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Recycling moves on in Otley and Clopton

Clopton and Otley are the only two villages in The News' area to be involved in the first phase of Suffolk Coastal's new recycling project. Each household is getting two wheeled bins; one for non-recyclable waste, and one for recyclables (paper, cardboard, steel and aluminium cans, tins, foil, metal bottle tops and plastic containers). They come with full instructions.

The service for the new wheeled bins begins in the week starting 12 June, and introduced throughout the district in phases by 2010. Queries can be made to 01394 444000, scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.



Controversial planning applications in Grundisburgh

There are two planning applications in Grundisburgh on which the parish council is keeping a close eye - for six homes in Meeting Lane and for a business in Gull Lane.

There is good news on Gull Lane: Suffolk Coastal has

refused an application by Mr A P Cummings (Robush Ltd) to develop Gull Farm for use as a distribution business with storage and offices.

The business did operate from a rented unit at Bridge Farm, Wickham Market, premises which they have outgrown.

The Gull Farm address is also used by Dovedale Interiors in their leaflet advertising kitchen installations. The parish council objected as it was very concerned that if this application was approved there would be a considerable increase in heavy traffic through the village and on totally unsuitable single track country lanes.

An extraordinary meeting called by the parish council on 4 April discussed the application by Flagship Housing Group Ltd to build two semi-detached houses fronting Meeting Lane and

The 1921 Maxwell which Mick Ladd will be taking to local shows and rallies this summer. News about his passion for old cars and his Vehicle Surgeon enterprise appear on centre pages.

four detached bungalows in the gardens of 2 and 3 Meeting Lane.

The proposal would involve the construction of a new private drive to the bungalows at the back of the site close to the properties in Post Mill Gardens and parking spaces for the new and existing homes. Members of the public attending and councillors agreed that this application should be strongly opposed.

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News Diary

MAY

Saturday 27th

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

Golden Club Cake Stall

G'burgh Green am. Contact 735650.

Sunday 28th

Otley Hall Open Day 2-6pm.
Contact 890264.

Charity bike ride/pub crawl
Moon & Mushroom Swilland
iao St. Elizabeth's Hospice
12 noon. Contact 785320.

JUNE

Thursday 1st

Cream Tea Otley Friendship
Club Wendy's (VH if wet)
2.30pm. Contact 890856.

Clopton Ladies Group Visit
to Katie's Garden Newbourne.
Contact 737417.

Friday 2nd

Business group The Dog,
G'burgh 12.30-2.30pm.
Contact 738267.

Saturday 3rd

Car Wash iao Bealings PF.
BVH 2-4pm. Contact 614855.

Tuesday 6th

Quiet Day Otley Hall. Contact
890264.

Thursday 8th

Outing & Pub meal G'burgh,
Burgh & Culpho WI 7.30pm.
Contact 735469.

Reg Snook Artist & Traveller
Playford PH 8pm. Contact 735444.

Friday 9th

"Bingo" Hasketon VH 7.15pm.
Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 10th

Hangar Dance Debach
Airfield 7.30pm. Live band.
Contact for tickets 737236.

Scouts Reunion G'burgh Scout
Hut 7-9pm. Contact 735352.

Tuddenham Church Fete

Poplar Farm 2pm. Contact
785415.

Dinner at Boot Freston

G'burgh Dining Club. Contact
735719.

Trad Jazz iao Charsfield
Church VH. Contact 737549.

Sunday 11th

Open Day Debach Airfield
10am-5pm. Contact 737236.

Sponsored Bike Ride iao
Bealings PF, BVH 11.30-1pm
and **Fun on the Field** 1-3pm.
Contact 614855.

Thursday 15th

GADS Spring Play GVH
7.30pm. Contact 738824.

Grundisburgh Bowls Club v
Yoxford Bowling Green
6.45pm. Contact 738326.

Coach Outing Felixstowe
Otley Friendship Club 11am.
Contact 890856.

Friday 16th

GADS Spring Play GVH
7.30pm. Contact 738824.

Lecture Historic Churches
Trust G'burgh Church 7pm.
Contact 735183.

Saturday 17th

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

GADS Spring Play GVH
7.30pm. Contact 738824.

Big Day Out Fun for families
Otley College 10-5pm.
Contact 784195.

Witnesham Church Fete
Manor Farm and VH 2pm.
Contact 785464.

Sunday 18th

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

Monday 19th

'Murder on the Orient
Express and Supper' Moon
& Mushroom Swilland 8pm.
Contact 785320.

Wednesday 21st

Solstice Walk to Millennium
Meadow. GPF 7pm. Contact
735481.

Thursday 22nd

Golden Club Visit to Granary
Crafts. Contact 735650.

Friday 23rd

FOGS summer BBQ
G'burgh School 6-9pm.
Contact 738907.

Saturday 24th

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

Strawberry Tea 'Thamanaya'
Shop Road Clopton 2.30-5pm.
Contact 737602.

Dance 'Rogue Traders' iao
Scouts to Jamboree GVH
7.30-11.30pm. Contact
738229.

Sunday 25th

Jazz & BBQ Shrubbery Farm
Hasketon 12.30pm. Contact
01394 383106 /388190.

JULY

Saturday 1st

Concert iao Crossroads St.
Mary's Church G'burgh.
Contact 01394 388970.

Otley Village Fete OPF
2.30pm and evening BBQ.
Contact 890283.

Car Wash iao Bealings PF.
BVH 2-4pm. Contact 614855.

Sunday 2nd

Animal Service G'burgh
Green 11am. Contact 735183.

Friday 7th

Business group The Dog,
G'burgh 12.30-2.30pm.
Contact 738267.

Sunday 9th

Croquet Tournament iao
Charsfield Church. Contact
737549.

Monday 10th

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

Wednesday 12th

G'burgh Bowls Club v
Stradbroke Bowling Green
6.45pm. Contact 738326.

Thursday 13th

Quiet Day Otley Hall. Contact
890264.

Friday 14th

Poetry Reading and aspiring
poet competition Hasketon
VH 7.15pm. Contact 01394
388970.

Saturday 15th

Village Show G'burgh, Burgh
& Culpho Horticultural
Society, GPF 12.30-4.30pm.
Contact 738267.

Post Show Disco Marquee on
GPF 8pm. Contact 735469.

Tuesday 18th

G'burgh Bowls Club v St
Audrey's Bowling Green
6.45pm. Contact 738326.

Wednesday 19th

Coach Outing Bury St
Edmunds Otley Friendship
Club 10am. Contact 890856.

Thursday 20th

Clopton Parish Council
Meeting Clopton VH 7.30pm.
Contact 830398.

Saturday 22nd

GADS on the Green 6.30pm.
Contact 738824.

Sunday 23rd

Cooper Family Concert
G'burgh Church 5pm. Contact
254132.

Tuesday 25th

G'burgh Bowls Club v
Bredfield Bowling Green
6.45pm. Contact 738326.

Thursday 27th

Golden Club Quiz GVH
2.30pm. Contact 735650

Friday 28th

Evening Garden Party
G'burgh, Burgh & Culpho
Horticultural Society Purbrook
House G'burgh 6.30pm.
Contact 735719.

Saturday 29th

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

AUGUST

Saturday 5th

Hasketon Village Fete 2pm.
Contact 01934 388970.

Saturday 26th

Tug-of-War Festival and
BBQ Hasketon VG 2pm.
Contact 01394 388970.

Sunday 27th

Otley Hall Open Day 2-6pm.
Contact 890264.

Organ Concert G'burgh
Church 5pm. Contact 254132.

Monday 28th

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

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2nd

G'burgh Church Fete 2pm The
Green. Contact 735775.

Saturday 16th

Clopton Country Fayre
Clopton VH 1pm. Contact
735495.

Friday 22nd

Curry & Quiz Night iao
Bealings PF, BVH. Contact
614855.

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd

Burgh Parish Meeting BPR
(next to church) 8pm. Contact
735727.

Key for abbreviations:
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PF - Playing field
PR - Parish rooms

*All codes are 01473 unless
given otherwise.*

*Entries must be supplied in
writing and on a separate
sheet to editorial.*

What's On

A very big day out

Otley College is hosting a 'Big Day Out' on Saturday 17 June. It is the second year running that the college has organised an event of this scale. From a mini version of 'Crufts' to welly throwing via music, a beer tent and more, the day should have something for everyone.

Other events will include riding demonstrations in the new Otley Equestrian Centre, an inflatable climbing wall, a 'Groundforce' exhibition, a 'Pepsi challenge' style eating competition, craft stalls, Indian head massage and reflexology displays, a mini farmers market, nature walks, beat the goalie, a fully licensed bar and lots more.

The event will last from 10am to 5pm at the main campus.

Rebecca Steward 01473 784195,
rebecca.steward@otleycollege.ac.uk

Remembering the 40s

A new venture at this year's Open Day at Debach Airfield on 11 June is an opportunity to bring and buy 40's memorabilia. Anyone with items they wish to sell can just bring them along on the day. Details of the open day and dance are on page 5.

MUSIC IN ST MARY'S

Two summer concerts are planned for Grundisburgh Church on Sundays at 5pm.

On 23 July the Cooper family will present a programme made up of vocal and instrumental items, similar to those in the family concert two years ago. Three generations of the family will be involved with an age range of nearly 70 years. Since the last concert, two of my grandchildren - James and Ruth (aged 15 and 13) - have both passed grade 8 violin exams with distinction and they will be playing their violins in the concert, as well as other instruments (organ

and flute). I became organist at St Mary's in January 2000 and am keen to arrange concerts in the church, especially now the organ has been restored and enhanced.

The second concert on 27 August will be given by me on the organ, and will feature music by Mozart and Schumann. The music world is celebrating significant anniversaries of both composers this year: Mozart was born 250 years ago and Schumann died 150 years ago.

Entrance to the concerts will be free and no are tickets needed. Donations to church funds in the form of a retiring collection will be welcomed.

John Cooper, 01473 254132

Crossroads concert

The ever-popular Strolling Singers will again be supporting the charity Crossroads 'Caring for Carers' with a concert on Saturday 1 July in St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh.

This year's theme relates to the joys of 'The Countryside' and the singers will be joined by two young soloists Sam Parker (violin) and Sabina Wallace-King (guitar) from Woodbridge School. It starts at 7.30pm, and tickets costing £5 (including refreshments) can be obtained from Olde Forge Stores or by phone from me.

Katherine Smith, 01394 388970

Local history group takes summer trips

Grundisburgh Local History Society is organising two local trips over the summer which anyone interested is very welcome to join.

On Thursday 8 June we plan a morning visit to the Riverside Theatre in Woodbridge where we will be given a guided tour of the cinema and projection room, and will watch a short film from the 1950s about the villages along the Deben.

For Saturday 8 July at 2.30pm we have arranged a private viewing at Parham Airfield

where we will be shown the 'secret bunker', the Resistance Group Museum and memorabilia from the American 390th Bomber Group.

The cost on each occasion is £3 per head. For further information and for booking please contact me.

The monthly talks in the parish rooms restart in September.

Roger Anderson, 01473 738918



The drawing for the posters to promote 'Beth', GADS' spring play written by Emlyn Williams. This is being performed at 7.30pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall on 15, 16 and 17 June. Tickets are £5 from Olde Forge Stores.

Tug-of-war challenge

Hasketon Victory Hall members will be staging a 'Tug-of-war' Festival on Saturday 26 August on The Green. Starting at 2pm, it will be open to teams of eight tuggers provided by villages, churches, pubs, works, clubs, etc., and will be for men, women and under 12's. Entry fees will be £10 per team. There will also be a pay-as-you-go barbecue. To apply for a place phone Richard Smith on 01394 388970.

FOGS BBQ

The annual summer barbecue is being run by the Friends of Grundisburgh School at the school on Friday 23 June, from 6 to 9pm. As well as refreshments and a licensed bar, there will be lots of entertainment for children and adults, including a bouncy

castle and live music. Everyone is very welcome - please come along and support our school. Tickets will be available in June from the school office.

FOGS now owns the 'Zippy Dipper' which has proved a popular attraction at village shows and other events. If anyone would like to borrow it please contact Graham Seabrook on 01473 735131.

Amanda Sheridan, secretary, FOGS,
01473 738907

YOUTH DISCO IN OTLEY

The FFY (Youth Group) in Otley's next project is a Popcorn and Pizza disco on Saturday 10 June at Otley Village Hall. This will cost £4 per person and includes pizza and non-alcoholic drinks. It will run from 7 to 8.45pm for primary age children and from 9 to 11pm for secondary age young people. Tickets from 01473 890283.

Church Fete in Tuddenham

Tuddenham Village Church Fete, takes place on Saturday 10 June, at Poplar Farm at 2pm. Attractions include brass band, games, tombola, grand draw, pony and trap rides, children's play area, teas and ices. Stalls will feature plants, produce, cakes, books, toys, white elephant and china etc. Admission is 50p, with under 16's free.

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HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

June and July are really busy for Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society.

The main event, the Village Show, is on 15 July. The schedules listing the 122 classes and details of how to enter have been delivered to all homes in Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho, and are available in village shops and other outlets around the area. Apart from the special school and playgroup classes, they are open to all comers and entries from outside the three villages welcomed.

Thanks again to sponsorship from local companies, prize money for a number of the classes is greatly enhanced. The marquee opens to sponsors, vice presidents and people with disabilities at 1pm, and at 1.30pm to everyone else. The car boot and the stalls run by village organisations and others start at 12.30pm. There will be food in the pavilion from midday and the football club will be running the bar and serving barbecues.

The committee is putting out an appeal for volunteers to lend a hand at the show for an hour or so - helping with car parking, taking money at the marquee etc.

Three other events are organised by the horticultural society to raise the money needed to run the show.

The summer disco, held in the marquee on the evening of the show, is always very popular and the £8 tickets include a fish and chip supper and

dancing to Blast Off. (No one has yet come forward to use the show marquee on the Sunday - anyone interested should ring Iain Langdon (01473 735517).

Hidden Gardens takes place over the weekend of 17 and 18 June. Admission is £3.50 per head. Programmes and entry stickers will be available on Grundisburgh Green on the day and a few days in advance from village shops. There will be a plant stall run by the event's sponsor Katie's Garden, a herb stall run by the horticultural society and cake stall run by the playgroup, as well as quiz forms to keep children amused. Teas are being served, as usual, in the parish rooms to raise funds for Crossroads.

The open gardens weekend also gives money to two charities - this year to the Parkinsons Society and the Digestive Disorders Foundation at Ipswich Hospital.

The final fund raiser of the season is the evening garden party, back this year in the garden of Purbrook House, The Green, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Usher and Mrs Clarke. This is on Friday 28 July.

Contacts:

Show: Sally Doherty 738188 or Nicola Hobbs 738267.

Car boot: Maggi Thompson 735238.

Other events outside marquee at show: Brenda Garrett 735469 or Graham Crown 735204.

Disco: Richard Garrett 735469 or Tania Jacobs 738804.

Hidden Gardens: Wendy Witt 735932.

Garden Party: Jane Awad 738891, Mary Robinson 735719 or Libby Cooper 738830.

Going Green at the Village Show

A small wind turbine and solar roof panels are two of the delights planned for this year's Village Show by the Grundisburgh Environment Group. This group grew out of the Parish Plan process and is keen that we should all be able to find out about different ways to save energy, reducing the amount of greenhouse gas each home puts into the atmosphere each year.

We are joining forces with the Energy Saving Trust to bring an energy event to the Village Show on 15 July. It is early days in our planning, but we are talking about an energy quiz with energy saving prizes - so come to our stall at the show and find out more.

Saving energy for free

One of the best ways to save energy is to improve the insulation of your home. If your loft insulation is under 100 mm (4ins) thick or you have unfilled cavity walls, and if you receive certain income-related benefits, you could get this done at no cost to yourselves. This applies to both owner-occupiers and those who rent their home from a private landlord (housing association homes should already have had their insulation improved).

We have included an application form with this copy of The News. This should be completed, put in a sealed envelope to ensure confidentiality, (marked 'insulation') and handed in at Grundisburgh Post Office. Or alternatively, put that sealed envelope into another one and mail it to Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Clerk John Ager, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh IP13 6UU.

You will then get a letter telling you who will handle

your insulation and someone will 'phone to arrange a visit. All will be explained at that visit and you can decide whether or not you want to proceed.

Grant aid for loft and/or cavity wall insulation

There is grant aid available for people who do not qualify for free loft and/or cavity wall insulation. It tends to vary but people could expect to get between £100 and £200 off an installation worth £500. The enclosed application form can also be used to apply for this.

More information is available from Grundisburgh Environment Group members or Suffolk Energy Action Link (SEAL) freephone 0800 0288 398, seal@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk. The group meets regularly and welcomes new members: 735641, 735213 or 735251, g.hibble1@btinternet.com.

A feast of poetry

My book of poetry entitled, 'The Deben Sailor and Other Poems' together with a 2007 Grundisburgh calendar produced by me, together with local artists Joy Pirkle and Reg Snook, are due to be available in the near future.

Each month on the calendar bears an illustration, six by Joy and six by Reg, with one of my poems alongside. I hope that the launch of the calendar and the book will be soon, so watch out for publicity.

The launch weekend will include a 'Reading of Poems' evening in St Mary's Church when the 12 poems in the calendar will be read, to the accompaniment of suitable music. Both the book and the calendar will be available for purchase and refreshments will be provided.

A copy of a 'poetry to music' dvd produced by me will be free with orders of both items.

Chris Grahm, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh, 01473 738219

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A WALK IN THE SHOES OF HISTORY

Clopton, Grundisburgh and Tuddenham were 'invaded' in May 1944, probably the first time since William the Conqueror. This invasion was by a friendly army - the 493rd Bomb Group of USAAF. The Grundisburgh Dog, Clopton Crown and the Tuddenham Fountain were 'captured' by young, good looking 'film star' look-a-likes, speaking a strange sounding English.

In hundreds of East Anglian villages and small towns, the peace of the countryside was broken by the early roar of bombers taking off, literally, nearly in your backyard.

Over 3000 young men came to station 152 at Debach by ship, train, truck and air in a matter of weeks. One of their many problems was how to cope with narrow country lanes, warm beer and the quiet reserve of the locals.

Bomber crews were required to risk their lives several times each week. They had to complete 35 missions before they could be re-assigned to other duties. A mission would start about 3.30am with crew briefings - breakfast, if you could face it, out onto the airfield by 6am. Check all your gear. Take off to start around 7.30am. Summer of 1944, quite pleasant conditions but winter was another story - Dark - Very cold - Fog - Snow. Accidents sometimes happened before they even got airborne - then came the hours of waiting for the ground crews, cooks and clerks - counting them back home around 3.30pm. Some never came back.

On the 10 and 11 June, Debach airfield will be brought back to life, with the sounds, smells and bustle of how it was in that time. The sound of bombers taking off are heard in the restored control tower, original jeeps and trucks bustling around the site, World War II planes flying in display form in the skies above, evocative sounds of Glenn Miller music for the Saturday night hangar dance. When the 100th mission party



was held in 1944, six B17 bombers were sent to collect the band! They were a very busy band!

A newly refurbished 90 foot nissen hut will be opened for the first time, containing exhibits, memorabilia and many original uniforms donated by veterans. Also, making the long trip over the water again, a group of veterans will be attending the weekend events.

A team of volunteers, motivated and organised by Prilly and Richard Taylor are dedicated to creating a living memorial to all those young Americans who lived and died from Station 152 during World War II. The open weekend is an annual event, necessary to raise funds required to maintain and improve the old buildings, and to preserve history for future generations in a nostalgic and educational atmosphere. Please come and support this weekend:

Saturday 10 June - Hangar Dance - admission ticket only.
Sunday 11 June - Open Day.
Entry £5 - Under 12's free.

For more details contact Richard on 01473 737236, Richard@prilly.fsnet.co.uk. Or visit our website www.493bgdebach.co.uk

John Lovell, Archivist for the 493rd Bomb Group, Debach Airfield

Photos from top:
Three civilians with the American airmen - who are they?;
Three local children being entertained to tea. The Taylors would love to have names;
An appropriately named plane;
Debach Airfield in wartime winter.



NEWS TRIBUTES.....

Majorie Spurling 1920-2006

Majorie was born at Earl Soham, one of nine children. When a teenager she was sent into service at various places, one being Felixstowe for the Cordy family. During this time she met Leslie Spurling and they were married in 1940 at Helmingham Church. They arrived to find the Vicar had forgotten, and the church path had not been cleared of thick snow. They started married life at Framsdon.

A family soon followed. Life was hard, wages were low, and no modern conveniences. But Marjorie always managed to keep the family and home spotlessly clean and everyone well fed.

The family moved to

Grundisburgh in the early 50's to Hall Farm, Les being employed as head cowman at Elm Tree Farm. As the children got older Marjorie worked as a council home help in the village, later travelling on her moped to Burgh and Clopton as well.

Marjorie would often be missing for an hour or two while she delivered an egg custard, apple pie or sponge to one of her old people, and of course, she stopped for a chat! Les would often be heard to say jokingly 'we'd be well off if Marge did not give so much away'.

When their children left home and Leslie retired, they moved to a bungalow in Stoney Road, and were very happy there. Marjorie enjoyed trips out in the car with Les, Golden Club and Luncheon Club with her friends.



Sadly Les passed away in 1999, just a month before they were due to celebrate their Diamond wedding.

Marjorie's health went into decline and she attended Lehmann House day centre, eventually becoming a permanent resident in 2001. Marjorie was happy there and quickly made it her home, her carers became her friends as well as the other residents. She enjoyed regular visits from her family and grandchildren, and later great grandchildren all of whom she loved dearly and they loved her in return.

This warm tribute has had to be edited from one written by the family - we have put a copy of the full version in Grundisburgh Post Office

Christopher (Allan) Harrison 1919-2006

Allan was born in Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands, leaving Shanghai in the 1920's when his parents decided to return to England to farm at Otley. He joined the army at the outbreak of war, and was involved in campaigns in Africa and Europe, including the evacuation at Dunkirk.

After the war Allan married Mary and they moved to Burgh in 1948 when the Airey houses were built. They had two sons and three grandchildren.



Allan was a keen motorcyclist and enjoyed gardening. He retired from the BSP at Claydon and had a triple heart bypass at Papworth in 1989.

After Mary passed away in 1991 John lived by himself, until a fall down the stairs made it impossible for him to fully look after himself. He returned to Burgh briefly in 2004 but had to eventually go into a nursing home in Ipswich.

John Cameron 1929-2006

John was born in Hasketon, the youngest of four children, and lived there until he married Pam in 1954 and they moved to Grundisburgh.

He was always a practical man; he served an apprenticeship with Ingram Smith, the Woodbridge based builder, and spent his working life in the construction industry.

At home in Orchard End he created his own model village, with a church, cottages and windmill. His garden was always the most popular with children during the Hidden Gardens weekend; at Christmas time his home was well known locally for its lights and Santa Claus going down the chimney.

John's skill with construction and his love of the theatrical, was also put to good use in the making of carnival floats, which were well known for miles around. A picture of his 'Radio Caroline' entry was featured in a recent edition of The News.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Action on parish plan

After three years' hard work, Grundisburgh and Culpho's parish plan has now been distributed to all homes. The parish council has arranged a special meeting to discuss issues raised by residents and the action plan. This will be at 7.30pm on Monday 12 June in the parish rooms. Members of the public will be welcome.

VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Thirteen people responded to my request to help clean up Grundisburgh by turning up and working to clear our streets and footpaths of sweet papers, tins, drink bottles etc.

Thanks a lot to these people, who have now been 'co-opted' into looking after a very small area of the village each and keeping it clear of litter. We just need a few more people to have one of our litter pickers and to take on a street near them. In this way lots of people can keep Grundisburgh in a pristine state, rather than leaving it to a few. If you could help please phone me.

The most serious problem was flytipping behind Cranworth Close garages, where there is a gap leading onto the footpath. This is illegal and if the selfish person who dumped bags of twigs, plant pots, huge metal pots and a broken TV can be identified, Suffolk Coastal will no doubt prosecute them. Whoever it is, please stop. It took me and five young men to remove most of your rubbish!

Millennium Meadow

In April parish council footpath committee members joined up with John Dunnett to introduce a group of Grundisburgh primary school children, teachers and parents to the beauty of Millennium Meadow.

They were shown round by John, given lots of information

and had questions answered. Everyone agreed they had a lovely time, and this venture is likely to be repeated as the headteacher is keen to develop the relationship between the school and the meadow. Hopefully John might get some much needed new volunteers to help him maintain the meadow.

Our annual mid-summer walk, at the Solstice, to Millennium Meadow will take place on Wednesday 21 June, leaving the pavilion at 7pm for a stroll over the fields. All are welcome to join us.

Sally Grahm 738219,
Conservation and Footpaths Committee

Online newsgroup

Two thirds of households in Grundisburgh now have an internet connection. A group of local computer users are getting together to share news and discussion of local topics, either by logging on to a website or receiving and sending emails.

We hope it will provide a way that villagers can keep each other informed of what's going on, share opinions and keep abreast of local news. To find out more, and maybe become a member, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/grundisburgh>. The more people who join, the better the information exchange.

Planning applications

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The parish council was informed just before the meeting of Suffolk Coastal District Council Development Control sub committee that the Meeting Lane application had been withdrawn.

This may look to be good news, but it may not be. Such applications are normally withdrawn to allow the applicant to submit another one which will meet some of the concerns expressed by the district council officer dealing with the application.

Muffin leads Easter procession



Muffin the mule led the Palm Sunday procession from St Mary's. The happy throng following behind sang their way through the village, led by the choir and Muffin - who is owned by Valley Farm Riding School in Wickham Market.

Photos Wendy Witt

Animals to be blessed on The Green

'All Creatures Great and Small', along with well trained owners, are invited to a service of blessing and thanksgiving for all creation, on Grundisburgh Green.

This will take place on Sunday 2 July at 11am. Animals of all shapes, sizes and varieties are welcome, from snails to horses, grasshoppers to cows. Owners are entirely responsible for their animals'

safety and welfare, as well as that of others.

The Historic Churches Trust comes to Grundisburgh on 16 June at 7pm with a lecture given by Clive Paine on St Mary's Church. This will involve looking at the outside of the building as well as the interior. The cost is £6 and refreshments to be sold in aid of the church.

Rev'd Canon Clare Sanders

The parish council will inform the neighbouring properties when a new application is received and will give everyone an opportunity to look at the plans and make

their comments. I would encourage everyone to make their views known then.

Ann Willetts, chairman, Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council planning sub committee

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

GADS calling all young actors

I was interested to read in the Parish Plan that 43 people said they would attend a 'Young People's Drama Group' if such existed in Grundisburgh.

May I urge any interested young people to contact Adam Kearney (735409) or Niki Brown (738229) as soon as possible as they are still looking for young actors to take part in a short play to be performed at the Village Show. This is to be repeated as part of 'GADS on The Green' on 22 July. Interested but cannot

make the July dates? - then contact our chairman Judith Bignell on 735459 with your details and ideas.

The events could perhaps be the launch pad for a young people's drama group in Grundisburgh.

The more senior among us in GADS are working hard at rehearsals for 'Beth' by Emlyn Williams, our spring play this year which takes place in June. 'Beth' is best described, I think, as a family drama - something different to our more recent offerings but one which, I'm sure, will be enjoyed. Dates and times are shown in the diary and on page 3.

Madge Nicholas, 01473 738824

BALLET EXAMS COME TO GRUNDISBURGH

In July eight pupils of the School of Dance run by Carole Hayes will have the experience of taking Ballet exams in the Grundisburgh Village Hall for the first time. A special Examiner will come to Grundisburgh especially for this day, so there is a lot of hard work to be done by all.

Carole is hoping to start Adult Tap on Wednesdays at 6.30pm just for fun and good exercise. Anyone interested please contact her on 01473 738865.

Diners go to boot

The Grundisburgh Dining Club's next dinner is on Saturday 10 June when we shall be at The Boot, Freston, just south of Ipswich on the Shotley Road. We look forward to seeing you there at 7:30pm for 8:00pm. To reserve a place please ring Brian and Mary Robinson by Tuesday 6

June on 735719, as places are limited. Our April dinner was at the Crown Inn, Great Glemham, where 20 diners enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship

Roy Compton, 01473 735495

WI REPORT

At the April meeting of A Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI, Mrs J Tyson gave us a good insight into the formation and working of the Woodland Trust. The aim of the Trust is to preserve and increase our woodlands and in particular our native broad leaf trees. Mrs Tyson showed us many beautiful slides of woodland scenes.

In May Pat Polley gave us details of the two resolutions which are to go forward to the National Meeting in Cardiff. The resolutions were discussed and Pat was advised how to vote at the meeting. In June we go for a pub meal followed in July by a barbecue.

Peggy Gandy

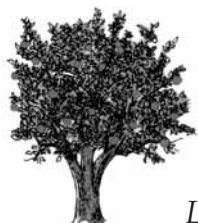
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Operations in Hasketon (of the vehicular variety!)

The team at Vehicle Surgeon in Hasketon is headed up by owner Mick Ladd and his wife Gwen, who manages the office. They undertake all kind of work including MOT's, servicing and recovery.

Mick started the business about 29 years ago and it has turned out to be very much a family affair - the majority of the team have links with the Ladds. Workshop manager Rodney Powney is the partner of daughter Karen and has been in the business since leaving school, some 21 years ago. Rod's dad, Bert, does odd jobs, as well as chasing around for spare parts and fetching or taking customers. Colin Cook, a nephew, has been in the workshop for two years. Alan Hart has been a longterm family friend and his wife worked in the office before taking early retirement.

Jamie Summers and William Church both joined the firm through work experience, after attending college.

Gwen is supported in the office by daughters Karen and Teresa, recently joined by their cousin Jane. Sadie the ten year old chocolate lab, pictured with Mick, is, of course, the

mainstay of the office!

Mick not only 'doctors' local sick cars but also carries out restoration of vintage cars. This is his real love and he spends most evenings in his workshop restoring cars from skeletal beginnings. He has completed an Austin 7, an Austin 10 and an Essex Super Six. The Model T came first in its centenary year competition in 2003. Another skeleton awaits its turn in the back of his workshop!

The most recent restoration is the Maxwell (see front page), on which Mick spent some 1388 hours. Obtaining the parts has not been easy with most having to be repaired or, indeed, specially produced. Rod shares Mick's passion for old cars. He has recently completed three years' restoration back to glorious splendour of a 1968 E Type Jaguar - see right.

The cars are often displayed at shows including Culpho, Hacheston, Ufford and Easton Farm Park. Mick enters the Ipswich to Felixstowe Run, and his ambition is to find a pre 1905 car to restore which would qualify for the London to Brighton run. Even in a poor state of repair the price tag can run in to six figures!

Both Mick and Gwen are intending to retire at some point; Gwen has cut down on her hours but Mick hasn't



Top: Jamie Summers, Rod Powney and Will Church with Bert Powney, Alan Hart and Colin Cook in front. (Alan has since left and has been replaced by Alistair Warren); Rod Powney with 1968 E-Type Jaguar; the 1924 Model 'T' Ford; Teresa Mayhew and Jane Corbett who work in the office.

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quite managed to do so yet! They all join in thanking their customers for their loyalty to them over the past 29 years.

Di Waters



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ARTISTS OPENING STUDIOS TO VISITORS ON JUNE WEEKENDS

Once again, studios across Suffolk are open for visitors in the four weekends of June. The enterprise has come a long way since its inception in 1991 when a small group of friends, inspired by similar models they had heard of across the world, wondered if it would work in Suffolk.

The first year was encouraging enough for the group to make it an annual event and since then member numbers have increased each year. This year 139 artists will take part, nine of whom live in the Grundisburgh News area.

In Great Bealings are the studios of the Chestnutt family. Judith makes paper from natural and recycled pulp. On show will be exhibition sketch books and work in progress. She will give free demonstrations and visitors will be able to have a go. Just bring a J cloth and a plastic bag and take your piece of paper home.

Christopher is an architect and this is reflected in his sensitive pen and pencil drawings. Photographer Michael uses Russian square format and panoramic cameras for his latest work. In her drawings, Moyra observes life; people in their daily lives, waiting, sleeping and travelling.

Annesley House, Boot Street (near junction with Holly Lane, open 10/11 and 17/18 June, 11am-5pm.

Also in Great Bealings is Leah Hinks who creates porcelain jewellery, dishes, bowls, spoons and candlesticks. They are delicate, free flowing forms in wonderful translucent colours, with a touch of lustre. Leah draws inspiration from forms in nature like the layers of a shell, or the spiral of a fern unfolding.

The Granary, Hall Farm Road, open 10/11, 17/18 and 24/25 June, 11am-5pm.

Moving on to Culpho you can see the work of sculptor and painter Paul Bruce. His sculpture investigates the line of nature in stone, wood and direct plaster while his paintings reflect his interest in the atmosphere and, in particular, a fascination with the beautiful skies.



The Old White House (opposite Culpho Church), open 10/11 and 17/18 June, 11am-5pm.

In Grundisburgh two painters, Joy Pirkle and Cyndi Speer, will open their studios.

Joy's paintings are usually large scale, vividly coloured oils on canvas. She paints portraits to commission, recently for David Sheephanks and Rhona Damant. Her personal focus is often on African themes or children at play, drawing on her personal experiences of both. Her compositions have a strong sculptural element.

Dorneywood, Ipswich Road, (by garage), open 3/4, 17/18 and 24/25 June, 11am-5pm.

Cyndi, who is taking part in open studios for the first time, also works in oils and she is inspired by

interaction between groups of people, whether at leisure or working together. In her paintings, colour and expression, shape and movement are paramount.

Meadowcroft, Meeting Lane (just past junction of Orchard End), open 3/4 and 10/11 June, 11am-5pm.

Ferial Rogers in Little Bealings paints mostly in miniature in watercolour or acrylic. She also works in larger sizes in a variety of subjects, and is teaching herself to make miniature books.

1 Holly Cottages (turn into Holly Lane opposite church), open 3/4 and 10/11 June, 12noon-5pm.

The philosophy of Open Studios is to make visual arts accessible to people and to show the manner and the setting in which it was created. It seeks to encourage contact between the visual artist and the community.

Free and colourful directories are available locally. They list every artist with a picture, a short description and a location map. There is no need to make an appointment; just go along and be assured of a warm welcome. More details can also be found on www.suffolkopenstudios.co.uk.

Ferial Rogers, 01473 624141
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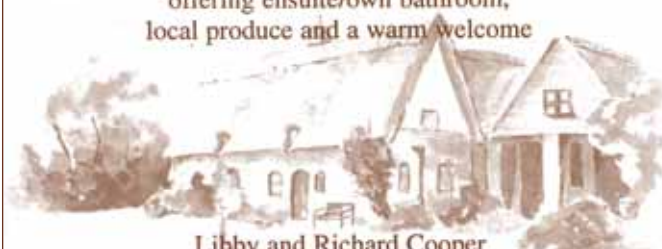
Top: 'Yin Yang', a painting in oils, by Cyndi Speer of Grundisburgh, who is taking part in Open Studios for the first time.

Right: 'To Market', oil on canvas by Joy Pirkle. Joy is now qualified as an art teacher and is considering running painting/drawing workshops at weekends in her studio in Ipswich Road, Grundisburgh. If anyone is interested they should ring her on 01473 735149.



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Clopton Chat

Notes from the parish council

The Annual Parish Meeting was attended by 12 parishioners who heard reports of the activities during the past 12 months from Clopton Parish Council, Councillor Peter Bellfield, Clopton Parish Church, POOR's Charity and Clopton Ladies Group.

The formation of the Parish Plan Steering Group took a step forward when Becky Chapman offered to take on the role of Chairman for the Group. Becky will be contacting those who have volunteered to help with the plan to begin structuring the

steering group and its sub-groups.

Unfortunately no progress had been made on finding a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the Shop Road area and the parish council will try again to generate some interest. The parish council will also take forward points raised by parishioners including reports of anti-social behaviour in the village, environmental issues concerning the burning of waste and speed reduction measures on the B1078.

The next meeting of Clopton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm in the village hall. All welcome.

Janet Clarke, Parish Clerk, 01473 830398

Playford WI report

At the March meeting of Playford WI our guest speaker was Mrs Val Sulch, on 'Geology and Scenery in Britain'. The different types of rocks throughout the country could be seen on the map she showed us. It was very interesting and afterwards Val showed us her rock collection.

Guest speaker at our April meeting on 'Japanese Gardens and Cherry Blossom' was Mrs J Tyson a member of Sweffling and District WI. She told us the idea of Japanese gardens is to reproduce nature in miniature, rocks and stones to represent mountains and cliffs, trees clipped as clouds, and if water is not available naturally, sand etc. raked as waves. Everyone enjoyed her slides and her talk.

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Hasketon Highlights

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Tickets cost £12, accompanied children under 12 get in free but pay for their food. Contact 01394 383106 for tickets - as these are selling fast, buy them well in advance.

On 9 June we would like to welcome you to a Bingo evening, preceded by a ploughman's supper in The Victory Hall at 7.15pm. Tickets are £5 from 01394 388970 or 384681.

We are hoping for a sunny day for our Village Fete on 5 August and that it will be as

popular as ever ... everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

The tug of war competition is on Saturday 26 August starting at 2pm, with a barbecue and bar. Tickets are £10 per team from 01394 388970.

Signposts have recently appeared around the village. The village sign on the Woodbridge side clearly tells motorists that they are on the right track, and two finger posts have arrived in the village centre, which we hope will save locals being asked the way! The road that we thought was Catts Hill has now been given back its old name of Blacksmiths Road, and just the hill over which the road goes is called Catts Hill. The Victory Hall also has its name on printed signs to help newcomers.

Richard L. Smith 01394 388970

Friends of Charsfield Church

A new committee has been formed in Charsfield to raise funds for the fabric of the church. The Friends of St Peters Church are not necessarily members of the congregation, but feel the church structure and surroundings enhance the character of the village. Two events to raise funds are being organised this summer: 'Jazz in June' is on the 10th at Charsfield Village Hall with the Brandeston Pickles playing traditional jazz, and bar and food available. The other is a croquet tournament on 9 July. Details of both as well as tickets are available from Dave Whitley on 01473 737549 or Gill Winkworth on 01473 747352.



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TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON

The first issue of the Grundisburgh & District News was published in May 1981, starting life as a single page newsletter supporting the campaign to 'raise the roof' of Grundisburgh Playing Field pavilion so the playgroup could continue to meet there.

It went down so well that The News went into a regular production, growing in size and scope. In the late 80s and early 90s it won two community newspaper awards, while a survey carried out in 1993 showed high readership and satisfaction levels.

There have been many loyal advertisers who nowadays cover all the printing costs - the grants kindly given by local councils have enabled us to buy or update equipment.

In the early days The News was produced by copy being typed on an old fashioned carbon ribbon typewriter, pasted into pages and headlines rubbed down letter by letter using 'Letraset'. Now The News owns a large screen G5 Apple Mac computer, and is produced using Quark Xpress software, similar to many newspapers.

It has been printed since early on by Healeys of Ipswich, then a small family business which has now grown into a major printer of art catalogues and other material.

Our forays in colour printing were initially limited to a red banner for the Christmas issues; we started having two or four pages in full colour with issue 166.

Many people have worked on the paper over the years - on writing, design, photography,

distribution, drawing cartoons, advertising.... The current News team is planning to mark the 25th anniversary at the Village Show on 15 July. We hope to track down and invite as many of the people who have been involved over the years to join us in our tent on Grundisburgh playing field between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

For the rest of the afternoon we will be open to all show visitors. Displays will include copies of all 193 issues, spares of which we will be giving away.

We hope people will come in to browse - to revive memories, have a few laughs and, most importantly, give us ideas and comments - and maybe even volunteer to join us!

Nicola Hobbs and Di Waters,
current editors



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Bealings Bylines

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Annual parish meeting held on 3 April

The chairman reported that the parish council had met eight times during the last year. Activities had included:

Planning Applications: 12 had been considered and several were still to be determined by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC).

Finance: The Precept would be increased to £3,000 for 2006/07.

Footpaths: The council had continued to belong to Suffolk County Council's (SCC) P3 scheme, with maintenance work being organised by Jenny Cook and carried out by George Ball.

Playing Field: There had been much consideration of the refurbishment of the playing field and three councillors had been appointed to represent the council on the Friends of Bealings Playing Field Group.

Welcome Leaflet: A leaflet had been produced for distribution to new residents.

Community Police Officer: PC Bob Nice had retired and been replaced by PC Vicky Gilmour.

Highways: SCC had been asked to install 'pinch points' to slow down traffic along Playford Road and Martlesham Road. There was on-going consideration of a permissive footpath to Great Bealings to help walkers avoid traffic.

Affordable Housing: A survey had been carried out to ascertain any need for this in the parish and results were awaited from Suffolk ACRE.

Walks Leaflet: A parish walks leaflet was under consideration, following a suggestion from a parishioner.

The meeting unanimously adopted the report.

Parish council meeting held on 3 April

Police matters: There had been no recorded crime in the parish since the meeting on 27 February. PC Gilmour still hoped to arrange a date to talk about road safety at Bealings School.

Highways: SCC's views on pinch points on Playford Road and Martlesham Road were awaited. There were a number of outstanding maintenance problems which Peter

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Bealings Bylines

Bellfield, county councillor, agreed to pursue. SCDC had removed the damaged Hall Road sign for repair.

Planning application: SCDC had granted permission for two storey rear and side extensions, and a replacement roof at Homefield, The Street.

Footpaths: The parish would belong to the P3 scheme again, carrying out cutting on local footpaths. The results of a survey of the likely use of a permissive footpath to Great Bealings were awaited from Bealings School.

Litter Hotline: Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd had advised of a new number for reporting litter and flytipping problems: 01394 444000.

Free websites: Onesuffolk had advised that free websites were available for local voluntary organisations. Details are displayed on the parish noticeboard.

Carol Ramsden, Clerk, 01473 610088, littlebealingspc@btinternet.com

WI REPORT

The April meeting of Bealings WI started with a fair bit of business. Our speaker for the afternoon trained for three years at an acupuncture college. She began by explaining about the channels of energy in the body called chi. A blockage could lead to dysfunction which correctly applied needles could improve, being especially helpful for acute pain. Osteoarthritis was often relieved, while headaches, migraines, insomnia and

depression were often helped. On a first treatment Mrs Geeta Jaisinghani took the medical history, while two or three treatments were usually necessary. She then gave various examples of patients' histories and treatments, and answered many questions from a very interested audience.

Dorothy Richardson

Bealings Playing Field Refurbishment

Two events are being held on 11 June at the village hall, all proceeds of which will go towards the refurbishment of the playing field.

'Fun on the Field' at 1-3pm. Join the brave bikers (see below) for barbeque, beer tent, goal-kicking, metal-detecting, plate-smashing, coconut shy, welly throwing, tombola, cake stall, face painting and balloon launch. Plans for the playing field will be on view. Also 'Get on your bike' to raise money - from 11.30am to 1pm - you can tour a picturesque two-mile route. See how many circuits you can do, starting and finishing at the village hall. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. To register please call me.

Car washing at the village hall will take place on 3 June and 1 July 2-4pm - £5 per vehicle. Another date for your diaries - 22 September - Curry and Quiz night at the village hall.

Malcolm Watson, 614855

Briefly ...

With so many more people in the area now working from home, I felt it was time to see if the 'Business Group' would be viable again. The idea is for anyone who is getting tired of their own company in their home-based office to drop into The Grundisburgh Dog for an informal drink/lunch/networking get-together. We will now be meeting once a month between 12.30 and 2.30 on the first Friday: eg 2 June, 7 July. It is aimed at anyone working from home within The News villages.

*Nicola Hobbs
01473 738267, hobbs@fast-mail.net*

Grundisburgh's Dog pub has introduced a fixed price menu which is available from Sunday evening to Friday lunch inclusive. This costs £8 for two courses and £11 for three. There is a choice of three items per course. Bookings can be made on 01473 735267.

Galleries and civic buildings in the UK probably hold the greatest publicly owned collection of oil paintings in the world but four in five of these are not on view. The Public Catalogue Foundation, a registered charity, publishes a county-by-county series of catalogues. Suffolk has 1791 oils in 39 collections which are brought together for the first time in one volume, with each

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Suffolk Coastal is asking Residents to check that people they employ to dispose of their rubbish are following the official rules, to prevent illegal dumping. It is now the responsibility of householders to ensure that all their waste is disposed of properly and they can be fined if they do not comply. To check whether a carrier is registered phone the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 or visit <http://www2.environment-agency.gov.uk/epr/search.asp>

Crossroads 'Caring for Carers' will be providing teas in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh, from 2-6pm on 17 and 18 June for the Hidden Gardens event. To help provide a feast, we would be very grateful if you could 'Bake a Cake' or make some scones for us. We would also be pleased to have help on the afternoons. Please contact 01394 388970.

The 100+ Club run by Crossroads raises funds for caring for carers. The winners in May were J Worrell of Rushmere, £15, and C Stallard of Woodbridge, £10. To join contact 01394 388970.

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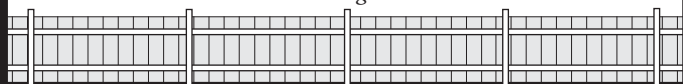
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Otley Offerings

GOSNOLD MEMORIAL RESTORATION

Work has recently been completed on the restoration of a memorial to John Gosnold in Otley Church. His family seat was Otley Hall, and he was a gentleman in the court of Elizabeth 1 and James 1, and privy councillor to Charles 1. The heraldry on the memorial was researched in order that the motifs should be brought back to their original colour. The finished work, which was carried out by a professional monument restorer, has transformed what was rather a drab memorial to one of vibrant colour and interest that is well worth a visit.

It is interesting to think that Otley was possibly the starting point for the founding of the first settlement in America. It is quite likely that the voyage undertaken by Bartholomew Gosnold, a relative of John Gosnold, was planned at Otley Hall. Bartholomew Gosnold sailed from Ipswich in the Godspeed and founded Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, but sadly died there after a few months.

Next year is the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, and we expect visits by Americans to commemorate the event.

Russell Ling

Otley Church Preservation Trust

Although Otley Church Preservation Trust did not have a jazz concert last year, we have continued to raise much needed funds from standing orders and collection boxes. The boxes raised £551.33 in our last financial year, an increase on the previous year.

As it is 11 years since the formation of the trust, and a lot of new people have moved into the village; we are having a renewed initiative to get people to take savings boxes. These have been very successful and about 70

households have one. We are not expecting great sums, but it amazes me how those 1ps, 2ps and 5ps add up.

The trust is presently raising funds towards the cost of completely refurbishing the organ, which has been in the church since about 1956. If anyone would like to make a donation towards this or would like a savings box, please contact me. Do remember that if you make any donation and are a taxpayer, the trust can claim back 28p in the £1 if you complete a GiftAid form.

Mary Hunt, Hon. Treasurer, Otley Church Preservation Trust, 01473 890518

Otley Scout Group

St Georges Day was very special for those involved in 1st Otley Scout Group.

Robert Attwater was awarded his Cub Silver Chief Scout award from the District Commissioner who also gave 'Chas' (Scout Leader) his Wood Badge. The County Commissioner, John Mab, then presented our own Brian Childs with the Silver Acorn award. This is awarded 'in recognition of specially distinguished service' and we are all very proud of Brian. It's nearly 30 years since he started Otley Scout group, and the award recognises the huge contribution and commitment from which so many of the boys from the village have



A rather wet car wash to raise funds for Otley Youth Group.

benefitted. At our AGM on 15 May we said goodbye to our chairman, Isabel Lincoln, who has been outstanding and worked tirelessly for the group. We thank her and welcome Rory McKenna as our new chairman.

Jayne Vaughan

NEW YOUTH GROUP

Otley's church and benefice are looking at setting up a youth group. We have a management group with five young people who have chosen the name: FFY (Fun for the Young).

We have already raised £104 from doing a carwash to buy equipment - we all had a wet time! If anyone has any spare 'youth group type' equipment, please call Catherine Beaumont on 01473 890264.

Gym club success

Otley Gym Club won 14 medals at the Kit-e-Kat gym competition on 14 May, a Suffolk-wide competition held in Ipswich in which 36 children from Otley took part, in their first competition. Many thanks to Sarah Hale our coach, Chris Gilbert and all children and parents.

News from Under 5s

Very many thanks to all those who supported the auction of promises and wine tasting in aid of the Otley Under 5s on 6 May. We had some great lots - from plants and pictures, golf and garden design, and a weekend in London. There was a good turn out and we raised a fantastic £2,200. Special thanks to Roy Hunt from the Crown at Framlingham for his excellent auctioneering and many other supporters. The money will go to the new building fund.

Transport is the theme for this term and we will finish with an outing on the train to Woodbridge in July. The Under 5s will have a cake stall and children's activity at the Otley College Big Day Out on 17 June. Please come and meet the team and indulge in their particularly good cakes!

Sara Cliff, 01473 785993

Cubs gain Silver Awards



Laurence Hunt, Murray Quilliam and Edward Banthorpe were presented with their Silver Chief Scout awards by Julian Dean, the District Commissioner. The boys had worked very hard for these badges and they now leave Cubs for Scouts and Boys Brigade where we hope they will continue to be the loyal, considerate and enthusiastic members they were in our pack, says Jayne Vaughan (Akela).

**Otley Village Fete
on Saturday 1 July starts
at 2.30pm on the playing
field. It will be followed in
the evening by a BBQ,
with music and bar.**

Sporting stories

End of season football report

Another season is committed to the history books as Grundisburgh Football Club rounded off proceedings at the Playing Field. Both our sides have enjoyed reasonable success, with the Seniors finishing in the top six in a very tight league. A couple more victories and who knows!

Our programme ended with a tough schedule of away games, the final match giving us a 1-0 victory over the eventual champions, East Bergholt, and our second "double" - small consolation!

There will be a chase to strengthen the squad for next season and I'm sure the manager will be wanting to increase the resolve. Julian Beaumont - for the umpteenth time - heads the goal scoring list with eighteen senior goals. The main recent interest on

the playing side has been centred on the Reserves, who had a terrible start to the campaign. Phil Peck has worked a minor miracle, avoiding relegation. This was thanks to a very successful run of results that saw his team record six wins and two draws in the final ten games. Paul Miller has been in great scoring form all season - netting forty goals.

Thanks to all our committed behind the scenes personnel who have worked hard to keep the club solvent.

More car boot sales in aid of the club are scheduled for the final Saturdays of May, June and July, as well as part of the Fun Day on 28 August.

Robin Dale - Ipswich 415656

Club draw winners

March

£50 - No 89 Douglas Kemp
£35 - No 101 Mickey Squirrel
£25 - No 31 Ben Ottaway
£20 - No 23 Tom Parker

April

£50 - No 52 Barry Quinton
£35 - No 50 Ann Lambert
£25 - No 61 Brubby Grey
£20 - No 34 Ian Watson

BE PART OF THE TEAM - SUFFOLK YOUTH GAMES

Suffolk Coastal is looking for boys and girls to represent the district at the county's own mini-Olympics - Suffolk Youth Games, the largest multi-sport festival for young people being held at Bury St Edmunds on Sunday 16 July.

The games attract hundreds of young people aged 10 to 16 from across the county and last year Team Suffolk Coastal competed in nine of the ten

events winning gold in both the netball and tennis. The call has gone out to young people in school year 11 or below who would like to represent the district at one of the following sports - athletics, badminton, girls basketball, girls cricket, hockey, netball, rugby (tag), squash, swimming and tennis.

For further information on how to take part contact Sarah Shinnie, Suffolk Coastal's Active Communities Officer on 01394 444652 or email active.leisure@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk Details can also be found on the Council's website www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk and the closing date for registration is Monday 5 June.

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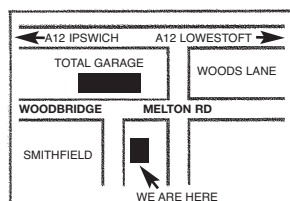
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Your letters

Oliver's progress

You may remember reading about me in the last issue and I thought you might like an update on my progress.

I spent six weeks in Addenbrookes Hospital after my bone marrow transplant in March. It was a long time to be in 'solitary confinement' but most of the time I was so unwell that I just made the most of the wonderful attention from the nurses! My days were made brighter by decorating my room with more than 150 cards and letters, bursting with get well wishes and news, received from friends and friends of friends whom I have never met.

The treatment was very aggressive and much tougher than I thought it was going to be. Having lost my appetite and a lot of weight, I will have to work hard to build my strength up again but with the summer on the way there's so much to look forward to. When I felt really down in hospital and couldn't face the food, I would imagine the sheer delight of a pint of Adnams and fish and chips at Aldeburgh with my mates!! Won't be long now!

It will be some months before I can go back to work at the Port of Felixstowe, where I am doing an apprenticeship. My colleagues have been so supportive and I am looking forward to being fit and well enough to continue.

Stephen Cole, my headmaster of Woodbridge School, must be congratulated for his magnificent achievement in completing the Marathon yet again. He ran on behalf of the Anthony Nolan Trust, and thanks to the generosity of parents and friends has raised in excess of £8,500 so far with promises of much more to come. I am truly touched and wish to thank everyone for their kindness.

The Anthony Nolan Trust manages the world's first and one of the largest fully independent registers of potential blood stem cell donors. If you are between 18 and 40 and you haven't already done so following my previous appeal, please don't hesitate to contact them now to join the register. The phone number is 020 7284 1234 or donor@anthonymolan.com

I am so lucky to have received my transplant so quickly. Only two suitable donors were found from registers of over nine million people. Sounds unreal doesn't it? Many people are in desperate need of a blood stem cell transplant and are unable to find a suitable donor. *You* could be that match.

One day I hope to have the opportunity to thank my donor personally as without him I could not have been offered this chance of a cure. It's a lengthy recovery, but I'm well on the way now!

Oliver Rofix, Clopton

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Princess Royal opens new equestrian centre at Otley College

HRH The Princess Royal officially opened a brand new indoor and outdoor equestrian centre at Otley College during a visit on 7 April.

The Princess met staff and students at the college, along with members from the local community on what was Otley's first Royal visit for 15 years.

Head of Horse and Sport, Alison Barber, said "We were thrilled that Her Royal Highness accepted our invitation. The new centre has already been put forward as a possible host training camp for visiting nations at the 2012 Olympics, and the fact that the Princess Royal has a strong link with the Olympics, coupled with her love of horses, made sure that she was the perfect guest on what was a perfect day."

John Nice, an Otley College spokesperson, added "The

centre will be of significant regional importance to the sporting industry and this event is a great way to kickstart our ambitious plans to be the number one provider of sport, equine and outdoor education in the region."



Above: from left John Clements (Chair of the 2 Governors), HRH The Princess Royal, Philip Winfield (Principal), and Alison Barber (Head of Horse and Sport) just after the plaque had been unveiled.
Below: Alison Barber and HRH The Princess Royal watching a musical ride at the indoor and outdoor arena.





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