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CABLE ROUTE DEADLINE

Getting electricity from the new giant offshore windfarm to the National Grid is going to mean major disruption in this area. Many villagers on or near the proposed route are very concerned about the noise and disruption over a protracted period (up to 44 weeks for the scheme), although the cabling activities in any one area would be over a shorter timeframe.

The main worry is the effect of the heavy traffic arising from the proposed 'construction consolidation site' or vehicle base at Playford. This will certainly mean much construction traffic passing through our area, particularly The Bealings, Playford, Grundisburgh, Culpho and Debach.

The developers' provisional estimates show projected 'worst case' figures of 30 HGVs and up to 70 cars per day, although it's understood Suffolk County Council is dubious that these figures are realistic. The B1078 and B1079 roads will be most affected, as will Grundisburgh village centre, although some of

the lorries from Playford to the construction areas will be using minor roads. Routes have been evaluated to see whether they can take the types of vehicles to be used: this has highlighted the need for some 'realignment' to take out sharp bends and other problem areas.

The public has until 6 March to register concerns with the Planning Inspectorate: (<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-offshore-windfarm/>). These can be submitted by individuals as well as parish councils. If the Inspector considers the points significant, he can invite the objector to speak at a public hearing. Some villages are collaborating to put together an objection within the 500 word limit allowed for parishes. The developers' recent presentation to The Bealings and Playford PCs can be seen on <http://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/east-anglian-one-offshore-wind-farm>.

Even though the project is some two years away, things move fast.

Richard Watkinson



Micro Bakery opens in Debach

Four days a week Chris Brown works in the software business and on the fifth, his Debach kitchen is converted into a bakery, where a range of artisan breads are baked to order. The local enterprise was started by Chris and his wife Esther in February. Full story on page 10.

Bus changes

Timetable changes were introduced in late February to the sponsored local bus service 30 and 30A operated by Carters through several News' villages. Some afternoon journeys have been retimed, and the morning school days service to Hasketon amended. For more information see: www.suffolkonboard.com/time-tables_leaflets/passenger_transport_service_changes/february_bus_service_changes - or ring 0845 606 6171.

An open invitation to The News AGM

Friday 22 March
7.30pm Grundisburgh
Parish Rooms

Please come and give us your ideas and comments - and have a glass (or two) of wine with us



Snow White in Tuddenham.
Panto news on centre pages.

News Diary

MARCH

Saturday 2
Millennium Meadow Work Party 10am-12.30pm Contact 735515

Thursday 7
Ghosts of Landguard Fort talk Gr Burgh & Culpho WI Gr Pav 7.30pm Contact 735838

Monday 11
Gr & Culpho PC Meeting 7.30pm GrPR Contact 735541

Birds of Farm and Field talk Otley Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Saturday 16
Dance, 50, 60 & 70s music iao Greyhound Homer Gr VH 7.30pm Contact 659866.

Wednesday 20
Shoebbox Appeal Carlford Network Group talk 2.30pm GrPR Contact 738066

Friday 29
Easter Egg Hunt Gr Chapel 2.30pm iao EA Children's Hospice Contact 738856

Saturday 30
Litter pick Gr Green 10am Contact 738219

APRIL

Tuesday - Thursday 2-4
Jungle Club GrChapel 10am-12noon Contact 738856

Thursday 4
For the Love of Books talk GrBurgh & Culpho WI Gr Pav 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 6
Millennium Meadow Work Party 10am-12.30pm Contact 735515

Monday 8
AGM & Horticultural Quiz Otley Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Saturday 13
Kiddywinks Kitchen
Cookery Class GVH 10am-12noon PBE Contact 735975

Sunday 14
Little Breakfast Charsfield VH 9am-12noon Contact 737701

Saturday 20
Bealings Annual Plant Sale 10am - 12noon VH Contact 735565/610219

Tuesday 23
Gr & Culpho Annual Parish Meeting Gr VH 7pm Contact 735541

Friday 26
St Georges Day Quiz Charsfield VH 7pm Contact 737701

Saturday 27
Table Top Sale GrBurgh & Culpho WI GrVH 2-5pm Contact 735469

MAY

Saturday 4
Millennium Meadow Work Party 10am-12.30pm Contact 735515

Monday 6
Hasketon Spring Plant & Book Sale VH 2.30pm Contact 01394 383106

Saturday 11
Open Garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 2-6pm Contact 785248

Monday 13
Gr & Culpho PC Meeting 7.30pm GrPR Contact 735541

Gardening Now and Then talk Otley Gardening Club VH 7.30pm Contact 738244

Saturday 25
Kiddywinks Kitchen
Cookery Class GVH 10am-12noon PBE Contact 735975

Sunday 26
Dog Show Clopton Village Hall iao Newfoundland Rescue Contact 738366

JUNE

Saturday 1
Millennium Meadow Work Party 10am-12.30pm Contact 735515

Saturday/Sunday 15/16
Hidden Gardens iao Gr Hort Soc Contact 735517

Saturday 15
Open Garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 2-6pm Contact 785248

Saturday 22
Midsummer Music Grundisburgh House 1.30-8pm Contact 738831

Sunday 30
Hasketon Jazz BBQ Shrubbery Farm 12.30pm PBE Contact 01394 383106

JULY

Saturday 6
Kiddywinks Kitchen
Cookery Class GVH 10am-12noon PBE Contact 735975

Saturday 13
Village Show iao Gr Hort Soc Gr PF Contact 735517

Saturday 13
Open Garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 2-6pm Contact 785248

Saturday 20
Duck Race iao Gr Scouts Gr VG 4.30pm Contact 735352

AUGUST

Saturday 10
Open Garden Larks Hill Tuddenham 2-6pm Contact 785248

Friday 16
Evening Garden Party iao Gr Hort Soc Ford House, Gr 6.30pm Contact 735517

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7
St Mary's Ch Fete GrVG Contact 735775/735857

OCTOBER

Saturday 12
Pumpkin Festival GrVG Contact 735517

Key for abbreviations:
PBE - pre-booking essential
P/VH - Parish/Village hall
PF - Playing field
PR - Parish rooms
VG - Village green
Pav - pavilion
Gr - Grundisburgh

All codes are 01473 unless given otherwise.

Brief details of village events should be sent by 8 May for next issue direct to Heather Langdon, The Holme, The Green, Grundisburgh IP13 6TA, heather.langdon@btinternet.com.

Please always give a contact phone number and indicate if tickets must be bought in advance.



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What's On

Bealings annual plant sale

The highly popular Bealings Plant Sale has reached a milestone: this will be the twentieth year that its stalls have delighted gardeners. In aid of Great and Little Bealings Churches, the sale has become a major event in the Bealings annual calendar. It takes place on Saturday 20 April from 10am to 12noon in Bealings Village Hall

There will be the usual array of plants including perennials, shrubs, speciality grasses, vegetable seedlings and many more. Coffee and tea (with biscuits) will be served throughout the morning.

For those bringing children there is a large and fascinating children's play area just at the back of the village hall, and there is plenty of room to park. Further information 01473 735565, nhp@rillcott.co.uk or 610219 paddybills@gmail.com.

HASKETON SPRING PLANT & BOOK SALE

The annual spring bank holiday event selling plants and books in the Victory Hall, Hasketon will be on Monday 6 May, starting at 2.30pm. As well as plenty of people coming to buy, we are also looking for contributions. Good clean fiction or non-fiction, paper or hardback, are welcome, classics particularly. Contributions may be brought to Shrubbery Farm anytime but well ahead of the sale so we have time to sort.

We hope to have the professional plant stalls but home grown plants for the

village stall are especially welcome. There is always a demand for vegetable plants.

Gordon Smith, 01394 383106,
gordon.smith172@me.com

Hasketon's popular annual jazz and bbq event is planned for Sunday 30 June at Shrubbery Farm. The Sussex Jazz Kings who proved very popular in 2012 have been booked again.

Midsummer Music

Once again we have a stellar line up for the Midsummer Music event on 22 June in the beautiful grounds of Grundisburgh House. Music to suit all tastes, from The Sporadics to Grundisburgh School Choir, with children's games, food and a licensed bar.

Several other well known local acts have signed up, with the added attraction of Open Mic slots for young and up and coming singers/musicians. If you are interested in one of the Open Mic slots between the headline acts, please start practising and email your interest to the address below! Slots are 5-7 minutes long and a keyboard will be available in addition to the microphone.

The event is in aid of St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, and tickets will go on sale soon. Please contact grundisburghmidsummermusic@musician.org for details of how to be involved.

Table Top Sale

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho WI members are running a table top sale in Grundisburgh Village Hall on Saturday 27 April, 2 and 5pm. Light refreshments and a cake stall will also be on offer. Pre-booking essential. £5 a stall. Contact 01473 735469.

HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

A busy programme of events is planned by Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society for 2013.

The Hidden Gardens weekend is on 15 and 16 June. People with gardens of all shapes, sizes and styles who are willing to open to visitors are being sought - both those who have opened before and 'new gardeners' (please contact Iain Langdon, 735517).

The Village Show is on 13 July, and details of the classes are available from the post office in Grundisburgh and our website. A wide range of entertainments is being planned for the playing field outside the marquee and any local groups wanting to run stalls to raise money for themselves should contact Julia Bentley (735524). The popular dance in the marquee takes place that evening, as usual run by the Garretts.

The evening garden party will be at Ford House on Friday 16 August, and the society's third pumpkin festival is booked for 12 October

More helpers needed

To run all these events, we need a lot more help. Whilst horticultural knowledge is valuable, it's not the main criterion. We work in small groups to organise the events, while for the events themselves we desperately need people to take on jobs

like stewarding, setting up and breaking down tables, delivering schedules etc.

I appeal to anyone who can help in any way, however small, to contact me, our treasurer Iain Langdon on 735517 or secretary Pat Dougan (who has taken over from Nicola Hobbs) on 738420. We also need people to attend our events and to enter lots of classes at the Village Show (which are also open to people from outside the three villages).

The good causes chosen to benefit from our events this year are Suffolk Coastal Crossroads, the Grundisburgh Scouts' fund for a much needed new hut and the Matthew Project. Last year we were able to pass on £3,400 to our chosen charities. More information will be included in the next News and on our website, www.gbchs.co.uk.

Andrew West, Chairman, Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society, 01473 735136, chairman@gbchs.org.uk

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NEWS TRIBUTE

David Warren, 1954 - 2012

David was born at The Green, Grundisburgh to Edna and Ivor Warren, and his childhood weekends were spent working on his grandfather's farm in Tuddenham alongside his brother and uncles. Aged 15, he started working for Roy Taylor at Grove Farm Clopton, and continued under a further two generations of Taylors.

After meeting at a Country and Western dance, David became engaged to Joan and they married in August 1975. They were rarely apart, seen doing everything by each other's side. Moving to Thorpe Hall Cottages, they began a lifelong task of moving earth around the garden. Daughter Caroline was born in 1979.

Never one to be kept inside, David loved the outdoors. Wildlife was important to him, especially the local game which he nurtured to ensure a good shoot the following season. David was passionate about his garden. Spending much of his spare time hoeing his vegetable patch and tending his plants in preparation for the kitchen and the local shows. His achievements are recorded on several cups including the Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Show Challenge Cup (for most points awarded in the flower

fruit and vegetable classes) which he was awarded no fewer than nine times in the last 20 years.

David was looking forward to retirement; he had spent his life gathering Classic Tractors and farm machinery and his Mini's and Morris Minors, with the intention of spending his later years restoring them. He was a member of the Anglian Mini Club and the East Anglian Practical Classics



David with Joan and the cup he won so often.

attending meetings and events in his British Racing Green Classic Mini Cooper Sport 500 – one of the last off the production line. He enjoyed many hours in the garage with Caroline and her partner Matt working on Caroline's Mini. On rare days away from the farm he visited classic car and mini shows, local and further afield with the family.

Edited from information supplied by the family. The complete tribute is included in the folder in Grundisburgh Post Office

A new cup named after David has been given to the Village Show by the family to replace 'his' flower, fruit and veg cup, on which there is almost no room for more names.

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LETTERS HOME FROM GRUNDISBURGH 1917

"At last we have landed or at least we have got landed. It is a little dead and alive village of about 500 inhabitants. This is a miserable dirty place. There are 16 men here before us, and they are filthy dirty and feeding like pigs. As for billets some are lying on the cobbles, boards etc. with 3 blankets but as for me I am in a little cottage under a thatched roof. There are 8 of us in 2 rooms. We can also stop in the evening in a pleasant little warm parlour so we are a lot better off than some".

So wrote John Bowen, a First World War army recruit in a letter home in January 1917 about his arrival in Grundisburgh where he was billeted. His daughter Gwen, who still lives in the family home in Kent, recently came across a collection of letters from her father to his parents. A chance conversation with a mutual friend led to her sending them to me.

February 1917

"This morning we have been for a route march to the next village called Tuddenham where we stopped at the village inn and had a cup of tea 1d. and biscuits 1d. each, then a nice sharp walk back in the bitter east wind, but we kept warm all right.

"Do not attempt to come to this hole. If you like you can send a shilling or 2 now and again so that I can have a decent dinner at our landlady's now and again."

"Today I have been really busy. Answered the usual roll call at 6.30am and was sent off with 3 others to the back room of the Dog Inn called the kitchen to peel the potatoes for dinner. After such strenuous labour which did not finish till past 9 o'clock of course I could do nothing else till 2pm and then but little. Helped unload 4 army wagons with 11 others and then had some instruction in Army pay keeping accounts so one day may perhaps be a pay clerk. Came away at 4 o'clock.

"Yesterday I paid a visit to one of the windmills here and went all over it. Some rather crude arrangements and also some nobby ideas."

"I went to a Christian Endeavour meeting at the chapel and after had a bit of a tune on the A organ but it suffers from consumption or lack of wind and dampness"

"Great excitement now prevails owing to the sound of heavy gunfire from seaward".

"This morning at roll call my name was called out to be hospital orderly for a fortnight. I have to make beds, sweep up the wards, keep the fires in (do a bit of doctoring?) take the dinners up, give the medicines, take temperatures and pulses and I don't know what else".

"The hospital is right full up, about 28 being contained therein. I don't think there are any really bad, but that is not

my fault. There is really not much to do there except just after breakfast when I have to make the beds (7) if the patients cannot do so, sweep the wards (3) dust and several other small items of a similar nature. Then of course there is the taking up and bringing downstairs of the meals and any other small items."

Spring 1917

It is very hot out of doors, but fairly cool here in the surgery. The C.O. arrived on horseback just as I had finished dinner, and he did not stay more than five minutes. He told us to start packing up as the hospital here is going to be done away with. The serious cases that remain will be transferred to Ipswich and the rest discharged or else put in the camp hospital, which is a small marquee. Glad I have been able to stay here so long, and for the future hope for the best. Grundisburgh again all right.

"The Zeps came somewhere round here you know the other night, but I was fast asleep, so did not worry them".

John Bowen's daughter tells me that he had not been sent to fight in France because of poor eyesight. He was called up in late 1916 and served in 327 Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps.

John obviously warmed to Grundisburgh. When he was billeted elsewhere in Suffolk he continued to visit his landlady and her husband as often as he could. He referred to them as 'Ma and Dad' and apparently was always served a wonderful meal. They lived at 'Broach Cottage' described as about half a mile out of the village but I have been unable to find where it was. The family may have been called Leach or Leech and the husband 'comes in from the farm overseeing the fruit plantation'

I have several other unsolved queries: the heavy gunfire seaward - from where was it coming? Why was he peeling potatoes at The Dog (perhaps meals for the troops were prepared there?). Where was the hospital? Peter Bishop's

John Bowen (far right).

village history refers to an isolation hospital in Miss Payne's house on the site of the present Rectory and a convalescent home in Finndale House.

The excerpts quoted are a small selection from John Bowen's letters. I would be happy to share these with anyone interested - and would be very pleased to have any further information.

Nicola Hobbs, based on information provided by Gwen Bowen

More WWI memories



This photo of Nellie Frost was turned into a postcard for friends and family, including some of the soldiers billeted in Grundisburgh during the 1st world war (tho there is no indication that she knew John Bowen). Her autograph book has contributions from Sussex Yeomanry troops. Nellie lived almost all her life in Grundisburgh and was the mother of News chairman Terry Frost.

The Goodchilds of Grundisburgh

In 2008 The News featured 'The Goodchilds of Grundisburgh: Four Brothers in the First World War'. The book was written by Henry Goodchild whose mother Hilda lived in The Driftway. Because he quickly ran out of copies of the book, and with growing interest in the centenary of 1914 next year, he has put a slightly revised version of the work online, at www.goodchilds.org.



Churches forms Carlford Group

Even a venerable institution such as the Church of England has to adapt to the changing times, including down to parish level. So the Church Councils of local churches, with the guidance of the Diocese, have been considering over the last two years how to make best use of their churches and priests.

Much thought and discussion has resulted in the amalgamation of several parishes to form a new benefice to be known as the Carlford Benefice. This will join the parishes of Clopton with Otley, Swilland and Ashbocking to, Boulge with Burgh, Grundisburgh and Hasketon.

Canon Clare Sanders will have overall responsibility for the eight parishes as Rector. Canon Graham Hedges of the

previous Otley Benefice is taking up a full time position in the Diocese.

In addition to these changes, the Playford Benefice parishes of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho, although remaining independent under Canon Pauline Stentiford, will work with the new benefice to form the Carlford Group. Both the Carlford group and Benefice officially came into being on 1 February. The whole purpose of the reorganisation has been to increase cooperation and flexibility between the parishes, share resources, ideas, training and personnel and also widen the Church's presence in the community.

Brian Robinson

NEW TALKS GROUP

A new church group has just been formed called 'The Carlford Network Group'. Meetings will take place at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms at 2.30pm ending about 4pm and will cost £1, which includes a

speaker and refreshments.

We meet for friendship and fellowship, and to support 'good works' wherever they may be going on. Our first speaker on 20 March is Angela Neale who went out to Serbia with 'The Shoebox Charity' at the end of last year and will talk about her experiences there. Later meetings are on 19 June, 18 September and 18 December.

Jenny Taylor, 01473 738066

Grundisburgh and Charsfield chapels join forces

We are pleased to announce that Grundisburgh and Charsfield Baptist Chapels are combining forces, so we will be sharing some services - with the 1st and 3rd afternoon/evening services at Charsfield and the 2nd and 4th at Grundisburgh.

A meeting on Easter Sunday evening (31 March), 6.30pm at Grundisburgh is called "One Hour". It is to encourage people to spend just one hour to consider the question of God and the meaning of life. This meeting is very informal, with a short presentation and then an opportunity for you to ask whatever questions you like. If you would rather meet with me at some other more convenient time and place I would gladly do so.

We are holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday on Grundisburgh's Millennium Meadow at 2.30pm in aid of the East

Anglian Children's Hospice (min. donation 50p per child). On Easter Sunday morning we are having a family service (10.45am), and from Tuesday 2 to Thursday 4 April (10am - 12pm) we are having Jungle Club for primary age children. All are most welcome to join us.

Colin Grimwood, 01473 738856.
candgrimwood@tiscali.co.uk

SPRING QUIET DAYS

Otley Hall's Quiet Day programme for 2013 is now complete and accessible to anyone from any faith or no faith. You can join the formal parts of the day or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the gardens, allowing you to recharge your batteries in a natural setting.

Tuesday 12 March - Revd Fred Woods
Finding inspiration in musical settings of the Mass/Eucharist.

Wednesday 10 April - Gordon Melvin
The ordinary and the divine: Exploring the symbolism of the vertical and horizontal lines of the cross. A day of deep silence.

Friday 19 April - Magdalen Houlihan
Resting in God - A day for those who are seeking an uncomplicated way to pray.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Intrigue in Stoney Road

Heather Stiff was surprised to see what she thought was an English Partridge on the front drive. A photograph soon established it was not, especially with the black plume feather on its head.

Neighbourly viewings and conferences proved no more



conclusive so the expertise of 'twitcher' Eddie Marsh of Post Mill Gardens was called in. After reference to the internet he confirmed it was a Californian Quail.

Having stayed around for five days the 'bird had flown' at great speed towards the river by the time Sharon Barker, also of Stoney Road advised of her male absconder which she had reared from an egg. If anyone sights the bird Sharon can be called on 07900 997088.

Lyttleton Club well supported

The Lyttelton Club was formed in January 2011 as a rebirth of the Golden Club founded in 1956 by Mrs Pamela Lyttelton (who lived in Finndale House and was the mother of Humphrey). We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

At the moment we have 26 members, the majority being in their 80s and 90s. We enjoy a variety of activities including interesting speakers, theatre trips in the summer and also join up with the Luncheon Club. Ten of our members enjoy both clubs. The parish council and the Wood Trust have generously allowed us to



Volunteers having a breather from the 'cut and rake' at Millennium Meadow.

keep our membership fees low. 2012 was an exceptional year with the Diamond Jubilee tea party, and a special 90th birthday celebration, and we look forward to having another this year.

Mary Bean

Progress at Millennium Meadow

It's 13 years since the opening of the first conservation area in the village, at the end of the driftway off Lower Road, and it's 15 years since preparatory work started to allow public access.

In the ensuing years a management plan has been followed with the aim of encouraging a wide range of wildflowers and whatever fauna find the area attractive. This has been achieved by an annual 'cut and rake' reducing nutrient that leads to rank weed growth. Other parts of the plan involved thinning the 'match' poplars (originally a commercial crop) and regular cutting of the boundary hedges.

The central water course has been kept clear and the pond recently desilted. Bird and bat boxes are being used and hopefully, the beetle bank, although confirmation of this

is difficult! Rustic benches installed make picnicking an enjoyable option for the family, and those who include the meadow in their walk along the adjacent footpath to Bealings can observe the seasonal changes first hand.

Coming up is the spring display of snowdrops, primroses, celandine and moschatel, followed soon by cowslips, ragged robin, snakes head fritillary and southern marsh orchid.

Each first Saturday morning between 10 and 12.30 there is an organised work party to assist with the meadow's management; there is plenty of scope for more help - just ring 735515 to say that you are coming to allow a suitable quantity of coffee and bickies to be available.

John Dunnett, Hon Warden

WI REPORT

Nostalgia is the word that sums up our November meeting at Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI. Tony Buckland brought along a large collection of toys, ranging from the 1940s to present day. Tony had us oohing and aahing, wallowing in childhood memories.

Michael Stagg, was the speaker for our Christmas meeting. He illustrated his talk with slides of Old Masters' paintings of the Nativity, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

Pat Polley chaired our January meeting as new President for 2013. Thanks go to Pat Sullivan who had previously served two years in this role. It was a relaxed evening, with presentations awarded to members, followed by a bring and share supper and a quiz.

We have much to look forward to this year, including a table top sale, a visit from Rachael Sloane of Radio Suffolk fame, and a Zumba afternoon. You are welcome to join us. See page 2 for details.

Carol Barker, 735838

Theatrical treat

The next production from Grundisburgh's amateur dramatic group, GADS, will be 'Trussed', a modern comedy by JPS Yates, to be performed on 6, 7 and 8 June at Grundisburgh Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale later from Olde Forge Stores.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings



Local people, with a lot in common

So what do Colin, Madge and Norma have in common? Firstly they all share a love of Grundisburgh, each of them having moved to the village a number of years ago. All enthuse about the scenery, the facilities and the great sense of community.....as well as the Grundisburgh News!

Until very recently however they didn't know that they also all volunteer for Age UK Suffolk, a local independent charity working with and for older people across the county. Age UK Suffolk likes to put local volunteers in touch with each other, so if they want to they can get together, share ideas, support each other and maybe make new friendships.

Meeting over a cup of coffee, these three found they had a lot in common, all with a wish to help older people to avoid isolation and to have a more comfortable and fulfilling life. Each of them has been able to use existing skills and knowledge in the volunteering role they have chosen and are able to fit volunteering in with their busy lives.

Colin supports New Horizons Lunch and Leisure Club in Woodbridge, co-ordinating the volunteer car rota, to ensure that 18 older people are able to get to the club for companionship and activity each Thursday. Madge has been volunteering for over 15 years, often within Grundisburgh itself. She will be known to many as an Age UK Suffolk Local Link and she also fundraises for the charity, both within the village and at some store collections. Norma volunteers at the Age UK Suffolk Help Centre in Upper Brook Street in Ipswich on a weekly basis.

Whilst they all have different roles, they all find volunteering with Age UK Suffolk rewarding and would recommend it to others. Norma says that 'for me volunteering is a lovely way to make new friends, improve the quality of life and a chance to help out in the community, actually, it makes me feel good to do something good.'

If you are tempted to join Norma, Madge and Colin and our other volunteers and would like to know more about volunteering with Age UK Suffolk and the wide range of opportunities that we have on offer and, please contact our volunteer office on 01473 298684 or email us on volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org or take a look at our website www.ageuksuffolk.org.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Karen Howman, Volunteer Recruitment and Reward Officer, Age UK Suffolk

WALKERS' GUIDE MOVING FAST

Sales of the walkers' guide to older houses in Grundisburgh had covered the 40 page booklet's printing costs within two weeks of publication in December. Featuring 60 houses and a map, copies are available from the Post Office, Forge Stores, Williams Stores and The Dog at £2 each. Steve Sim, who wrote the text based on articles in the local history society's magazines, is hoping it will attract more information and photos so an expanded version can be published later.

Millie's challenge

Millie Harris wants to know if there is anyone in Grundisburgh who can beat her 97 years. With her husband Les and children Sandra and Ron, Millie emigrated to Australia in 1954 and has greatly enjoyed life there.

It obviously suits here judging by the photo of her with Sandra at a social function in Queensland. Millie reads the Grundisburgh News regularly and is in contact with News chairman Terry Frost whose family lived next to her's in Stoney Road. Millie, nee Pipe, was born opposite the parish rooms.



Carry on shopping - at Forge Stores



Just as The News was going to press, work started a major re-fit at Grundisburgh's Olde Forge Stores. But the craftsmen doing the work, including tile fitter Mike Hall, managed to work round shoppers and staff so all customers were still able to come in and get what they needed. By the time The News is out five days later the work should be nearly finished, with more chiller space for drinks and fresh produce - and other improvements. The shop closes on only one day a year - Christmas Day.



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Playgroup Welcomes New Manager

The children and staff at Grundisburgh Playgroup are delighted to welcome their new Manager, Alison Earye, who joined the team at the beginning of January.

Ali (centre in photo below) lives in Framlingham with her family, and has worked in child-care for ten years, most recently at The Granary Nursery (Framlingham).

In addition to her work at the Playgroup, Ali is in her last

is books. "A simple picture book can provide so many learning opportunities!" Through stories she aims to provide learning opportunities across the curriculum including mathematical concepts and creative opportunities. If you would like any more information about Playgroup or any of the groups held in the building, we'd love to hear from you.

Helen Jerrold, 738818,
manager@grundisburghplaygroup.org.uk.



year at University Campus Suffolk where she is studying for a BA in Early Years, and is also a qualified swimming instructor.

"I have received a lovely welcome from all parents, children, committee and staff of the playgroup. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work in such a beautiful village, which seems to have a fantastic community spirit. I am looking forward to my time with the setting and being part of the community" says Ali.

Alice Sim, Playgroup Chair comments "We are so lucky to have Ali; she has a wealth of experience and knowledge in child care, which will complement our existing staff. This is a very exciting time for playgroup and we are looking forward to the future.

Ali's theme for her first term

SCOUT GROUP NEWS

A big thanks to all those who participated in our Christmas Card Postal Scheme, we collected over 900 cards and raised £145 towards funding for a new HQ. In 2011 we collected £50 but made more this time by also delivering in Grundisburgh. A total of 110,000 cards were collected by the whole of the Ipswich and District Scheme.

We are very grateful to Mrs Williams and the doctor's surgery in Grundisburgh, Grange Farm, Hasketon, Woodbridge Library and Wotsits of Woodbridge for letting us have our collection bins on their premises.

Our textile bin on the playing field car park is doing very

well and has raised £1,700 so far – thank you very much for your support; we do check the bin but if you see it is getting full let us know and we will arrange collection.

We had a very large number of members, along with the Brownies and Guides, attend St. Mary's Church on Remembrance Day. In November the Scouts went tobogganing, at Christmas the Beavers had bowling and also went tobogganing end of January.

We practically took over the village hall with Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders to watch the GADS panto which we all enjoyed very much and some of us got up on the stage to join in a song.

The Scouts are having an expedition challenge hiking over two days from Framlingham to Grundisburgh arriving in time for Mother's Day Parade at St. Mary's Church on 10 March.

Archery training is coming along very well with some excellent scores and in May we are taking 18 members to the National Archery Competition in Hertfordshire.

New leader needed

We are in desperate need of a leader for the scout section. Unfortunately Thorpey our Scout Leader has been offered another job on evening shifts and will be unable to run the Scout section during the week. This currently has 20 children with an average age of 10 to 12, and under the current Scouting Association Rules this ratio is required to have two leaders. If we are unable to get any leaders then the section would have to be rescheduled or closed.

In fact we need leaders across the whole of the Scout and Explorer groups as our current leaders are very stretched. We are looking for adults (male or female) who would be committed enough to join the group, so if you or anyone else would be able to help us please contact Stuart Ross, Group Scout Leader, 735352.

Date for the diary: Duck Race, Saturday 20 July, Grundisburgh Green from 4.30pm. More information about scouting activities available at: www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 735352

Village on Facebook

Grundisburgh now has its very own Facebook site. Whatever your views about facebook it is ideal for a community focal point.

I am a recent newcomer to Grundisburgh; it is a lovely village and very lucky to still have all the important elements of a healthy community - school, shops, post office, pub, church and doctors' surgery. It is a sense of community which helps to keep these important elements in place. Community is people getting involved, now you can also get involved without leaving your armchair.

From Stoney Road to Lower Road give us the gas, observations, comments, groans and moans and praises. All welcome, from teens, to silver surfers let us know what's going on in your Grundisburgh. Visit Grundisburgh Gas at the sign of the yellow plastic duck.

Mark Moore, markmgm7@tiscali.co.uk



PICKING UP LITTER

We're looking again for people to help us pick up litter and generally clean up Grundisburgh. All we want from you is a couple of hours of your time on Saturday 30 March. We will provide gloves, bags and litter pickers (although if you already have one, please bring it along - or let me have it back if you have one but can't join us this year). Please join us on The Green at 10am. It really does make a difference!

Sally Grahn, Grundisburgh Parish Council
Footpaths and Environment Committee,
01473 738219

THE BAKER OF DEBACH

For many years, Esther and I had wanted to develop a business that served the local community and increase links within it. Having explored many different avenues, it was only in the summer of 2012 that our thoughts turned to bread.

I had been a keen baker for many years and, as a young lad spent time in my grandfather's bakery in Lincolnshire watching the bustle of activity as breads were prepared, proved, loaded into the oven and transformed into the most amazing food. About six years ago I discovered sourdough bread and so started a journey of discovery. The first attempts were a challenge as I tried different starters and tested the resulting loaves on a very patient family. Soon the breads started to look, feel, smell and taste great and from then on the repertoire has expanded.

The business is very much a team effort: Esther manages the extensive administration, finances, marketing and customer contact required by a small business and I run the weekly bakes on a Friday, currently producing 50 to 60 loaves. Our three children

enjoy testing the bread, finding new specials and meeting customers. The enterprise is run on a bake to order basis and an email with details of the next bake is sent out at the beginning of the week. Orders then arrive up to the cut off on Wednesday afternoon - although there's always a few late orders!

On Thursday evening, the family kitchen is cleaned and transformed into a bakery, the doughs are mixed by hand and placed in tubs in a large fridge overnight. Friday morning starts around 5am. The first doughs are allowed to warm, before being divided, weighed, shaped and placed in cane baskets to prove.

Three hours later, the first batch is turned out of the baskets onto a wooden peel, slashed with various patterns of cuts depending on which type of bread it is, and loaded into the oven; 40 minutes later, the kitchen is filled with the wonderful aroma of freshly baked bread. The transformation of such basic ingredients - flour, water, salt - into fantastic loaves of bread never ceases to capture our imagination. Trial breads for future weeks are squeezed into Friday's schedule. We offer



these for customers to taste when they collect their orders - a great way of finding out what they like.

A good bread oven is essential for producing bread in larger quantities and finding one that would work in a domestic kitchen proved a challenge - but we settled on one made in Belgium which can bake 12 large loaves every 50 minutes throughout the day.

Our bakery specialises in sourdoughs, in fact all the breads are produced using either wheat or rye based starters. The weekly bake includes white, half

wholewheat, full wholewheat (my favourite - "a rich chewy bread with an amazing flavour"), Four seed bread (Esther's favourite - "it keeps really well, stays moist and has a wonderful nutty texture"), simple rye and raisin rye. There is also a special each week - apricot and almond fougasse, chocolate and raisin bread, olive and herb - and many more. More types of breads are planned, particularly whole grain and malted wheat and rye breads and traditional pumpernickel baked overnight in a cooling oven.

Chris Brown

The Browns have lived in Debach for seven years. When not baking, Chris works as a software engineer. Esther originally trained as a nurse and is now parish clerk to Clopton and Easton Parish Councils.

Contact: Vine Cottage Bakery, Debach, 01473 737619, info@vinecottagebakery.co.uk www.vinecottagebakery.co.uk

Learning crafty skills



Above: Ruth with students



Grundisburgh resident Ruth Turnbull is running a series of workshops from her home for anyone from age 6 to 60 (and beyond?) who wants to make a special gift. During the recent half term holiday Ruth showed children how to design, trace, cut and hand sew material to make a special cushion for Mothers' Day.

After marrying and starting a family, Ruth decided to leave her job in financial services to work

independently in the craft area. She has been involved in local craft shows for some three years, selling her handmade items to those looking for special gifts.

Ruth will be running more gift workshops before Father's Day, during half term holidays, and, of course, before Christmas. All materials are provided, and numbers are limited to six per session.

Words and photos Wendy Witt

Contact: 07751888609, dukeandtheduchess.co.uk



Snow White and the Seven SDwarves was the choice for TADPOLES (Tuddenham Amateur Dramatic People of Little Experience) for their 27th panto. Performances ran from 23 to 25 February.

Snow White (above) was played by Jasmine Graham, the Wicked Queen was Pauline Proctor, Dame Fraulein Frankfurter was Paul Jennings, Peter Pumpernickel was James Frost and the wicked Count Igor was Rev Alan Forsdike (who with his wife, Catherine - the producer this time - have been involved in all 27 pantos). Their daughter Rachel also took part - the Forskykes were among several families to be very involved. The director was Jean Ellinor.



Upbeat! would like to thank everyone who came along to support our Christmas concert in December. We were amazed that the church was full to the rafters and hope that the audience enjoyed the evening as much as the singers did.

The choir were pleased to be joined by Kaleidoscope, a local girls harmony group, who performed a number of songs from their repertoire. Thanks also go to everyone involved in the organisation of the evening and, in particular, our musicians: Tessa Bailey,

Michael Jopling, Chris Vince, Biddy Vince and Sarah Kavanagh. We were able to send a donation of £1,000 to St. Elizabeth Hospice.

Upbeat! have a number of projects in the pipeline for 2013 and would welcome new members. You don't have to be able to read music or have sung in a choir before. We meet at the Parish Rooms at 7:30pm on Thursday evenings in term time so why not come along and give it a go? For more information, contact Carol Jopling 735812.'

Words Jo Bailey, photo Peter Kendall

Call for flautists

Are you a frustrated flute player, up to Grade IV standard? - would you like to join a group of like-minded flautists to enjoy playing and possibly form a flute orchestra? If 'yes' is the answer, then Andrew Fairley of Bredfield would love to hear from you. He says that since there are only two flute players in an orchestra it can be frustrating for flautists to find a place to play and others to play with.

Andrew himself trained at Kneller Hall having joined the East Surrey Regiment and went on to become the solo flautist in the Grenadier Guards. He says he has had a varied and interesting life through music and he taught for 40 years. These days he just teaches friends and would like to form a flute group which would meet once a month at Bredfield Bowling Club. For information contact him on 01394 382863.

Madge Nicholas



ANOTHER FINE SHOW FROM GADS

GADS excelled themselves once again for their pantomime Pirates, which managed to include various pantomime characters not normally associated with the theme of pirates. The characters Goldilocks, Red Riding Hood, Wolfie and Widow Twanky all managed to participate without looking out of place.

The scene at the beginning incorporated Cinderella and her new husband the Prince enjoying life on a luxury cruise ship to then being taken captive by pirate Bluebeard. After making the Prince walk the plank to try and drown him, so Bluebeard can marry Cinderella, the Prince is able to swim away to his mother the wicked witch to ask for help in rescuing Cinderella, and that's when the story unfolds with the various characters involved with the rescue.

The ending was unexpected with all Bluebeard's ex-wives being his shipmates, and Wolfie turning out to be his son. Over all it was a hilarious production from start to finish and in the words of one 11 year old "brilliant".

Roving Reviewer

Tadpoles make a Splash



TADPOLES: Above: Count Igor with the Wicked Queem/ Photos on the front page show the seven dwarves, and Dame Fraulein Frankfurter (alias Paul Jennings) with Hans the Huntsman (Adrian Frost). Tuddenham photos taken by Erica Lopez and Luke Tickle.



GADS photos by Brian Robinson.

GADS: Top: Curtain call with Cinderella (Lauren Savage) and Prince Charming (Lucy Moon) centre stage.

Above: Mick Lacey as the Innkeeper and Patsy Frost as Goldilocks, with inn customers Megan Stebbings and Alice Bebbington;

Above right: Kate Adams as Little Red Riding Hood and Adam Kearney as the big bad wolf.

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There are more details about
the work of the Trust and
about the bike ride on the
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you could contact our office,
01787 883884.

*Rachel Sloane, Hon Publicity Officer
SHCT (and former Radio Suffolk
broadcaster and Grundisburgh resident)*

Bell restoration go ahead in Clopton

Great news! Clopton Church's bell restoration project has
been awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for
£50,100 and £10,000 from Viridor Credits. Other grants and
local fundraising has brought the total to £102,000, just £3000
short of our target for the work.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way with the
fundraising (still ongoing!) by organising events, giving money
or volunteering labour. The bells are being removed in late
February and will return to be fitted in the new bell frame in
May; the work should be completed in early June. A date for the
return of the bells will be available later so if you would like to
see them before they are rehung telephone 01473 737602 during
early May and we should know a date.

Community History Project

Clopton has had a meeting of people interested in forming a
Community History Group. Tim and Sheila Holmes from
Campsea Ashe talked about the setting up and progress of their
village group. It was a very positive meeting and some people
have already made a start on their chosen topic for research.

Doris Main

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Bealings Bylines



"No other day is exactly like any other day at Bealings School. On the day the cover photo was taken in November 2012 the children were working with wood carver Simon Hedger. They can be seen carving drumsticks to use on

the nine foot long dragon xylophone carved from sweet chestnut. They are also in jubilant mood after becoming the Suffolk Schools Table Tennis Champions." Text written by headteacher Duncan Bathgate for the book by James Pawsey.

A HISTORY OF LITTLE BEALINGS SCHOOL

Stimulation to write this history came from a meeting with Michael Burn, a member of a concerned group of parents, residents and friends drawn from the three villages of Great and Little Bealings with Playford, who had refused to accept a closure order placed on the school in June of 1986.

It was a story that simply had to be told but it had to be related in a context with the school's early foundation in October 1887 as one of many public board schools created by Gladstone's Liberal Government in the Act of 1870. Simply put, these schools were to be established wherever there was a need in places where the elementary education offered was inadequate and didn't meet the needs of the poor.

The history unfolds from that point with a Victorian school

struggling to find form and identity with basic help from the school managers/governors and funded by a precept from the local rates. It isn't until the early part of the 20th century that the school settles into a pattern, turbulent at times particularly through the war of 1914-1918 and the great depression of the twenties and thirties, but beginning to show steady improvement and positive results, with several boys winning scholarships to Woodbridge School.

Today it is a school well known for its high standards in all aspects of primary education. The excellent teaching given to children of all abilities is much sought after, giving justification to those who strongly fought and campaigned to keep the school open.

James Pawsey

Copies of 'Bealings School' can be obtained direct from the school office, 01473 622376, from James at 14 Richards Drive, Little Bealings, 01473 624864, and from Ferial Rogers at Marigold Cottage, Holly Lane, Little Bealings, 01473 624141. It costs £9.95.

Wanted: New News' Distributor

Due to the retirement of Jennifer Cook, the long serving (20+ years) Grundisburgh & District News deliverer in part of Little Bealings, we need someone to cover: Richard's Drive, Michael's Mount, Holly Lane, Holly Close and Sandy Lane. If you can help out please contact Iain Langdon on 01473 735517,

BRIEFLY...

A ge UK Suffolk is sending out a plea for unwanted items that can be sold in their charity shops. It particularly needs donations of clothes and textiles, both second-hand and new. Bric-a-brac, books, music and small electrical items are also welcomed; as is furniture (which can be collected) for its furniture shop in Carr Street, Ipswich (217731). The main Ipswich shop is in 41A Upper Brook Street, IP4 1DU.

Suffolk Singers will be 'Serenading Spring' with music by Bruckner, Elgar, Mendelssohn, Purcell and Stainer as well as Whitacre and a new piece by John Hutchings, written especially for their director Claire Weston. The concert is on Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Wickham Market. Tickets are £8 from 01728 748199 and 01473 635525.

The Suffolk Foundation was congratulated in Parliament for its Surviving Winter Appeal. This encourages people to donate their winter fuel payments to help those who struggle to heat their homes. Over £85,000 has been raised so far this winter. The appeal is still open - call The Suffolk Foundation directly on 01473 602602 or visit www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk. To donate online visit: www.localgiving.com/

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PUB NEWS

Changes are afoot at Hasketon. The **Turks Head** is getting a new live-in owner: Colin Cosimini. Contracts have been exchanged - all we're waiting for now is the financial side to be settled. Meanwhile, Murray is staying on as manager to ensure continuity of service.

While it appears the Little Bealings Admirals Head has unfortunately closed for good, the newly-reopened **Three Horseshoes** at Charsfield is doing well and the food side is now up and running with strong local support. Music is a pub feature with singer 'Mr. Solo' on 2 March; 'Andy', the Elvis tribute artist on 30 March, 'Man in a Hat' on 19 April and the Northern Soul ska band '7th Step' on 31 May. Upcoming events will include a race night, a six-course gourmet evening and a micro-beer festival. There

will be a resident bouncy castle for the summertime and landlord Jerry is working on plans for a community shop at the pub.

Gourmet special evenings have become a regular feature at the **Grundisburgh Dog** on the last Thursday of each month. The one in March (28th) will be featuring curry and the April one will focus on Italian food.

Bredfield Castle is continuing its race nights - the next one is on 9 March: 'they're off' at 7.30pm.

Mothers will be spoiled for choice on Mothers' Day (10 March): lunch specials will be served at the **Turks Head, Three Horseshoes, White Hart, Bredfield Castle, Winesham Barley Mow, Swilland Moon and Mushroom** and the **Grundisburgh Dog**.

Paws on patrol



Dog walkers such as these in Grundisburgh (pictured with PCSO Sally Thomas) are the eyes and ears of their community and by reporting suspicious incidents - without getting directly involved - can help make our villages safer. The 'Paws on Patrol' initiative is run by the Kesgrave and District SNT: if you are a dog owner and would like to join the scheme, just call 101 or email kesgrave.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

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Bredfield Barometer

New ringers maintain an old tradition

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This year was no exception. At 11.45pm on 31 December the ringers ascended the tower, shed their coats and raised all six bells together 'in peal', inverting them to the ringing position with their mouths upwards. Shortly before the hour, the ringing slowly faded away to mark the year end: first the 'treble' or lightest bell was 'set' and ceased to sound, leaving just five, then the 'second' ceased, leaving four, then the 'third' and so on, until finally only the 'tenor', the largest bell, struck its final few blows before coming to rest.

On the stroke of midnight the tenor sonorously struck the hour, following which the others joined in to proclaim the New Year's arrival with all six bells joyfully pealing together. And so our recently augmented bank of ringers kept alive the centuries-old tradition.

If you would like to see how the bells are rung and even have a go yourself, come along to our practice at 7.30pm on Fridays. Just call us to confirm that the practice will take place, as very

occasionally we don't have enough ringers. New ones are always welcome!

Mike and Ann Pilgrim, 01394 382773

COMMUNITY ORCHARD – hard work bearing fruit

Over the last few weeks considerable effort has been made to bring the project a little closer to a successful conclusion. A public meeting was held in Bredfield village hall, which was well attended, and the majority of those present agreed that the project should go ahead. Discussions with the Diocese of St Edmundsbury have continued, and a firm proposal was submitted to the parish council at the end of 2012 from the diocese, for the sale of a field, one of the last pieces of Glebe land in Bredfield.

Although the parish council agreed in outline to proceed, much depended on finding the money required. Much diligent work by the parish clerk has resulted in the offer of a grant by Viridor for the bulk of the purchase money, backed by a grant from the Locality Budget of Peter Bellfield, our local county councillor. It is hoped to instruct solicitors in the immediate future, to commence the purchase.

Meanwhile several meetings have been held by those interested in the practical work of how to use the field

as/when it becomes parish property. It is clear that much hard work will have to be done to prepare the site for future use, but it is hoped that some firm plans will be in place by the time the purchase has been completed. Plans include the planting of fruit trees, plus preserving existing hedges, enhancing the wildlife potential and setting aside a 'quiet area'.

Finally, it was thought that an appropriate name should be given to the project – and the name Jubilee Field has been agreed.

For anyone who is interested in becoming involved, their support for the project would be welcomed: contact Helen Young (01473 737711) or Karen Bowe (01743 277165).

BUSY SATURDAY

Saturday 2 March promises to be a busy day at Bredfield Village Hall.

Jumbo Jumble in aid of St Andrews Church, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. 50p admission

In previous years it has been an amazingly well attended event, with customers queuing out into the car park. With cutbacks happening all over, we think that it will again be popular as people look for bargains! Villagers have been asked to clear out their cupboards and drawers and get rid of all their unwanted Christmas presents, unwanted good clothes, jewellery, bric-a-brac, toys, books, DVDs, CDs, electrical items; in fact

anything that they don't want that is in good condition. So we urge everyone to come and help with our 'recycling' event!

Prize Quiz - arrive 7pm for 7.30pm start. Fish and chip supper (with chocolate brownies and rocky road to follow). Quiz with prize for winners. Teams of four. Prize draw - all for £8 per person. Bring your own booze. Please book beforehand (Polly Stephenson 07917 654 152) and pay on the door.

Coffee morning piles on the pounds

Bredfield Play Area Committee and the Bredfield Jubilee Field Committee are very grateful for the support received at the Christmas event held at the village hall. At the end of the morning, £1,000 had been raised towards the play area renovation (we expect to start applying for matched funding shortly) and around £250 for the Jubilee Field Project.

Polly Stephenson and Paul Cannard

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Otley Offerings

Setback for turbine plan

Suffolk Coastal District Council has refused planning permission for OtleyGreen's proposed community wind turbine at Hall Lane.

The purpose in proposing the community wind turbine is twofold. Firstly, to divert some of the revenues currently available for renewables in the UK from the big energy companies to the local community, for example solar panels for the school, better insulation for the scout hut, and possible acquisition or lease of land to create a community woodland. Secondly, to generate a small but significant amount of renewable energy for the national grid that helps reduce the carbon footprint of the village.

The sole reason for the refusal of the planning application

was the potential impact of the turbine on the setting of Otley Hall, listed as a building of special architectural and historic interest (grade 1). Importantly, the principle of a community wind turbine in Otley was not objected to by the council, and landscape impact, noise impacts, and wildlife impacts were all deemed to be acceptable. OtleyGreen is very disappointed by this decision as it considers the site to be a good one.

Weighing the options

OtleyGreen is currently taking stock before deciding how to proceed. Our options are:-

- (i) to lodge an appeal against Suffolk Coastal's decision .
- (ii) to try to find a suitable alternative site for the project.
- (iii) to withdraw the project for the time being.

We expect to make a decision by June.

Tony Barrett

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BAG IT AND BIN IT!

Not having a doggy bag, or not noticing that the dog has fouled, is no excuse for not clearing up!

Any bag will do and should be tied and put in any bin. If there is not a dedicated dog



waste bin available, dog waste can be placed in any litter bin. If there are no bins available, dog waste must be taken home and disposed of in your grey-lidded wheely bin. Leaving bagged dog waste behind is an offence: fixed penalties of £80 can be issued.

Dog waste bins locations

- * the footpath adjacent to Fenners Cottage (opposite Otley Hall);
- * Pig Muck Lane adjacent to Homeleigh;
- * near the parish noticeboard at the entrance to the surgery;
- * outside the entrance to Hubbards (opposite the village store).

The Parish Council recently requested a dog waste bin to be installed at the entrance of the path to the electricity sub-station in Newlands and a new bin at the entrance to the footpath on Ipswich Road, opposite Walnut Tree Farm.

Anyone seeing someone failing to clear up after their dog, can report it to Suffolk Coastal District Council on 01394 444000. The more detail provided, the greater the chances of being able to deal with the culprit. Offending owners have been taken to court and fined.

Time, date and place of incident, names and addresses of culprit if known, plus details of any vehicle used to transport the dog can all be very useful.

Vanessa Osborne, parish clerk, Otley Parish Council

Sparkling events help the hall

The fifth of November saw another impressive display by the Otley Community Council Fireworks Display Team. Home made hot soup, sausage rolls and a good turn-out ensured that the event made a small profit, despite the ever rising cost of pyrotechnics. Thanks to all who helped out and those who came to the display. Same again this year, on the playing field weather permitting!

The annual Otley Christmas Ball took place back in mid-December. A home-made three course meal, plenty of drink, music and lots of laughter: a sell out evening full of Christmas cheer. A big thank you to chief organisers Penny and Jayne and their team for a brilliant evening, raising over £1,600 towards a new kitchen for the hall, for which plans are well in hand. We aim to do the work this year and thanks to the fantastic fund raising efforts of late and a capital grant from SCDC, we are about two thirds of the way towards covering the cost of this project. A further grant application is being put together to secure additional funding. A suggestions book is in the kitchen for users to leave comments and suggestions for what they would like in the new kitchen.

New hearing loop: Thanks to The Otley Players (aka TOPs) we now have a new induction hearing loop installed in the hall. This will greatly help our users with hearing aids enjoy the shows and is another small step towards making the hall accessible to all.

Otley Village Hall is a hive of activity with a range of clubs, leisure groups and activities

based there. The hall is also available for private hire at a low rate seven days a week, please contact our bookings Secretary Vanessa Ling (01473 890878) for details.

Help shape the fete

Following on from the success of last year's fete at which over £1,500 was raised towards the hall kitchen, plans are in hand for this years' event with the first Saturday in July (6th) pencilled in as the date. Please put this in your diary now and watch out for further details. If you'd like to help with the planning, or have a few ideas maybe and can do some organising, then please contact me. We will be holding a planning meeting shortly.

Nathan Cant, 07979 185270

Have your say

Otley Community Council's AGM takes place on 18 April in the back room of the village hall, starting at 8pm. This is a public meeting and all are welcome to come along and find out how the hall is run. We are on the look-out for a couple more people to join the council and help out with the management

of the hall. If you are interested please get in touch either with me or our Chairman, James Hall, on 01473 785251.

East Anglia's biggest ever poker tournament?

Sixty four players sat down in Otley's White Hart pub to take part in the annual Charity Poker Tournament in November. Many of these players were first timers using this event as a friendly way of learning this great game. It took three hours to whittle the players down to the final eight, all of whom received a prize donated by local businesses such as Coastal Building Supplies, Ala Turka restaurant, Finn Valley Golf Club and Helmingham Estates £600 was raised for the Alzheimers Society.

Tony Barrett

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Sporting stories

GRUNDISBURGH'S FOOTBALLERS HOLDING THEIR OWN

Despite having only five players left from last season and many changes of personnel on the pitch, Grundisburgh Football Club currently stands at a very creditable 4th place in the league table. At just over the halfway point in the season, teams with a big complement of players are still struggling to compete with Grundisburgh, who remain the team to beat after 30 years in Senior football. The new players have had to contend with this reputation to uphold week in, week out.

The club's new campaign began as the opposition from Cranes arrived at Grundisburgh Playing Field full of confidence, and went home with their tails between their legs after a 4-2 victory for Grundisburgh. Holidays and suspensions then affected performance when local rivals Melton won at Grundisburgh for only the second time ever. Further defeats by Haughley and Old Newton started to ring alarm bells and provoke talk of relegation, as Grundisburgh lay 14th in the table. However, they have since bounced back with only one defeat in 13 games in the league.

Grundisburgh's unbeaten run against champions Ipswich VR climbed to seven games when they drew 3-3. A

cracking game against Felixstowe United was next on the calendar in the Suffolk Senior Cup. Storming back to recover from 3-1 down, Grundisburgh levelled during the second half but eventually lost after a contentious goal was scored by Felixstowe and the game concluded at 5-3.



Grundisburgh's Josh Trenter scoring in the match against Coplestonians on 16 February

Playing seven games without a win must have spurred the team on to crush Capel 5-0, during which Dean Tournay-Godfrey scored his first hat trick for the team. A first ever game at home against Ipswich Exiles produced a 2-0 win; however, it was followed by a 4-1 defeat at Wickham due to a rare hat trick by Wickham's Sam Taylor. Before Christmas another hat trick by Godfrey and two goals from Josh Trenter whalloped Leiston St Mary 5-1. This led the team into a cold and soggy game against Benhall of division

two in the Bob Coleman Cup; needless to say they were relieved to avoid the dreaded penalties with a goal in the last thirty seconds.

2013 began with a tight game against the league leaders, Felixstowe United, and a lucky draw against Leiston St Mary, proving the new year would be just as tough. Their game at Stanton away from home saw some excellent play

with two goals each from Scales and Godfrey and one from Alexander, a returning player. Coplestonians were next at home, with Josh Trenter scoring for Grundisburgh only for 'Cops' to score in the last minute - our ninth draw of the season. A great

performance on 23 brought 6-1 win against a struggling Ipswich Athletic.

Since the team's promotion back in 1981, they have only been out of the top five on six occasions. Grundisburgh are also proud to sport the league's top goal scorer, Godfrey, with 20 goals.

I know the team would very much appreciate even more crowd support to help them continue their success. The next home games are against Wickham Market on 9 March, Achilles on 6 April and Felixstowe on 4 May (the final game of the season). Games can be seen at the playing field every week as the Reserves play when the First Team are away. Information about all matches can be seen on the village notice board.

Words Katie Davis, photo Peter Kendall

GFC 100 Club winners:
November Luke Mulley (£50) Peter Walker (£35) and Paul Warren £25. December Lewis Driver (£50), Steve Gray (£35) and Ron Dawes (£25). January: John Clements (£50), Liz Burgess (£35) and Karl Baldwin (£25).

Bowling in Otley

We are nearly at the start of another season at Otley Bowls Club. As our membership is getting low due to 'old age' we would appeal to people in our neighbouring villages to come and join us for what is a very sociable game, giving gentle exercise (if needed) and a chance to make new friends. We play in three leagues but even if you have only one night per week free we would love to see you.

The facilities at Otley are very good - from the green down to the pavilion where we even have a bar and drinks are very reasonably priced. Our membership fees are also reasonable and we welcome the young and not so young to come and try the game. Please ring me or our chairman Phil Quilliam on 01473 890594.

Bill Kemp, secretary, Otley Bowls Club, 01473 890277

Back from Oz

Joe Jacobs, Grundisburgh born speedway star, is just back from four months racing in Australia (see last News). His decision to join the Premier League Glasgow Tigers, despite the 975 mile round trip involved for their home meetings, made headlines in the Daily Mirror's sports section. He is also riding for Coventry Storm in the National League. Joe is very grateful for any offers of sponsorship, however small (or large). His progress can be followed on www.joejacobsracing.co.uk

Also back is Grundisburgh's 14 year old Sam Yale who was selected to represent Great Britain in the Cadet world sailing championships in Tasmania in December. Sam, the third youngest British helmsman in the event, came fifth out of the British boats and a highly creditable 27th overall - and says he's determined to do even better at this year's world championships in Belgium!

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Many thanks

Angela Robinson designed and set up the website for The News seven years ago and continued to manage it despite moving from Grundisburgh to Rendlesham. The News team would like to thank Angela for her work, which can be seen on www.grundisburghnews.org.uk Iain Langdon, who handles The News distribution, has kindly taken over the website.

The News is also very grateful for financial support from Burgh's Wood Trust and for grants from Tuddenham and Otley Parish Councils.

Roger and Anne Anderson would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy on the death of Anne's mother, Marjorie Briggs. To move here from Yorkshire at the age of nearly 80 was a big step for her and, although she lived in the village for only 10 years,

she made many new friends through Luncheon Club, Golden Club and Chapel, and we are really grateful for the welcome she was given.

Mike Stiff is pleased with the sales of Home Farm Trust's Christmas cards and his book 'You're Not Alone'. Cards sales held up at £7k and book income from almost 800 sales has reached £10,500, with profits of £7,500 going to HFT. As Chairman of the East Suffolk Group, he would like to thank local residents, Woodbridge 41 Club and Grange Farm shop for unstinting support which has resulted in card sales of £148K since 1995.

David and Kathy Youngs and Rachel would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of comfort over the loss of their son Mark. Thanks also to Clare and Wendy for the lovely service and all who attended.

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These gentle giants are usually black, brown, or white and black. They start life as fluffy bundles but they

grow fast and an adult male can weigh in at 65kg! This means they need fit owners to handle them and small children just wouldn't be able to control them. And this sometimes leads to problems: some seventy dogs a year have to be rehomed for reasons like a divorce or death in the family or the owner has just got too old to

cope. Some people just get bored with their 'status symbol', possibly having bought one cheaply from a puppy farm.

The Newfoundland Club will take any Newfoundland back for whatever reason and this costs serious money. While owners are asked for a donation, the club relies heavily on fundraisers like Grundisburgh volunteers - and Newfoundland owners - Angela and Herbie Martin (aided by their friend Jean Aldridge). They have been helping in this work for many years and have organised annual dog shows since 1996: all profits go to the Club for welfare purposes. To date, they have raised over £7,000. The next show is at Clopton Village Hall on 26 May - dogs of all varieties are welcome!

When requested, Angela and Martin make home visits across East Anglia to assess the suitability of potential recipients of rescued dogs. They look for homes that are

big enough to accommodate these large animals and to judge whether the would-be owners realise just what they are taking on! Food, insurance and vets' bills are not cheap and they do not want people who aren't likely to love and care for their dogs properly for the rest of their lives. Not everyone passes the test: Newfoundlands are definitely NOT just for Christmas!

Words Richard Watkinson, photos courtesy Jean Aldridge and Eilir Rogers

Photos: Angie Martin with her dog 'Dusty' and other Newfies doing water work.



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