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Top for glamping and camping

Secret Meadows in Hasketon has won two major awards this year. The most recent was top prize in the national Camping, Glamping and Holiday Park of the Year at the Visit England Awards in Birmingham. This closely followed their earlier win at the East of England Tourism Awards.

Charlotte Daniel, a director of Secret Meadows, attended the awards with her partner Ross Troup who manages the nature reserve and glamping site. "It was a wonderful way to celebrate our tenth anniversary" she said. "It was great to meet other finalists from across the country as well as tourism representatives. Clare Balding CBE who led the awards was a fabulous host. We have seen an increase in bookings following these awards and the associated press coverage, so it has really helped to boost the business".

"Secret Meadows stands out because of our attention to detail and our nature reserve. Guests love having all the wild space to explore and we encourage appreciation of the natural environment in various ways. Our profits go to the wildlife charity The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust which owns the site and we have a strong environmental ethos at the heart of what we do".

Packages and activities at Secret Meadows such as private hen coop hire, locally-sourced food hampers, wood-fired hot tub, and workshops such as Meet the Animals (there are cattle, hens, pygmy goats, a pet pig and rabbits on site) and wood crafts are very popular with visitors. Connections with local businesses such as Grange Farm Shop which stocks the onsite pantry shop and food hampers are well established.

Secret Meadows is based at White House Farm, Hasketon, IP13 6JP, phone 01394 337337.

Lorry problems blighting area

There has been much concern in Clopton and in many other villages on the B1078, B1079 (and other routes) regarding the issue of HGVs on our rural roads and on the outcome of the recent Suffolk County Council's Highways consultation on the impact that these vehicles have.

This is pertinent because of a current planning application for the expansion of business activities at Hill Farm, Drabbs Lane, Clopton. The applicant is in the business of upgrading motor vehicles and of transporting large loads on flat-bed lorries.

Incompatibility

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council (GCPC) has objected to the application on the grounds that it conflicts with the 2020 Suffolk Coastal's Local Plan because it does not, amongst other things avoid, or adequately mitigate any adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area and landscape. Nor is it compatible with the surrounding employment uses in terms of car parking, access, noise, odour and other amenity concerns.

Moreover, the objection states, the proposal would have an unacceptable impact on the living conditions of local residents and that it fails to

exploit opportunities to make the location more sustainable by walking, cycling or public transport.

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Town Crier, Tony Field, promotes Otley Jubilee celebrations. More jubilee photos from around The News villages on centre pages.



Dust storm at Chapel Field: problems for Grundisburgh residents from Hopkins building site. More on page 13.

September

Thursday 1

A talk from Stokes Food Company

Grundisburgh WI

Gr Pavilion 2:15 pm Contact 735394

Monday 5

Alpines (including planting demo) with Luke Whiting

Otley & District Gardening Club

Otley VH 7:30 pm Contact issywizzy58@gmail.com

Wednesday 7

PANTO - Cinderella: Adult auditions

GADS

Gr VH 7:30 pm Contact charlotte.crown@hotmail.co.uk

Friday 9

Charity Quiz Night

iao Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Gr VH PBE 7:00 pm Contact mcoward@live.co.uk or 077932 73213

Sunday 11

PANTO - Cinderella: Children's auditions (from 8yrs) *GADS*

Gr VH 2:30 pm Contact charlotte.crown@hotmail.co.uk

Friday 16

Ollie Dable (daily till 20th)

Grundisburgh House Gallery

Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh, IP13 6UD 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Contact www.thegrundisburghhousegallery.co.uk

Saturday 24

Craft Market

Nelly Noodles

Gr VH 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Contact 07513 832734

Tuesday 27

Open Morning

Charsfield Primary School

IP13 7QB 9:30 am Contact https://www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

Wednesday 18

AGM, Gr.Horticultural Society

Gr PR 7.30 pm. Contact 738997.

Thursday 29

Out of the Fold (daily till 4th October)

Grundisburgh House Gallery

Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh, IP13 6UD 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Contact www.thegrundisburghhousegallery.co.uk

October

Monday 3

Aquatic, bog and moisture loving plants with Ian Seager

Otley & District Gardening Club

Otley VH 7:30 pm Contact issywizzy58@gmail.com

Thursday 6

A talk by Jean Ford on Flower Arranging

Grundisburgh WI

Gr Pavilion 2:15 pm Contact 735394

Wednesday 12

Open Morning

Charsfield Primary School

IP13 7QB 9:30 am Contact https://www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

Saturday 29

Craft Market

Nelly Noodles

Gr VH 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Contact 07513 832734

November

Thursday 3

AGM and Afternoon Tea/Social

Grundisburgh WI

Gr Pavilion 2:15 pm Contact 735394

Saturday 5

Fireworks Display

1st Grundisburgh Scouts

Gr PF 6:00 pm Contact 735352

Monday 7

National collection of daffodils bred by Revd Engleheart with Anne Tweddle

Otley & District Gardening Club

Otley VH 7:30 pm Contact issywizzy58@gmail.com

Monday 21

Open Morning

Charsfield Primary School

IP13 7QB 9:30 am Contact https://www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

Saturday 26

Christmas Craft Market

Nelly Noodles

Gr VH 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Contact 07513 832734

December

Friday 2

12 Plus Arts (daily till 13th)

Grundisburgh House Gallery

Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh, IP13 6UD 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Contact www.thegrundisburghhousegallery.co.uk

Monday 5

Christmas quiz with Matthew Tanton-Brown

Otley & District Gardening Club

Otley VH 7:30 pm Contact issywizzy58@gmail.com

Key to abbreviations

Gr. Grundisburgh
VH Village hall
PR Parish rooms
PBE Pre booking essential

Brief details of events, including contact numbers and whether advanced booking is needed, should be sent up to a year in advance to diary@grunews.com. These will go immediately into the online version on The News' website (www.grundisburghnews.org.uk).

Early notification can help organisers of events avoid clashes of dates.

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Upbeat! Tenth Birthday Concert

Upbeat! celebrated its 10th birthday by performing to a capacity audience at Grundisburgh Village Hall on a sunny Sunday afternoon in July. Drinks and cake were provided.

Choir Director Carol McConnell-Theobald led them through a varied repertoire including an upbeat version of 'Over the Rainbow', Pink's 'What about Us' and 'Adiemus' by Karl Jenkins. The choir were supported as usual by Sarah Petts (Piano), Paul Whittingham (Guitar), Chris Shemmings (Drums) and Alan Davidson with Bessie the Double Bass.

The concert included a performance by the recently formed men's singing group Offbeat! accompanied by Graham Seabrook on piano. The two choirs performed a couple of songs together before finishing with ABBA's poignant 'The Way Old Friends Do'. For an encore the ladies joined Offbeat! in the very popular 'Sweet Caroline' which was a big hit with the audience.

Following the concert £500 has been donated to Homestart charity.

Both choirs will be back after a well earned summer break in the first week of September to start rehearsals for their Christmas concert – Offbeat! on Tuesday evenings and Upbeat! on Thursday evenings.

If you like singing for pleasure (no audition) and want more information please contact Carol on Carol.joplingmusic@gmail.com. The Christmas concert is on Friday 2 and Saturday 3 December.

Jean Ellinor



Top: Offbeat!, the newly formed men's choir, in performance.
Below: Carol conducting Upbeat! members.
Photos courtesy Buffy Thompson Photography

Grundisburgh actors reappear

GADS - Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society - finally made its debut at the new village hall in June with our hilarious and bawdy spring play, 'Feedem Fighters'. This was directed by Roz Byng.

It was fantastic to use the new hall and we look forward to performing many more plays and pantos there in the future. We hope everyone who came to watch us enjoyed the show and the tasty ploughman's supper provided.

Casting for the panto

So as one show ends, we prepare for the next, in this case our pantomime. We'll be going back to the past with a traditional favourite 'Cinderella' while also adding more than a few modern, uproariously funny, twists and turns! This is scheduled for the last weekend

in January 2023. Auditions for adult roles will be held on Wednesday 7 September at 7.30pm with children's auditions (8 years and over) taking place on Sunday 11 September at 2.30pm, both at the village hall.

If you've ever dreamed of 'treading the boards' then please come along. We're looking for new talent to join our fun and social group. We're also looking for musicians who would like to get involved. We rehearse on Wednesday nights at the hall and can usually be found at The Dog having a laugh afterwards.

A big thank you to all who came and had a go at our coconut shy at the village show. A lot of fun was had and our funds were given a welcome boost!

Ian Frost,
ianfrost68@gmail.com

Quiz to help hearing dogs

Little Bealings resident Matthew Coward set himself the personal goal of achieving his first ever marathon and has won a place for the TCS London Marathon in October. He will be raising money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a UK charity that trains dogs to alert deaf people to sounds they can't hear, as well as helping them leave loneliness behind.

To support his fund raising, Matthew is organising a charity quiz night for Friday 9 September starting at 7pm in Grundisburgh's village hall. Tickets are £5pp with teams consisting of 4-6 players, and must be pre-booked in advance by emailing mcoward@live.co.uk or calling 077932, 73213. www.justgiving.com/mattmarathon2022.

Makers Market

A 'Makers Market' is being held at Farlingaye High School on 16 October. Running from 10am to 4pm, it will be raising funds for the PTA charity. Some 60 stalls will include pottery, art, author, soaps, body products, candles, fabrics, etc. And lots of ideas for Christmas presents. Farlingaye Makers Market is at the high school in Ransom Road, Woodbridge IP12 2JX.



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Otley gardeners' day out

The day started dull and damp but the forecast was right: it brightened to a lovely warm afternoon- just what we needed for the coach trip on 29 June with the Otley and District Gardening Club. Our objective was the East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens, just 1.5 miles from the Norfolk coast and that proximity is important because it enables exotic flora to grow with a low risk of frost and consequently the gardens are full of unusual plants set out in discrete areas.

The effect is almost overwhelming - there is so much to see and appreciate and one afternoon hardly does it justice, so a return visit is almost inevitable.

En route to East Ruston we dropped in on Urban Jungle near Beccles where we were given a guided tour of this remarkable nursery by co-owner Jason Payne.

Remarkable because it specialises in unusual indoor and garden plants, particularly Mediterranean and desert, including succulents. Again, being not far from the sea, the micro-climate is just right for such gardens and few of us came away from the sales area empty-handed!

This was the first all-day trip organised this year by the club which also puts on an annual evening trip. and meets on the first Monday of most months in Otley Village Hall where they aim to engage prestigious and entertaining speakers, plus demonstrations of garden plants and techniques.

Founded in 2009 by David Papworth, ably assisted by Lynne Howland, the club was the natural response to public demand, helped by excellent free publicity from Lesley Dolphin on BBC Radio Suffolk. A small committee under the chairmanship of Phil Pollard now runs the club's affairs and, if my experience was anything to go by, the club is a friendly and helpful bunch of people sharing a common interest: the annual subscription at just £10 (+ £2 a meeting) is a very modest sum to access such a wealth of knowledge and fun.

Its current exciting project is the creation of an orchard which will be planted and maintained by the community,



Above: Jason Payne explaining to Otley gardening club members the history and workings of Urban Jungle at Beccles.



Left: One of many features in East Ruston Old Vicarage garden.

Grundisburgh's garden trips

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticulture Society members are also enthusiastic about East Ruston and will be paying their second visit there on 8 September.

At the time of going to press there were a few places available - check our website www.grundisburgh.show or contact me if interested in joining us.

Further visits planned are to Bressingham Garden on 2 November and to Chippenhan Park Gardens to see the snowdrops in February. These are open to non members.

Catherine Laxton, 01473 735228, catherine@laxton-interiors.co.uk

for the community. See their Facebook page (Otley Community Orchard) for the latest news. Thanks to a lot of hard work by members, the club is now a permanent part of Otley life and new members from the village and the surrounding area are very welcome: contact Phil Pollard on 07880627984 or email phil@florabundant.co.uk if you are interesting in joining.

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CONCERNS ABOUT RIVER WATER

Woodbridge Town Council is concerned about the quality of the water in the Deben and has formed a partnership with the University of Suffolk, with a view to setting up a testing facility.

Having tested the water in 13 locations along the river, they found extremely (and illegally) high E. Coli levels at three locations and lower, but still illegally high, levels at several others. In each they found illegally high Nitrate levels.

Parish councils with rivers flowing into the Deben were invited to participate in the testing scheme. Only two have so far responded – although, as Woodbridge councillor Eamonn O’Nolan pointed out, the same levels of E.Coli are likely to exist elsewhere too.

Great Bealings Parish Council tested the water quality in the Lark from Boot Street bridge and, having found unacceptable levels of E.coli, decided to purchase its own equipment for regular testing.

To try and identify the source of the E.coli in the River Lark, Grundisburgh Parish Council collected water samples from the river where it flows under the Woodbridge Road (B.1079) and the road to Burgh. These showed consistent presence of E.coli at levels rated by the Government as poor bathing water quality. Tests were also

taken from a tributary of the Lark as it flows across The Green. The analysis of a sample from this showed the occasional presence of E.coli.

The advice from a doctor for anyone who comes in contact with the river water is “Hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitiser, particularly before eating, should be enough to keep everyone safe”.

Further tests are planned to confirm these results and to continue to investigate the source of the E.coli.

Geoff Caryer, Grundisburgh parish councillor

Charsfield chosen for wetlands site

Charsfield is to have one of the initial three ‘wetlands’ that Anglian Water is planning to create. This will operate as a natural treatment plant for millions of litres of used water, as well becoming a beautiful habitat and a flourishing haven for wildlife.

Work on the Charsfield scheme is due to get underway in early 2023, although exactly where this will be created is not yet known.

As part of its Get River Positive commitments, Anglian Water has made a series of



Anglian Water’s trial wetland site at Ingoldisthorpe in Norfolk.

ambitious pledges to demonstrate how it will help rivers thrive. These will help to transform river water quality and flow. Central to these pledges is its

commitment that storm overflows and sewage treatment works do not harm rivers.

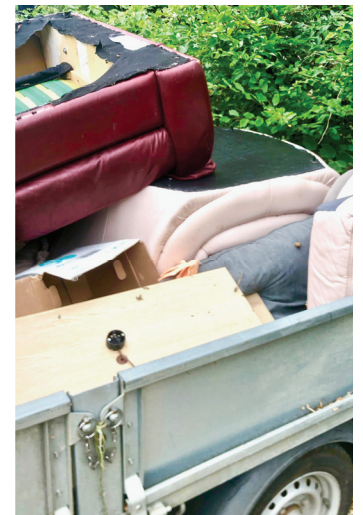
Nicola Hobbs, from information provided by Anglian Water

Fly tipping

At least two cases of blatant rubbish dumping have occurred in or near Grundisburgh this summer.

Fortunately in one case a civic minded resident has picked the stuff up and asks if the owner would like it back as it should be easily identified if anyone recognises it.

Fly-tipping is a serious criminal offence for which you can be prosecuted. The courts have various powers available to them to tackle fly-tipping, including imprisonment,



unlimited fines and an order to deprive rights to a vehicle used to commit the offence.

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New owners at The Tuddenham Fountain



Tom and Ruth Carroll have now taken over The Fountain Pub in Tuddenham, completing the purchase in March this year. Tom is originally from Northern Ireland, where his family ran a hardware shop in a small town in Co. Fermanagh. Ruth is from the London area, although with Northern Ireland roots, and they met whilst studying at Coleraine University.

Having had careers in IT and education, Tom decided to sell his companies and Ruth wanted to retire to spend more time with their grandchildren. However, as they still wanted to continue working, the idea of a pub came to mind when Tom was out cycling one day and saw The Catherine Wheel in Albury, near Bishops Stortford.

Subsequently, they purchased

this pub in July 2021 and as it was running very successfully, decided to buy another one. When they saw The Fountain was up for sale, it was an ideal opportunity to buy another thriving pub. They thought it was pretty much perfect and they would not need to change much. They met up with Scott, the previous owner, several times and discussed their plans for trying out some new things.

Tom is a cyclist and wants to do community-based work, as it takes him back to his happy childhood in Northern Ireland, helping in his parents' hardware store. He looks on the purchase of the two pubs as a challenge and is excited about taking them forward with some new ideas.

Over the Jubilee weekend they held a music night which was very popular, and a hog roast is planned for the August bank holiday period. They have introduced Fish Friday when, on the last Friday of each month customers can enjoy an exciting fish menu which will change each time.

The Fountain is a family and dog friendly pub, which also welcomes cyclists and walkers, as they are right in the middle of the Fynn Valley.

The staff at The Fountain have not changed since the Carrolls took over the pub and the team still consists of Matt, Head Chef, Vlad, Sous Chef and Patisserie and Lucy, General Manager, with Pulkit as Assistant Manager.

Tom and Ruth are happy to have such good staff and their ethos is to always treat your staff well, and you will be rewarded.

Tom and Ruth are still mulling over some new ideas for the pub, like creating a bar area only, where customers would be welcome to enter with muddy boots after walks and bring in their wet dogs as well. For the moment, though, customers can continue to enjoy the delicious food and soak up the friendly atmosphere.

The Fountain is open seven days a week for drinks and meals. Telephone 01473 785377

Monica Begg

Moon and Mushroom, Swilland

If you haven't visited recently the Moon and Mushroom has been undergoing a rebrand with new murals on the exterior and additional outdoor space to sample a relaxing pint of cask ale. Delicious home-cooked food can also be enjoyed in the rustic modern pub interior. Phone Mark the bar manager to discover what this cosy pub has to offer.

Tel: 01473 785320

Barley Mow, Winesham

We stumbled on this pub on quiz night (it's every second Thursday). You won't be forced to participate but why not at £1 entry fee? Led by a lively quiz master, the whole occasion was highly friendly and a jolly time was had by all. This country pub is a hidden gem with a superb atmosphere. Contact the bar manager for more information.

Tel: 01473 785395

Pub Updates

The Turks Head, Hasketon

The opening times are currently Wednesday to Sunday. Food is served all day 12-9pm on Wednesday to Saturday, with meal sittings on Sunday at 12pm, 2.30pm and 5pm. Upcoming events include a food and gin pairing on 26 August, and a beer and gin festival 27-29 August, featuring real ales, street food, live music and specialty gins. There is also a monthly pub quiz. Keep an eye on our facebook page for events and menu updates.

Tel: 01394 610343

The Dog, Grundisburgh

Now open Tuesday to Sundays The Dog offers meals both at lunchtime and in the evenings. They have a range of beers, as well as delicious food with a French flavour, cooked by chef, Pascal. His signature dish, smoked haddock soufflé, served with chips and salad is to die for.

Tel: 01473 735267

White Hart, Otley

This is an old-fashioned local pub, serving traditional beers and meals. A great favourite with walkers and it is dog friendly too. They are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and open lunchtimes and evenings on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sundays they are open from 12 pm to whenever. Tel 01473 890312

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GREEN BEALINGS: PART THREE

It's very much a wait and see situation at Colin Hopkins' Little Bealings site at the moment: what will survive and thrive after this exceptionally dry summer?

After Colin's summer cut of the grass and wildflowers, the land is golden with stubble but it's still green where the natural watercourse provides nourishment for the plants lucky enough to live there. The pictures below clearly show the difference.



Colin recorded at least 35 different plants in his garden during the summer, with wild carrot, mustards, garlics, doubtful knight's spur (*consolida ajacis*) and campions doing particularly well. The clouds of seeds created during the summer mowing and then settling in a wide distribution on the ground should ensure a bumper crop of wild flowers next year. But they do need rain!

Just how dry it has been was clearly demonstrated by Jon, Colin's neighbour, who has an amateur weather station in his garden. He said that in July 2021, Bealings had 41mm of rain - this year they've had just 1.5mm. Since our visit in May the slow worms, toads and mice born and raised under

the protection of a sheet of corrugated iron have all grown up and left home. The bee hotel is being occupied, mostly by mason bees but the larger tubes are still awaiting guests! Colin hasn't seen any badgers or hedgehogs this summer but an abundance of tree-creepers have visited the trees whose bark is providing a good feeding ground of insects.

Four willow trees that blew down in a storm some years ago have retained just enough of their root system to regenerate themselves and are putting on new growth. So, some greenery is thriving, especially with the oak trees on the higher and, paradoxically, the drier side of the site. One vintage oak is particularly important because of its great age and it is still producing acorns by the hundred; other oaks are also doing well, accentuating the



colour contrast between the dry and the wet parts of the land. Colin lets the jays do the work of planting acorns which might just grow into more great oaks one day.

At the time of writing, there's no sign of rain - but nature is resilient and Colin is optimistic that his greening project will continue to create the habitat for wild plants and creatures for years to come.

Words Richard Watkinson,
photos Linda Plant



Above: Colin with his vintage oak. Below: An oak tree shedding its limbs in a process known as 'autoamputation'.



Since we visited the site on 10 August, Colin has reported that one of his oak trees has spontaneously shed a limb by a process known as autoamputation. Leading arborists and scientists continue to study why sudden branch drop happens: trees release water into the atmosphere through evapotranspiration via their leaves. However, calm, hot conditions limit how much moisture trees can release.

One theory holds that high humidity in tree canopies limits evapotranspiration, increasing the moisture content within branches, eventually leading to limb failure. Basically, they cannot support the fluid needs of the whole tree so they snap off branches to maintain the life of the rest of the tree.

Driving on at Clopton

Mention the name Adrian Yallop some years ago and you were talking about one of the region's most skilful men on two wheels. Adrian was a champion motocross rider with many titles to his credit until he retired in 1981. But today, he



sits astride a very successful business which, rather aptly, evolved from his love of machinery and engineering.

Adrian ran his garage business in Bucklesham, which also dealt with Kawasaki ATV agricultural equipment. He pioneered the development of

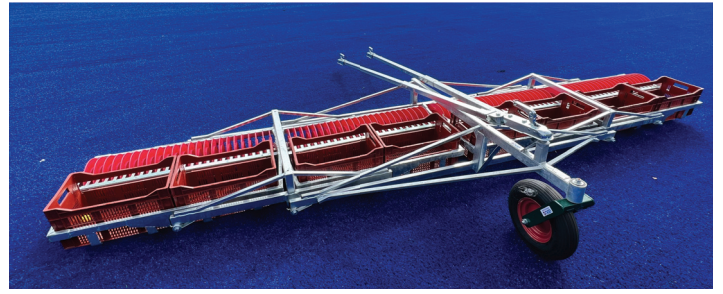
attachments for use with ATVs, such as trailed mower/toppers and slug pellet broadcasters.

A chance request for a ball collector for a golf range led Adrian into developing more and more equipment designed especially for that market - and European Golf Machinery Ltd (EGM) was born.

Major recognition came when the International Management Group, a global sports events management company, invited Adrian to support them by manning the practice facilities at major golf tournaments.

Today, Adrian, his wife Julie and two sons, employ 20 people in the design, manufacture and servicing of golf range equipment, including automatic ball dispensers, collectors, washers and other ancillaries, including crumb rubber practice mats, which are made to withstand heavy punishment. And, of course, they supply the vital golf balls themselves (millions a year).

Work is subcontracted to specialised processors but the



bulk of the operation is carried out on site in Clopton.

Like other businesses, golf ranges are becoming more and more automated and Adrian's team is rising to the challenge with card-operated ball dispensers and retrieval machinery. Don't be fooled, what appear to be plain metal cases on the outside have sophisticated 'brains' within! The bulk of EGM's customers are UK-based but, currently, France accounts for some 20% of turnover - and Ireland is a promising market too.

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where you can see their products in action. Contact 01473 277177.

Words Richard Watkinson, photo of Adrian by Linda Plant.

A change of direction

On the 20 July 2022 Julie Attwater walked to Grundisburgh School for the last time after 27 years. It all started with her own children James now 29, Robert 25 and Daisy 19. When Daisy was born, so was Julie's childminding business, initially a two year plan She worked hard and achieved all the relevant qualifications and mandatory expectations required by Ofsted.

Julie was able to offer pre and after school care - along with full day care, with a constant waiting list as her reputation grew. She offered nurturing, exciting activities to the children in her care and worked closely with village pre school and primary school practitioners to support every aspect of the children's well-being, life experiences and education. She always based her practice on the ethos that



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good early years experiences are the foundations to a child's happy future.

In 2019 Julie fulfilled a life long passion and re-trained, achieving a diploma in Raynor deep tissue massage and opened her business Orchard Massage Therapy based in Grundisburgh, running alongside her childminding. As Orchard Massage grew, Julie started to wind down her childminding business and 19 years later walked children to school for the last time.

Anna Greenwood



Footnote: Julie is now open for business as a Raynor massage therapist. Her technique encompasses ancient knowledge from India, China, Japan, Thailand and Hawaii along with advanced massage therapy techniques developed by naturopath Brandon Raynor who had over 20 years of experience massaging and travelling the world studying various styles of advanced massage therapies.

Julie offers sessions of up to one hour in her massage room at 11 Orchard End, Grundisburgh IP13 6UA to treat clients with painful or stiff joints or muscles. Her client base is wide and includes, for example, a young gymnast and an older yachtsman who finds sailing a bit much sometimes!

Each client is unique, so her treatment is tailored to their individual needs exactly. Julie can be contacted via Instagram or Facebook (orchardmassagetherapy) or on 07762233665.

Richard Watkinson

SWIM DOG!

Anyone driving near Otley Rural (formerly known as Otley College) may have noticed the sign for 'Canine Dip and Dive' and wondered what is going on. Standing outside you will hear lots of splashing and laughter - but not much dog noise as the canines are all too busy enjoying a swim.

Dip and Dive is the brain child of owner Andy Brownlie, supported by his partner Jo. Although their business is in its sixth season it is just their second year at Otley. There are also three franchises in other parts of East Anglia.

Dip and Dive offers a variety of swimming sessions for dogs including solo sessions and sessions for puppies and seniors. Buddy's Pool Party is for dogs who will enjoy more of a splash and for the more serious dog divers there is Buddy's Dip and Dive. Incidentally, Buddy is Andy's own Spaniel!

The 30 minute sessions need to be pre-booked as numbers are strictly controlled. All take place in a 32 foot outdoor swimming pool accessed via a floating ramp to gently ease dogs into the water. It is set within a secure grassed area. Andy spends all day in the pool with the dogs - and owners can choose to go in the pool too if they wish.

People bring their dogs for a variety of reasons, many just to have fun and cool down. Some are worried because their dogs are afraid of water or can't swim. Andy is in the water to give help and encouragement and after a few minutes the dogs are enjoying racing down the pool to retrieve a favourite toy. In their six years in business only three dogs have been unable to swim. With senior dogs it is rewarding to



Andy with Rosemary's dog, Max enjoying his swim.

see how water supported exercise benefits their joints and they leave the pool more mobile than they went in (unlike the younger dogs who are really tired after their swim!). Their oldest first time swimmer was nearly 17 and they have had dogs in the pool who have been blind, deaf, three legged and even one who was paralysed,.

There are no doggy fall outs. They are all so occupied with chasing and retrieving the toys that they take no notice of each other.

Andy has a background as a dog trainer appearing at county shows, All About Dogs and Dogfest. He was also a semi finalist on TV show Superstar Dogs, hosted by John Barrowman. Dip and Dive started off as a weekend bit of

fun which has snowballed into a full time business for Andy and Jo. After just one year at Otley, half their business is returning customers.

Andy is often asked how he is always smiling when he spends every day in all weathers in the pool. However, for him this is his dream job because, as he says, he loves water and he loves dogs!

Dip and Dive runs from the beginning of April until the end of October. To book a session go to caninedipanddiveclub.co.uk, follow the link 'Find Your Nearest Pool' which will lead you to a Facebook booking page. For anyone who does not use Facebook, phone Andy or Jo (07795 078125) and they will email you a booking link.

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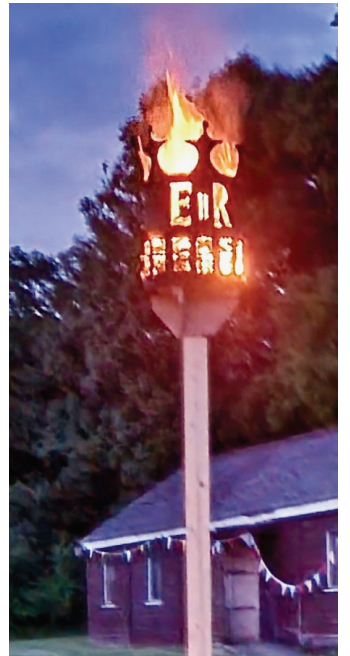
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Below lower half from left: Hasketon celebration in the Victory Hall; Tuddenham egg and spoon race; runners in the seven villages relay; Samba dancers entertaining Otley; Playford residents picnic outside the village hall; Tuddenham variety show 'Would Jubilee've it'; The end of the seven villages relay at Hintlesham Hall.



Carrying a torch for Otley

As part of the Jubilee celebrations two villages in the News' area were invited to be part of the Suffolk-wide torch relay when a cycle rickshaw carried a local notable bearing the torch through their communities.

In Otley, that passenger was Russell Ling, whose enthusiasm for the celebrations was undimmed despite being 92 years of age. So, for the benefit of people outside of his community, why was he a good candidate to represent his village?

In short, Russell has had a lifetime of service to Otley, having lived there and been involved in the community since a young age.

He was born into an Otley farming family. His education, at a boarding school in Great Yarmouth, was rudely disrupted by the town being strafed with machine gun fire by the Luftwaffe in the early years of WW2. The pupils were evacuated to Wales and he later returned to Woodbridge to finish his schooling. During the summer he helped on the family farm driving the Standard Fordson tractor and binder to cut all the cereals.

Shortly after the war finished, Russell became the parish clerk



of Otley at the age of only 17, a position which he held until 1971. The following year, he became a parish council member, serving until 2019.

For many of those years, Russell was also on the village hall committee including while the new hall was being built. He recalls the building project with some affection as much of the work was done by tradesmen and volunteers from the village itself. Russell's long exposure to

records and characters within the village gave him the inspiration to write a book of history and folklore called 'Otley Past' which includes an eclectic mix of tales from bombs dropping on the village in wars, through to how a dishonest rat catcher was caught cheating!

There is another book in the offing, to be called 'Quiet in All Gears' which is about the use of horses in farming in the old days. His father still used horses on the farm when Russell left school and he used horse drawn machinery himself for a few years. Russell's subsequent interest in farm machinery led to him becoming a proficiency test examiner at nearby Otley College for many years.

The adoption of mechanised farming in the post-war period resulted in many hedgerows being grubbed up to make larger fields. As footpaths had traditionally followed the edge of farm fields, the removal of hedges resulted in some paths going through the middle of newly enlarged fields where hedges had once been, which explains some of the more curious locations of footpaths

across arable fields around Suffolk. Russell determined to rationalise this in the Otley area and spent five years working with farmers, government bodies, rambling associations and others to re-route some footpaths to field boundaries.

Russell's interest in farming remains undimmed as he still lives and helps on the family farm which is now run by his son Anthony. With all these commitments of time and effort on behalf of the village he loves so much, you could say that he 'carries a torch' for Otley, which is presumably why he carried the Jubilee torch.

Paul Whittingham

Carrying the torch for Grundisburgh



The Grundisburgh torch bearer was 96 year old Keith Burch. Keith was also a farmer and is extremely knowledgeable about the area. More in our next issue.

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Nightmare time for Grundisburgh residents near Chapel Field

Hopkins Homes started site clearance on Chapel Field in Grundisburgh on July 19, the day of record temperatures. That was when the dust storm and the noise began and the community of Grundisburgh began, justifiably, complaining loudly again.

The residents living around the site could not open windows between 7:30am and 6pm because of dust and noise. The reversing alarms beep, beep, beep on the construction vehicles, a constant intrusion. White noise reversing alarms are available and should be used on this rural site.

The standpipe for the water supply was not installed until August 8, so only then could the bowsers be used to dampen the site to reduce the dust.

The lorries accessing the site have been using Lower Road despite the claim: "Hopkins Homes firm approach to make sure all our contractors and suppliers use the correct route." Lorries taking soil from the site have been travelling through the village to the crossroads then left up Stoney Road. Not the correct route along the B1079 to the B1078.

Grundisburgh is rightly judging the actions and not the words of the developer. Hopkins Homes did not "plan" for this site, they have not used one ounce of experience gained as "one of the largest house builders in East Anglia". They just steam roller on until someone stops them.

It is only because of the hard work of the community honed over the last four years of fighting to protect Chapel Field, that Hopkins Homes are being held in some sort of check by East Suffolk Planners and Environmental Health officers.

This is not the way to build happy, sustainable communities. Planners have to plan where houses are built, on land with suitable access, not landowners and developers, who only have one thing in mind, and it has nothing to do with quality of life.

Ann Willetts, chairman of Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council

Lorry concerns

Continued from page 1

In short, Drabbs Lane is a totally unsuitable site for the intensification and expansion proposed, and the B1079 from Clopton through Grundisburgh is unsuitable for the increasing number and size of HGVs using it.

It is also the view of Burgh Parish Meeting that the application should be refused.

As for the lorry survey, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council, (just one of 149 councils who responded) made a submission to the county council which has said that: "The feedback has been reviewed using a range of data sources to understand the concerns raised and to determine whether further action is needed. If further action has been deemed necessary, the options available have been assessed".

"Road safety concerns have been evaluated using a database of collisions resulting in an injury shared with Suffolk Police to assess collisions involving HGVs where the road layout has been cited as a contributory factor."

"The criteria determine whether changes to HGV routing or restrictions could be justified on road safety grounds. SCC found that no collisions involving HGVs



Contractors moving earth from the Chapel Field building site.

More lorry concerns

where the road layout has been cited as a contributory factor have been reported over a five-year period leading up to the assessment. The county council has not been able to quantify damage to property or the highway caused by HGV movements and no severe issues have been raised through engagement with Suffolk Highways."

"The feedback provided by Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council will be shared with relevant departments at the county council to inform future decision making, however, there is insufficient evidence at this stage to support changes to the recommended lorry route map."

In short, no further action is proposed but Clopton Parish Council says there may be merit in creating a dialogue with SCC Highways to understand the criteria for defining what is and what isn't an acceptable route for HGVs now and in the future. This would enable it to feed back directly the concerns of local residents and to see whether they are likely to have any impact on future decision-making at county level.

Richard Watkinson based on information from Clopton and Grundisburgh parish councils.

Suffolk County Council's review of recommended lorry routes to guide HGV drivers when planning routes, unfortunately ignored comments from some parishes - in particular Debach and the surrounding areas.

The residents of these villages have had a very long-running dispute about the damage being inflicted on the verges and the degradation of these country lanes. In particular, they have an agreement dating back over ten years that the road through much of the village should be used by HGVs in one direction only. This restriction is routinely ignored by many drivers and no action is taken against them. It gives a more convenient access route to the A12 which is, again, supposedly, forbidden.

The upshot is that there are regular instances in which HGVs struggle to pass each other or farm vehicles with the consequential damage to the surrounding verges. Cars also are routinely obliged to pull onto the verges. Walking or cycling along this stretch of road is extremely dangerous. We are told that SCC have taken note of the complaints made but, in reality, we will just have to continue to live with it.

Tony Fryatt, Clerk to Debach Parish Meeting, member of Clopton Parish Council and member of East Suffolk Council

Road safety update

A new SID (speed indicator device) is now operating, shared by Little Bealings and Playford. Work continues to analyse the data being gathered by the SIDs now operating in SAVID villages which we will share in the next issue.

With funds from East Suffolk Community Partnership, SAVID is investigating the purchase of a Solar powered

SID to support our work. Rushmere St Andrew has been welcomed as a member of our group, bringing our number to seven villages.

We are planning activities to raise awareness about the national Road Safety Week which runs from 14-20 November. Our group's next meeting will be via zoom on Thursday 13 October at 6.30pm. Details are included on our website <http://savid safervillag.onesuffolk.net/>

Pauline Procter, Chair, SAVID

LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

A new season of talks arranged by Grundisburgh's local history society begins on Tuesday 20 September. This will feature Bryan Knibbs talking about 'The Longshed - A Modern Building with an Eye to Heritage'.

The October talk will be celebrating Suffolk women with a pot-pourri of stories

about the county's famous and not so well-known women. The speaker will be Sarah Doig.

The Annual General Meeting takes place on Tuesday 15 November, plus short talk which will include the first results from the Chapel Field dig.

Rosie Venn is the speaker for the December meeting on the 13th. She will stepping back in time at Williams, the famous store on Grundisburgh Green run by her family.

The talks start at 7.30pm in Grundisburgh Parish Room and are open to members of the society and non members.

Geoff Caryer, 01473 738108

Suffolk Local History Council is looking for a Local Recorder for Little Bealings. For details about what is involved, go to: www.slhc.org.uk or contact: **Janette Robinson** janette1407@hotmail.co.uk

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Report from Charsfield Primary School

Children and staff are very excited about the new improvements we have been making to the school. The children are loving the revamped library and it is delightful to hear squeals of joy as they change their books. Pupils have volunteered to be librarians and are taking their roles very seriously!



confidence in public speaking and a lovely way to end the school week.

The children take part in weekly Forest School sessions as part of our wellbeing programme. They love being outdoors with nature, making and building things and the mud kitchen is a big hit, too!

To further develop our mental health and wellbeing programme we have spruced up our outdoor reflection area where children can go at break and lunchtimes to colour, read or sit quietly with friends. We have also added a weekly audio book for the children to listen to a story if they would like to.

This area is proving to be a roaring success.



We introduced a Reading Challenge where pupils achieve certificates for reading a certain number of times - some have exceeded 230 reads since January!

Once a week the whole school has a "share a story, share a biscuit" session where pupils take turns to share a story with the rest of the school, this is brilliant for pupils to gain

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, we made some scarecrow pupils enjoying a tea party in front of the school! They looked so realistic that we had members of the community comment on them thinking we had some new pupils!

The children played their parts beautifully in our summer performance of Wind in the

Willows - the singing was first class. Comments from the children include: "This is my best night ever!" and "This is the highlight of my year!". The audience were bopping in their seats and laughing at all of the jokes.

We have been delighted to welcome our new pupils starting with us in September for some transition mornings in July, and they were really excited to explore the updated Early Years outdoor space.

If you would like to see what our wonderful school can offer your family, please join us for one of our open mornings on Tuesday 27 September, Wednesday 12 October or Monday 21 November. We would be delighted to show you around. Please take a look at our website: www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk for up-to-date information.

Mrs Reeve Head of School

New head at Grundisburgh Primary

I was lucky enough to grab an hour of his time recently to talk with Adam Wilson, someone who will, I'm sure, feature regularly in The News from now on. Getting to know the children, staff members and how things work is his top priority when he takes over the headship of Grundisburgh Primary school in September.

He has already paid several visits to the school and is impressed by its location and facilities (especially its outdoor space) and, crucially, the happy atmosphere within the school - both among children and staff - and the support from FOGS and the community generally. Sue Marks, he said, has been extremely helpful in making the hand-over as stress-free as possible.



Adam has worked in a variety of schools and he cited his own earlier experience while training as a semi-professional footballer.

He was taught not just how things were done, but why some things work and why some don't - so Adam has a background and philosophy which should help identify aspirations and the scope children have for maximising their potential as they grow and develop into adults.

For example, he wants to continue the fortnightly assemblies where parents can see what pupils have been doing and the children have the opportunity to practise their presentation and public speaking skills - all aimed at vital confidence-building. As the father of two young girls, he knows how important this is.

Being a sportsman (and participant in the 2022 Woodbridge 10k run), we can expect to see 37 year-old Adam favouring a continuation of the fitness habit developed at the school and welcomes the involvement of volunteers from the community to support the staff where relevant - in all subjects. Who knows, together we could, in time, make the school Outstanding!

Richard Watkinson
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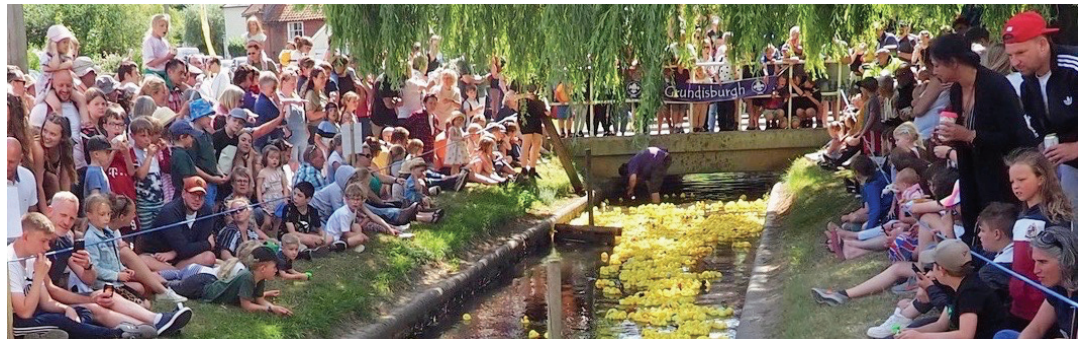
GRUNDISBURGH SCOUTS

Grundisburgh Scouting Group celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June on the village green with entertainment from our leaders (and members of the public who were 'persuaded'). A campfire beacon was built over the stream, we sang 'Scout songs' and closed with the National Anthem.

A fantastic day for our Duck Race in June, the sun shone and the village green was full of people who came to see this event. We sold all our ducks and there was a queue for more, the BBQ, refreshments and stalls did very well and we made £3,500, the best ever! Thanks to all our leaders, helpers and everyone who bought tickets. William, one of our Cubs, won first prize in our annual group competition as he had sold the most tickets - 137!

Beavers visited the Millennium Meadow, did tree identification, sailed their homemade boats on Woodbridge boat pond, took part in a hike, and had a water fight - but no uniform worn that night!

Cubs took part in a village walk, a local knowledge test, did tree identification, paper rockets, teamwork challenge, tomahawk throwing (in complete safety!). Scouts built rafts which they used on the



river at Waldringfield, made games for the duck race, learned about international scouting, visited Felixstowe seafront and had summer camp in Kent at the end of July. Explorers had car maintenance, archery, visit from Rendlesham Explorers, raft building joining with Scouts at Waldringfield, tomahawk throwing, crabbing at Waldringfield and cooking challenge.

Our fireworks display is on Saturday 5 November on Grundisburgh Playing Field starting at 6pm. More details in early October from our website/posters or from me.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary,
Grundisburgh Scout Group
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WI REPORTS

At the March meeting of Grundisburgh WI, the speaker was John Hammond, a volunteer from the Elizabeth Hospice shop in Martlesham. He gave us a very interesting talk on his varied life as a

volunteer in the shop. Every year the hospice cares for over 3,000 patients and their families in East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

The charity is dependent on raising funds from donations and other activities such as the Great Garden Trail. He emphasised that only goods 'that you would buy yourself' should be donated and stressed that the main function of the shop was to raise as much money as possible - so some items were auctioned or put on e-bay.

Unfortunately in April the speaker was unable to come but Ken Stone stepped in at the last minute to give us a very enjoyable film show of The Royal Year 2019 (before Covid). This included the Queen's 93rd Birthday Parade, Garter Ceremony, Royal Ascot and August at Balmoral. Ken was very knowledgeable and had a prodigious memory for faces and events.

In May, Jemma Burgess, a footcare health practitioner, gave us a practical

demonstration on footcare. She stressed that feet are complicated structures and tend to be ignored until something hurts or goes wrong.

June and July saw us having two outside teas as the weather was fine and sunny. The first, in June was in the garden of Williams Store where we very much enjoyed a lovely cream tea. In July the committee provided an excellent afternoon tea at the Pavilion and a very relaxing afternoon was enjoyed by all. Details of forthcoming meetings are included in The News Diary on page 2.

Gillian Leech 01473 735394

Thank you to everybody who supported our festival in Grundisburgh in June with donations of money, time, sponsorship, visitors and the flower arrangers for their excellent display. We were able to give Lighthouse, the women's refuge, £800 and £396 to the church flower account to pay for flower throughout the year.

Pat Fletcher, St Mary's Church flower arrangers



News from Tuddenhan

Church fete

Saturday 25 June was a lovely sunny day – perfect for the return of Tuddenham Church Fete after a two year absence. A huge success, this raised £2,118 for church funds. Thanks to the organisers, those who helped out and to everyone who attended to support this event.

Remembrance Service

On Sunday 3 July St Martin's Church hosted a service of reflection to remember those who died during the restrictions of the last two years. It provided a welcome opportunity for Tuddenham folk to remember Jessica Arthur, Clive Swan, Muriel Frost, John Lambert, George Felgate, John Burtle, Peggy Parker, John Kelm and Janet Welham.

Rev Charlotte welcomed everyone and lit candles for the deceased. Then the service proceeded with tributes, readings, poetry, hymns and music – including 'Paddy McGinty's Goat'! Afterwards the congregation had tea and cake whilst reminiscing about the village and village characters.

Playing Field

Following our public meeting in March several suggestions were proposed and considered (although some were not viable). After discussion it was agreed that the first priorities would be :

- * Clearing undergrowth and bracken to maximise the space.
- * Better signage
- * Better access

Since the meeting Councillors David Lugo and Jim Bird, supported by volunteers, have worked hard to clear the undergrowth and increased the playing area by about 25%). A bench has been installed as there was nowhere to sit.



Stalls at Tuddenham Church Fete.

Additional play equipment has been ordered for the children's play area - including accessible roundabout and basket swing. This should be installed late August /early September.

The parish council is looking into obtaining funding for new, more prominent signage

Several residents are forming a working group to establish a garden area and perhaps instal another bench. It is intended to have only one full-size goal but also possibly have a smaller goal for younger children.

During the meeting it was suggested that more events should be organised to make use of the space. The Jubilee Family Fun Sports afternoon was a great success and hopefully might become an annual event.

Our playing field and play area are a valuable village asset and it is intended that this will be an ongoing project to ensure that it meets the needs of our community .

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with this project - particularly Jim Bird and David Lugo who work hard to maintain and improve the playing field and play area.

Words and photos Jean Ellinor

Community Partnership

East Suffolk Council Community Partnership continues with excellent engagement from parishes.

Funding has been awarded to the following projects with the aim of supporting wellbeing by strengthening existing networks.

Singing Ducklings

Based in Grundisburgh and run by Anna Ducker, a local secondary school music teacher, parents are invited to bring along their babies and toddlers to participate in musical related activities. It is excellent for their development through experience with different instruments and types of music. And it also acts as a point of interaction for the parents as well.

SPOT Wellbeing classes

The SPOT programme, which was piloted this spring, was a great success and now more residents over 65 will be able to attend classes. Sessions will be advertised on social media, posters, parish councils and through clinicians such as GP surgeries and social prescribers.

Cost of living support

Autumn will see a scheme launched across East Suffolk for people struggling with the cost of living. East Suffolk Council will have all the details when they are finalised on its website a little later in the year: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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Passing out parade

Customers of The Dog will remember Rob Attwater who served behind the bar. He left to start his naval career in January and has successfully completed his initial training at Dartmouth. Here he is at the Passing Out Parade on 4 August, photographed by his mother Julie Attwater.

His next posting is to join the Fleet Air Arm at Yeovilton as a helicopter observer. All being well, Rob will get his wings in 2026.

Library loans to your door

For people who enjoy reading but have disability or mobility issues, the Home Library Service (HLS) can deliver books (and other library resources) to their home.

Some clients prefer a doorstep handover but others welcome the chance to have a chat about the books, interests or just life in general! The service can play an important role in reducing social isolation for those who can't get out much themselves.

I joined as a volunteer with the HLS over two years ago but of course had no idea then that my planned start date would be two days after the start of the first lockdown. All the books I'd chosen gathered dust on a back room shelf at the library while restrictions continued, and I didn't actually meet my clients in person for a year!

However, I got to know them well through regular chats by phone. Once deliveries started up again, I needed to change some of my original choices as I had found out more about favourite authors and genres by then. Volunteers will always aim to provide a selection of books that match



individual tastes in reading. I now have two clients. This includes a lady who lives, like me, in Grundisburgh. I phone her every few weeks to see how she's getting on and to see if she's ready to swop any books. Unlike normal library loans, there's no pressure to finish and exchange by a given time. I usually pop in for a chat with my other client, who needs large print books, and we've become good friends.

If you or someone you know would like to access the Home Library Service the contact details are: 01394 330885, HLS@suffolklibraries.co.uk If you would like to be a volunteer, please also get in touch with Woodbridge Library. Vacancies come up from time to time and expressions of interest are very welcome.

Noelle Hunt

Photo of Noelle: Peter Kendall

Grundisburgh Bowls Club

It was nice to see that Bowls has become part of the Commonwealth Games so, if you fancy becoming the next England Bowls Champion come and join us on the bowls green behind The Grundisburgh Dog pub car park. Despite time lost to Covid we have managed to get the club back up and running and are looking for new members. We play from April to September and offer three free tries - so if you fancy giving it go, we play Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm onwards.

Kevin Clark, Club Secretary, kevclark9@googlemail.com

Exercise classes for the less able

The sessions run by Mathilde Pawsey for people unable to get down to floor level are being much appreciated by the people attending. But there are still a few places vacant on Thursday mornings at Grundisburgh Village Hall. Anyone interested should contact Mathilde on 07522257156.

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Celebrating a centenary

Isabella Howard of Post Mill Orchard, Grundisburgh, celebrated her hundredth birthday in late June, with a tea party for family and close friends. Originally from Scotland, she has lived in the village since 2007 and, until Covid struck, was a member of the Grundisburgh Art Group, greatly enjoying Paul Bruce's art classes.



Words Nicola Hobbs, photo Peter Kendall

Diamonds are forever!

Tuddenham's most popular couple, Jackie and David Lugo, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 30 June at home with family, friends and neighbours. As Jackie is the village's longest serving WI member, the couple were presented with a beautiful tapestry celebrating their special anniversary by WI President Pauline Procter.

Words and photo Jean Ellinor



Senior GP retires from practice

Dr David Egan, Senior GP Partner at Debenham Group Practice, retires on 31 August having been a partner for 36 years. The practice serves many villages in The News' area.

His passion for good quality care has extended beyond his patients and the practice. As a senior lecturer at the UEA medical school and a GP trainer, Dr Egan has taught nearly 200 medical students and future GPs who have been attached to the practice as junior doctors. In addition, for over 20 years he has also worked with other GPs, hospital consultants and health service managers within Suffolk to improve hospital and community services and the prescribing of medication.



With Dr Egan retiring and the increase in patients and workload, the practice has recruited two new salaried GPs. Dr Dan Griffin joined the practice on 21 June and Dr Harriet Harrison on 1 August.

Nicola Hobbs based on information provided by the practice

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A BLOOMING GOOD VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 16 July saw the return of Grundisburgh's Village Show and Summer Dance.

With glorious weather and the marquee brim full of colour, a fantastic day was had by all, although entries and visitors were slightly down from our record day in 2019.

A huge thank you to all who attended and especially our wonderful volunteers.

The show allows local groups to raise funds from their stalls and the feedback is that they all had a very busy day. The queue at the bar and Bar-B-Q will have boosted the football club funds. Friends of Grundisburgh School report a very busy afternoon selling teas and cakes, raising around £900. Woodbridge Rotary Club raised over £400 for Riding for the Disabled while Hannah Baird raised a similar figure for her expedition to Kenya. Add to this the tennis club, GADS, the church and many other stall holders.

However, for the Horticultural Society the show will once again record a loss. The cost of staging this traditional show will be almost £6,000, and

increases next year mean we will have to call on reserves.

After six years as the society's secretary and show secretary, Sharon Cripps, has decided to step down. As some will know she has not enjoyed the best of health and deserves a well earned rest. We will all miss her.

This means the society urgently needs to find a volunteer to take on this role. It could be shared and 90% of the work can be done online. So computer skills are more important than knowledge of plants and flowers. We also need to expand our use of social media and keep the website up to date. If you feel you could help or need more details please contact me.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms. Please join us for a glass of wine.

Information about our forthcoming garden visits is included on page 4.

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Photos from top: Cup presenter Edward Creasey, with Pauline Coomber and the 'best in show' cup; Cake judging; First prize winning flower arrangements; Edward and Ada Langdon with one of the two cups she won.

