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GOOD NEWS ON THE BUS FRONT

The route for bus service number 22 has been changed again - greatly to the benefit of residents of Tuddenham, Culpho, Grundisburgh and Hasketon. It now goes between Ipswich and Woodbridge every hour between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Saturday through the villages. In addition there is an extension at the Ipswich end to the railway station.

For Grundisburgh residents it has meant the stop at Basketmaker's Corner is reinstated, saving a long walk for some, and the stop on The Green makes use of the bus shelter again.

A number of local people had been in touch with Ipswich Buses, the company who are running the service. John



A day on the River Deben was one of the highlights of the Grundisburgh & Hasketon Summer Programme for young people. More pictures on centre pages.

Ager, clerk of Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council, who had many discussions with them over the issue, has complimented the company on its responsiveness and help. They supplied masses of well produced timetables which have been distributed to local shops and gave one to every passenger as well as posting

timetables in the bus shelters. But he points out that this route is not one subsidised by Suffolk County Council, so Ipswich Buses need to make a profit on it. In other words "We must use it or lose it".

The changes have been welcomed by many people - who, even if they have their own transport, are delighted to be able to save money on parking fees in Ipswich or Woodbridge. Although there are some regrets that there is no service on

Sundays or bank holidays.

The county council subsidised service 72 and 72a also travels between Woodbridge and Ipswich, although at less frequent intervals but takes in Bredfield, Dallinghoo, Charsfield, Debach, Clopton and Burgh as well as Grundisburgh and Tuddenham. Details of this from 0870 608 2608, www.traveline.org.uk

Rural roads update

Over 200 people attended the public meeting arranged by Save our Rural Roads (SORR) in Bredfield Village Hall on 22 August, showing the strong feelings in the area about the planning application by Debach Enterprises for storage facilities in Clopton. As a result, the date for the determination of this has been deferred until Suffolk Coastal's Development Sub-Committee meeting on 17 October. More information on page 5.



Anglia TV filmed the celebrations at Grundisburgh School for the opening of the new atrium. Story on page 7.

News Diary

OCTOBER

Thursday 4th

'Trekking in the Himalayas'
Clopton Ladies Group Clopton
VH 8pm. Contact 737417

'Body Language' G'burgh
Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
7.30pm. Contact 735088

Saturday 6th

Coffee morning and sale iao
St. Mary's Church GPR
10.30am-12 noon.

Otley Hall Quiet Day.
Contact 890264

**Bredfield Harvest Supper
and Barn Dance** BVH 7pm.
Contact 01394 380471

Friday 12th

**Ploughman's Supper and
Ceilidh** Hasketon VH 7.15pm.
Contact 01394 388970

**Beetle Drive and Bangers
and Mash Supper** iao St.
Peter's Church Charsfield VH
7.30pm. Contact 737629

Saturday 13th

**A Celebration of Organ
Music** Culpho Church 7.30pm.
Contact 01728 747605

Tuesday 16th

**'East Anglian Landed
Families'** G'burgh Local
History Society GPR 7.45pm.
Contact 738321

Thursday 18th

'The Joy of Running a B&B'
Bealing's WI BVH 2.30pm.
Contact 623985

Thursday 25th

Slide Show by John Berg The
Golden Club GVH 2.30pm.
Contact 735650

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1st

'Sugarcraft for Christmas'
G'burgh Burgh & Culpho WI
GPR 7.30pm. Contact 735088

Friday 2nd

**Christmas Shopping
Evening** FOGS G'burgh
School 7pm. Contact 735113

Saturday 3rd

Otley Fireworks Night OVH
7 for 7.30pm. Contact 890264.

Monday 5th

Fireworks to Music FOGS
G'burgh School 6-7.30pm.
Contact 738907

Friday 9th

**Ploughman's Supper and
talk 'Walking to the North
Pole'** Hasketon VH 7.15pm.
Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 10th

Coffee Morning The Golden
Club. Contact 735650

Christmas Extravaganza iao
St. Andrew's Church BVH
11am to 4.30pm.

Monday 12th

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

Thursday 15th

**AGM and 'Journey to the
Galapagos Islands'** Bealings'
WI BVH 7.30pm. Contact
623985

Saturday 17th

**AGM and talk 'G'burgh
1851 to 1901'** G'burgh Local
History Society GVH.7pm.
Contact 738321

Christmas Fayre iao St.

Peter's Church Charsfield VH
10am-2pm. Contact 737352

Sunday 18th

Charity Christmas Sale
Hasketon VH 2.30pm. Contact
735174

Thursday 22nd

Flower Demonstration The
Golden Club GVH 2.30pm.
Contact 735650

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st

Hasketon's Christmas Dance
VH. Contact 01394 387590

Thursday 6th

'Kesgrave Singers' G'burgh
Burgh & Culpho WI GPR
7.30pm. Contact 735088

Saturday 8th

Christmas Fair FOGS
G'burgh School 11.30am to
1.30pm. Contact 738907

Thursday 13th

Christmas Party Bealings'
WI BVH 2.30pm. Contact
623985

Saturday 15th

Santa Special Santa's Grotto
and trips on steam traction
engine GPR 10am-2.30pm.
Contact 735096

Tuesday 18th

'Mid-Suffolk Light Railway'
G'burgh Local History Society
GPR 7.45pm. Contact 738321

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

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given otherwise..*

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separated from any editorial
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What's On

Harvest Supper and Barn Dance

Bredfield Harvest Supper takes place in Bredfield Village Hall on Saturday 6 October, starting at 7pm. As usual the music will be provided by 'Jigsaws'. Tickets are available at the village shop or by contacting Nina Nicholson on 01394 380471: adults £6, children £3 (up to 12 years). All are welcome to join in and have fun.

COFFEE MORNING PLUS

As well as a cup of coffee and a chat, you can stock up on books for your winter reading and buy Christmas presents at the church coffee morning in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on Saturday 6 October between 10.30am and 12noon. There will be small hand-turned items such as fruit and toadstools (all made from local wood), new gifts and secondhand books.

Charsfield Christmas Fair

The Friends of St. Peter's Church, Charsfield, are a group of enthusiasts who came together about 18 months ago to raise funds to repair, maintain and improve the structure and facilities of this historic church.

There is a calendar of events throughout the year, and on 17 November we are again holding our Christmas Fair, in Charsfield Village Hall from 10am till 2pm. There will be refreshments, cake and pudding stalls, and various craft stalls. If you would like to set up your own stall please contact 01473 737352.

Children's photo session

A Tempest Photography session is being held at Winesham Area Pre-school for any children in the area on Tuesday 30 October. It will run from 2.15-4pm. The packs of photographs can be bought for £22. This includes one

large, two medium, three small and ten mini/key fob size. They make great presents and the mini photos are a lovely addition to a Christmas card. Please call for further details and to arrange a time.

Ali Clarke, 01473 785376

Christmas Extravaganza

Last year was such a success that Bredfield residents have decided to hold their Christmas Extravaganza again. This will be on 10 November between 11am and 4.30pm in the village hall.

There will be lots of unusual and exciting Christmas gifts for sale including cards and decorations, craft items, paintings, pickles and preserves, candles, games and many more stalls. And, of course, no Bredfield event would be complete without the wonderful teas, cakes and snacks, including festive mince pies.

Santa will be making an early appearance at 3pm with his bag of goodies. Free admission all day. The event is in aid of St Andrew's Church.

FOGS EVENTS

Everyone is invited to come and get some Christmas shopping done at the FOGS shopping evening at Grundisburgh School. This takes place on Friday 2 November at 7pm. There will be stalls selling all kinds of gifts and toys, as well as wine and nibbles. Tickets will be available from school in advance or on the door. Please contact Tracey Cattermole on 01473 735113 for a pitch for a stall or a ticket.

The FOGS fireworks display and pumpkin carving competition will be held at school on Monday 5 November from 6-7.30pm. This is always a very impressive display, organised by John Richards, who also synchronises the fireworks to suitably dramatic music. Tickets will cost £4 (including

a hot dog). In the event of rain, the display will take place on Friday 9 November.

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place at the school on Saturday 8 December from 11.30am-1.30 pm, with stalls, games and refreshments for all the family (and, of course, a visit from Father Christmas).

Amanda Sheridan, Secretary, FOGS

Dining Out

Grundisburgh Dining Club's next dinner will be at The Old Mill House, Saxted Green, on Saturday 13 October at 7.30 for 8pm. New members are welcome; please ring Jane Hillier (01473 7388891) or Roy Compton (01473 735495).

CHARITY FAIR

Hasketon's annual charity fair is on 18 November, starting at 2.30 in the Victory Hall. An entry fee of 50p will buy refreshments, a chance to support your favourite charities and to stock up on vital items for Christmas - cards, wrapping paper and small gifts, many hand made.

It is likely we will have room for a few new stalls this year so if you have a favourite charity you want to support, call Jenny McWhirter to find out how you can get involved. Last year £800 was raised for local, national and international charities.

Creative courses

White House Farm, the conservation project in Hasketon run by the Sinfield Trust, has two more courses planned. There is a 'Basketry Taster Day' on Sunday 31 October and 'Natural Christmas Decorations' on Saturday 1 December. Both run from 10am to 4pm, and cost £65 including lunch and refreshments. For more information, to reserve a place or go on the mailing list for details of future courses contact Charlotte Daniel on 01394 382992, charlotte@sinfieldtrust.org

Ploughman's plus in Hasketon

In Hasketon Victory Hall on Friday 12 October a ploughman's supper will be followed by a Ceilidh with Inertia Reel band and their caller, who will help us through the steps. Tickets are £10 or £5 for under 16's. The ploughman's on 9 November will be followed by a talk by Felicity Lillingston on 'Walking to the North Pole'. Tickets cost £5, and are available from 01394 388970.

Ghostly stories in the great hall

Robert Lloyd Parry will be Rappearing at Otley Hall on Wednesday 5 December to perform two ghost stories: 'Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to You My Lad' and 'The Ash' written by Suffolk author MR James. Tickets cost £12.50 and must be booked in advance.

Following the success of last year's Christmas Tours, these will be repeated on Thursday 13 and Friday 14 December. You can experience a Tudor-style Christmas with a guided tour of the hall followed by mulled wine and festive nibbles in the Great Hall. The evenings run from 6.30pm-9pm and cost £11 per person. Tickets must be booked in advance. Contact Lucy on 01473 890264, enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk, www.otleyhall.co.uk

OTLEY FIREWORKS

Otley Fireworks Night is being held at the village hall on Saturday 3 November. Gates open at 7pm and the display starts at 7.30pm. Food and hot drinks will be available.

Ian Beaumont, 01473 890264

Organ concert

The Friends of St Botolph's Church, Culpho, are presenting a celebration of organ music, from Wesley to Widor, performed by John Stafford on Saturday 13 October, at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Tickets £5 payable on the door.

NEWS TRIBUTES

Dennis Hazelwood, August 1932 to August 2007

Dennis was a real country man, a great character, a village legend, one of a kind, and will probably be talked about for years to come. We shall miss him biking round the village with his little dog. We shall miss his tomatoes and lettuces which he used to sell at the gate. And we shall miss his lively chats - Dennis loved to talk. He had a great sense of humour and he was never afraid to voice his opinions!

He had always been local, born, one of six, in Culpho, before

moving with his parents to Lower Road. Sadly, he contracted meningitis when he was a boy, which left him deaf. This cut short his schooling, and he went back to Culpho to be looked after by his grandparents. It was here that he developed his love of country life. He helped his grandfather on Abbey Farm and became quite an expert at catching rabbits with nothing but a stick. He got his first garden here, too, where he learned his profound gardening skills.

Gardening became his career. He worked firstly at Sunderland Taylor's in Culpho, then at Mrs Bull's at Park Farm, Grundisburgh, and finally at Dr and Mrs Cutler's at Bridge Farm. He also kept up the chapel graveyard for a number of years. He became a first class

gardener, winning many prizes at the village show.

He had many practical skills and made a number of implements out of whatever he could get his hands on.

It was Dr and Mrs Cutler who gave Dennis his dog one Christmas to keep him company after his mother had gone into a nursing home (he had gone back to live with his parents after his grandparents died). It became his companion, guard dog and his ears!

Dennis loved many country pastimes, such as rabbiting with his ferrets, fishing, catching pheasants and camping with his relations from Tiptree. He also loved his food and knew how to cook well, even though he lived on his own. He was especially partial to cream cakes - even when he really wasn't meant to have them. 'One won't do any harm' he would say.

When his sister told him a few years ago that he would get a free TV licence when he reached 75, he replied, "I don't want to live to 75". He got his wish - he died six days before his 75th birthday!

Colin Grimwood (with thanks to the family)

Vi Short, March 1914 to July 2007

Vi Short, of Weeping Ash, Bredfield, was originally from the east end of London, but she loved Suffolk dearly.

For many years Vi was a teacher, senior mistress, and then deputy head of Northgate Grammar

School for Girls, and generations of her 'girls' remember her with a mixture of fear and devotion.

She was an inspirational teacher - her great love being botany - she embraced the sciences in an age when it was unusual for a woman to go to university, and even more unusual to study sciences.



Top: Dennis with his ferrets; Below: Wheeling his produce up to the village show.



Vi receives her long service award from Lesley Fowler, a fellow churchwarden for many years, and Rev Canon Clare Sanders.

A number of local 'boys' who went to Northgate School for Boys, also remember her, as they were sent over to the girls' school for Biology!

Her other great love was Boulge Church, for which she cared, along with her friend Joyce. She was churchwarden for 33 years, and there wasn't much that she didn't know about that building. She was responsible for ensuring the churchyard retained its many wild flowers, woe betide any who tried to mow before Vi gave the go-ahead. She had a fine alto voice and led singing with great gusto, and on occasions, in her role as a lay elder, she led worship when clergy were unavailable.

Just two weeks before she died, she was presented with a long service award from the diocese in recognition of all she had done for Boulge Church.

Vi was an accomplished artist and a writer of poetry; right up until the end her mind was active and interested in everything and everyone around her. She was an extraordinary woman for her generation, and the large number of 'old girls' and friends who attended her funeral attest to the remarkable influence she had on many people's lives.

Clare Sanders

Family thanks

Heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone who helped Georgie, Sammie, Tom, Charlotte and I through the past few months following our loss of Sandra on 14 June. Clare particularly did a wonderful job guiding us on a very difficult journey. An amazing total of £1,153.70 was raised for Cancer Research - £470 from the church service, £35 direct, £25 from Maurice Jones who very

kindly donated from his organists fees, and £623.70 from Julia Taylor generated by a sponsored ladies tractor run. Sandra would have been proud of the way the children have coped. All are doing very well at school and their sports. From all of us at Bridge Cottage, thank you.

Steve Wells

Questions at the Baptist Chapel

At Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel we have just had a special meeting on the question 'Why does God allow suffering?' and we feel there may be other questions which people might be asking. Therefore we are going to tackle some of these from time to time in our Sunday morning services. Coming up soon, on 14 October we will be looking at 'Why believe in God?' and on 18 November 'Does it really matter what you believe?' These start at 10.45am. If you have any questions you would like help with please don't be afraid to ask and we can deal with them in the manner most appropriate.

If you are interested in knowing more about God and the big issues of life, but feel that a church service is not for you, I am always willing to run informal small group meetings. Please get in touch.

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738836 (chapel) or 738856 (home).

Celebrating 75 years of school

In September 1931, the Playford and Kesgrave Area School opened, under the Headship of Captain Harrison, for children aged 5 to 14. It was the very first such school in the country. There are still at least five pupils from that first day living in the vicinity.

The 75th anniversary of the founding of our school - now known as Kesgrave High School - was celebrated by 100 of the pre-war pupils in the last academic year.

At the request of other past pupils, the school itself will host a celebration of 75 years' service to the youngsters of Kesgrave, Playford, both Bealings and other villages.

This will take place on Saturday 17 November, from 2-10pm. There will be tours of the school to identify the old bits and to show off the new. More importantly maybe, will be the chance to meet old friends and reminisce. The celebration will be all-ticket. These will cost £12.50 and include a meal, and are available from the school office, 01473624855. Licensing laws limit us to 499.

We are hoping that past organisers of reunions will bring their classmates together for the day and we will provide separate places for each identified year group to meet and chat. There will be some entertainment - both contemporary and to revive old memories. There will also be the opportunity to meet some current pupils.

The school is hoping to

facilitate the setting up of an association to help former pupils keep in touch with each other and with developments at what is now a very large school. It will also, we hope, help our current pupils to realise the long and proud traditions that they can help to carry forward. Despite the expansion to 1750 pupils, the school still somehow seems to maintain the small school, caring atmosphere that has typified us since our foundation.

The Association might be called OAKS (Old Associates of Kesgrave School): this would match our badge, designed by pupils just after the war.

*Patrick Keep, Kesgrave High School,
pkeep@kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk*

Rural Roads Update

Continued from page 1

The number of people coming to the meeting from all the villages affected by the Debach Enterprises' traffic and beyond, clearly demonstrated the strength of opposition to the proposals. On its website, Debach Enterprises was already advertising increased

storage, offering new space for container storage.

A site meeting took place on 3 September when councillors were taken along the surrounding road network to assess its suitability for increased HGV traffic. The whole length of the C309 was decked with protest banners from Bredfield to Clopton.

We did not get satisfactory answers on many of the issues raised at the Bredfield meeting. SORR has held a further meeting with Suffolk Coastal to discuss these. There still remain some critical points that have to be resolved before this application can go forward for consideration.

There is still time for further written objections to be made to the council (attention Martin Price). And we are hoping for a good turn out on 17 October to reinforce our message that any further expansion of this site is just not acceptable. We will be keeping you up to date on progress on the SORR website at www.sorr.org.uk.

*Tony Fryatt, SORR secretary, 01473
737218, anthony.fryatt@tiscali.co.uk*

NEW VILLAGE GUIDE

There is to be a new guide to Grundisburgh later in the year. The highly praised third edition of the village guide was published in 1998 and at last this is being updated. Advertisements are being collected by Liz Binns who coordinates advertising for The News; any local companies interested in promoting themselves through the guide who have not already been in touch with her should make contact as soon as possible - liz.binns@talk21.com.

The guide is again being put together by the Grundisburgh Business Group. This is a group of people who work from home who meet informally on the first Friday of each month in The Dog public house, Grundisburgh, from 12.30pm. Others are welcome to drop in as and when they feel like a drink and a chat.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

SCHOOL RAISES THE ROOF

The children at Grundisburgh Primary School have formally opened their newly double glazed atrium. The old roof contained single glazed units that meant the atrium was like a greenhouse in the summer. Whilst great for growing tomatoes, it wasn't of much use for human life. It also meant that the atrium was very cold in the winter.

Those problems are now a thing of the past as the new roof has double glazed units containing Blue Ray glass. This allows the sunlight to pass through the glass, but not the associated infra red rays. The new windows were professionally installed by Allglass based at the Bentwaters site in Rendlesham. The children are looking forward to being able to hold sessions in the atrium at any time of year, instead of only on cloudy summer days.

*Phil Wilcox, parent governor, 738239,
Phil.up@tesco.net*

Hard work at playgroup

Although during the summer holiday's Grundisburgh Early Years Centre has been without children, it has by no

means been idle!

The building has had an external overhaul and now looks really good. The committee agreed to the replacement of one of the sheds which now offers fantastic storage - thanks Manny for all your hard work and to committee members, parents and staff who have been working hard on the garden, cutting back very over grown hedges.

With all the jobs done the children returned to a wonderful environment, with the theme this half term being 'Books'. Although books are used daily at playgroup the children will be focusing on book week during the first week of October, a visit to Woodbridge library where they will have the opportunity to choose books to use at playgroup as the role play corner becomes our very own library, and making their own book of drawings. We are inviting visitors to come in and read to the children.

Presently, playgroup is almost full to capacity and with a growing waiting list for future in-takes - ring 01473735161 to request an application form or to arrange a visit.



Above: the finishing line for racing ducks;
Left: Scouter in charge in disguise.:



News from scouts

Very many thanks to all who supported Grundisburgh Scout Group's first ever Duck

Race on 21 July - it was a fantastic evening with a big crowd attending to join in the fun of tug-of-war, barbecue, various stalls, 'Name the Duck' (our Scouter-in-Charge in disguise) and to watch the ducks race down the stream.

We raised a grand total of £897 for our funds, the most we have ever made in any fundraising event. This will be put towards the purchase of new tents for the group. Grateful thanks to all volunteers who helped us organise everything before, during and after the race evening and to those who donated prizes.

Stuart - our Scouter-in-Charge - was picked to be an assistant leader at the World Jamboree, Hylands Park, Essex, for two weeks. Along with 40 others in the Suffolk contingent, which included three of our lads Simon, Sam and Charles, they joined 43,000 members

Left: Playgroup children dress as their favourite characters during a role play session.

from all over the world to celebrate 100 years of scouting. The weather was excellent, they all had a marvellous time with various activities and met scouts from other nations to find out about their different scout groups.

We have recently said goodbye to Scout Leader Ziggy (Andrew Sagar) and Assistant Scout Leader Buster (Stephen Cage) which unfortunately leaves our group short of leaders and helpers. If you could assist us in any way, even for a few hours perhaps on a rota basis with other volunteers, then please contact us - we would be very grateful.

*Pat Ross, Secretary, 1st Grundisburgh
Scout Group, 01473 735352*

LUNCHTIME PUB

The Dog is down to the last four in the country-wide Sunday lunch pub of the year competition. The results will be announced in November.

The staff are huge fans of great British food, sourced locally whenever possible, and celebrate this with a new set lunch menu. It will include dishes such as homemade pates, Grundisburgh rabbit pie, lamb's liver and Suffolk bacon, and steamed treacle pudding with custard - and many more. Set lunches cost £12 for two courses.



Grundisburgh Gleanings

Remembering World War II

With Remembrance Day parades and church services only weeks away, it is a good time to feature another veteran of the Second World War who has been living in Grundisburgh for a number of years.

Sergeant Alf Flexman was a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner with 78 Squadron of the Royal Air Force based at Brighton in Yorkshire which flew Halifax MK III Bombers. The crew of which Alf was a member, flew 16 operations over Germany in late 1943 and early 1944.

The final raid was on the M.A.N. diesel factory at Augsburg when Alf's plane was shot down by a JU88 night fighter. This was on the night of 25/26 February 1944. Alf can only remember floating down to earth hanging by a single parachute strap.

After eight hours on the run he was eventually captured by a detachment of the German army. He then spent 15 months as a prisoner of war, in three different camps - two in Germany and one in Poland.

Alf and his wife Irene have been married for 64 years, and have lived in Post Mill Gardens since 1991. They came to Grundisburgh from South East London to be near to their daughter Christine Davidson, who is a nurse at Grundisburgh Surgery.

Terry Frost



Sergeant Alf Flexman. Alf Flexman, bowls club member today can be seen on page 18.

Local Remembrance Day services will be at 9.30am at Hasketon, and 10.50am at Burgh and Boulge, starting outside the war memorials.

The brief lives and too early deaths of those men commemorated on Burgh and Grundisburgh war memorials are being researched by Richard Pepper, to ensure that

they may not be completely forgotten. He writes

Many fading memories have been recorded, much information gathered, the empty spaces they left touched upon; but I am ever interested to hear and learn more. So if you have any memories, photographs or documents you can share, please contact me on 01473 735459. No story, clue or fact is too small or insignificant.

WI NEWS

Jennifer Jones always wanted to visit Romania having heard so much about it from her father who had spent a lot of time there. She achieved her wish, and in August she visited Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI, when she gave an interesting talk illustrated by many slides. However, although many of the slides showed beautiful buildings, life is very austere there and farming is all done by hand with no combine harvesters and other farm machinery.

At our September meeting two Christines came and gave us a demonstration called 'Cards and Creative Crafts'. They had us all making cards for birthdays and Christmas with some very good results. A most enjoyable evening.

Peggy Gandy, 01473 735088

New season at MU

October sees the start of a new season of talks at Grundisburgh Mother's Union meetings. These take place on the third Wednesday of each month in the parish rooms, starting at 2.15pm.

The speaker on 18 October is Nicola Hobbs who will talk about Send a Cow, the African charity with which she is

involved. The November meeting will be about the work of the Salvation Army and in December there will be carols and readings. Visitors are always welcome.

Sheila Snelling, 01473 735856

LOCAL HISTORY PLANS

On Tuesday 16 October Grundisburgh Local History Society welcomes Alan Mackley who will be giving an illustrated talk on 'East Anglian Landed Families and their Estates', whilst on Saturday 17 November the society holds its AGM. The speaker this year will be the secretary, Sally Williams, who will be talking about 'Grundisburgh 1851 to 1901'.

December sees the society learning about the 'Mid-Suffolk Light Railway' and in January our September speaker Mervyn Lemon returns to give an entertaining talk 'Marines in Tights' which it is hoped will also involve the school.

Meetings are held in the parish rooms, starting at 7.45pm - except for the AGM which is in the village hall at 7pm. Visitors are welcome for a fee. Queries to Sally Williams on 01473 738321.

First art exhibition

Grundisburgh Art Group's first exhibition was a great success, with around 200 people attending the private view in Culpho Church and some 175 more during the weekend. We were all delighted with the wonderful comments given to the artists and the extent of the sales. Culpho Church benefited from the weekend by £410. Thank you to everyone involved.

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Above: Noble Rotters wine group's summer barbecue at The Cottage, Grundisburgh.



GADS on The Green: above Geoff Jacobs: below the cast of the melodrama 'Ah, Cruel Fate'



Above: Philip Moya added to the atmosphere at Grundisburgh Hall for the horticultural society's evening garden party. Below: Packed preview night at Grundisburgh Art Group's first exhibition.



SNAPSHOTS FROM SUMMER

Photos courtesy Peter Kendall





Scenes from Grundisburgh Church Fete held on The Green and in the churchyard in early September.

Photos Wendy Witt



HASKETON & GRUNDISBURGH SUMMER PROGRAMME

The young people of Grundisburgh and Hasketon enjoyed a summer of fun packed activities, all free and provided by Just42, a Christian based youth work charity working in Woodbridge and the surrounding villages. The summer programme came about from funding gained from the Youth Opportunity Fund, and enabled local young people aged 11-16 to join in with the fun and excitement, and be part of what was a successful three weeks of activities.

Here are some of the pictures of what the young people got up to this summer ...



'Gladiator Duel' was very popular

Taking part in team building activities to learn various pieces of rope, spoons and other forms of equipment to help them complete their final task of the day that was to build a catapult to fire tennis balls as far as possible!



Then we had the canoeing day on the River Deben that was a great day out for the young people





The young people enjoyed a thrilling two days of professional Graffiti workshops with an artist who taught them loads about the history of Hip Hop and Graffiti Art. As well as taking part and being able to express themselves through graffiti art, they were overjoyed at their finished pieces that will now be proudly displayed at both Grundisburgh Youth Club and JADS (Hasketon Youth Club) on club nights.



Lots of sports and a mobile skate park ensured our young people kept fit and healthy throughout the summer!



Sumo suits, a 46ft inflatable assault course, a trip to Colchester Zoo, challenging exercises, and an overall big 'thumbs up' to a fantastic summer programme for the young people of Grundisburgh and Hasketon.



Photos and words by Baz Wilkinson, Just42 Youth Work Manager.

Hasketon Highlights



Hasketon Village Fete on 4 August was a great success, bathed in sunshine and with a good crowd enjoying the stalls and sideshows. The grand draw, the flower festival in the church and the bottle stall were the main contributors to the excellent sum of £3,300 profit which was shared between The Victory Hall and St Andrews Church.

Inside the hall we had the ever-popular bric-a-brac, the books, the produce and, of course, the teas which all attracted enthusiasts, while outside under our gazeboes we entertained the families with games of luck or strength and accuracy. Ice cream sales were up this year as you would

expect, and the homemade cake stand was under the shade of a tree. The ferrets appearing out of a selection of holes always encourage the young people, while the 'Humpty Dumpty' Aunt Sally was fun for both the wet sponge thrower and the target friend! Accuracy with throwing tyres over stakes or hitting a coconut compare well for fun with the strength needed for welly throwing or sinking nails into a block of wood. Bowls and sliding cans drew the less energetic competitors, and then of course there were the guessing games. On the way to the church we had the path of pennies hoping to stretch from the top gate to the porch, and inside there was a wonderful



festival of flowers, where the artists had each used a verse from the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful' as their theme. The exhibition was open again on the Sunday, and we added cream teas to the show!

Just 42 provided a wonderful week of entertainment for the Children's Summer Club at the end of July. The mornings were packed with activity which included songs with frantic actions, Bible stories, video films with talking racing cars, drama by our actors about learning to drive a car

and more drama with glove puppets. Crafts and outside games were enjoyed by all, but the prime attractions must have been the real live lorry transporter and the rally car. Every child had a turn in the driving seat of both vehicles ... up the vertical steps of the transporter grabbing onto the hand rail, or crouching down to get behind the wheel of the blue rally car. On the Wednesday evening Steve Price gave us another show of close-up comedy and Christian conjuring ... his tricks baffled us all. Our thanks are due to Ruth Blunt and her gang of helpers for a great week!

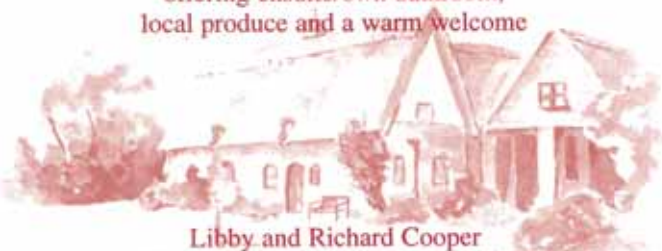
Baz Wilkinson and George Butters followed this with seven August days of sport and activities for young people between the ages of 11 and 16 (see centre pages).

*Words Richard Smith,
photos Alastair McWhirter*

Upcoming events on page 3

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Bredfield Village Shop, initially established in July 1989, is located adjacent to the village hall and is run as a community project for the village. The shop has progressed from a small Portakabin to the magnificent premises we now have.

We have been able to grow our number of dedicated volunteers to 33, because so many are keen to ensure that we have an opportunity to buy locally and have somewhere to meet up with friends.

Unfortunately Wynne Masters is no longer in the village, but

as one of the founding members, she was just as passionate about the shop as she was about ensuring all volunteers had a smile and a warm welcome for customers - only the right sort of helpers would do!

We are passionate about having a supply of foodstuffs from as many local suppliers as possible. Vegetables are sourced from nearby smallholdings, free-range eggs from Henley, soft fruit, apples and juice from Sudbourne, bread from Woodbridge.

In addition there is a good supply of general groceries including cereals, sugar, flour, biscuits, tea, kitchen rolls etc. The meat, including bacon, cooked meats, sausages, chicken, joints, duck, guinea fowl and much more, is supplied from Bramfield and is much appreciated by those in the know. There is also a small wholefood section with dried fruit, nuts, organic coffee and tea, soya milk, organic oats etc. Bredfield honey, jams and preserves also take pride of place.

As well as all the above there is a stationery and greetings card section including locally made hand crafted cards, a digital photocopier and the opportunity to have a cup of coffee and discover all the latest village gossip! We will

also have a new line in toiletries, handcreams etc and will be offering beautiful gift packs in time for Christmas. Our stock is changing all the time, as we respond quickly to customer requests.

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There is ample car parking in the village hall car park. Shop opening hours are Monday to Friday 09.30-12.30 Wednesday 14.00-16.00 Saturday 09.00-12.00.

Roswyn Bradshaw

PS. If you would really like to find out more and have a little spare time to offer, why not volunteer to help in the shop? You'll get to try out the pricing gun and the till! No experience is necessary and your help would be most welcome.

Introducing the Castle's Cask Club

Why not join our 'Cask Club' and visit us anytime from Sunday through to Wednesday, and sample our guest ales. Each weekly visit will earn you a stamp on your member's card, which in turn

can be redeemed at various times from September until December - all you have to do is visit us once a week. Benefits will include free pints, brewery T-shirts, discount food vouchers, etc. In addition, as a valued member, simply show your member's card at the bar on Monday and/or Tuesday evening and get a pint of our guest ale for just £2 all evening.

Charles Ockenden and Tracey Saxton

Bredfield hosts blind bowlers

On 1 September, Bredfield Bowls Club hosted a fascinating match against Lowestoft Blind Bowling Club. The barbeque held to mark the occasion was very enjoyable and also celebrated 50 years in the current site. Playing such a match is truly inspirational and we look forward to hosting Lowestoft Blind again and to travelling to see them at Lowestoft next year.

Paul Brown

YOUTH CLUB UP AND RUNNING

Monday 17 September saw the start of a youth club at Bredfield Village Hall, for young people aged 10-16 from Bredfield, Dallinghoo, Debach and Boulge. There will be regular sessions run on Mondays from 6.30 to 8.30pm by Just42, the Christian based youth work charity currently involved in youth clubs in Grundisburgh and Hasketon.

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Volunteer Mary Bishop serves customers in the Bredfield Community Shop

PROGRESS ON JOINT PARISH PLAN FOR GREAT AND LITTLE BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD

Early in April Little and Great Bealings and Playford Parish Councils hosted an open meeting to consider whether to proceed with a parish plan. Annette Grey, Rural Services Officer at Suffolk ACRE gave a presentation on the process and its potential benefits to a community.

A parish plan is a living document that will give local

people more control over their own affairs. It should involve the whole community in identifying its concerns and setting out an action plan to tackle them.

The parish plan will be tangible evidence of local priorities for planners, service providers, grant-giving organisations and the local authorities. The plan can generate a strong community spirit, with everyone having the chance to contribute in trying to create a pleasant environment for local people.

It is Suffolk Coastal District Council's intention that at least 60% of parishes will have completed a plan by 2010. This will be incorporated into the Local Plan and the district council must refer to it when forming local strategies.

At the open meeting it was agreed to proceed with a joint plan for the three

parishes. A list of volunteers was collected and from this the Joint Parish Plan Steering Group (JPPSG) was formed. There are 15 members, five from each parish, two of whom are parish councillors. In the interests of parity we have three chairmen, taking it in turns to chair meetings.

The first meetings were fortnightly but now it is every three weeks. This has helped to create a good strong foundation for everyone in the community to help with the construction of the plan. A questionnaire will soon be distributed to all residents.

Potential issues could be provision of some units of affordable housing or there may be concerns about Ipswich fringe development and the need to have strength in planning issues.

The community might like to see a development of very small rural industry for the employment of local people. Or how about a community orchard? They may want to ensure that the parishes stay as they are; that is equally valid. This is the chance for local people to have their say!

The government has put aside funding for parish plans, which is being managed by Suffolk ACRE. The JPPSG has prepared an application but it is a requirement that an equal amount of funding must come from other sources. Requests are going out to various funding bodies and local stakeholders.

We will be contacting all existing volunteers soon for help in the autumn - but more help is needed. We need a team of committed and dedicated volunteers to help form a plan of action.

To track progress of the plans go to www.onesuffolk.co.uk/LittleBealingsPC. For more information, contact Phil Holmes 01473 735223, email@philholmes.net.

Ferial Evans, chairman, Little Bealings Parish Council

Postscript: The parish plan project now has its first sponsor, Brooks and Wood Ltd, building and civil engineers. The JPPSG wishes to record sincere thanks to the company for its generosity.



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Bealings Bylines

Playingfield fundraising successes

As the John Belstead Playingfield takes shape on the slopes behind Bealings Village Hall, fundraising goes on to finish work on this exciting new space. September sees two events - a dog show on the 16th and the second annual Curry 'n Quiz on the 28th.

The other major fundraising effort for this year was 'Bealings got Talent' in July. An evening's entertainment performed by and for people of every generation, it featured 20 home-grown acts, with more than 40 performers.

There was standing room only at Bealings village hall as the audience were amazed and amused by acrobatics, dance, comedy and music. It was the culmination of weeks of rehearsals and practising which would impress even the great Simon Cowell.

Together with takings from the bar and raffle, the evening raised over £700 - and a great time was had by all.

As The News goes to press, most of the play equipment is already in place, and the multi-purpose all-weather

sports court will be ready for use by the end of the year. Applications are underway for the remaining funds that are still needed to create paths and landscaping for the field, together with a 'trim trail' to encourage adult fitness.

Malcolm Watson

WI REPORT

To start the July meeting of Bealings WI, president

Joan Moon had to wear two hats, as our secretary was on holiday. Our speaker for the afternoon provided a brilliant entertainment. Mrs Pat Fill is a Grand National Speaker for NAFAS (a floral society) and entitled her talk 'Back to Basics', deliberately making it open to interpretation.

It proved to be a potpourri of subjects close to women's hearts, all delivered in a tremendously humorous way, much of it innuendo, literally causing a laugh a minute. For sheer entertainment value this talk was second to none. Mrs Fill is to be congratulated for what was generally agreed to be a wonderful afternoon.

Dorothy Richardson

Apologies for having to cut this back for space reasons. Ed

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BRIEFLY...

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Otley College is offering members of the public the opportunity of trying something new with its annual autumn leisure-learning programme. New courses include golf, tailoring, dog grooming and eBay for beginners, run side-by-side with some of the established Otley favourites including short courses in garden design, reflexology, flower arranging, digital photography and information technology. Details from 01473 784300 or teresa.smy@otleyllge.ac.uk.

Mustard Theatre Company will be on tour with Alan Ayckbourn's family comedy 'Invisible Friends' from 26 October to 10 November. For details and tickets, see www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk or call the box office on 01473 890964.

The current organiser of the the Community Car Service. is Janet Gardiner, 20 Angela Close, Martlesham, 01473 630866, community.transport@et.suffolkcc.gov.uk. The service is in need of more volunteer drivers.

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Clopton Chat

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Clopton Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting in August to discuss the planning application by Debach Enterprises for storage of scrap, spares and materials necessary for the maintenance and operation of their site at Debach Airfield and also for open storage on part of the same site. Many residents attended to express their concerns on the increased lorry traffic and the detrimental effect this proposal would have on the local environment. The parish council strongly opposed the application.

(more information about this application is on page 5. ed)

The parish council had a full agenda for its September meeting and amongst the items currently under consideration are the appearance of the Clopton Commercial Park site and the replacement and location of the parish notice boards. If you have any comments or opinions you would like the parish council to be aware of on either of these matters, please notify any of the councillors or me.

Parishes are encouraged to produce a plan for the parish which sets out the views and wishes of the residents on current services and how they wish the community to develop in the future. If you can spare a few hours to help

produce the Clopton Parish Plan, the steering group is looking for additional members, please contact me so I can put you in touch with the steering group representatives.

Clopton Parish Council currently has two vacant seats which can be filled by co-option. These are changing times for parish councils with the likelihood that the principal authorities will devolve more powers to parish councils over the next few years. Further information on joining the parish council can be obtained by contacting the chairman, Roy Compton on 01473 735495, any of the other councillors or myself.

The next scheduled meeting of Clopton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 15 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome

Janet Clarke, parish clerk, 01473 830398, janetinclydon@aol.com

CHURCH CYCLE RIDE

It was a beautiful day for the Historic Churches Cycle Ride in early September. This scheme was begun in Suffolk, and has now spread far and wide. It raises a great deal of money which is used to help in maintenance of churches. Our own church has benefited from it as half the money raised goes back to the rider's own church. This year Louise Witherden rode for Clopton, and travelled over 50 miles.

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Otley Offerings

School wins medal at sports day with a difference

Otley Primary School was the winner of this year's 'Schools Recycling Sports Day' organised by the County Council and the recycling teams from each of the district councils. This was the third year that a primary school from each district was invited to take part in an event that not only tested the children's fitness but also their knowledge of recycling.

The activities were designed to test the children's knowledge of what can be recycled and how; the compost race also required them to know what is needed and the correct way to make compost. The school received a new bench made from recycled plastics as their prize.

VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION

After several years of planning Otley Village Hall now has its much-needed extension for storage purposes. Despite its rather flat and squat appearance from the road (enhanced by bright Etruscan red paintwork) it now provides a home for most of the equipment belonging to the hall and its various users.

The drama group and gym club have their own locked areas and the hall's staging and seating can be stored in dry conditions without taking up space in the hall itself. The old garage remains for storage of outdoor equipment, as does the new hut erected by the youth group for their things.

The extension would not have happened without very generous grants from Awards for All (£10,000), Suffolk



Above: Otley pupils in the recycling slalom race:

Right: Owner Catherine Beaumont welcomes Margaret Charlesworth, Mayor of St Edmundsbury, to Otley Hall for the August open day.

Coastal District Council (£8,000), Suffolk County Council (£2,000), Garfield Weston Foundation (£1,500) and Otley Parish Council (£1,120). We are very grateful to all of them for their generosity and particularly acknowledge the support of Peter Bellfield, our local councillor, in helping secure some of these grants. Aaron Moss and Martin Liddell have given generously of their time in drawing up plans and Mike Bullock, as always, helped considerably in sorting out the details of partitioning and electrics. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

The community council is continuing to look at ways of improving the play area and the hall, and we have made further applications for grants to the Big Lottery and others.

James Hall

Youth group marks first birthday

Otley youth group (F.F.Y.) has now been established for a whole year. It's been a very busy year but it doesn't stop there with our first birthday party on 26 September followed by go karting on the 29th, then a Halloween games night on 31

form to fill in and a £1 fee per session. Come along and see for yourselves.

*Michelle Boreham, youth leader
01473 890269*

Otley Hall Open Day Success

Otley Hall finished its programme of open days for 2007 on Sunday 26 August with a fun-packed day that was full of some rare summer sunshine. The hall and gardens were open for all, with many attractions including archery, Tudor dancing and the Otley Spinners and weavers.

This was the third open day of the year, marking the 400th anniversary of Bartholomew Gosnold's founding of Jamestown, Virginia. Otley Hall was the ancestral home of the Gosnolds for over 200 years.

The Mayor of St Edmundsbury attended the open day to celebrate the connections between Bury St Edmunds, Otley and the Gosnold story. A fun-packed programme and beautiful weather made the day a great success

with visitor numbers near to 450. The open days will continue next year, falling on Sundays 4 and 25 May, and Sunday 24 August.

News of future events this year are on page 3.



October (6-7pm for under 11's, 7.15-9pm for over 11's).

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GRUNDISBURGH INDOOR BOWLS TROPHY

A trophy has been provided for the indoor bowls tournament contested over the winter months. It is named in honour of Stan Kirsopp who died earlier this year. He was a fine player who gave great encouragement to those of lesser ability.

Special thanks go to Kay Hammond who obtained the trophies and kindly organised a presentation party.

Mixed start to football season

The new season has seen an indifferent start for both Grundisburgh Football Club sides.

The first team have lost both their home matches 3-0 and yet managed to comfortably win both games away from the



This year's winners of the new Grundisburgh indoor bowls competition, from left, Roger Anderson, Mick Jones and Alf Flexman, with Joyce Kirsopp who presented the awards.

playing field. With players returning from injury, holiday and suspension there is a feeling that things will get back on an even keel and the side will make progress up the table.

Meanwhile the reserve team have fared no better, losing games it ought to have won but, with the large squad

available, selection is never going to be easy and victories in the last two matches give confidence for the season ahead.

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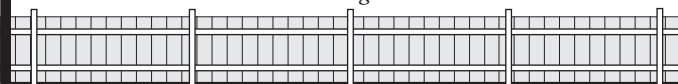
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Letters

We would like to thank everyone for their wedding cards and gifts, good wishes and kind thoughts. Their help and support made it a happy and special day for all. A special mention goes to the Rev Canon Clare Sanders, Burgh church congregation, Sue Emmerson, Dudley Cooper, the tennis girls, Shelagh Watkins, Stephen Pettman and the ringers, Wendy Witt, and those who offered and gave accommodation. Thank you.

Jane and John Hilliar

I would like to say thanks to all our friends in Grundisburgh who made our holiday so very enjoyable. Now in our tenth year of visits to the home of our great grandfather, we still find the village a wonderful place.

The evening walk to Millenium Meadow was just one of many pleasant events. A good turn out too, and we made many new friends as well as enjoying the company of old friends. The meadow itself is a natural oasis of tranquillity. So we say to all to



all the present day villagers to cherish what they have. Please do not let your heritage down.

Don and Dorothy Allen, Newcastle

Thank you to the kind person who saved my plastic lid from the Village Show, and left it with Sue Bruce, who gave it to me.

Diane Nunn

To anyone who takes magazines such as Hello, OK, or teenage mags - Grundisburgh Youth Club would love to have them when you have finished with them - though not too old please. We would be grateful if you could take them to the village hall on a Tuesday evening after 7.30pm or drop them in to me.

Ann Willetts, 14 Gurdon Rd, Grundisburgh

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of the Royal Society of Music (ABRSM) exams held in Ipswich, the ages of the students Carol entered ranged from 10 to 72 year-olds. They sat for grades between 1 to 4, and all passed, with some gaining a merit. Sometimes

she achieves even greater success with pupils being awarded distinctions.

Carol, apart from her private tuition, teaches the piano in local schools and also acts as an accompanist at exams for students playing woodwind or

brass instruments. Although the exam results show her skill as a teacher and the standard that can be achieved, she is also very pleased to take on adult pupils who took lessons as children but gave up the piano and now wish to start again - or absolute beginners who just want to learn for their own pleasure and have no wish to take exams.

Carol had always loved music but it was not until 2003 that she studied for her Certificate of Teaching with the ABRSM - and she is now about to embark on a Diploma).

Before having children she had had a variety of jobs including organising conferences for ERA Technology Ltd and before that sailing events for the Royal Yachting Association. She moved from Surrey to live in Grundisburgh in 2001.

Carol Jopling can be contacted on 01473 735812.

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