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New ventures in response to demand

By far the largest request for new activities from residents responding to Grundisburgh & Culpho's Parish Plan was for an art club. Culpho artist Paul Bruce was recruited by the parish council and a well attended meeting was held in early October.

By the end of the month, the Grundisburgh Art Club had begun. Sessions are held on Tuesdays - at Grundisburgh Village Hall in the mornings and in the newly refurbished and heated St Botolphs Church in Culpho in the evenings. The money needed to restore the 13th Century church was raised by

the 41 residents of Culpho through a massive fund raising effort. More photos showing it in community use as an art club are on the back page, with details of the classes.

Youth club wins funding

Thanks to a grant of £7000 from the Local Network Fund, Grundisburgh can again have a youth group. The village's youth committee, comprising adults and youngsters, is organising sessions in the village hall on Thursday evenings. After 30 November, there will be a break until January. These will be run in conjunction with Just 42. Ann Willetts (738831) would like to hear from any adults willing to volunteer to help on the nights.

Again the need for such a venture had been highlighted by the parish plan responses - in this case from young people themselves.



Julie Attwater is now able to walk with her children from their home in Burgh to school in Grundisburgh in safety - thanks to a new footpath. Story on page 7.



The News wishes all its readers, contributors, distributors and advertisers a very happy Christmas and new year.

News Diary

NOVEMBER

Sunday 26th
GADS Table Top Sale
GVH 2-5pm. Contact 735469.

Thursday 30th
Grundisburgh Youth Group,
GVH, 7.30pm. Contact
738831.

DECEMBER

Friday 1st
Grundisburgh Business
Group The Dog pub 12.30-
2pm. Contact 738267.

FOGS Christmas Shopping
Evening G'burgh School.
Contact 735113.

Saturday 2nd
Table Top Sale Angela
Cobbold Hall Little Bealings
9am-12noon. Contact 620213.

Christmas Dinner Dance
OVH. Tickets £12.50. Contact
890970/890283.

Grundisburgh Dining Club.
Contact 735719.

Thursday 7th
'Police Dog Training' Clopton

Ladies Clopton VH 8pm.
Contact 737417.

Christmas Lunch
Otley Friendship Club OVH
12noon. Contact 890856

Friday 8th
Burgh Nativity Festival
Exhibition of Cribs St.
Botolph's Church Burgh
10am-4pm. Contact 735183.

Saturday 9th
Scouts Xmas Coffee
Morning GPR 10am. Contact
735352.

FOGS Christmas Fair
G'burgh School 11.30am-
1.30pm. Contact 738632.

Burgh Nativity Festival - as
Friday.

Sunday 10th
Grundisburgh Walkers
Group The Green 2pm.
Contact 738219 or 735481.

Burgh Nativity Festival - as
Friday.

St Mary's Children's Party,
Grundisburgh VH, 3-5pm (up
to age 5), 5-6pm (tea for all
ages), 5-8pm (6-11 year olds).
Contact 735329.

Thursday 14th
Celebrate Christmas with
Phoenix Dancers Bealings WI
Bealings VH 7.30pm. Contact
623985.

Christmas Tours at Otley
Hall 6-8pm. Contact 890264.

Friday 15th
Christmas Concert, iao
GVH, Contact 735459.

Christmas Tours at Otley
Hall 6-8.30pm. Contact
890264.

Saturday 16th
Santa Special Santa's Grotto

and trip on a steam traction
engine GPR 10am-2.30pm.
Contact 735096.

Christmas Dance Hasketon
VH 8pm. Contact 01394
387590.

Monday 18th
Christmas Bazaar FOBS
Bealings Village Hall 3.30-
5.30pm. Contact 738737

Tuesday 19th
'**Work of the Suffolk Local**
History Council' G'burgh
Local History Society GPR
7.45pm. Contact 738918.

Wednesday 20th
Torchlight Walk. Meet on
G'burgh Green 7pm. Contact
738869/738219/735481.

Thursday 21st
Christmas Tea Party Otley
Friendship Club Otley VH
2pm. Contact 89856.

Christmas Cinema -
'Homeward Bound - The
Incredible Journey' Playford
PH 2.30pm. Contact 735444.

Sunday 31st
New Years Eve Barn Dance
Clopton VH 7.30-12.30.
Contact 737417/623296.

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JANUARY

Friday 5th
Grundisburgh Business
Group The Dog pub 12.30-
2pm. Contact 738267.

Monday 8th
Grundisburgh Parish
Council Meeting GPR
7.30pm. Contact 735541.

Sunday 14th
Grundisburgh Walkers'
Group, The Green 2 pm.
Contact 738219 or 735481.

Thursday 19th
Clopton Parish Council
meeting CVH 7.30pm.
Contact 830398.

Friday 19th
GADS Panto. GVH 7.30pm.
Contact 7388245.

Saturday 20th
GADS Panto GVH 2pm and
7.30pm. Contact 7388245.

Friday 26th
GADS Panto GVH 7.30 pm.
Contact 7388245.

Saturday 27th
Burns' Week Supper
Playford PH 7pm for 7.15pm.
Contact 735444.

GADS Panto GVH 2pm and
7.30pm. Contact 7388245.

MARCH

Monday 12th
Grundisburgh Parish
Council Meeting GPR
7.30pm. Contact 735541.

Saturday 31st
Chocolate Party Playford PH
2-5pm. Contact 624077.

JUNE

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th
Hidden Gardens, G'burgh,
Burgh & Culpho Horticultural
Society, 2-6pm.

JULY

Saturday 14th
Grundisburgh Village Show
GPF. Contact 738267.

Village Show dance GPF
8pm. Contact 735469.

AUGUST

Saturday 4th
Hasketon Village Fete
Contact 01394 388970.

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 separated from
any editorial submitted. They
can be sent to The News'
office or to the diary editor
Sally Williams (see page 19).*

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A new festive event this year is the Otley Hall Christmas Tours. This stunning 15th/16th Century moated house is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens. It is Grade 1 listed and has been named one of the top twenty historic houses in Britain.

As well as having a wealth of medieval architectural features, it is rich in history and in particular is linked to the founding of America. Privately owned by Catherine and Ian Beaumont, Otley Hall manages to retain a welcoming, warm atmosphere as it is also their family home.

On Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December, all are welcome to experience a tudor-style Christmas with a fascinating guided tour, followed by mulled wine and Christmas nibbles in the beautiful Great Hall. Tours run from 6pm to 8.30pm and cost £10 per person. Groups and individuals welcome. Bookings are essential. Please contact Lucy Rudduck, Event Manager on 01473 890264, enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk.

Christmas Cinema

'Homeward Bound - the Incredible Journey' will be showing at Playford Parish Hall on Thursday 21 December at 2.30pm. Cert U, this is the story of two dogs and a cat who set out on a dangerous journey to find their family. The cost for adults is £2.50, for 16s and under £1.50 (under 12s to be accompanied by an adult, please). Enquiries to 01473 735444.

WALK BY TORCHLIGHT

Grundisburgh is having an extra event for the festive season this year: an evening village walk on Wednesday 20 December. It will last about



Burgh Church is hosting an exhibition of Nativity Cribbs from around the world, over the weekend of 8 to 10 December, from 10am to 4pm each day. The cribs come from local homes, and have been collected, or in some cases made, over a number of years. The one above was brought back from Poland by Geoff and Dorothy Wheeler. Any offers of more cribs to Clare Sanders (01473 735183) would be most welcome. In addition to the cribs, there will be Christmas flowers and seasonal light refreshments, with an opportunity to buy homemade mincemeat and decorations.

one and a half hours, with a break for mulled wine and mince pies half way through.

We meet on the village green at 7pm wearing wellingtons or walking boots, and carrying torches or lanterns, for a circular walk. We stop for refreshments at the home of Richard and Libby Cooper of Little Thatch on the edge of Culpho, and then, a little merrier, carry on back into Grundisburgh.

The walk will mostly follow footpaths across fields, although there will be some walking on the quiet Great Bealings road. Unfortunately the footpaths are not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs. People of all ages are more than welcome! So are dogs on leads.

The walk was the idea of Susannah Roberts and it is being funded and organised by the parish council footpaths sub committee. To make sure there are enough mince pies and drinks to go round, anyone planning to come should contact her (susityrala@hotmail.com, 738869), Peter Brunning (peterbrunning3@aol.com, 735481) or Sally Grahm (738219) in advance.

Coffee morning

Grundisburgh Scout/Guide Group's Xmas Coffee Morning is on Saturday 9

50p includes a cuppa/biscuits.
Pat Ross - 01473 735352

SANTA SPECIAL

For the 7th year running Father Christmas will be visiting Grundisburgh Parish Rooms. He will be in his grotto on Saturday 16 December from 10am to 2.30pm. Once again children of all ages will be able to ride round the village green on a steam traction engine. Tickets will cost £1 per child, which includes a visit to see Santa in his grotto, a goodie bag, a ride on the engine, soft drink and biscuit. Adult tickets are £2 for a mince pie, glass of mulled wine - and a traction engine ride, if you dare! Proceeds will go to the Home Farm Trust (for people with learning difficulties).

Marion and Dennis Pratt

More seasonal and other events on page 4

GADS Presents

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FOGS CHRISTMAS EVENTS

FOGS events are not just for those connected with Grundisburgh School. We welcome anyone from the village and surrounding areas, with or without children!

On Friday 1 December at 7.30pm there will be a Christmas shopping evening at the school. This will include stalls selling a wide range of gifts, jewellery, cards, cosmetics, crafts, toys, kitchen equipment - and much more. Tickets are available for £2 in advance or £2.50 on the night, which includes a glass of wine and nibbles. Please contact 735113 or 738907 to book.

The Friends' annual Christmas Fair is being held at the school on Saturday 9 December from 11.30am to 1.30 pm. There will be games and activities for all ages, refreshments and a raffle with some great prizes,

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Amanda Sheridan 01473 738907

Hasketon's Christmas dance

There should be another great evening at The Victory Hall, Hasketon, for the Christmas Dance organised by Norman and Pat Kerridge on Saturday 16 December. 'Yesterday' is a wonderful band that will keep you on your feet all evening with their non-stop 60's music. Perhaps you might take a break to visit the bar, eat your refreshing ham and cheese rolls or even to buy some draw tickets. Phone soon for tickets at £6 each on 01394 387590 - they are selling fast!

Christmas services

Boulge, Burgh, Hasketon & Grundisburgh benefice

Friday 15 December Carol service at Boulge, 7.30pm.

Sunday 17 December Carol Service at Grundisburgh and Hasketon, 6.30pm.

Sunday 24 December Holy Communion at Grundisburgh, 8am, Boulge 11am; Crib Service at Hasketon 3pm and Grundisburgh 4.30pm (children invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds); Carol Service at Burgh

6.30pm; Midnight Mass Grundisburgh & Hasketon 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Family Service at Hasketon 9.30am; Family Communion at Burgh 9.45am and Grundisburgh 11am (children invited to bring a Christmas present to show us).

Canon Revd Clare Sanders,
01473 735183

Clopton, Otley, Swilland & Ashbocking benefice

Sunday 3 December Advent Carol Service, Otley, 4.30pm.

Sunday 10 December Christmas Gift service, Clopton, 11am.

Sunday 17 December Christingle Service, Swilland, 11am; Carol Service, Otley, 6.30pm.

Sunday 24 December Crib Services at Otley and Swilland, 4.30pm; Midnight Communion, Clopton, 11.30pm.

Monday 25 December Holy Communion, Swilland, 9am; Family Communion, Otley, and Family Service with Carols, Ashbocking, 10.30am.

Rev'd Joy Rapley, 01473 738943

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel

We, at Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel, wish Grundisburgh News readers a very happy Christmas and warmly invite you all to our various Christmas celebrations, as we once again rejoice in the coming of the Saviour into the world.

Our Family Carol Service is on Tuesday 19 December at 6.45pm, when some of the children will be taking part, and followed by refreshments. On Thursday 21 December we will once again have 'Carols in The Dog' at 7pm, an informal time of carols, short readings and testimony. We will be having special Christmas Eve services at 10.45am and 6.30 pm.

We do hope you will be able to join us!

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738836/56

LOCAL HISTORY TALKS

Grundisburgh Local History Society's talk on 19 December will be given by Jonathan Abson, the secretary of the Suffolk Local History Council. He will tell us of his role and how the council works to bring together the best speakers and the best ideas from all the member groups.

It will be interesting for us to see local history from a broader perspective and to understand something of what is happening in the county and what information is available to us as a Society and as individuals. The work of the Council includes the provision of courses, tours of historical sites and the granting of advances to allow books to be published by local authors. Many of the members work as volunteers in the Suffolk Record Office.

On 16 January we welcome back Pip Wright who has been a regular and popular speaker. His topic this time is 'The amazing story of the Rev John Higham Stegall', who was born in 1791 to a gypsy family and, astonishingly, managed to fit careers as a soldier, sailor, surgeon and vicar into a life span of almost 90 years.

The local history society talks take place in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms, starting at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome for a payment of £2.

Roger Anderson, 01473 738918

Burns Week Supper

A traditional three-course meal with bagpipe music, whisky and wine to celebrate Robert Burns is being mounted at Playford Parish Hall on Saturday 27 January.

There will be songs between courses and music for dancing, and all for £16 a ticket. Places are limited so book early by ringing 01473 626909/735751/735444.

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Karen with Future Mother halter neck evening dress.

The inspiration for this company came about when one of my previous colleagues told me that she had managed to find an internet company that hired maternity ball gowns.

I wish that I had been able to find somewhere similar when I was pregnant. My brother got married when I was eight months pregnant and was disappointed with the lack of suitable clothing and had to settle for an outfit that was less than ideal.

I decided to set up a company that hired special occasion maternity outfits - it's hard enough to find designer maternity wear locally and who wants to pay a fortune for something that they will

probably only wear once. I have already changed my original plan and now sell new and nearly new clothes as well as hiring them. I aim to be able to provide a wide selection of styles and sizes to suit all budgets. I have a large range of designer outfits which I am able to sell at greatly reduced prices as they are previous season or liquidation stock.

I grew up in the village of Waldringfield and went to primary school there and then to Kesgrave High School. I started work in the accounts department at the East Anglian Daily Times. Having qualified as an accountant I worked for various different companies, the latest being Ernst and Young.

However, although the company was very flexible, the practicalities of working in London with my elder son about to start school were not good, so I decided to look for something different to do. I've always wanted to work for myself and felt that I wanted to do something other than accountancy.

Mums2b holds sales two or three times a year - please visit my website at www.mums2b-web for information. Alternatively, please call to arrange an appointment.

Karen Moodie, 01394 610214

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Steve is hoping to get his own van so that he can extend the service by making 'house calls'. He can be contacted on 01473 735992 or on his mobile 07814 247534. Prices range from £7 for a standard

shampoo wash, leathering off and wheel and tyre clean for an ordinary car (£10 for estates, 4x4s etc) to £70 for a superior 'Gold' clean and waxing. Steve also offers car carpet and upholstery cleaning, and under bonnet clean and degreasing.

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Photo and words Wendy Witt

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Dennis Martin

July 1927 to September 2006

Dennis was born in Ipswich, the youngest son in a family of nine children. He finished school at 14 and went to work at Ransome, Sims and Jeffrey's when they were producing essential equipment for the war effort.



After the war he joined Cubitt and Gotts, and at 18 became an apprentice bricklayer, following in

the footsteps of his brother Fred, their father and grandfather.

Dennis met Doreen through his brother Cyril, who was married to Lily, Doreen's cousin. They married in 1949, and started married life in a cottage in Otley owned by Stanaway Farm, where Doreen worked in the house as part

payment for the rent. They were forced to leave when Rosemary was born as Doreen could no longer look after the farmhouse. They moved to Vine Cottages to live with Doreen's parents, but in time, a council house became available in Orchard End, Grundisburgh, where Manny and Margaret were born.

After 22 years with Cubbit and Gotts, Dennis decided to go self-employed. He began by charging £1 an hour which doubled his usual wages (he thought he was a millionaire!). After a year Manny went into partnership with him, and they had a good working relationship for 20 years, until Dennis retired at the age of 63.

After some years he suffered a heart attack and other health problems followed. Doreen was suffering with dementia which placed a great strain on him, but he always put her first. When she eventually had to go into a home he missed her terribly, and was never quite the same. He also

stricken by the loss of his eldest daughter Rosemary at the age of 51.

When he was younger Dennis's hobby had been football, and he played for Westerfield United and Grundisburgh. His family say he had a wonderful sense of humour and always managed a smile, even in the bad times.

Henry Thorpe

April 1935 to October 2006

Henry began his life in Grundisburgh in rather dramatic fashion - his mother Hilda died in childbirth and his father Jack was summoned home from work clearing out the debris in the weir pond that day.

It was Ivy and Fred Dunnett, his aunt and uncle, who brought Henry up, in their home in Stoney Road. He started Grundisburgh School at the age of four, and went to work at Ransome's before going into the Army aged 18 for 12 years where he saw service in Korea, Malaya, Singapore and Hong Kong. He married and his three boys, John, Paul and Mark, were born during this time.

On leaving the army in 1965, the family made their home in Charsfield, Henry worked on the land for a bit, and then for coal merchants Micklewrights, and later Rackhams, going back to work on the farm in retirement. Later he returned to his roots to live in Grundisburgh - this time in Meeting Lane.

As a young man Henry took up cycle speedway and rode for the Woodbridge Wildcats, but his sporting passion was football. He was a formidable referee - it is recalled that at one match he sent both teams off.

Henry took over the maintenance of the playing field from his uncle Fred and it became his life. If he heard there was a dog on the field or someone practising golf swings, he reverted to the speed of his Wildcat days, jumping on his bike and was up at the field at the speed of a rocket.



He became a valued member of the horticultural society committee, advising particularly on the placing of the marquee on the playing field for the village show. Tributes from the Football Club are included on page 18.

The respect and affection in which both Dennis and Henry were held was demonstrated by the very large attendances at their funerals. The news of the death of May Quinton came too late for this issue and her life will be featured next time.

A thank you from the Foulger family

Daphne, Andrew, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles and families thank everyone for their kind thoughts and for attending John's funeral, also donations for The Suffolk Horse Society which amounted to £551.

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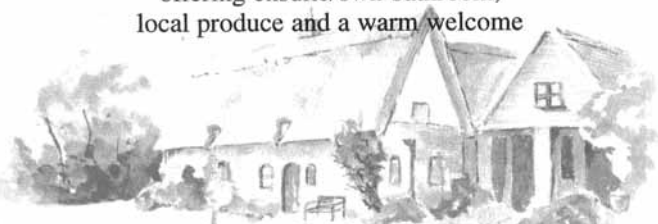
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A safe walking route between Burgh and Grundisburgh - at last

When I became chairman of Burgh Parish Meeting in April 2002 I became very conscious of the ongoing need of a footway on the road linking with Grundisburgh.

I was able to approach the Highways Department of Suffolk County Council with the enthusiastic support of Peter Bellfield, our district and county councillor. He petitioned the council on our behalf. The Community Policeman, Mark Thompson, also endorsed the project, using his previous experience as a traffic policeman.

Further encouragement came from Gill Twissell, the mother of Philip Attwater of Burgh, whose wife Julie was one of the mothers who took children along the dangerous stretch of road to Grundisburgh School.

Mrs Twissell paid for warning road signs which attracted the attention of the East Anglian Daily Times, who published a photograph showing the difficulties that the mothers and children faced.

Things really started to happen when Roger and Trish Lewis of The Cottage, Grundisburgh, kindly donated a strip of land at the edge of their property which meant felling trees, but made the whole project feasible. John Goodyear, project engineer from the county council, who has acted with great consideration throughout, told me that the whole footway scheme would

not have been possible without the Lewis's generosity.

The kerb at the dangerous corner by the junction of the B1079 and the road into Grundisburgh has been made deliberately high to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement.

The new footway is being appreciated already, as a great asset to both Burgh and Grundisburgh, by the many people who walk between the two villages.

Terry Mott, Chairman, Burgh Parish Meeting



Julie Attwater and family on the new footway.

WARNINGS FROM THE POLICE

Suffolk Police has received a warning from the Royal Mail Fraud Unit regarding a postal scam. A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 which is a premium rate number.

Do not call this number, as this is a mail scam. If you call the number and start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207 2396655.

My advice is never to call a 090 number unless you have a good reason as these numbers are always premium rate and very expensive.

Colin Grimwood, Grundisburgh Neighbourhood Watch, 01473 738856/35

This warning is the sort of information residents can

receive for themselves more quickly by registering with Police Direct. This new free messaging service can make contact via computer, mobile phone or landline.

Three postcode addresses can be registered, so that the police can send warnings about problems in an area where, say, you have a vulnerable relative, as well as in your own patch. Leaflets are available in police stations and more information by ringing 01473 613997. To register on line go to www.police.uk and click on the link for 'police message broadcast'.

One warning from local community PC Victoria Gilmore concerns cars outside village halls, particularly during the festive season. They must be locked and everything tempting must be put well out of sight.

Last year cars outside Grundisburgh Village Hall were broken into. This year the windows of a car outside Tuddenham hall were smashed and a handbag taken, despite it being covered by a coat.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings



MORE MINDLESS VANDALISM

A bad rash of graffiti spraying appeared in nine different locations around Grundisburgh over the night of Friday 10/Saturday 11 November. There was also broken windows and other criminal damage.

The police are carrying out investigations and would welcome any information (01473 383486). The cost of repairing the damage is estimated to be over £600.

A few nights earlier, on 5/6 November, a very beautiful rose bush was damaged and uprooted in a front garden in Rose Hill.

Sheila Caryer of Chestnuts, Rose Hill, has appealed to the person who keeps removing posters from her front garden

to stop. All the events promoted are to raise money for charities.

Supporting the school

As well as supporting the fund raising events run by the Friends of Grundisburgh School (see page 4), there are some other (easy) ways you can support them.

School cereal or supermarket tokens can be put in the boxes in the school entrance. We are also collecting unwanted mobile phones and used printer cartridges for recycling schemes which donate an amount to school for each item. Phones and cartridges can be handed in to the school office. If you are buying any

gifts, products or services on the internet, please log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk or www.helpmyschool.co.uk before you shop. Hundreds of companies will donate cash to school if you buy or subscribe to products using these sites. Companies include all the major retailers, holiday companies, utility companies and digital television/mobile phone suppliers.

Amanda Sheridan 01473 738907

Environment group

The Grundisburgh Environment Group (GrEG) got off to a flying start on 28 September with 36 people attending a cheese and wine tasting at which all the products were locally sourced - showing that you can have a great time without incurring the environmental damage done by hundreds of food (or wine) miles.

The next public meeting will be in February when a speaker from Suffolk County Council will talk about waste and what we can do to recycle more and throw out less. More information from GrEG Secretary Dee Hibble 735641 g.hibble1@btinternet.com.

WI MEETINGS

Guy de Mowbray came to the rescue of Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI at short notice in September when our speaker had to withdraw at the last minute.

We heard about his unusual and varied life as the child of colonial parents, being at boarding school and very rarely seeing them. As a teenager Mr de Mowbray served in Burma during the war and eventually caught up with his parents who had been

interned by the Japanese at Singapore.

At our October meeting Gill Girling gave an informative and interesting report on the Federation Autumn Council Meeting at Lowestoft.

Then Mrs R Burrows kept us enthralled with details of her walk on the Great Wall of China supported by many beautiful slides. What a difficult and tiring experience it must have been but worthwhile making so much money for charity.

Peggy Gandy

POPPY COLLECTION

Well done Grundisburgh poppy collectors! This year's total for the village was £1152-47p. My thanks to them and to all the people who gave so generously.

Margaret Quinton, honorary organiser

Batty bats

For the past two summers when Mike and Heather Stiff of Stoney Road have tied up their fabric parasol the local Pipistrelle bats have been quick to use it as their



sleeping quarters after their dusk patrol of the garden

The tell tail signs are the droppings appearing on the table below, accompanied by many more when the folds are gently opened to reveal the sleeping visitors. They initially look startled and fly away, or still asleep, fall onto the table, stunning themselves, before taking off a few minutes later.



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CHANGE IN GURDON TRUST'S OBJECTIVES

The Sir William Brampton Gurdon Trust, formed in 1895, has successfully applied to the Charity Commission to widen its objectives. These are now "for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Grundisburgh in such charitable ways as the Trustees think fit".

The trustees felt that the original objectives were too restrictive and needed changing to meet modern needs. The new powers reflect the original intentions of the bequest to help needy folk in the village, and this part of the Trust's work will continue with the awarding of grants and free emergency alarms.

But the trust can now make grants to voluntary organisations to help provide additional and improved facilities which contribute to the well-being of the community. Grants will normally not be given for running or administrative costs but start up funding for new initiatives could be eligible.

Peace of mind - for free

The Trust pays for the installation and rental of emergency alarms for 38 Grundisburgh residents. This is a touch-button 'emergency call' service for older and other vulnerable members of the community who may be immobile, frail, living alone, isolated, lonely or afraid. It provides a personal response 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering security and peace of mind to users, family and friends.

A special alarm unit is installed in the home and a small push button pendant is provided which may be worn as a necklace or wrist band. On pressing the button, the alarm unit automatically transmits a signal through the telephone line to a response centre where an experienced operator will instantly know who is calling, where they are, together with other medical

and personal contact details.

The alarm unit contains a microphone and loudspeaker enabling two way communication. Even if a person is too far away from the unit to hear, or unable to speak, help will be summoned.

The service for Grundisburgh residents is completely free. To find out more about the alarms, grants for Grundisburgh voluntary organisations or any other part of the trust's work - please contact me.

John Ager, Clerk to the Trustees, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh 01473 735541

Affordable housing

At present all the properties at Ablitts Meadow are let or sold, but should any vacancies occur they will be marketed around Grundisburgh. Anyone who would like to be kept informed about vacancies can register their details with English Rural Housing Association (ERHA) by contacting them on 020 7840 0540 or emailing info@erha.org.uk.

As most villagers will be aware, the new development in Stoney Road consists of 24 homes - with two and three bedroom houses and bungalows, and one bedroom flats. Thirteen of the homes are for rent and 11 on a shared-ownership basis.

The homes are designed to help people with strong local connections who can no longer afford open market values to remain in the community. The development is owned and managed by ERHA who will work in partnership with the parish council to ensure that the homes continue to provide affordable accommodation for local people.

They provide an asset for the village and will help to ensure that the community continues



Top Dog's Dinner

The BBC Radio Suffolk four star Salt and Pepper Award certificate for outstanding service, value and ambience was presented to brothers Charles and James Rogers (left), owners of the Dog Public House in Grundisburgh, on 25th October by Rachel Sloane of BBC Radio Suffolk, the sponsors of the award. This follows the Dog's nomination for the award from Grundisburgh resident Tom Coomber (right). James Rogers, one of three finalists in this year's National Pub Chef Excellence Award, said, "We are particularly proud to receive the BBC Salt and Pepper award as it is nominated by customers".

This was a trip down Memory Lane for Rachel as she and her husband lived in the Police House in Park Road when Kevin was Grundisburgh's last live-in village bobby. They moved from Grundisburgh 26 years ago but keep in touch with a number of friends still living in the village.

Rachel Sloane, presenter of her Radio Suffolk programme on Saturday and Sunday mornings receives comments from customers experiencing good service from pubs around the region and, after extensive investigation, can make this award to recommended businesses which reach the highest standard.

James Rogers is only one of two chefs in the UK to reach the finals in two categories of the Pub Chef Excellence Awards - for deserts and meat cooked with beer. He has to wait til January to see if his Banana and Bacardi Creme Brulee, and Venison Loin with Adnams, Red Wine and Berries carry off the first prizes.

to offer a home to a variety of income earners and age groups.

Martin Collett, ERHA Operations Manager

CALENDAR SALES GOING STRONG

The 'seed money' provided to back the publication of Grundisburgh's special 2007 calendar has already been paid back to the parish council.

The brainchild of Chris Grahn, whose poems are featured each month, there are also paintings by local artists Reg Snook and Joy Pirkle showing different aspects of village life and people. Copies are on sale

at £7.50 in village shops and from Chris on 01473 738219, email chris@grahn.net. Future profits will be divided between Parkinson's Disease Society, Cancer Research and St Mary's Church.

Village website

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council website - www.grundisburgh-culpho.suffolk.gov.uk - had 219 hits during October. The site was set up with the support of One Suffolk, which provides free websites for community organisations, and is now being redesigned to make it more attractive to use.

Progress at White House Farm

The leaflet and article in the last News elicited considerable interest about White House Farm, the new conservation project in Hasketon. More members have been recruited and a meeting for volunteers is being held soon.

The first open day for members in October was a great success, attended by 45 people and five enthusiastic Jack Russell dogs. Visitors were supplied with recipe leaflets and maps, enjoyed a glass of 2005 White House Farm sloe gin and then picked bullaces, damsons and sloes from heavily laden bushes around some of the meadows.

After all the hard work everyone met again for cake and hot drinks before taking their fruit home to try out the recipes for jams and jellies as well as sloe and bullace gin.

White House Farm was formerly part of the Boulge



Hall Estate and was sold at auction in 1927 by R Eaton White Esq. At this time the Tithe Rent Charge was £11.19s. and the Land Tax £9. 2s. The farm was purchased by Tom Palmer's family who had fled the pogroms in Russia, settling first in France before moving to London. Mr Palmer's father enjoyed a successful career in the City of London and attended many country house sales to augment the furnishings of White House Farm. Tom continued this

From left: Amanda and Charlotte Daniel sign up a new member; picking sloes on open day; Orchid field.

practice, being particularly interested in paintings.

Tom Palmer clung resolutely to early twentieth century farming methods, using machinery from that era and avoiding electricity and other modern conveniences. Following a farming accident in the 1950's his health deteriorated, and the farm buildings and land fell into disuse, and the house was neglected. When he died his collection was sold at auction in 1993, and the RSPCA was the main beneficiary.

It is because of Tom Palmer's farming methods, followed by Laurie Parker's sensitive management from 1993 to 2005, that White House Farm has such high conservation value and attracted the notice of the Sinfield Trust.

The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust became a registered charity in 1994.



The founder trustees were Stanley and Grace Sinfield, and Amanda Daniel.

Stanley and Grace were born and lived in London until they moved to Norfolk in 1954. They had powerful and beautiful singing voices and worked for ENSA during the war as well as singing at clubs and for the BBC. They purchased some land in Belton near Great Yarmouth in 1954 and formed a caravan site there, developing it over the years into a thriving business. Their beloved dogs enjoyed living in the countryside and they were joined over the

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years by further generations of RSPCA rescue dogs. During these years Stan and Grace raised over £30,000 for charities, in particular the RSPCA - and this provides a link with Tom Palmer who left a substantial legacy to the charity.

Amanda Daniel worked with Stan and Grace as a professional adviser from 1971 until Grace's death in 2004, and has had a life long interest in



nature conservation. She was on the committee of the Alde and Blyth Valleys Branch of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and with the help of the Norfolk Wildlife trust has managed a heathland wildlife site at

Belton for many years.

Amanda was also a friend of Francis Simpson, the well known naturalist and author of Simpson's Flora of Suffolk and she and the Earl of Cranbrook formed the Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust which owns a nature reserve in Kelsale, near Saxmundham. This Trust has an interest in some of the land at White House Farm and is assisting with the management of the field which is particularly rich in orchids.

The use of traditional farming methods is continuing and 12 British White cattle will be arriving at the White House in 2007 to graze the pastures. This will maintain the floristic value of the meadows and prevent scrub encroachment.

The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust intends to generate sufficient income to make White House Farm self-sustaining, whilst carrying out organic farming methods, and using traditional construction and materials. Initially membership, donations and volunteers will provide vital support for the conservation



GRUNDISBURGH ARTISTS' WORK AROUND THE COUNTY

Two artists living and working in Grundisburgh are featured in new exhibitions.

Carrie Herries has had two pictures accepted in the 'Changing Ipswich' exhibition, on at the new Ipswich Town Hall Galleries until 13 January. One of them is the picture of Ipswich docks above. Carrie says she found the docks such an important

and exciting part of the town when she was growing up there that she wanted to record them in paint before they disappear as a working environment. The exhibition features work by over 50 artists in many mediums, including drawing, film, sculpture and photography.

Carrie has produced three new small Christmas cards which are on sale at Grange Farm, Hasketon. One is of Culpho Church, another of Grundisburgh's ford.

Joy Pirkle is the artist-in-residence at the Stow Health Centre in Stowmarket and she has contributed a range of paintings for its 'The Art of a Healthy Heart' exhibition. These include several of Suffolk Olympic swimmer Karen Pickering (below left) - all aimed at showing the lively side of having a healthy heart. The exhibition is open from 9am to 6pm on weekdays until 17 February. The website www.stowhealth.com has special healthy recipes provided by Delia Smith.



work. The Trust is working towards a carbon neutral impact from White House Farm and will be using a range of sustainable energy sources in its drive to achieve this status. Visitors to the farm are already directed by the most appropriate route from main roads and they will be encouraged to use public

transport and bicycles. The plan is to run Trust vehicles on bio fuel in the future. Following conversion of the farm buildings using natural sustainable materials and traditional methods, the Trust plans to run educational courses with some on site accommodation and using local bed and breakfast providers. There

will also be catered conference and workshop facilities, and art and traditional craft courses. More members and volunteers will be welcomed. The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust can be contacted at Alde House, Sweffling, Saxmundham, 01728 663605, info@sinfieldtrust.org.uk.

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Hasketon Highlights

The Victory Hall is in for a real facelift. We have been promised grants from Hasketon Parish Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council, Awards for All and Suffolk Environmental Trust and we shall produce a top-up ourselves, to achieve a total of just over £25,000. The full amount that we asked for has been granted and we are extremely grateful to all concerned.

By the time you read this, we should have double glazing in every window and external door, and the ceiling replaced with insulation. This ceiling will be made with suspended tiles which give fire protection up to 90 minutes, reflect up to 90% light and have good sound absorption and attenuation. Above each tile will be a glass fibre slab encased in a polythene bag to increase heat preservation. The other improvements will follow, making The Victory Hall a very desirable venue for functions of every sort! All enquiries are welcome! (01394 386287)

The quiz night in October was an unqualified success, apart from the resistance of the microphone to work properly. The village turned out in force and, with visitors, we numbered 101 adults and 10 or so children. Katherine Smith and her gang of helpers, provided a delicious (a much-used word, but it was) ploughman's supper before the serious evening began!

Molly Smith had set an excellent array of up-to-date and general knowledge questions, such as 'What characters live at 62 West Wallaby Street, Wigan?' (Wallace and Gromit) and 'What was the name of the Suffolk woman who stole her master's horse and rode 70 miles dressed as a sailor to meet her lover?' (Margaret Catchpole).

Out of a possible 120 points, two teams achieved 89. After a play-off, Chloe Pitcher's team took first place and Graham Tester's team from Ipswich claimed second prize. Some of the profit raised that night will go towards the cost of the much-needed mending the hall's gutter system.

Norman Kerridge will be running our always popular Christmas Dance on 16 December, and he suggests that you get your tickets early (01394 387590).

Our Village Green has just been mown in mid-November (SCDC do a good job and look after us well).

It may be a ridiculous thing to say, but do keep Saturday 4 August free for our annual Hasketon fete, should you be a possible visitor or somebody hoping to organise another event on the same day.

Richard L Smith

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At the charity fair in Hasketon Village Hall on Sunday 19 November the 12 charities raised a total of £803.65.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Christmas Tree Gift service will be on 10 December at 11am. As usual we welcome good clean new or second hand toys or gifts for children of all ages which will be given to the social services to be distributed to those less fortunate than we are.

In addition, if you prefer, you can hang wrapped money on the tree, to be given to the Children's Society. We welcome visitors from other churches. The Midnight Service will commence at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve.

The quiz night in October in the village hall was a great success. There were a variety of questions, some easy, others more challenging. The round called 'Unusual Objects' provoked lots of discussion,

especially the local farming tools. Everyone enjoyed a light supper, and the proceeds will be shared between the local branch of the Alzheimer's Society, and the St Elizabeth Hospice.

Peggy Martin

Parish council report

Clopton Parish Council has been looking at the possibility of siting a traffic mirror opposite the Shop Road junction in an attempt to lessen the hazardous exit onto the B1078.

A survey was carried out amongst the residents of Shop Road, most of whom were in favour of a traffic mirror at this location. The parish council has now agreed to proceed with the mirror,

subject to the completion of a 'risk assessment' and permission from the Village Hall Committee as the mirror will have to be located on village hall land.

Road safety on the B1078 at Clopton Corner continues to be of concern to the parish council and further suggestions will be made to the Suffolk County Council Highways Department in a bid to improve safety.

Are you a resident of Clopton and have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor. The next parish council election takes place on 3 May 2007 when all seats will be up for re-election. Further details on the nominations procedure will be publicised within the next few weeks.

The next meeting of Clopton

Parish Council takes place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 January. All are welcome to attend.

As we approach the end of another year, everyone at Clopton Parish Council extends their very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful 2007.

Janet Clarke, Parish Clerk, 01473 830398

Wanted - village memorabilia

Clopton Local History Recorder, Doris Main, is building records of Clopton, past and present. If anyone has any photos, old bills, posters etc., they could loan her to be copied, please call 01473 737602. Material will be looked after and returned promptly.

She would also like to hear from anyone willing to share memories of Clopton's past.

Fighting Leukaemia: Update from Oliver Rofix

You may recall the earlier article about my Leukaemia and the need to raise awareness of the disease and for bone marrow donors.

I am now 21 and until a year ago was so enjoying my life, being a student, partying, sailing, skiing... knowing nothing about Leukaemia.

I know now that Leukaemia is a cancer of the white blood cells which are produced by the bone marrow. It can affect children and adults of all ages. The exact causes are unknown. Chemotherapy is the use of anti-cancer drugs to destroy the leukaemia cells. Stem cell or bone marrow transplants allow higher doses of chemotherapy to be given, to improve the chances of completely curing the leukaemia.

Each year thousands more like me reach a stage when our only hope of survival is a bone marrow transplant. Despite access to over nine million people worldwide many searches for matching tissue are unsuccessful. You can help by joining the Anthony Nolan register...you may turn out to be a match for someone like me and could go on to save a life.

I have a rare leukaemia and my best chances of survival were thought to be with an early transplant. (This case has recently been funded by Cancer Research). Two matches were found for me, one in the UK and one in America. I was given my bone marrow transplant in March

at Addenbrookes Hospital two days after my 21st birthday...best present I had!), where I was in isolation for nearly six weeks.

Now, some eight months on and I am at last beginning to feel I'm on the road to recovery. I really didn't think that I would feel so unwell for so long, but now, as the drugs lessen and my weight and stamina increases, I'm slowly beginning to feel great again. My friends and colleagues at work (the Port of Felixstowe, where I am an apprentice) have been very supportive, for which I am so grateful and in September I started a couple of mornings at college. A little normality at last! I do enjoy the odd pint of Adnams - medicinal reasons of course - and am delighted to have rediscovered the White Horse at Otley, run by Lynda and Sarah...a great pint, great food and friendly atmosphere.

I'd like to wish all my well wishers a very Happy Christmas and a big thank you for all their kindness over the past months. Last November I was waiting to hear if a donor could be found for me. I was very unwell and was just about to start my second course of chemotherapy. For me and my family, hearing just before Christmas that there were two possible donors out there was the best present we could ever have! You may be able to give someone a very special present this Christmas! Please contact the trust: newdonor@anthony-nolan.com, 020 7284 1234.



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Bealings Bylines

Little Bealings Parish Council

Notes from the meeting held on 16 October

Playing Field project

Playford Parish Council had confirmed its support for the scheme, including the release of Suffolk Coastal District Council's (SCDC) sports funding.

Parish Plan

It was agreed to invite Great Bealings PC to the council meeting in January so that a joint plan could be considered.

Police Matters

There had been several crimes in the parish including two shed burglaries, theft from an unlocked car and damage to a

vehicle. The importance of securing vehicles was stressed again. A new police information service is available (see page 7). The next visits of the Mobile Police Unit are 6 December (3.30-4.30pm) and 13 December (10.15-11.45am).

Public participation at meetings

To provide a better facility for parishioners who wish to raise matters of concern with councillors it was agreed that a period of up to 15 minutes would be made available at the beginning of every council meeting. Meetings would start at 7.30pm.

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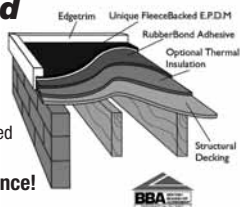
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Bealings Bylines

Footpaths

In view of the mild weather Suffolk County Council (SCC) would be asked if extra funding was available to enable cutting to continue. Details of the works for the proposed footpath to Great Bealings and a draft licence were awaited from SCC.

The county council had been asked if it was possible to improve the condition of an adjacent section of highway verge to provide better pedestrian access from Great Bealings to Footpath No 6 where it entered the playing field.

Planning

SCDC had granted permission for dormer window on front elevation of Homefield, The Street, and new vehicular access at Valcot, The Street. It had refused permission for single storey front extension and garage at Troublesome Reach, Playford Road.

An appeal had been made against SCDC's refusal for building of four dwellings and conversion of existing farm building to form one unit of affordable housing and public open space at Grove Farm, The Street.

Next meeting: 27 November Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm.

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

Volcanic meeting at WI

In October Bealings WI members were treated to a very interesting and

comprehensive talk (aided by slides) by Mrs V Sulch on 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'.

Geologists had long been puzzled by finding similar types of rocks and fossils on adjacent continents. About 40 years ago it was suggested that as the shapes of South America and Africa more or less fitted they had once been joined together, and with the other land masses all formed one continent near the South Pole, and then drifted apart (continental drift theory).

The fact that some rocks were found in different conditions to those existing at present, e.g. coal from tropical forest plants, suggested that the land masses (or plates) separated and moved north to the position of the continents today. Meanwhile land is being formed under the sea, in the middle of the Atlantic and other oceans. This helps to push the edges of the plates towards each other, causing great stress leading to earthquakes where they meet (and sometimes a big tidal wave, or tsunami). The thrust of large land masses also produces mountains.

Volcanoes are usually found in the same areas, where there may be cracks or faults. Pressure causes an eruption, then hot molten lava is squeezed out or rocks are ejected, with much smoke and ash, which can cause wide devastation. There was a lot of information to absorb, but it was so well presented that it was easy to understand.

Briefly ...

Chiropody sessions provided by Age Concern Suffolk take place every six weeks in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms from 10am to 12 noon (the next one is on Thursday 7 December). The important part of the service is provided by Jenny Cole, MMSCh. Dip.Pod.

Med.MBChA, Madge Nicholas takes the money and makes the tea. The charge is £7. Transport cannot be provided but people do say they dance home after treatment! Enquiries to Madge on 01473 738824.

A reminder that the Suffolk County Council Community Car Services can take people to hospital and dental appointments, shopping, visits to relatives, rail and bus stations etc - and all at a much cheaper rate than a taxi. For more information or to make a booking, phone Janet Church on 01473 630866.

The Oxfam Bed and Breakfast Scheme still has several hosts in The News' area, including two in Grundisburgh. Contact the organiser - Rosemary Schlee on 01394 382740.

Winners at Crossroads 100+ Club in October were C Sim, Grundisburgh £15 and T Smith,

Wimbledon £10. In November G. Crewdson from Woodbridge won £15 and G Mortlock, Great Glemham £10. Anyone who would like to continue to support this worthy cause in this way, should send their £6 subscription for 2007 to Katherine Smith, The Old School House, Hasketon, IP13 6JB. To join, please phone 01394 388970.

Age Concern Suffolk is appealing for organisations and groups who are arranging a meal, tea or social event over the Christmas period to contact them. It aims to put older people, or their friends or carers, who are looking for an alternative to spending Christmas at home alone in touch with those organising events. The charity can be contacted at 8 Northgate Street, Ipswich 01473 257039.

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Winners in Grundisburgh Football Club's September draw were Pat Ross £50, Dennis Paternoster £35, Anne Lambert £25 and Luke Smith £20. In October Rob Parker won £50, Peter Garrod £35, Trevor Rocket £25 and Karl Sandilands £20.

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PLAYFORD WI REPORTS

At Playford WI's September meeting Mrs Pat Matheson was the guest speaker on 'Winter Baskets'. Pat uses multipurpose compost then adds a handful of slow release fertiliser, Vermiculite and Growmore mixed together. She demonstrated her procedure for small baskets and larger containers for outside and those required for the house or conservatory, stressing not to over water those for inside the house. Pat then showed us her way of taking cuttings using 1/3rd sharp sand 2/3rds compost and a handful of vermiculite. A happy and informative talk. We look forward to her next visit in spring.

In October, our 83rd birthday meeting, guests and members numbered 25. We were pleased to welcome two from the executive, former Playford WI members, and friends from nearby groups. Our guest speaker was Ally who entertained us with her balloons - turning them into various animals which she kindly donated to our raffle. We all took part in a quiz finding different sweets from obscure clues. We then enjoyed an overflowing buffet, tea, coffee and birthday cake; a happy evening with lots of laughs.

Yvonne Woollard

Skin Deep

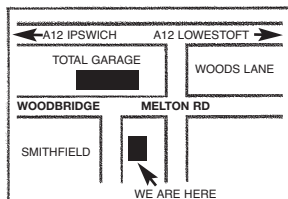
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Restoration of church organ starting soon

In 1950 the Rev George Taylor was installed as Rector for the parishes of Otley and Clopton. His wife Catherine was a competent musician and was keen to replace the existing organ, which was situated in the alcove on the left-hand side of the Chancel. The organ had a single manual, very limited registration and the bellows were hand pumped.

Eventually a restored second hand organ was purchased from W & A Boggis of Diss; it was built by Norman & Beard in 1892 and was originally installed in a Baptist Chapel at Clacton-on Sea. The replacement organ was sited at the East End of the South Aisle, as it was too large to fit into the alcove where the previous one had been placed.

As soon as it had been installed in 1959 Mrs Taylor played with enthusiasm the hymns at the services pulling all the stops out in the process. The advantage of this was that those that couldn't sing very well were drowned out - but this infuriated those who could. Mrs Taylor had already formed a robed choir that was seated in the Chancel but even their voices were partially blocked by the volume of sound between them and the rest of the congregation.

This organ has now been in use in Otley Church for almost 50 years and, apart from being regularly tuned, no other work has been carried out and it is now feeling its age. The leather bellows are badly cracked and need replacing, the mechanical movements are loose and noisy, motors need replacing, and the pipework and all working parts need cleaning and derusting.

To add interest to the existing register a new rank of pipes is being added and two ranks returned to working order. In other words a complete restoration is needed. Quotations for this have been

received and the contract has been given to Holmes & Swift from Fakenham; the work will start in January and is expected to take approximately three months. The total cost including VAT will be £13,294. We have already received a very generous gift of £5000. If anyone else would like to add to this it will be very much appreciated.

Russell Ling, Churchwarden

Community council events

The dinner dance being run by Otley Community Council on 2 December will include a three-course meal, bar and disco. The community council will also be organising a barn dance and supper evening on 24 February. The events are to be held at the village hall, and tickets for both are available from Ruth 890970 or Diane 890283.

SCOUT GROUP CAMP

We had our annual group camp at Hallowtree, Ipswich, in September with a record attendance of 15 Scouts and 14 Cubs.

The Scouts camped for two nights, and the Cubs only on the Saturday. We were delighted when all the Beavers visited us on the Saturday afternoon, and so the scavenger hunt consisted of mixed teams. This is a super way of all the scouts getting to know each other and it does make it less scary moving from one section to another. We were very blessed with the weather and had super support from leaders and parents who came along to run the camp.

Jayne Vaughan, Akela

Apologies to Nicholas Ling of Otley Cubs. We were unable to fit in his report of the camp - and the cub's victory over the scouts in the Otley Ashes. Ed.



Above: Under fives with their selection of items for the time capsule (we were glad to see they included a copy of The News! ed);



Left: Benjamin Cliff, supported by mother Sarah, has a ride on 'Madge' the mechanical horse.

Under fives go to college

Otley Under Fives are learning about Africa this term: from instruments to animals, from cooking and food (Ugali really does taste like playdoh!) to festivals and songs.

We completed a 'Toddle Waddle' in aid of The Meningitis Trust on 8 October - many thanks to all sponsors; on the 20th we revisited Otley College. There we buried a time capsule in honour of the opening of the construction block. The children had put

together a box of items, including drawings and newspapers from October 2006. They also had a short tour of the college where they had a go on Otley's famous mechanical horse called Madge and met some of the new arrivals in the animal care unit including meerkats, sheep and goats.

The playgroup welcomes children aged 2 years and 10 months up to school age, and is currently looking for new committee members! Anyone interested in playgroup or committee should phone me.

Sara Cliff, 01473 785993

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Grundisburgh Football Club loses two stalwarts

Over the past few weeks Grundisburgh Football Club has been shocked and saddened by the passing of two of its stalwarts. Robin Dale died suddenly while on holiday in Ibiza, and Henry Thorpe in hospital after a short illness.

Robin had been Press Officer here for a number of years and had been a prominent and popular figure as a player and official in local leagues for just about all of his adult life.

Henry was a well respected groundsman and friend to everyone at the club and never gave less than 100% to all that he did. A tribute to him can be found elsewhere in the News.

The loss of Henry and Robin has left a void that will be difficult to fill. This is evident from the re-emergence of dog mess on the Playing Field, a disgusting and anti-social habit that Henry always did his level best to eradicate. It is to be hoped that those responsible, the owners not the

dogs, will see the error of their ways before local bylaws on the subject are brought into play.

Terry Frost, supporter

Progress on the pitch

Any achievements on the football pitch have been vastly overshadowed by the loss of two of our dear friends. Their contributions to the club will be recognised in the coming months with an end of season award and refurbishment of the bar area.

On the pitch it has been a fruitful period and the level of football entertaining for some decent sized crowds. The first team sitting in second place with a game in hand are looking capable of mounting a serious challenge for the league title and their first silverware for a number of years.

Managers Micky Squirrell and Kevin Cunningham are building a useful squad but would welcome any players who wish to train with us on a Wednesday night.

For the reserve team fortunes are still very much on the up. Amongst a group of five in contention for their division at

this stage and involved in two cups at the time of going to press, it is a different story from the bare 11 players, so often the case last season.

Grundisburgh youngster Mark Haddock is into his second season and is taking the opportunities available with goals in his last two matches as he continues to develop at a club that is gearing itself for a successful season.

With matches every Saturday from now until Christmas and hot tea, cake and burgers available in the pavilion what better way to avoid the drudgery of the shopping than popping down to the playing field to support the local side.

Darren Richardson

END OF SEASON REPORT FROM OTLEY BOWLS CLUB

Once again the season passed all too quickly for Otley bowlers. In the leagues we had quite a mixture of results, finishing third in the Men's EBA, bottom of the mixed EBA, second in the Fynn League and bottom of the Woodbridge League. Our best result was reaching the final of the Salter Cup, losing to Melton.

The most surprising was that of the Men's EBA unbadged cup, where we reached the semi-finals, only to lose to Lowestoft. This was an excellent achievement by Otley as many of the players had not played at this level

before. It was a little expensive for some, as they had to purchase 'whites' to play in quarter or semi-finals.

August was very wet and for only the second time in 25 years, our pairs tournament had to be cancelled. This was because on the Sunday morning our green was more suitable for swimming! The triples tournament was played in September and was won by a block from Lowestoft.

This year we were asked to stage the area competition's semi-finals and finals. The weather was kind and a high standard of play was watched by many spectators. The green had been prepared excellently and was appreciated by the players.

Our club competitions were played off throughout the season and resulted in the following winners:

Leverett Cup - E Stebbings
2 Wood Singles Male - M Cliff
2 Wood Singles Ladies - P Kemp
4 Wood Singles Men - P Morey
4 Wood Singles Ladies - E Aldred
Handicap Singles - A Cant
Mixed Pairs - B Last & N Last
Veterans Cup - M Cliff
The closing drive was replaced with the playing of the club pairs, which was won by N Last and E Coe.

Our AGM was very well attended and all officers agreed to stand and were re-voted in.

W Kemp (Club Secretary)

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New art group gets going

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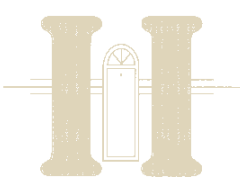
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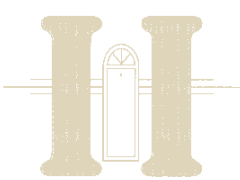




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