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Above left: Future speedway champ? Joe Jacobs is featured on page 5. Above right: The East Suffolk Morris Men outside the White Hart, Otley. Good news from this pub and other locals is given on the back page.

Speed scheme up and watching

The speed watch scheme is now up and running in a number of The News' villages - and is probably the first in the county to encompass several parishes.

Twenty four volunteers have been trained, and were accompanied by a police officer on their first time out. Now they work in pairs or in a group of three - one to operate the camera and the other(s) to note the speed and the car details.

The scheme was initiated by Clopton Parish Council and is coordinated by Jill Gipp, chairman of Debach Parish

Meeting. She says "This is about education and reducing accidents, not entrapment. Early experience shows that drivers' speeds are going down - but we could do more with more volunteers. All we ask is an hour a month. The training can now be done by other volunteers".

The parishes involved are Clopton, Debach, Grundisburgh, Otley, Westerfield, Witnesham and Swilland. The neighbourhood watch scheme in Ipswich Road, Woodbridge is also part of the scheme. Jill Gipp can be contacted on 01473 737635.



Above: Lorna Lake, a delighted first prize winner at Grundisburgh's village show. More photos are on page 10.

News Diary

AUGUST

Thursday 6

Work of a Registrar talk Jane Parker Gr Burgh & Culpho WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 7

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

Saturday 8

Grass Track Cycle Racing iao Plomesgate Cycle Club Bredfield VH field 12.30pm Contact 621659

Sunday 30

Otley Hall Open Day 1-5pm Contact 890264

Monday 31

Fun Day & Car Boot iao Gr Football Club 2-5pm Contact 738111

Friday 11

Birds & Painting talk 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/Sunday 20

Harvest Flower Festival Burgh Church Contact 737507

Monday 28

Perennial Plants talk Matthew Tanton Brown Otley & Dist. Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 890991

OCTOBER

Thursday 1

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

Friday 2

Gr Village Quiz GVS Contact 738831

Tuesday 6

AGM Gr.Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society Gr.PR 7.45pm Contact 738267

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

Monday 26

Perennials for Pots talk Richard Ford iao Otley & Dist. Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 890991

NOVEMBER

Thursday 5

DNA and All That Gr. Burgh & Culpho WI PR 7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 9

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Saturday 14

Bredfield Christmas Extravaganza 11am-4pm Contact 01394 387867

Thursday 19

AGM & Work of Salvation Army in the Boscastle Floods talk Major C Read Bealings WI, VH 7.30pm Contact 623985

Thursday 26

Mulled Wine iao Golden Club GrVH 2.30pm Contact 735650

Monday 30

Highlights of Chelsea talk Simon White from Peter Beales Roses iao Otley & Dist Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 8900991

DECEMBER

Monday 7

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Otley Parish Council Mtg VH Contact 735451

Thursday 10

Let Us Entertain You with June & Geoff Bealings WI, VH 2.30pm Contact 623985

Friday 13

Winston the Singing Farmer talk Hasketon VH supper 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970/610214

Monday 21

Fund raising evening GrVH 7.30pm Contact 735459

Key for abbreviations:

P/VH - Parish/Village hall

PF - Playing field

PR - Parish rooms

VG - Village green

S - School

PBE - pre booking essential

iao - in aid of

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

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3

90th Birthday Celebrations Gr Burgh & Culpho WI PR 8pm Contact 735838

Saturday 5

St Mary's Church Fete GrVG Contact 738866

Sunday 6

Auditions for GADS' panto Gr.VH 2pm children 3pm adults Contact 735409

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What's On

GARDEN PARTY

The final event in Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho's fundraising calendar is an evening garden party. This will be taking place on Friday 7 August in the lovely gardens of Albert and Sylvia Usher at Purbrook House on The Green, Grundisburgh. It starts at 6.30pm.

Tickets must be bought in advance. These are available from Forge Stores or by ringing Libby Cooper (738330) or Pauline Coomber (738550). They cost £5 which includes a ploughman's supper and one drink.

Fete on The Green

The annual church fete in Grundisburgh will again be held on The Green, in the church and in the churchyard. It is on Saturday 5 September, between 2 and 4pm. There will be cakes, teas, ice creams, produce, jumble sale, bottle stall, games

A celebration of country life

Burgh is busy organising a flower festival to raise funds for the repairs to its beautiful church. The theme will be a celebration of country life and will take place on Saturday 19 September, from 10am-5pm,

and Sunday 20 September 11am-5pm. Our harvest festival service will be at 9.45am on the Sunday and all are welcome to attend.

In addition to beautiful floral displays with lots of props, photographs and information, there will be delicious refreshments, a raffle, cake, produce and craft stalls and a treasure hunt. For more information contact 01473 737507 or 735273

Special birthday entertainment



As part of their 90th birthday celebrations on Thursday 3 September Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho WI has invited Charlie Haylock to speak.

The meeting, being held at

8pm in Grundisburgh Village Hall, is open to everyone. Tickets cost £5 and are available on the door.

Signed copies of Charlie Haylock's books are on sale at Williams on The Green. Charlie, who is a keen promoter of Suffolk, its traditions and in particular its dialects, has frequently taken part in local radio and TV broadcasts and is widely known as a speaker..

Just42 Summer Programme

Places are going fast for the Just42 week of activities for young people starting on 24 August. This includes animation and short film-making in Woodbridge, to wheeling at Rendlesham, kayaking and power boating on the River Deben and off shore sailing in a restored Lowestoft fishing smack.

Full details are on the Just42 website www.just42.org; or contact Just42 on 01394 380992 or caroline@just42.org.uk.

Just42 runs regular activities for young people in Hasketon, Bredfield, Grundisburgh and Woodbridge.

Otley Village Show

The next Otley Village Show will be held on Saturday 12 September at Otley Village Hall. Doors open to the public at 2.30 pm,

with the raffle and auction of produce being held at about 3.30 pm. We have many classes and hopefully something for everyone. Schedules and entry forms are available from Otley Village Stores.

For further information, contact either Vanessa Ling (01473 890787) or Helen Quilliam (01473 890594).

ADDITION TO OTLEY HALL GARDENS

A labyrinth has been added to the beautiful gardens at Otley Hall. A joint effort by the owners Ian and Catherine Beaumont, and head gardener Simon Nickson, the new feature has been well received by the hall's Quiet Day participants and garden visitors.

Based on the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral, it was finished by April and officially dedicated in a service by the Right Revd Clive Young, Bishop of Dunwich, who also provided inspiration for the idea.

The gardens are open on Wednesday afternoons between 12 noon and 5pm, from May to September. Entrance costs £2.50. There will also be a chance to see the labyrinth at the open day on Sunday 30 August. This runs from 1 to 5pm. More information at www.otleyhall.co.uk or from 890264.

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News tributes

John Leggett, May 1933 to June 2009

John Leggett was born in Parham and won a scholarship to Framlingham College. He played football for Parham and cricket for Little Glemham and NALGO before national service and architectural college at Hammersmith.

John practiced as an Architect from 1963 until retirement in 1998. As president of the Eastern Region Architects he presented Sir Norman Foster with the award for the Willis glass building.

A season ticket holder at Portman Road for many years until the 'hooligan element' spoilt his enjoyment, whereupon John went to Grundisburgh to see his son play and was impressed by the standard of football and facilities. The secretary, Malcolm Harris, eventually persuaded him to become chairman in 1987. Under three different managers since, Grundisburgh has been champions of the SIL senior division four times, winners of



the Suffolk Senior Cup four times and the Omnico (formerly McNeil) league cup four times. In 1997/8 they won all three cups to perform a 'Treble' feat unlikely to be repeated. Though never a great footballer himself, he always loved watching the game.

John loved playing golf and was a long time committee member of Ipswich Golf Club, being elected captain in 1981 and president in 1996/98.

Also during this time he represented the British Architects against their American counterparts on a biannual basis.

In May 1999 he was elected a member of Suffolk Coastal District Council where he served on the planning committee.

The Grundisburgh playing field is owned by the National Playing Fields Association

and John was chairman of the GPF Management Committee. In 1999 he was presented with the President's Certificate by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in acknowledgement of his special contribution to the work and aims of the association.

Living in Witnesham since 1972, John was active there too, being a founder member and chairman of Witnesham

Football Club and chairman of Witnesham Parish Council. Other roles saw him as chairman of Ipswich Preservation Society and a member of Ipswich Historic Churches.

Information supplied by John's family

Chris Grahn October 1950 to May 2009



Chris Grahn had seemed indestructible, despite being tormented for 13 years by an increasingly severe form of Parkinson's Disease. Even with very severe shaking, he gave public readings of his poetry, rushed round the village on a variety of special bikes and scooters determined to live life to the full.

He and Sally moved to Grundisburgh in 1987, mainly to be near water so he could follow his interest in all things marine. Chris had a series of small boats and he became the 'Deben Sailor' of one of his favourite poems.

The poetry had started in his late teens and then lain dormant until the illness caused an early retirement (from being an accounts manager). Using his IT skills, he was able to produce CDs with music, and a village calendar, raising much

money for PD research. Just before he died Chris had been busy creating digital music to illustrate his poems, working with a music therapist. I am pleased that The News was able to profile Grundisburgh's poet in his lifetime (issue 189) and a copy of this is in the post office.

Nicola Hobbs

Hazel Joan Batchelor, December 1923 to May 2009

Hazel was born at The Forge, Burgh, and attended Grundisburgh School until she was 14. Then it was to Wickham Market Pupil Teacher Centre before teaching at various local schools until Nigel was born.

Later she became a supply teacher for a while and then taught at Bell Lane Primary in Kesgrave until she retired in 1983. After my retirement we travelled all over the eastern counties, a countryside

she greatly enjoyed seeing. Her main hobbies were knitting, tapestry and cooking.

Hazel and I had moved to Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh, in 1950, and we were married for 63 years. I will

always think of her as my greatest friend and companion.

Grateful thanks from Nigel and I for all the cards, good wishes and donations. £579 is being sent to the Suffolk Horse Society in Hazel's memory.

John Batchelor

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JOE JACOBS - SPEEDWAY RACER

Joe Jacobs was given a 50cc Italget motorbike by his Dad Brian, a classic trials rider and a speedway fan, for his fifth birthday. Of course he could only ride it in the garden at home in Burgh, but at the age of nine he started watching speedway racing on Sky television. Soon he and his Dad were going up to Foxhall stadium to watch the Ipswich Witches ride in live meetings.

A friend then told Joe that about a cycle speedway track at Whitton Sports Centre. Joe went along to test his abilities - and won all four of his races. For the next couple of years he went on to become under 13 Suffolk Champion and was consistently in the top five in national events.

For Joe's 10th birthday he was given a Yamaha 80cc trials bike so he could ride classic trials with his Dad. Joe also used some birthday money to have a go at a 125cc powerslide speedway school, he happened to fall off but did very well. He was told to wait and carry on with his motorcycle trials and cycle speedway for a few years until he was big enough to ride a full size 500cc motorcycle.

It was then Joe met Jeremy Doncaster at a trial. Joe was

riding in Tunstall and at 13 was offered to borrow Jeremy's 500cc speedway bike. He went on to buy two of Jeremy's bikes and in only his second season went on to racing in the under 15's British championship, claiming fourth overall over 4 rounds. He is now riding as reserve (and the youngest) in the Mildenhall Fen Tigers team travelling as far as Plymouth and Buxton. You can find out more about Joe's racing career on his website at: www.joejacobsracing.co.uk or call Joe on 07901767485.

Joe, who now lives in Grundisburgh, has just left

Farlingaye School. His next goal is to pass his motorcycle test so he can ride into Ipswich where he hopes to find work in a workshop that supplies parts and clothing for all general motorcyclists. Joe's grandmother

Roz Todd has lived in Grundisburgh for many years and is an enthusiastic supporter of her grandson.

For people who don't know about speedway racing Joe describes it as ... "where four riders race on an oval track for four laps on 500cc motorbikes that go from 0-60mph in four



seconds and have neither brakes nor gears. The riders race on shale, and can get up to speeds of 70mph.

"It has been a big step going into the National league but I feel that Dad and I have coped well. Jeremy Doncaster and Chris Louis, both former riders, have been helping me with engines and have also been mentoring me.

"I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the past couple of years, especially sponsors, as it would be a struggle to carry on without them" says Joe.

Above: Brian Jacobs at the village show where he and Joe showed off the bikes and gear from the Ipswich Witches.
Below: Brian and Joe with the special van.



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Burgh Bridge re-opens early

Works to reconstruct Burgh Bridge on the B1079 between Grundisburgh and Burgh were successfully completed at the end of June by May Gurney on behalf of Suffolk County Council. Maximum advantage was taken of the road closure by working long days with some overnight working to enable the bridge to re-open to traffic ahead of programme for the Hidden Gardens and Debach Airfield dance events.

Works during the road closure included demolition of the existing deck beneath the carriageway and construction of a new precast concrete beam deck. The photograph shows the precast beams being lifted into place by crane to bridge the gap between the two villages. Whilst surfacing the new bridge deck the opportunity was taken to resurface the road on the approaches to the bridge.

County Council Bridge Project Engineer Neil Carter said he was delighted with the way the project went and thanked all residents and local businesses for their forbearance during these essential maintenance works.



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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Your football club needs you!

Grundisburgh Football Club is a successful local club, winning many titles over the years - but we rely on the dedication, support and assistance of volunteers to keep the club operating to a high standard within the league.

It's getting harder each year to find the help, as well as the funds, to achieve this. We constantly look for ways to raise funds, organising events such as car boot sales, the annual fun day, and quiz and race nights throughout the season. Advertising in the programmes produced for each match also helps generate additional income.

But most importantly we seek volunteers to help with fundraising or to give general assistance on match days.

There's always plenty going on preparing for match days - setting up goals, dug-outs, refreshments during and after the match, both in the kitchen and behind the bar. For the fund-raising events we would welcome help with refreshments, parking, stalls, BBQ and advertising - and with some new fund raising ideas. Please contact Beverley Wilson 735377 (evenings) or myself.

And of course if you would like to support your local club by becoming a bar member, you could join us for a beverage or a basket of chips, you would be most welcome at the refurbished smoke-free

clubhouse. The bar is always open on Saturdays following the match or from 5pm during the closed season.

This article was written before the sad death of our chairman and leading light of many years, John Leggatt (see page 4), so our need for help becomes even more critical. I have taken over as chairman of the football club, relinquishing my role chairing the Playing Fields Management Committee which now urgently needs a new chairman - see below.

Jon Trenter, 735377

May100 Club winners: £50 Alison King, £35 Tim Smye, £25 Ron Davies, £20 Paul Warren.

Wanted!

New chairman and secretary for Grundisburgh Playing Fields Management Committee which manages the field on behalf of the National Playing Fields Association.

The committee, on which user groups are represented, meets twice a year. To find out more please contact Jon Trenter on 01473 735377.

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A VERY VERY BIG LUNCH AT THE DOG

Over 100 people responded to the invitation from Grundisburgh's pub to the 'big lunch'. Many had come the day before to deliver home grown vegetables and fruit - as well as brownies, crumbles and cup cakes they had made. No charge was made for the great range of foods and drinks on offer.

Suppliers also responded by donating drinks which included Aspoll Cyder, Woodford's Ales,

Greene King beers, James White fruit juices. The Dog's butcher, Cracknells, came up with some beef.

This idea had been promoted by The Eden Project in Cornwall and taken up by groups around the country - for "a lunch outside, on the street, with people bringing their own. An open air party....".

Unfortunately the open air bit didn't work too well all the time for Grundisburgh when the rain poured down. But the party just carried on inside ...

Words Nicola Hobbs, photos Peter Kendall

Right: James Rogers serves food.
Below: Before the rains came.



'Performing in 'The Ghost Train', GADS' spring play, left to right: Chris Stock, Marian Rosling, Phil Ling, Paul Whittingham, Ian Frost, Bettina Lambert and Charlotte Crown. The next production is the annual pantomime early in the new year, for which auditions are on 6 September - see News diary on page 2. Photo Wendy Witt.

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WI hosts group meeting

Grundisburgh WI hosted the group meeting in May, welcoming members from Bealings, Deben, Hasketon, Playford and Woodbridge WIs. The theme of the evening was a Right Royal Do and our speaker Patrick Thompson gave us an insight into the work of the Royal Family and how Buckingham Palace works, and Christmas at Sandringham. Members wore home-made tiaras. Mr Thompson judged Pat Sullivan of Grundisburgh as the winner. The talk was followed by a delicious supper.

Our June meeting took the form of an outing to The Mechanical Music Museum at Cotton. This was much enjoyed by all. In July Mr Jacobs reminded us of our lives before flush toilets, electricity, and water taps

inside our houses. He ended the evening with a sketch entitled I'm the only one left!

Our 90th Birthday takes place on 3 September. Charlie Haylock will talk at 8pm when anyone (male or female) can join us at a cost of £5. Details on page 3.

A feature about 90 years of the WI in Grundisburgh is planned for the next issue of The News. If any former members have old photos we can borrow please contact Pat Polley - or drop them to The News at Ford House, The Green, for scanning and return (please include a self addressed envelope).

Carol Barker

Baptist Chapel activities

Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel is going 'In at the Deep End': we are running another action-packed Summer Holiday Special from 11 to 13 August (10.30am to

12noon) for children aged 5 to 9 (approx.). Entry is free - just turn up on the day. There will also be a Family Fun Night on Thursday at 6.30pm.

We are planning a treasure hunt for *all* ages around the village on 12 September. We will start from the chapel at 2.30pm, and it will be followed by a barbeque and brief talk.

Everyone is warmly invited to our Harvest Thanksgiving services on 27 September, with Morning Worship at 10.45am and a Family Service at 4pm, followed by tea.

Colin Grimwood (Pastor), 738856, mobile 0782 3339150

Missing signs

No. Somebody has not stolen the village sign. It has been taken down for re-painting and re-gilding, and should be back in position in a few weeks. The Dog sign is also being restored.

SCOUTING NEWS

The Scout and Explorer Groups have had a hectic few months with camps, badge work, our AGM, participating in the Village Show and the duck race.

Cubs have camped at Hallowtree on district cub camp, some scouts and explorers took part in a survival camp where they had to walk 17 miles to camp in Thetford Forest, make their own shelters and use army ration food packs.

Nearly all the members of the Scout Group and Fynn Valley Explorers took part in the Environment Partnership Award where they made bird boxes and feeders, did a litter pick, cleaned around the



Retiring treasurer Keith Haddock with Grundisburgh Scouts chairman Phil Stebbings

village, visited the Millennium Meadow, planted trees on a campsite, and collected plastic carrier bags which we then took to a recycling centre.

We had very good weather for the evening of our AGM and an excellent turnout not only from all our members but also from parents, friends and supporters. We had an open-air meeting with a BBQ, campfire and sleepover.

At the AGM we presented our retiring treasurer Keith Haddock with gifts of shrubs and vouchers and the district commissioner Julian Dean presented Keith with a 'Silver Thanks Badge'. Keith is stepping down from this role

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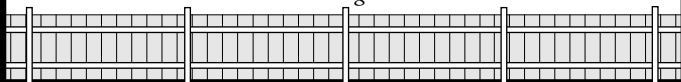
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after 12 years of loyal support; we thank him very much for all he has done and welcome our new treasurer Karen McLeod. Also at the AGM our beaver Leaders Petra and Michelle, along with Charlotte our assistant explorer leader, were presented with their warrants and made their promise. Phil our chairman was presented with a group growth certificate as we have doubled in size over the past 12 months, and John Mabb our county commissioner presented Stuart with the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service to Scouting.

We had a very good day at the village show with our duck games which everyone enjoyed, especially the water aspect.

Some of our explorers have just come back from Gilwell 24 which is 24 hours of continuous activities such as climbing, archery, 'zorbing' and scuba diving. They saw the new Chief Scout Bear Grylls make his promise in front of the retiring Chief Scout Peter Duncan.

We had fantastic weather for our Duck Race on 18 July with a record number of people



Above: The big litter pick;
Right: The ducks set off on their journey,

attending. This year we managed to raise approximately £1500 to refurbish the Scout Hut and buy much needed new equipment. Many thanks for all the excellent prizes donated and to all leaders, committee and helpers who worked very hard, also to everyone who bought tickets and supported us to make it a great event. The winning numbers were 467, 590, 1037, 1176, 665, 1144, 794, 768, 1026 and 301

Pat Ross, Group Secretary/Sectional Assistant: 01473 735352



Playgroup says goodbye and good luck

MIDSUMMER WALK TO THE MEADOW



The select band of people who joined the midsummer walk from The Green to Millennium Meadow and enjoyed a fascinating update on what has been happening there from John Dunnett (right). John works tirelessly to conserve this beautiful area and always welcomes help. He can be contacted on 01473 735515.



Julia Bentley is leaving playgroup after being involved for over 12 years. She joined when her boys were small, becoming chairperson; after enjoying her parent duties and helping in the sessions she decided to do a level 3 qualification.

Now Julia wishes to try new ideas with her craft and sewing skills, which we will certainly miss. Having made playgroup numerous items, including aprons and voile tents, and being chief repairer of the dressing up clothes, Julia has offered to help on an occasional basis. So we are sure we will still see her from time to time, and wish her good luck with her future plans.

VILLAGE SHOW TIME

There were many 'first timers' entering the Village Show on 11 July, bringing the number of entrants to a record 328. The judges from the Suffolk Horticultural and Produce Association were full of praise for the high standard of entries.

The name of Hazelwood will once again be adorning the cup for the most points in flower, fruit and vegetable classes. Kenny Hazelwood won this by a very wide margin. In days gone by he competed against his late brother Dennis. Another successful long term exhibitor was John Farrow who carried off the Deryck Grey Memorial Challenge Cup for his pansies.

The children's cups in the four age groups were won by Amber Cavanagh, Abigail Radwell, Livia Garrod and Lucy Moon. The fancy dress cup, presented by sponsors Gotelee & Goldsmith, went to Oliver Cavanagh.

The most fiercely fought class was for the men's Victoria Sandwich. There had been 19 entries, the second highest among all the classes, of which 14 appeared on the day. The highest number was one of the photographic classes.

The cups were presented by Bishop John Waine, also had the task of picking the winner for the 'best in show' cup, selecting Tom Pasteur's roses.

The costs of running the show, particularly hiring the marquee, are high but thanks to generous local sponsors, donations from vice presidents and a range of fund raising activities, the loss was the lowest for some years.

The show is run by a group of volunteers who are always looking for more helpers. We run fund raising events during the year in addition to seeking sponsorship. Hidden Gardens in June raised nearly £1866. The dance in the marquee after the show brought us

£425. Money not needed for next year's show will be given to the charities chosen this year (Alzheimer's Society, Just42 and Burgh Church schoolroom project). The last fund raiser of the season is an evening garden party on Friday 7 August. Details on page 3.

The annual general meeting, to which everyone is invited - for their comments and ideas, as well as a glass of wine - is on Tuesday 6 October, at 7.45pm in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms This is when planning for next year's show - on 17 July - really starts.

Words Nicola Hobbs,
Photos Peter Kendall



Above: Tug-of-war organised by Julia Bentley.



The serious business of judging



Above: Delighted winner of the men's Victoria Sandwich class, David Walford of Grundisburgh who had never done any baking before the introduction of the Andrew Turner Memorial Cup in 2007. His first entry came second, and after being unplaced last year, he set about baking more practice cakes and testing them on family and work colleagues. David plans to continue baking and will be ready to defend the cup next year.

Above right: Kenny Hazelwood receives his cup from Bishop John Waine;

Right: Sally Doherty's prize winning hat.



Above: Libby Cooper whose tea tent was one of the popular innovations at the show; thanks to volunteers and appreciative customers, it made £465.

Right: Youth work charity Just42 provided one of the main attractions on the playing field outside the marquee - a challenging climbing wall.

Mid Summer Music came BACK with a CRASH BANG WALLOP

What a stunning and diverse array of musical talent performed for an expectant audience in the beautiful grounds of Grundisburgh House by kind permission of Fred and Lucy Ferguson on 20 June. The weather could have been kinder but both the school and St Mary's choir overcame the rain to produce a very entertaining beginning to the programme. 'Bin There Drummed That' then won many friends with a wonderful display of 'what you can produce from a wheelie bin with rhythm, practise and discipline'.

All the acts that followed had connections with Grundisburgh. One member of the excellent folk duo Cottonhouse Nic Mason is a teacher at Grundisburgh School. The very cool The Alibi Club are friends of Graham Seabrook, a musician himself who it is rumoured could be performing next year. Phil Bailey is one of The Oddments who played a great variety of music to a very appreciative audience. Two members of To the Dogs had



to make unscheduled visits to their chosen universities but the very talented Joe gave a wonderful solo performance showing that he will go far. The Slugs, not a very flattering name for the surprising loud and very entertaining Bentley boys and friend Neil. The Outlines (who featured in the last edition of The News) got everyone dancing to finish off the day, no one could resist the appeal of 'The Teacher of the Year' John Richards.

Iain Langdon organised a Mama Mia style sing-a-long whenever the stage had to be reset, so it really was almost non-stop music. The Bar B Q was managed and charmingly served by Mark and Terry. The strawberries, cream teas, cakes and refreshment deliciously presented by Tania, Jane, Chris and friends.

The very well stocked bar was manned with legal efficiency by Richard and friends. Valerie MacCuish and Joanna, running the Grand Draw,



Clockwise from top: Grundisburgh School choir, Drummers from Just42, three of The Oddments, Joe of The Dogs; Sally Doherty receiving the electric guitar from Clare Sanders.

separated many from their money, how could they be refused. A delighted Sally Doherty won the main prize an electric guitar, we wonder if she may give us a tune next year. Susanna and Julie were able to tender first aid to just one scratched young man. John and Nigel produced the sound brilliantly.

One person remarked "when I said I would help I was worried it was going to be a bit stuffy but it wasn't at all. I did enjoy myself and I am going to persuade a lot of people who thought like me to come next year". So if you

would like to perform in Mid Summer Music 2010 please contact Julia Bentley who worked so hard this year to put the programme together.

Thanks too must go to Robert Fletcher, Charles Clarke & Sons and the back room boys and girls who put everything up and took everything down, the sterling work of Sheila Caryer putting up posters and those who manned the gate.

A wonderful £2,702 was raised for St Mary's, and thanks go to everyone who played their part.

Words Ann Willetts, photos Alan Billings



Hasketon Highlights

Sunshine for the fete

After a blustery and rainy Friday evening trying to erect gazeboes and put up bunting, we were blessed with a perfect Saturday afternoon with warm sunshine.

The car park filled rapidly and people queued to find bargains at the bric-a-brac and book stalls long before start time. The stalls around the green soon attracted crowds, and encouraged by Dougie Gedny's music, we had people looking for hidden treasure in the Underground, getting numbered ping-pong balls into the correct eggcups, throwing 'wellies' great distances, wondering from which pipe the ferret would appear, knocking down skittles and having a go at the ever-popular bottle stall.

In the church we held an exhibition of some 150 'Yesteryear's Toys', presented by Isabel Clark and her team, which contained a marvellous collection of dolls and their houses, teddy bears, vehicles of many shapes and sizes, books from greatgranny's days, games, jigsaws of maps, lead soldiers and a section called 'Science and Technology', which included four handmade model engines of the early 1900's. It was a wonderful display of 'toys' loaned by local people and Woodbridge Museum.

The proceeds of the fete, draw and exhibition amounted to £3,125, which is a good result and the money will be shared equally between St Andrews Church and The Victory Hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way, and to all those who just came to Hasketon for an afternoon of fun - which it was!

*Katherine and Richard Smith,
Fete photos courtesy Alastair McWhirter
& Peter Kendall*



Jazz on a Summer's Day

The 13th annual jazz and barbecue event achieved its £2,500 target for St Andrews Church. The French Quarter All Stars band was great fun and true to traditional New Orleans style, and the generous barbecue meats (and vegetarian alternatives), imaginative salads and the variety and quality of the puddings were much enjoyed. The weather

unaccompanied songs illustrating the various episodes, was a masterpiece and kept their audience both amused and saddened in equal measure. Our next Friday night event will be on 11 September at 7.15pm for a ploughman's supper followed by local artist Reg Snook's talk on 'Birds and Painting'.

The re-polished floor in the hall looks wonderful. The company scrubbed

the floor first and then over a day applied three layers of liquid 'polish', and left it for 24 hours to harden. We hope it will be treated with respect and remain in this excellent condition for many years, as it was an expensive operation. We are still looking for more parties/clubs to hire the hall during the day and some evenings. Details from Claire Harrington on 01394 380644.

Richard L. Smith (01394 388970)

Tymmes Place: nearly there

Hasketon Parish Council has found it a long and wearisome process trying to acquire the ownership of the three parcels of land around Tymmes Place in Hasketon, namely the village green, the allotments and the recreation area behind the village sign.

We had received the first letter from Suffolk Coastal District Council in December 2003 announcing that they planned to build eight dwellings on the recreation area we use as a car park for events. As these plans were against our wishes, time-consuming and expensive negotiations followed.

These are now coming to a conclusion. We have now received the legal documents transferring the ownership to the parish council, which our chairman and vice-chairman have signed and returned to the district council. We hope that everything will be concluded and in place by the end of August.

Jane Good, Parish Clerk



was perfect. Much work from local folk went into the preparation, and we were helped greatly by the strong arms of the Muscles for Charity group who erected and took down gazeboes, etc.

Next year's event will be the last Sunday in June as usual when another great day is planned. Tickets will be available from mid March.

Gordon Smith, 01394 383106

VICTORY HALL

As anticipated, Neil Alanham's stories about 'Ruby and her horses' with Andrew Stannard's

Bredfield Barometer

Happy Birthday to Bredfield Village Shop!



It is an amazing achievement to have our Community Shop, run solely by volunteers, for over 20 years. The success of Bredfield Village Shop is down to the time and effort given by so many. The birthday party on 11 July was a way of celebrating and thanking all those involved over the years.

The party itself was an example of the generosity of the community, where the village hall was set up beautifully to welcome party goers with Pimms and canapes, all put together by the same volunteers, led by Susie France whose family were involved in handing out the delicious snacks, prior to a sumptuous sit down meal. Nearly 60 invited guests, including both past and present helpers at the shop, had a most enjoyable evening (the hall was literally buzzing with the chatter of friendships new and old) and were brought to order for the speeches by our very own 'speaker' Anne Henderson.

Tony Bishop and Peter Grainger (pictured cutting the birthday cake) both spoke briefly about the shop, how much it means to the community and how lucky we are to have such a wonderful facility in these days of local shop closures. Tony (shop committee chair) has recently overseen the changes to the area in front of the shop, with

the addition of paved area (built via the community payback scheme) and picnic table; the new fresh produce baskets make the shop look even more enticing.

The shop is essential for the well-being of the community of Bredfield. Although sadly without a pub at the moment, the shop is an outward sign of the strength of community and part of the reason that Bredfield is such a popular village and why those who move here stay for good.

We know that the villagers will continue to support this worthy venture both by shopping there and by giving up their time so that future generations can benefit.

Thanks go to Tony and Mary Bishop, who dedicate so much of their time to improving and running the shop, to Rowland Irving who will step down as company secretary this year after many years service, and to Andrea Leyland, Alvina King, Kate Pirkis, Alison Cannard, Mabel Irving and Susie France who are all committee members.

Thanks also go to the original founders of the shop, including Peter Grainger, in his role as chair of the community council. Sadly other founders have died: Betty Reid, John Bray and Wyn Masters. And a special thanks to those who have volunteered for the whole of

the last 20 years, from its creation to the current day - congratulations.

*Words Roswyn Bradshaw,
Photo Rowland Irving*

Church Fete

Unlike last year, when for the first time since the war, Bredfield Church fete had to be postponed because of the appalling conditions, the weather remained dry on 6 June at the critical time. This was a great relief for the organisers, stall holders and helpers and the Old Rectory was buzzing with activity from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning.

A wonderful team of people put up bunting, tents and gazebos, tables and chairs on Friday and some stall holders made a start on the mammoth task of getting their stock in place. Still more people worked on Saturday setting up over 40 stalls and games, transporting equipment and masses of items to sell on the many stalls such as books, cakes, jumble, plants, teas, toys and white elephant (to name a few).

Then, at 2.15, Andrew Miller announced the Fete open and we were off! The ponies rode, the tractor trundled, the jumble jumbled, the coconuts shied, the pig bowled, the scarecrows slid, the roulette wheel turned, the horses raced (and bets were placed), the skittles skittled .. so many games to play! Alternatively, visitors could buy from the stalls or take a chance at the tombolas

or the grand draw and when they had worked up an appetite they could choose from the delicious refreshments available; teas, ice cream or candy floss

We were delighted to welcome so many people (the car parks were full and cars were parked along the road) and we raised £6,510 towards St. Andrew's Church funds. Special thanks to the people and friends of Bredfield who give up their time and energy before, during and after the event and make the church fete such a huge success. Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Robin D'Arcy who generously provide their house and garden making it such an attractive venue. See you all next year - 12 June 2010! (unusually this is the second Saturday in June).

Pat Miller

Textile recycling

Thanks to all who delivered items for the textile recycling - we raised £48.70 for the church funds. Keep collecting, we'll be doing the same next year.

Exhibition

Mary Bishop is having an exhibition at Orford Town Hall over August bank holiday. Suffolk Coastal Landscapes includes watercolours, oil paintings and small driftwood sculptures. Her sister, Lorna Harvey-Frank, is joining her with a range of individually designed hand-crafted cushions, throws and bags. more information from Mary on 01394 382223.

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Six year old Oliver Cavanagh and his mum Sarah travelled from Burgh to sleep on a street in London in July to raise money for the charity Calcutta Rescue. This provides free medical care, vocational training and hope to thousands of the poorest and most socially disadvantaged people in India. Those living in slums are the lucky ones, at least they have a roof over their heads, many more just sleep on the streets, says Sarah.

"The weather was kind for our street sleep. It was a memorable night with the chilly wind, drunken revellers, constant traffic noise, rather hard 'bed' - we didn't get a lot of sleep, but then it was only one night." Anyone who would like to support them is invited to drop a donation (cheques payable to Calcutta Rescue Fund) to St Felix, Burgh, IP13 6SU. More about the work of Calcutta Rescue can be found at www.calcuttarecue.org.

Sarah had volunteered for the charity 15 years ago dispensing medicines in a street clinic.

Clopton Chat

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the annual parish meeting Roy Compton was elected as chairman for another year, and Graham Boshier has taken on the role of vice chairman. Jill Gipp resigned as a councillor and was thanked for all her hard work, especially with the speed watch scheme. Christopher Angwin has taken her place on the parish council.

The community speed watch scheme is now up and running, and the speed camera has been used by Woodbridge, Otley, Grundisburgh, Debach and Clopton. It has been agreed that people do slow down when they see the warning signs so the scheme is having a beneficial effect. It is hoped that motorists will curb their speeds through the villages.

There have been two accidents recently on the B1079/Shop

Road junction. The parish council would like to see a speed limit on this stretch of road.

It was agreed to deliver the Parish Plan questionnaire to all households in Clopton in the near future. Parishioners are asked to take a little time to complete the questions as this is an opportunity to let the parish council know how everyone feels about their village.

Parish councillors were advised that the Local Government Review has been delayed yet again as the courts had upheld Suffolk Coastal's complaint that their suggestion for a three way split was not considered. The uncertainty in local government continues.

The next meeting of Clopton Parish Council is on Thursday 17 September at 7.30pm.

*Information provided by parish clerk
Gill Kimberling*



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WI enjoy story telling

The June meeting of Bealings WI was lively and well attended. The events of the past month included the Suffolk Show, and Betty Slim was highly praised for her wonderful silver flower arrangement on the given theme of Christmas.

The annual quiz night, held at Parkside Cottage, was very entertaining and regular events continue: reading groups, walks followed by pub lunch and playing boules.

"There is nothing like a good story and nothing like a good story teller" - the opening words of our speaker for the evening, Mrs Shirley Bignall. Shirley has a passion for story telling and has discovered how important it is to have all tales in their appropriate dialect. She has assembled stories, then rewritten and recorded them with the help of a man's

voice, none less than that of her brother, the actor, Peter Davidson.

Shirley told us a short Christmas carol story in the local vernacular, before pipe music filled the air to set the scene for the 'Wild Man of Orford'. The characters were authentic and believable, as was the roar of the waves on the shore and the scraping of the boat on the shingle - wonderfully atmospheric and you could have been there. She finished with a couple of Suffolk ghost stories, leaving us all wondering whether one would be safe to venture on to the Waveney on a wherry. Her narrative, story telling and talking voices, combined with the CD recording, to produce a fascinating hour of stories which totally held our attention and fired our imagination.

To conclude the evening our chairman, Joan Moon, told us of her exciting trip to the Albert Hall for the WI AGM.

From information supplied by Virginia Porter

IN BRIEF

Another Suffolk Dog Day is being run by the Suffolk Foundation to raise money for good causes in the county. It takes place on 8 August at Helmingham Hall. The official opening by BBC Radio Suffolk's Lesley Dolphin will be at 12.15pm followed by the 'Dancing Dogs Demonstration' and at 12.30pm, the first of 16 classes. Ring 01473 886100 or visit the www.suffolk.dogday.com for details.

Views are wanted by 14 August on Suffolk Coastal District Council's draft climate change strategy. This proposes three main targets for the council, businesses and residents: to reduce Carbon Dioxide emissions, prepare for climate change and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. The strategy, along with an online comment form, can be found on www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/greenissues/ccs/, or seen in libraries, tourist information centres and the Melton Hill offices.

Saturday 19 September is the date for a jumble and table top sale in aid of St. Elizabeth Hospice at Wickham Market Village Hall. It runs from 11am to 3pm. Tables cost £6 and can be booked from Stephanie Davies 01473 737629.

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"On yer bike!"

Bird notes of a local nature from Reg Snook

Coming through Tuddenham at the beginning of June I saw Janet Welham leaning over the wall on the bridge, and, gazing at the clear waters of the River Fynn, she said she was looking for water voles. Together we saw - none! However, we were surprised to see the amount of birds that came down to drink from the water's edge. Many people have bird-tables and bird feeders in their gardens, but I really believe that, in summer, a birdbath is far more important for our feathered friends.

I can't remember the last time that I saw a lesser-spotted woodpecker. This species has decreased alarmingly over the last decade. I know of nowhere in East Suffolk where one could guarantee seeing this small woodpecker. Imagine, therefore, my amazement when I was stopped by Kenny Hazlewood outside his home on Rose Hill,

Grundisburgh, and to be told that in his back garden where he grows those beautiful chrysanthemums was . . . a lesser spotted woodpecker! Kenny's brother Dennis sadly died a couple of years ago. Dennis was a vegetable grower and often we would stop along the road near Culpho, Dennis on one side of the road and myself on the other. We would lean on our bikes and have difficult conversations about how brilliant Dennis's tomato plants were compared to mine. I say difficult conversations because Dennis was deaf. On another occasion one summer morning, I saw Dennis sitting in a hedgerow with his small dog. I sat with him for about an hour. He said that he was waiting for the combine harvester to start cutting the wheat, because he needed a rabbit for his dog's dinner. He loved rabbit stew, but no longer cooked rabbit for himself - he didn't fancy rabbit after myxomatosis was introduced. Whilst we sat there we saw a lark ascending . . . then descending, We saw a hare creep out of the corn - with one eye on the mongrel beside us, we saw swallows hawking low over the field, a pair of red-legged partridges with their growing brood, and amazingly three roe deer that,

unbelievably, did not see us! Dennis was a wonderful, gentle character who is sadly missed.

Len Kemble lives in Otley Road and has a large back garden. In the winter Len bought a box designed for little owls to nest in. He asked my advice as to where it should be positioned. I chose a spot in view from his kitchen window, and the box was duly nailed to a tree. I advised Len that little owls would not nest in it this year - if he was lucky he could possibly have a pair of stock doves use it. In June Len invited me to see a pair of little owls feeding young in his new bird box - wrong again Reg!



"LITTLE OWL"

We are very fortunate to have three species of owls in this area. In the past I've mentioned the barn owl. And now Len's little owl. Little owls can often be seen, especially in summer, perched on roadside posts, and their call is a familiar sound on Keith Burch's farm. Although not as common as they used to be, the tawny owl is still found locally. They are the ones that call at night and, apart from the call of the cuckoo, this owl's call is probably the most easily recognised of any bird song.

Right on schedule the swifts arrived back in Grundisburgh on May 8th! For such a short period of time they are here. They come to breed and they are gone in mid August. If the nightingale and the cuckoo are iconic birds of spring, then so is the swift. When they

disappear back to Africa each year I search in vain for a few stragglers, and I certainly miss the screaming pack of swifts scything their way between the chimney pots of Stoney Road.

It was a sunny morning in late June - blue skies, lots of swifts screaming around and a hobby falcon lazily flying across the countryside. And then I heard the roar of a merlin engine - a spitfire! Two icons - one fast, beautifully marked and as streamlined as any bird that you will ever see. The other - very fast, beautifully marked and as graceful as - well, the hobby falcon!

And finally, there I was, cycling up Stoney Road, when Tom Bye yelled out "do you know what we used to call sparrows? - spudgers". Yes, Tom, I did know that... When I was at Primary School my best friend was 'Spudger Sparrow'. I wonder what happened to him?

Reg bicycles most days from his home in Ipswich to his studio in Grundisburgh. He is working on a new exhibition to be held later in the

year. It will, of course, include bird paintings, but will mainly feature 30 new portraits of village people. A book of prints of Reg's previous village portraits is held by the parish council; this will now be updated, as sadly many characters have passed away whilst others have moved on

and newcomers arrived. Dates for 'The Changing Face of Grundisburgh' will be announced in the next News.

Reg can be contacted on 07870 294173.



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PARISH PLAN PROGRESS

Since the Otley Parish Plan was finalised in May, copies have been given to key organisations within the village and local authorities. A large number of issues were identified and included in an action plan. Otley Parish Council (PC) considered the high and medium priority issues at a parish council meeting on 6 July. A number of issues are outside of the control of Otley PC, such as a lack of a local NHS dentist.

The Otley Community Council (OCC) has a number of issues to consider, including more activities in the village, more sports facilities and play equipment for the under 8 year olds. Otley College has offered some of their sports facilities to enhance those that already exist in the village.

A large number of issues, such as managing the growth of Otley, road safety, road repairs, speeding, flooding and HGV traffic, are already part of the day to day work carried out by the parish council and



Otley Cub camp on a Medieval theme held in June at Hallowtree Camp site in Ipswich.

will be continually monitored and any appropriate actions will be initiated.

Otley PC has, in the recent past, applied for an extension to the 30 mph area, a buffer zone of 40 mph at the edge of the village, flashing speed indicator signs and other speed reduction initiatives, but these have all been refused by Suffolk Coastal (SCDC) or Suffolk County (SCC). The PC has also asked for extension to the pavements, one to the church (currently in the hands of SCC) and to the White Hart. The pavement to the pub was refused on the

grounds that the road is too narrow and alternative cycle 'path' (markings on the road) was discussed but again this may not be viable due the width of Helmingham Road.

Communication about village groups, skills within the village, village history, PC activities and other local information is being presented on the SCDC One Suffolk website (www.otley.suffolk.gov.uk) under the 'Parish Council' link. Work is still in progress but it contains useful information on village activities.

A major task that Otley PC

will be investigating is the possibility of low cost/shared ownership housing to help first time buyers and our young families.

One critical issue that has not been resolved by the PC is to form a Parish Plan Implementation Group (not the PC!) but no volunteers have come forward. If you would like to help in the future shaping of Otley then why not help out on the group. For more information please contact either Richard Treloar on 01473 890271 or Malcolm Smith on 01473 890403.

Surgery staff do midnight walk in aid of hospice



Ten staff from Debenham Group Practice (which covers Grundisburgh and Otley Surgeries) did a sponsored eight mile Midnight Walk in Ipswich in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice on 23 May.

In all over 2000 ladies took part and over £200,000 was estimated to have been raised. At our practice we raised £1200, so a big thank you to all

patients, friends and colleagues who sponsored us.

The photo shows us before we started, wearing our pink flashing bunny ears. Included in the group are Tracy, Stephanie and Mary from the Grundisburgh surgery and doctors Alison Williams and Helen Spring who hold surgeries in Otley.

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Sporting stories

GRASS TRACK CYCLE RACING BACK IN BREDFIELD

Saturday 8 August sees grass track cycle racing return to the field of the village hall at Bredfield, once again organised by the Plomesgate Cycle Club.

Grass track racing is very similar to the type of cycle racing seen at the indoor velodromes, but on a grass field and without the banking to help hold the bikes stable - so riders use slightly knobbly tyres to gain a bit more grip. The main racers will use bikes with fixed wheel, so speed is totally controlled by pedalling action as there are no brakes and the riders can't freewheel.

Plomesgate CC have been organising grass track events for a number of years, and this will be the third year we have run the event at Bredfield. We aim to have both the serious racing fraternity come from across the UK and also fun events for youngsters.

This year we want to encourage children under 12 years old from Bredfield and the surrounding villages to come and have a go, using any type of bike; the only proviso is that they must wear a helmet. If you can't ride a bike or just want an afternoon of free entertainment, then come along and watch. Refreshments will be available.

The racing is hard and fast, especially the short distance sprints (400m-800m), with conditions varying depending

on both the grass and weather. Longer distance races (8km) can be almost as fast but test the riders' endurance to the limits due to the drag of the grass surface.

We won't expect the youngsters to do these sort of distances, maybe one or two laps. We aim for all the children taking part to enjoy themselves and all go away a winner. To help gauge how many might take part please either contact the organiser (see below) or let the Bredfield village shop know. If you are unsure, then just turn up on the day. Whilst we won't be charging an entry fee for the fun events, the main riders will be paying for the privilege of racing, where we hope to back up their prize fund with sponsorship of any kind (last year Earl Soham Brewery contributed a couple of poly-pins of beer). If you run a business then please consider helping our prize fund in any way you can.

The day starts off just after mid-day when riders arrive, and the racing programme runs from 1pm.

Contact the event organiser Evert Wijnberg, 01473 621659, if you would like to ride, have more information or contribute.



Bowls club rolling along

After nearly folding two years ago, Grundisburgh Bowls Club continues to make good progress and the number of members is growing. We have worked hard on improving the premises and now have a smart new storage shed to house the new mower bought with the kind assistance of the parish council.

We have again enjoyed a first-class coaching session run by John Rednall, an England international player. We relaunched the Jubilee Shield, which is open to all village organisations. It was well supported, with the tennis club winning the trophy. We have also started playing some friendly matches.

Although we are pleased with the way the club is developing, we would still like some more people to come along and give the game a try. Individual coaching is available to anyone, whatever age, who might be interested. If you think you might be tempted, please contact me.

Roger Anderson, 01473 738918,
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Danny Begg and Tracey Hurrell from Grundisburgh Tennis Club receive the Jubilee Shield from Mick Jones and Hazel Peasey of the bowls club.

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and thank you to all who gave their time to deliver and collect envelopes.

*Pat Fletcher, Pat Howgego and
Richard Smith*

grand total of £1,052-22. The totals collected in surrounding villages in this area were: Grundisburgh £152-48, Little Bealings £164-75, Great Bealings £85-64, Playford £73-64, Culpho £20-50, Tuddenham £87-07, Witlesham £74-72. My grateful thanks to everybody for your continued support.

Ian Craig, Treasurer of Woodbridge Branch of ARC

Arthritis Research

Once again, I would like to thank most sincerely, all the villagers who donated so generously to the house to house collection in aid of the Arthritis Research Campaign in June, and helped raise a

Concert proceeds

The Otley Singers raised £401.52 at their concert in June. £300 has been given to Otley Doctors Surgery and £101.52 sent to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

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LOCAL PUBS BUCKING THE TREND

All too often we hear of village pubs closing and the community suffering as a result. The News has been keeping in contact with pubs in its catchment area and can report good news.

Turk's Head, Hasketon

When the threat of closure recently loomed over Hasketon's Turk's Head a

paddock behind the barn. There has been a building on the site since the early 15thC, when it was a salt house; the pub itself dates from the 16thC. The pub sign has been restored by Carol Goddard, with iron work provided by Norman Kerridge. It was hoisted into place with the aid of a party of volunteers and a

large crane provided by local farmer John Taylor.

Three Horseshoes, Charsfield

Martin Tilbury at The Three Horseshoes at Charsfield says he is enjoying his

best year since taking over in 2005. He

puts this down to stability: regular opening hours, food and the good range of real ales you would expect from a Free House. If you want to learn

which guest beers are coming up, e-mail Martin at m.tilbury@virgin.net and ask to be added to his 'Ale Mail'.

There's food for body and mind - new at the pub are home-made frozen meals to take away, cooked on the



Gary Gilling and his daughter Hannah behind the bar at the White Hart.

premises by Emma, Martin's partner. And if you are interested in starting a book club with like-minded readers, pop into the pub and give your details to Martin, who will pass them on to the organiser, Jan Pedgrift - or contact her direct on 01473 737701.

Already established are regular music sessions: on the first Saturday of each month there is an acoustic jam session and on the third Saturday

traditional folk music, singing and dancing. Everyone is welcome to both.

White Hart, Otley

Things are going well at the White Hart in Otley, too. Since taking over three months ago, Gary Gilling has

set out to create a

family-oriented village pub with food seven days a week, monthly quiz nights and special events raising funds for local charities. Coming up on 5 September will be a 'Half Ball' in aid of Genesis, part of Orwell Mencap (at a half ball, you sport evening wear on your top half and anything you like below!).

In addition to the beer garden, drinking outside at the White Hart is now safer and more pleasant, with the forecourt fenced off from the road. Other plans include the building of a five-room motel next to the pub. Gary says he is always open to suggestions for new ideas at the pub.

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The newly restored Turk's Head sign.

group of locals decided they would form a company and take over the tenancy. As the pub is 'Free of Tie', prices are kept low as the new owners realise that value for money is important in difficult times.

The takeover coincided with the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend and was celebrated with a barbeque and other attractions.

The local vintage motor cycle club now meets at the pub on the second Monday of each month. Future events include Karaoke, a vintage car rally, charity fund raisers and live bands. Next year the Turk's Head could be the venue for open air theatre in the large



Emma busy in the kitchen at the Three Horseshoes



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