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NORTHERN BYPASS BACK ON THE AGENDA

Proposals for an Ipswich Northern Route to bypass Ipswich re-emerged early in July when Suffolk County Council released details showing three proposed routes connecting the A12 and A14.

A consultation running from 5 July - 13 September was initiated and set up at ten different locations to assess the opinions of local people and businesses on the route proposals and junction options - these consultation events have been very well attended so far.

The vast majority of parishes in The News catchment area, and many others outside it, have already expressed strong opposition to all three routes suggested. Only two parishes have yet to give their verdict.

A campaign to stop any of them going ahead is being spearheaded by two Hasketon residents, Nick Green and Nick Deacon.

The 'Stop' campaign is strongly supported by Dr Dan Poulter, MP for North Ipswich and Central Suffolk and it was he who alerted the many communities affected to the county council's plans and consultation sessions before any news came from the council itself.

Well attended, lively meetings have been held in many parishes to exchange views and information. There was standing room only as 300 people attended the meeting in Witnesham, in

Playford all of the 52 people attending voted against all three proposals and this sentiment has been echoed throughout virtually all other local parish public meetings.

Completed questionnaires need to be returned by 13 September. The Stop! campaign has prepared guidance on how to complete these in a way that your views cannot be misinterpreted. This is important as the questions are loaded to give favourable answers to the consultation. Please see https://stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Consultation_Guidance_July19.pdf

Paper copies of the questionnaire are also available in various outlets such as Williams Stores and the church in Grundisburgh.

Marian Hedgley, Clerk to Playford Parish Council



Photos from top: Paul Whittingham, Sandy Page and Ollie Billsberry who performed at Midsummer Music with their band, Elliot's Remedy (story page 8); The organ builder from Charsfield, one of the local enterprises (page 6); Ollie Smith, winner of the under-fives cup at Grundisburgh Village Show, with his mother Anthea (page 10); Grundisburgh WI committee members who served guests at their 100th birthday party (page 17).



NEWS DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2

A Year in the Life of a Cottage Garden

Otley & Dist Gardening Club
Otley VH 7:30pm Contact
07880 627984

Thursday 5

Harvest Supper: Blossom Appeal

Grundisburgh WI BCR
7pm Contact 735838

Saturday 7

Flower Festival

All Saints Church, Little
Bealings 10am-5pm
Contact 07825 004585

Saturday 7

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Gr
Gr PR 10:30am-12noon
Contact 735775

Sunday 8

Flower Festival

All Saints Church, Little
Bealings 10am- 5pm
Contact 07825 004585

Songs of Praise

All Saints Church, Little
Bealings 5pm-6pm
Contact 07825 004585

Tuesday 10

Inheritance Planning.

Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30 pm
Contact 785368

Saturday 14

Church Fete

St Mary's Church Gr
Gr VG 1pm-4pm
Contact 735953

Harvest Supper

Burgh House Barn
PBE 6:15pm Contact 738877

Monday 16

Table Top Equine Sale iao RDA

12noon-4pm The Bays
Monewden Rd Clopton IP13
6QL Contact 07796 991418

Tuesday 17

Leonard Squirrel - Suffolk Artist

Gr Local History Society
Gr Pr 7.30pm-9pm
Contact 738108

Saturday 21

Take the Biscuit

Ceilidhs on the Move

Clopton VH 7pm - 11pm
Bring own drink
Tickets 01394 383329

Sunday 22

Harvest Lunch, Tuddenham

Tuddenham VH 12:30 pm
Contact 784545

Friday 27

Pop Up Pub

Bealings VH 6pm-10pm
sallyscape@hotmail.com

Fish and Chip Quiz

iao Charsfield Rec Ground
Charsfield Rec Ground 7pm
Contact 737701 PBE

OCTOBER

Thursday 3

Orchid Society

Gr WI BCR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Saturday 5

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Gr
Gr PR 10.30am -12noon
Contact 735775

Monday 7

The Perfect Growing Medium

Otley & Dist. Gardening Club
Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 07880 627984

Tuesday 8

Do Plants Wear Coats?

Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30pm
Contact 785368

Saturday 19

Pumpkin Festival with scarecrow competition

Grundisburgh Guides Gr VG,
12-3pm Contact 735044

Aartwork

Ceilidhs on the Move
Clopton VH IP13 6QN
7pm-11pm Bring own drink
Tickets 01394 383329

Sunday 20

The Big Breakfast

iao Charsfield Rec. Ground
Charsfield Rec Gr. 9am-12
noon Contact 737701

Saturday 26

Church Gift Day

St Martin's Church
Tuddenham 9:30am-12noon
Contact 784545

NOVEMBER

Friday 1

Shingle Street Folk Band

St Botolph's Church Culpho
7.30pm Contact
cmp0601@hotmail.com

Saturday 2

Coffee Morning

St Mary's Church Gr
Gr PR 10.30am-12noon
Contact 735775

Grundisburgh Firework Display

1st Gr. Scouts
Gr PF 4.30pm stalls, bar,
refreshments
Contact 735352

Monday 4

Snowdrops

Otley & Dist. Gardening Club
Otley VH 7.30pm
Contact 07880 627984

Thursday 7

AGM: Christmas Flowers

Gr WI BCR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Friday 8

AGM Gr Burgh & Culpho

Horticultural Society GrPR
7pm Contact 738997

Tuesday 12

AGM

Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7.30pm
Contact 785368

Saturday 16

Stumpy Oak

Ceilidhs on the Move
Clopton VH IP13 6QN
7pm-11pm Bring own drink
Tickets 01394 383329

Friday 22 & Saturday 23

Ghost Stories

Otley Hall IP6 9PA
PBE 7.15pm Contact 890264
events@otleyhall.co.uk

Friday 29

Pop Up Pub

Bealings VH 6pm-10pm
sallyscape@hotmail.com

DECEMBER

Thursday 5

Flute Cocktail

Gr WI BCR 7pm
Contact 735838

Friday 6

Upbeat! Christmas Concert with Jonathan Farnhill on saxophone

St Mary's Church
Gr evening Contact
jean.ellinor007@btinternet.com

Saturday 7

St Mary's Grundisburgh Coffee Morning

The Holme, The Green, Gr
10.30am-12pm
Contact 735517

Upbeat! Christmas Concert with Gr Primary School Choir

St Mary's Church Gr
afternoon Contact
jean.ellinor007@btinternet.com

Tuesday 10

Christmas Crafts.

Tuddenham WI
Tuddenham VH 7:30 pm
Contact 785368

Thursday 12 & Friday 13

Tudor Style Christmas Festive Tour

Otley Hall IP6 9PA PBE
6.30pm Contact 890264 or
events@otleyhall.co.uk

Key to abbreviations:

PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village Hall
PR - Parish Room
PF - Playing Field
VG - Village Green
Pav - Pavilion
BCR - Baptist Chapel Room
Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Brief details of events with date, name of event, venue, time and contact phone number should be sent by 6 November for the next issue to Andrea Ockenden, Gabledene, Rose Hill, Grundisburgh IP13 6TG, or diary@grunews.com.

Please indicate if tickets must be bought in advance.

The diary was introduced to promote planned events and to help organisers avoid clashes of future events. Details can be sent up to a year ahead for inclusion in the website diary: www.grundisburgnews.org.uk

WHAT'S ON

Floral festival at Little Bealings Church

All Saints Little Bealings will be holding a beautiful Flower Festival and Songs of Praise weekend on 7/8 September. With children having just started school and others about to go off to university, we have chosen the theme of 'New Beginnings'. Entry to both events is free.

Life is full of new beginnings as we celebrate new babies, marriage, a new home, choose to get fit, retire, perhaps become grandparents for the first time, and we will be celebrating these wonderful occasions in flowers.

Do come along, or better still why not take part yourself! We would hugely welcome local groups, organisations, businesses and individuals who would like to provide a display. Beginners are most welcome and help can be provided if required.

Our Songs of Praise will feature favourite hymns, and with great acoustics and beautiful flowers, this should be a very joyful event.

Helen Wittgreffe 07825 004585

St Mary's goes green on The Green

This year St Mary's is supporting green issues and recycling as the theme of the annual fete on 14 September. It runs from 1pm until 4pm. Fun for all of the family – help to make an English Country Garden artwork, paint your own plant pot and grow a flower or paint a pet rock, to take home.

There will be plenty of fun games to play, both old favourites and new ones too. Bargains galore at the 'recycled' stand, wood carving from recycled sustainable woods locally sourced and home-baked cakes. Refreshments will be on offer all afternoon within the church

itself. Prize draw tickets will be available in advance from Williams Stores, Clive and Ann Willetts, 14 Gurdon Road, Jenny and Mike Taylor at 7 Post Mill Close and Anne and John Ledgley at Field View, Ipswich Road – a full list of draw prizes will be published soon.

Any queries please to John Ledgley 01473 735953

New dance classes

Enrolment has started for a new Ceilidh and Scottish dancing class in Hasketon Victory Hall. These will take place on Tuesdays at 10am from 1 October, with a £30 cost for a six week course. The dance class is for exercise and fun. Soft shoes and the ability to laugh are mandatory!

Marjory Beaumont has run several successful dance classes and orchestrated ceilidh dancing at many local functions and charitable events.

For information and to enrol, she can be contacted on marjorybeaumont@gmail.com, 01394 386795.

Upbeat! plans

After their summer break Carol and the Upbeat! ladies will be back on 5 September. Upbeat! is a friendly and fun ladies choir who meet each Thursday at 7.30pm at Grundisburgh Primary School.

This term we will be starting rehearsals for our annual Christmas Concert which is performed in St Mary's Church.

In view of the popularity of this event, this year we are holding two concerts in Grundisburgh. The first in the evening of Friday 6 December featuring saxophonist Jonathan Farnhill and the second in the afternoon of Saturday 7 December featuring the Grundisburgh Primary School Choir. Further information to follow nearer the date.

Jean Ellinor, jean.ellinor007@btinternet.com

Final events at Otley Hall

Two ghost stories by MR James, the master of the English ghost story, will be performed by RM Lloyd Parry at Otley Hall on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 November, with tickets costing £17.50.

In 'A View from a Hill' a pair of old binoculars reveals the grisly history of an idyllic stretch of English landscape.

In 'The Treasure of Abbot Thomas', a treasure-seeker comes face to face with unspeakable horror at the bottom of an ancient well.

Please arrive by 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Late admissions only at the interval.

Our last ever Christmas tours at Otley Hall are on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 December, starting at 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £17.50 and visitors can experience a Tudor style Christmas with

our festive tour of the Hall. A full guided tour will be followed by festive nibbles and mulled wine in the company of the owner, Ian Beaumont. Roaring log fires, beautifully decorated and candle lit rooms with plenty of seasonal cheer - what better way to start your Christmas celebrations!

Tickets for both events are available to purchase via 01473 890264 or events@otleyhall.co.uk.

The hall closes to the public at the end of the year.

Karen Gwynne-Price, Otley Hall, Hall Lane, Otley, IP6 9PA

Folk concert

Shingle Street Folk Band returns to St Botolph Church, IP6 9DH on Friday 1 November at 7:30pm. Concert tickets are £10 from Chris Pearce, 01473 738324 /cmp0601@hotmail.com. Only 60 seats are available, so early booking is advised.



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Brigadier Adam Gurdon, CBE, DL, 1931 to 2019

Adam Gurdon, aka The Brigadier, came to Burgh village at 11 years old in June 1942. He gives a very vivid account of life in the village in his memoirs, 'A Chance to Serve', and I quote:

"We moved to Burgh House in June 1942, there were 4 acres of garden and 16 acres of water meadow. For us boys the garden and surrounding countryside were a paradise. The tiny village of Burgh had a population of about 100. There was a post office (now Larkshayes) where we were sold sweets by Mrs Stammers, and a blacksmith, Stanley Baxter.

"As children, we all were expected to help at harvest time. This was the first time I had tasted beer that was brought by Mr Watson of The Dog in great big flagons!



Because it was war-time The Royal Observer Corps manned the top of Burgh Mill day

and night to record planes flying over. On Christmas Day I used to climb up to give them some Christmas pudding and a slug of brandy!"

In his memoirs, Adam talks about his army service all over the world and then joyfully exclaims that in 1970 he, "came back home to [his] beloved St Botolph's." His father having been churchwarden and lay reader, Adam followed in his footsteps and served as PCC secretary, churchwarden, deanery organiser and chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, "heaving [it] into the 20th Century."!

Thanks to Adam's diligence, St Botolph's now has heat, light, automatic locking doors and alarmed property. He says, "I feel entirely at home with God here and plan to be buried in the churchyard."

My father's 'hobbies' have always been his home and village. Never more happy than when organising Remembrance Sunday services, choosing a rose for the flower show or sharing yarns with fellow old-timers in The Dog, he was often seen latterly 'speeding' down the road to Grundisburgh en route for William's Stores new coffee shop on his mobility scooter!

After a lifetime of service Adam Brampton Douglas Gurdon lies peacefully in the churchyard waiting to greet you as you climb the path and keeping an eye on things, as usual! RIP.

Miranda Barclay, daughter

Adam Gurdon also made his mark on the national and international scene as well as locally and this was reflected in national newspaper obituaries. We reproduce the one from The Times on our tributes section of our website. He contributed a delightful series of articles to The News about 'how things were' in days gone by in issues 214-220.

Richard "Jebba" Frost, 1971-2019

Jebba was born in Ipswich and moved to Grundisburgh aged one. He went to the old Grundisburgh primary, Kingston middle and Farlingaye high schools. On leaving school, he worked at Everybody's Hobbies in Ipswich, before working with his brother in Felixstowe. He then gained a degree whilst working part time, and spent the last 12 years working for Muntons in Stowmarket.

Jebba moved to Great Blakenham in 2011 but, like us all, always regarded Grundisburgh as 'home'. Indeed, there had been some talk of him relocating 'home'.

A keen sportsman, he played football and cricket for Grundisburgh, before playing football for a number of other clubs. Jebba liked nothing more than a game of cards or a quiz at the pub with his mates.

Sadly, mental and physical health issues resulted in him being unable to pursue his love of sports, and this, amongst other things, led him



on a road to anxiety and depression. The loss of his mother in 2014 led to a sharp deterioration in his mental health, which, despite medication and counselling led to him taking his own life.

Jebba's funeral and wake at The Dog demonstrated the affection that still existed from years old friendships, and the family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and letters. We'd also like to send our heartfelt thanks to those who helped in the search for him. Jebba was one of a kind, one of us and will be loved and missed forever.

Andy Frost, brother

Emma Billsberry (who grew up in Grundisburgh, with family still in the village) is a Buddhist nun, studying in India. She has written a piece in response to the loss of Jebba. This is on the News website, providing advice on mental wellness for all who may be looking for help.

Monica Taylor 1922-2019

Monica and Stan spent the first 30 years of their married life in Kenton, Middlesex. They came to Suffolk in 1977 when the Post Office Research Station was relocated from Dollis Hill in London to Martlesham Heath and moved into a new house in Otley, next to the church.

Soon after the move Monica wrote: "I have always enjoyed drawing and attended art classes for many years. After winning second prize in a newspaper sketching competition I went to Harrow School of Art to study etching, screen-printing, drawing and painting, part-time.

"I was very fortunate to have been an evening student at Harrow during the 1960s and 1970s. Encouraged by the other students I had several pictures accepted for the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers' exhibitions in London, as well as for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions. Now here in East

Anglia I am a member of Ipswich Art Society and work from home where I have facilities for etching, lino and silk-screen printing. I also run a few simple printmaking sessions for children at Christchurch Mansions during school holiday times."

Stan retired in 1982 and continued his hobby of making model aeroplanes in earnest. They often holidayed in Wales – Stan flying planes and Monica sketching the hills. They were both keenly involved in encouraging young people to use tools and make things: balsa wood gliders by Stan, and printed pictures and cards by Monica.

Stan died suddenly in December 2003 and a couple of years later Monica moved into a bungalow in Grundisburgh. The second garage was re-furnished as an



art studio and Monica joined the local art club and the local history society, entered the village shows and started to do

more watercolours and oil-paintings.

In 2018 live-in carers were employed to help her with dressing and cooking, but she continued to paint birthday cards for all the family and knit small items such as cot blankets for her great grandchildren. However, on Christmas Eve she fell at home and although no bones were broken she was admitted to Ipswich Hospital for X-rays and physiotherapy. From there she moved into Witnessham Nursing Home where she spent a happy last few months, being cared for by the wonderful staff, enjoying activities such as sing-along sessions and still doing a bit of drawing.

Daughters Anne, Mary and Ros; grandchildren Lizzie, Kate, Ella and Victoria; and great grandchildren Sebastian and Emily

Longer versions of tributes are included in the folder in Williams Stores on Grundisburgh Green and online www.grundisburghnews.org.uk

Why say NO to the Ipswich Northern Bypass?

Three routes have been suggested for the Ipswich Northern Bypass, with the two northern ones having most impact on villages in the News' circulation area. But while proponents of the bypass may wish to pit one route against another, most villagers agree on the need to unite and oppose the proposals as a whole. All three routes would devastate countryside, hasten climate change and cost taxpayers dearly.

Our top five reasons to say NO to the Ipswich Northern Bypass are:

1. The road would destroy beautiful countryside and the habitats of treasured wildlife species.
2. New roads generate new traffic: CPRE looked at 13 road schemes and found an average increase of +47%. The effects of this 'induced traffic' have NOT been factored into the bypass proposal.
3. This new traffic will increase carbon emissions and worsen climate change at a time when Suffolk County Council has declared a 'climate emergency'. We should prioritise sustainable transport instead.
4. The road would harm rural life, splitting villages in half and destroying centuries of rural heritage. Air and noise pollution would increase, destroying the tranquility that attracts visitors into our local economy.
5. The road would likely cost more than £1bn: public money which could be better spent on public transport, hospitals, social care and education. Road building does not boost local economies but encourages housing development in car-dependent locations, increasing traffic. Indeed, this proposal appears to be a Trojan Horse for a large new town north of Ipswich.

Please respond to the official consultation questionnaire by 13 September: this is the primary thing that Suffolk County Council will consider when gauging public opinion of the proposals. If you'd like some help to respond there's a guide on our website: www.stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk. Please sign our petition while you're there: together let's stop this devastating road.

Jess Fitch, on behalf of the Stopcampaign



A packed Grundisburgh Village Hall for the first of the consultations. Photo courtesy Suffolk County Council.



The Stop! campaign's latest poster.

The News aims to provide information about events in our 18 villages, not to be a campaigning organ. But with the very strong feelings about the road proposals around, I may have overstepped our guidelines this issue! Ed

Message from the county council

A spokesman for the Ipswich Northern Route project said. "We launched our public engagement events in Grundisburgh on 9 July and were pleased that over 500 people turned up to talk to us about the three proposals.

"The consultation materials used in the public events are now touring Suffolk, and we have set up a questionnaire pick up and drop-off point in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. If anyone took a paper copy of the questionnaire but not the pre-paid envelope, you can drop it off there and we will be regularly collecting them.

"All the consultation materials, a Q and A and the online questionnaire are available on our website <https://ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk/have-your-say/consultation/>. Please make sure you have your say before the consultation closes on Friday 13 September 2019."

Speed reduction activities continuing in the villages

In Tuddenham Speedwatch recording shows a reduction in the numbers exceeding the limit when we are on site, though the Speed Indicator Device (SID) is showing that a significant number of drivers continue to exceed the limit. Speed enforcement is operating in the area and we are hoping in cooperation with villages such as Grundisburgh to liaise with the Police to share data and consider what measures might be most effective in continuing our speed reduction activities.'

Grundisburgh is adopting a similar approach, with at least one Speedwatch session every week and the SID, in operation since mid-May, rotating between different locations in the village. Not only do these devices alert drivers to their speed and provide a warning about the speed limit, they also collect data about traffic and speed patterns.

From the initial data analysis, we're pleased to say that the

majority of drivers are keeping to the limit when passing the SID, although there are still some high speeds which need to be reduced. The next step for Grundisburgh is to analyse the collected data, which can be used to inform Speedwatch activities and liaise with the police and local authorities if further measures are necessary.

Next meeting for local road safety group

Safer Village Driving (SAVID), the group co-ordinating road safety activities across villages in the area will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday 24 September. This starts at 7.30pm and takes place in Tuddenham Village Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend and to give their views and ideas. The chairman is Pauline Procter, who can be contacted on paulineprocter@btinternet.com

Tanya Fosdick, advisor to SAVID tanyafos@hotmail.co.uk

LOCAL ENTERPRISE



Organist does more than entertain!

As a qualified practising Architect in Charsfield, Roger has managed, remarkably, to combine his access to and knowledge of churches, old buildings, country houses and other spaces with a profound love of organs - instruments such as we tend to associate with churches and similar venues. This love was derived partly from a particularly avid music teacher at his school in Ipswich.

Roger not only loves organs and has travelled all over Europe to hear them in situ but he designs and builds them. Steve and I went to see him at his compact unit on Clopton Park. Standing proud in the workshop was the organ he was just finishing: it is a replication of a typical chamber organ from 1761 by the master builder, Johannes Snetzler.

Wind power

Organs' musical notes are produced by blowing air into a series of pipes whose length and material determine their value - the longer the pipe, the lower the note. The keyboards and pedals operate valves

which let air into the pipes as the music and the organist demands. The organ we saw has 112 pipes made of either wood (only Douglas Fir will do as it is knot-free and less likely to leak air) or of metal, usually an alloy of tin and lead, similar to pewter.

Multi skilled

The wooden pipes and the case, including the mahogany tracery at the top, are all made by Roger himself. The gold pipes at the front are dummies - and purely decorative. They are 'non-speaking'.

And organs do have voices and have to be tuned to suit the organist and the building in which it will live; an appreciation of acoustics is essential to get the best out of any instrument.

Roger's organs have been installed as nearby as Monewden, Letheringham, Dunwich and Chelmondiston churches, a private music studio in Kettleburgh and as far away as a studio in Perth, Western Australia.

Safe transport

The one I saw at Clopton and which Roger played for us is destined for a private client or teaching institution. But how do you get an instrument some 3 metres tall safely and easily to a client? The secret is that, if necessary, the organs can be readily disassembled for transport and reassembled at their final destination.

Roger not only builds organs (34 to date), he is the regular organist at Charsfield church, playing on occasions at Hoo and Letheringham. And as if that's not enough, he is also the Treasurer of Suffolk Organists Association.

*Words Richard Watkinson,
photos Stephen Newton*

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Pulham@btinternet.com*

Nigel Foan's Music business

If you heard Nigel Foan talk about his work, you could discover that he might well advise restringing. He may tell you that your bridge needs realignment. Perhaps even a neck straightening is called for! If you were unfamiliar with his business you could be confused about who to call: Tennis coach? Structural engineer or builder? Osteopath?

In actual fact, his workshop in The Street, Grundisburgh is a busy but tidy friendly space, populated by musical instruments (particularly all sorts of guitars), amplifiers and electronic test equipment and reference manuals. A comprehensive selection of hand tools - some of which are specialist bespoke items he has crafted himself are also in evidence. (Acoustic guitars, he explained, have particularly difficult to reach places.)

His business, Nigel Foan Music, started up in 2018 to offer a specialist service repairing and reconstructing these often complex precision instruments and their accompanying amplifiers (whether valve or solid-state), mixers and other ancillary equipment. Drum machines and electronic keyboards are among the many other items which can be serviced.

Previously a professional semiconductor electronics engineer, he has been playing music for many years - becoming a member of his first band, 'Alpha', which toured in a converted ambulance, when he was 16. Originally from Kent, he has worked for Hewlett-Packard in Ipswich before moving to Adastral Park. Later he worked for E2V in Chelmsford where he worked on imaging sensors, including those such as used on the Hubble Space Telescope.

I found Nigel to be a friendly, positive individual who takes a great pride in his work: his clients include Kesgrave High School and Planet Music in Martlesham.

High-end restoration work is certainly an area he likes working in - he recalls a water-damaged Fender Telecaster which was restored to its former glory after extensive neck rebuilding with straightening using heat and steam.

Currently Nigel plays lead guitar and provides backing vocals for his band 'The Outlines'. He is married to Ann, and has four grown-up daughters.

So then, if you're a guitarist who's got a buzzy soundboard, your tremolo arm's gone wonky, or if you want to your Amp to go up to 11, then Nigel Foan is your man. You can reach his website www.nigelfoanmusic.co.uk or else Nigel Foan Music 07894 388840 or 01473 735337

Words and picture by Stephen Newton



LOCAL ENTERPRISE



stock to a high standard. I hold an 'I am looking for ---' list and can often match up requests for specific items with particular offers.

The shop opens on Thursdays and Fridays from 9.30am to 3.30pm, and Saturdays from 9.30am to 2.30pm. On other days, I look to take items out to playgroups, nurseries and other centres, to showcase stock and promote the shop. I do 'box-outs' for people to take to their workplaces and these routes offer commission to individuals and charities.

If these interest you please contact me: Helen Newson, Skoobs, Upper Street, Witnesham, IP6 9EW, 01473 785888 or 07557 386419, email info@skoobs.co.uk

Words edited by Madge Nicholas, with photos by Stephen Newton.

PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S GEAR

I opened Skoobs (Books backwards!) in Upper Street, Witnesham, in November 2016, selling pre-loved children's clothes, games, toys and equipment. But that was not the first time I'd worked here - many years



Skoobs owner Helen Newson.

ago my husband Paul and I ran Witnesham Village Stores on these premises until changing times meant we sadly closed the shop in 1996.

Paul went on to work in other fields and I worked in education, which fitted in well around our family commitments and the raising of our two wonderful children. On my way to work at an

Ipswich school I passed the empty shop daily and longed to start my own business. My experience working in schools and with my own children made me realise the need for affordable good quality clothes and equipment - and I am a strong supporter of recycling and re-using.

Inspiration came from my use of other similar outlets to buy and recycle my own children's clothes as they grew, and I realised the opportunity for 'more of the same'.

My aim is to offer a happy, welcoming, child-friendly shop and I feel honoured to have shared some very special conversations about family experiences. I take in clothes, toys, games, books and equipment and sell on a commission basis.

The collection of clothes ranges from newborn to age 12 years, and includes coats to swimwear, shoes, and wellies, school wear and party dresses and just fun 'dressing up'. I believe that children need to be allowed to be children and



they don't need to be overly worried about keeping their clothes clean while they explore and have fun. Of course, it's great to have some 'best clothes' for special occasions and for feeling good and the shop has plenty of these too.

Opinions of what 'good condition and ironed' means do vary but I try to keep the

Pub awards

The Turks Head pub in Hasketon has reached the finals of The Great British Pub Awards again. This time it is up for awards in three categories: Best Garden, Best For Wine, and Best Free House. The finals are being held in September.

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

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MIDSUMMER MUSIC 2019



The seventh Grundisburgh Music festival was held in the grounds of Grundisburgh House on 6 July. Thanks to organisers such as Clive Willetts, John Richards, Sarah Cavanagh, Simon and Magda Snowden, St Mary's Church Development fund has benefitted from a total of £3,401.64.

Gill Twissell skilfully began the afternoon's entertainment with some classical favourites. This was followed by 'Upbeat', a choir led by Carol Jopling where performers of all ages delighted listeners with songs from the Wild West to the English charts.

Symphony orchestra

Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra run by John Richards and Sarah Cavanagh then took centre stage to delight the crowd with a selection of classical and popular music.

For anyone interested in playing an instrument, the orchestra will resume its meetings in September on Thursdays from 6-7pm. They are always looking for new members to join them and anyone interested can contact

Photos clockwise from above: GSO violinists Oliver Laxton, Imogen Radwell, Amber Cavanagh and Abigail Radwell (front), Maddi Brown and James Moore-Smith (behind); Compere Magda Snowden; Newcomer Noah Evans; Charmain Wells with John Cooper accompanying.



John at johnateallthepies@hotmail.com or call 01473 735044.

The classical theme continued beautifully with Muriel Kwint supported by Carol McConnell-Theobald, and Oliver Cavanagh and



Charmain Wells, both supported by John Cooper. In typical British fashion the rain began as Charmain was singing 'Summertime'. However, the rain did not dampen spirits and the crowds donned their brollies and continued to enjoy the afternoon.

Elvis was definitely in the room when Harry Isaac Presley began singing. This Elvis provided hits from the King as well as Chas and Dave and had people of all ages up and dancing in the rain. The modern rock and pop themes continued with White Line Fever and hits from the Rolling Stones.

Unfortunately, The 4 o'clock Rebels couldn't make it on the day which fortunately gave the very popular Elliot's Remedy the opportunity to sing some extra songs, an opportunity they seized with relish.

John Richards followed with hits from George Ezra and Suffolk's very own Ed Sheeran. He was followed by new talent Noah Evans, a real



star of the future who treated the audience to well known songs such as 'Paper Dreams' and 'Better Things' as well as one of his very own songs. For those interested in listening to more from Noah, he has an EP available to download on iTunes.

All of the acts were introduced by the fabulous Magda Snowden who entertained between performances with witty insights and her dancing skills.

Barn Fitness provided entertainment in the form of an obstacle course for adults and children. Adam Laing-Clarke informed me that the children did better on the day than the adults so there's a possible challenge for next time.

Barn Fitness provide one-to-one sessions for individuals as well as a boot camp group for anyone who wishes to improve their fitness. If you are interested you can contact them on 07540 261540

Special thanks were given by the wonderful compere Magda Snowden to Linden and Malcolm, who graciously gave up their grounds for the entire weekend, and to the wonderful group of volunteers who provided an endless stream of refreshments.

*words Angela Drury,
photos Stephen Newton*

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Talking about farming

On 4 July Culpho churchwarden Richard Garnham enlightened almost 70 guests with an extremely interesting talk on 'Farming through the ages'.

His passion for farming was very evident and his presentation spanned 50 years of working within the farming industry. He provided us with snapshots of those early days learning his trade, the characters who influenced his outlook towards his profession, the advancements which called for new and diverse approaches, the influence of environmental issues, through to the development and use of machinery we see today. All of which provided a fascinating insight into the world of farming.

The audience were most receptive, and we learned a lot. Although 'retired' Richard remains involved in supporting farmers and their families through several charitable organisations. Robert and Lynette Chapman were the perfect hosts providing a superb setting within the grounds of their home. Even the weather was kind. A staggering £1,112 was raised for the upkeep of Culpho Church and our grateful thanks go to all who supported the event, those who helped with and provided the marquee and friends who produced such a wonderful lunch. Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to Richard for making it all possible.

Words Margaret Gornall, photos Peter Kendall

Above: The chefs, from left Chris Pearce, Lynette Chapman, Chris Garnham and Margaret Gornall.
Left: Speaker Richard Garnham.

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Above left: The Hibbert family setting off on the 5 mile route.

Above: Participants enjoying well earned lunches outside The Dog.

FIRST FAMILY CYCLE EVENT

After days of rain, the sun shone for the first Grundisburgh Family Cycle event on Sunday 11 August, run by the Grundisburgh Village Hall Steering Group to raise funds for the new hall.

The event was a great success, seeing over 40 cyclists including keen riders, families and children, taking part. The ride was split into two routes: a five mile family route including a quiz and a 25 mile route for the keener cyclists, taking them out past Framsdan, Kettleburgh and Bredfield.

The Dog pub provided a great venue for the event and a very tasty BBQ afterwards for all the riders and helpers. The cake stall on the green, kindly run by Heather Langdon and Cathy Turner, greatly added to the success, with produce that even passers by could not resist.

The combined efforts of the cycle ride and the cake sale raised over £450 for the new Grundisburgh Village Hall, which when match funded brings in over £900! The event could only have happened thanks to so many people in the community helping. Richard Pepper spent hours cycling and plotting the routes and everyone I spoke to said that both were some of the best they had ever cycled.

Strong support from Spokeworx

A special thank you has to be said to Spokeworx cycle shop in Ipswich. Owners John and Tyree closed the shop for the day to provide essential first aid and cycle breakdown support, so that cyclists could call them at any point if they got stuck; their bike



broke or they just needed a lift back. I would encourage anyone interested in cycling to follow them on Facebook or their website as they do weekly road and off road cycle rides for all levels which mostly end in a pub stop.

Positive response

The aim of the day was to put on a family cycle ride, promote cycling, get people active and encourage them to make friends, as well as raising money for the new village hall. We had such a very positive response that Richard Pepper and I are already in talks to run it again next year. Perhaps even making a third 50 mile route for the very keen cyclist.

If you helped out on the day or took part in the event, may I say a huge thank you and I hope to see you next year.

Words Will Barber, photos Peter Kendall

Thanks for the support

The community's involvement in the fundraising for Grundisburgh's new village hall has been superb, with so many people becoming involved in so many aspects. There will be other events announced soon, but behind the scenes we are also working hard on our Big Lottery proposal and other grants.

Bryan Laxton, chairman, new village hall steering group, bryan.laxton@hotmail.com

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A BLOOMING GOOD YEAR FOR THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our summer garden party on 8 August marked the end of a successful year for Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho Horticultural Society. An unwelcome deluge failed to dampen spirits and we carried on, raising almost £1,000. A huge thank you to all who attended and to Bryan and Catherine Laxton for hosting this event.

The year began with Hidden Gardens which got off to a slow start on a damp June Saturday. But the sun shone on the Sunday and the three villages were full of visitors enjoying gardens large and small. Thank you to all who took part and to all volunteers for their help. The event raised in excess of £2,500.

For our main event, the Village Show, the weather was perfect and Grundisburgh Playing Field was packed with people from across Suffolk, plus visitors from Essex, Norfolk, Sussex and London. The Grand Marquee was a riot of colour and we had a record number of entries and entrants, with the tables groaning under the weight of exhibits!

A live interview on BBC Radio Suffolk featuring yours truly in the marquee helped bring a record crowd to our fantastic event.

On the playing field the band played, stalls of all descriptions raised money for a variety of good causes. There was fun and games throughout the afternoon - this really is an event that Grundisburgh can be proud of. A grand time was had by all as you can see from the photos.

Ben and Mandy Cook organised the evening dance as a tribute to the late Richard Garrett. Some 120 revellers danced the night away to the sounds of Elliotts Remedy. A donation from the night will be made in memory of Richard. Ben and Mandy have big plans for next year so save the date and sure you buy your tickets early.

I must thank my hard working committee and all those other volunteers who helped with this year's events, especially a hugely successful Village Show.

Lynette and Robert Chapman have stepped down after 10 years of running the horticultural society's raffles. In that time they have helped raise thousands of pounds which help to cover the ever increasing costs of running the show, at the moment around £4,500 (the marquee alone costs around £3,700). The society is very grateful to Lynette and Robert, a small presentation was made to them at the garden party.

Our AGM will be held on Friday 8 November in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms, starting at 7pm. A video filmed by the drone from Summer Isle Films on show day will be shown, along with photos by Peter Kendall. Refreshments will be available.

Our treasurer, Bryan Laxton, will present his financial statement and hopefully the committee will approve our donation to the New Village Hall Fund.

If you would like to be part of the society or have any ideas for improvement, then please come along and join us for a glass (or two) of wine.

*Martin Cripps, chairman,
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Above: The Chapmans. Below: Gillian Gurdon presents the best beetroot cup to Roy Barker.



Horticultural society secretary and chairman, Sharon and Martin Cripps.

Dates for 2020

- Hidden Gardens 13 & 14 June
- Village Show 11 July
- Summer Dance 11 July
- Garden Party - to be arranged.



'A fairy garden on a tray' by Nina Chapman was selected by cup presenter Gillian Gurdon as her choice for the 'top cup'.



BUSY HANDS, WARM HEARTS

I was warmly welcomed by the knitting group of 15 members who meet every Thursday from 10 to 11.30am in The Turks Head, Hasketon. Sarah Butters, a self-employed craftswoman, started the group in March 2016 so that knitters could meet socially in a relaxed environment.

Sarah was knitting a pair of fingerless gloves made from Tussar silk spun from a cocoon. They will be worn throughout the winter months because Sarah's textile work sometimes has to be done outside.

I soon realized that the members did not meet the stereotypical idea of what a knitter is like. Four of the group have PhDs in a range of subjects - anthropology, science, archaeology and history.

Some were knitting intricate patterns. Stephanie was knitting a cardigan in a mosaic pattern which she plans to wear in the autumn. Over the past two years, Pat has been knitting blankets for premature baby

units throughout the country. There is a great demand for more to be knitted so she will be kept busy.

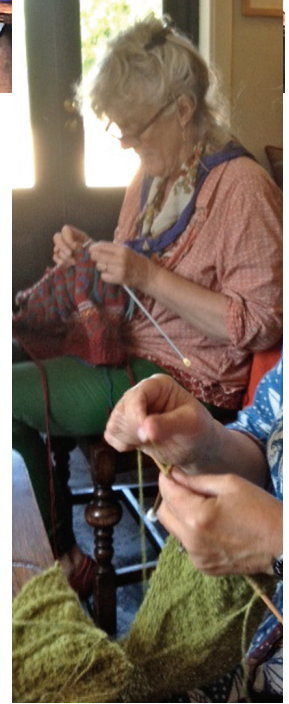
Valerie told me that she returned to knitting after heart problems and found it very therapeutic. She has been a member of the knitting group since it began. Valerie is also a member of the social knitworks who create a beautiful stall at FolkEast where people can learn to knit and crochet for free.

Stephanie and Sarah also run stalls at FolkEast demonstrating basketry, rush weaving, spinning, peg loom weaving and felt making.

A group project was undertaken in 2018 to commemorate the 100 years since Armistice Day. This resulted in a wreath of 26 knitted poppies and leaves which can be seen in Hasketon Church on the Roll of Honour.

I left the group happily nattering and knitting their way through a rainbow of wool and producing some really beautiful work.

Words and photos Jenness Proctor



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Hasketon resident Edith Stannard, who is 101 years old, had her special kneeler blessed in church by Canon Rev'd Clare Sanders. The kneeler was made for Edith to mark her 100th birthday by Diane Dibden who used to live at Hasketon Little Manor. It illustrates Edith's interests such as sewing and includes the names of all her grandchildren. Edith herself was a very talented knitter, often winning competitions, and still manages to make simpler items such as hats and mittens for children and babies. She also manages to largely look after herself at home, including cooking. Information and photo from Edith's neighbour Anne Naylor.

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Playford Fete and open garden

Playford Village Fête on 15 June was again held at Playford Hall by kind permission of the owners, Adrian and Fiona Melrose.

The day started at 11am with a Blue Cross Dog Show and amongst the usual prizes were ones for the Scruffiest Mutt and the Waggiest Tail! This was followed by hot lunches (possibly hot dogs?) served from midday until the opening of the fete itself at 2pm and there was a record number of visitors to the event.

The splendid gardens at Playford Hall were open from 11am to 7pm to ticket holders and afternoon teas were served from 2.30pm. Live entertainment throughout the day was provided by a girl band of guitarists, singer and drummer – this included Verity Ellen and Paddy Hynes from last year plus Emily Saunders with Eileen and Izzy. The evening entertainment was by Richard Sutherland and friends.



There was something for everyone; a

garden trail and craft stall run by St Elizabeth Hospice, a photo competition, a cake and biscuit decorating competition, a field kitchen provided by the Rapid Response Team and a bar open until 7pm. There was even a paper boat race on the moat and of course a grand raffle.

The event raised a total of £5,200 which will be shared between St Elizabeth Hospice and St Mary's Church Playford, with £200 going to the Blue Cross from the Dog Show.



Words Marian Hedgley, photos Eric Metcalfe



Hasketon fete and wood display

We have held an exhibition in Hasketon Church for over 30 years. This year it featured hand-made or interesting wooden items, and was held during the village fete on the Saturday (3 August) and on the Sunday afternoon with cream teas on offer too.

This year was another great success; amazingly talented people displayed beautiful items they had made. We were also lent interesting items from all over the world, many over 100 years old.

Trevor Hill worked on his lathe in the church both days to show how he made his beautiful objects, starting with a raw lump of wood through the many stages of making a shiny apple. I would like to thank every one who kindly lent us items.

Special attractions at the fete included various competitions, including one for the curviest courgette. This was won by Bess Harrup; another for the tallest sweet pea was won by Amelie Rogers (photos to right).



Words Katherine Smith, photos Peter Kendall

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TUDDENHAM TALES



Sell out for village quiz

The ever popular village quiz held in May, was a sell out with 15 teams participating.

Last year's winners (Joan Bloomfield's 'Quizzerable Old Gits') were narrowly beaten by Clive and Fenella Swan's team 'The Tenors' (in photo above) who took home the Tuddenham Toad Trophy.

Maggie Pannou was aiming for her team to win the Wooden Spoon for a record third year running but missed out to Jo Berry's team 'Quizzzy Rascals'.



Pauline and fellow litter picker Sandy Burn taking a well earned rest!

Village Clean Up

On Saturday 18 May a number of volunteers, organised by parish councillor Pauline Proctor, undertook our annual village clean up and litter pick.

"The scheme is supported by East Suffolk Norse and for us in Tuddenham is a great way to bring attention to the care of our village environment" says Pauline.

As well as a litter pick, we cleaned notice boards and swept and tidied around our village hall. It becomes a

sociable event as a small group of volunteers work together on the clean up activities; the reward is an improvement in the village environment and £20 from Norse".

This will go toward buying bulbs for planting as part of an Autumn tidy up event. Watch out for this and do join us!

Words and photos Jean Ellinor

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Communities officers each cover a group of parishes and are tasked with supporting them to become engaged, self sufficient and enabled. We support communities to address their own wants and needs.

Our work varies from area to area, depending on communities' particular needs. In general, we support:

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- * Development of new community groups;
- * Access to funding advice;
- * Health and wellbeing projects;
- * Neighbourhood planning/

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* Linking local organisations and groups together.

We also focus on 'hidden needs' – a set of data that shows the difficulties that people face which may not be visible to everyone.

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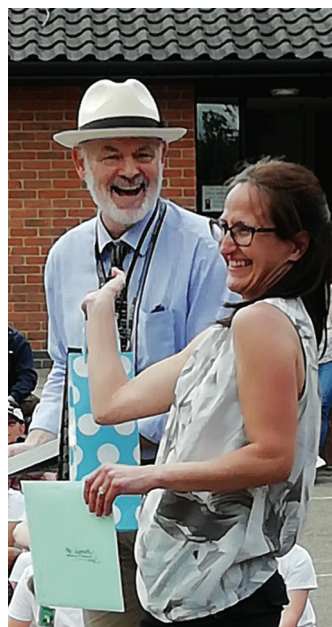
In order to achieve the goal of resilient and enabled communities, it is vital that the work is done in partnership. I am always keen to hear about local

groups, organisations etc - many of whom are doing amazing things in our area - along with future goals for the community.

In turn, I will keep you informed of what's happening in your local area.

Information regarding the work of the Communities Team can be found at eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community or by emailing communities I can also be contacted by telephone on 01394 444660.

Andy covers all the villages in The News' catchment area.



presented John with tokens of appreciation for his considerable contribution to the school during his headship.

The informal ceremony was held on the school playground immediately after at the annual sports day on 21 June.

We featured Sue Marks, the incoming head, in the spring issue of The News, soon after her appointment.

Words Richard Watkinson, photo Lynne Andrews

Farewell to the head

John Lynch retired as head of Grundisburgh Primary School at the end of the summer term and will be much missed by parents and children.

Christina Poguntke, Chairperson of Friends of Grundisburgh School,

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GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS



RUM GOINGS ON IN GADS PLAY BY LOCAL AUTHOR

Spring has sprung, done and gone... as has Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society's spring play. 'Mightier Than The Sword' was penned and directed by our very own Phil Bailey. A project that Phil started a few years ago finally came to fruition and became reality in front of some good audiences.

Those who came the performances were treated to a lovely ploughman's supper to go with the many scenes of oddball activity on stage!

Thanks to all who came to watch us and everyone

involved in getting the whole production completed. Proceeds from the play, totalling £500, were donated to the new village hall fund.

We'll soon be starting rehearsals for the 2020 pantomime, 'Sheer Luck Holmes', directed by Nikki Brown and Debbie Osborne. Auditions for children (up to 14 years) will take place at the village hall on Wednesday 18 September at 6.30pm.

Storage space needed

Finally, an appeal. Due to a change of circumstances, GADS are currently looking for somewhere to store our collection of props and scenery. We need some form of easily accessible weatherproof area or a space where we could possibly site a storage unit. If you can help in

any way, please contact Judith Bignell-Pepper on 01473 735459. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Words Ian Frost, photos Steve Newton

Top: curtain call for the cast of 'Mightier than the Sword'. Left: Judith Bignell-Pepper and Sandy Broom; Below: Steve Longbottom.



Invitation from the Baptist Chapel

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Sunday morning services (10.45am), regardless of background or belief. We especially invite you to our special events for the autumn.

* Saturday 21 September 6.30pm – Harvest Supper with a Kenyan theme (including some pictures of Kenyan life). It is free, but please let me know numbers.

* Sunday 22 September 10.45am and 6pm – Harvest thanksgiving services.

* Saturday 9 November 8.30am – Community Breakfast (full English!) with speaker, Pastor Steve Wyncoll (Waldringfield). Again, nothing to pay, but please let me know numbers.

We would love to see you!

Also, Seekers, a club for primary age children, takes place each Monday evening during term time from 6.30 to 7.30pm. We have games, craft, a low-cost tuck shop and lessons from the Bible. All children are welcome.

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738856, 07979 120549, colin.grimwood12@hotmail.co.uk

Stream across The Green



Members of Grundisburgh Scout Group enjoyed giving the river running across The Green a good tidy up before the duck race in June. Helped by some of their parents, plus Pat and Bryan Ross, and Phil Stebbings, a large amount of muck was taken out. But some still remained and the algae soon came back, so a professional clean-out is now needed. Before this can happen some repairs need to be made to the brickwork. The parish council is making arrangements for these to take place.

GRUNDISBURGH GLEANINGS

WI branch celebrates centenary

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI held its 100th birthday celebration in Grundisburgh in June, with invited guests from the village, and other members from within our WI group. What a lovely occasion it turned out to be (in spite of the chilly weather forcing us indoors). Jerusalem was sung with gusto and, as is to be expected with the WI, the food was truly wonderful. Joan Hepburn, a retired cook who has been a WI member for 58 years, made our special birthday cake.

Our guests, waited on by committee members dressed as Victorian waitresses, were invited to wear a posh hat. This coupled with pretty china and flower

arrangements on the tables all added to the atmosphere of the afternoon. Gathering by the non stop chat and laughter a good time was had by all.

Lady Cranworth, the first chairman of the Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes (SEFWI) which was formed in 1919 in Ipswich, was instrumental in the formation of our branch here in her own village of Grundisburgh that same year. Lord and Lady Cranworth even had a hall built (which is now the Grundisburgh Village Hall) for the ladies to hold their meetings in. We think she would be so pleased to know that we are still going strong 100 years later.

Words Carol Barker, 01473 735838, photos Peter Kendall



Top: The 100th birthday cake.
Below left: Birthday cake maker Joan Hepburn. Right: Branch president Barbara King, who won the best hat competition.

SCOUTING NEWS

Fantastic weather for our Duck Race in June – we sold nearly 2000 tickets and had a marvellous crowd who enjoyed the BBQ, games, stalls, refreshments, raffle and the ducks ‘racing’ down the stream. Thanks go to the prize sponsors, donations, our Leaders, Kesgrave Scout Group, parents and everyone who helped us make £2,700 towards our fundraising for a new Scout HQ.

A ‘big thanks’ also goes to Nefeli who sold an amazing 180 tickets, Mathilda 80, Williams Stores 70, Sam H-F 60, Hayden and Sam B 40 each – what incredible achievements!

European Jamboree

Annabel and Rosie, our two Scouts who were chosen to attend the European Jamboree 2020 in Poland, have to raise £1500 each for the trip. They are very busy fundraising, including ‘bag-packing’ at Marks & Spencer in Martlesham on the Saturday before Christmas.

Beavers had a great mini-beast hunt with the finding of a ‘huge’ male stag beetle. They also made kites and catapults, played ‘wet games’ and

Felixstowe’s crazy golf, and will be on a joint camp with Cubs at the end of September. Also many thanks to Leaders for special birthday gifts.

Cubs had lots of outdoor events - archery, hiking to Little Bealings, campfire cooking (with donuts a particular favourite!), crazy golf at Ufford Park. They attended District Cub Camp over the May bank holiday taking part in a superb range of activities.

Scouts built a raft and then took part in the annual raft race on the River Deben. Other activities included ‘crabbing’, archery, crazy golf, tidying the stream, summer camp in Buckinghamshire, and hill-walking in Derbyshire.

Explorers had archery, climbing, cooking, ‘crabbing’ at Waldringfield and attended summer camp with Scouts.

Our popular fireworks display will be on Saturday 2 November – see News Diary.

If you would like to get involved with the Scouting movement and are interested in helping us, please do not hesitate!

*Words Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Beaver Assistant 01473 735352, photos Archie Adams
www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk
www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk*

Young bakers raise money for wildlife



Grundisburgh residents Evie and Sammy Beckford, together with Lilley Dring from Culpho, ran a stall by the roadside by the junction of Rose Hill and Charles Avenue one Saturday afternoon in early August. Selling cakes and biscuits they had made, the group raised £160 for the World Wildlife Fund.



Left: At the combined Scout/Cub camp at Hallowtree;

Below: Scouts on a hike to Great Bealings.



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Reaching for the skies at Grundisburgh Tennis Club

Have you ever flown into Stansted, spotted our distinctive blue tennis courts and realised you were almost home? If so, you will be pleased to know that the courts will be an even clearer landmark from the autumn when they will be cleaned and repainted and the hedges will be trimmed.

This spring and summer you will have been able to see all sorts of exciting activities happening on the ground too with lots of courses and events taking place for all ages. These have included Mini Tennis Squads; Tennis for Kids Courses (starter programmes that also include a racket, t-shirt and balls); Nature Valley Open Days (free taster sessions for all



Photo Carl Douglas.

ages); Summer FUN camps and Team Challenge Events; Adult Tennis Xpress and Tennis 3's.

There is a thriving social element to the club too. BBQs have been a popular way to round off an event and members regularly get together to enjoy a game of tennis followed by a visit to The Dog or coffee and a chat.

If you enjoy the challenge of more competitive play, there is the opportunity to join one of the teams that play in the local adult leagues throughout the year.

The new Hot shots Invitation Squad (12+) is aimed at older teens (12-16) and younger players (by invitation) who can rally and want to play in competitive matches. The squad will have limited places and we aim to get it up and running providing there is enough demand from the end of this September.

You might think that autumn is a time for tennis activity to slow down, but not at Grundisburgh, where we have some exciting opportunities on

offer: For more information on future events or how to join please go to:

• <https://clubsparklta.org.uk/GrundisburghTennisClub>

• <https://www.facebook.com/grundisburghtennis/>

Coaching enquiries to:

carl.douglas@talk21.com or text/call to 07553 966380 or contact Sue Haddock on 01473 738872 or email: sue.haddock@grundisburghtennis.co.uk.

Woods wanted

Anyone with unwanted Bowls woods, especially smaller ones, is invited to donate them to Grundisburgh Bowls Club for use by new members. Please contact club secretary, Alan Hill, 01473 735662.

Thanks

Shingle Street Folk Band wishes to thank the good folk who visited Woodbridge on Saturday 24 August and generously donated much needed funds to the East Anglian Children's Hospital. £285 was raised.

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The Surviving Winter Campaign, led by the Suffolk Community Foundation with the East Anglian Daily Times, CAB and other partner charities and businesses, will be launched in early November.

Together we will achieve even greater success if we encourage people in Grundisburgh, and the surrounding villages, who need help, to contact their local Citizens Advice Bureau for help with their fuel bills; or for those who can afford it a donation of all or part of their Winter Fuel Payment to help others. To donate to the campaign visit www.suffolkcf.org.uk or call 01473 602602.

Last year, the Suffolk Surviving Winter Campaign heated over 700 homes of older vulnerable people; let's see if together we can do even more this year.

Rachel Sloane, former Grundisburgh resident and Radio Suffolk broadcaster

Appeal for war-time memories

Can anyone help? I am researching for a book to illustrate the impacts of the Second World War on the people of Suffolk.

Did you or a relative serve in the Armed Forces or in the Emergency Services like

A.R.P, Fire Watching, the Land Army, Home Guard, Nursing or Munitions? Were you an evacuee in Suffolk? Do you remember the thousands of American GIs or PoW camps? If you have a story to tell or letters, photographs or documents illustrating war-time life in Suffolk – please call me.

Christopher Pattle, 01359 233217 or chrispattle18@gmail.com

Thank you - 1

We would like to thank everyone that sent cards and letters of condolence following the loss of Derek. We were overwhelmed by your kind words which gave us much needed support at a very sad time.

Carol, Paul and Andrew Marriott

Thank you - 2

Many thanks to those who deposited their used ink cartridges on our doorstep. Any more lying around will be welcome to help fund the Christmas party of folk with a learning disability. Call 01473 738393 and I will collect, or leave at Brook Lea, Stoney Road (the lane between 3 and 5). Thanks in anticipation.

Mike Stiff

Thank you - 3

Dear Grundisburgh, As many of you will know, I recently moved from Gurdon Road to Woodbridge. I spent 22 very happy years in our lovely caring village and I want to thank so many of you for your many kindnesses.

There are too many names to mention but they will know who they are - my very special neighbours next door and opposite and further down the road, the folk from Mary's and staff and people in the village shops. Indeed as I say "Grundisburgh has wrapped its arms around me since I lost my beloved husband, Dick, in 2010."

I shall be back from time to time and I hope you will give me a wave if you see me 'haring' around Woodbridge on my mobility scooter. So thank you all. Every blessing.

Sheila Snelling

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