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The News to go quarterly

From next year The News will come out four times a year instead of the current six. Much though I enjoy editing the paper, this is the most I can manage comfortably, given my other commitments. If we can find people to take on occasional issues as guest editors, then we could go back to six a year. Training can be given to anyone willing to have a go at this interesting but time consuming role.

We will now publish a winter issue at the end of November, spring issue end February, summer end May, autumn end August. This means there will be even more pressure on space; priority will be given to stories about local people and enterprises, and information

about forthcoming events, rather than reports of past meetings. The resulting changes in advertising arrangements and subscription service are shown on page 19.

Nicola Hobbs

THE PUBS' PROGRESS

It seems as soon as the summer holidays end, people start planning for Christmas. Our local pubs are receiving requests for Christmas bookings and, naturally, responding. The White Hart at Otley will be bringing out their special menus very soon and others, including the Turk's Head at Hasketon, The Tuddenham Fountain and Grundisburgh Dog are taking bookings now.

Locally produced food features increasingly in our pubs. The Turk's Head serves



beef from the Red Poll herd at Chuch Farm, Hasketon, and Calvor's Suffolk lager (brewed in Coddham) is now on tap. The Dog uses as much local produce as it can, including venison, fish and meat - and vegetables from local villagers with surplus produce. Incidentally, congratulations to Charles and James Rogers for having enough confidence in the future to buy the freehold of their pub from Punch Taverns.

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Harvest festival was marked in style at Burgh Church with a flower festival celebrating country life on the weekend of 19/20 September. This was extremely popular with the large number of visitors, and made over £1,600 for the church.

Both front page photos by Peter Kendall

Planning update

The owners of the site in Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham, who applied for planning permission for a 'green burial site' have appealed against the district council's refusal of the application. Inspectors will visit the site shortly and a decision is expected before Christmas.

Please note the new email address from 1 October for editorial material for the Grundisburgh & District News: editor@grunews.com



One of Heather Langdon's spectacular quilts exhibited at Grundisburgh Church fete. Her work is featured on page 11.

News Diary

SEPTEMBER

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

Giles, the Cartoonist talk
John Field, Clopton VH 8pm
Contact 737417

Tuesday 6

AGM Gr.Burgh & Culpho
Horticultural Society GrPR
8pm Contact 738267

Friday 9

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

Saturday 10

Table Top & Coffee Shop
Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Sunday 11

Walk (approx 2hrs) Meet 2pm
Gr VG Contact 738219

Thursday 15

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

Saturday 17

Live music with Boulevard Blonde 8pm Charsfield VH
Contact 737701/737569

Monday 19

Otley Parish Council Mtg
VH Contact 890271

Tuesday 20

Poachers & Smugglers talk

Wm. Tyler iao Gr Local
History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738195

Thursday 22

Talk by Mr. Jay Golden Club
GrVH 2.30pm Contact 735650

Saturday 24

Coffee Morning iao Golden
Club GrPR Contact 735650

Monday 26

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

Saturday 31

Halloween Disco iao GADS
GrVH 7.30pm PBE Contact
738648

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

Friday 13

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

Saturday 14

Bredfield Christmas Extravaganza 11am-4pm
Contact 01394 387867

Table Top & Coffee Shop

Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Sunday 15

Hasketon Charity Fair VH
2.30pm Contact 735174

Walk (approx 2hrs) Meet 2pm
GrVG Contact 738219

Thursday 19

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

Saturday 20

AGM & Butley Priory & the Butley Chronicle talk Sheila
Harrison iao Gr Local History
Soc Supper PBE VH 7.30pm
Contact 738195

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

Thursday 3

Xmas Party Gr. Burgh &
Culpho WI PR 7.30pm
Contact 735838

Monday 7

Gr & Culpho Parish Council Mtg PR 7.30pm Contact
735541

Otley Parish Council Mtg
VH Contact 890271.

A Pleasing Terror (ghost
stories) with Robert Lloyd
Parry Otley Hall 7.30pm PBE
Contact 890264

Tuesday 8

A Warning to the Curious
(ghost stories) with Robert
Lloyd Parry Otley Hall
7.30pm PBE Contact 890264

Thursday 10

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

Friday 11

Christmas Tours Otley Hall
inc. refreshments 6.30-9pm
PBE Contact 890264

Saturday 12

Table Top & Coffee Shop
Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Monday 14

Christmas Tours Otley Hall
inc. refreshments 6.30-9pm
PBE Contact 890264

Tuesday 15

The Iron Age & the Dallinghoo Hoard talk Dr

Edward Martin iao Gr Local
History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738195

Monday 21

Fund raising evening GrVH
7.30pm Contact 735459

JANUARY

Friday 8

Solomon Islands talk Tom
Tyler Hasketon VH supper
7.15pm PBE Contact 01394
388970/610214

Saturday 9

Table Top & Coffee Shop
Angela Cobbold Hall Little
Bealings 9am - 12noon
Contact 620213

Tuesday 19

Who Lived in Your House
talk Pam Walker iao Gr Local
History Soc PR 7.30pm
Contact 738195

Monday 25

Garden Design talk Julia
Holloway & Jayne Vaughan
iao Otley & Dist Gardening
Club VH 7.30pm Contact
8900991

Friday 29

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
iao GADS GrVH 7.30pm
Contact 738648

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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.

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Langdon or direct to The
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Please separate diary entry
from any editorial provided.



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What's On

WALKING ON SUNDAYS

The walks organised by Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council continue on second Sundays of the months - eg 11 October and 8 November.

These leave at 2pm from Grundisburgh Green. However, in December there will be another one of the special evening walks instead - on Wednesday 16th - to a new secret venue this year!

The walks are free and open to people from all areas. The afternoon walks usually last about two hours. Queries to Sally Grahn 01473 738219 or Peter Brunning 735481.

Christmas charity fair

As the summer sun fades the good people of Hasketon turn their thoughts to raising money for their favourite good causes at the annual the charity fair. Why not come along and support the charities and stock up on all those vital items for Christmas - cards, wrapping paper and small gifts, many hand made.

This year's fair will be held on Sunday 15 November, starting at 2.30. An entry fee of 50p will buy refreshments and there will be a raffle.

If you want to help out or have a stall to raise money for a special cause then call me. Last year we raised over £1,000 for local, national and even international charities.

Jenny McWhirter, 01473 735174

Slimmers fashion show

With the help of members of local Rosemary Conley health and fitness groups, tutor Dawn Quantrill is organising a Christmas Fashion Show in aid of charity.

Several class members, having dropped a few dress sizes, are now confident enough to be

strutting their stuff on the catwalk. The event will take place on Friday 20 November at Playford Village Hall, starting at 7pm.

The proceeds will be donated to Diabetes UK and St Elizabeth Hospice. Tickets, price £10 are available from Dawn on 07836 539508, dawn.quantrill@rosemaryconley.com

Ghostly stories at the hall

Robert Lloyd Parry returns to Otley Hall this December with the final part of his trilogy of one man shows, based on the stories of MR James, master of the English ghost story.

Every Christmas, MR James (1862-1936) would write and perform ghost stories to



entertain friends in his rooms in King's College, Cambridge. A century later, these tales still have the power to terrify and amuse.

Robert Lloyd Parry is an actor and art historian. He will be performing 'A Pleasing Terror' at Otley Hall on Monday 7 December and 'A Warning to the Curious' on Tuesday 8th.

Performances start at 7.30pm and cost £14 per person. A bar is available before the start and during the interval. Pre booking is essential. Contact Otley Hall on 01473 890264 or visit www.otleyhall.co.uk

Pub fund raiser

The Moon & Mushroom pub in Swilland is hosting a fund raising event on Friday 16 October, from 7.30pm onwards. Music lovers are invited to "come and hear the charismatic tones of Dane, a singer with style, singing all your favourites".

Street dancing comes to Otley!

Sportz Unlimited has teamed up with FFY, Otley's Youth Group to run street dancing classes from January for young people aged 11 to 18. The classes are free but you need to be a member of the youth group (which is free to join). Please contact the youth leader, Michelle Boreham for more details, 890269.

Just42 seeks volunteers

The youth work charity Just42 is looking for volunteers to help with clubs and activities, many of which take place in Grundisburgh, Hasketon and Bredfield.

Just42 caters for both children (4-11) and young people (11-17) in their work, which largely revolves around clubs meeting weekly in term-time, holiday clubs and a variety of other activities when schools are closed.

The qualified youth work managers lead the way but need support from anyone

who is interested in giving a little of their time.

For more information check out Just42's website at www.just42.org.uk or ring them on 01394 380992.

Live in Charsfield

There will be Live Music at Charsfield Village Hall on Saturday 17 October, dancing to local band 'Boulevard Blonde'. This is in aid of the recreation ground and will have a full licensed bar; doors open at 8pm, and the tickets at £8 are available from the Horseshoes pub, or by ringing 01473 737701.

Hasketon Fete

It may be a long way off till next summer but we want to tell everyone now that Hasketon Village Fete next summer will be on the second Saturday in August (14th). We have moved the date to avoid clashing with other events, and hope that we can keep this date to ourselves and so welcome a large crowd on our day!

Richard Smith, 01394 388970

VENUE HIRING RATE

The hire rate for the Grundisburgh Parish Rooms has increased from £7 to £8 per session (ie morning, afternoon or evening). Bookings are taken by Iain and Heather Langdon (01473 735517) on behalf of the trustees of Grundisburgh Parish Rooms.

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News tribute

Peter Miller, July 1949 to July 2009

Peter was born in London and lived most of his early years in Colindale. When he was 16 his parents emigrated to Perth, Western Australia but Peter stayed behind to go to college. He worked as an engineer for BT at Dollis Hill (North London) and moved to Grundisburgh when BT Research relocated to Martlesham Heath. First living at Post Mill Crescent and then Gull Corner. He mainly worked in the Submarine Cable Division at BT but after that section moved to Southampton he worked on the security of payphones.

Peter took the opportunity of early retirement in 2001 so he could pursue his passion for photography. He took pictures

for the tourist board and his work was used in a number of local guides. He also taught photography at Suffolk College and the Field Studies Centre at Flatford Mill. In addition he photographed many weddings in Grundisburgh Church.



Peter's mother still lives in Australia, and in 1995 we married in Hong Kong, stopping off there on our way to visit her.

In his younger days Peter took part in a number of sports including rugby, golf, shooting and archery. He was a county standard tennis player and played for Grundisburgh along with other local clubs. Recent years he was restricted to being an armchair sportsman going back to his London roots by supporting his beloved Chelsea.

Sarah Miller

Poetry launch in memory

On Saturday 7 November the friends and family of Chris Grahm will be launching the publication by Suffolk Poetry Society of 'A Trace of Life'. There will be selected readings from this collection of his poetry, musical accompaniment by a live group and refreshments. We are also hoping to have a small silent auction of his late father's art work.

The venue is St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, from 7.30pm. Entrance is £6 to include a copy of the book and a glass of wine.

This project had been started by Chris before his death in May. Family and friends have worked together to achieve his greatest aim- to have his poems published. For his initiative to produce the Grundisburgh Calendar in 2006, he was helped by artists Joy Pirkle and Reg Snook. The new venture concentrates solely on Chris's work - and the result is an eclectic mix of

poems and essays, funny and sad, light and dark, reflecting the complex nature of his personality and range of skills.

We hope to fill the church to capacity, as for his funeral. This event is solely in aid of St Elizabeth's Hospice, where Chris spent happy times at the day centre and with the music therapist. Hopefully we can raise more than the £930 for Parkinsons Disease Society from his funeral. I would be grateful if anyone who could help would contact me.

Sally Grahm, 01473 728219



Jade is looking for a new home where she can live with her close friend Smokey. Their owner is terminally ill and is very anxious that they should be together in a loving home without dogs or young children, and preferably no other cats. She is arranging for veterinary cover to be available for the rest of their lives. Anyone who would consider taking in these two friendly, affectionate 11 year-old grey cats should contact Georgina Jay on 07768 760272.

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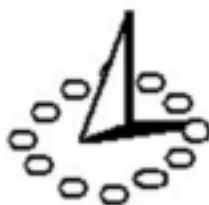
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Total distance if done as a circular walk is 14.5 miles. A lot of it is on very good tracks or minor roads. This is a guide, not definitive instructions! The relevant OS map may be handy.

Dallinghoo to Charsfield 1 mile (2 miles to the far end of Charsfield).

Take the footpath by the village hall and walk across a field of sheep and goats to a stile. Go over this and head straight across the field to a gate beside a telegraph pole in the far hedgerow. Carry on straight down to the road where you turn left towards Charsfield. Follow the road round to the left; on the right is Bridge Garage and a shop which is open 8-5 Mon to Fri, 8-1 Sat. Perfect to stock up on snacks for the walk.

Keep left along B1078 and just before it turns left cross over. The Street with the Three Horseshoes pub is along the road straight on. To extend this walk take the road on the right marked unsuitable for motors (in front of some houses). At 'Paddocks' the road ends and continues as a track. At the top of the field turn left through the hedge and walk round the edge of the field, just after the corner there is a good path on your right, take this, keeping the hedge on your left. Continue until you see a hedge in front of you and look for a bridge in a gap through it. Carry on to the road. The Street is to the left.

Charsfield to Clopton Green 3.5 miles

Go along Magpie Street, after passing Buttons Barn take the footpath on the left. At the end of this turn left over the ditch and continue more-or-less straight on - Charsfield Church can be seen to the left, then go right at the next path junction, the church is now behind you. Where the tarmac track bends left, turn right beside apple trees then left at the next tarmac track.

After a longish walk through a fruit farm arrive at the road opposite Charsfield Hall. Turn left and after 200yds take a

good wide long path on the right. Two thirds of the way along pass through a hedge and continue on until turning left towards Moat Hall then right (before the moat) round some corrugated iron barns. The path is to the left through a large farm gate, across a field to another gate then on through a metal farm gate. Turn right and at the hedge corner walk left across to the opposite hedge then right to come out by Shop Farm Clopton. Go left along Shop Road to the B1078.

Clopton Green to Burgh 2 miles

At the end of Shop Road turn right then left along Manor Road. This is a long road. At the end of it go right, then after a cottage on your right, where the road bends to the right, take the byway on the left. When you meet the road turn right (you are heading towards Burgh Church). Before you get to the church take a footpath signed to the left.

Burgh to Grundisburgh 1 mile

At a junction in the footpath, go right towards Manor Farm, Burgh, cross the B1079, over a meadow to a bridge in the bottom left hand corner and carry on along what becomes the bridlepath known as Town Lane, Grundisburgh.

If you are in need of refreshment when you reach the road, turn right for the centre of Grundisburgh - Forge Stores (open all day everyday), The Dog pub (closed Mondays) and Williams Stores (closed Sundays and Fridays and all

afternoons except Saturdays).

Grundisburgh to Hasketon 2 miles

Follow the pavement out of the village towards Woodbridge and cross the B1079 by Half Moon Lane (taking great care). Go down the short lane and take the footpath to the right. Walk through Witches Wood and alongside the stream to a bridge. Cross it and continue to the road. Turn right and then left at the turning to Bridge Works, Hasketon. Take the footpath on your right and follow this until you come out onto the road. Turn left then left again along a footpath, at the end of this turn right, passing Turks Head pub. Continue to the junction and go straight on to the village centre and church.

Hasketon to Bredfield 2.5 miles

Leave Hasketon via the path at the back of the church. Go through the churchyard and up a few steps to a path across the field.

When you come to a T junction in the path, turn left and follow this, going more-or-less straight across the road and down a wide farm road. At Home Farm

go through the gate into the field and follow the hedgerow, pass through another gate and at the end of the track walk straight across the field to a gap in the hedge. Manor Farm, Bredfield, is in the distance.

Follow the path over a wooden bridge, straight on, over a ditch, then head across



Williams Store, Grundisburgh

a field, skirting the left side of a pond, towards a barn with a rust coloured corrugated iron lean-to. Walk between the buildings and carry on to the road where you turn left. Go right opposite Perseverance Cottage. The path takes you over a ditch, through a hedge, straight over a track, along the edge of a field and at the point where the hedge turns left, straight over the next field, to exit at the left hand corner of the field. Next, go along the edge of a meadow, with a copse on your left to the corner (at the left side of a house). Turn right along the road to The Street.

Bredfield to Dallinghoo 1.5 miles.

Walk along The Street passing the shop which is open Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30, Weds 2-4 and Sat 9-12 if you need refreshment. As you leave the village pass Caters Road on your left then take the footpath on the left just past Wield House. Go straight across the field, through a very narrow gap in the hedgerow to a stile; continue straight on heading to the right edge of the pylon. At the road turn left and carry on along the road until you reach Dallinghoo.

Hilary and Trevor Hill



St Andrew's, Hasketon

Home Farm

It is hoped to publish the series of walks researched by the Hills for Grundisburgh News - see also issues 209, 210 and 211). Information from users about where they feel the instructions need clarifying would be welcomed by The News.

Photos Peter Ken dall

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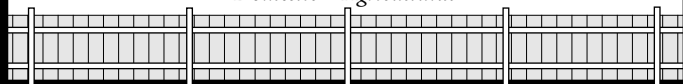
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Grundisburgh Gleanings

WI branch celebrates its ninetieth birthday in style

At the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth women in the remoter regions of Canada got together for self help and education, following the death of an infant in the backwoods, because of the ignorance and isolation of its parents.

Thus were Women's Institutes born.

The movement spread to the UK with the first WI on the Isle of Anglesey in 1915, and to Suffolk in 1918. On 14 November 1919 Lady Cranworth (who was also WI county chairman from 1919 to 1927 and the grandmother of the present lord) called a meeting of her domestic staff and a few friends from the village, where it was agreed to found a local WI.

They first met in the parish rooms on 5 December 1919 with a speaker on domestic washing and dyeing, a competition for an Xmas gift to cost less than one shilling (5p) and a social half hour. We soon outgrew the parish rooms and met for several years in the school, until complaints about small hard desks led to a move to the barn at Basts (then sometimes known as Weir Farm).

Committee minutes of May 1922 show the first mention of a hut; by the next year there was a hut fund. In 1925 Lord Cranworth made a site available at a peppercorn rent and a basic (ex army?) hut was erected. Some present members remember the two cast iron coke fired heaters, an awful kitchen with water but no drains (please keep that bucket in place under the sink, and empty it in the yard) and despite lettings the WI struggled to maintain it.

Membership grew to around 60, the war years passed with national jam making, and in 1962 the hall passed into village management. Nationally, and as part of countrywomen of the world, the WI sees itself as having



Current WI members and past presidents marked the birthday with a celebratory meal in Grundisburgh Village Hall, followed by an entertainment from Suffolk raconteur Charlie Haylock

similar aims to the founders. Members now interest themselves in many national issues such as education, health, litter, the environment, help for the underprivileged, but they also have fun! Bowls, darts, gliding, theatre and other trips. With so many other organisations offering more specialised interests, membership is now rather less, and we are back in the parish rooms.

When we were 50 we planted the predecessor of the present weeping willow on The Green (ours blew down in the 1987 gale, and was replaced by the parish council). In 2004 we provided teas for the gathering when Princess Anne (Princess Royal) opened the first stage of the Ablitts Meadow housing, and again when the Bishop opened part two.

We involve ourselves in national and county WI activities, we exhibit in the Suffolk Show, we send delegates to the Albert Hall or wherever the AGM is held, each month we have speakers on topics from chocolate making to cancer research - so please watch the notice boards. Most meetings are open to visitors.

Pat Polley, currently longest serving member of Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI, and a past president



Above: The WI float at the Grundisburgh Carnival in 1969 represented the decades since the branch was founded. Sitting left Mrs Andrews, standing church organist Mrs Rosemary Leach. The driver is Rodney Pryke.

Left: Current branch president Brenda Sadler.



WI choir in 1932 Back row: Mrs Odam (school master's wife), Mrs Lingley (kept Williams shop), Miss Cotton (Red House), Mrs Eves (school teacher). Front: Mrs Last (wife of gardener at Bridge Farm), Mrs Vera Dunnett (teacher), Miss Dorothy Sutton (parson's daughter), Mrs Felgate (teacher), Mrs Joe Dunnett (housewife).

Grundisburgh Gleanings

SCOUTING NEWS

The scout and explorer groups have had one of the most active summers for years! Since coming back from the Nationals our archery team comprising Arran, Cheryl, James and Simon have subsequently won the district and county competitions so will be representing Suffolk again next year.

We took part in the big county scout and guide camp called 'Moot 4' held at Alton Water for five days over the August Bank holiday. Over 1,000 explorers, scouts, guides and leaders were able to participate in many activities - sailing, canoeing, flight simulators, bowling, abseiling, archery, discos and talent shows.

On the last day we had an excellent flypast by the 'Red Arrows' (also joining them in the formation was 'Red 10') and thanks to our very own Phil Wilcox in arranging this

fantastic treat.

Also many thanks go to our Chairman Phil Stebbings, wife Sue and their families for running a fundraising stall at the recent Football Fun Day whilst we were at Moot 4.

The group is pleased to welcome Joe Thorpe as our new assistant scout leader who will be a great help to the team, but sadly we say farewell to Millie Klein and Alexander Hellaby two young leaders who are moving away to university - although they have promised to help out sometimes when they come home, we wish them all the best.

We have said goodbye to Laurette Blackie and thank her for the support given as a parent representative, and welcome Phil Wilcox and Andy Redman to our committee.

On Sunday 4 October we will be holding our Harvest Festival Parade at St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. Also in October some older cubs and younger scouts are looking forward to Link Camp at Sizewell and explorers are having a 'Speeding on Ice' Camp.

Our starting times for our regular Friday meetings are: Cubs 6pm, Scouts 7.45pm. The group has entered the 21st Century so check out our new website: <http://www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk>

Pat Ross, group secretary/sectional assistant, 01473 735352



Charlotte working on her father's boat to earn money for her trip.

Raising funds for tall ships voyage

Girl guiding is celebrating its 100th birthday, and many and various are the ways suggested for rainbows, brownies and guides to mark the event. For Senior Patrol Guide Charlotte Tatham of Grundisburgh this means the opportunity of a life-time. She has been accepted to join the crew of a Tall Ship, sailing with the Jubilee Sailing Trust on its voyage around the British Isles.

Charlotte can hardly believe the luck which not only gained her a place but a place on the leg of her choice - the ten day voyage from Boston, Lincs, to London in July 2010. She will be part of a team sailing round the clock, helping to steer the 65metre long ship, furling and unfurling 1,200 square metres of sail, and 'watching out for everything from tankers to lobster pots'.

The application form she submitted asked her reason for

wanting to do the trip and I asked the same question. Her enthusiasm shone in her face as she replied "it looked so much fun and just amazing"!

To take part in this adventure Charlotte has to raise £950 and is grateful for the donation of £40 raised from the sale of the Duck Quiz (lucky £10 winner - Gordon Bolton) as part of the Scouts Duck-Race Day, and also for donations

from The Gurdon Trust and the parish council.

Charlotte will present an account of her voyage to the parish council AGM next year. She is working to earn money herself, among other tasks painting and cleaning her father's boat - quite a generous gesture on Joel's part since he admits to being extremely jealous of his daughter!

The Grundisburgh Guides are planning other fund-raising schemes, and they and Charlotte would be grateful for any further ideas and offers of support. Contact Charlotte Tatham (01473 738683) and Sally Talbot (guide leader, 01473 735788).

Madge Nicholas

Grundisburgh Guides are looking for anyone who was a guide, particularly in the 40s, 50s and 60s, who might have pictures to share, stories to tell or items of uniform or badges that they could share. Anyone who could help is asked to contact Sally Talbot on sally@jtalbot.net

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Grants for village organisations

Grants are available from the parish council for organisations in Grundisburgh or Culpho for projects they wish to pursue for the benefit of the villages. These grants are usually for capital projects, not running costs.

To have a project considered write to the parish clerk, John Ager, 8 Post Mill Close, Grundisburgh IP13 6UU, 01473 735541 by 20 November giving as much information as possible, including the latest set of accounts. The Finance Sub Committee meets in December to make recommendations to the full council at their January meeting.

Examples of projects which received parish council backing in recent years include interior decoration of the playing field pavilion and restoring display panels for the art club. John can also give advice on other sources of grant aid that might be available.

Foul play at the playing field

Dog fouling is again causing problems at Grundisburgh Playing Field. Dogs are not allowed on the field at any time (except on the footpath at the back of Post Mill).

There have also been complaints about dog mess on public footpaths around the village and even pavements.

To encourage responsible dog ownership, Suffolk Coastal District Council obtained an Order under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 designating all eligible land (including playing field) as areas where it is unlawful for anyone in charge of a dog not to remove dog faeces immediately. The council also adopted a fixed penalty scheme, whereby offenders may be fined £25 or taken to court where the maximum fine will be £1,000.

Parish clerk John Ager suggests that anyone with information contacts him (j.ager@tesco.net, 01473 735541) and he will pass it on to the district council which monitors dog fouling.

'Doggy bags' are available free of charge from Williams Store, and Grundisburgh has more red 'fido' bins than most villages. Happily the great majority of dog owners are responsible public spirited people and use them.

Dog fouling is dangerous, disgusting and anti social. In the worst cases children can lose their sight from contact with dog faeces.

There have also been reports of another unpleasant health hazard on the playing field - used nappies being dumped in the waste bin next to the children's play area.

CHURCH FETE

Over £1314 was raised in early September. This was held on the Green, in the church and the churchyard. A highlight was the display of nearly 60 quilts all designed and made by Heather Langdon.

Surgery raffle

Grundisburgh Surgery will be having a raffle throughout October to help support breast cancer awareness. Staff would be very grateful to anyone who would be kind enough to donate a draw prize.

Meeting Lane houses

Learning that No.1 Meeting Lane was to be demolished brought many memories from Millie Harris, nee Pipe, who now lives in Queensland, Australia. She writes:

"From 1915 to 2007 it was lived in by the Pipe family. I was five years old and with my father Sam Pipe, mother, sisters Ruby and Barbara and brother

The Pipe family in 1923 when they lived at No 1 Meeting Lane.

Ronnie, we were the first tenants. My sister Barbara Lankester was the last one of our family to live there. She always sent me the Grundy Newsheet and her daughter Maureen now sends it to me, which I enjoy so much.

Now I'm known as Millie and the only one left of that family, who God willing, will reach the age of 94 years in a few months. My kind regards to all those who remember me".

Millie Harris

Flagship Housing Association has told The News that work should start on building the ten houses and two bungalows in Meeting Lane at the beginning of November and take a year.



Ring Peter Kendall on 01473 738332 or visit www.tracemyrelatives.com to find out how he can discover your family history.

Ashford & Brooks - cabinet makers

Ashford and Brooks are a major employer in Bredfield with seven skilled workers, from cabinet makers to finishers. Rob Ashford and Tom Brooks joined REH Kennedy Cabinet makers as apprentices after leaving school. Having set up their own cabinet making company in 1986, they moved to their current site in Caters Road, Bredfield, in 1991 when they also came to live in the village.

With every item of furniture handmade, their expertise includes everything in the cabinet making field, ie bedroom furniture, bookcases, bathrooms and vanity units, bespoke joinery projects for example window shutters, wall panelling and gates.

Their most recent work, however, has been nineteen kitchens for the newly refurbished Snape Maltings,

proving that Ashford and Brooks are able to accommodate large projects and design for any period property as well as modern houses.

Rob told me that the big difference between their work and other companies is that both Rob and Tom project manage each job, and every detail of the work takes place in their workshops in Bredfield.

When the call comes in, either Rob or Tom will see the client, take down their requirements, hand draw the individual designs and each job is hand built from sustainably sourced wood and finished by hand in Bredfield. Each joint is either dovetailed or made using mortice and tenon joints, another example of the workmanship that goes into each piece of furniture. The finished goods are then fitted by the same employees, a step which Rob explains ensures a great finish.

The many unusual projects the pair have undertaken range from traditional to contemporary designs including a martello tower, whose kitchen was in the top of the building with panoramic views and five Grade 1 Star Listed houses in Bury St Edmunds,

built into the Abbey Walls where specialist craftsmanship came to the fore in creating individual kitchens that sat in harmony with the ancient surroundings. Currently Ashford and Brooks are fitting out a Dutch Barge to very luxurious standards.

Above: Rob Ashford (left) and Thomas Brooks.
Left: One of their kitchens at Snape.



Photo Peter Kendall

Steve Proctor - window cleaner

A lot of my early life was spent moving from place to place. But I had always yearned to move to the country, so when I met Sharon there was no real decision to be made after we married in 2007, but to move to Burgh.

At the time, I was a delivery driver for a large furniture company but the hours kept me from my newly found country life. Realising that I really wanted to be my own boss, after some research I decided to start my own window cleaning service. I attended a training course in Swindon which gave me not only the experience and skills of the trade but also a 'Clear Choice Accreditation' and membership to the British Window Cleaning Academy. A year ago I started a

mammoth leaflet drop to almost 5,000 houses in and around Woodbridge. Although slow at first, I started to build a regular customer base which has now increased considerably. I have been supported along the way by my customers who have recommended me to their friends and families.

When I did my initial research people told me that they never knew when their window cleaner would come next. I decided that I would always confirm the date I would next call round so my customers knew when to expect me. My research also showed that a service to clean conservatory windows and roofs, gutters and fascias would be welcomed. Having liability insurance also enables me to

Timber in favour at the moment includes American Black Walnut, Oak, Maple, Ash and Iroko - and Tom was keen to point out that no chipboard can be found anywhere in their work!

Ashford and Brooks are main agents for Stanley, Falcon and Lacanche range cookers and supply Bosch appliances, some examples of which can be viewed in their showroom.

Contacts:

Ashford & Brooks, Ashtree Barn, Caters Road, Bredfield IP13 6BE, 01473 737764

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Words Roswyn Bradshaw Photos supplied by Ashford and Brooks

Rupert Herries - so



clean inside windows too, which has proved popular too. Being local I do not make any additional charges for travelling costs.

When I started I wanted to provide a service to local villages which to me is what living in the country is all about. My customer base is predominantly in and around Woodbridge including Grundisburgh, Charsfield, Otley and many of their neighbouring villages and communities. I am still building my new business so if you are looking for a local and reliable window cleaner, please call me.

Steve Proctor, 01473 738405 or 07914 723142

Edward Chilvers - private publisher

Edward Chilvers, who lives in Otley, graduated from Keele six years ago with an honours degree in history and politics. Deciding to publish his grandmother's memoirs led him to form his own business. He writes:

"In a world in which iPhones, emails and

social networking sites are all the rage it is sometimes easy to forget about the importance of the printed word. Blogs, Facebook and Twitter may be

fine for letting your friends know about your day to day activities but for a more lasting keepsake of your memories there really is no substitute for a book.

With the 70th anniversary of the start of the Second World War this year I feel it is important for those who have lived through turbulent or interesting times to share their memories with future generations. I will always be glad that my own grandmother wrote down her memories of her time in the Woman's Auxiliary Air Force before she sadly passed away so that her achievements will not be forgotten. This has inspired me to set up my own publishing organisation which I have called 'One Fine Day Reading.'

The aim is to help all new writers who would like to have their work published, whether on a limited print run to distribute to friends or family, or for sale to a wider audience. We will proof read and develop your manuscript then have it printed along with a professionally designed front cover made to your specifications.

We can also help sell and promote your book on our website and at our various publishing functions. An interviewing and ghost writing service is also available and we will type up from handwritten notes. If you would like to learn more please call me."

Edward Chilvers, 07737 093 800, or email edwardjchilvers@yahoo.co.uk.



Heather Langdon - quilt maker

All 60 or so quilts in Grundisburgh Church which created so much interest during the recent fete were made by Heather Langdon.

Heather has been quilting for nearly 20 years, and for many of these teaching the craft as well as producing her own work. Her particular passion is for Christmas quilts - many of which formed a dramatic display around the altar at the exhibition.

She either creates her own designs or works to a brief, being delighted to undertake commissions (she can be contacted on 01473 735517). Many of her friends and family

have been fortunate to receive a 'Heather special' as a present.

Now she has started teaching at the newly opened quilting shop in Walton, near Felixstowe. To find out about joining classes contact 01394 274724.

Heather and her husband Iain have lived in Grundisburgh for the past 34 years, most recently in The Holme on The

Green. Both are involved with a very wide range of village organisations - including The News, for which Iain manages the distribution and Heather is the diary editor.

Words Nicola Hobbs, main picture Peter Kendall (the happy recipients of a Langdon quilt as a wedding present)



Songwriter, composer, performer

"I have long admired Suffolk pianist, balladeer and lyricist Rupert Herries as one of the great unsung English eccentrics. Live performances are rare events, and worth catching in the flesh if you can - pester him to do more". So said Tom Robinson on his BBC radio show recently. And there is a chance to

catch him live - at the Fisher Theatre. Bungay, on Saturday 3 October, at 7.30pm.

Rupert has lived in Grundisburgh for 28 years and is married to local artist Carrie Herries, with whom he set up Hallo Cards. Over the years he has written and performed his own music, has collaborated with many local musicians, and has toured as an actor. He

performed in a double bill with Neil Innes at the Pump House as part of the alternative Aldeburgh Festival.

He has begun a collaboration with musician Nick Parry and with several other local musicians. The result was a new show, 'Tales of Horror Mystery and Suspense' which was performed to great acclaim at the New Cut Arts

Centre Halesworth and the Seckford Theatre in Woodbridge.

Rupert's songs are described as refreshingly honest, and down to earth, funny, sad, engaging, full of insight, and often deeply moving. He will be performing in Bungay with a London band 'Elephant Shelf'. Tickets are £10 (£8) from 01986 897130.

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Bredfield Barometer

Environment Group news

The Moth and Bat Evening held in Bredfield Churchyard on 12 August was a great success with 35 people attending between 8.30 and 11pm. Over 50 species of moths were seen and three different species of bat were both seen and heard. Many thanks to the enthusiastic work of the RSPB for leading the evening.

The next meeting takes place on 28 October in the village hall when all are welcome.

Anyone who has a Bredfield Garden Survey to complete, please return it to Red Tiles, Woodbridge Road, Bredfield or e-mail to Bredfieldparish@googlemail.com. If you have not had a survey form it's not too late - either e-mail the above or collect one from the village shop.

Peter Tilley

Bredfield, please phone or e-mail me (see below) or contact any of your parish councillors. Details are displayed on the shop notice board.

The last meeting on 27 July discussed speeding in the village and the correct siting of speed checks, improvements to the play area and recreation field, highways maintenance and the damage and lack of drainage along Ufford Road, the inconsistency in the quality of planning application consultations received from the district council, and the future of the Castle public house.

Ongoing issues being dealt with by the parish are:

- Improvements in siting and size of post boxes in the village
- Formation of an Environment Group
- Highways maintenance issues relating to Woodbridge Road and Ufford Road
- Highways signage issues at Bredfield pump and its approaches
- The A12/C309 Debach Road junction
- The improvement and renovation of the war memorial, village sign and Bredfield pump

All meetings are public and there is always an opportunity for residents to put forward their views. The next one is on 30 November at 7pm at Bredfield Bowls Club

*Peter Tilley, clerk to the council,
01394 383494,
Bredfieldparish@googlemail.com.*

A feature on Bredfield based business Ashford and Brooks is included on page 10.

The role of the parish council

The job of the parish council is to represent the interests of the whole community. Part of its role is to discover needs of different groups within the community such as the young or elderly.

It develops things like the parish plan and carries out the proposals set out in it. Parish councils give views on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish. They also advise relevant authorities of problems/issues or actions that are needed.

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Hasketon Highlights

Happenings at the Victory Hall

Our programme of 2nd Friday evenings in the Victory Hall have been arranged through to next June. Each evening starts with a ploughman's supper at 7.15pm. Copies of the list are available from me.

Our next event, on 9 October, has Peter Webb telling us about his extraordinary trip around the island of Spitzbergen in a rowing boat with a friend, seeing glaciers, avoiding pack ice, the wildlife of whales and polar bears, dodging starvation and capsizing...

On 13 November, TV personality Winston, who calls himself 'The Singing Farmer', will give us an evening of 'light-hearted merriment in a Norfolk Comedy Cabaret'.

Phone me for tickets for either event by the previous Wednesday. The October evening costs £5 and the November one £8.

The Hasketon Charity Fair will be on Sunday 15 November. Details on page 3.

Yesterday's Toys

At the time of the fete we had a marvellous exhibition in the church of 'Yesteryear's Toys'. Around 160 different items from between the late 1700s and the late 1970s were lent to us from a wide variety of sources and all had connections

with people in Hasketon. Among the precious items on display were teddy bears, lead soldiers, dolls and doll's houses, books and board games, jigsaws

Alastair McWhirter took a lot of pictures of the displays which show the wonderful variety of the exhibits; some these photos are shown here.

Richard Smith, 01394 388970





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"On yer bike!"

Bird notes of a local nature from Reg Snook

Let us get the words of Tom LBye out of the way first! Tom states that his grandfather called a snail a "hodenydod"! Fair enough! And apparently his grandfather referred to a ladybird as a "banty bee" I wonder if Tom knows that a collection of ladybirds is known as a "loveliness"? Well, these banty bees were not so lovely in July when I cycled through a cloud of them. They got everywhere. I was wearing my yellow jacket, so I guess they mistook me for a sunflower!

There are always two sides to an argument, and it is sometimes very difficult for one person to see the other's point of view. Farmers used to 'hedge and ditch' in February - it would take time and much labour, but invariably produced hedges beautifully manicured. Times have changed and machinery has 'advanced'. In the middle of August at Culpho I was horrified to see many hedges around the newly combined wheat fields not manicured but slashed - even, dare I say, mutilated.

Still mulling over if or not I should write about this, I was stopped by Richard Garnham who wanted some information on owls. I mentioned the hedges and, imagine my surprise, when he said that he

was responsible. Quietly Richard explained why hedging was now carried out in August and that if he had an army of men and time to spare, he would love to layer his hedges in the old tradition. He said that the hedges on the roadside were cut for the safety of traffic, on the other side for the benefit of farm vehicles and the crops. Richard also enlightened me that farmers can only cut a hedge once every three years - that is surely good, and that hedges are no longer ripped out. I pointed out that the RSPB had appealed to farmers to keep fruit on hedgerow plants to help our winter



thrushes, but Richard quite rightly said that there were plenty of uncut hedges elsewhere on the farm where birds could find plums, apples, haws, hips and berries. It's great that an ignorant bloke on



a bike can be put right so affably! However, I will try and navigate Culpho with my eyes shut in future.

Riding back and forth from Ipswich to Grundisburgh, it is very unlikely that I will see a rare bird. Yes, I see buzzards, hobby falcons, the occasional red kite, and odd waxwing or two, and of course, the lesser spotted woodpecker. None of these, however, are what I would call 'a rare bird'.

In June, Dave Williams, a farm worker for John Fenton, casually mentioned to me that, on two separate occasions, he had seen three hen harriers to the north of Grundisburgh.

Now then, hen harriers are winter visitors and these two sightings were in June! Dave then said that one of these harriers calling was rather reminiscent of a lapwing. Very similar, but much smaller than a hen harrier, is the Montagu's harrier, and it is a summer visitor. Now that is a rare bird! A couple or so pairs nest in Norfolk, but as far as I know none in Suffolk. Dave told me where he had seen the harriers, a large area of set-aside surrounded by wheat fields.

I looked from a distance, and saw nothing! However, two days later, whilst talking to Keith Burch, a male Montagu's harrier drifted past. Two days later I had even better views of this bird. Montagu's harriers can easily be overlooked - after all, they are not much larger than a wood pigeon.

The trouble with finding a nest of a rare bird is, if you are a keen birder, that you tend to feel responsible for its safety, so I decided not to look for a nest, but to try and forget about it. The fact that there were several sightings suggest that Montagu's harriers, at the very least, attempted to breed.

In the winter of 1989, a friend told me that a sparrowhawk was roosting on a drainpipe in his mother's porch at Sutton Heath. When he told me that this hawk had an owl's face I wasted no time in getting over there.

My friend's mother explained that, every day at dusk, this bird flew low across a field of sheep and then flew sharply up to the drainpipe in her porch. She made me a cup of tea, and then this bird arrived. We gave it a few minutes to settle and then we went outside for a peek. I found myself looking up, only a few feet away from a hawk owl. Unfortunately the gamekeeper arrived. He asked how many would turn up to view this if the news got out. I replied that in the morning about a couple of thousand people would be here. He said that at the sight of the first 'twitchers' he would shoot the said hawk owl! I kept quiet. Birdie people have not forgiven me!

Reg bicycles most days from his home in Ipswich to his studio in Grundisburgh. He can be contacted on 07870 294173. His next exhibition will be in December. Details will appear in the issue of The News in late November.

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THE PUBS' PROGRESS

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An early bonus for Real Ale drinkers at the Dog will be the choice of beers (many local) direct from the barrel as soon as the new racking has been installed in the bar. This is very much in line with the UK trend back towards bitters and other beers rather than internationally branded lagers.

And talking of Real Ale, a gallon of the brew of your choice goes to the winning team at the pub quizzes held at The Moon and Mushroom in Swilland on the third. Wednesday of every month. Other events there include the debut appearance of Dane, a girl 'Solo Singer with Style' on Friday 16 October, with a possible follow-up gig on New Year's Eve.

Our pubs are increasingly becoming places to meet and socialise: several have websites (see box below) to tell us what's going on. The Dog is already a Wi-Fi Hotspot

and the Barley Mow at Winesham will be installing one in in the next few weeks.

The Castle at Bredfield (photo below) is being redecorated with a view to being sold as a pub. Suffolk Coastal District Council's Licensing and Health Committee is due to consider the licence application on 28 September.

Improvements continue at the Turk's Head, with gleaming new toilets coming on stream very shortly!

Richard Watkinson

Apologies to the Turk's Head and the White Hart for the wrong telephone numbers in the last issue: they should be 01394 610907 and 01473 890312 respectively. Ed.



Local pubs with their own websites

www.thewhiteharttotley.co.uk

www.grundisburghdog.co.uk

www.theadmiralshead.com

www.tuddenhamfountain.co.uk

www.moonandmushroom.co.uk

Other pubs can be found on portal websites, including

www.beerintheevening.com

www.suffolkcamra.co.uk

www.ukpubfinder.com

BRIEFLY ...

The Martlesham Heath 10K and Fun Run, this year on 11 October, has become a significant fundraiser for the Lions' charity. In addition to the four lap race, there is one-lap fun run. Advance entry details are on www.woodbridgelions.org.uk or call 0845 8332820. Entries on the day close at 10.30 with the race itself underway at 11am.

Come and dance with us. Sessions start 30 September and 7 October, at All Saints Church Hall, Main Road, Kesgrave, 7.45 - 10pm. No experience or partners needed - just come along and join in - first sessions free! Minimum age 16 years. Queries 01473 785483.

Mustard Theatre Company is performing 'Gaslight' by Patrick Hamilton in a number of community halls, including Bealings (on Friday 16 October). This period thriller has unexplained ghostly lowering of gaslights, footsteps in an uninhabited attic and disappearing keys and letters - the symptoms of a woman going slowly insane? To reserve tickets call 01473 749365, or buy online from www.mustardtheatrecompany.org.uk.

Local youth work charity Just42 is working with SuffolkPhotos to run another photo course this autumn.

Each evening of the 10 week course will have a different theme, including landscapes, portraits and macro, and will cover using computers to edit and enhance photos. The course is open to anyone and any camera, no previous knowledge of photography (or even own camera) is needed. The sessions cost £10 a week. More information learn@suffolkphotos.com.

Rising young pianist Jean Paul Ekins will be returning to Woodbridge to give a concert in St Mary's Church on Friday 13 November to raise money for the NSPCC. The programme includes Scarlatti, Schumann,



Janacek, Britten, Bach and Chopin. Tickets are £12 including a reception after the concert available from 01394 386869/386561. Currently on a scholarship at the Guildhall School of Music, Jean Paul recently took second prize at the San Sebastian Music Festival.

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Clopton Chat

REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of Clopton Parish Council held on 17 September, Suffolk county councillor Peter Bellfield explained that the Local Government Review appeal is being heard on 6/7 October and the outcome should be known by the end of October.

If the appeal is upheld, it is likely that a unitary authority will happen for Suffolk but Suffolk Coastal District Council could go to the Supreme Court. Local government finances are extremely tight as central government is cutting back on the money available to local councils. Both SCC and SCDC face large deficits in the next three years.

The speed camera has been used several times in Clopton and surrounding villages, and a few motorists have been recorded at well over the 30mph speed limits. The use of the camera does have the effect of slowing motorists down, which is its main aim. Some of the 30mph signs are almost obscured by hedge growth and the parish council is checking all those in Clopton.

The annual audit was successfully completed with no problems found.

Two planning applications had been received - for Debach Enterprises and Hill Farm, Drabbs Lane. The parish council was unable to support

either of these.

Tony Fryatt has resigned from his post as councillor due to other commitments. He will be greatly missed as his knowledge and expertise were invaluable. There is, therefore, a vacancy on Clopton Parish Council and if anyone is interested in helping the local community by joining the council please contact me on 01473 735272 or speak to any parish councillor. You can help make a difference to your village.

The parish plan is almost ready for distribution and I will be delivering this by hand to all homes in the village. We hope everyone will take the time to complete the plan as everyone's views count.

The parish council is looking into the possibility of a 40mph speed limit on the B1078 near Shop Corner. A recent accident here has brought the problems with speeding on this stretch of the road to the fore.

People are being encouraged to register with Police Direct to keep in touch with local police issues.

If there are any concerns in the village, please contact me or come along to the next meeting of the council, which is on Thursday 19 November at 7.30pm.

Gill Kimmerling, clerk to Clopton Parish Council, 01473 735272, loomscot@live.co.uk



four sides. The tower had two large cracks on opposite sides. Steel bars were inserted to make it safe and tracery windows and other stonework was repaired at a total cost of nearly £90,000.

The Rev'd Canon Graham Hedger was licensed on Monday 21 September as Priest in Charge of Clopton with Otley, Swilland and Ashbocking. We welcome him to our benefice and look forward to his ministry.

Doris Main

Church tower restored

A service of thanksgiving for the work on the tower of St Mary's Church in Clopton took place in July.

All the people who had worked on the repairs, plus representatives from the grant making bodies and fund raisers were there to hear an address from Nigel, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. There was a chance after the service to see a photographic record of the work and enjoy delicious refreshments.

The pale patches on the tower are where the repairs were done and can be seen on all

Message from the new priest-in-charge

To all those who I have already met, thank you for the welcome. Having lived in Charsfield for many years I already know the area and look forward to meeting many folk over the coming months.

This may take a little time as I will be continuing as the Bishop's Policy and Liaison Officer alongside my new role in the parishes.

The Rev'd Canon Graham Hedger, 14 St Peters Close, Charsfield IP13 7RG, 01473 277042, graham@stedmundsbury.anglican.org



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Sporting stories

BOWLING INDOORS IN BEALINGS...

Bealings Carpet Bowls was founded in 1989 by a group of 21 local enthusiasts, six of whom are still active members. Carpets, bowls and the paraphernalia of carpet bowling were purchased after fund raising coffee mornings and jumble sales, and the first session in Bealings Village Hall was in October 1989. By September 1990, membership was up to 46, and at the beginning of 1991, we played our first friendly matches with local clubs, at home and away, with a variety of results, significantly unrecorded.

In 1993, it was proposed to extend the boundaries of eligibility for membership, priority always being given to Bealings residents. In 1996, the boundaries were extended as far as the really remote parts of Suffolk.

Early in 2008, we decided to enter the Suffolk County Summer League, a county wide knock-out competition, culminating in a grand final in September. We were placed 8th in our division of eight clubs, after fourteen matches. This year, we have improved, winning five of the ten matches played so far.

Carpet bowls seems to attract the more mature, and some of our members have enjoyed the security of the State pension for more than a few years. Cries of 'well bowled' are



Carpet bowlers in action at Bealings Village Hall on a Tuesday afternoon.

frequently interspersed with pleas of 'help me up' from those who have imprudently flung themselves on their knees to pick up the bowls.

Our Tuesday afternoon

sessions are generally over-subscribed. We do have vacancies for players on Wednesday evenings, 7.30 to 10pm. You are welcome to come along, to watch and

indeed to participate, if you wish. Call Joan Roper on 01473 729687 or myself on 01473 735143.

Brian White, Secretary.

...AND OUTDOORS IN GRUNDISBURGH



Above David Leech who won the 3 woods, below Kay Fitzsimmons, winner of both ladies titles, right Paul Eaton, victor in the 4 woods.

Grundisburgh Bowls Club celebrated a hugely enjoyable season with a barbecue on Sunday 13 September. The finals of various competitions were also held and the winners on the day in the men's section were David Leech and Paul Eaton. Kay Fitzsimmons took both women's titles.



Membership is growing steadily and, although the season has finished for this year, new members are welcome at any time to get to meet people and join in events over the winter.

A lot of work has been put into improving the facilities and

the club now boasts a new mower, storage shed and fencing. The plan for next year is to continue improving the green and to play more friendly matches against other clubs. The annual general meeting will be held in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on Thursday 19 November at 7.30 pm and anyone who is interested in finding out more about the club is very welcome to attend.

The carpet bowls organised by the club in Hasketon Village Hall from November to April is open to non members as well as members. Enquiries to me on 01473 738918, roger637@btinternet.com.

Words Roger Anderson, photos Kevin Clark



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Your letters

Oliver Cavanagh and his mum Sarah would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who sponsored them for the Calcutta Rescue Street Sleep (see www.CalcuttaRescue.org.uk). We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the local people and have raised almost £1000 for this fantastic cause which will go such a long way on the streets of Calcutta.

I was so pleased to 'discover' the Grundisburgh and District News! Although living most of my life in the US, I still call England 'home'. My grandparents lived for 20+ years in Great Bealings across the road from the pub, and my godparents lived in Grundisburgh for decades. In fact, 'Aunt' Roffey was district nurse there for most of that

time, living in Lark Cottage. I have so many wonderful memories of both places, and now to be able to read about the villages is a real treat.

So thank you, your staff, and all of the wonderful volunteers that contribute, not only to your newspaper, but to village life in general.

Elizabeth (Thrower) Inmon, Annapolis, Maryland, USA

I had an article in issue 209 regarding fundraising for my London Marathon attempt to raise funds for SeeAbility (The Royal School for the Blind), which I completed in 4 hours 5 mins. I would like to thank everyone who donated as a result of reading the article, and in particular GM Blunden, whose recent donation allowed me to better my target of raising £1300.

Chris Manning

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Art Club Exhibition



Grundisburgh Art Club held its third Annual exhibition in Culpho Church in September, with exhibiting artists donating £265 for the church from the sale of their work and the proceeds of the raffle for a Reg Snook painting, kindly donated by the artist. This year prints in mounts proved more popular than framed pictures.

The club's tutor, Culpho based Paul Bruce, runs two classes each Tuesday. The morning one in Grundisburgh Village Hall and the evening class in Culpho Church from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There is a charge of £6 per session and people of all standards are welcome. If

anyone is particularly interested in joining the evening class, contact Paul (01473 738265, pauldbuce@tiscali.co.uk). The club also arranges visits and the next trip, in November, will take members to Paris, taking in five galleries and museums.

Photos by Peter Kendall.

Top: Paul Bruce opening the exhibition. The painting behind is by Len Kembell who joined the group when it was formed in 2006, having not painted since his school days. He was inspired by seeing the original Stubbs painting of the famous horse Whistlejacket (which is life size) during an art group outing to the National Gallery and then worked from a postcard of the painting, scaling it up to quarter life size.

Above: Guests at the preview evening.



Charsfield's new play area

A grand opening of the new children's play area on the Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field was held by Charsfield Recreation Ground Committee on 8 August. Peter Holloway, local farmer, entertainer and loyal supporter of local charities, opened the event after which everyone enjoyed free refreshments.

The superb new equipment was funded by a £50,000 Playbuilder grant with contributions from The Foundation for Sport and the Arts, Suffolk County Council and other local charities and businesses.

The play area is one of many exciting developments on the recreation ground. Other facilities include a tennis court and a multi use games area, both of which are available for hire by contacting 07799 154116 or logging onto www.charsfieldrecreationground.org.uk and following the link 'hire the courts'.

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