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Summer 2015

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News Diary

MAY

Saturday 30

Summer Exhibition Gr Art Group St Mary's Ch 10-5pm Contact 738265.

Charfest & Scarecrow Competition Charsfield Recreation Ground 2pm-late Contact 737701

Sunday 31

Summer Exhibition Gr Art Group St Mary's Ch 10-5pm Contact 738265.

JUNE

Thursday 4

Suffolk Cheeses Gr Burgh & Culpho WI Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 5

'Shingle Street' folk evening St Botolph's Church Culpho. Donations to Emmaus Ipswich 7.30pm Contact 01473 738324

Saturday 6

Tuddenham Village Fete 2pm Poplar Farm Contact 785272/785415

Bredfield Fete Old Rectory 2.15pm Contact 07770 406222

Sunday 7

Debach Open Gardens iao village funds/First Responders 2-5pm Contact 737611

Golf Day at Seckford iao Charsfield Rec Contact 737701

Monday 8

Knit and Stitich Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm Contact 738877/735544

Tuesday 9

Life in the Yukon talk Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Wednesday 10

Soup Lunch Burgh Schoolroom 12-1.30pm Contact 738877/735544

Otley Book Club - Secret Life of Bees Otley White Hart 8pm Contact 890312

Thursday 11

Sand Castles play GADS GrVH 7.30pm Contact 612122

Friday 12

Trinity House Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

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Saturday 13

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Saturday/Sunday 13/14

Hidden Gardens of Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho 2-6pm Contact 738267

Wednesday 15

Wateraid talk Carlford Network GrPR 2.30pm Contact 735712

Thursday 18

Felting Hasketon WI Victory Hall 7.15pm Contact 382109

Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm Contact 738877/735544

Open Day Playford Art Group VH 10-4 Contact 735385

Saturday 21

Clopton Fete 12 - 5pm Contact 737454/738287

Wednesday 24

Coach Trip to Capel Manor Gardens Otley & Dist. Gardening Club Contact 738244

Saturday 27

Car Boot iao Gr FC PF 9-12noon Contact 738111

Social Evening TADPOLES Tuddenham VH Contact 735682

Sunday 28

Hasketon Jazz BBQ Shrubbery Farm Hasketon 12.30-4pm Contact 735579

JULY

Thursday 2

Forty Years at the Forge Gr Burgh & Culpho WI Baptist Chapel 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 4

Midsummer Music Gr Hse 1.30-8pm Contact 738831

Otley Fete Contact 07789 468853

Sunday 5

UPBEAT! Concert Warrens Barn Farm 2.30pm Contact 735853

Friday 10

Scene of Crime: Suffolk Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 11

Garden Open Larks Hill, Tuddenham 1.30-5pm Contact 785248

Monday 13

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting St Botolphs Church Culpho 7.30pm Contact 735541

Saturday 18

Grundisburgh Village Show PF 12.30 - 5 Contact 735517

Flower Show Dance Gr PF 7.30pm Contact 735469

Saturday 27

Car Boot iao Gr FC PF 9-12noon Contact 735377

AUGUST

Saturday 1

Garden Party, The Croft, Burgh iao Burgh Ch. 2.30-5pm Contact 735273

Billfest Clopton VH PBE Contact 735285

Tuesday 11

John Constable talk Tuddenham WI VH 7.30pm Contact 785583

Thursday 20

Frook Horror Hasketon WI Victory Hall 7.15pm Contact 382109

Saturday 22

Bredfield Classic Car & Bike Rally 1-5pm Contact 07983 713005

Monday 31

Fun Day & Car Boot iao Gr FC PF 2-5pm Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Monday 7

Gr & Culpho PC Meeting PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 11

The Story of an Army Pilot Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 735579

Saturday 12

Otley Village Show VH 2.30pm Contact 890594

Coffee Morning Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12noon Contact 738877/735544

Thursday 17

The Suffolk Punch Hasketon WI Victory Hall 7.15 pm Contact 382109

Friday 18

Fish and Chip Quiz iao Charsfield Rec VH 7pm Contact 737701

OCTOBER

Saturday 17

Pumpkin Festival iao Gr Scouts Gr Green 12-3 Contact 735517

Key to abbreviations:
PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PR - Parish rooms
PF - Playing field
VG - Village green
Pav - Pavilion
Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Brief details of events with date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number should be sent by 5 August for the next issue to Heather Langdon, The Holme, The Green, Grundisburgh IP13 6TA, heather.langdon@btinternet.com

Please indicate if tickets must be bought in advance.

The diary was introduced to promote planned events and to help organisers avoid clashes of future events. So please send details early.



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What's On

FETED FOR SUCCESS!

As the sun comes out and the temperatures rise we can look forward to the start of the summer with fetes in many villages

Bredfield Church Fete is on Saturday 6 June, starting at 2.15pm with the Grand Draw at 4.30pm. Location: Old Rectory, Bredfield, IP13 6AX Admission and parking free.

The usual range of attractions will be available but you will have to come along to see what's new this year! We have over 40 stalls and games, including the auction, bookstall, Bredfield Boutique, homemade cakes, china smash, face painting, horse racing, Nearly New, pony and tractor rides, plants, mini golf, tombola, toys, white elephant. Refreshments too! Come along and join the fun. Contact: Andrew Miller on 07770 406222

Also on 6 June is the **Tuddenham Fete** in the lovely gardens of Poplar Farm, by kind permission of Bill and Monica Pipe. It's a lovely place to sit with a cream tea or one of Arthur's ice creams and enjoy the surroundings. As usual there will be stalls, competitions, face painting, games, a prize draw, tombola and tractor and trailer rides. Starting at 2pm, it is all in aid of much needed church funds. Contact: 01473 785415.

Clopton's Midsummer Fete on Sunday 21 June at the Village hall (located beside the B1078, in Manor Road) will be opened by a local celebrity.

The fete runs from noon until 5pm and will have stalls of all shapes and sizes + live music and dancing demonstrations, face painting and bouncy castle. Also refreshments and cakes, burger bar, ice cream van and the Otley White Hart beer tent. Dogs on leads most welcome.

Following the success of last year's event, there will be another auction, subject to

items being donated. Contributions for this and prizes for other stalls will be welcomed by Penny 01473 737454 or Anne 738287. email cloptonfete@gmail.com. The charities supported at this year's fete are St Elizabeth Hospice and EACH.

GARDEN VISITS

Hidden Gardens weekend

Some 25 gardens will be open in Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho each afternoon between 2 and 6pm over the weekend of 13/14 June. In addition, designer Cathy Watson is opening her beautiful garden in Tuddenham. A number of first timers are taking part as well as many of the regulars.

Programmes giving entry to all venues can be bought a week in advance from local shops for £4.50 and on the day from the Green at £5. Teas will be served in the parish rooms by FOGS members. Tempting cakes and plants will be on sale on The Green. The charities being supported this year are Home Start and Krissie and Friends.

Debach

On Sunday 7 June, Debach will again be opening its gardens from 2-5pm. There will be tea on the Green, tombola and games. Entry is by donation with proceeds divided between village funds and First Responders. Contact Di Ewings 01473 737611.

Culpho

The lovely half acre garden at Caddy Fields, 17 Ipswich Road, will be opening on 6 and 7 June between 2 and 5pm. Entry is free with donations requested for St Elizabeth Hospice.

Tuddenham

The eight-acre garden at Larks' Hill, Clopton Road, IP6 9BY will open on behalf of the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday 11 July from 1.30-5.00pm. Admission is £5, children free, with plenty of parking and refreshments. The garden embraces formal

arrangements, orchard, streams and woodland, with plenty of seating throughout. We will also try to take private bookings for 15 people or more throughout the season: please contact me for details.

John Lambert 01473 785248
jrlambert@talktalk.net

Open art

An open day will be held at the **Playford Art Club** on Thursday 18 June from 10am-4pm. The event is at Playford Village Hall, Butts Road, Playford IP6 9DU.

There will be paintings for sale in a range of media with some local scenes. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale. Raffle proceeds to The Stroke Association. Free admission. Do come along and meet our members and see work in progress.

We have a few vacancies and membership is £25 per term. Contact Jenness Proctor, chairperson, 01473 735385

RALLYING CALL

Bredfield Bowls Club is holding a Classic Car and Bike Rally on the playing field between on Saturday 22 August from 1pm-5pm. Admission is free and there will be a BBQ, plus refreshments. No need to book, just turn up for a fun afternoon. The green will also be open for anyone wishing to have a go at bowls. All profits to go to Bredfield Bowls Club. Contact Mark Kemp for more details on 07983713005.

Boot sales

Grundisburgh Football Club will be holding car boot sales on Saturday 27 June and 25 July from 9am to 12noon at Grundisburgh playing field. We will have refreshments available: tea, coffee, home-made cakes etc and a BBQ. If you would like to pre-book a pitch (£5), then please contact Sandra on 01473 738111.

The club's Fun Day on Monday 31 August between 2pm and 5pm will also include a car boot.

GARDEN PARTY

There is an open invitation to The Croft at Burgh Corner for this year's Garden Party on Saturday 1 August in aid of Burgh Church. Tickets £5 (teenagers £3, under 10s free) are available from Williams' store, Grundisburgh, or on the gate. Parking is in the Finndale field (by kind permission of the Laxtons), off the B1079. There will be a very good tea and Bucks Fizz, plus music and song, and entertainment with reptiles and balloons. Contact: Gillian Gurdon 01473 735273

Trad Jazz + BBQ

Sunday 28 June from 12.30-4pm at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon is the place for real traditional jazz from New Orleans Heat. The usual generous barbecue and puddings (to which many local helpers contribute) included in the £15 ticket. Vegetarian or special diets available if ordered when tickets bought.

Our ancient round tower parish church always needs repair funds so this event is a major money raiser. Please come and do encourage others - we know everyone will enjoy themselves.

Gordon Smith 01394 383106

UPBEAT!

Upbeat! ladies choir will be returning to Warren's Farm Barn in Otley on Sunday 5 July for its summer afternoon charity concert at 2.30pm. Following the success of last year's concert and afternoon tea, choir members are delighted to return to this beautiful setting.

The event will raise funds for Mid Suffolk Holiday Opportunity Play Scheme for children with disabilities, and TSA - Tuberous Sclerosis Association.

The varied programme includes Skyfall, Let It Be, The Rose, The Rivers of Babylon and lots more! More details from Anna Greenwood on 01473 735853

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF

We are hoping for even more entries than ever to the Grundisburgh Village Show Saturday 18 July - from people from all areas as well as our three villages. Details of all the 150 plus classes - including flowers, produce, flower arranging, baking and handcraft for adults and children are in the schedules which have been distributed door to door in Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho; further copies are available from village shops and online (www.gbchs.org.uk).

Among the attractions being laid on for visitors to the show during the afternoon are a trash and treasure auction, an archery display, music from the pupils of Grundisburgh School, a fancy hat competition and a display of classic and collectors' motor bikes (proud owners are encouraged to bring their bikes along to be admired).

These are in addition to a wide range of stalls and other activities, non-stop refreshments and bar, and the car boot (£5 a car, no pre booking needed), from 12.30pm. Local organisations are invited to book space for stalls to raise money on their own behalf and can contact Julia Bentley on 01473 735524.

The tea tent is being run by playgroup committee members to raise funds. They promise a vintage theme and would be very grateful for cakes to be donated. Contact Christina on 01473 735353

The summer dance takes place in the marquee after the show

with live music from Flaming Cheek. Tickets will be £11 (to include a hog roast with salads) from Richard Garrett, 01473 735469. Bring your own drinks.

The society's annual evening garden party is being arranged in central Grundisburgh on Friday 7 August. Tickets will be available nearer the time from Olde Forge Stores and must be bought in advance.

The charities nominated to receive money raised this year are Home Start East Suffolk (see p4) and Krissie and Friends. The latter is a new Suffolk-based charity dedicated to providing music therapy to children with life threatening illnesses or injuries and their families. Some of their 'friends' will be providing musical entertainment at the show.

More information about the charities and about the horticultural society events is on our website: gbchs.org.uk.

Peter Kendall, chairman, Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, chairman@gbchs.org.uk, 01473 738267

... and at Otley

After a year's break, The Otley Village Show will return on Saturday 12 September. Entries must be in no later than 10am on the day and the show will be open to public viewing from 2.30pm. Schedules and entry forms will be available from Otley Village Stores.

Contact: Helen Quilliam
01473 890594,
www.otleyshow.moonfruit.com



GADS rehearsal, Vikki Compton, Roz Bull and Darin Osborne.

Building 'Sand Castles' on the stage

We all like to be beside the seaside and as everybody knows, an Englishman's home is his sandcastle. Stan and Bernice Billet and William and Margaret Patterson have been taking their holidays in the same resort for years. They don't exactly rule the waves but they have turned the area around their beach huts into a cosy little domain. And then along comes Doug, with his nubile 'nieces.' They don't give a hoot for beach protocol - they just want to have fun in the sun.

This light-hearted comedy mocking the class system and general "Englishness" with a bit of beach hut envy thrown in, is Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society's spring play. Set on a beach in a coastal resort somewhere in the south of England the play centres around two main couples who wish to maintain squatters' rights to their particular piece of beach outside their own beach huts and don't want anyone else spoiling their view of the sea. They feel threatened if anyone dares to wander too close and invades their space. There are unwritten laws of protocol, unmarked boundaries and a distinct difference between those who own their huts and those who rent! Kite flyers, a beachcomber and children needing the loo are all regarded as mildly annoying but that's just the beginning! In partnership with John Esmonde, author Bob Larbey wrote many comedies including Please Sir, The Fenn Street Gang, Get Some In, The Good Life and Ever Decreasing Circles. His solo work for TV includes A Fine Romance and As Time Goes By.

Sand Castles is directed by Mick Lacey and you will see some familiar faces from GADS plus a few new ones. Come along and see the fun for yourselves; light refreshment in the form of a ploughman's supper will be provided with the price of your ticket and you can sit at tables around the hall and enjoy the

show with a drink from the licensed bar.

The play will be performed on Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June at 7.30pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall and tickets are available from The Olde Forge Stores during their opening hours and from the village hall on Wednesday evenings from 8 - 9 pm.

words and photo Marian Rosling

Sad news of a former GADS stalwart and long term Swiland resident, John Frost, who died on 20 May. A tribute will be paid in the next issue.

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TUDDENHAM FETE
(in aid of church funds)

Saturday June 6th
2pm

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Ipswich Community Wind Band
Cream teas & ice creams
Stalls, Games, Competitions
Tombola Grand Draw
China smashing
Tractor trailer rides
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Contact 01473 785415

Grundisburgh Gleanings

Road surface gone to pot

Action by local residents and John Ager, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Clerk, has produced a positive but limited reaction from Suffolk County Council (SCC) over the seriously deteriorating surface of the crossroads at The Green.

Although some temporary patching may be undertaken shortly, SCC East Area Highway manager, Derek Oldham, said "we have included the location on our programme for resurfacing in the next financial year". That means 2016/7. Yellow paint markings have also appeared on the badly broken up surface of some of the footpaths near The Green.



John Ager says: "The more people report highway problems the better. A highways fault reporting scheme was introduced earlier this year. Anyone can use this by going to www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-problem. This allows photographs to be uploaded. You can access the map by tablets and mobiles while out and about; so, if you see a highways maintenance problem, you can report it immediately (provided you are not driving at the time). Reports will be recorded and actioned straight away and you can follow up the report to see the progress being made to complete the work".

words and photos: Richard Watkinson

non-members on a wide variety of leisure and educational courses in a beautiful setting with comfortable accommodation.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the schoolroom at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel. You are welcome to come as a visitor and, hopefully, to join us and enrich our future meetings. Our latest venture is a series of days out to venues of your choice - with door to door transport. Please don't let this amazing organisation disappear from the three villages with all it offers in the way of support, friendship and fun. Come along and blast us with your ideas!

Our speaker in March was Joan Bostock, a director of Home Start Suffolk Coastal, which helps families with at least one child under 5. Our next meeting had a nostalgic flavour. Debbie Taylor and Gill Spearman who aptly call themselves "Hair Raid Shelter", arrived smartly attired in 1940s outfits, complete with authentic hair styles. Debbie chatted on about the '40s and '50s' fashions (with ladies 'chipping in' with their memories) while Gill expertly created 1940s hairstyles on our volunteers, including a 'victoria roll'. A most enjoyable evening.

2015 is special for the WI as we are celebrating 100 years since its formation and many events are planned nationwide. The Federation Link Baton has been working its way round England and Wales: it should reach The Royal Albert Hall on 4 June for the Centenary Annual General Meeting. Every branch has the chance to send one member to the garden party at Buckingham Palace being given in honour of our centenary. 2015 promises to be a year to remember.

Pauline Comber and Carol Barker, 01473 735838



Great Wall of Culpho: the works at Culpho have now been completed and the road reopened - this is the finished article! The character taking in the view is none other than Reg Snook cycling home from his Grundisburgh studio.

WI in danger of closing

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI has been in existence since 1919 and has provided friendship and support for the village ladies through good and bad times, including both world wars. Sadly we now have only 20 members and unless we can rely on more support, it is in serious danger of closing.

Now, in the 21st century we need younger women to join, bringing modern thoughts and ideas to keep up this long tradition. In addition to local activities, the Suffolk East Federation, based in Ipswich, runs courses, day trips and holidays. Friends and husbands are very welcome, especially on the holidays.

The WI college at Denman near Oxford welcomes members and

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Contracts have now been exchanged and the transfer of land and money is taking place. Grundisburgh now has one acre of land and £280,000 towards the cost of our new village hall; the selection of an architect should be made soon. As part of the process of involving the village, an extraordinary general meeting of the parish council was held recently to review the detailed planning application for the residential site, with a constructive public discussion on various aspects of the development of Top Field.

Once we have had some time to work out a build scheme for the new hall with the architect, we will call a village meeting to review the new hall proposals before submitting a detailed planning application. We will also conduct a vote to authorise the sale of the old hall, the proceeds of which will be invested in the new hall.

Barry Zins, Chairman, New Village Hall Steering Group



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TRIBUTES

Frank Titshall 1914 -2015

Frank, who died in February aged 100, was born at Hoo, the second son of Hannah, née Branton, and William Titshall. He attended Charsfield, Monewden and



Easton schools leaving at 14 to work at Turners Stores, Charsfield. In 1939 he married

Jessie, née Smith at Clopton Church, a marriage that lasted happily for 74 years.

When war came Frank joined the Royal Army Service Corps as a driver and later served in the Middle East. On returning he worked for Cubitts builders but spent most of his working life delivering paraffin to households around the Clopton area; after that he worked at Bentwaters supervising vending

machines. In retirement, he spent many happy years tending his garden. He put his long life down to hard work, exercise and eating home grown, organic fruit and vegetables -cooked by Jessie.

Frank had one daughter, Shirley, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Jessie and Frank spent all their married life in Clopton except for the last two years when they were cared for at the Baylham Care Centre.

Victoria Beauchamp

Millie Harris 1915-2015

We were very sorry to hear of the death of one of our most avid readers, Millie Harris, on 1 May, just months short of getting her telegram from The Queen



Millie was born into the Pipe family in Grundisburgh and had been a regular

contributor to The News since emigrating to Australia over 50 years ago.

A delightful eulogy was prepared by granddaughters, Sarah and Naomi, a copy of which is in the News tributes folder in Grundisburgh Post Office, together with photos from Millie's life.

Millie attended the village school from 4 to 13 years old, and at 14 was granted an exemption and began working for the pastor and his wife, at the manse. Aged 20, she married handsome local boy Les Harris; Sandra and Ron were born in 1938 and 1942.

The family decided to emigrate to Australia in 1954 as one of the first families on the 'Ten Pound Pom' scheme. It was a life that suited them, judging by the photos The News received. Les died in 1993 and Millie moved from Sydney to the Gold Coast in Queensland to be near her children. When Millie died, it was her first ever visit to hospital and she attributed her long life to "two glasses of champagne a day".

Nicola Hobbs



Crawlers outside Swiland Church.

CRAWLERS HAVE GOT THE BUG!

One of the pleasures in life is touring the Suffolk countryside studying the rich diversity of churches with which the county is blessed. Not just looking, but learning something of their unique features. Under the umbrella of the University of the Third Age (U3A), there are a number of local groups rejoicing under the title 'The Church Crawlers'.

One such group visited Grundisburgh and Swiland churches on 8 May. At St Mary's, Richard Pepper was on hand to reveal some of the church's history and point out key features of the building. After lunch at The Dog, it was a DIY tour at Swiland where the group was free to investigate at leisure.

If you would like to join a local group, please contact Janet Rolls on 079 5780 8779

GROUP BENEFITS

The Carlford Group next meets on Wednesday 17 June at 2.30pm in Grundisburgh parish room. A representative from the well-known charity WaterAid will talk about the work done to provide people with clean water in parts of the world where children are dying from drinking contaminated water.

In March, Maureen Reynaud of the charity FIND told us about the foodbank collection and distribution. We are very pleased to be able to support charities locally and far away. This year we have given £150 to village charities so far and since we won the 2014 village quiz we will be able to give more!

Everyone is welcome to the

meetings (only four times a year). There is no membership or joining fee but we just ask for £1 to cover our expenses and charities. Do come and see what the Carlford Group is all about.

Mollie Bolton

Grundisburgh Baptist news

Thank you to all who came to the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday. We had a record number of families and raised nearly £65 for EACH. We have some other family events coming up during the summer: on Monday 6 July we have a Family Fun Evening and Barbeque at the chapel, with some fun family challenges, starting at 6pm.

If you are looking for something to keep the children happy during the long summer holiday, we have a family picnic and games afternoon from 12.30 to 3.30 on Thursday 27 August at the Playing Field. If it's wet, we will try the next day - please bring your own picnic. There is no charge for either event and there will be a short talk.

We are also having our annual open-air meeting on the village green on Sunday 30 August at 3pm. Please feel free to pop in at any time during the meeting to listen.

Colin Grimwood 01473 738856; email candgggrimwood@tiscali.co.uk

Time for a makeover

The clock face in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh will be disappearing shortly for some much needed restoration. Full story in the next issue of The News.

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New Faces

MINISTERS SETTLING IN

The Manse in Charsfield has a minister again and is alive with two youngsters Joshua (11) and Isabella (8)! They are the children of the new Baptist minister, Bruce Francis and his wife, Mary, who moved into the village at the end of January.



Above: the family at the Manse; right: Bruce and Mary busy at Grundisburgh's Easter Egg Hunt.

Born in Leeds in 1965, Bruce spent several years travelling in Australasia (including a 10 month car trip round the continent) and Asia, played rugby in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji (he still has the physique of a rugby player!) and worked for

Pickfords Removals in Hong Kong where he met Mary. A non-believer until he was 32, Bruce became a 'born again Christian', studied at a seminary and then undertook missionary work in The Philippines (where he set up a primary school in a village where there was previously none) before coming back to the UK. This is Bruce's first ministry in England: he says he finds the local people open, friendly and welcoming and have helped in many practical ways to get him established in the village.

But why Charsfield? Baptists are what Bruce calls 'Bible-based' and serve wherever they feel the will of God commands, having no conversion targets or management-speak. Bruce says he had a calling to come here and will know when his mission is accomplished.

Apart from the Sunday services, current activities at Charsfield Chapel hall include regular Tuesday 'coffee pot' mornings from 10 to 12 but Bruce, like his colleague Colin Grimwood in Grundisburgh, is always available for private matters. In what leisure time he and Mary have, they enjoy spending quality time with Joshua and Isabella and getting to know the beautiful Suffolk countryside; Mary is learning to bake 'the English way' with many new recipes to get to grips with!

Bruce can be reached on 01473 277182 or email bruceinphp@yahoo.com

Words and photos: Richard Watkinson



Celia Cook and Philip Merry are now priest in charge and assistant curate respectively for Great & Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho.

Celia, her husband Dick and three teenage children (George, Phoebe and Emily) moved into The Rectory in Playford earlier this year. A Christian all her life, she studied music at university before training as an occupational therapist, working in hospitals, schools, social services and mental health units. Called to the priesthood eight years ago, Celia was ordained in 2010 at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral. After four happy years as Assistant Curate in Aldeburgh she became a Team Vicar in Essex.

Having grown up in Norfolk, Celia had to be persuaded to change affiliation from the Canaries to the Tractor Boys: Dick was born and bred in Aldeburgh and is an ardent supporter of Ipswich Town. He served with the Royal Anglian Regiment for 14 years and now works for the Social Stock Exchange which acts as an interface between large companies and entrepreneurs wanting to fund social enterprises.

Eighteen year old George is a music scholar at Durham University, Phoebe (17) is in year 12 and Emily (13) year 8

at Woodbridge School where they hold a music bursary and scholarship respectively.

The other members of the household are Harold, an 11 year old yellow Labrador who thinks he's a puppy, and is now in heaven with all the wonderful walks along the Fynn Valley, and Cocoa, a five year old tabby cat who is keeping the mouse population in the area at bay. Celia feels passionately that churches should be a community resource and work together with local organisations, with its buildings used for many different activities. She hopes people will contact her with any ideas they may have as to how the church can better support the community and share responsibilities across the villages.

Philip Merry will be ordained Priest at the Cathedral on Saturday 4 July and will continue to work alongside Celia in the Benefice, whilst maintaining an extremely busy role as caretaker at The Abbey School in Woodbridge. His wife, Denise, a classroom assistant at Woodbridge Primary School, also offers her support within the benefice as an Elder, alongside the other members of the ministry team: Alison Baker and Virginia Porter, Elders and Diana Gardiner, Reader.

words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall

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Music, music, music....

A fine bill of fare

Local musicianship will be prominent at Clopton Village Hall grounds on 1 August when the band White Foot Lane will be playing at Billfest 2015. Ollie Billsbery says Billfest is all about raising much needed money for East Anglian Air Ambulance, showcasing local talent and providing locals of all ages with a really entertaining time. He has a particular reason to be grateful to the air ambulance as it whisked him off to hospital after a serious road accident some years ago.

Ollie has been involved in various bands since the age of 18 and more recently been writing and recording music with Phil Graves of Dove Studio in Ipswich. Ollie describes their genre as 'country pop', with much original material, peppered with some covers of other artists' songs. Other bands appearing at Billfest include The Alibi Club, Urban Myth and many more.

Billfest was last held in 2007: this year's should be bigger and better with a trailer-mounted stage, sophisticated sound system, marquees (thanks to Anglia Coastal Marquees), access to the village hall if it rains and bouncy castles. The bar will be run by The Dog Inn (with 30p from each pint sold going to the Air Ambulance). 'Moving Plaice' will be selling fish and chips. Ollie says he is very grateful to The Dog and to Bob Foster for providing the stage.

Ollie's day job is, of course, running Sleepsafe, the plumbing and heating company, but music is his antidote to the pressures of an active business life. Let's all enjoy Billfest together, from 2 to 11.30pm on 1 August and raise money for the air ambulance. Admission is by ticket only (£10 adults, 12s and under free) available from The Dog, Moving Plaice or from Ollie by ringing 01473 735285 or 07766 464336.

Richard Watkinson



Bealings pupils rehearsing for the big day.

PIONEERING PUPILS

Pupils from Bealings School are involved in a major three year education project in London and Suffolk led by the award winning ensemble, The Brook Street Band. This culminates with the premiere of a brand new Handel-inspired commission at Snape Maltings involving a specially formed community choir from Suffolk, a community orchestra from London, a parents' choir, pupils from urban and rural primary schools and The Brook Street Band.

'Il Pastorale, l'Urbano e il Suburbano' has been inspired by the work of the children involved in the project. The performance takes

place on Friday 10 July at 5pm in the Britten Studio. Recently, pupils from Bealings travelled to London to meet their counterparts from Haringey to play in a concert at Wigmore Hall followed by a visit to the Handel House Museum.

Julia Walshaw, class teacher at Bealings Primary School, says that the opportunity for the children to work with professional musicians at close hand has been very valuable and inspiring – especially for those who already play instruments.

The Brook Street Band - which gave a concert in Bealings in aid of church funds in February - aims to enthuse and inspire children through baroque music,

particularly through the music of Handel. Formed in 1995, it has established itself as a leading interpreter of his music and performs in many prestigious venues.

Great Bealings resident Farran Scott, who plays the baroque violin, became a member of the group ten years ago. She had decided to become a violinist before ever playing one; she has performed duo and piano trio recitals all over



Farran Scott (r) tuning up for the Bealings concert.

Europe and toured with many period instrument ensembles. Farran is also now a passionate teacher of all ages, at home, in schools and on summer courses. As a member of the Brook Street Band she has fundraised, planned and led their education work in Suffolk. The Suffolk community choir, formed for the project, is using Culpho Church as the venue for its rehearsals.

More information about the project, which has received funding from the Arts Council, charitable trusts and private donors, on www.brookstreetband.co.uk

words: Nicola Hobbs; photos Peter Kendall and Emily Richardson

Five becomes Forty, presto!

From Quintet to Orchestra in one leap is a tall order but that's the ambition of three local musicians - John Richards of Grundisburgh and Sarah Petts and Sarah Cavanagh of Burgh. The two Sarahs already play in the Burgh Wind Quintet, and John is a player of note of almost everything it seems. Together, they would like to capitalise on other talents (hidden or otherwise) in the area and form a larger ensemble - working title: 'Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra'.

Birmingham has one, so does Bournemouth, so why not Grundisburgh?

Rapid response

Sarah Cavanagh says "so far, nearly 40 musicians (youngest aged 8) and a conductor have signed up, there is no upper age limit! Rehearsal time is limited, given that most players have day jobs or are at school: even so, they aim to give their first public performance at Grundisburgh's Midsummer Music (see below). We are, nonetheless, expecting great things!"

It's not too late to get involved: if you are grade 5ish standard or above and are interested in joining the founder members of the GSO, please ring Sarah Cavanagh on 01473 738944

Midsummer Music

Six hours of music and entertainment from 1.30-8pm on 4 July at Grundisburgh House. Bar and good food, plus games and grand draw. Tickets are £5 for adults, £1 for children from Williams store, Olde Forge Stores and Grundisburgh school. Unfortunately there is no on-site parking. All proceeds go to St Mary's Church.

Ann Willetts 01473 738831

Transport of delight....

School trips are a really useful way of making learning meaningful, so one Wednesday in April, as part of our work on explorers and travel, Grundisburgh School's Class 2 went on a trip to Ipswich Transport Museum. We were feeling very excited!



We looked at all the vehicles and we got on the buses, a tram and a fire engine. We found out that some trams were pulled by horses, that other trams used electricity that travelled through wires and down a pole to the tram, and that some fire engines did not have roofs. We were surprised to see a very old sedan chair which people used to sit in while they were carried around by other people. It was fun finding squirrels in the bicycle shop and looking at the model trains running on the track. Malachi said, "It was all awesome!"

Then we drew some pictures of things we had seen and wrote about them. Everyone had an amazing time and learned a lot. All the vehicles have been restored by unpaid volunteers and the people were so knowledgeable and helpful. We were very impressed and everyone in the class wrote a letter to thank them.

Mrs McKenzie and Class 2

Otley U5s' invitation

With Otley under 5's older children now knowing which primary school they will be moving on to, we begin to prepare them for this huge milestone by

familiarising them with the general idea of school.

Alongside organised settling in sessions with Mrs Tomany and the reception class, all our 3 and 4 year olds join the pupils at Otley Primary on Thursdays for assembly and some break times. We all have fun together in the playground to meet future classmates. We incorporate this into our usual timetable of fun and learning and the children continue to be busy in our outdoor play area painting the playhouse, watering the vegetables, flowers and herbs and using the ride-ons to manoeuvre around obstacle courses.

We are now open five days a week so come and have a look and book a free trial session or see our stands and find out more at the Easton & Otley College open day on 14 June and at the Otley village fete on 4 July. Ring Michelle on 07789 468853.

Glorious mud!

We leapt into the Gruffalo's shoes this term at Grundisburgh Playgroup. We visited Foxborrow Farm and explored fields and woodland, finding all of the creatures in the Gruffalo story and making some of them, too. We enjoyed making stick men and mud Gruffalo faces.

Since the visit, we have made a Gruffalo garden and woodland using both indoor and outdoor spaces. We enjoyed trying Gruffalo crumble at snack time and created our own fox, snake, owl and Gruffalo from the story.

We have taken delivery of our new mud kitchen (photo below) and all of us have been



making and baking mud pies. Many thanks to The Wood Trust for their kind contribution. We have had a visit from Kimmy's Petting Zoo where everyone had the opportunity to see and touch a wide range of animals and to enjoy a 'stay and play' morning afterwards. All the family could join in! What a great start to a very busy and creative summer term!

Julia Bentley

Charsfield's excursions

Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the swimming gala in March and were incredibly proud to come third overall as we were up against some large schools with excellent swimmers.

Class 2 had a fantastic day out at the Suffolk Farm and Agricultural Fair. Highlights included seeing the air ambulance helicopter land just 10 metres away; getting close to many types of animals and trying a range of food including honey, seeds and venison. We learnt how trees are managed and how cricket bats are made - but for some collecting as many stickers as possible was tops!

On 1 June we join our partner school in Dennington for a "circus skills" day. We will be learning skills, such as juggling to put on our own performance in the afternoon. Circus professionals will be holding two shows open to the public - ring 01728 638206 for more details. On 18 June it's our annual sports day which is to be held at Dennington this year. Each school is split into three "houses": Aquila, Pavo and Phoenix with each event



Charsfield's class 2 at the Fair earning points for the houses. May the best house win!

Amie Reeve

SCOUTING NEWS

Rain, hail, storm winds, thunder and lightning is what Grundisburgh Scouts, Explorers and parents had to cycle through on the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. They cycled 110 miles from Bedford to Duxford, then on to Woolpit, staying in halls at night, and back home on Bank Holiday Monday.

Four new Beavers having joined us; we celebrated the Chinese New Year, had craft activities, bouncy hopper jousting and a very successful badge evening with lots of badges earned. And we went to Sizewell with other Beaver colonies for a pirate-themed adventure. Sadly we have said farewell to Beaver Colony assistants Annette Houghton and Sally Grahn who had given us much support.

Cubs have continued with their Promise Challenge Badge by visiting St. Mary's Church and the Hindu temple in Ipswich. They also enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and a Spring Scavenger Hunt plus gaining loads of badges after the badge night. We are looking forward to many more outdoor activities this term.

The scouts' Expedition Challenge went well, hiking from Stowmarket and Needham Market back to Grundisburgh. Some older Scouts enjoyed Phoenix Camp at Bradwell Park.

Our annual Duck Race will not be held this year but the group will be fundraising stalls at the village show.

Pat Ross, Grundisburgh Scout Group Secretary 01473 735352

See back page for Scouts' archery triumphs

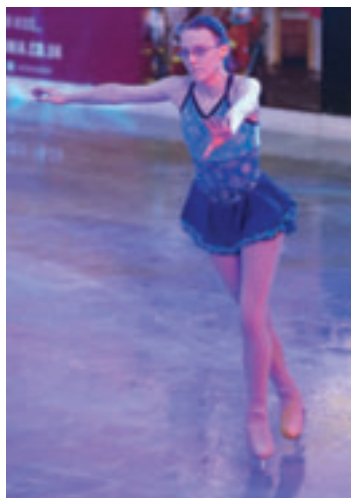
OLYMPIC AMBITIONS

Before she could even walk, 21 year old Otley resident Annemieke Dix (Mieke to her friends) had been diagnosed as having a problem with her vision. Over her lifetime she has undergone a series of very delicate and complex eye operations but her sight is far from perfect - in fact she is currently being matched up for a guide dog.

But all this has not prevented her from aspiring to do what most people never get to achieve - that of representing this country at her chosen sport - figure skating. And that's on top of embarking on a two-year training course at the University of Bedfordshire in Luton for a career as an Operating Department Practitioner - part of the skilled back-up team that performs vital support functions in hospital operating theatres.

Mieke herself is acutely aware of what she describes as the wonderful treatment she has received from the NHS staff at Ipswich Hospital and feels that medicine is the right path for her and ultimately wants to work at Guy's and St. Thomas's hospital in London.

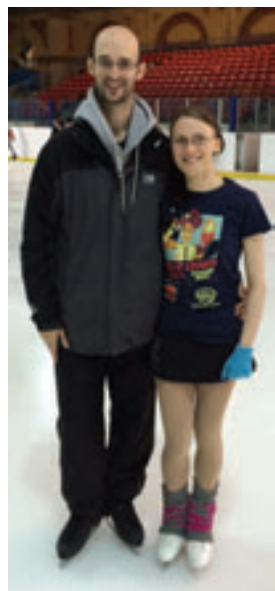
Mieke underwent hospital treatment when she was at Otley Primary School; this continued while at Farlingaye but that didn't stop her from practising karate there! Nor her participation in gym club, dance and drama classes, Brownies and Guides. But ice skating is her first love and she started attending the ice rink at Hemel Hempstead on a regular basis - this is the nearest rink to her university at Luton.



Above: Mieke in competition; below: With coach David Carter.

Since then, her progress has been remarkable: she is currently being coached by David Carter, the Head Coach at Alexandra Palace Ice Rink and has been offered a space this summer at the Sochi training camp in Russia where she will receive Olympic-standard instruction. She will be the only declared disabled skater there and, as it happens, the only British one taking part.

To help fund this unique opportunity, Mieke set up her own crowd-funding site in March (<http://m.gofund.me/osj998>) and The White Hart pub in Otley is holding a



fund-raising quiz on 30 May. Once the Sochi trip is funded, any further monies will go to the charity British Blind Sport. Mieke's mother, Agnes, will be pleased to give further details on 01473 890537 or email her at agnes.dehert@btinternet.com

With all this support, Mieke may very well achieve her immediate ambition of standing on the podium at the Adult British Camps in 2016. Who knows, if, or when figure skating becomes a Paralympic sport, she may well stand on that rostrum, too.

Richard Watkinson

FOR THE LOVE OF CARS!

Not many local residents can claim to have raced on the Nürburgring in Germany but Mike Pilgrim of Bredfield can: in 1978 he did just that in an Austin Seven!

Cars are the passion of Mike and his wife Ann who will celebrate their golden wedding next year. The bug bit them in their student days at Liverpool University and has not left either of them; when I called on them recently, there was absolutely no sign at all of their 'taking their feet off the gas'.

Mike learned to drive in a succession of Austins but the Pilgrims are probably best known for their passion for Lagondas which, despite the exotic name, were made in Staines and, later, Kew near London. The name originates from the anglicisation of an

American Indian name meaning Bucks Creek, close to the hometown in Ohio of the marque's founder, Wilbur Gunn. Among other things, Gunn was an opera singer and manufacturer of sewing machines.

Lagonda car production started in 1905 but the earliest car in Mike's collection dates from 1929 - a 2-litre High-Chassis Tourer. Other Lagondas are also pictured here. Most, but not all, of his motors are in running condition as restoration is very much part of the fun and there's at least one Austin Seven on his 'to do' list.

To visit the Pilgrims' house is to become immersed in the living history of Lagonda: there are enthusiasts all over the world and Mike has been involved in supporting them through the Rapier Register - a club aimed at keeping that particular model alive and active. Mike is the 'Spares Registrar' and can source parts for all known cars. Only 380 Lagonda Rapiers were ever built; 250 are left in the world, of which 180 are in the ownership of club members.

Every other year, bilingual Mike and Ann visit France where they actively participate in 'demonstrations' - effectively rallying through the streets of towns in full racing rigs. Mike is also the secretary of the Anglian Vintage Vehicle Association, which is twinned with the *Jadis Auto Orléanais*, south of Paris: both clubs are dedicated to keeping our respective motoring heritage alive. From what I've seen, with Mike and Ann at the wheel(s), vintage motoring is in safe hands for a long time yet.

Richard Watkinson



Pictured from top: 1929 Lagonda 2 litre Tourer; grille of Rapier driven by Lord de Clifford in 1935 Monte Carlo rally; Mike checking the oil (capacity

Car enthusiasts: don't forget the Bredfield



MARTIN'S NIGHT VISITORS



Martin Hough's fascination with moths started when he was about 12. Living in Harrow, north London, he joined the naturalists' club at his grammar school and decided that entomology was his thing.

After a career as a librarian, initially on the reference side before assuming managerial roles, he retired to Suffolk and was able to spend more time on his hobby.

The county had attracted him because of another of his passions - church crawling (see article on page 6) - and Suffolk has so many wonderful old churches. Grundisburgh was ideal because it was sufficiently rural and the bungalows in Post Mill meant that the bright lights in his moth trap would not disturb neighbours with upstairs windows at night,

when the insects fly around.

Over the past 12 years there, Martin has identified about 450 different species in his trap. These are always released unharmed the following night after they have spent the day sleeping in bits of egg boxes in the trap and he has had the opportunity to study them. He never, he stresses, kills any and limits his trapping activities to twice a week so as not to interfere with the moths' normal patterns of life.

At one time Martin was a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society. The internet now enables him to share information and help in identifying species on line.

Many of the moths have wonderful names – 'Powdered Quaker', 'Hebrew Character' and 'Feathered Gothic' Martin has been especially pleased to find the rare Tree Lichen Beauty whose distribution is limited to a small part of south east England. The map in the Butterfly Conservation's Provisional Atlas of the UK's Larger Moths has dots showing where these have been spotted - the most northerly dot is Grundisburgh,



thanks to Martin identifying it in his garden.

Martin will be taking part in Hidden Gardens on Sunday 14 June. Not to show his garden, which he says is just a naturalist's garden and unkempt, concentrating plants that attract insects, but to enable visitors to see the moths that have been attracted into his trap the previous night. If the weather is reasonable this could be up to about 60 species.

Words Nicola Hobbs, photos Peter Kendall and Martin Hough.

Pictured above: Martin with the 'Robinson Trap' he uses to catch moths. Top from left: Convulvulus Hawk Moth, ; Merveille du Jour Moth and Cream Spot Tiger Moth



3 gallons!) on his 4.5 litre Lagonda; his 1936 Rapier drop-head coupé touring in Alsace in 2009; 1930 Morgan Super-Aero "demonstrating" in France; rally memento with caricature of Mikel!

rally on 22 August - see What's On (page 3) for details

IF YOU HAVE A 'PASSION' THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE NEWS' READERS PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR

Madge explores the bed and breakfast scene

Over the years, The News has featured a number of bed and breakfast establishments in our area, both to boost bookings and make readers aware of the range of different homes in which they can encourage their own friends and family to stay. Madge Nicholas visited three, two featured for the first time.

Although Sally and Richard Pirkis at Church House, Clopton are open all year - they once had a French family staying at Christmas - they find that with so many music and art festivals in the region, B&B really does take off in June.

Sally and Richard are artists, used to having people in their home as they often held exhibitions there. When their youngest son left for university, it seemed a natural progression to open their home to B&B guests. Sally comments that swapping teenage boys for guests has been a revelation - "guests are so polite and tidy!" The reaction of a Japanese couple to their first taste of marmite is quoted as a case in point "marmite is not so bad", though their facial expressions said otherwise!

Driving up to the house, guests may be deceived, as I was, into thinking they had arrived at an old house. Sally explains how a 40s bungalow was redesigned over a period of ten years by architect Richard into the light, airy, eclectic home they delight in sharing with guests.

Sally and Richard inevitably attract other artists, actors and musicians and have had many well-known names staying. They offer three beautifully furnished rooms, - one double, one twin, one double/twin - all with views of churches and countryside.

Generous breakfasts, served at the large kitchen table are a selection of fine local produce together with home-made bread, yogurt, muesli and preserves. It may well be that people find conversation at breakfast accompanied by a talented guest tinkling on the kitchen piano - a great start to the day!

Church House B&B is listed

in Sawday's "special places to stay" and "Britains Finest"

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Apple Tree Cottage in Great Bealings is a beautiful period country cottage originally built in 1910 as an estate worker's cottage.

It has recently been modernised to offer B&B guests two pretty rooms - a double/twin with en-suite and one single with the use of a modern well-equipped bathroom. Both rooms have tea and coffee making facilities.

Sharon and Martin Cripps who own Apple Tree Cottage have a background in the hospitality industry and, until fairly recently, owned a local pub/restaurant. When they began to find the 24/7 demands somewhat taxing the move to Apple Tree Cottage became the move they never regretted.

They find running the B&B so much more personal than running the pub, they love to welcome people to their home and enjoy meeting many different people, finding the relationships they make result in many return visits. Word of mouth and social media bring many bookings for family celebrations - weddings, special birthdays and so forth - and if they find themselves over-booked their reciprocal arrangements with other B&B



owners in the area benefit all concerned.

Although no longer registered with the Tourist Board, Sharon and Martin still enjoy a three-star reputation! As with other B&B owners they take full advantage of the fantastic range of local produce to offer their guests a hearty English breakfast which includes home-made jams and eggs from their six chickens.

Talking to Sharon and Martin it does seem to me that this must be very much a joint enterprise so the obvious question is - 'who's the boss?' Martin is unequivocal: "I'll make beds and clean bathrooms but this is Sharon's baby". That sounds like teamwork to me!

Sharon and Martin Cripps'
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Anne Naylor of Oak House, Hasketon, is a relative newcomer to the B&B business. Anne's mother had been living alone in rural

Suffolk and the decision was made to convert an outbuilding in the grounds of Oak House into an annexe where Anne's mother could live independently with love and support.

Later, when more support was needed, Anne's mother moved successfully into residential care - and the beautifully appointed annexe became available as B&B accommodation. It offers one double bedroom with toilet/shower room, a large comfortable lounge (with a put-u-up if needed) and French windows opening onto the lovely extensive garden. Anne does not provide the 'full English breakfast' but a very good (indeed luxurious) continental breakfast in the well designed kitchen - and there is the added bonus that guests are able to get up for breakfast whenever they please (or not at all!).

New at the business, Anne called on her own family experience to help guide her - she recalls once arriving with her family at a cold house at the end of a tiring journey and more than once finding holiday accommodation furnished with crockery that was obviously 'good enough for guests!'

She resolved that her crockery, cutlery etc would never be just 'good enough' for her house

Photos: Left Martin and Sharon Cripps;
Top Richard and Sally Pirkis;
Right: Anne Naylor.
Photographer Wendy Witt.



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guests and they would always find a 'warm welcome and good china! She admits to facing a bit of a dilemma in that, wishing to retain the feeling of a personal family home with such pieces of furniture as her mother's grandfather clock still in place, she does need her guests to be 'careful' while still feeling welcomed. It seems from my conversation with Anne that she does manage to achieve that balance - she tells me of guests crossing to the house to share a glass or two of wine and of friendships developing.



The website Anne uses (airb&b.com) gives prospective guests the opportunity to post information about themselves and Anne has used this to provide individual touches for her guests - a box of chocolates for a birthday guest - special coffee bought for a guest who just loves coffee - are just two examples.

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Witnesham Barley Mow is celebrating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta with a medieval banquet at 2pm on Saturday 13 June. - plus a BBQ. Also appearing is the Norwich Early Dance Group with live medieval music from 2-4pm. More modern live music from 8-11pm.

A shop selling mostly home-grown produce will be opening at the **Charsfield Three Horseshoes** after Charfest (30 May). Landlord Jerry's polytunnels and glasshouses will help supply the shop which will be open mainly during pub hours.

A new exclusive dining area (for up to 12 people) is being opened: prior selection of the menu is offered to diners. And a Greek evening is being held in June - date to be finalised. To discover all that's happening, visit www.charsfield3horseshoes.co.uk

Ask to be put on the list for the 'alemail' news service!

Otley White Hart: is having a quiz on the 30 May to raise funds to send Annemieke Dix to Sochi - see article on page 10.

On the Summer Solstice, Saturday 20 June, the White Hart is having a communal dog walk. Meet at the pub at 6pm and walk around the local fields with all the dogs for about 45 minutes to an hour, then back to the pub for a barbecue and some live music.



Charles Rogers at The Dog's new pizza oven in the garden behind the pub.

You can follow what's happening at the White Hart on either our website... www.thewhitehartotley.co.uk or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-White-Hart-Otley/659696710723636>

And we've painted the fence!
Lynda Saint

A new feature at **The Grundisburgh Dog** is a wood-fired pizza oven which was launched on the recent bank holiday Monday. The brainchild of landlady Eilir Rogers, it was made with the help of a number of the pub regulars and will be fired up at weekends. The pizzas are hand-made from fresh ingredients - and were declared to be delicious by the customers. They can be eaten in the garden, inside the pub or taken away.

Pub News was compiled by Richard Watkinson, with photo by Peter Kendall.

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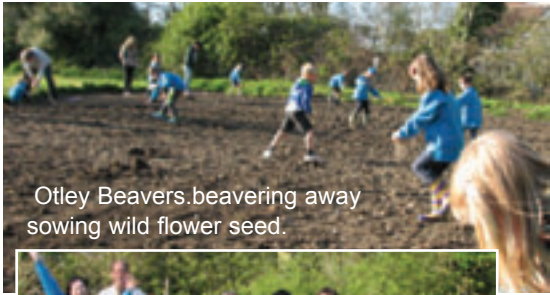
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GREENING OTLEY WITH SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST



Otley Beavers beavering away sowing wild flower seed.



a family while the male will keep an eye on things from the second box. They will both hunt over the wild flower meadow, the rough grass and the margins.

Tony Barrett

LOCAL TRUST

OtleyGreen and Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) have been working together to find ways to improve Otley's environment for wildlife. The first projects are the creation of a wild flower meadow and the installation of two owl boxes on the playing field.

OtleyGreen was confronted by the problem of removing 200 square metres of turf and soil to produce the low fertility ground that wild flowers need to survive. Luckily Holmes Plant and Construction came to the rescue by loaning us a free driver with a digger and dumper. Even with all this heavy machinery the job took the best part of a day.

The final sowing and raking was completed by Otley Beavers and Scouts. With a perfect spring we have given the the 43 different species of flower and grass the best possible start.

The Barn Owl boxes will be installed onto the big oaks overlooking the playing field. With a little luck, one will be used by the female to bring up

Suffolk Wildlife Trust prides itself on being a local charity - managing nature reserves and helping farmers and other landowners to manage their land for wildlife.

A large part of the Trust's work is to inspire the next generation of conservationists through education centres and helping community groups to look after their own patch, as in Otley. Local wildlife groups organise talks and walks throughout the year: the nearest one for News' readers meets at the Woodbridge Community Centre.

A great way to help wildlife is by taking part in the 'Living Gardens' campaign, gardens (no matter the size) being very important for supporting wildlife. The Trust can advise on how to improve your garden for wildlife - adult courses are held throughout the year.

If you would like to meet other like-minded people and help wildlife at the same time, why not join the large number of volunteers at the Education

Centre at Foxburrow Farm, Melton or at the Ashbocking head office - Brooke House - to which SWT moved in 1991. The house belonged to Mary Brooke (pictured below), a much loved resident of Ashbocking, who had been a keen member of the Trust for many years. She left the property to SWT, who have since extended the original house to house the increased number of staff.

Volunteering options with



SWT include office work, helping in the garden or joining a mid-week team for practical work on reserves.

SWT would love the public to continue taking part in the Hedgehog Survey that started last year. To log your sightings, either record online: www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehogs or phone 01473 890089 and the receptionists will be happy to help you.

For further information on SWT or if you have any wildlife questions, contact info@suffolkwildlifetrust.org, 01473 890089. To reach the Woodbridge Wildlife Group, please ring 01473 625630 or 01473 738866

words: Ingrid McIvor

photo of hedgehog: Paul Hobson



Mary Brooke

Otley Parish Council update

We continue to chase up Suffolk County Council for the bus shelter they agreed to place at Newlands and have recently placed orders for a new 'Otley' village sign at this end of the village. Following concerns by local residents, we have also ordered two signs for the hill leading from Otley Bottom into the village to make drivers aware that there may be pedestrians walking at the roadside.

With one of the main topics of concern within the village being speeding, Suffolk Highways has also approved our request to purchase a mobile speed sign which can be positioned in four locations around the village. Alongside this, Community Speedwatch continues to operate and Councillor David Hook is now our representative of a new group SAVID (Safer Village Driving). This group has been set up for villages to work co-operatively to encourage safer driving and observance of speed limits, in an effort to improve road safety and quality of life. SAVID is currently looking for more members and anyone who is interested should contact David on 01473 890122.

We will once again be entering the Village of the Year competition for 2015, with judging taking place end of June/ early July; Penny Sunaway and I will keep you updated on our progress. I will be leaving the post of parish clerk in July to return to my reflexology business but we are pleased to announce that Rachel Green from Otley will be taking over the role. I hope you will join me in wishing her well in her new post.

Vanessa Osborne

Broadband update: Otley's broadband upgrade has been plagued with numerous problems but it now looks as if we are nearly there. Remaining works are relatively minor and just involve the final commissioning and testing to "get it over the line". We can expect superfast broadband in the next month or two, with September as a worse case. Tony Barrett



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Tuddenham Tales

LUCKY LUNCHERS

The annual 'Soup and Sweet' event was hosted this year by the Tuddenham WI and held on 17 April, a sunny spring day in which our 50 year old village hall looked its best with our coloured table cloths and yellow flower table decorations.

When filled with people, many who return each year, chatting and eagerly anticipating the serving of the soups and puddings, it is great to see how our small village can produce such an enjoyable social occasion. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the event such a success, Jacki Lugo for her organisation and planning and



Helping hands: servers Cathy Watson, Teresa Jennings and Dymphna Jackson.

Jess Arthur for printing posters and tickets as well as all the cooks. Whilst membership of the WI is about more than 'good food' and 'baking cakes', on this occasion the legendary culinary skills were well proven! Thanks to all who supported the event: we raised £291 for WI funds and gave a donation to Lighthouse Women's Aid. If you missed the occasion this year, look out for it next year.

This is the centenary year of the WI with local and national events happening in June to celebrate the occasion. Most villages in the News' area have a WI and new members are always welcome. Visit the local website sefwi.org.uk to find out about your nearest group. (see also p6 - Ed.)

words and photos: Pauline Procter

SUMMER SOCIAL

T.A.D.P.O.L.E.S (Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People of Little Experience) will be hosting their annual summer social event on Saturday 27 June at the village hall from 7pm.

This year the whole village is invited: anyone who's been involved with Panto in any way (even just being in the audience); anyone thinking of joining in the future or who just wants to meet us - please come along! Admission is free -

just bring a contribution to the buffet and your own drinks - a great way to meet village folk.

Testing questions

On Saturday 16 May 14 teams met in the village hall to compete for the Tuddenham Toad Trophy at our village quiz. Adrian Frost did an excellent job as question master assisted by James and Ella Frost, with



Top: The Churchillians, the quiz winners; Below: Winners of Best Team Name - the Jennings family & Gill Cruikshank aka "Nigel Farage's wrinkly old chipolata"



enjoying the sumptuous Meat & Cheese Ploughman's Supper prepared by Monica Pipe and Jackie Lugo.

After a nail biting finish, the Tuddenham Toad Quiz Trophy was won by the "Churchillians" (the folk who live on Church Hill!). The evening was a big success and raised over £500 for church funds.

words and photos Jean Ellinor

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The tape cutting ceremony to launch Debach's new multi purpose building was carried out by the youngest and oldest members of the community - 14 month old Amelie Naude and 79 year old Don Ewings.

THE ICING ON THE CAKE

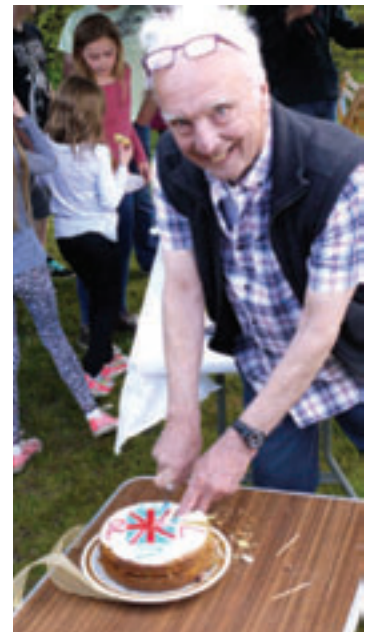
A VE Day tea party was combined with the launch of Debach's new multi-purpose building in early May.

This novel development, which meets several of the village's needs, was originally requested by one of the village school children, Jade Elves, and the village was only too happy to oblige.

Approached from the roadside, it meets the original request for shelter for children waiting for the school bus; on the other side, it's a small room opening on to the small area of community open space owned by the village.

Don Ewing did much of the building work himself, ably assisted by others in the village. He also baked the VE Day celebratory cake which was ceremonially cut by county councillor Peter Bellfield.

Don was aiming to replicate the cake his mother had made 70 years ago with a Union Jack in icing (although happily he didn't have to crush granulated sugar to make the icing sugar or use Reckitt's blue for the colour as she had done!).



Don and his replica cake.

One of the smallest of the villages in The News' area, Debach has only 30 houses.

Its highly original project has been supported by a number of organisations including Viridor, the district and county councils, Gressingham Foods, Maritime Transport, The Adnams Trust and The Really Useful Company.

words Nicola Hobbs with help from Di Ewings, photos Peter Kendall

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SIGNS OF VILLAGE LIFE

Annual parish meetings could be dull affairs but not so at Grundisburgh. This year some 42 residents came to hear a variety of speakers talk about their particular local organisations. Top of the bill was guest speaker Mary Moore, creative genius behind many of our village signs.



Mary in her studio.

Mary, a very with-it lady now in her 80s, was an art student when she met her soon-to-be husband Hector, a brilliant metal worker, operating from his family forge at Brandeston. Mary would design their products - including weather vanes, gates and ornamental hinges - all made in the forge (in parallel with their horse-shoeing activity), with Hector doing the 'heavy end' of the operation.

But possibly the Moores' most remarkable output was that of village signs, of which four are in The News' area and shown on the front cover.

Grundisburgh's dates from 1973: it was designed by a Mr Mann from Ipswich after a competition but the pattern work, painting and gilding was done by Mary. The main panel features the three leopards' heads of the Garter Banner of the Second Baron Cranworth. The sign

was regilded in 2012 and placed on a new wooden post last year.

Charsfield's sign is from 1978. Mary did all the design, pattern work and original painting (it has since been repainted by others). Featured is the church with its Tudor porch (similar to Wolsey's gate in Ipswich); the basket of apples recalls the extensive fruit-growing in the area.

The village sign (not to be confused with the pump) at **Bredfield** was commissioned by the WI in 1995 and designed by local art student, Victoria King. Mary did all the artwork but the steelwork was by the Moore's long-standing friend, Terry Pearce, at his Bredfield forge.

The fourth sign is at **Tuddenham St. Martin**, unveiled jointly by the then John Gummer - now Lord



Deben - and the cartoonist, Carl Giles (pictured) in 1995. A sense of humour prevails, with toads and house-martins on the sign (puns intended!). The observant will notice that two types of bricks are depicted, recalling when Luff's produced both red and

white bricks on the same site, due to the brickworks' unusual underlying geology.

The business has now closed but the skills are retained by their former employees, fortunately now mostly in business for themselves. Mary herself doesn't do much art work these days but is very active on the traditional music scene, accompanying herself on the melodeon. That is, when she's not outside tending her garden!

Finally, golfers may know that Mary's grandfather was Samuel Ryder who, in 1927, donated the eponymous Cup.

Technical note: most signs are of aluminium alloy (LM6) - easy to work and corrosion resistant. Mary made the full-sized patterns in Polyfilla on a chipboard base. (Polyfilla is

easy to work to achieve the required degree of fine detail). Her patterns were taken to a foundry in Norwich for casting. Once cast and cold, the signs were returned to Hector for finishing and Mary's painting. Because village signs are often placed in exposed sites, the most suitable coatings are two-part marine paints over an etching primer followed by an undercoat, two coats of gloss colours then finished off with three coats of varnish - seven layers in all. But even marine paints don't last for ever and many signs are periodically repainted as at Tuddenham four years ago (or regilded as at Grundisburgh), so with careful attention to detail, the fruits of Mary's skills can be retained indefinitely.

Richard Watkinson
photos courtesy Archant Press

And the winner is

The High Sheriff of Suffolk's 'Organisation of the Year Award 2015' went to Olive Quinton and her Lofty Heights team. Olive, who lives in Grundisburgh with husband Tony, started the social enterprise almost three years ago, initially as a loft clearing service. Now their work has expanded to meet other needs, particularly decluttering homes, sheds and gardens. This can have a whole range of benefits, from enabling someone to move back home to a safe environment after coming out of hospital to avoiding eviction.

Working with Olive is a team of six previously unemployed young men: three have been with her since the beginning and have become skilled in many activities. Three more started earlier this year. They have been joined by Juliet Freeman as Decluttering Service Development Officer.

The work has been made much easier by having a base at Mallard House Business Centre in Little Bealings - instead of having to work from Olive's kitchen table, the back of their van or a McDonalds! The project has funding for the office for only one year but Olive very much hopes she will be able attract money to extend this. For more information about Lofty Heights and what they offer, visit www.lofty-heights.org or ring 01473 871109.



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'Little ships' commemorative voyage to Dunkirk

Former Grundisburgh residents David and Moira Jay now live aboard a lifeboat that went to Dunkirk in 1940 and saved 1800 allied troops. This year is the 75th anniversary of this dramatic rescue and some 50 of the original 'Little Ships' went to Dunkirk again to commemorate the event. Sailing with the Jays was Richard Watkinson, editor of this issue of The News (which was then completed by Nicola Hobbs).

The town of Dunkirk has not forgotten the sacrifices made and marked the occasion with various civic events including the presentation of plaques to the skippers of the Little Ships: here David (centre), Moira and Richard are alongside the boat 'Tremilia' in Dunkirk with their plaque, which will be proudly displayed in the wheelhouse.

Saving the present

Early this year Maggie Rabone heard about a vacancy for a 'Local Recorder' in Grundisburgh and she decided to volunteer for the position.

The Local Recorders Scheme is run by the Suffolk Local History Council (SLHC) with the aim of recording changes and events as they happen in the present to provide research

material for future local historians. Recorders write a short annual report on changes and events in their village and also collect copies of local newsletters and leaflets to archive in the County Record Office.

Recorders are volunteers and the scheme aims to establish and maintain a network across the county. They have to see that the present is carefully recorded at local level and look out for items of local historical interest that might

otherwise be overlooked or lost forever. Maggie can be contacted via email at grundisburghrecorder@yahoo.com

At the moment there are local recorder vacancies in Great Bealings, Boulge, Charsfield, Culpho, Dallinghoo, Swilland and Winesham. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact SLHC on 01449 258216.

Wendy Witt

Grundisburgh Indoor Bowls

Another season for the Grundisburgh indoor bowlers, who play at the Felixstowe Leisure Centre, ended with Melvyn Sewell, Brian Robinson and Michael Cattermole winning the Stan Kirsopp Trophy. This team's players are the only ones who don't live in Grundisburgh and the villagers are looking for revenge next year! Sadly,

Stan's widow, Joyce, was not well enough to make the presentation so Gill Girling, who played with Stan for many years, stood in.

Again, the league competition was keen but thoroughly good-natured and we would like to add another team (of three players). If anyone is interested in joining they should please contact Roger Anderson on 01473 738918.

Moves at Grundisburgh Football Club

With the season now over and the First team finishing just below mid-table and the Reserves narrowly avoiding relegation, we look to strengthen and rebuild for the forthcoming season. The very successful management team of Mickey Squirrel and Steve Moore has returned and I have resumed the position of chairman.

The bar in the pavilion will continue to open every Saturday from 5pm and we would love to see some local villagers popping in for a pint or two. As ever, we need to raise vital funds. Race nights were a great success and will be held again, but we would welcome your ideas for future events.

Details of upcoming car boot sales and our Fun Day are in the 'News Diary'.

Jon Trenter

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Pat Ross, Grundisburgh Scout Group Secretary 01473 735352

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Grovel

My apologies to the Barham family for mis-spelling their name in the last issue. Arthur Barham had won the Burgh church raffle for a dinner for 10 in the old schoolroom and we included a photo of him with his family and friends at the dinner. This mistake crept in despite organiser Gillian Gurdon setting out the details very clearly for me.

Nicola Hobbs, editor of spring issue.

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GRUNDISBURGH SCOUTS' TOP SHOTS REWARDED



Stuart Ross brings yet more silverware home to Grundisburgh! Stuart has coached his team to an exceptionally high level and justly deserves the credit for such a remarkable achievement. But who are the individuals who bring such glory to the scouts? Some of them spoke modestly of their achievements at the Grundisburgh annual parish meeting in April: here are five members of Stuart's team.

Jack Nobbs (18) won the National outdoor Championships and is the Archery GB National Champion in Target. He also won the Junior boys title for clout in October so he is the

National champion in two forms of archery. He shot for the winning Team England in December for the Home Nations match and currently holds 11 county records and is a junior Master Bowman. He is ranked number 1 in Junior Boys in the county and 5th in the UK.



Ollie Smith (15) is the national champion under-16 Target and National Clout champion and was the 2014 winner and national champion of the Archery GB Junior Masters tournament in barebow.



He currently holds 57 county records and 5 UK national records, was ranked number 1 in the UK in 2013 in his first year of archery (he retained the title in 2014).

Ollie Vobe (14) is the regional and county under-14 Target champion and was the 2013 national Clout champion before Jack Nobbs took it off him in 2014! Ollie is the national scout champion under-14 in Target, Field, Clout and overall. He shot for Team England in July for the Home Nations (and won).



Jason Cooper (13) joined the archery team last year and already holds two county records and also came third in the national Clout championships. He is ranked 58th. in

the UK. and the only junior in the county Top 10 who is under 14.

Roman Quinton is just 11 and is the Regional and County under-12 Target champion and already holds two county records. He is ranked 55th in the UK and the only junior in the County Top 10 who is under 12.



Richard Watkinson

Grundisburgh took a team of 20 to the National Archery Finals in Hertfordshire in May and came back with 40 Medals: 19 Gold, 11 Silver, 10 Bronze plus 16 Cups/Shields.



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