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DEAL OR NO DEAL?

Built in 1921, the village hall in Grundisburgh is showing its age! As long ago as 1984, the need for a new one was identified. The 2006 Parish Plan said the same.

Little progress has been possible until recently when a fresh opportunity arose. This new plan was put on public display at three 'Open



A busy 'Open House'.

Houses' in April, leading to more than 200 written comments to the the village hall management committee (VHMC).

Enabling development

In brief, the deal is that Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) would be asked to give consent for a housing development on four acres of Top Field (opposite the present village hall). Under current planning law, this could be granted only if the scheme also results in a 'substantial public gain'. In this case, the owner of the field would donate an acre of land, plus £250,000 to enable a new village hall with parking to be built on the field. The plans showed a proposed estate of 24 houses - with from two to five bedrooms. The VHMC feels

that this formula would enable the village to get a new hall but that the proposed development is no more than the minimum necessary to make the whole project viable.

Qualified support

Of the 200+ responses, 32 were not in favour of the plan but the majority (172) were positive. Either way, people did express concerns about the growth of the village, implications for traffic levels, drainage, light pollution, as well as the design of the hall itself and parking space.

More consultations

Formal planning consent has not yet been sought by the owner of the land or any developer. There will no doubt be a lot of toing and froing between the parties involved and the VHMC is well aware that this is not yet a 'done deal' and things could move slowly. But assuming



Studying the plans.

outline planning consent is sought and granted on the basis of the current proposals, the VHMC will call a village meeting to approve the sale of the old hall and reinvestment in a new one, safe in the knowledge that SCDC has

sanctioned the scheme and that the landowner's obligations have been formalised. SCDC would also consult the public, so you can also have your say direct to the planners.

Fitness for purpose

What might a new hall look like? At the Open Houses, we saw plans and photos of the village hall for Offton and Willisham: it is envisaged that ours would be similar but modified to cater for a larger population. Some users have already put their views to the VHMC as to how a new hall could best meet their particular needs.

Time scale? Difficult to say but if things go well, planning consent could be given this year. The present hall may not reach its centenary after all!

Richard Watkinson

A brave act

The face of Ingrid Loyau-Kennett, the woman who confronted the armed Woolwich attacker and who used to live in Grundisburgh, has appeared on TV and in

many local and national newspapers. But you may not have seen her quite like this! This is how she appeared in the 1996 GADS production of 'Cider with Rosie'.



Four Grundisburgh residents have stories to tell about Africa. In one way or another, all are going that extra mile for charity: see pages 10 - 12



Offton and Willisham village hall - a model for Grundisburgh?

News Diary

JUNE

Sunday 2

Rounders Tournament

Bredfield VH 10am. Contact 01394 385927

Big Lunch

Witnesham Barley Mow 12 noon til late Contact 785395

Thursday 6

'Trussed' play iao GADS

GVH 7.30pm Contact 738229

French Gastronomy talk WI

Gr Pav 7.30pm Contact 735838

Friday 7

'Trussed' play iao GADS

GVH 7.30pm Contact 738229

Saturday 8

Tuddenham Fete

Poplar Farm 2pm Contact 785415

'Trussed' play iao GADS

GVH 7.30pm Contact 738229

Friday 14

A Year in the Life talk

Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 15

Hidden Gardens iao Gr Hort

Soc 2 - 6pm Contact 735517

Summer Event on the Field

Alan Pedgrift Memorial Field Charsfield Contact 737701

Sunday 16

Hidden Gardens iao Gr Hort

Soc 2 - 6pm Contact 735517

Wednesday 19

Musings of a Bishop's Wife

talk Carlford Network Group GrPR 2.30 Contact 738188

Saturday 22

Witnesham Ch Fete

Manor Farm and VH 2pm Contact 785464

Midsummer Music

Gr House 1.30pm Contact 738831

Sunday 30

Hasketon BBQ

Shrubbery Farm 12.30pm PBE Contact 01394 383106

JULY

Monday 8

Gr & Culpho PC meeting

Culpho Ch 7.30pm Contact 735541

Saturday 6

Kiddywinks Kitchen

Cookery Class GVH 10 - 12 PBE Contact 735975

Friday 12

TEU World Tour talk

Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 13

Village Show iao Gr Hort Soc

Gr PF from 12.30pm Contact 735517

Open Garden

Larks Hill Tuddenham 2 - 6pm Contact 785248

Sunday 14

Sunday Serenade

St Mary's Ch Dallinghoo 3pm Contact 737431

Saturday 20

Duck Race iao G Scouts

VG 4.30pm Contact 735352

AUGUST

Thursday 1

Help I am so Stressed talk

WI Gr Pav 7.30pm Contact 735838

Saturday 10

Open Garden

Larks Hill Tuddenham 2 - 6pm Contact 785248

Friday 16

Evening Garden Party iao

Gr Hort Soc. Ford House Gr. 6.30. PBE Contact 735517

Saturday 26

Funday & Car Boot

GFC PF 2-5pm Contact 738111

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2

Gr & Culpho PC meeting

Gr PR 7.30pm Contact 735541

Friday 13

The History of HMS Ganges

talk Hasketon VH 7.15pm PBE Contact 01394 388970

Saturday 21

Autumn Quiz Evening

Ch VH 7pm Contact 737701

Sunday 22

Dog Gymkhana

Burgh Contact 735273

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 7 August

for next issue direct to

Heather Langdon, The

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Grundisburgh IP13 6TA,

heather.langdon

@btinternet.com.

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

Don't be a coot-go for a duck!

The annual Grundisburgh duck race takes place on the village green on the afternoon of Saturday 20 July. 2,000 ducks will be there - why don't you join them! Tickets £1 each on the day or in advance at the village show (13 July) or from scouts and guides' parents. BBQ from 4.30 + crockery smash, tombola, raffle, duck-shy, refreshments and more. Proceeds go to the Grundisburgh scouts' and guides' new HQ fund.

SUNDAY SERENADE

Voices Together - a Suffolk-based all-female singing group - is giving a concert in St. Mary's church, Dallinghoo at 3 pm on Sunday 14 July. Teas available. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the church. Visit www.voices-together.co.uk for more about the singers.

Sue Arbon 737431

Clarkson remembered

Thomas Clarkson, the anti-slavery campaigner, spent his final years at Playford Hall, dying in 1846. A memorial erected in 1857 still stands in the churchyard. He will be commemorated at a service, to which all are welcome, at Playford Church at 3 pm on 28 July, the nearest Sunday to the day (29 July 1833) that his fellow campaigner, William Wilberforce, died.

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What's On

JAZZ AND BARBECUE IN THE ORCHARD

The now famous jazz and barbecue at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon, has reached its 17th year. Playing the foot stomping trad jazz on Sunday 30 June will be The Sussex Jazz Kings, who went down well last year.

The usual generous freshly cooked barbecue food and yummy puddings are included in the ticket price of £14 a head (going up to £15 in the last week) and are available from the farm or by ringing Gordon Smith on 01394 383106. All proceeds to support Hasketon Church. There is plenty of parking from 12noon, food from 12.30pm.

Bredfield Quiz

A quiz in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support takes place on Wednesday 26 June, starting at 7pm at the Castle Inn. The local group needs to raise £50,000 to provide a nurse for local villages. Tickets cost £7 and include a ploughman's supper. Teams of two are wanted. Ring 01394 385927.

All Welcome to the Show - 13 July

It's the biggest show of the year staged by the Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho Horticultural Society, mainly as a vegetable and produce show but includes side shows, charity stands, entertainment for the children and music. And a car boot sale and an all-day bar. The day is rounded off with a magnificent dance in the marquee with a fish and chip supper.

This year's show will feature classes from cake-making to photography, stick-making to tomato growing. You don't have to live in the villages to take part: we invite you all!

There are cups and money prizes to be won, presented by

Eily Buffone, who took part in the Olympic torch run in Woodbridge. Come and meet your friends, socialise and watch the children in their fancy dress competitions. Three charities are being supported this year: The Matthew Project, Grundisburgh Scout's new HQ fund, and Crossroads Care (East Anglia).

We thank all our sponsors for their support of the classes and the show and we look forward to seeing you!



Suffolk Phoenix Brass will be playing at Grundisburgh Village Show on 13 July, sponsored by Peter Kendall who also took the photograph.

Big Top on offer

The marquee used for the annual Village Show is available for hire on Sunday 14 July 2013 on Grundisburgh Playing Field. The main marquee is 9m x 39m with two smaller extensions (each 3m x 6m) attached. It comes complete with 190 folding chairs, 500ft of trestle tabling and power & lighting. Hire is subject to suitable use, such as an exhibition or private use. Contact Iain Langdon on 01473 735517 if interested and about fees.

What's off?

It's been a hectic Spring for Julia Bentley this year and it has just been impossible for her to organise the Craft Fair this year.

Carlford Group

Our next meeting is on 19 June when Pat Waine will be 'Musing on the life of a Bishop's Wife' - an account of 30 years in Stafford, Bury St

Edmunds and Chelmsford. Everyone is welcome and Pat will be happy to answer questions.

Midsummer Music 22 June

Put the afternoon in your diary! There is a stellar line up including **The Sporadics, Elliotts Remedy, Grundisburgh School Choir** and many more. The event is in the beautiful grounds of Grundisburgh House, with shorter Open Mic slots of 5 - 7 minutes for younger performers, between the headline acts. If you are interested in a slot, please email this address: grundisburghmidsummermusic@musician.org for more information. There will be games for children, a licensed bar and food. In aid of St Mary's, Grundisburgh. Tickets: adults £5, children £1

Otley Openings

Otley Hall are opening their gardens on two dates this year in support of two charities.

Wednesday 19 June in support of Emmaus Communities which enable people to move on from homelessness, providing work and a home in a supportive, family environment.

Wednesday 24 July in support of Talitha Koum, a Christian therapeutic community based just north of Ipswich and which aims to help women recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, by giving them a rare and creative opportunity to change their lives.

The gardens will be open from 11- 5 on both days and the entrance fee, which will be donated, is £3 per person. The garden café will be available. For further information please contact me or visit www.otleyhall.co.uk

Wednesday 31 July: two sessions of toy and craft making for 5 - 11 year olds.

Dream Catchers, Flying Bugs, 3D Pictures, Moving Creepy Crawlies and much more! Sessions run from 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30 - 4pm. Each session costs £7.50 per child and includes free entry to our gardens for one accompanying adult. The garden café will be open. Children must be supervised by a parent or carer during craft sessions. Places are limited and must be pre-booked by contacting me or email: events@otleyhall.co.uk

Karen Gwynne-Vince 01473 890264

Behind the walls.....

Investigate some usually hidden gardens in the Grundisburgh area over the weekend of 15 and 16 June between 2 and 6pm each day. Programmes and badges needed for admission to all gardens over the two days will be available in advance from village outlets at £4.50. On the weekend they can be bought from The Green at £5 per person (accompanied children free).

The Dog is offering special lunches with discounted dishes (made from local ingredients) for programme holders, and Crossroads' supporters will be serving teas in the parish rooms. Sponsor 'Katie's Garden' will be selling plants on The Green, while the horticultural society will be selling vegetable plants and herbs. There will also be a cake stall for the society's charities on the Saturday and by the playgroup on Sunday.

Artistic venues will also be open, including an exhibition by Grundisburgh Art Group above the Parish Rooms.

The good causes being supported are Grundisburgh Scouts' appeal for an urgently needed new HQ, Crossroads Care, which provides support for carers and the Matthew Project for young people.

Nicola Hobbs 01473 738267

Crossroads would be grateful for donations of cakes, scones or raffle prizes, and help with serving teas. Please contact Katharine Smith at Willow Cottage, 01473 735579.

What's On

Get out of that, then!

Following their successful pantomime, Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatics Society is busy rehearsing their spring play 'Trussed' by JPS Yates.

It follows the story of Graham, a recently suspended NHS doctor who inadvertently finds himself left trussed up like a chicken in his own home by a burglar.



Phil Bailey in a knotty situation - Bettina Lambert looks on.

Of course this seems simple enough but on stage these things rarely are and he soon finds that his wife, who has financial worries of her own, his insurance company, his neighbours (a daytime TV junkie and a morally bereft tabloid journalist), his local MP and even the police doubt him and he has no choice but to take matters into his own hands! Come and join us at Grundisburgh Village Hall on 6, 7 and 8 June. Tickets are

£7.50 and are available from the Olde Forge Stores.

Smashing time at Tuddenham

Tuddenham's popular annual village fete takes place on Saturday 8 June. In aid of the church fabric fund, it will be at Poplar Farm, starting at 2pm. Highlights include the Ipswich Community Wind Band, plus many stalls, games, competitions, china smashing, tractor trailer rides, teas, ices and a grand draw. Admission is 50p for adults, children free.

Offers of help with stalls and donations of books, toys, white elephant, accessories, tombola, cakes, produce will be much appreciated. Enquiries 01473 785414.

OPEN STUDIOS 2013

Willowmead is a traditional craft studio, a wooden bungalow set off the road between the villages of Clopton and Otley. Kandi Munson has woven, knitted or crochet hand-made items using Alpaca wool, plus a selection of vibrant yarns (above, right). There is as a small cafe on site supplying refreshments, hand made cakes and scones. Disabled facilities available. Opening times during Open Studios in June are Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Alpaca viewing is Sunday only 10.30 - 3.30pm.

Also opening is Cyndi Speer, Meadowcroft, Meeting Lane,



Grundisburgh: her paintings (top) depict natural and man-made elements from our landscape, forming slightly abstracted images. Her studio is open on the second, third and fourth weekends in June.

Participating again are Elizabeth Sadler, specialising in silver jewellery, at Great Bealings; Elizabeth Taylor at the Old School, Debach (see p.14). Leah Hinks' ceramics, jewellery and sculpture are on show at her studio in Great Bealings.

Full details are in the Suffolk Open Studios brochure and online at www.suffolkopenstudios.org

Eat, drink and be entertained...

Evenings of excellent entertainment at the Victory Hall, Hasketon on the second Friday of each month continue. These follow the traditional Ploughman's supper.

On 14 June, we will have a light-hearted talk, full of glitz and glamour from Eve Regelous, a celebrity agent. Surely an evening not to be

missed! Future 2013 talks include a tour around the world on a container ship; the history of HMS Ganges; life as a blacksmith's wife; and codes, cyphers and Enigma.

The evenings begin at 7.15pm; tickets are £5 and must be ordered in advance from Katherine Smith on 01473 735579 but please pay on the door. The full 2013 programme of talks is now on the Hasketon website so you can plan your second Friday evenings in advance!

Hillary Hill 01473 735336

Pot luck

We will be holding a Teapot Exhibition in Hasketon Church at the Fete on Saturday 10 August, 2-5pm. The exhibition will also be on from 2-5 on Sunday 11 August. Some people last year (when the Fete was cancelled) had offered Richard some teapots for the exhibition: if you can still lend them to us, please let me know. If anyone else has interesting teapots, we would be pleased to borrow them also.

Katherine Smith 01473 735579





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Ashbocking Angles

'The News' welcomes Ashbocking as the 18th. parish served by this magazine. We are most grateful to contributors and distributors who are making this possible. If you have a story to tell, please contact us - see p.19 for details.

A newcomer's guide to the village

You'll find us approximately seven miles north of Ipswich. You won't be looking for the village post office, the local pub or the primary school. We have none of these. We can, however, boast: a fine example of a medieval Suffolk church, mentioned in the Domesday book; one of the best butchers in Suffolk; a fruit juice manufacturing empire that exports world wide; a café with home made delicious foods matched only by its welcoming staff; a crockery barn exuding goodies, with flourishing plants, art works and gifts; several master craft people producing fine furniture and artefacts in wood; allotments that are the envy of neighbouring parishes; five farms, and Suffolk Wild Life Trust headquarters.

Look more carefully and you might spot two barn owl boxes, a host of golden daffodils in spring, maybe the library van or even the 'Coffee Caravan' parked in a resident's driveway.

Delve deeper, away from the road and you will be sure to notice pathways that link the village to the parish church, or, to what used to be, the village school and, of course, to neighbouring parishes. You might locate a bench to rest upon and admire the views across farmland, just by the circular walk – a scene that changes with the seasons.

If you visit Ashbocking you might be passing through on your way to another place, probably faster than 30mph, and not notice any of the things I have mentioned. Perhaps as you change down a gear, apply your brakes, compliment the car on getting a flashing '29' from the speed sign, and take your time, you might see and investigate some of the highlights of Ashbocking. You will be most welcome!

Liz Stegman

THE DOCTOR CALLS



Dwarfed by giant tanks, Dan Poulter with (l - r) Liz Stegman (chair, Ashbocking parish council); Shoaib Alam (financial controller); Armanda Pinho (quality control); Trevor Revell (production supervisor) and James Mwayi (general manager).

I was delighted to visit White's Farm in Ashbocking, home of James White Drinks, which produces a wide range of freshly pressed fruit juices. I

was given a tour of the facilities and the allotments by General Manager James Mwayi and saw how juices are pressed and bottled, before stopping to talk to

some of the company's employees. James White Drinks has been in Suffolk for over 22 years and started as a small cider maker, before moving into the production of fresh apple juices.

Suffolk rightly has an excellent reputation for its locally produced food and drink and I know that people

value the opportunity to support local producers by buying food and drink from their local area. I would like to thank Managing Director Lawrence Mallinson for inviting me and I shall continue to be a strong advocate of the needs of our local farmers and food producers.

Dr. Dan Poulter MP

Rosy future for nursery



Jan Wallis - aided by husband Don - with yet another basket ready for sale at Ashbocking Nursery.

With committed new owners, the future of Ashbocking Nursery (which is actually just in Witlesham) looks to be secure hands. Jan Wallis - a qualified and experienced florist - and her husband Don, relish a challenge and, wanting to expand their horizons and, after a long search, bought the site in 2010. They were originally looking for just a large polytunnel but happened to discover this empty site. Taking a deep breath and having done their sums, they took the plunge!

Steady progress

After a deep-clean and restocking of the glasshouse, they opened for business in April 2011 - and they haven't looked back since, gradually building up the business by extending their range of plants and accessories. Now the place is full of annuals and perennials: currently there are geraniums as far as the eye can see! Jan's expertise in floristry is put to good use in one of their other major lines - hanging baskets and containers, made up to meet customers' specific requirements. An eye for

colour and design gives her the ability to clearly envisage what will work - and what won't - in making up baskets which will only come into full bloom some weeks later. Clients are now bringing repeat business: Jan is on course for filling 200 baskets this spring. Word of mouth clearly works.

Long days

Building a business virtually from scratch isn't easy and it's not just plants that need attention: property maintenance and protection from the wind on what is quite an exposed site are added challenges. Some plants are bought in but much is grown from seed and cuttings on site. Jan and Don often work until late in the evening before they can return home to Needham Market. When they're not filling baskets or making wreaths for Christmas (or funerals), they're growing pumpkins for Halloween or making bouquets for Mother's or Valentine's Day. Not to mention bringing on vegetable plants and dispensing technical advice to customers!

words and photo Richard Watkinson

NEWS TRIBUTES

Grundisburgh lost three of its 'oldest' residents this spring – people who had lived all or almost all their lives in the village and were an important part of village life. A love of sport was a theme common to all three.

Vera Girling and Ethel Quinton went to the village school together and they were friends all their lives.

Vera Girling (1923 to April 2013) was born in Culpho and moved to Grundisburgh during her childhood. On leaving



Vera, front left, and Ethel, right, in their Guides uniforms.

school aged 14, like so many of her generation, she went into service. But when war broke out she worked in the canning factory in Woodbridge until it ended. In 1947, a young man from Woodbridge was working in the village,

when Vera caught his eye. Romance and courting all happened fairly quickly. After Peter and Vera were married, they made their home with Vera's parents in Vine Cottages.

In 1966 the family moved up to Orchard End, to the home where Peter still lives. Vera's love of sport meant that she was a keen supporter of the village cricket team and Grundisburgh Football Club. Many a time she could be found making the teas, alongside Ethel Quinton, and when she could, she would go to watch Ipswich Town. She was a good cook, loved to bake, she was a keen member of the Golden Club until quite

recently and never shirked work, cleaning the school into her 70s.

Ethel Quinton (June 1923 to April 2013) was one of nine children. She also went into service, working at first for the McMasters family in Hasketon.

There was no other way to get there other than by bicycle - and so began a life long relationship with the bicycle. Her fondness for it led to her becoming the post lady for Grundisburgh and beyond, cycling out to Burgh, the Gull, and numerous other outposts - a job she really loved, out in all weathers.

Ethel married Bob, probably meeting him through Grundisburgh Football Club. Their first home was with his parents in Meeting Lane; when Sally was three months old they moved to Vine Cottages. Here Barry and Judy were born and lived until 1970 when Ethel and Bob moved into Orchard End.

Ethel gave up being a post lady and for a time worked at the mushroom factory at Debach; like many mums she found seasonal employment in the fields and orchards around the village. She was another Ipswich Town fan and season ticket holder.

Her hard working life led to the onset of severe arthritis in later years which affected her ability to get about. Bob died in 1990 and Ethel had over 20 years of living as a widow on her own.

Jack Rayfield (February 1928 to May 2013) lived in Grundisburgh all his life and was the second youngest of eight children. On leaving Grundisburgh School he went to work at Clopton Hall as a gardener, before becoming as a farm worker in Hasketon and then went to Roadworks Ltd (later Jackson Civil Engineering) where he worked for many years until he retired in 1993.

He started courting Joyce, the girl next door at number 5 Meeting Lane, and they started their married life at 24 Orchard End. After their daughters Jane and Suzanne were born the family moved back to Meeting Lane.

In the 1960's, Jack was a member of the village cricket team where Sundays throughout the summer were then spent. He loved his sport, both watching and participating.

Jack's main hobby was his garden, providing plenty of

vegetables for his family and friends. He also enjoyed listening to all types of music. In the 1970's, Jack ran many dances on a monthly basis at the village hall and the profit went towards establishing the Grundisburgh playgroup.

Another long term Grundisburgh resident died earlier this year.



Roddy Harsant (July 1925 to January 2013) was born in Charsfield. He went to school there until he was 11 years old, then to Wickham Market School. Roddy moved to Grundisburgh in 1954, first living by the Cake Shop (now Olde Forge Stores) and later Orchard End. After four years service in the Royal Air Forces, he met and married Eve - and they were wed for just on 63 years. His later working life was with Ransomes Sims and Jefferies and finally Sealand on Felixstowe Docks,

Roddy was also in the Royal Observer Corps, The Auxillary Air Force and the Martlesham Heath Aviation Society.

Eve and their daughter Linda would like to thank everyone who sent donations, cards and messages of comfort. Also thanks to Clare for the lovely service, and all who attended.

Tributes edited by Nicola Hobbs from information supplied by Canon The Rev Clare Sanders and the families. The full versions can be seen in a folder in Grundisburgh Post Office.



Jack on his wedding day.

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Grundisburgh Gleanings

Unexpected visitors drop in



A hot air balloon made an unplanned visit to Grundisburgh on the morning of Sunday 7 April. Fortunately, two residents were quick enough to capture the descent and landing near Malting Lane. No-one appeared to be hurt.

photos by Andy Thomson (above) and Marian Rosling (right)



SPARKLING SMILES AT PLAYGROUP

The children at Grundisburgh Playgroup have begun the term looking at Spring. They have been painting still life pictures of daffodils and been busy planting cucumbers, peppers, pumpkins and marigolds to take home with peas in the garden to enjoy as a snack. They also have a role-play garden centre outside with flowers, pots, etc., to encourage communication, social development, mark-making, counting skills and awareness of the environment. They have enjoyed a visit from a dental hygienist to discuss the importance of cleaning teeth and eating

healthily. Following the visit, the children have created their own dentist and waiting area within Playgroup. They also have plans to visit Woodbridge Library, Pets at Home and Foxburrow Farm this term.

The children will be taking part in the sponsored "I want to be..." challenge to raise funds in aid of Save the Children. This is a national activity where children across the UK dress up as what they want to be when they're older.

Playgroup is a registered charity and to generate funds this year we will be hosting a clairvoyant night with local clairvoyant Stephanie Carr at

the village hall on 31 October at 7pm. Tickets are £10 - please contact me for details. Don't forget our toddler group for pre-school children and carers Mondays 2pm - 3pm; and the 'stay & play' session for under 5s in conjunction with the Sure Start scheme on Wednesdays at 1.30pm - 3pm; all in the Playgroup building.

Helen Jerrold 01473 738818

CLOSE FIT

Fitness classes especially designed for children aged 7 - 11 and 12 - 17 will be starting at The Barn in Grundisburgh on 15 June under the personal supervision of Jay Close, our marathon man featured on page 10. For full details, please email me : caroline@thebarn300.co.uk or visit www.thebarn300.co.uk

Caroline Wilson

WI NEWS

Despite the weather, spring has been enjoyable and interesting for the WI ladies. It is amazing the wealth of information we gain from our monthly meetings.

Jaqui Worby spoke to us about the valuable work of Ipswich Women's Aid and how they give support to abused women and their children, enabling them to get their lives back on track.

Isobel Clarke came to our April meeting and spoke of books she has loved. In March, eight of our ladies attended the East Suffolk Federation of Women's Institutes' AGM at Trinity Park, joining over 700 other members. It was, as usual, a very inspiring day, with speakers on topics ranging from amusing to heart rending. The presentation by Andy from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service moved us to hold a retiring collection for their work. This raised £330 (made up to £400 by the Federation).

Our table top sale in May, a new venture for us, was a resounding success: thanks to all who gave their support.

If you are wondering whether WI is for you, why not come along to one of our meetings for a "taster session" (cost £2)? See diary page for details or telephone number below. Once you have seen what a friendly bunch we are you are sure to want to join!

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Mothers' Union changes and thrives

In acknowledging the need for a new Church Group, as announced in the Spring issue, we would like to express our sadness at the closure of the Mothers' Union branch at St Mary's. The branch was formed in 1930 and over the past 80 years its many members have supported the work of Mothers' Union both locally and throughout the world.

Mothers' Union has four million members living in 83 countries caring for, and strengthening family life - especially supporting families facing difficulties. The Chief Executive, Reg Bailey, has recently been involved with the Government in its campaign to protect childhood.

We, who have both been members for over fifty years (fourteen of those in Grundisburgh), would like to pay tribute to the many members who have worked tirelessly in the past supporting Mothers' Union at St Mary's. We should also point out that Mothers' Union is still very much alive, active and serving worldwide.

Sheila Snelling / Beryl Hatellie

Crossroads 100+ Club Winners

April 92. J Dyter £15 Hasketon; 15. M Aylmer £10 Hasketon. May 76. J Churchyard £15 Grundisburgh 14. W Wood £10 Bucklesham.

Chapel News

We had a great time with the children at our Jungle Club in the Easter holidays, when we looked at the gardens of the Bible. They were very enthusiastic with all the activities, which included making some miniature gardens of their own and decorating flower pots in which they planted some pansies.



Young gardeners in the Jungle Club.

We are holding our open-air meeting on The Green on 9 June at 3pm. Feel free to come along or just hang around The Green and listen in from a distance.

We are planning to run a Christianity Explored group again soon, where we will be looking at the basics of the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

There will be time for questions and discussion but no one will be pressurised to say anything if they would rather just listen. It lasts for six sessions and can be a helpful refresher even for those who go to a church already, as well as a good introduction for anyone new to these things.

Please let me know if you would like to come along and I can work out a time that will suit everybody.

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Jubilee and Olympic legacies

Two thousand five hundred trees on a 60 acre former arable farm in Grundisburgh is a dramatic way of celebrating the Queen's Jubilee last year; Richard and June Burch have done just that by organising the mammoth task of planting Jubilee Wood on their land.

Richard bought the farm from his uncle in the 1960s and since his retirement in 2000 has indulged his passion for wild flowers and trees; no fertiliser has been applied for years to what is now an environmentally sensitive area of meadows.

The wood contains nine different tree species ranging from 40% oak through hornbeam, field maple, wild cherry and hawthorn to fewer numbers of lime, hazel and silver birch. Fifty holly trees act as points of emphasis in this huge planting.

The next planned development is a wood on a similar scale to mark last year's Olympic Games, and the remainder of this area is to be sown with wild flower seed. New fencing ensures a clear boundary with the established footpath running from Malting Lane up to join Gull Lane.

Richard tells me that organised interest groups would be welcome to make contact (tel: 01473 738427) to plan visits. As well as the woods there is plenty to see, especially in spring time, with masses of wild flowers to identify. They run all through the alphabet from aconites via the rare cotton grass to violets

(dog, water, white and sweet), wood anemones, woodruff, water lilies and yellow iris. Snowdrops, cowslips, english bluebells and bee orchids are just some of the dozens of other species waiting to be discovered.

Planting woods on this scale is an original way to be remembered by future generations of Grundisburgh families.

words and photos: Peter Kendall



Three generations on a bench!



This oak seat was made for Millennium Meadow by Grundisburgh craftsman Allen Dunnnett to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, using fallen wood from the area. Allen's father, John, is the warden of the meadow and the driving force behind the development of this area of old wet grassland, just off Lower Road, Grundisburgh. From left, the Dunnnett line up: Allen; his son Malachy; father John and son Luan.

photo: Peter Kendall

Love a duck!

For some time two male white 'Calling Ducks' were always seen together around The Green. When one disappeared, probably taken by a fox, the remaining drake was very distressed, and Sharon Barker from Stoney Road kindly donated a female Calling Duck as a replacement companion. Sightings so far indicate that the two have no more than a platonic interest in each other but that both now seem happy to be in the larger group of mallards!

Money from a fund organised at Williams Store has been used by Kara Redman from Folly Cottage to buy more food and shelter for the ducks and ducklings generally. She has been keeping a close eye on the families. At the time of writing, she reports:

"There are eight big chunky ones doing really well and come from two separate mums. Originally the mums kept swapping but then they joined forces and looked after them together. Sadly, one of the mums was run over and killed.

"Just as I thought my days of chasing away crows had come to an end, another mum waddled into my garden with four tiny ones yesterday and another has appeared today with what looks like 15!"



Ducklings enjoying the sun; unsuccessful match-making - so far!

photos: Richard Watkinson

stop press: the latest count (28 May) revealed that there are now 32 ducklings on or around the Green.

editor

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SAND, SWEAT AND TEARS

This is a short version of Jay's own account of his ten days in the Moroccan desert in April. 156 miles long, the Marathon des Sables (MdS) is recognised as one of the toughest challenges on earth. Jay is raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.



When my wife Caroline said goodbye at Gatwick airport (above), I just knew that this was going to be the journey and experience of a lifetime.

Stage 1: the first day was electric, not just at the start line, where everyone was all hyped up ready to get going, with 'highway to hell' blasting out, but what lay ahead which was both exciting and daunting.

Water rations were given at every checkpoint, with the challenge (not race) to manage until the next - along with carrying all food and equipment for the entire week (apart from our tent).



Stage 2: the mountains were going to be the biggest challenge. True to legend, they were 'harsh' to say the least. Not just the 25% (1 in 4) gradients to overcome but climbing rocks, using ropes where needed and the sheer focus not to fall off the knife-



edge ridges (above) we faced.

Stage 3: things were starting to get interesting now: blisters, the terrain and, of course, the heat, ever testing my mental and physical ability

Stage 4: the longest - 47 miles of sheer determination and, of course, sand, sweat and tears of which there were going to be plenty. With my feet in full pain mode, blisters looking like a beauty, I knew this was going to be epic to say the least. The afternoon reached a blistering 54 degrees celsius! It felt like I was walking on glass.

Trying to keep on top of my fluid intake, pain killers were almost as frequent as the sweat dripping from every pore of my body. With the evening quickly approaching, I was starting to feel the effects of still going after 12 hours. I knew the temptation of bedding down for the night was not an option: if I stopped would not get going again. I



started to suffer squits, vomiting and nose bleeds every so often throughout my night-time exploration. Quite a few times I just turned my head- torch off, sat down on the ground and just start to drift off. Suddenly, shooting bolt-upright, I was saying to

myself, "keep going, you have to keep going." Deep within myself, I somehow found the strength to get up again and again to keep moving forwards, not really being able to see where: I simply followed the many glo-sticks that led the way. At about 2:30am, I found myself slumping down on to a rock and there I was going to stay. I had literally nothing else to give, mentally or physically - pushed and exhausted to my absolute limit.



Glo-sticks beckoning me on

After what seemed like eternity, I heard a voice say "Are you alright, fella?" I replied "Yeah, keep going, I'll be fine!" I quickly decided that, actually, NO, I was not all right and desperately needed help. With this, they decided to flag down anyone who was passing to try to get any spare food from them as, by this time, I was out of all my food snacks and had very little fluid left. They said they didn't care about their time or positioning in the event: they just wanted to get me over the finish line. They also told any passing competitors to get the medics ready at the finish line, as I was deteriorating very quickly. The guys who saved me lent me their walking poles for stability, making the difference between my finishing that stage and not.

It took me over 1.5 hours to walk under 4km (2.6m). As soon as I crossed over,

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Uganda visted



A warm African welcome

After 18 months, many very early mornings at car boot sales, selling a vast array of objects kindly donated by the residents of Grundisburgh, nights out babysitting, dog walking and several home cooked take away meals delivered around the village, I finally made it to Uganda.

The trip was everything I could have dreamed of. We truly had an African experience in every way, from their music, culture, food and of course time keeping! There were highs and lows and many many frustrations along the way.

Having travelled there to build an orphanage at Malangata, for the Bula Children's Home, our plans were soon turned upside down. When we arrived we discovered that the Ugandan government, following extensive research by Unicef, is in the process of changing the country's child care system and closing all orphanages. For the relatively few children who are true orphans, these will be replaced by foster placements and small family care units.

We were left with the predicament of what to do with Malangata and indeed the future of Possibilities. After much thinking and meeting with government officials, a very positive future for both is beginning to be mapped out. The building will become a half way house to help



Sorting the child

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children and young people who have lived their lives in an institution, readjust to village life before being placed in foster homes. The land will become a community resource for the village that surrounds it, with a clean water supply, a goat herd and many other facilities.

So, the future is bright and I look forward to the exciting prospect of supporting not just a group of children to have a brighter future, but a whole community, a word I know is dear to all Grundisburgh residents.

As for me, well they say that Africa gets under your skin and they were right!

Debbie Savage



maize (above) and enjoying a game with children (below)



Uganda revisited

It was wonderful to go back to Uganda after I had first visited with Send a Cow seven years ago. Such progress has been made by previously very impoverished families who have been provided with livestock and training, and are now forging ahead.

Some have started training centres to provide other families with the knowledge and expertise needed to

turn their lives around. Many groups have 'graduated' so that they no longer need the help of Send a Cow. One I visited has expanded to start fish farming, another, finding that the price of bananas has dropped too much, is experimenting with making banana wine (I tried it and it is delicious). One enterprising 'graduate' is bottling and selling the passion fruit juice she produces, homes are being lit with biogas made from the by-products of the cows.

One thing hadn't changed although - the joyous welcome one receives when visiting groups: the singing, dancing and generous gifts. Nor has the need for funds so that more of the many groups of people waiting to be helped by Send a Cow can be taken into the scheme. This is practical sustainable aid that really helps people to do it for themselves.

I am continuing to raise funds through the plant sales in my garden most weekends. These are plants that are surplus to my and other peoples' requirements. I also have some very scented perennial white stock seedlings.

I don't put prices on but ask for donations. Please call in when the sign is out near The Green in Grundisburgh or ring me. I have examples of the practices promoted by Send a Cow to help with growing in dry, exhausted soil and also leaflets about how to put them into practice.

Nicola Hobbs, Ford House, The Green, Grundisburgh, IP13 6TA, 014732 738267, nicola@nicolahobbs.com



Top: Using a tip-tap - Send a Cow's simple but effective device for when there is no running water;
Above: A banana wine-maker demonstrates her methods;
Below: Nicola learning the techniques of compost making from the founders of a group of people with disabilities.

GHANA BOUND

Here's your chance to eat well, feel well and help nursing volunteers at the same time. Grundisburgh registered nurse Jill Lawrence and two friends, Pam Quinn and Heather McRoberts (pictured below), are laying on a Pop-Up Complementary Therapy clinic at Jill's home (34 Gurdon Road, IP13 6XA) between 10a.m. and 4p.m. on Sunday 23 June. 30 minute sessions of aromatherapy, massage, hypnotherapy, reflexology and many other treatments will be on hand for a suggested donation of £20.

Complementary therapy is not intended to replace conventional medicine: it runs alongside it and often patients - or clients - can benefit from both simultaneously. The money raised will go to help fund the nurses' project 'H2D'



(Healthcare to Deliver): all three will be going to Ghana in September to help raise awareness of the need for good nursing practice in hospitals there. Between them, the three nurses have more than 100 years on-the-job experience, so they know what they're talking about!

The garden of Jill's home will be the venue of the Pop-Up Healthy Options Café run by Jill's friend Tania and daughter, Beth.

Jill will also hold a book sale and nurses will be on hand to give basic well man and well woman health checks.

words and photo: Richard Watkinson

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CHURCH EXTENSION MOVES ONE STEP NEARER

The dream of having a meeting room and toilets at St Mary's Church in



Architects' model.

Grundisburgh has just taken a step nearer to becoming reality. Suffolk Coastal planners have approved a scheme for the single-storey extension on the North side of the church. There would be a warm, light and airy 60 sq m meeting room with toilets. No longer would people have to trudge to the Parish Rooms to spend a penny!

Access to the extension would

mean opening up the old North door - with its 14th century arch - long since bricked up. The valuable wall paintings would be protected while the building work is going on and the church heating system would be brought up to modern standards. In keeping with the existing church building, the walls of the extension would be largely of flint. The roof would have the same pitch as the nave. The contours of the land means the extension would not stick up 'like a sore thumb' in the churchyard. Outside, it planned to create a small paved courtyard.

An archaeological survey will be taken of the North side of the church to determine if there are any ancient graves or other artefacts on the site of the extension.

words and photo Richard Watkinson

Sand, sweat and Tears contd. from p 10

unaided, the medics came and scooped me up in their truck and off to the medic tent. I couldn't remember much from there on but the two who looked after me were amazing, Amelie and Christian, saints in disguise. They managed to get four bags of fluid into me plus painkillers and antibiotics.

Stage 5: feet in serious pain, but I kept it mentally together. This was the only thing to get me through the coming hours. I was prepared to walk this stage entirely on crutches, until a lady from another tent gave me a pair of walking poles. What a life saver: again, someone else showing an act of camaraderie within the MdS. Hobbling to the start line was bad enough, let alone the 26.2 miles that lay ahead, I knew that I could only walk this stage, so it was head down and powering away.

fluids were going in and a lot of sweat, effort coming out!

I knew that I had 12 hours till cut-off point after which it would mean 'game over' - and out of the 28th MdS. I dug even deeper, mentally kept focussed, even though by this point my body was screaming to stop. Seeing that finish line ahead was the most amazing and emotional sight I had seen that day. By then I had taken over 11 hours: I had just one hour to get over that line and claim my shiny MdS medal. Covering ground as quickly as possible, felt like I was walking on glass again, legs swollend to capacity and again, very little fluids left. There was NO WAY I was going to stop. I could see Patrick Bauer (the event's founder) waiting at the line with my medal as I approached, stick by stick, foot by foot.



The Finisher's medal made it all worth while!

Already 40 degrees by 10am. rocks, sand dunes and hills were in order for this stage. I kept to a steady pace, using as my arms as possible as to keep the pressure off my feet, which were on fire again. Painkillers were going in,

BOOM. I had finished! I was greeted by one of the biggest congratulatory hugs ever and the placing of that medal around my neck felt amazing. Smiling with happiness covering the pain and effort that had nearly finished me over the past few days, I made my way with the help of two of my colleagues back to my tent where I finally sat down. I had done the MdS!

Jay Close

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At the Diamond Jubilee street party last year, which unfortunately had to retreat to one of the Creasy's barns, we had a collection with the aim of being able to plant some trees to commemorate the event. On April 6 oak trees were planted by Charles Clarke in the hedgerow in Castle field to the east of Burgh Church.

Village Day of Action

On 5 April Emma James energetically organised Burgh clean up. She handed out bags, pickers-up, tabards, paints and all manner of cleaning items. There was a great turn out, everyone wrapped up against the bitter wind. Penny Creasy with Oliver's help got going on the ancient signpost. Peter Marshall sanded the seat; the boys Adrian and Malcolm set about the phone box with the help of Marvin. Eliza James watched over us from the warmth of her pram.

Edward Creasy cut back the wild hedge with John Richards chain sawing, while Davina's mother Jose cleared up. Davina spaded off all the moss and mud on the path.

Bags of rubbish

Three parties were sent off to litter pick. Shocking how quickly the bags filled up and how heavy they were. Oliver painted the white post round the Green and Emma painted the message board. At 11am there was coffee and biscuits in the Cavanagh's new garage and, at 1pm, delicious soup.

It was a great day's work very well organised by Emma. Thanks to everyone who turned up and contributed.

The painters are in

The old Burgh Schoolroom is in the process of becoming a village community centre. Work is now complete at adding a lavatory and kitchenette: painting and decorating is under way. It is expected it will be open and fully functioning by Midsummer's Day.

Adam Gurdon 01473 735273

THANKFUL CULPHO

Residents of Culpho are supporting a sponsored motorbike journey which is expected to raise many thousands of pounds for the Royal British Legion (RBL).

Two motorcyclists, Medwyn Parry and Dougie Bancroft, will be riding to those rare



A fund-raising bridge drive with afternoon tea raised £1,200.

places in England and Wales that lost no men in the Great War: this has special significance for Culpho because it was one of only two places in Suffolk fortunate enough to see all their men return. The bikers'

journey will start near Aberystwyth on 27 July and finish back there nine days later after covering a distance of about 2,500 miles.

The bikers will arrive at St. Botolph's Church at about 9.30am on 31 July with 40 supporters. A representative of the RBL, a photographer and a TV crew will also be in the convoy which will be welcomed by the Revd. Canon Pauline Stentiford. Following a short service, the bikers will present her with a plaque commemorating Culpho as a 'Thankful Village' and marking the centenary of World War I. Members of the residents and church community will present Medwyn and Dougie with a cheque for the monies raised and donated to support past and present members of the armed forces.

Margaret Gornall, Christine Pearce, Lynette Chapman; Libby Cooper and Revd. Stentiford gearing up for the bikers' arrival in the village.



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KNITTERS RAISE OVER £200 FOR HELP FOR HEROES

A group of knitters have just finished knitting their first ever socks under the tuition of Louise Witherden in Clopton. Their efforts are the culmination of four two hourly classes and has involved learning how to knit 'in the round' on double pointed needles, turning heels and grafting toes!

Boosted by the generosity of her sister in law, Sue, who donated the yarn and needles, the classes have raised over £200 for Help for Heroes. Louise says "I'm really proud of my pupils, and have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons, which have included lots of laughter and homemade refreshments"! Louise is already planning on running another



sock knitting class as well as other classes, including one for complete beginners, where you will knit a neck warmer. Anybody interested in joining a knitting class with proceeds going to Help for Heroes please get in touch with Louise on Louise.witherden@btinternet.com or 01473 737272

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Easter fun

During the Easter holidays Beth Taylor ran a workshop for the children in Debach, decorating plant pots and planting salad seeds. A big thank you to Beth for giving up her time and running this workshop in her studio.

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BLACK DOG LOOKING GOOD

A part from starting with B, Bungay, Blythburgh and Bredfield now have something else in common - the local appearance of a Black Dog. Only Bredfield, however, can claim it's real! The brainchild of partners Glyn Collins and Nicky Hardy of Rose Cottage in Bredfield, 'Black Dog' is the brand and logo of chili-based jams and other gourmet preserves now gracing shelves in more than 70 outlets all over East Anglia from Romford to King's Lynn.



The Black Dog and its owners with some of their products.

Serendipity and local venues have played a significant role in bringing all this about. Glyn and Nicky met a friend, Steve, in The Castle in Bredfield. He had just returned from The Cayman Islands with a local speciality - chili jam.

Birth of a product

Tasting it - and recalling her days in Canada where she used to make it in a retreat centre outside Toronto - Nicky thought, 'nice, but I could do better than that'. And so she set to work and produced some trial batches for local approval - Emma, a friend in the village, was a particularly willing guinea pig! So well did the jams go that Glyn and Nicky

investigated wider markets. More jam was made at home and in her mother's kitchen and, as sales grew, in Poppy's Pantry in Melton. And



clearly there is a market for chili jams and the range is expanding all the time.

The jam-making is all done by Nicky's fair hand (even with

rubber gloves, the chili heat comes through to her skin). Wherever possible, local suppliers are used for artwork and packaging.

While the Bredfield kitchen table on Friday nights is still the venue for new product ideas and titles (aided by the odd glass of cava), the 1,000+ jars a month are now filled at Martlesham at premises formerly occupied by Steve and Mo Smith whom Glyn

and Nicky just happened to be standing next to at last year's Tasting Day at Grange Farm in Hasketon. Not only did they move into the building, they also took on the business of selling Mediterranean olives: these are now also in local shops, including the



Bredfield Village Shop, Olde Forge Stores in Grundisburgh and the Grange Farm shop. It is Glyn's policy to sell only through independent outlets - and not supermarkets. With other distributors, Taste of Anglia at Winesham are boosting sales of Black Dog: East Anglia now, the rest of the UK to follow....

words and photos by Richard Watkinson

Craftsmanship is not dead!

Scrim, Green Suction and Granolithic work - all trade terms to name a few, taken from a 1988 exam paper entitled 'Plastering ...'. All are terms very familiar to great grandfather, John Ford, who began his apprenticeship in 1953 and has since become a member of the Worshipful Company of Plasterers in London. John has taught at Hollesley Bay Borstal in the '70s and Norwich College. John's work has taken him to Edinburgh Castle, where he created two Jacobean ceilings in the Royal Apartments, all new work but made of traditional lime plaster. It is where he had a long conversation with Prince Charles about the need to preserve our historic buildings using traditional methods. Another highlight of John's career involved making film sets for Shepperton Studios,

Below: John working on detailed pargetting on the Ancient House in Ipswich.

including 'A Man For All Seasons' and 'Oliver'. John has now retired but for the last 14 years of his working life he has spent working at Heveningham Hall, restoring the plasterwork including that in the East Wing which had burnt down in the late '80s. John likes to keep his hand in and has recently repaired some plasterwork in St Andrews Church, Bredfield - as well as creating his very own Terracotta Army!

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Otley Offerings

Kay Cant 1931 - 2013

Kathleen (Kay) Elizabeth Cant was the daughter of Ernest and Hilda Edwards and a younger sister to Peggy. She was born at Peartree Farm in Otley where she attended primary school before going to Winesham High school, leaving at 14. She showed her caring side from a young age when she looked after her elderly grandparents, then her mother, sister Peggy and nephew John at Poplar Farm - where she met her future husband, Geoff. They married at Winesham Church on 13 February 1960, the same day the village hall was opened: they attended the evening do at the hall to celebrate both events. Several months later baby Pauline arrived, followed by Alan a few years later.

Kay and Geoff were keen members of the Rendlesham Motorcycle Club and founder members of the Woodbridge Club, remaining there for 53

years. Kay started as a helper at the Otley friendship club and stayed for 45 years. She showed a keen interest in the life of the village and was a member of the Community Council for many years.



Her hobbies included bowls - shortmat and outdoor - gardening and baking, often helping many friends, by catering for a vast number of functions. Kay always had a kind word to say about everyone, making them smile with just a few words.

Her funeral was held at Otley Church on 13 February, which would have been Kay and Geoff's 53rd. wedding anniversary. With her family and friends, over 170 people paid their respects to that wonderful lady with the twinkle in her eye.

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Superfast broadband should be more reliable and less likely to drop out or degrade as more people use the internet - very noticeable around 5 - 7pm as people come home from work. There is growing evidence that poor broadband service has a negative impact on business moving or staying in an area -and even on house prices.

The Otley 'I Drive at 25' campaign has now installed

signs all around the village. We continue to hope that local drivers will help calm traffic by keeping well within the speed limit. The Speed Watch volunteers report a noticeable decrease in speed by most drivers, although there are still exceptions - usually drivers using the village as a through route.

**PLEASE
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We would be delighted if this campaign could be extended to other villages to create a corridor of slower, safer driving: if you are interested, please contact me.

Steve Czarnota 01473 890393

Leadership and service recognised

Otley Parish Council would like to thank both Malcolm Smith and Geoff Cant for their involvement and service to the community of Otley following their decision to retire from the parish council in March this year. Both are long serving members who have shown great dedication and many years of loyalty to the village. Mr Smith completed 18 years service and is thanked for his outstanding leadership and direction as chairman over the last 13 years and Mr Cant, having served for the past 30 years, was a great asset with his valued knowledge of Otley. The parish council is grateful for the many years of hard work and public service both councillors served.

Vanessa Osborne



Geoff Cant being presented with his certificate of long service by Russell Ling and Malcolm Smith receiving his long service certificate and clock from Anthony Ling, vice chair.



School Celebrates its Centenary



Otley school group, about 1906

Following the success of 'Otley Past', our next project concerned Otley School, which celebrated 100 years in its present building in March this year. Former pupils were invited back to look round, with tea, cake and a special performance by the children.

The original Otley Village School was built in 1839 next to the rectory in Church Road. It originally consisted of a single schoolroom behind a house for the schoolmistress. By 1911 the very basic facilities had been acknowledged and a new building was officially opened on Saturday 29 March 1913.

The Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury carried a report of the opening ceremony, when the school children marched in procession to a flagstaff in the playground, each carrying a small union flag. A flag was hoisted amid loud cheers and, after songs were sung by the children, the door was unlocked and the school officially opened.

The next OLHG meeting will be on 15th August, when we will consider our next project. (please contact me if you wish to come).

Don't forget:

Otley Village Fete will be held on Saturday 6 July from 1 pm at the Otley Village Hall and OtleyFest will be held on Saturday 20 July at 5 pm - also at the Village Hall.

Lester Hawes has written a booklet on the history of the school, entitled 'Otley School: the first 100 years'. This was published in March, to coincide with the centenary of the present building. It is available from Otley Village Stores, the author or myself.

Sally Whiffing Otley Parish Recorder & Co-ordinator of Otley Local History Group.

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Lester presenting a copy of his book to the school head, Jan Hubbard.

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Sporting stories

The playing field at Grundisburgh now has two brand new new goals for everyone to use and enjoy - thanks to the generosity of staff and customers at ASDA, Stoke Park, Ipswich. They raised £2012 at a fun day last year in support of one of ASDA's chosen charities, Fields in



Trust, which aims to preserve open spaces for recreation. (Customer service member Sheena McGregor alone raised £700 by having her head shaved entirely!) The goals have been painted and netted ready for use and are available 24/7.

The playing field is improving all the time - the next project is to provide a hard area for basketball players.

Mark Healy, regional manager of Fields in Trust presenting the goals to Richard Garnham, playing field chairman, with Jennie Stojanovic of ASDA.

Despite this, Goffers scored a fantastic free kick against Achilles which should (fingers crossed) give him the Suffolk and Ipswich League leading goalscorer award. GFC are the third highest goalscorers in the league.

The Fun Day and Car Boot sale is on August Bank Holiday Saturday, 2 - 5 pm.

Katie Davis

Club rebuilding

After a difficult season for Grundisburgh Football Club, the team finished 8th. in the league table. The loss of some top quality players before and during the season necessitated a total rework of the team. However the players who stayed on did brilliantly to remain in the top half of the table, avoiding relegation. The best games of the season were two 4-2 wins (one at home against Cranes and the other away against Melton), while there was disappointment when playing against Felixstowe and Achilles as they both completed a double over GFC.

100 Club results: February: £50 Mac Harris, £35 Bert Grundrill, £25 Paul Gladden. **March:** £50 Adam Gardner, £35 M Warmisham, £25 Paul Garwood. **April:** £50 Frank Squirrel, £35 Mat Cunningham, £25 Paul Gladden.

Have a go:

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SCOUTS BRING HOME THE MEDALS

All the intensive archery training on the playing field over the last six months in the freezing cold weather was forgotten when the triumphant Grundisburgh scout archery team arrived home from Hertfordshire on 12 May after competing in the National Scout Archery Finals against teams from London, Manchester, Pontefract, Hampshire and other large groups. The weekend saw the greatest number of competitors, with over 380 archers - ranging from the ages of 8 to adults well over 18. All archers entered into three forms - Target, Field and Clout, as either 'Recurve Freestyle' (using a sight) or 'Barebow' (using no sight).

Prizes galore

Although the weather was breezy at times, we achieved some amazing scores and the whole team came away with a fantastic grand total of 33 medals: 22 gold, 10 silver and 1 bronze. We also gained 20 awards out of a possible 30: 10 cups, 9 shields and a 1st for the Best Named Decorated Tent. Rob Attwater was first

in Target 'Barebow' under 18 and was awarded a top prize of a compound bow - worth almost £200 - for our scout group, donated by Mathews Bow Manufacturers and Clickers Archery.

One of our scouts, Oliver Smith, is now the Essex and Suffolk Indoor Junior Barebow Champion and has also broken the County record for a particular round of archery. Oliver Vobe is second in the Essex and Suffolk Junior Recurve Freestyle.

Over May Spring Bank Holiday scouts, Explorers and adults, plus the 1st. Kesgrave Scouts, took part in the annual cycle camp from Kings Lynn to Grundisburgh. The journey was 95 miles in total with excellent weather.

Crisis

Unfortunately things are looking shaky on the leadership side. We have lost our Scout Leader, Assistant Explorer Leader and Beaver Colony Assistant. And our treasurer will be stepping down at the AGM. As Group



Scout Leader, I am the only Warranted Leader running the Beaver colony, besides being in charge of group administration, the new HQ project and training the archery team. Unless more volunteers come forward as Leaders, Beavers will be closing and other sections could also be in jeopardy.

We urgently need Leaders and Assistants across the whole of the Scout and Explorer Groups (male or female). If you are able to help us, please contact me.

Stuart Ross 01473 735352

Foot note!

Our scouts and guides really do need a new hut so I have decided to take part in a charity walk: I would be delighted if you could sponsor

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St. George's Day Parade at Framlingham where we were chosen to take the Union Flag.

me. I aim to walk the full 25 miles in the Orwell Sponsored Charity Walk on Sunday 30 June. Sponsor forms will be in the Post Office and Williams Stores - if you would like further information, please get in touch.

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