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SWEET TASTE OF SUCCESS

James Rogers, chef/proprietor of The Dog in Grundisburgh has won top prize in the prestigious PubChef Food Excellence Awards. These are amongst the fiercest of culinary competitions, with chefs battling it out at a series of cook-offs

His bone marrow bread and butter pudding with quince and lemon ice cream, using mostly



locally sourced ingredients, brought him victory in the desserts category.

James said: "This is my own twist on a 17th Century classic, simply using marrow instead of butter, and soaking the fruit in my homemade damson gin, which makes this dish really special. The quince and lemon ice cut through the marrow and makes the dish feel almost light."

The award-winning dessert will join The Dog pudding menu. The pub has started a 'Pudding Club' for dessert lovers

which met for the first time in March. The pub also runs other theme evenings

The pudding prize is the latest in a long line of awards, including Best Gastropub in East Anglia at the 2008 Great British Pub Awards. James and his brother Charles took over at The Dog in 2003.

Inspirational Teacher award

Another recent award winner from Grundisburgh is John Richards who was named the Evening Star Inspirational Teacher of the Year at a prestigious event in Ipswich in February.

He was presented with a laptop computer for his unstinting musical work with children from Grundisburgh School which includes choir, handbells, chamber group, harmony group, Key Stage 1 Music Group as well as numerous concerts and community events throughout the year.

"The award was well- deserved and everyone connected with the school is extremely proud of John and the excellent musical standards he helps the children achieve" said headteacher, Rosemary Scott.

Reconstruction of Burgh Road Bridge

Construction works are to take place on the bridge on the B1079 between Grundisburgh and Burgh. The existing bridge deck is reaching the end of its useful life and is to be replaced. Advantage is also to be taken to undertake some resurfacing works on the approaches to the bridge while the work is going on.

The bridge will generally remain open to traffic during the works, with traffic controlled by temporary traffic signals. However for about 10 days the road will have to be closed whilst the main deck demolition and reconstruction work is

being undertaken. A signed alternative diversion route will be in place during the road closure, the date and duration of will be advertised in the local press and signing at the site. A safe route for pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the works.

The work is being carried out by May Gurney on behalf of Suffolk County Council. It is expected to start on 20 April and take approximately 11 weeks.

Community Speed Watch

A meeting was held in March when 24 volunteers signed up to carry out the monitoring of vehicle speeds in villages. They came from Grundisburgh and Culpho, Debach, Westerfield, Otley, Witnesham and Swilland, and Ipswich Road, Woodbridge. The Speed Watch scheme was initiated and is being coordinated by Clopton. The contact is Gill Gipp, 01473 737635.

More on page 16.



Reg Snook by Reg Snook. Most days Reg bicycles from Ipswich to his studio in Grundisburgh, and observes wildlife on his travels. His first article about recent sightings is included on page five.

News Diary

MARCH

Monday 30

Latest Seeds & Plants for Our Gardens Talk Otley & Dist. Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 890091

APRIL

Thursday 2

Chocolate Talk Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 3

Archive Eve including Cheese & Wine iao Bredfield VH 7.30pm Contact 01394 386977

Saturday 4

Chocolate Fair iao Playford Parish Hall 2pm Contact 624077

Quiz Clopton VH Contact 737602/737417

Monday 6

Charsfield Tennis Season starts Contact 737581

Monday 13

Easter Egg Hunt iao Otley Under 5's School Playing Field 10am Contact 890195

Thursday 16

Tools with a Mission Talk at Bealings WI VH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Friday 17

Quiz Night & talk Cuba Cycle Ride Hasketon VH 7.15 Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 18

Bredfield Open Bowls Day 10.30-4pm Contact 01394 386921/388175

Sunday 19

Car Boot Sale Otley VH car park 10am Contact 890393

Tuesday 21

Gr & Culpho Annual Parish Meeting GVH 7.30pm Contact 735451

Wednesday 23

Cookery Demonstration by Mrs Hepburn Golden Club GVH 2.30pm Contact 735650

Saturday 25

Plant Sale Bealings VH 10am-12noon Contact 735565

Jumble Sale iao WI Hasketon VH 10am Contact 01394 386698

Car Boot Sale iao Gr Football Club PF 8am-1pm. 738111

Sunday 26

Car Boot/Table Top Sale Bredfield PF 8.30am-2.30pm. Contact 01394 386977

Monday 27

AGM & Flowers & Hanging Baskets Talk Otley & Dist. Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 890091

Local History Soc. GPR

7.30pm Contact 738321

Thursday 30

Quiet Day Otley Hall 'Faith in a Scientific Age' 10am-4pm PBE Contact 890264

MAY

Monday 4

Plant & Book Sale Hasketon VH Contact 01394 388970

Thursday 7

Resolutions, Bring and Share Supper Gr Burgh & Culpho WI GPR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 8

Film Show Charsfield VH 7.30pm Contact 737352

Saturday 9

Spring Fair iao FOGS Gr. Primary Sch. 11am-1pm Contact 738632

Sunday 10

Cheese & Wine Picnic iao Charsfield Tennis Club recreation gr. 2pm Contact 737581

Monday 11

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg GPR 7.30pm Contact 735451

AGM & Annual Parish

Meeting Otley Parish Council OVH 7pm. Contact 890271

Wednesday 13

Bredfield Environment Group BVH 7.30pm. Contact 01394 386565

Monday 18

AGM Gr. Playing Field, Pavilion Contact 735377

Tuesday 19

English Landscapes and Garden History Local History Soc. GPR 7.30pm Contact 738321

Thursday 21

Resolution Mtg & Needles & Thread talk Bealings WI VH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Wednesday 28

Quiz by Mr Girling GVH 2.30pm Contact 735650

Saturday 30

Car Boot Sale iao Gr Football Club PF 8am-1pm Contact 738111

Sunday 31

Fun Day iao Swilland Church, Moon & Mushroom 2-5.30pm. Contact 785726

JUNE

Saturday 6

1940s Hangar Dance Debach Airfield 7.30pm Contact 737236 / www.493bgdebach.co.uk

Tuddenham Fete, Poplar Farm, 2pm Contact 785415

Sunday 7

Military Open Day Debach Airfield 10 - 5pm Contact 737236

Friday 12

Family BBQ Otley Hall iao St. Mary's Ch Contact 890970/890787/890492

Saturday 13/Sunday 14

Hidden Gardens of Gr Burgh & Culpho iao Hort Soc 2-6pm Contact 735932

Queen Tribute Dance Debach Airfield 7.30pm Contact 737236

Monday 15

Otley Parish Council Mtg OVH 7.30pm. Contact 890271

Thursday 18

Suffolk Tales Bealings WI VH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Saturday 20

Midsummer Music iao St. Mary's Parish Church Gr. Contact 738831

Saturday 27

Witnesham Church Fete Manor Farm, Ch Lane 2pm Contact 785464

Car Boot Sale iao Gr Football Club PF 8am-1pm Contact 738111

Sunday 28

Jazz & Barbeque Shrubbery Farm Hasketon 12noon Contact 01394 383106

JULY

Saturday 11

Grundisburgh Village Show & car boot sale PF 12.30-4.30pm Contact 738267/735238. Show dance Contact 735469

Monday 13

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg Culpho Ch. 7.30pm Contact 735451

Saturday 18

Hasketon Fete Contact 01394 388970

Duck Race & Fun Evening iao Gr. Scouts VG Contact 735352

Thursday 16

Famous For 27 Minutes Talk Mr D Griffiths Bealings WI VH 2.30pm Contact 623985

Saturday 25

Car Boot Sale iao Gr Football Club PF 8am-1pm Contact 738111

AUGUST

Friday 7

Evening Garden Party iao Gr Burgh & Culpho Hort Soc Purbrook Hse, Gr. PBE. Contact 738330

Monday 31

Fun Day & Car Boot iao Gr. Football Club - 5pm Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3

90th Birthday Celebrations Gr. WI VH 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 5

Church Fete GVG Contact 738866

OCTOBER

Friday 2

Gr Village Quiz GVS Contact 738831

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

S - School

PBE - pre booking essential

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Items can be sent to Heather Langdon or direct to The News (see page 19).

Please separate diary entry from any editorial provided and only include date, name of event, organisation involved, venue, time and contact phone number. Also indicate if pre-booking of tickets is essential.

The diary is published both to promote events and to help organisers avoid clashes of dates when possible, so we welcome details of major events well in advance.

What's On

Rural ramble to raise funds for youth work

The youth-work charity Just42 is organising another sponsored walk on Saturday 25 April from Grundisburgh to Woodbridge. Walkers will go along footpaths via Hasketon and Bredfield, and end up following the River Deben to the Woodbridge Youth Centre, where Just42 has its offices. The charity runs weekly youth clubs in all four locations along the route.

Family and friends prepared to sponsor those walking are sought, with all proceeds going to the youth and children's work being done by Just42 in these locations. In return, a barbecue will be provided at the end for those who make it, or anybody else who wishes to help celebrate the day's achievements.

There are three stages of this walk, stretching in all to a little over eight miles. People can do one, two or all three legs and we are trying to arrange transport so that walkers are taken back to where they left their cars. Refreshments are being organised at village halls along the way.

Anyone interested in supporting this event in any way should contact Caroline Rutherford, 01394 380992, caroline@just42.org.uk.

BUMPER BEALINGS PLANT SALE

Now in its 17th year, the plant sale in aid of Great and Little Bealings Churches has become a major event in the Bealings annual calendar. Every year, the sale grows in popularity and the variety of stock increases. An added attraction will be the homemade cakes and produce stand. Refreshments will also be served.

For the second year the venue will be Bealings Village Hall

with just a few improvements. There will be nearby parking in various marked places keeping the hall car park free for delivering and picking up goods together with a few spaces for disabled people. For families, the apparatus on the playing field behind the hall will keep the children amused leaving their parents free to browse.

Just a few yards down the road is the Admiral's Head so visitors may consider rounding off a satisfying morning with a stroll down to the pub for lunch.

The sale is on Saturday 25 April at 10am to 12 noon at Bealings Village Hall, Holly Lane, Little Bealings. For further details, contact Norman Porter 01473 735565 or Geoff/ Paddy Bills 01473 610219.

Chocolate Fair

The usual Chocolate Fair will be held at Playford Parish Hall on Saturday 4 April between 2 and 4.30pm. Attractions include an Easter egg hunt for the children, cake stall and teas for the Mums and Dads, prizes for the best decorated Easter egg ... and much much more. Please come and bring your friends for a Chocolate Bonaza. Funds raised will go to the hall.

Springtime crafts with willow

Two more classes on making crafts with willow are being held at Willowmead Alpacas in Otley, tutored by local artist and craftsperson Jo Hammond. On Saturday 4 April, the focus will be on creating small willow sculptures, while on 25 April course members will learn how to make 'wigwam' plant climbers from willow. No previous experience is needed.

The first course runs from 10am to 4pm and costs £40, and the second from 10am to 1pm (£20). In addition, there will be a small charge for

willow used. The strong supply willow stems are produced naturally without pesticides at Willowmead. Enquiries and bookings to Jo Hammond, 01473 327646 or jo.twigweave.hammond@btinternet.com.

JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S DAY

Hasketon's 13th Jazz/Barbecue event is booked for Sunday 28 June. As always it is to be real traditional jazz with the generous barbecue and puddings to which many local helpers contribute.

The French Quarter All Stars, who played for us in 2007, are returning. Tickets are now available at £13, including food (vegetarian or special diet meals can be ordered when booking) from 01394 383106 or 388970. The event runs from 12.30pm to 4pm at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon.

THE GHOST TRAIN

Following the runaway success of February's panto and the warm audience feedback, Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society members are already throwing themselves into rehearsals for their spring play.

This next production will be 'The Ghost Train' by Arnold Ridley (better known as Private Godfrey from Dad's Army). Set in the 1930s, it's a marvellously written classic comedy thriller, which was a huge hit in London before being snapped up by 'Am

Dram' groups countrywide. It tells the tale of a group of passengers stranded at a rural train station and the unfolding events of that night.

Performances will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 6, Friday 7 and Saturday 8 June. Tickets (£7) will be available nearer the time from The Forge Stores, Grundisburgh and include a glass of wine and refreshments.

Photos from the last panto and some encouragement to join the action are included on the back page.

Celebrating Omar Khayyam

The churches of Boulge, Burgh, Grundisburgh and Hasketon are working with Woodbridge Museum to present a celebration of Omar Khayyam and Edward Fitzgerald. It marks the bicentenary of the birth of Fitzgerald, translator of the famous poem, 'The Rubaiyat' and one time Boulge resident who is buried in the churchyard there.

The talks by three authors of books about Omar Khayyam will be preceded by the serving of wine and cheese. The event is at Woodbridge Community Hall on Friday 29 May. Tickets at £8 including wine and cheese will be available from 01394 386750 or 385572 after 11 April.

Lots more 'What's On' overleaf....

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What's On

More gardens wanted for open weekend

The organisers of this year's Hidden Gardens weekend on 13 and 14 June are very keen to attract 'new' gardens. Some of our regulars have already agreed to open again and we hope that our other stalwarts will join them.

"So, if you have a garden in Grundisburgh, Burgh or Culpho, however grand or humble, we hope you will consider taking part" says Richard Cooper, horticultural society chairman. Please contact Wendy Witt on 01473 735932 if you might be willing to open.

The charities that will be benefitting from the weekend are the Alzheimers Society and Just42 which runs youth clubs in Grundisburgh and other local villages. The Burgh Schoolroom Project will also receive some of the proceeds.

Plans for the Village Show on 11 July are well underway. Until the schedule is available copies of the class list can be collected from Grundisburgh Post Office. Local groups are being invited to organise stalls and activities outside the show marquee to raise funds for themselves - Jane Hilliar is the contact for these (01473 738891).

The usual popular post show dance will take place in the marquee on the Saturday evening. The marquee will

remain on the playing field until the Monday and will be available for individual or group hire on the Sunday. Enquiries to Iain Langdon (01473 735517).

Discover that Fitness can be Fun

Keep Fit Classes are held at the Victory Hall, Hasketon on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9pm. Keep Fit the KFA way (Keep Fit Association) uses the movement analysis of Rudolf Laban to promote whole body exercise. By creating small movement/ dance routines over a period of weeks not only is the body challenged, but the mind is also stimulated creating an enhanced sense of well-being.

To find out more contact Sue Lisette on 01473 273924. She is a Registered Teacher with the Keep Fit Association and a member of the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPS).

Events at White House Farm

White House Farm at Hasketon has a wide variety of events planned this spring and summer.

On Sunday 24 May there will be a willow weaving day, creating wigwam garden supports and lanterns, with an opportunity to make flowers and butterflies from willow to decorate the home or garden.

A hedgerow medicine workshop will be led by a local medical herbalist on Saturday 30 May. While exploring ancient hedgerows, participants will learn how to identify, collect and prepare medicinal plants found on the day.

Other events include a workshop about the myths and medicine of trees on Saturday 6 June and a Beltane celebration on Thursday 30 April at 7 pm. This includes Maypole dancing (for adults and children!), labyrinth walking and a ceremony to honour the changing season. White House Farm will also be hosting wattle and daub and lime-rendering workshops in April and May.

The annual open day will be held on Sunday 14 June from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm.

For more information, see www.sinfieldtrust.org or contact 01394 382992 to book your place at a workshop. All proceeds go to The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust to support the conservation work at White House Farm.

Transition cinema in Grundisburgh

Transition Woodbridge (which encompasses Woodbridge and the surrounding villages) is hosting a film showing and discussion at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on Saturday 25 April. It starts at 8pm and refreshments will be available.

Donations will be welcomed.

The film is 'The Power Of Community; How Cuba Survived Peak Oil'. Cuba faced an energy famine in the 1990s and how it overcame the loss of cheap energy from oil constitutes one of the most important and hopeful stories of the past few decades.

'Transition towns' are part of an international grass roots movement designed to help communities build their own local resilience to resist the challenges peak oil and climate change are already starting to throw at us. Please come along and find out more.

Nigel McKean on behalf of Transition Woodbridge, 01473 738528

LOCAL ARCHIVE FILM EVENING

Friends of St. Peter's Church, Charsfield, are to present another film show from the East Anglian Film Archive. The programme contains a varied selection of fascinating films about Suffolk from all eras, including one about the Tide Mill in Woodbridge and another about the Women's Land Army.

It is on 8 May at Charsfield Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 each include a two course cooked supper (please bring your own drink) and are available from Gill Winkworth (01473 737352), Bridge Garage or The Three Horseshoes, Charsfield.



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On yer bike!

Bird notes of a local nature from Reg Snook

After such a depressingly long winter when every day seemed to be grey, it is such a joy to welcome signs of spring. Robins have been in full song for some time now and, in March, the song thrush is pumping out his song. I look forward every morning to hearing - and seeing - a song thrush singing its heart out from the top of a fir tree next to Culpho Church. That wonderful staccato song repeated again and again - "he sings each song twice over...!"

Singing too in March and early spring is the mistle thrush - its song more mellow and softer than that of the song thrush and even the rain fails to dampen its spirit. Again, at Culpho Church, there is one that sings from an even loftier position - high in a beech tree. The blackbird is also now singing - beautiful flutey notes, and when we get a few warm days, he will sing until it gets dark.

Despite the gloom and despondency broadcast about skylarks, we have lots in the Grundisburgh area. Don Gostling who 'ploughed the fields and scattered' here for many years says that skylarks nest in the beet fields - probably the large beet leaves

give ample protection from the various sprays being used these days. There is nothing more uplifting than listening to a skylark as it soars up to the heavens.

Many people have remarked about the numerous long-tailed tits that have appeared in their gardens over the winter. Tom Bye and I counted 53 flying from bush to bush just north of Stoney Road, Grundisburgh. Early in March

long-tailed tits pair up and begin to build their beautiful nests in the hedgerows. They probably nest early because it must take them ages to build such intricate nests of lichen, hair, cobwebs and feathers,

and they can be seen before the hedgerow leaves come out.

Another beautiful bird that is becoming more and more common in our gardens is the goldfinch. Put niger seed in your bird feeders and you will get goldfinches! Keith Burch regularly gets up to nine goldfinches at one time on his feeders. Many of you will remember the old country name for a goldfinch - 'King Harry'.

Sadly the bullfinch, once common, has declined. It is

always a joy to see a male bullfinch, but unfortunately it is now a rare occurrence. I well remember in the 70s being asked to collect over 300 bullfinches that were trapped in an orchard in Suffolk - I later released them all unharmed!

On a much happier note, we have buzzards! At least two pairs have taken up residence in the area. Libby and Richard Cooper at Little Thatch, Culpho, often see them. They are magnificent birds of prey and recently I saw one being mobbed by two crows and half a dozen jackdaws. Oh, by the way, our rookery is very active!

Reg Snook is well known as a naturalist and for his paintings of birds and other wildlife. These can be seen in his Grundisburgh studio where he welcomes visitors. He can be contacted on 07870 594173.

Left: Reg's drawing of a Buzzard being mobbed. His self portrait is on the front page.



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News tributes

Charles Nash, November 1950 to March 2009

Over 700 people attended the funeral for Hasketon farmer Charles Nash - a tribute to the respect and affection in which he was held. He grew up at Home Farm, Hasketon, which his grandfather had bought in the thirties, and converted two derelict cottages nearby into what is now Kennel Farm when he and Belinda married in 1989.

They had met in Belinda's home country of South Africa during Charles' gap year and had three children - Josie, Christopher and Annabelle.

A pioneer of free range poultry in the area, Charles started by breeding chickens in Hasketon. But he found the land available too heavy and so moved his flocks to lighter soil by the Anglo Saxon burial site, initiating the now very successful Sutton Hoo brand.

Charles Nash was a familiar face at the various farmers' markets and was highly regarded in the Suffolk farming community. He had more recently started to breed Red Poll cattle. Farmers and friends have stepped in to help the Nash family, attending to



The mourners unable to find room in St Mary's Church for Charles Nash's funeral who listened to the tributes relayed by loudspeaker.



Charles Nash was a regular at the the Grange Farm Shop tasting weekends with his Sutton Hoo chicken burgers.

cows in calf and helping out on the fields. Belinda Nash and the Sutton Hoo team

intend to keep the business going in his memory.

Charles had been involved with many aspects of community life in Hasketon. He took over from his father Richard on the parish council 15 years ago and was vice-chairman at the time of his death. He acted as tree warden for the village - and provided one of the star attractions at the annual village fete with his ferrets.

married in Marseilles, and Bill brought his new bride back to share his life with him in Grundisburgh.

Coming from a big city, it took Yvette a long time to settle into life in a country village. In time she came to be a big fan of Fish'n chips and Guinness - though that never replaced her love of wine. Her fondness of shopping continued and there were daily trips to Ipswich - Yvette was always very stylishly dressed.

Yvette Gladden, 1927 to March 2009

Yvette Gladden's romantic story was featured in The News in Millennium Year. She was born in Marseilles in the south of France in 1927, and her teenage years were blighted by the Second World War. She recounted some horrific stories from that time.

But when British troops arrived in the final stages of the war, Grundisburgh-born Bill Gladden walked into her father's cafe where she worked. It was love at first sight for both of them. They



The Gladdens had two children, Paul and Josiane, and they enjoyed many holidays visiting Yvette's family in Marseille. Sadly Bill died in 2003, and Yvette missed him badly. Her health deteriorated and for the last five years she

lived in a care home to received round the clock, professional care.

A copy of the full page article about Bill and Yvette from The News issue 156 can be seen in Grundisburgh Post Office, together with the tribute by Yvette's children which The News was unable to reproduce in full.

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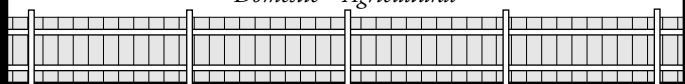
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

MEMORIES OF BRASS BAND WANTED

Exactly when Grundisburgh's brass band was formed is unclear but this photo is the earliest image from the Local History Society's collection. It is believed to date from about 1890 and shows the band posed in the garden of Grundisburgh House.

Brass bands were an important element in the life of a Victorian community and there were no fewer than 40,000 in the UK by 1880, with over 50 bands in Suffolk.

It was unusual at that time for a band to have a non-playing conductor, as many early bands are seen with the conductor holding an instrument, usually a cornet, so that he could conduct with one hand and play with the other. Our band had 23 members and played at local events, such as an open-air concert in the grounds of Grundisburgh Hall in June 1893, when it was reported they played "for the whole inhabitants". Amusingly, the reporter for the Ipswich Advertiser noted "they showed a marked improvement since last year". Apparently not a fan, then!

I am researching Grundisburgh Band's activities and would be pleased to hear from anyone who can add



names of people in the photo or details about the band generally. RH Gladwell was bandmaster then and the conductor (shown with the baton) was GW Blackmore.

All members of Grundisburgh Local History Society's research group are always glad to hear of any photos and items relating to the local area. We will be exhibiting more photographs from our collection at the annual parish meeting on 21 April.

We have been busy indexing a large archive of papers, and have been fortunate to have been given a document cupboard and storage boxes. Now we are looking at possible sites for it, preferably somewhere central to the village.

Albert Usher, 01473 738195

Mid Summer Music is back

After a successful launch in 2007 the organising committee of Grundisburgh's Mid Summer Music has got together another stunning and diverse array of musical talent.

So keep Saturday 20 June from 2 to 8pm free to come to the beautiful grounds of Grundisburgh House by kind permission of Fred and Lucy Ferguson. Prepare to be entertained by 'Bin There, Drummed That'. Enjoy Ceilidh, Classical, Choral, Folk, Rock'n Roll, and a singalong Mamma Mia style.

If you would like to do more, why not become a volunteer - to help to sell tickets for the day and raffle tickets, or set up the venue and clear away, or make cakes or help serve the refreshments.

Please contact Julia Bentley 735524 (programme); Robert Fletcher 735775 (logistics); Valerie MacCuish 735857 (draw); Tanya Whitehead 735936 (refreshments); Iain Langdon 735517; John Richards and Ann and Clive Willetts 738831 (general). All phone codes are 01473.

Oh, and in case you didn't realise, it's all in aid of St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh.

Ann Willetts.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Grundisburgh Chapel at Easter

We give you a very warm welcome to our Easter activities:

Easter Egg Hunt - Good Friday at 2.30pm on the Millennium Meadow. This is open to anyone in the village. There is a small charge of 50p per family in aid of children in Kenya. You can park at the chapel if coming by car.

Easter Sunday - Easter worship at 10.45am and Family service at 4pm.

For those who would like to find out more we have an informal discussion-type meeting called "So, who is this Jesus?" on Wednesday 15 April at 7.30pm in the chapel hall.

Please feel free to get in touch anytime if you need any pastoral help. Please note that there is no longer a telephone at the chapel, but I usually have my mobile phone with me.

Colin Grimwood, 738856,
mobile 0782 3339150

Landguard Fort, Felixstowe, enjoying plenty of activities.

We had a night hike at Aldeburgh, staying at the scout hut there which the Beavers will be using for a sleepover at the end of March. The Cubs and Scouts played Crazy Golf at Mannings Amusement Centre in Felixstowe, there are more activities planned during the coming months and camps at Boxford and Thetford.

The Beavers had an evening outing to the tobogganing centre in Ipswich accompanied by parents, leaders and adults where they had a great time, some of the dads trying out the slope as well.

We are working towards gaining an Environmental Partnership Award; this will be a badge that members who participate in various activities - such as tree planting on 15 March - will be able to wear.

Our new Beaver Flag was on display for the annual Mothers Day Parade at St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh.

New treasurer needed

We urgently need a new treasurer for the Scout Group as Keith Haddock will be stepping down in July after 11 years of excellent services. The role involves attending three meetings per year and an AGM, paying bills, collecting subscriptions and keeping our finances in order. Keith will go through the paperwork with anyone interested.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Troop Assistant, 01473 735352

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SCOUTING NEWS

Pancakes everywhere! That was the scene when the 1st Grundisburgh Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders made their own during Pancake Week in February, but they tasted pretty good!

Also in February our Explorers and older Scouts had a good weekend camp at



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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Meeting Lane approval meets local disapproval

Grundisburgh Parish Council has written to both Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council to complain about the decision to approve the building of five houses and seven bungalows on Meeting Lane.

The previous application was refused after consultations with County Highways on the grounds that *"Meeting Lane is in places of insufficient width for two cars to pass, has no continuous footways provision and its junction with The Green is sub-standard in width and visibility. It does not therefore form a suitable access to serve the level of development proposed and would give rise to traffic safety problems contrary to AP27 of the local plan."*

The parish council understands that County Highways changed its recommendation after consultation with Canon consulting engineers, who carried out a traffic survey for the applicants Flagship housing. But, as was explained in the last edition of The News, it is the sub-standard nature of the layout of the cross roads not the volume of traffic at the junction that causes safety problems.

One of the conditions of the approval is that *"Prior to any of the dwellings becoming occupied, the visibility and road marking improvement shall be provided at the junction of Meeting Lane and the Village Green. Reason: to prevent traffic safety hazards*

at the junction of Meeting Lane and The Green."

Do County Highways really think that a few white lines are going to improve visibility at these cross roads? And if so why have they not done this work already for the benefit of the village. We consider it a quite ludicrous decision.

Ann Willetts, chairman,
Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Planning Sub-committee

DEVELOPMENT LAND

In the last issue of The News, a list of land put forward by owners as possible for development included land around Grundisburgh House, Woodbridge Road. This was listed in error by Suffolk Coastal District Council who say that the owners did not and have no intention of applying to develop this land.

Annual reporting

Grundisburgh & Culpho's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 April and will provide an opportunity for local issues to be aired and local groups to update on their activities. Our county and district councillors and community police officer will also give reports.

Claire Haddock (above right), a former pupil of Grundisburgh Primary School, has been invited to give an illustrated talk about her six weeks' work in an Ugandan hospital last year. Visit her blog to read more about her experiences <http://www.claireandjain.blogspot.com/> Claire is in her fourth year at Southampton University Medical School.

There will also be an exhibition of the primary school's annual visit to France.

The annual parish meeting starts at 7.30pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall. Wine, fruit juices and nibbles will be served at the end of the meeting.

John Ager, parish clerk,
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j.ager@tesco.net

Quality Status

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council achieved 'Quality Status' in 2003, the first Suffolk village to gain the award and has just successfully applied for re-accreditation.

CARS RAIDED

Three vehicles were entered into in Grundisburgh over a weekend in early March, and had valuables stolen from themand all three were reported as being insecure.

Police Sgt Mick Richardson of the Kesgrave Safer Neighbourhood Team, said "This is incredibly frustrating. If people leave their vehicles unlocked, they risk having their property stolen - and they shouldn't leave iPods and phones inside anyway!"

Youth work

Just42 is very grateful for all the financial support received from the people of Grundisburgh - but it does need more voluntary help



Claire Haddock in Uganda.

with the youth club in Grundisburgh run on a Thursday evening. Anyone who could spare any time, is asked to call 01394 380992 or e-mail Kevin@just42.org.uk.

Ablitts Meadow vacancy

English Rural Housing Association has a three bedroom house to let at Ablitts Meadow, Grundisburgh. The rent will be £92.78 per week and anyone interested can contact Katie Maclean on 01233 242622 for more information or an application form.

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Happy Pets at Home

Some people may know me from my time as a practice nurse working for Dr Fielder and partners at Grundisburgh and Otley. I still work as a nurse, but in a different general practice for two days a week. The days I don't work nursing, I indulge in my passion for pets.

I have got two pet-mad daughters and so our home has been full of dogs, cats,

hamsters, guinea pigs - in fact you name it we've had one!

I started Happy Pets at Home, a dog walking, pet/house sitting business three years ago. I love animals and wanted to do a job which involved them and helped people out as well. I cover all villages in The News' area and do occasional or regular walking. I also visit pets in their own homes while their

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Keeping pets happy away from home

Five years ago Chris Risby left his job in 'The City' to take over Browngates Boarding Kennels and Cattery in Swilland, in partnership with his wife Sarah, whose parents had previously owned the business. He doesn't regret his decision, and seeing the pleasure he obviously derives from the animals, no one would question it.

Browngates has 27 cat chalets and 34 kennels, four of which are family size so that dogs who live together at home can continue to do so. Dogs are introduced to boarding gradually, coming for a 'taster day' and building up through short stays to full-time board.

Lengths of stay vary according to the owners' requirements, the longest length of stay so far has been eighteen months! Chris points out that dogs like routine and that once they become used to the routine of the kennels most adapt well. As well as boarding cats and dogs Chris and Sarah breed Airedale Terriers, producing one litter each year. The latest addition Maggie bounced around in her pen to greet us looking as though she may well one day do justice to her forebears, whose many winners' rosettes decorate the

walls of the office.

Chris and Sarah are proud to have been chosen by Guide Dogs for the Blind as a base for the final part of their training. The kennels were vetted by Andy Gatenby, the Guide dog mobility instructor and so far Browngates has had two lots of dogs in training with another lot of two or three dogs due in April. The kennels were issued with guidelines covering feeding, exercise and, importantly, toilet training which needs to be done on concrete since future owners may want their dog to do this to better enable clearing up. The dogs are introduced to Browngates at about fifteen months old and remain for roughly three months. During this time they are taken out by Andy for training, you may see them walking through Woodbridge Thoroughfare.

During this training the Guide Dogs are assigned to their blind owners, and Andy trains the new owner to work with and care for their new dog.

The vast majority of dogs to be trained as Guide Dogs are bred by Guide Dogs for the Blind and, contrary to the popular idea, most are not pure Labradors but Labrador cross golden retrievers.

In Browngates'

office is a large box to collect items for the Guide Dogs Treasure Hunt; - old jewellery, mobile phones, foreign coins, bank notes, keys and watches - all gratefully received.

Sarah also offers a grooming service, and the business sells dog and cat food, a service many local owners find very useful. In all, a thriving business which has not been hit by the recession, February figures are up on last year, Chris happily tells us.

Words Madge Nicholas, photo Wendy Witt



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IN THE LAP OF LUXURY



Luxury boarding establishment catering exclusively for cats who deserve the best' is how Karen and Alan Hancock describe their Elm Cottage Cattery, which they took over two years ago.

Alan, who works as an hgv driver and shoots as a hobby, keeps the purpose built chalets in good nick. These are triple insulated and heated; each is individually decorated with different coloured wallpaper and have miniature wooden truckle beds and cosy bedding for the feline guests to sleep in. Each chalet is linked to a 10ft run. Some of the chalets are large

enough to take up to a family of six cats together.

It is Karen who looks after the day to day care of the guests. She originally worked as a veterinary nurse before training to nurse humans - but

has always been crazy about animals.

This is reflected in the variety of other livestock and birds - including two peacocks - that range around the three and a half acre plot at Otley Bottom. These also provide extra interest for the cats.

Words and photos Peter Kendall



Top photo: Karen with friend;
Below: The peahen, who like her partner, spends much time admiring herself in the mirror.

The News is always keen to promote local enterprises. So if you run a business in one of our villages and want to spread the word, why not contact us.

Nicola Hobbs, editor
grunews@fast-mail.net, 01473 738276



The News' cats - Floriana and Timpson - who were 'adopted' from the RSPCA at Martlesham in November and who do their best to disrupt production of The News in the editor's office!

The RSPCA has warned that more fundraising help is urgently needed if its rescue centre at Martlesham and clinic in Ipswich are to survive the economic crisis.

One of its ways of raising money is through door to door collections, and more people are wanted to do this. Last year Grundisburgh's Ann Franklin and Maggie Goddard raised over £100 towards the area total of almost £14,000. Anyone who could spare a bit

of time to fill some of the gaps where money could be collected is asked to contact Patricia Monk, the house to house collections organiser, on 01394 284605. Areas of Grundisburgh, plus Hasketon, Tuddenham and Otley are in need of cover.

As 'adoptors' from Martlesham we could not have been more impressed by the services there and the care of the staff for the animals.

Words and photo Nicola Hobbs

Debach Airfield Military weekend

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Hasketon Highlights

Our Second Friday Events in the Victory Hall attract a good number from the village and neighbourhood ...

remember, everyone is welcome to join us.

Our ploughman's supper in February was followed by an excellent and humorous talk by Tom Tyler, when he described the trials and pleasures that beset the motorist in the early days when the car was open to the elements. He showed us examples of the obligatory hat and goggles that were vital when going out for a spin on almost empty roads. I, too, remember winding up my first car each morning to start it, but I did not have the gauntlet gloves needed in earlier days.

On Friday 17 April, we shall have another of Molly Smith's Quiz Nights (tables of six) with loads of questions, some of which will be encouragingly easy, and some which will really test your memory. We start at 7.15pm with our customary help-yourself ploughman's supper. At half time, Chloe Pitcher and her friends who cycled around Cuba for the charity 'Women for Women' will tell us of both the fun and ordeals of their wonderful trip.

You can also look forward on 8 May to Alastair McWhirter's talk 'Travels with my Truncheon' covering his time with the

police, and to Paul Strugnell's memories of his military days ... 'Hawkeye, the story of an Army Pilot', on 12 June.

Tickets for each of these three evenings will cost £5 and are available from me.

Suffolk Coastal District Council has told us that, sadly, one of the 200-year-old beech trees in the churchyard is unsafe and has to come down as it has a disease called Ustilina Deusta.

Another churchyard problem is that we have found that several of the gravestones are deemed to be unsteady and that, for health and safety reasons and with the agreement of next-of-kin, they must be made secure.

Both of these troubles will be attended to in the near future. Prompted by the recent quinquennial report, we have also found seven important electrical matters which we are sorting out.

Our parish council has received the first draft of the legal agreements from the district council for transferring the ownership of the village green, the land adjacent to Tymmes Place and the allotments, to the village. A number of amendments to these papers have been recommended by the parish council, and these are now being considered by the district council.

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Bredfield Barometer

JUMBLE BONANZA

Susie France, organiser of the Jumbo Jumble Sale at Bredfield Village Hall on 7 March, was worried before the event that she would make less than last year - but was delighted to raise just over £925. She thanks the many volunteers who turn out every year to help to raise money for the New Church Room at St Andrew's.



A bargain - a walkie talkie set still in its original packaging.

It has often been said that one man's rubbish is another's treasure and this proved to be true, with the queue starting at the front door more than 40 minutes before the doors opened. Soon after opening, it was impossible to see any floor space and 'teams' of bargain hunters were heard to discuss sharing out the work of scouring the different stalls. It was another fantastic and unifying day for the village.

We look forward to another jumbo jumble sale next year.

Picture and words by Roswyn Bradshaw

Painting exhibition

Bredfield resident Mary Bishop is holding an exhibition of her work at Orford Town Hall over the Bank Holiday weekend of 23 - 25 May. The exhibition will include water colours, oils and small driftwood sculptures, plus hand crafted items all for sale. Mary's sister, Lorna, is joining her with a collection of individually made cushions, bags and throws etc.

Refreshments will be available, including homemade cakes and scones. The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm each day.

New project for Environment Group

As part of the Bredfield Parish Plan, it was decided to form an Environment Group. Some useful meetings have already been held but this summer will see an increase in the group's profile and work.

An environmental survey of the parish is planned, which will involve noting and recording the range of flora and fauna within the village, and hopefully identify a site (or sites) that may become a wildlife area. It is hoped that this may build on the very successful tree and hedge

survey carried out a by a small group of parishioners.

To launch this project there will be a meeting in Bredfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 May. This will include a presentation on the hedgerow and tree survey and (hopefully) a talk by a local wildlife professional. Anyone with an interest in their environment - however slight - is encouraged to attend.

*David Hepper, Chairman,
Bredfield Parish Plan*

Keeping the hall in good order

The Bredfield Village Hall Committee is a dedicated team of volunteers who are constantly looking for opportunities to improve facilities and are currently undertaking a comprehensive programme of fund raising events. This summer will see the start of work to include replacement of the flat roof

and updating of the toilets.

BVH plays host to the very popular quiz nights (look out for notices about the next evening to be held soon), as well as village activities such as the Jumbo Jumble Sale, the Christmas Extravaganza and Archive evenings.

The hall is available for private hire at very reasonable rates. A feature about the wide range of the groups using the hall will be included in a future issue of The News.

SUMMER EVENTS

The wonderfully traditional Church Fete held in the grounds of the Old Rectory will be on 6 June. The beautiful grounds of the Old Rectory will also host the annual Bredfield outdoor concert on 4 July. Further information about both events will follow in the next edition.

*News of Bredfield Bowls Club
is on page 18.*



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IN BRIEF...

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Ipswich Electrifiers Speakers Club was set up to help people scared of making speeches in public and others to hone their speaking skills. To complement the forthcoming TV series 'The Speaker' when thousands of teenagers will compete in a series of challenges, the Ipswich club is arranging for aspiring local speakers of any age the opportunity to learn and practice speech making skills. A masterclass will also be on offer. Details and dates see www.ipswichelectrifiers.org.uk or ring 07764 212251.

Walking through the villages

The second in a series of 'longer' walks put together by Hilary Hill of Hasketon, this circular walk goes from Grundisburgh to Woodbridge outskirts via Hasketon. Time to walk is 1.5 to 2.5 hours depending on whether short cut taken

Leave Grundisburgh by the footpath to the right of the rectory (off Woodbridge Road) and walk through Witches Wood and alongside the stream to a bridge. Cross it and continue to the road.

Turn right and then left at the turning to Bridge Works, Hasketon. Take the footpath on your right and follow this until you come out onto the road.

Go left along the road and make your way to Hasketon Church. You can do this by either by taking the second footpath on your left along the edge of a field to come out near the Turks Head and then turn right along the road, or carry on along the road turning left over the bridge.

Go through the churchyard and up a few steps to a path



Host Darren who has re-introduced food to The Turks Head in Hasketon. Enquiries 01394 610907.

across the field. When you come to a T junction in the path, turn right and follow this (going over a stile and crossing a field) until you get to the road. Turn left and continue to the B1079. Cross over and take the path beside Meer Farm Stables.

Follow this path straight on (do not take path signed to the left at the end of the stables) until you come to a field edge where you turn right then left round the edge of the field to carry on in a more-or less straight line and come out opposite Seckford Hall. Take care here, where you follow the field edge to the left there is also a footpath straight on, but you need to head towards the BT tower in the distance. Opposite Seckford Hall turn left and arrive at the A12 where you turn left and walk alongside the road to a footpath on the left just before Wyevale.

For the shortest route follow this footpath, with a slight right then left dogleg across a

track, until you join the path beside Meer Farm stables. Turn right and re-trace your outward route.

If you want a slightly longer route, continue alongside the A12, crossing the B1079, past the Shell garages to Russell Close (by the pedestrian crossing).

Turn left here. At the end of the Close turn right along Manor Road. Pick up the track (on the left) between Hasketon Manor and Hasketon Manor Farm. The track becomes a path along the edge of fields, then diagonally across a field to join a path near Home Farm.

Turn left and go through the gate with the farmhouse on your right, continue along the

track and at the end turn right along the road (Blacksmiths Road, Hasketon) before picking up a footpath almost immediately on your left.

Follow this before turning right back towards Hasketon church and retrace your route to Grundisburgh unless you want to go to the Turks Head in which case turn right out of the churchyard left at the junction and carry on along the road. Where the road bears right (Boulge Road) keep straight on. The Turks Head is on the left.

Hilary is one of the volunteers who lead the walks organised by Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council normally for the second Sunday of each month. These leave Grundisburgh Green at 2pm, are free, and open to everyone. They are designed to take two hours.

The next one is on 5 April, because the second Sunday is Easter Day.

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REPAIRS AT ST MARY'S SWILLAND

When part of the ceiling fell down into the nave of Swilland Church in September, it was lucky that nobody was in there at the time. But it presented the church authorities with a problem as the architect deemed the rest of the ceiling unsafe and advised closure of the building until urgent repairs could be effected.

Since then church services have been held in various homes in the parish, whilst the PCC sought financial help to pay the estimated £13,000

repair bill. The response from charities, organisations and individuals has been both overwhelming and heartening, and the money for the repairs was rapidly raised (thank you all).

We hope the church will open again in time for Easter, so if you haven't visited this beautiful building before, why not come along and see it in all its refurbished glory.

The Fun Day being run by the Moon and Mushroom Pub, Swilland, is in aid of church

funds as well as Withesham School. It takes place on Sunday May 31 from 2 to 5.30pm in the field next to the pub and school playground.

Like our church neighbours in Clopton, repairs are an ever present fact of life, and before the ceiling decided to descend earthwards, the tower steps were crumbling to oblivion and had been our prime priority. The school needs money for computer and horticulture projects.

At the fun day, which is rapidly becoming a must in local outings, there will be lots to do. The Boys Brigade is going to parade at the start, with a celebrity opening to follow. Throughout the afternoon music will be provided by the Ipswich Community Wind band. There will be multiple activities for children: face painting, horse riding, bouncy castle, coconut shy, spin the wheel, treasure hunt, hook a duck, many competitions with prizes for such things as cake making, and posy arranging. Kids will be able to explore a fire engine and a police car, throw wet sponges at victims (inevitably dads/grandads but could be teachers or anyone else you can convince) in ye olde parish stocks. There will be a hawk show and a dog show, stalls selling plants provided by both Otley College and K-Plants, and the college will host a brains trust for advice on horticulture. We will be hosting adult and children tug of war contests.

After that fun you will need fortifying with mouth watering food from the barbecue/hog roast followed by ice cream. And it doesn't stop there for there is going to be a full evening of entertainment in the pub later with Rodders playing boogie 'til late.

For more about this event or to run a stall please contact Nikki Gavin at the Moon & Mushroom on 01473 785320 or myself.

Brian Williams,
01473 785726



IN BRIEF...

Suffolk County Council and Suffolk ACRE, in partnership with liftshare, have set up a car sharing scheme. This aims to maximise people's travel options, reduce the number of cars on the road, cut pollution and protect the environment as well as saving on travel costs. Details of the scheme, which is free of charge, and how to register are available at www.suffolkcarshare.com.

The county's primary care trust, NHS Suffolk, is inviting everyone to have their say about GP and dentist services available outside normal surgery times. The 'out of hours' consultation will run until 22 May. It is available online at www.suffolk.nhs.uk and in print from 01473 770014. A series of meetings are being held. The nearest for News' villages is the Corn Exchange, Ipswich, on 7 May from 6.30 to 8.30pm

Both the plant sales run this year by the Suffolk Group of Plant Heritage (formerly known as the NCCPG) will be at Helmingham Hall. The first is on Sunday 24 May and the second on Sunday 20 September between 10.30am and 4pm. The £5 entry fee gives access to the hall gardens as well as to the displays by specialist plant nurseries and national collection holders. Information from www.nccpgsuffolk.org.

A beanpole festival is being run at the Northgate Allotments in Sidegate Lane, Ipswich, on Sunday 26 April. There will be a chance to buy locally produced beanpoles and peasticks, plus a rural crafts display, short talks, story telling and children's activities. It takes place from 11am to 3pm. For details see www.greenlivingcentre.org.uk

Bealings Bylines

Travellers' tales at WI meetings

At Bealings WI's January meeting a tasty lunch made by Mrs Slim was followed by an enjoyable and interesting talk by Peter Wright, with the title 'Have Bus Pass, will Travel'.

Within days of his 60th birthday Peter applied for his bus pass and timetables, and started exploring Suffolk, Norfolk and parts of Essex. He is now quite an expert on those coffee and tea shops which sell the best coffee and cakes - and also the best pubs for a half pint!

Wherever he goes he takes timetables and OS maps with him. He finds the buses very reliable. If he wants to go a long way in a day he will use a Park and Ride to give him a head start.

Peter Wright finished his talk by playing his guitar and singing a most amusing song about his travels.

Short of donning boots, shouldering a heavy rucksack and building up the nerve to

set out alone on a trek from John o'Groats to Land's End, we could not have done better than hear Graeme Hart relate the tale of his journey. At our February meeting, we heard of wonderful hospitality en-route, free B & B accommodation, generous donations from well-wishers to the charities whose funds he was seeking to boost, other walkers who became friends - and much more.

This was accompanied by over 150 splendid slides of the wonderful mountains, lochs and glens of Scotland, the unsurpassed beauty of the Lake District, the gentler greens of the rolling English countryside and the hills and moors of the southwest. From the crofts and peat fires of the far north to the tiny chapels of Cornwall, the journey, with its extremes of weather, was a tale of great determination but, above all, profound enjoyment.

Graeme was well pleased with his efforts, having raised more than £5,500 for his charities.

Our WI Reading Group celebrates its twentieth birthday this year and we are pleased that a second group has been formed.

Taken from reports supplied by Sheila Stroud and Audrey Robertson.

Clopton Chat

NEWS FROM CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Freedom of Information Act

The Model Publication Scheme for the Freedom of Information Act has been adopted and anyone can request information in writing, from the parish council. More details are posted on the notice boards

Spring Cleaning Litter

Local people are encouraged to take a pride in their village and help by clearing the litter from their area during the annual spring-clean litter pick.

Local Responders

It is hoped to work towards training people to be First Responders in an emergency. The first few minutes can be vital in saving lives and First Responders can be on the scene more quickly than an ambulance. The NHS Ambulance Trust run courses to train people in First Aid and it is planned to organise a course in Clopton Village Hall

for people in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Parish Council Vacancy

Following the resignation of Jill Gipp from Clopton Parish Council, there is a vacancy for a parish councillor to be co-opted. If you would like to become more involved with your village, please contact the clerk or any councillor for more details.

Community Speed Watch Scheme

(continued from page 1)

A training session will be organised for the volunteers of the Clopton Parish Council led initiative on speeding. The aim is of this is to educate and encourage motorists to drive carefully through our villages. The scheme is supported by the police.

Gill Kimmerling, Clerk, Clopton Parish Council, tloomscot@live.co.uk

Gill Kimmerling has been appointed Clerk of Clopton Parish Council, taking over from Janet Clarke who stood down after four years' service. Gill has been Parish Clerk for Knodishall for several years. She was also Clerk to Friston for two years and temporary Town Clerk for Aldeburgh for eight months to cover sick leave. She has passed the CiLCA exam, to become a qualified Clerk.

As well as her local council work, Gill works part-time at Sutton Hoo as a receptionist and helps with some auctions at Abbots in Campsea Ashe.



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Otley Offerings



NEWS FROM 1ST OTLEY CUBS

The Fitness Challenge has been taking up some of 1st Otley Cubs' meeting time. We had great fun when Hannah came to teach us aerobics, learning about joints and muscles and then had 30 minutes of aerobic exercise.

We went rock-climbing at Stowmarket Leisure during half term (followed by one of our famous 'Sleep-overs' in the scout hut) and in March had a go at Karate with Adrian. Two weeks of analyzing our sleep, exercise and eating has helped us to see how we can improve our lives for the better.

We helped out with the 'Big Garden Birdwatch' in February and this will go towards completing our Naturalist badge along with a hedge survey and tree identification.

The Police visited us to talk about safe bike riding and we had an evening where we learned about First Aid.

Thirteen Cubs went to see 'Peter Pan' at Otley Village Hall - our Leader Nathan (Shere Khan) was Captain Hook - and our Sixers & Seconders went on a night hike in Aldeburgh with others from Deben District.

Fun with pancakes, a quiz and a 'dark' night are some of the things in our programme before Easter. Otley Scout Group will be holding a fun day on April 25 for members, parents and anyone who would like to come along and see what we do.

If you have a child who would like to join our group, or are an adult who could spare some time to help at any of the meetings, please call Brian Childs 01473 890573

Jayne Vaughan

Photo above Andrew Peck Assistant County Commissioner, Cubs, after presenting Hugh Hall and Angus Stone with their awards during the County Sixers Day at Duxford.

News from the Under Fives Playgroup

The Under Fives have been very busy this term with the alphabet being the theme. Activities each week were tied in with that week's letter; the children have tasted Avocados, made Bread, tasted Cheese, made (play) Dough, and made Elephant Finger puppets. This theme will continue until the end of summer term.

Otley Under 5's would like to say a 'big thank' you to all those people who helped raise over £1000 during 2008 at the various charity events. This is fantastic and we really appreciate the support we receive. The money all goes towards preparing the young children of Otley & district for their future education from the ages of 2.5-5 yrs.

Here are the next fundraising dates for your diary:-

Easter Egg Hunt - Easter Monday (13 April) 10am Otley school playing field, £2 per child - tea and cakes also available

Car Boot Sale - Sunday 19 April - 10 am - 1pm Otley Village Hall car park (to book a pitch call Stephen on 01473 890393 before 16 April)

From Easter we are pleased to be able to provide complete school day cover from 9am to 3pm on Mondays,

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Tuesdays cover would be from 9am to 12 noon. This includes the new Lunch Club facility - please refer to our website otleyunderfives.co.uk for up to date charges and details of the Lunch Club.

We are a friendly playgroup with strong community links, and we are very pleased to say that our November 2008 Ofsted Report was 'Outstanding'.

To arrange a visit please call the playgroup on 07789 468853, or for more information call Stephen on 01473 890393 or Anne (enrolment) on 01473 890641.

Volunteers Needed!

We are appealing for parents to volunteer and take an active role in our committee. Presently the committee has vacancies for Treasurer, Secretary and Minutes Secretary, with other positions becoming vacant in September. So, if anyone is interested in helping please call Stephen on 01473 890393.

Toddler Group

We run a friendly Toddler Group on Tuesday afternoons, at the Under Fives Centre, from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. All families are welcome to attend with a charge of £1.50 per family per session. For more details please call Stephen on 01473 890393.

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Grundisburgh footballers looking for top honours

Grundisburgh Football Club enters spring with all to play for as they seek silverware on four fronts.

The first team are top of the SIL Senior Division with a nine point lead over their nearest rivals (this may be reduced to six if the team lying second win their game "in hand"), and have made it through to the Semi-Finals of the Omnico Cup. The reserves, led by Phil Peck, are making a late run in Intermediate Division A, and, more importantly, are in the Final of the Suffolk Senior Reserve Cup - this is the first time a team from the SIL have made it so far, a remarkable achievement indeed.

The first team, managed by Micky Squirrel and Kevin Cunningham, are trying to retain the Omnico Cup (played for by SIL first teams). If successful it will be the seventh time we have lifted this cup, and if we manage to hold onto top spot in the league we will become champions for the eighth time in our history. Micky and Kevin have succeeded in refreshing the first team squad by bringing in new players and, at the same time, maintaining Grundisburgh's proud record of competing for the top honours in local football.

The two dates to put in your diary are: Saturday 4 April - Omnico Cup Semi-Final versus Felixstowe Utd to be played at Melton St Audrys (ko 2.30) and Wednesday 6 May - Suffolk Senior Reserve Cup Final versus Lowestoft Town Reserves (ko 7.30 venue to be announced).

We hope to see many local residents at these games to cheer on the team - as well as at Grundisburgh Playing Field on Saturdays (ko 2.30pm) as both teams look for success in their respective leagues.

CLOCKENDER

Recent winners in the football club's 100 Club are for January D.Pryke (£50), Barry Quinton (£35), Ethel Quinton (£25), Wendy Pearce (£20), and for February Pat Gundrill (£50), Richard Frost (£35), Nobby Lambert (£25), Dave King (£20).

BOWLS

Bredfield

Bredfield Bowls Club members have enjoyed a winter of social activity and are now looking forward to the new season which starts in late April. We have expanded the playing opportunities by joining another league and now compete in four evening and one afternoon league as well as various cups and friendly matches. Social activities are encouraged throughout the year, and we obtained a licence for the clubhouse in 2008.

New members are very welcome whether beginners or experienced players, and we would invite anyone interested in finding out more about our club to come to our open day on Saturday 18 April between 10.30am and 4pm. All you need to bring are flat bottomed shoes. Club members will be on hand to answer questions or offer advice.

The club is next to Bredfield Village Hall. For more information, please phone Paul Brown 01394 386921 or Tony Horn 01394 383175.

Otley

Our closed season at Otley Bowls Club is coming to an end. The AGM has been held, committee formed for the new season, fixtures arranged and cards made up.

The closed season was not uneventful; first the green caught a disease called Fusarium which caused nasty patches and cost quite a bit to spray - apparently several clubs in the area had it too.



Bredfield bowlers

Hopefully it will grow out by the start of the season. Then we had unwanted visitors who damaged our changing room. If anyone finds bowls or jacks in their front garden we would appreciate their return. Now we start preparing the green for the new season by scarification, cutting and fertilising.

Once again I appeal to people to consider joining us and enjoying the sport of bowls. We have entered four leagues but it does not mean everyone has to be a competitive bowler as the green is always available for 'roll ups'. For information please ring me on 01473 890277; don't be shy, everybody has to be a learner in the beginning.

Bill Kemp, Secretary, Otley Bowls Club

TENNIS

Charsfield

Charsfield Tennis Club now has its new hard courts open and waiting for members to make use of them in the coming year.

The 2009 season opens on Monday 6 April when we hope to have a lot of new people looking to join us and experience a fantastic playing facility in the open countryside. The club is always pleased to welcome new members and with membership costing less than £1 per week for adults, and even better rates for juniors,

this really must be a brilliant way to improve your fitness, enjoy the fresh air and meet friends old and new.

For details of membership and how to book the courts please contact me

*Angela Seabrook, Club Secretary, 01473 737581 or
angela_seabrook@yahoo.co.uk*

Grundisburgh

New members are also being sought by Grundisburgh Tennis Club for the season starting on Sunday 5 April with a friendly club session, from 10.30am. Just bring a racquet, as balls are always provided by the club for these sessions.

Membership rates are held at last year's level: Single Adult £58, Couple £78, Family £98, Junior £25. These fees are for a full year from April 2009 and include access to a Wimbledon draw, free use of the courts (which are just off Ipswich Road) at anytime other than coaching or match sessions, two club sessions a week, various social events throughout the year, and discounts on coaching

Coaching sessions will be held probably on Monday evenings again this year for both adults and juniors. John Ager organises ladies' morning coaching sessions starting in April too.

For further details please contact Monica Begg, Chair, 01473 738830 or Chris Lee, Treasurer, 01473 735270.

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Paper matters

The News is trying out new paper to help enhance its look, particularly for photo reproduction. Last time the weight was increased from the original 80gsm matt finish to 130gsm with a silk finish. We had many compliments on the looks but our distributors reported that they were having to increase the number of journeys going door to door delivering copies. It also increased our postal costs.

So, for this issue, we are seeking a compromise and have ordered a 100gsm silk finish. In all cases the paper used is FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) accredited.

The News has been printed by Healeys in Ipswich for almost all its 28 years of publication.

Quiz for netball club funds

Grundisburgh Netball Club is holding a quiz night for netball funds on Friday 24 April starting at 8pm at Woodbridge Rugby Club. Teams of up to six are invited at £5 per person, to include food. Anyone wanting to put a team together should contact Sue Haddock, 01473 738872, suehaddock@hotmail.co.uk

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DICK TURPIN - GADS POPULAR 2009 PANTOMIME

Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Group had near capacity audiences for its 2009 panto 'Dick Turpin'.

The company is always looking to welcome new members. They need a cross-section of people, from those willing to perform, to those more interested in off-stage roles and stage management. Even those who can only make a cuppa become valued members.

GADS produces two main shows a year, a

panto-

mime and a spring play,

with a play on

The Green in the

summer. It meets on

Wednesday nights in the

village hall, with many

members adjourning to the

The Dog afterwards for a



well-earned drink. Anyone interested, should contact Madge Nicholas on 01473 738824, or Judith Bignell on 01473 735459.



Top: The cast take their final curtain; left: some of the 21 children involved. Above, from left: GADS stalwarts Nikki Brown, Vicky Hart, Adam Kearney and Kate Adams. Photos Brian Robinson.



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