fred doesn't know but would be interested to learn: his telephone number is 01473 735465.

Madge Nicholas and R Watkinson with thanks to D Hunting, F Quinton and D Leach

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IT PAYS TO SAY NO!

Many people say it is not worth writing to Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) planning department to oppose a planning application. I don't agree and several recent decisions have helped to prove that point.

Seven neighbours, who would have been affected if a bungalow had been built in the garden of the Round House in Post Mill Gardens, all wrote to object and endorse the objections of the Parish Council. It was refused. Residents opposed to the building of two houses in the setting of Saddlers Cottage, a listed building, all wrote to SCDC. That application was refused. The owner of Broadmere Garage failed to sell it as a continuing commercial operation and a developer wanted to build three large houses on the site. Neighbours were concerned about being overlooked and the access to the proposed houses. As a result of the various comments made on the proposal, only two houses will be built and the developer has agreed to retain the walls at the rear of the site.

Old School tenancies

Riverside Housing Association, owners of the Old School, wanted to reduce the tenancy entry age limit from 60 to 55 years as there was difficulty, in their view, in finding tenants who met the criteria. Parish councillor Barry Zins spoke at the SCDC meeting and refuted the Housing Association's general argument by advising that there had been no such problem in Grundisburgh as the majority of tenants were long standing. The parish council had spent several years getting the Old School converted so that the elderly of the village would have the opportunity to retire to suitable accommodation. This application, too, was refused.

Speak up

So it is worthwhile making your views known to the planning authority. You get only one chance to object: if a planning application is approved there is no right of appeal by any objectors. However, if a planning application is refused the developer can appeal against that decision and again and again and again.

There is no guarantee that your views will sway the SCDC Planning Committee but if you have concerns about any planning matter and you feel the need to comment, why not approach one of your local parish council planning members and talk through your concerns with them. Your parish council planning committee members are : Geoff Caryer, Dennis Crowe, Cavin Doyle, Barry Zins and myself.

Ann Willelts (Chairman Parish Council Planning Committee) 01473 738831



Yoga for all in the village hall

You don't have to be able to put your foot behind your ear to benefit from regular yoga practice! Flexibility, greater awareness of posture, body alignment, patterns of movement and a sense of relaxation are all benefits that yoga can give you, even as a beginner. As the 14 people (male and female) who attend the weekly sessions, under the careful guidance of Caroline Glason at Grundisburgh village hall, are discovering.

Caroline has been teaching yoga for six years and tailors her instructions to suit the various ability levels of the class members. On the day I attended, those just starting kept it simple; others, who'd been doing yoga for some time, were free to go that bit further. One class member said that, after retirement, he wanted to take up exercise combined with relaxation in some form and elected to try yoga, enabling him to pursue his other love, golf, more easily. Yoga fits his bill perfectly. Another member goes to the class because she feels it's good to do something that combines stimuli for mind, body and spirit.

Caroline is holding classes on 6 and 13 December and from 10 January. All sessions start at 9.30 am on Thursdays. Caroline can be contacted on 01473 464204 or email cglason@gmail.com

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

THE BRAIN GAME

Clear winners of the annual Grundisburgh village quiz this year were the Playgroup team, with a laudable score of 92 from a possible 110 points. Runners-up were FOGS and St Mary's PCC. (Believe it or not, St Mary's own lowest-scoring round was on 'Religion!'). The quiz raised nearly £400 for The News, because they were last year's winners. The money is being divided between The News' funds and the good cause of its choice, a dementia charity.

2012 was the first time that Ann Willetts had not devised all the questions, so many thanks to Phil Bailey who has taken on the role. And to Clive Willetts and Mark Sanders for keeping the whole thing going at a cracking pace.

Words Richard Watkinson, photo Peter Kendall



Quizmaster Clive Willetts presenting the winners' shield to Magda Snowden, Vice-Chair of the Playgroup.

Debbie's Dinners

Debbie Savage's 'takeaway nights' have started again and run until early January. Each weekend she offers a choice of two dishes, which she cooks at home in Grundisburgh, and delivers piping hot to people's doors. On 1 and 2 December the menu is Lasagne with garlic bread and a side salad or Chicken Balti and rice. The following weekend, beef stew and dumplings or cheese and herb topped fish with potato and onion bake will be on offer. Prices range from £4.50 to £6 per dish, including delivery. Advance booking is essential: contact 01473 735044 or email her on deb290478@hotmail.co.uk

The venture is part of Debbie's support for 'Possibilities', a charity to improve the lives of AIDS victims in Uganda: she plans to go there in April. Information about her other fund raising activities and 'Possibilities' is at www.2uganda.moonfruit.com

JAMES KARTS HOME THE SILVERWARE AGAIN



James and parents with some of his trophies at the church fete.

James Clarke is growing fast! At 5'10" and size 11 feet, we had no option but to move him into the Junior class at age 11 where he would be racing an adult kart at 75mph against many 16-17 year olds. The transition has been a steep learning curve for both mechanics (mum & dad) but James is now regularly bringing home the silverware once more. In his first year in Junior TKM, he entered the National Interclub Championship, regularly competing in large grids. His challenge was to make the A finals which he did and finished a brilliant 9th out of 38. Until recently he was 2nd and 4th in two championships but




unfortunately a broken wrist at school during PE has meant an early exit to these championships although, with high scoring rounds he may hang on to 2nd place.

Next year we are planning to compete in the British Championship: this will

mean time out of school and many weekends away around the country. James is hoping for a top 15 in his first year, and plans to win in 2014.

James is a student at Farlingaye High School who have been very supportive of his aspirations. We, too, continue to support James in every way we can, of course. Should you wish to know more of James' activity or to help in any way, we would be very happy to explain more about the challenges ahead for James and the support he needs.

Nichola and Malcom Clarke



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JUNIOR COSMONAUTS TAKE OFF

The children of Grundisburgh Playgroup have been having lots of fun up in space this term. Making rockets to explore the Solar system and a dark area to have fun with torches. With Autumn upon us, they have been collecting leaves and other paraphernalia to create an Autumn collage.

The children are looking forward to Christmas with a Nativity play and an extra special Christmas party with disco, snow and hopefully a visit from Santa.



Playgroup enjoying an autumn picnic in the churchyard

Following demand, we are also pleased to offer parents all day sessions on a Monday and Tuesday from 9.10 until 3.10 including lunch club. The day can be flexible to suit requirements. We still have places available so please get in touch if you would like to join. We welcome children from 2yrs until school starting age and accept Government funding.

And don't forget the Woodbridge Children's Centre run a 'stay and play' session in conjunction with the Sure Start scheme in the playgroup building every Wednesday from 1.30 during term time. This is a free session for children under 5yrs, where parents/carers are encouraged to play and interact with the children during a number of activities. We look forward to seeing you at Playgroup!

Helen Jerrold 738818

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Megan Stebbings with her giant winning pumpkin

Pumpkin punishment

The Pumpkin Festival marked the opening of Grundisburgh & Culpho Horticultural Society's 2012/13 season. Once again, a plethora of partisans participated in their passion for all that is pumpkin on Grundisburgh Green on 13 October. Activities included pumpkin carving and competitions for pumpkin rolling and apple smashing. The pumpkin and fruit casualties were high, with villagers venting their frustrations in both creative and downright destructive ways. The brutality was not in vain, with stalls selling delicious homemade pumpkin curry and other fantastic produce.

Thompson & Morgan donated over 200 packets of pumpkin seeds to the children at Grundisburgh Primary School, to allow children to grow their own for the main event – the pumpkin growing contest. This year's winner was Megan Stebbings.

In total, £433 was raised, which is being donated to the Scouts to put towards a new Scouts HQ. Jo Lawrence and Ali Turk, the main organisers of the event, were delighted by the response and the enthusiastic participants and are very grateful for all the help received. Pencil in the middle of October in your diary for Pumpkin Fest 2013 and get Googling for your tips on how to grow a monster of a pumpkin for next year!

Despite bad weather having hit many of its events this year, the Horticultural Society was able to distribute £3,400 between its three nominated charities: the Woolverstone Wish Appeal, the Grundisburgh Scouts Group fundraiser and the Grundisburgh Luncheon Club. Hidden Gardens weekend will be 15/16 June, the Village Show 13 July and the garden party in August.

Anyone wanting to get involved in any way is asked to contact me on 01473 735136, chairman@gbchs.org.uk. More people are always needed to help with events and knowing anything about horticulture or plants is not necessary.

Andrew West, Chairman

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THE BUILDERS OF BURGH

Burgh schoolroom was built as the village school in 1835 when Burgh had nearly 60 children of school age. It was a Sunday School until 1947 when Rev. Shallard retired. In 1985, there were about a dozen young children in Burgh so we decided to reopen Sunday School. The congregation redecorated the building and the Misses Shallard attended the opening ceremony in October 1985.

In 2008 St Botolph's Church and the Parish Meeting together created Friends of Burgh Schoolroom (FOBS) to modernise the building (with running water, a disabled access toilet and a small kitchen) for the benefit of the whole village.

After a great deal of work by Frances Green, Richard Pirkis, Iain Bell, Adam Gurdon, with regular coffee mornings and with grants from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Wood Trust, Burgh Church, Suffolk Foundation and Allchurches Trust, to all of whom we are very grateful. Work started in March 2012. We are also indebted to Charles Clarke for allowing us to square off what would have been a triangular kitchen.

End in sight

The structure is almost complete: the floor of Suffolk pammets has been taken up - every pammet and brick scrubbed by hand ready to be re-laid after damp-proofing and insulation. After 177 years, some had been broken and so we are asking if anyone has any to spare so that we can complete the job. If you have, please contact Richard Pirkis on 735350 or myself on 735783. We would be most grateful for any contributions.

FOBS committee:
Clare Sanders (Incumbent of Burgh Church); Edward Creasy (Chairman of Parish Meeting); Charles Calver,



Treasurer; Sally Butler,
Secretary; Adam Gurdon;
Richard Pirkis; and myself

NB Any inhabitant of Burgh is entitled (and welcome) to attend any committee meeting of FOBS.

Sheila Brechin

Photos clockwise from top left: Kate Hayhow, Jane Hilliar and Sally Butler washing pammets outside the schoolroom; Dave Hayhow; walls poured, insulation and sewage pipes laid before relaying the floor; Clare Sanders stacking the cleaned pammets.



The photo featured on the cover of Grundisburgh Local History Society's new booklet. 'Grundisburgh's Historic Houses: A Walker's Guide' has

been put together by Steve Sim mainly based on articles from the society's magazine over the years. He sees this very much as a first issue and is hoping its

publication will encourage people to come forward with more information and photos. It will be available in early December from The Dog pub and village shops at £2 a copy.

Thanks...to everyone in the Grundisburgh area for giving so generously to the 2012 Poppy Appeal. We raised £1,841.84 which will help the British Legion provide welfare, comradeship, representation and Remembrance for the Armed Forces community. Many thanks to all the collectors and helpers for all their hard work

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Hasketon Highlights

More operations at Vehicle Surgeon



Karl Gadd suited and booted in the new bodyshop

Even a casual glance as you pass Vehicle Surgeon's premises on the B1079 at Hasketon will tell you that big things are afoot there. The car park has been extended so that not only can I come for my MOT, repairs and servicing but now also for the complete range of bodywork jobs. Opened in September, the new bodyshop is where we cars can now enjoy anything from a quick touch-up to remove the odd scratch, dimple or blemish (not that I admit to having any, you understand) to a full make-over following a more serious event due to the carelessness of my owner.

Local service

Mick and Gwen Ladd first opened their doors over 35 years ago and rather than move as the business expanded, they have grown on-site, so that we don't have to go looking for them on some distant industrial estate - which my owner would find very confusing. And he wouldn't be able to just pop me in to quick-change my blown headlamp bulb, either. A couple of years ago, Mick and Gwen took a bit of a back seat and handed the day-to-day running of the business to their daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Rod, so it's still very much a family concern.

An air of quality

Their latest pride and joy is that fully equipped, state of the art work bay and spray oven where we cars can go in fully prepared for a total respray under strict environmentally controlled conditions and from which no nasty fumes escape into the surrounding countryside! Karl Gadd trained at a specialist bodyshop facility in Dagenham and now commutes in from Aldeburgh. He's been in the business some 17 years, keeps up to date with regular refresher courses and is justifiably proud of his skills.

Bodyshop work is very tightly regulated: all paints now have to be water based, frequent inspections are carried out and the equipment includes a specialised computer holding details of thousands of cars with their paint and body panel specifications. Karl's protective suit is one-time use only and the giant air filters in the spray room have to be replaced every six weeks – no wonder accident repair costs are high!

Sadly, even I won't last for ever and my eventual replacement may well come from the sales department: that's another reason why they've made the hard-standing bigger. Just as well - for my owner needs lots of manoeuvring room, especially in reverse!

photo: Peter Kendall; words: Ford Focus

Hasketon Highlights

RICHARD SMITH AUGUST 1933 TO AUGUST 2012

It was a lucky day for Hasketon when Richard Smith met up again with Katherine Freeth. Their families had been great friends and they had attended each other's 21st birthday parties and first weddings, but then got absorbed by their own lives and families. After nearly 40 years of just exchanging Christmas cards, Katherine and Richard, by now both widowed, met again in person and married in 1998. Initially based in Katherine's house next to Forge Stores in Grundisburgh, they moved to the Old School House in Hasketon.

Very rapidly Richard became heavily involved in village life: he took on the chairmanship of the Victory Hall and oversaw many improvements to its fabric and finances. One of the particularly successful fund raisers has been his second 'Second Fridays' when he booked a range of interesting speakers and Katherine organised ploughman's suppers. These evenings have increased in popularity so that some months over 90 people attend - and Katherine is determined that these evenings will continue.

Richard masterminded the village fetes and organised exhibitions in the church to co-incide with these; particularly popular were the 'walking sticks and umbrellas' on display in 2011. He was involved with many other activities, too. Promoting events in the village was another focus of Richard's amazing energy and enthusiasm - posters stuck on notice boards, lampposts and shop windows for miles around and little yellow road signs made it difficult not to know that something was happening in Hasketon.

Among Richard's many roles which got him nicknamed "Mr Hasketon" was being secretary of the parochial church council, and, shortly before his death, he had been nominated by the parish council for a British Empire Medal for services to the community. Beyond the village, Richard also found time to serve as chairman of the Kyson Probus group, lead walks, take part in country and Scottish dancing, and go to art classes - and he gave great support to Katherine in her fund raising activities for Suffolk Coastal Crossroads. A truly remarkable man.

Nicola Hobbs

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 15 December

2-4pm in the Victory Hall, Hasketon.

When we had to cancel the Fete in the summer we hoped to have an event in December to replace it. The Bazaar will have a lot of our favourite things from the fete and many more. So come along and enjoy yourselves with the grand raffle, bottle stall, children's tombola, cake stall, face painting, competitions and games.

Second Fridays

Friday 11 January 2013

Ted Wheatley, when a young man travelled overland on a

Vespa scooter from London to Bombay (as it was then). He tells of his many adventures, such as crossing the Persian Desert, and living in an Indian village.

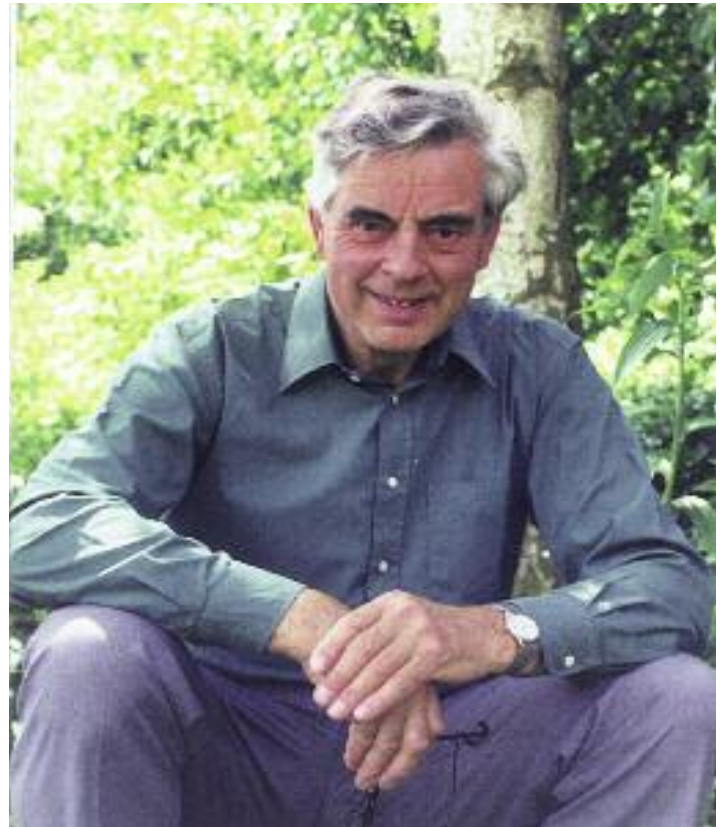
We start at 7.15pm for a Ploughman's Supper followed by the talk. Please let me know by the previous Wednesday if you wish to come, but pay on the door. £5.

Friday 8 February

Mark Mitchell returns to tell us about the stories contained in Parson Woodford's Diary tales in the life of a famous 18th century country rector.

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Jerry is in charge of the kitchen while his wife, Sharon, will be Front of House, dispensing real ales, including Adnams and Wherry in the bar with its two open fires. Jerry is adamant that it

will be a traditional English pub with traditional home-cooked food.

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27/28th - normal service
31st - 7.00 for dinner & drinks and music. Close at 1 am.
January 1st - normal service

Hasketon Turks Head

December

24th - open 12 - 12; Carols 7-8pm. (no food in evening)

25/26th - 12 - 4 (no food)
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We are very grateful for the support Bredfield and local businesses gave us at the end of last year. For example, the Bredfield Castle hosted a quiz evening and raised £300 – (thank you) and we will be back in the New Year with further announcements of more fun which we hope you will enjoy. If you are able to help us by baking a cake,

Storm force winds strike



Residents of Post Mill Orchard, Grundisburgh woke on Sunday 25 November to see the effects of the night's storm. (This is the wall referred to in Ann Willetts' article on p.8!)

photo: Wendy Witt

donating items for the tombola, donating children's clothes for a nearly new stall or helping us on the morning, we would be very grateful – please contact Paul Cannard (01473 737707) or Polly Stephenson (01394 382348) for further details.

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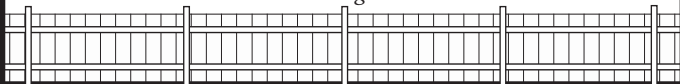
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Otley Offerings

The Young Ones

The Junior Otley Players are currently rehearsing for their next production, the musical 'Summer Holiday'. Around 30 children aged between 9 and 17 from Otley and nearby villages are involved in what is undoubtedly our most challenging show yet - we are still getting to grips with how we're going to portray a London bus on stage! It's sure to be a fun and lively production with lots of well-known songs including 'The Young Ones', 'Living Doll', 'Do You Wanna Dance' and, of course, 'Summer Holiday'. Performances are on Friday 8 February (7.15pm), and Saturday 9 February (2.15pm and 7.15pm). Tickets £5 and £2.50 available in January from 01473 890787.

Vanessa Ling

Since setting up Pearl Fitness, I have an ever-growing list of personal training clients as well as regular fitness classes, in the comfort of the clients' own home or at their chosen location. I also work with the NHS in a scheme called "alive and kicking", educating children in healthy eating and encouraging them to get physically active.



My future plans involve helping more personal training clients achieve their health and fitness goals and to set up more classes locally. I also want to offer my time to local schools to help them educate even more children in maintaining a healthy life style and to encourage them to see sport and exercise as activity that can be fun and exciting!"

Her current classes are:

Energising work out: Otley village hall, Mondays 7.30pm

Ladies Boot camp: Otley playing field, Thursdays 10am

She can be contacted on 07595182603, 01473 890207, Pearl.fitness@live.co.uk
Facebook: /PearlFitness

Tone Up!

Heidi Baker's passion for sport has led to her setting up a fitness business operating from her home in Otley. She writes:

"Throughout my childhood I was always very involved with the sports world, from club swimming to trampolining. Instead of university, I took on a full time job to save money to qualify as personal trainer and invest in the equipment needed. I also qualified in nutrition for sports exercise and weight loss, circuit training and torso and core strength.

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Russel Ling and Lester Hawes at their book launch

Over 350 people visited the village history exhibition at the end of September. The atmosphere was amazing, with so many people sharing memories of life in Otley. Some had made special visits from as far as Sussex, Dorset and Yorkshire, with one or two former residents meeting old friends that they had not seen for over fifty years.

A large number of photographs recorded how life in the village has changed in the past century, showing some of the village buildings which have since disappeared, and many former residents (as well as a few current ones!). We are extremely grateful to everyone who loaned photographs and documents, because without them the exhibition could not have

taken place.

Many unknown people and places were identified with the help of visitors, and lots of anecdotes and memories were recounted. Contacts are still being followed up, but please do get in touch if you can add to the record of village life and people.

The past - in print

Russell Ling and Lester Hawes launched their new book "Otley Past: Folklore and Local History". They have combined their memories of the village with those of previous generations, to record stories and photographs of life in the village over the past hundred years. Sales are going very well, with lots of people buying several copies to send as Christmas presents. They have already been asked when

volume two is going to be written!

There was also another book available in print for the first time. "Families of those men from World War 1 named on the Otley village war memorial" has been researched by Ken Fortune and provides background information on the families of the Otley men killed in the Great War.

"Otley Past" costs £10, with proceeds going to the Village Hall. The War Memorial book costs £5, with proceeds going to the Local History Group to help fund future exhibitions. They can both be purchased by phoning 890276, or ordered online via www.lulu.com/spotlight/OtleyLocalHistoryGroup

Sally Whiffing

Otley's 'Drive at 25 Campaign' is working.

Many of us are affected by cars, vans and lorries speeding through our villages. It disrupts village life and it means our children have to be escorted everywhere. Unfortunately, despite speeding being one of the major complaints from villagers, we are restricted in what we can do. Otley's 'Drive at 25 Campaign' uses local drivers to keep below the

speed limit in their own community. A car driving at 25mph for a short time stops others from speeding. With around 600 cars in Otley this can be significant, especially at peak times. Speed Watch volunteers have noticed that local cars in Otley are driving slower and that this is reducing the number of people breaking the speed limit. One volunteer said "we noticed many more cars in Otley driving at 25mph and it was evident that the speeding motorists are from outside the village". If we could persuade other villages to adopt the campaign we could help create a culture where it is second nature to slow down through villages. If you would like help in setting up a campaign in your own village please contact tanya.graham@dsl.pipex.com

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Can anyone identify where this picture was taken? It shows a group of about 150 men, presumed to be local members of the Home Guard in the Woodbridge area. Four members of Otley Home Guard have been identified towards the left of the picture, including Jim Haag, Jim Bennett, Bernard Stebbings and George Stebbings. If you have any information which may help, please contact the Otley Local History Group. (historian2007@gmail.com or 01473 892030)

Sporting stories

THE DOWN UNDER DUO

Not one, but two, teenagers from Grundisburgh will be in Australia this winter competing in their chosen sports.

Afloat

14 year old Sam Yale has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Cadet Sailing World Championships in Hobart, in December. Only nine boats have been chosen to form the Great Britain national team and Sam's is one of them (pictured, right). Sam, who attends Farlingaye High School, has been helming a Cadet at Waldringfield Sailing Club since 2009 and, together with his crew Harry Chatterton (11), trained with the RYA Zone and UK National Cadet Class Association squads. They competed in a number of selector events around the country so successfully that they have now been chosen to compete in the World Championships. Sam says "I am very excited to have this opportunity to represent Great Britain and I know it will be the most memorable experience of my life".

Ashore

Following his success in the 2012 Great Britain Under-19 Individual Championship where he was placed third overall, going back to Australia again this year is 19 year old Joe Jacobs, our local star speedway rider. He will be there for four months: for the most part, he will be the overseas rider in residence at Pinjar Park near Perth in Western Australia but will be crossing to New South Wales and South Australia to compete in events there, too. Speedway is not as developed in Australia as it is here and the prize money is not as great but Joe says it's a golden opportunity to keep his training going as he can't do that here in the wintertime. And, he quips, apart from riding, there's enough time to enjoy himself off the track, as well. Joe relies heavily on the generosity of sponsors and others to help him in his career and is most grateful to them for their continued support. But there's always room for more, he says!

You can see some of Joe's past races on Youtube and follow his progress Down Under on www.joejacobsracing.co.uk

Words and photo right : Richard Watkinson



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Joe preparing his bike for Australia. Not all parts will be going with him - he has a frame and other components already there.

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This year's matches against the various clubs organised by Mick Jones saw some stiff competition but I'm glad to report we were victorious in the majority of matches played. Well done to all who played!

Despite the weather, our greenkeeper David Leech has done a remarkable job keeping

on top of the green. We nominated him for a Lifetime Achievement Award in this year's SCDC Sports Awards. David has been dedicated in looking after the Bowls Club Green for more than 25 years: the amount of hours and effort he has put in have been far in excess of any reasonable expectation. The winner was a worthy victor but many congratulations to David as runner-up.

The last function on the agenda is the Christmas meal, which is currently being organised. I'm sure this will again be a jolly bash and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Here's to a good/dry 2013. See you on the green!

Jean Broad

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Sheila Caryer

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Cribfest draws hundreds

Over 1,800 people came to Grundisburgh church in November to see a magnificent collection of 361 nativity scenes from all over the world. More than 100 items were loaned from the private collection of writer and broadcaster Libby Purves; others were from Clare Sanders' own collection, plus many lent by individuals and organisations. Over £3,500 was raised to help fund the planned extension to the church, incorporating a meeting room and toilets. The church is most grateful to all those who came to or helped at this highly successful event.

Clockwise from above: a gypsy nativity; moulded glass figures; Stonehenge; turned sycamore figures by Hasketon resident Trevor Hill; Jesus 'on solids' (note spoon!); ornamental cross; Elizabeth Duthie from Gt. Horkesley, Essex, examining the carving on a match-head from Chile. Photos: Wendy Witt and Richard Watkinson



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