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Bloqx has landed in Otley!

The new play area on the Otley playing field was launched with a grand opening in April.

The event, organised jointly by Otley Community Council and Suffolk County Council, was also to showcase the county council's Playbuilder grant funding scheme which allows community groups access to up to £50,000 towards play related projects. The central feature includes 'Bloqx' climbing cubes, a new development in the world of play equipment.

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Burgh Bridge works

The work to replace Burgh Bridge on the B1079 is on programme and will continue until early July with one way working controlled by lights.

To undertake the main deck replacement the bridge will be closed completely from 8pm on Friday 5 June to 6am on Monday 15 June. These dates/times may be revised should unforeseen difficulties be encountered or delays caused due to weather conditions; however a signed alternative diversion route and safe route for pedestrians will be maintained throughout the road closure. For further information on the works and



closure arrangements contact Bridge Project Engineer Neil Carter on 01473 265007. During the closure the 70 and 70A service buses will be diverted away from parts of Grundisburgh and Clopton, and run via Stoney Road (Bond's Corner) and Market Hill (Potash Corner). Bus operators will respond to requests for pick-up and set down stops. Diversionary routes and alternative plans will also be in place with the schools and bus operators. For more on the bus arrangements contact 08456 066067.

Unfortunately the closure clashes with Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho Hidden Gardens weekend on 13 and 14 June, but the county council is helpfully providing special signs to help people get to the event.

GRUNDISBURGH 'GOOGLED'

A car carrying the tell tale tripod and eight way cameras on a roof rack was spotted in Grundisburgh on 18 May. This means that Google is in the process of filming for its Street View site, which enables internet viewers to take a virtual street level walk through a community.

A very limited vox pop in Grundisburgh indicates a fairly relaxed view to this but anyone who objects to their home appearing can have it removed from the site - once the pictures

have appeared. There is a link at the bottom of each one to enable 'concerns to be reported'. At the time of going to press the Grundisburgh site was not yet available. A note will be put in the post office window when it is on line



Lots on ...There's plenty happening in The News villages this summer. The usual What's On items on page three have spread onto pages four and five as well.

News Diary

MAY

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

Bredfield Ch. Fete, Old Rectory, Contact 01394 383156

Sunday 7

Military Open Day Debach Airfield 10-5pm Contact 737236

Friday 12

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

Flower Arranging iao Charsfield Flower Show Free Event VH 7.30pm PBE Contact 737499

Hawkeye - Army Flying talk with supper Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970/610214

Saturday 13

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

Queen Tribute Dance Debach Airfield 7.30pm Contact 737236

French Cafe Gr. Primary School 11-1pm Contact 735281

Sunday 14

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

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

Food Tasting Party iao Otley Gym Club OVH 7pm PBE Contact 07951 845224

Wednesday 24

Mid Summer Walk to Millennium Meadow Gr.VG 7pm Contact 738219

Friday 26

The Taming of the Shrew - outdoor Shakespear Otley Hall, 7.30-9.30pm PBE Contact 890264

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 12.30pm Contact 01394 383106

JULY

Thursday 2

Memories are Made of This talk Mr. Jay Gr. WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 4

Bredfield Annual Outdoor Concert Old Rectory Contact 01394 383156

Otley Village Fete PF 2-5pm
Otley Evening BBQ and Dance 7-11.30pm Contact 890970/890283

Friday 10

Ruby & Her Horses Talk by Neill Lanham Hasketon VH 7.30pm Contact 01394 388970/610214

Saturday 11

Grundisburgh Village Show PF 12.30-4.30pm Contact 738267 with **Car boot sale** Contact 735238.

Post Show dance PBE Contact 735469

A Summer Concert iao Ch. Preservation Trust, St Mary's Church Otley 7.30pm Contact 01728 860374

Monday 13

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg Culpho Ch. 7.30pm Contact 735541

Thursday 16

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

Saturday 18

Hasketon Fete VG 2pm Contact 01394 388970

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

Saturday 25

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

Hasketon Children Sports VG 2pm Contact 01394 388970/385866

AUGUST

Thursday 6

Work of a Registrar talk Janie Parker Gr. WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 7

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

Sunday 30

Otley Hall Open Day 1-5pm Contact 890264

Monday 31

Fun Day & Car Boot iao Gr. Football Club 8am-5pm Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3

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

Saturday 5

Church Fete GVG Contact 738866

Friday 11

Birds & Painting Talk by Reg Snook and supper PBE Hasketon VH 7.15pm Contact 01394 388970

Monday 14

Gr. Parish Council Mtg PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Otley Parish Council Mtg VH Contact 735451

Thursday 17

Antarctic Odyssey talk Mr. C Parfitt Bealings WI, VH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Saturday 19

Harvest Flower Festival Burgh Ch. Contact 737507

Sunday 20

Harvest Flower Festival Burgh Church Contact 737507

OCTOBER

Thursday 1

Trek for Life talk on Breast Cancer Walk Gr. Burgh & Culpho WI Gr.PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 2

Gr Village Quiz GVS Contact 738831

Friday 9

Peter Webb's Spitsbergen Adventure Talk Hasketon VH supper 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970/610214

Thursday 15

Macedonia or Bust talk Mr. J Cook Bealings WI, VH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Monday 19

Otley Parish Council Mtg VH Contact 735451

Thursday 22

Talk by Mr. Jay Golden Club Gr. VH 2.30pm Contact 735650

Saturday 24

Coffee Morning iao Golden Club Gr.PR Contact 735650

NOVEMBER

Monday 9

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg GR. PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Saturday 14

Bredfield Christmas Extravaganza 11am-4pm Contact 01394 387867

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.

What's On

True Suffolk tale of Ruby and her horses

A story of 'a love of horses', especially Roxanne the trotting mare, will be told by Neil and Andrew, known as The Bumstead Boys, on Friday 10 July in The Victory Hall, Hasketon.

The time is set just before the First World War and through the agricultural depression of the 1930's. Neil Lanham retells fond tales of Suffolk life that his mother Ruby had told him, and illustrates them with a slide show of family photos. Then Andrew Stannard, in his nutbrown East Suffolk voice, follows each story with an unaccompanied song.

This is the preservation of traditional story-telling at its best. The evening starts at 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets at £8 can be obtained from Richard Smith (01394 388970). There will be tea/coffee in the interval.

Charsfield capers - free entertainment

Five organisations in Charsfield have joined together for a weekend of free family entertainment to which everyone is invited. Starting on Friday 26 June come along to St Peters Church at 7.30pm to admire the flowers and listen to the music.

On Saturday 27th from 2-4pm it's open house, when a number of local folk will be opening up their doors to showcase their skills. There will also be a display of Peggy Cole's previously unseen photos of village life in the village hall.

The traditional fete takes place from 4-6pm at the school with stalls, games, teas, three



Ruby and her horse Roxanne who was bought at Lavenham Horse Fair.

legged races and a children's suitcase sale. Then at 6pm it's on to the village hall where a licensed bar will run throughout the evening's free entertainment, starting with a children's entertainer, an Elvis impersonator and then a disco. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact 737701, 737813 or 737808.

Hasketon Fete

We have brought the date of our Village Fete forward to Saturday 18 July, hoping that it will be before people start on their summer holidays. It will be a typical fun afternoon with an Aunt Sally, bottle stalls, cakes, guessing games and so on, but we are asking for help for our exhibition in the church. This will be a display of 'Yesterday's toys' and if you have any toys that your parents or grandparents used to enjoy, please could we borrow them?

Richard Smith (01394 388970)

WILDLIFE SITE HAS THIRD OPEN DAY

White House Farm at Hasketon is hosting its third annual open day on Sunday 14 June from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Nature trails guide visitors through woodland and wildflower meadows with magnificent displays of orchids. This year there will

be guided walks, natural therapies, craft stalls, wood sculptures, turf labyrinth, children's activities. Teas, cakes and other refreshments. Proceeds go to The Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust and The Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust. Advance discounted tickets (Adults £5/Concessions £4/Children £3) are available from Charlotte Daniel at info@sinfieldtrust.org or 01394 382992.

Floral Charsfield

Charsfield Flower Show is holding a flower arranging evening on 12 June, 7.30pm in Charsfield village hall. The event is free but places need to be booked. For a good evening out, to get some new ideas or just to find out how to arrange your flowers, please call me

The Flower Show itself is on 18 July, starting at 2pm, at Charsfield Village Hall. Schedules are available from

Bridge Garage, Charsfield, or from me. We have lots of classes, something for everyone. Entry forms must be in on Tuesday 14 July.

Pearl Crane (01473 737499)

The Ghost Train arrives at Grundisburgh!

GADS' spring play is a comedy thriller set in the 1930s, which follows a small group of passengers, awkwardly stranded one night at a remote Cornish railway station. This is a lovely play written by Arnold Ridley, otherwise familiar as Private Godfrey from 'Dad's Army' and will make a highly enjoyable evening out.

The ticket price of £7 includes a light buffet meal with a glass of wine and a programme. Tickets are available from The Forge Stores in Grundisburgh or by phoning Madge Nicholas on 01473 738824. For performance details see advert below.

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Record number of gardens opening

The annual Hidden Gardens weekend goes on growing. This year over 30 gardens will be opening in Grundisburgh Burgh and Culpho over the weekend of 13/14 June. A number, particularly those in Burgh, will be revealing their horticultural treasures for the first time.

The programmes will be on sale a few days in advance in village shops and on Grundisburgh Green on the day. Admission is £4.50 per person (accompanied children free). This gives entry all gardens on both afternoons (between 2 and 6pm).

Katie's Garden, sponsors of the event, will again be spreading a glorious selection of plants for sale out on The Green, and Crossroads will be serving their usual delicious teas in the parish rooms.

A number of the gardens will be offering various forms of refreshments and selling plants. Paul Bruce, the Culpho based artist and tutor of the Grundisburgh Art Group will be holding his annual exhibition of paintings and sculptures at Culpho Church (from 10am to 5pm both days). A percentage of the sales will go to Culpho Church.

The main charities chosen to benefit this year are the

Alzheimers Society and the youth group Just42, while the Burgh Schoolroom project will also receive a donation.

... and record show entries wanted

Schedules and entry forms for the Village Show on 11 July are being distributed around Grundisburgh Burgh and Culpho. But entries for the very wide range of classes for adults and children (including flower arranging, handicrafts, home baking, veg and fruit) are encouraged from people from beyond the three villages. Details can be found on the horticultural society's website www.gbchs.org.uk, village shops or by ringing the show secretary on 01473 738267.

The judges come from SHAPA (Suffolk Horticulture & Produce Association). A number of the classes have generous sponsorship to boost the prize money.

There will be a wide range of activities and stalls on the

playing field outside the show marquee, including a climbing wall organised by Just42 and, A car boot sale will be run as well - for which booking is not necessary.

Richard Garrett is again running the post show dance in the marquee. Music will be provided by Fireball and the £9 tickets include fish and chips. The marquee - which makes a great venue for a party or a fund raising do - is available to hire the following day.

The final fund raiser of the year is an evening garden party on 7 August at Purbrook House in Grundisburgh by kind permission of the Ushers

Contacts: Hidden Gardens, 735932; car boot 735238; stalls at show 738891, dance 735469, marquee hire 735517, Garden party 738330

Tuddenham garden opening

To celebrate 25 years of living at Larks' Hill, Tuddenham, John Lambert is

opening his garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme this summer.

The eight acres of garden, which have been created from a field, are on the side of a hill overlooking the Fynn valley and village, and as a result slope in all directions!

In places the gardens run from the top of the hill down to the valley floor and consist of woodland and fields as well as more formal areas including a vegetable garden and herb garden. They have recently had a castle constructed overlooking the village.

The remaining opening dates are Saturday 27 June from 11am to 4 pm, and Thursday 16 July 2pm to 7pm. Entry costs £4 (children free) and the proceeds will be going to MacMillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care. The postcode is IP6 9BY, Larks' Hill is on the left hand side of Clopton Road at the top of the hill coming out of Tuddenham. Queries to 07986 998484 or email jrlambert@talktalk.net.

SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIOS

On weekends throughout June, look out for the SOS hand logo, as four well known local artists in Grundisburgh and Bealings invite you to visit their studios. These open days give visitors the opportunity to see the creative process, discuss the artist's motivation and ask questions. There could be work in progress, as well as finished pieces. Some items may be for sale, though there is no pressure to buy. You might get a demonstration, or even the chance to 'have a go'. It is a relaxed atmosphere, and an unusual opportunity to chat with the artists themselves about their work. They are:



harmonious oils whose perspective is altered to reveal varying viewpoints. Included within the landscapes are figures and patterns which propose 'a story'. She takes commissions and offers a wide variety of greetings cards and prints for sale.

Opening 6/7 and 20/21 June at Meadowcroft, Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh, 01473 738823.

Leah Hinks - Ceramics

Leah hand builds porcelain jewellery, dishes, bowls, spoons, candlesticks and pictures. They are delicate, free flowing forms, with a beautiful translucency, and a touch of lustre. She draws inspiration from structures in nature like the layers of an artichoke, or the spiral of a shell. Commissions are welcome.

Opening 13/14, 20/21, and 27/28 June at The Granary, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings, 01473 735880.

Chris Chestnutt - Drawings

As an architect, Chris always has a sketch book on hand to observe, record and communicate. With a life long parallel interest in graphics, he has designed and illustrated books, posters and greetings cards.

Judith Chestnutt - Mixed Media

Judith welcomes all comers for paper making demonstrations and participation. The sea, viewed from her beach hut, is her inspiration. She also exhibits at Snape in July.

The Chestnutts are opening 13/14 June at Annesley House, Boot Street, Great Bealings, 01473 735343.

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What's On

Mid Summer Music is Back ...

... on Saturday 20 June in the beautiful grounds of Grundisburgh House by kind permission of Fred and Lucy Ferguson.

Prepare to be entertained for six hours by Just42's Bin Drummers, Cottonhouse, a folk band, The Oddments, a five piece ceilidh band, 'To the Dogs' a teenage rock band, John Cooper on Jazz piano, St Mary's Church Choir, Grundisburgh school choir, The Outlines, and sing-a-long Mamma Mia style. And much much more -

A Grand Draw with lots of super prizes, a games area for the children.

A license to sell wine and beer has been obtained

The Bar BQ is being stoked, the sausages and burgers ordered.

The strawberries grown and the cream churned.

The cake recipes checked.

All we need now is an audience so please come and enjoy the day, between 2pm and 8pm.

Tickets are Adults £4 Children £1. Please contact (01473) Ann & Clive Willetts 738831 Valerie MacCuish 735857 Julia Bentley 735524. It is all in aid

of St Mary's Grundisburgh. Please note there is no on site parking.

A cappella in Otley

A Summer Concert by Suffolk Singers, an a cappella choir based in Otley, takes place on Saturday 11 July at St Mary's Church, Otley, starting 7.30pm. There will be a wide variety of secular music to suit all tastes.

Tickets are £7, available in advance from 01728 860374, accompanied children under 14 free. Refreshments will be served. Profits from the concert are for the Church Preservation Trust.

Evening with New Voices

The choir, New Voices, will be performing at Culpho Church on Saturday 20 June at 7.30pm. Originally the training choir for the Ipswich Choral Society, New Voices, have recently reformed as an independent choral group.

The theme of Culpho's musical evening is Spring and Summer and will include madrigals and folk songs, together with some religious pieces. The cost is £7, payable at the door, which includes a drink during the interval. Queries to 01473 747605.



Longslade Consort in Concert at St Mary's

An early music group from Leicester will be performing at St Mary's Grundisburgh on Sunday 26 July.

This small group of musicians have performed in a wide range of venues, from cathedrals and stately homes to festivals around the country. They are particularly noted for their lighthearted introduction to the world of early music.

The Longslade Consort's collection of early musical

instruments were mostly made by the group's Director, John Bence. The woodwind are mostly based on originals in the Brussels' Collection and the spinet is a copy of an early 18th century original in a private collection. There will be an opportunity to look at and touch the instruments.

The concert starts at 5pm. Tickets are £5 adults 50p children and available by ringing 01473 735481.

The Outlines expanding their horizons

You may well have heard The Outlines already, playing music ranging from classic rock covers to current chart hits at one of their many local appearances. Regular venues include The Milestone, The Railway and The Plough in Ipswich as well as Otley Village Fete and Grundisburgh Primary School!

This summer sees them entertaining the locals at Midsummer Music in the grounds of Grundisburgh House on 20 June. They are also very pleased to be selected to play at Ipswich Music Day in Christchurch Park (3pm on Sunday 5 July).



The Outlines (from left to right) Paul Rivers, Nigel Foan, John Richards and Rich Burrow.

For those yet to discover them, The Outlines are Paul Rivers (backing vocals and drums), Nigel Foan (backing vocals and guitars); John Richards (lead vocals and piano) and Rich Burrow (bass). Both John and Nigel live in Grundisburgh, Rich is from Ipswich and Paul hails from Bury.

The Outlines can be booked for a wedding, party or other function, and can be contacted via their website www.the-outlines.co.uk (where you can also find news of future gigs, listen to demo tracks, or even join the fan club!). Or call Nigel on 01473 735337.

NEWS TRIBUTES

Roy Taylor, May 1918 - March 2009

Roy was born in Clopton and moved to Hasketon Hall in 1940 on his marriage to Betty. They lived there for 63 years, moving back to Clopton five years ago.

During this time they were regular attendants at St Andrews Church.

Roy's life was devoted to farming. Initially in partnership with his father, he farmed land in four parishes, and later was joined by his son Richard and grandson John. Up until the day he died he showed an interest in every aspect of the farm and liked nothing better than to discuss

agricultural developments with family, friends and acquaintances.

Roy was a keen golfer, at one time being a member of three clubs. He enjoyed salmon fishing and shooting in his younger days. In later years he played bridge regularly and

loved being with friends and family. He took great pride in the achievements of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all those who sent cards and letters for their messages of condolence, as well as those who attended

the service and gave donations to be shared between St Andrews Church and Hasketon Victory Hall. They



would also like to thank Rev Clare Sanders for the sensitive way she handled the family cremation service and for the beautiful Thanksgiving Service. Special thanks should go to Maurice Jones for the lovely music in the church.

Based on information supplied by Susan Redsell, Roy Taylor's daughter

Doris Balaam, April 1928 - March 2009

Doris was the first of nine children born to Gertrude Maud and John Goodchild. They lived in a cottage next to Culpho Church and moved to Grundisburgh Corner

when Doris was five. Leaving school at 14, Doris went 'into service' with the Rev'd Verity at Grundisburgh Rectory. In 1949 she married Clifford Balaam and a year later they moved into one of the new Airey houses on Rouse Hall Estate in Clopton, where she lived for the next 59 years. Clifford died in 1991.

The Ball family at Pear Tree Farm (and latterly Grundisburgh) employed Doris for 57 years. When the Carrolls arrived at Manor House in Clopton 25 years ago they 'inherited' Doris from the previous owners, and when their son Rory was born she became 'surrogate' grandmother and his whole wardrobe was knitted by Doris in an array of different colours, stripes and bobbles!

She only retired from work at the age of 80.

Doris was an excellent knitter and always had items to give as prizes at village events. She attended Clopton church regularly and was always involved in all the fund-raising events.

Unfortunately The News rarely has room for all the information given to it about people who have died. We have adopted the practice of putting a full version in a folder in Grundisburgh Post Office - and other outlets as requested.



A thank you

We would like to send special thanks to the Revd Clare Sanders for the wonderful church service she arranged for our dear Mum, Yvette Gladden, and to all of you who helped in one way or another with the funeral arrangements in general. In particular, we would like to thank Yvonne Archer and her sister Maureen, for the time they put in to making the excellent buffet, and of course to Peter Walker and Michael Brown for tending the bar at the Football Club.

Also, many thanks to those of you who sent cards, flowers and donations, and of course, to all of you who came to the church service and/or the crematorium.

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Passengers contribute on a mileage basis,

details of which are available from the operators, and journeys are subsidised by Suffolk County Council. Drivers are all trained and CRB checked by the county council.

Grundisburgh resident Mrs Eileen Angland has been using

the car service for visits to her dentist and optician since her husband died six years ago and she herself had surgery to her knees.

She says she can find no negatives in relation to the service. The cost of journeys is very reasonable and she has met nothing but help and kindness. She stresses that she always gives plenty of time when requesting a journey, and certainly that is much appreciated by the organiser, although if someone is able only to give short notice every effort will be made to meet the request.

To request a journey or volunteer as a driver - more of whom are always needed - contact Janet Church on 01473 630866.

*Words Madge Nicholas, Grundisburgh resident and volunteer driver,
Photo by Wendy Witt of Eileen Angland with 'chauffeur' Madge Nicholas*

The Community Car Service provides passenger journeys for people within the local community, for whom no private car or suitable public transport exists. Anyone, young or old, with or without a disability, may request a journey for hospital

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

SCOUTING NEWS

Since our last News article we have been very busy with parades, camps, archery competitions and badge work.

We had a good turnout in March for Mother's Day Parade at St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh and an excellent attendance in April to celebrate St. George's Day which was held for the first time in Framlingham. At this service our new Beaver flag was dedicated, Stuart Ross and Archie Adams were awarded their Wood Badges and I was made sectional assistant.

In March the Beavers attended their first sleepover camp in Aldeburgh Scout Hut with a chip supper which they all enjoyed very much.

In early April the Cubs went camping at Boxford with Westerfield Cubs. Recently

some of the young members along with adults took time to go around Grundisburgh cleaning the various road name signs and other notices. Several scouts and adults hiked from Grundisburgh to Framlingham during a weekend, arriving in time to attend St. George's Day Parade.

Over the early May Bank Holiday some scouts, explorers, leaders and adults joined Kesgrave Scout Group on a biking expedition camp where they cycled across Norfolk - 85 miles over three days - camping in scout huts and village halls overnight.

In mid May a team of explorer scouts with leaders took part in the National Scout Archery Competition in Hertfordshire with excellent results, gaining some of the top awards. James Attwater performed a 'Robin Hood' where an arrow is fired and another one goes into the back of it.

More camps are coming up in May at Hallowtree and Thetford.

In early July we are having our AGM /BBQ, presentation of badges and awards, with a sleepover camp on the field. We will be having games and stalls at the Village Show on 11 July and on Saturday 18th we are holding our Duck Race again on the Village Green. This starts at 5pm with games, stalls and BBQ. Please come along and join us.

Stuart gave an excellent report at the annual village parish meeting, in particular informing everyone of how the scout group had grown over the past year. We are now the largest youth organisation in the area, all with voluntary leadership, and with the brownies and guides there are approximately 150 people using the scout hut every week.

We are still urgently in need of a new treasurer to take over this role in early summer; if anyone would like more information please call Stuart on 07855 089520 or me on 01473 735352

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Sectional Assistant: 01473 735352

Cleaning up Grundisburgh

Over 20 volunteers of all ages turned up to help with the annual Grundisburgh clean up in mid April. Parish councillor Sally Grahn, who organised the effort, said that

slightly less rubbish was collected than last year - but it seemed to be almost entirely 'children's' rubbish - such as sweet papers and crisp packets. The 'adult' offerings mainly comprised cigarette packets and lager cans.

The scouts also played their part by cleaning the road signs and doing their own litter pick in May

Cafe et croissants?

Grundisburgh School's Class 5 French Cafe will be in business again on Saturday 13 June 11-1pm. There will be French food, music and art, and - weather permitting - terrace seating too. Any one is welcome

Debbie Thomas, Modern Foreign Language Coordinator, Grundisburgh School, 01473 73528

Managing the playing field

The Grundisburgh Playing Field Management Committee is looking for a chairman and secretary to join the committee to assist in the management of the playing field and its amenities.

We meet twice a year and the committee is made up of representatives from the main user groups such as the Scouts, Brownies, Tennis Club and Football Club as well as members of the village. If you are interested and would like further information please get in touch with me.

Jon Trenter, 01473 735377



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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Reliving the past in aid of children's hospice

We are planning to repeat this photograph (right) with modern day participants to raise money for East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH). All entrants must, as near as possible, dress the same as their chosen person from the original photograph; hats, shirts and ties are essential but beards and moustaches may be excluded. A well behaved candidate is also welcomed to feature as the dog (front row, right hand side)

The photograph will be taken outside The Dog on Sunday 5 July between 3 and 4pm. To book your place in the picture please see a member of staff there. Ring me if you have any queries that can't be answered by the Dog's management.

Tom Coomber 07774 853241

New parish council chairman

Dennis Crowe was elected as chairman of Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council at its May meeting. Alan Billings has stood down after serving for five years.

Since becoming a parish councillor three years ago, Dennis has been mainly involved with the parish plan, the speed watch scheme and planning. He chairs the finance sub committee.

His wife Joanna is also on the parish council and they have lived on the fringes of Grundisburgh past Bond's Corner for the past 25 years. Their two sons went to Grundisburgh primary school - Simon is now doing his A levels and Martin is on a gap year in South Africa.

Dennis retired four years ago from working for BT in



Left: Claire Haddock gave a presentation on her medical experiences in Uganda to Grundisburgh & Culpho's annual parish meeting in April.

Below: The Quality Parish Reaccreditation Award Certificate was presented to the retiring chairman of the parish council Alan Billings at the annual meeting by Shona Bendix, CEO Suffolk Association of Local Councils



Left: Dennis Crowe, new parish council chairman



Martlesham, where he managed a team of solution designers. His hobbies are hill-walking and astronomy.

CLEANING THE CHURCH

A team of dedicated cleaners who are without doubt unsung heroes regularly cleans St. Mary's. They work quietly in the background to keep our church spick and span. The team consists of 25 members, both male and female. Working in groups of three or four with one brass cleaner, they spend about one hour every seven weeks hoovering, dusting, and

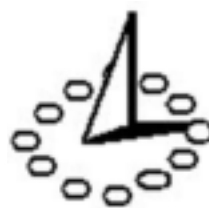
polishing. Occasionally others supplement the team for a 'spring clean'.

Not all cleaners worship at St. Mary's but all appreciate the beautiful building and want to

help keep it in pristine condition. We need three new members to join the team. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Irene Brunning, 01473 735481

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The (almost) four pubs walk

Grundisburgh - Witnesham - Tuddenham - Playford - both Bealings - Grundisburgh

This is another in the series of longer walks described for The News by Hilary and Trevor Hill. This is a circular walk of 10 miles, but they suggest you could walk the Grundisburgh to Tuddenham leg (just over four miles) or the Tuddenham to Grundisburgh section (a little under six) and get the bus back. The Ipswich bus, 70A, goes through both villages. The only toilets they know of are at the pubs. This is a guide, not definitive instructions! The relevant OS map may be handy.

Stock up on essential refreshments at Olde Forge Stores then leave Grundisburgh via Maltings Lane (just past the Post Office).

When you get to a road (The Gull) go straight over and walk more-or-less parallel to the pylons until you get to the next road (Clopton Road).

Turn left, then after about 50 yards turn right to cross a field of crops, still keeping parallel to the pylons. At the hedgerow the path goes left and then right.

Carry on until you get to the next lane, go straight over. The route goes slightly to the right, over a meadow, through a thicket and comes out in a residential area in Witnesham.

Continue a few yards to the B1077. At this point you have been walking for about an hour and may want to turn right and visit the Barley Mow pub which is a few yards away, otherwise, turn left and follow the road until you see Strugglers Lane on your left (there is also a sign to a cattery and kennels).

Go along the lane, look out for lots of llamas on your left, and then pick up the footpath which is slightly to the right at the end of the lane (it is very obvious).

Follow this through to Tuddenham, conveniently opposite The Fountain pub and near the bus stop.

Leave Tuddenham by the lane beside The Fountain and more-or-less at the end of the

pub car park go through a gate on the right onto a meadow.

Walk along the left bank of the river until you get to a track where you have to make a decision. Go left up the hill then right along the edge of a field. Follow this path for about a mile.

As you approach Playford, with houses on your left, turn right, then left over a wooden bridge and continue, with the stream on your right, to the road. Take the road opposite, forking right at the end, then shortly fork left onto a footpath up a bank.

Follow this to Little Bealings, going slightly to the right to pass the school and come out beside the Admirals Head.

Turn left then right to walk down beside the Angela Cobbold Hall. Follow this sandy track round to the left until you meet the road.

Go straight over and, keeping the tennis courts on your left, carry on along the edge of a field, eventually turning right



The Admiral's Head at Little Bealings run by Rosario and Jazmine d'Angelo specialises in Mediterranean food and has regular monthly gastronomic theme nights (eg. Italian on 28 May and Fish on



Witnesham Barley Mow, which dates back to 1602, is run by Bob and Sandra Langford. They are open every evening and lunchtimes at the weekends. Bar meals are served Tuesday - Saturday evenings and on Sundays at lunchtime.



Scott Davidson produces food seven days a week (except Sunday nights) at the Tuddenham Fountain. The pub offers 'credit cruncher' lunches Monday to Sunday in addition to its normal menu. The Fountain dates back to the 1700s and is possibly named after the perpetual spring which flows from behind the pub into the nearby river Fynn.



The Grundisburgh Dog often welcomes walking parties. Run by brothers Charles (right above) and James Rogers, there is outside seating back and front. The pub has won many awards for its food in competitions. It is open Tuesday to Sunday (all day Friday to Sunday) and serves food from 12noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to 9pm.

down a hill and across a water meadow to the hump backed bridge in Great Bealings.

Turn left then right and follow the footpath back into Lower Road, Grundisburgh. To get to The Dog for your refreshments and bus to Tuddenham, turn left here, then right, eventually arriving at The Green.

Support your local(s)

With all the publicity about pubs being closed down, The News is keen to



25 June). The pub, virtually rebuilt in 1980 but retaining a traditional atmosphere, commemorates Admiral Pelham Aldrich, explorer and surveyor who is buried in Great Bealings churchyard.

play its part in promoting those in our area. Another quite close to this walk is The Moon and Mushroom at Swilland, where joint owners Martin Burgess and Nikki Gavin are ready to serve you.

There has been a pub (known as the Half Moon) on this site continuously for about 320 years. The name was changed by a previous owner with a passion for fungi.

The pub - twice winners of the EADT Best Village Pub competition serves food and drink every lunchtime and in the evenings from Tuesday to Saturday.

Pub research and photos by Richard Watkinson.

Conducted walks

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council organises a free walk lasting about two hours every second Sunday in the month. It sets off from Grundisburgh Green at 2pm.

Midsummer stroll

The parish council also invites everyone to its annual summer evening stroll to the Millennium Meadow on Wednesday 24 June. This starts from Grundisburgh Green at 7pm and will include a conducted tour of this remarkable wetland conservation area on by the warden John Dunnett and free refreshments.

"ON YER BIKE!"

More bird notes of a local nature from Reg Snook

Oh joy! Isn't spring and early summer the most wonderful time in the year for the elevation of the soul? With the influx of our summer migrants we find April and May full of birdsong. We may hear blackcaps singing in our gardens, or whitethroats in the hedgerows. Swallows darting over the cornfields, or in early May, seeing swifts hawking flies over Stoney Road in Grundisburgh.

But of all the summer visitors two birds stand out as iconic songsters, birds that poets and musicians have immortalised. One, the nightingale, is the most supreme of musical talent, there is no other bird in the country that can rival it for song. Sadly, in our area, it is declining, but the Fynn Valley still holds a few pairs.

You may well hear the males singing, but you will probably not see them - they hide themselves away in the undergrowth to serenade the moon!

The other bird is not really a songster to speak of. Cuckoos call well, just "cuckoo". But to hear a cuckoo is a defining moment of spring. If you are lucky enough to hear a cuckoo, take a break to listen carefully, because it has been suggested that soon we will not be hearing this evocative sound. Cuckoo numbers are falling alarmingly.

Last year I was with a party of birdwatchers - or should I say bird-listeners - in Christchurch Park, Ipswich at 4.30 one cold May morning. I told the assembled keen "birders" that we were unlikely to hear a cuckoo. The dawn chorus started with a wood pigeon, and the second bird to wake up was . . . yes, a cuckoo! So much for being a know-all!!

I saw John Dunnett on his allotment in Grundisburgh recently. He said that he was delighted to see a barn owl flying over his garden in Squeech Lane - he calls it Richard Garnham's barn owl because he believes it nests in one of Richards out buildings. Barn owls are getting a better deal these days and in this area the credit for this must go to the Suffolk Wildlife

Trust whose nest box scheme is doing wonders for breeding barn owls. I regularly see a barn owl quartering the fields between Culpho and its home at the Garnhams.

Keep an eye out for hobby falcons.

These lovely little falcons are summer visitors and are a species that is increasing, but is still scarce. Two pairs at least nest in our area.

They arrive in late April or May, but do not start nesting until June. They choose an old crows nest in which to lay



"The excitement of seeing one's first hobby falcon of the season"

their eggs. Some years ago I persuaded a pair to nest in a hanging basket - not one that had flowers in it - but one nailed to a branch. Some bird societies now use this method.

Tom Bye was interested in me saying that the old country name for the goldfinch was 'King Harry'. He says that he still calls hedge sparrows (or dunlocks) 'hedge-bettys'. Some of you have told me of 'mavis's', 'throstles' and 'yaffles'. My favourite name is what my mother use to call tadpoles. Her name for a tadpole was 'tantittle'. You don't see many children in the countryside these days walking home with a jam-jar full of 'tantittles'!

Artist Reg Snook bicycles from Ipswich to his studio in Grundisburgh most days.



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Bredfield Environmental Group gets going

The first full meeting of the newly formed environmental group was held in Bredfield Village Hall on 13 May and was well attended by Bredfield residents.

Displays greeted visitors on arrival, showing details of the hedgerow survey for the village completed by residents in 2003. There were also displays of summer activities for everyone in the parish.

The group is for everyone in Bredfield who would like to take part in discovering in detail the landscape and the wildlife in and around the village and improving it for future generations.

There were two guest speakers from Suffolk Coastal District Council. First Sam Mortlake, Assistant Open Spaces Officer, talked about the benefits of running a group

like this, both for the countryside and our immediate environment, and to the social wellbeing of the village. Then Anne Westover, Landscape Officer, spoke of work done in Wickham Market and Parham, especially on trees.

Residents are being encouraged to take part in garden surveys during the next few months, recording all animal, bird and insect life they see.

There will be a bird survey on the weekend of 13/14 June to record the numbers and species present in the village.

Meeting at Bredfield Church at 8.30pm on 12 August, there will be a moth evening which will progress round the village looking for moths.

Sometime during August or September there will be an ever popular bat evening,

listening to and identifying the various species of bats. Details and forms for the surveys are available in Bredfield Village Shop, by contacting Bredfield Parish@goolemail.com or by telephoning 01394 383494.

The next meeting of the environmental group is planned for 28 October at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Peter Tilley

Textile recycling

A collection point will be set up at Bredfield Village Hall car park from Wednesday 10 June for pick up on Thursday 11 June. Please put clothes (including underwear), paired shoes, babywear, swimwear, towels, bath mats, curtains, net curtains, quilt covers, blankets, pillow slips, handbags, hats, scarves and gloves into a black bin bag or carrier bag.

Any wearable clothes will be

exported to countries where, due to the economic climate, there is a thriving second hand market. Clothes not suitable for resale are used by the motor trade as 'wipers' or by companies where the fibres will be broken down and used for 'flocking' to stuff mattresses, car seats etc.

BREDFIELD CHURCH FETE

The Church Fete is on Saturday 6 June. We hope you can join us for another wonderful and fun afternoon where we will have cakes and buns, jams and chutney, white elephant, jumble and nearly new, plus the fashionable boutique stall, as well as all our traditional games such as bottle roulette, putting, coconut shy, giant bar skittles and giant hoopla - and many more all with great prizes for the winners.

The raffle has a £100 cash prize and draw tickets are available before the event from me and on the day.

Andrew Miller, 01394 383156

Music event

Bring a picnic, drinks and a chair, and come and join us on Saturday 4 July in the beautiful grounds of the Old Rectory, Bredfield, for an evening of relaxing (and if the mood takes you - dancing) to the sounds of the 60's and 70's. Gates open 6.15pm, music starts at 7pm. For tickets contact Andrew Miller on 01394 383 156.

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Hasketon Highlights



Record turnout for plant and book sale

Thanks to all who supported or helped with the plant and book sale on 4 May, we made a record profit of nearly £450 for St Andrew's Church, including £230 from the books.

The weather was a bit cool and windy which may have encouraged the huge crowd who squeezed into the Victory Hall in the first few minutes. There was a great selection of both plants and books at the keenest prices. A few plants remaining are available at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon.

Gordon Smith

ANNUAL MEETINGS

In April two important Annual village meetings were held. For the church, we have had our APCM where parishioners were thanked for their attendance and their contribution to church life.

We said 'thank you' to Dot Warner for being a very diligent churchwarden for the last five years and we are glad that John Dyter is joined by

Robena Westbury to look after the church for the next twelve months. Michael Harrison reported that our finances were as healthy as can be expected and that we are especially grateful to Gordon and Molly Smith for hosting the successful Jazz & Barbecue last June.

Inside the building we have had a lot of electrical work done, and are now about to embark on structural work needed to comply with the recent quinquennial report. One of our prized beech trees is diseased and had to come down (now felled) and certain gravestones have to be steadied for Health & Safety reasons. We are grateful to the people who have led our services, especially Clare Sanders.

At The Victory Hall's meeting, we were told that more work is planned to keep the building up to scratch, such as the roof must be attended to, and we would like to improve the toilet areas. The new curtains which

match the chairs have met with approval.

We want to investigate methods of reducing the amount of grass and mud brought into the hall and installing lights to show up the path for late evening leavers. Our financial position is better since we have not had much maintenance done recently and we have found cheaper insurance.

Richard L Smith

Second Fridays in the hall

Our 'Second Friday' events have been successful as well as enjoyable. We are looking for more regular clubs or individuals to hire the hall as we do have free time

available, especially during the day.

On Friday 12 June, after our ploughman's supper in The Victory Hall, Paul Strugnell will give us an illustrated talk about 'Hawkeye', which is the story of his army flying career between 1970 and 1984 in various areas of the world. Tickets £5 from 01394 388970. Neil Lanham's story of Ruby on 10 July is described on page 3.

The Parish Council is still waiting to hear from Suffolk Coastal District Council that they are to be responsible for the various areas around The Green, including the part we use as a car park, The Green itself and the allotments.

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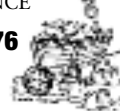
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Bealings Bylines

PUTTING OLD TOOLS TO GOOD USE: WI TALK

The talk by Mr and Mrs Dewhurst from 'Tools with a Mission' was eagerly anticipated by the members of Bealings WI in April. Much hard work had gone on over the past months collecting tools and making blankets from knitted and crocheted squares. These blankets were on display together with a long list of all the tools collected.

Mr Dewhurst was both an informative and amusing speaker, he described the formation of TWAM 25 years ago in Kent, by John Bennet, a Baptist Minister.

Originally set up to supply and support the work in developing countries for "technical" missionaries, who through training programmes enable people to learn new skills and become self-sufficient. This continues to be the basis of their work today.

Refurbished tools support vocational training courses, including carpentry, tailoring, motor mechanics and agriculture. In addition they are now supplying kits to

enable villages to harvest rainwater, thus improving life for many families.

Having outgrown their Kent base, TWAM moved to Ipswich some 20 years ago. With a 7000 square foot warehouse they are able to refurbish and process sewing machines, computers and tools of all descriptions. These are collected by volunteers all over the country and sent to Ipswich for dispatch.

Mr Dewhurst pointed out that the recycling of tools and use of blankets for packing (as well as warmth) saved tonnes of waste going to landfill.

Members had an opportunity to support this cause by buying craft items from Uganda, taking patterns for making up sewing kits and folders for children's 'Scholar' packs. The talk was greatly appreciated giving a great sense of satisfaction for all those involved in collecting and sewing for TWAM.

Vicki Carr

Tools with a Mission can be contacted on 01473 652029.

IN BRIEF ...

Ipswich Gilbert & Sullivan Society will present a grand concert with musical highlights from The Merry Widow, The Lion King, Camelot, songs to amuse from Noel Coward and, of course, Gilbert and Sullivan. This is on Saturday 4 July at 7.30pm in The Great Hall at Ipswich School. Tickets, which include refreshments, are £10 (£7 for under 18's) from Lesley Wittgreffe in Little Bealings on 01473 624333 or secretary.ipsgs@btopenworld.com and on the door.

Crossroads, the caring for carers charity, is again providing teas in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms during the Hidden Gardens weekend on 13 and 14 June. Katherine Smith (01394 388970) would be very grateful for donations of cakes or scones. Arrangements can be made for these to be collected.

The police are reminding people not to speak to cold callers if not happy with them, either at the door or over the phone. Unannounced callers continue to target properties in Suffolk, seeking to gain access to commit crime or offering overpriced and flawed goods or services as rogue traders. If unsure, ask to see identification or find a number in the phone book or online and call them back. If still unsure do not let them in, or put the phone down, and call police on 01473 613500 or Consumer Direct on 08454 040506. If a crime is in progress call 999.

On Thursday 16 July, Woodbridge 41 Club is organising a three and a half hour evening river cruise departing at 6.30pm from Ipswich Wet Dock. The cruise will take in viewing the docks of Harwich and Felixstowe at close quarters from the river. If interested, and for more details contact Mike Stiff on 01473 738393.

Individuals, businesses and community groups are encouraged to sign up for a new e-bulletin with the latest information about the Healthy Ambitions Suffolk initiative. As well as asking people to register for help, support and information through the project's website, www.healthyambitionssuffolk.nhs.uk, it also outlines the new developments.

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Otley Parish Plan comes to a successful conclusion

Community engagement with Otley's Parish Plan has been excellent, with 86% of distributed questionnaires returned.

A comprehensive report and action plan identifies a

whole host of possible initiatives for the coming years. Of particular importance are the findings on future housing needs within the parish, and the views expressed by the community on this topic have now been relayed to Suffolk Coastal as part of the consultation process for the Local Development Framework.

Early successes for the plan include playing an instrumental role in securing funding for the recently opened play area and being the catalyst for the formation of a new gardening club.

The current steering group will now disband having fulfilled its remit. The report recommends the formation

of an implementation group to take forward the various initiatives. If you are interested in any of the issues raised or would like to participate in developing a particular project, please contact Otley Parish Council.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in Otley Parish Plan, and particularly to the core members of the steering group who worked so hard and with such enthusiasm to bring this project to fruition.

Paper copies will be available to read in the Village Shop, Surgery and St Mary's Church, and electronic copies from me.

Ian Beaumont, Steering Group
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the global issues but we make a real difference locally.

A new group is working to reduce Otley's energy consumption and consequently our energy bills and our carbon footprint.

We are starting with the simple things like helping people insulate their lofts to the new standards (10inches) and to use devices that really work such as electricity monitors. We are also sharing the experience of the pioneers who have already installed the bigger systems such as solar panels, rain water collection systems or wood pellet boilers.

For the longer term we are looking at new high tech solutions and supporting the low tech by planting new woods for fuel.

The catalyst for the group has been actions arising from the Otley Parish Plan and support from Suffolk Coastal District Council's C-Change Coastal initiative

We would be delighted to hear from groups planning similar initiatives

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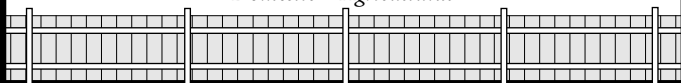
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Otley Offerings

TOPS ENTERTAIN WITH 'LOCAL AFFAIRS'

TOPS - the Otley Players - excelled themselves in their latest production played to three full houses all of whom left with spirits lifted after a laughter filled evening.

This play written by Richard Harris is set in the late 70s on a new 'exclusive' housing development of identical houses but very different occupants. A kitchen, a sitting room and a bedroom each belonging to a different family form the authentic 70s stage set

The lugubrious and long suffering Charles (Chris Barker) is trying to find a suitable outfit for a fancy dress party with no help whatsoever from his social climbing wife Norma (Sue Courteney); Hilary (Vanessa Ling) despairs of her husband David (John Cutting) ever completing even the simplest project whilst trying to keep the peace between his wife and interfering put-upon mother in law (Alyson Chilvers). Susan (Ruthie Bullock) and Keith (Mark Robinson) decide that a weekend without their children doesn't quite come up to expectations especially as an old flame Katy (Claire Courteney) drops by.

Add to the mix the suave colleague of Charles - Peter

(Nathan Cant) and the new neighbours get to meet one another and chaos ensues. Net curtains twitched as the new residents wondered what their new neighbours were up to.

The play proceeded at a slick pace with great hilarity and excellent timing. Doorbells ringing, doors slamming, hysteria from Katy. An absolutely first rate entertainment so ably directed by John Parish and with superb set designed and built by John, David Montgomery and cast members. Mike and Olivia Bullock on lighting and sound, and Joan Parish as producer ensured a real feel-good evening's entertainment. The acting was superb. TOPS always come up trumps but this has to be one of the best, funniest and most entertaining productions ever, a very well written play excellently performed by a very talented cast, we can't remember when we laughed so much. Well done to all involved.

Helen Jay

Global Challenge badges. This included activities such as making pizza muffins, Chinese new year lanterns, salt-dough models and cardboard castles (who would have thought Beavers would be so quiet and content cutting up cardboard boxes!).

On pancake day we had a pancake challenge and, thanks to our new helper Dan, it was Britain vs USA and the majority voted for American pancakes. In March we had a visit to Foxburrow Farm to do shelter-building. All the Beavers were in their element and even the adults who had come along to help, said they had forgotten how much fun building dens was! Everyone had a very enjoyable time and we could have easily spent all evening there, not just an hour.

During the summer term the Beavers are working towards their Health & Fitness Challenge badge where they will be taking part in many fun and exciting activities, including a family beetle drive in May and a visit to Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station in June.

We currently have 12 Beavers in our colony and would like to welcome more children. However, both Beaver Leaders will be stepping down in July. To keep the colony running, we urgently need two volunteers to help run this successful group. If you are interested in supporting children and having fun, please contact me.

Helen Quilliam, 01473 890594

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A number of invited guests, together with some 60 or so children and families from the village watched as Rosalind Turner, SCC's Director for Children and Young People cut the official



ribbon. A celebration cake together with bacon butties, tea and coffee followed as everyone tried out the new equipment. A film crew were also in attendance to film the children using the equipment as part of a SCC project promoting play in Suffolk.

The equipment was an immediate hit with everyone and has been in constant use since the opening. Modern in its design it is particularly suited to the 8 to 13 year old age range and features a number of units which encourage challenging and adventurous play. The items are designed to draw out physical skills such as spinning, climbing, swinging jumping and balance. It includes up to date versions of the traditional swing, roundabout and leap frog games. The central feature includes the novel 'Bloqx' climbing cubes.

Being on the village playing field means the equipment is available for use by all in the village and those who book the village hall. The community council plans to add a basketball post, five a side goals and some equipment for under 8's in the near future. Picnic tables and benches will be the next step to allow parents and families to gather and enjoy what will become a lasting village feature.

Chris Taylor

NEWS FROM THE BEAVERS

1st Otley Beavers have been very busy over the last few months and have completed their Explore Activities and

Sporting stories



Marathon success

We did it! With your help I managed to complete the London Marathon and in the process raised in excess of £7,500 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. I am truly very grateful to everyone who has supported me whether it was through sponsorship, putting pennies in the spaghetti jar in the village shop, attending the charity ball or just by waving to me whilst I was training.

The London Marathon is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for so many worthwhile charities and I felt very privileged to be running for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. I had trained quite hard for the event and had covered over 300 miles running through the quiet country lanes of Otley. I soon discovered however that these quiet country lanes are very different to the busy streets of London, especially when they are packed with a further 36,000 budding, or struggling, competitors. The atmosphere was amazing and the encouragement from the crowds of spectators,

including several from Otley, was incredible.

I ran for several miles alongside Batman and a young man dressed as a tree before eventually being overtaken by a rhinoceros and Dennis The Menace. Much to the delight of my boys, I managed to cross the finishing line before Jordon and Peter Andre (celebrities apparently)!

I have been overwhelmed by all the support I have received over the past six months. Running is a very individual and lonely sport and participating in the London Marathon is something I would never have contemplated had it not been for all the encouragement I have received from so many kind people.

All in all this has been a team effort, not a personal achievement but a tremendous success for everyone who has helped me along the way and I am truly very grateful.

Alyson Chilver

Cricket team finds good ground

This season Coddtenham and Grundisburgh Cricket Club is playing at Greshams, Tuddenham Road, Ipswich, for the first time. We have been made very welcome there, and matches start at 1.30pm. We are always keen to welcome new players and supporters (especially youngsters).

Please contact one of the following if you would like any more information:

Fred Garrod (Joint Captain)
01502 503369

Jon Dyer (Joint Captain)
01449 711646

Nick Havard (Secretary)
01473 658959

The fixtures are:

7 June Worlingworth (H)
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28 June Saxmundham Sports (A)
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19 July Felixstowe Corinthians (A)
2 August Stradbroke (A)
9 August DBSL (H)
30 August Worlingworth (A)
6 Sept Castle (H)
13 Sept Saxmundham Sports (H)

Summer tennis offer

Grundisburgh Tennis Club is again offering special summer membership rates. Those for families will be £26 and individuals £15. Keys giving access to the courts are available for a £10 deposit, which will be returned in September when keys given back. This membership will cover the school holiday period from 17 July to 4 September. Applications will be accepted from the beginning of July when forms will be available in Forge Stores. Completed applications should be sent to Chris Lee, the treasurer at 11 Gurdon Road.

Winter bowls

Grundisburgh's Winter (Indoor) Bowls Group had a very enjoyable season (running from November to

March) with 21 players making up seven teams.

The Stan Kirsopp Trophy was contested for the third time with the competition being run on a league basis at the excellent bowling hall of Felixstowe Leisure Centre. The winners, Colin Day, Paul Eaton and Dennis Pratt lost only one game. They were presented with their trophies by Joyce Kirsopp at the end of season dinner at The Dog (see photo below). She was delighted to know that the winning 'skip' Colin Day played with bowls that were originally Stan's.

The group has arranged to play again at Felixstowe this winter and would be pleased to have new players, of all abilities, join them on a Wednesday afternoon. There is no subscription but each player pays about £2.50 per game. Contact Roger Anderson on 01473 738918.

Football

Recent winners in Grundisburgh Football Club's 100 club draw were: March £50 Marion Walmsham, £35 Fred Cole, £25 Danny Frost, £20 Stan Tampin. April £50 Richard Frost, £35 John Clements, £25 Luke Read, £20 Neville Peck.

Unfortunately this was the only news supplied to The News by the club.



Indoor bowls winners with Joyce Kirsopp

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These will be welcomed at their offices (Woodbridge Youth Centre, The Avenue, Kingston Road, Woodbridge IP12 4AB) before the close date in late June. The vouchers

could be exchanged for all sorts of things, from sports equipment to smoothie-makers for making healthy snacks at the youth clubs.

Just42 are also registered with the Co-op for those who wish to give their 'divi' to charity (donate to 245097). For more information about Just42, go to their website www.just42.org.uk or ring 01394 380992.

Wanted - grant applications

The Suffolk Foundation is currently seeking applications to two of its funding programmes. A grant of up to £3000 is available from the Grassroots grants programme for local community groups who are trying to alleviate disadvantage in some way. Applications are also sought for the Suffolk County Council Single Gateway programme, administered by the foundation, for grants of up to £3000. For details of these and other funding, please go to www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk - or telephone Sue Wright on 01473 734127. Closing date for Single Gateway grants programme is 19 June with an additional date in September. Grassroots is a continual rolling programme with panel meetings on a monthly basis.

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A very fishy family business

Many years ago Ivan Bixby's father bought a fish and chip shop in Kesgrave, and Ivan has since learned that the Mr Ketteringham, from whom his father bought the business, had previously ran a fish and chip shop in Grundisburgh!

Ivan himself came to live in Grundisburgh with his wife Sandy when he was offered the tenancy of a house belonging to Charles Clarke, the builder for whom he then worked.

He started his own business, Ivan's Mobile Catering, from scratch in 1984 with help from Sandy and utilising skills he'd learned from his father. Initially the van served Grundisburgh on Friday lunch-times and Saturday evenings, later changing to Tuesdays, as well as Orford on a Wednesday and Otley on Fridays.

The business is also in demand for private functions - weddings and christenings - and serves the disco after the annual Grundisburgh Village Show. In addition it has catered at the horse shows at Suffolk Show Ground for 25 years, and for many years at the horse-trials at Poplar Park.

Some things have not changed over the years - the fish still comes from a local wholesaler or is bought straight from the



fishermen at Orford, and they still use dripping for frying although it is more expensive than using oil. People from the north of England holidaying in the area have commented with approval, one man likening Ivan to Harry Ramsden! Other things have changed - prices of course - and Health and Safety regulations and the requirement to undertake health and hygiene training.

The biggest change, however, came when after a year out of action due to surgery, Ivan decided to sell the business and it was taken over by his

son Jason and daughter-in-law Sarah. The couple restarted the business under the name JB Catering in January 2008.

Sarah says people were really pleased to see fish and chips again. She had previously helped out on the van from time to time as relief for Sandy and had run her own small catering business supplying lunches to private concerns and council offices. Jason is an electrician by trade and used to commute to London each day where he worked for ADT, a firm supplying and fitting safety

alarms and other equipment.

Neither Jason or Sarah has any regrets at their change of circumstances and their children approve since, although they see a little less of their mother, they see much more of their father.

The business still serves Orford and Otley as well as Grundisburgh. Sarah is pleasantly surprised at how far people travel to buy their fish and chips. They continue to maintain the same high quality, catering for vegetarians and even the special diets of some of their regular customers as well as the core fish and chips.

Ivan and Sandy still provide relief cover for Jason and Sarah, as do their daughter Mandy and her husband Steve who have their own fish

and chip business serving Hollesley, Holbrook and Shotley. The whole family support and help each other - quite a long journey from that shop in Kesgrave.

*Words Madge Nicholas,
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