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TRAFFIC CONCERNS DURING SIZEWELL BUILD

A big increase in traffic is likely in The News Area if Sizewell C goes ahead. Many local people are extremely concerned about the potential degradation of our roads and have been pressing for a comprehensive review of all the traffic implications during the Sizewell building period.

"There have been reviews of the impact on the A12 and the HGV traffic. We have now had some reassurances about HGV traffic on local roads but are pushing for a complete review of the impact of private cars on the local roads" says Councillor Tony Fryatt. "The park and ride facility for the workers proposed at Hacheston would be likely to be used by a minimum of 1,000 cars per day each way and it is inevitable that the majority will use the back roads and, in particular, the B1078 and the B1079".

A report has now been received of a study into the traffic situation and some recommendations have been proposed - but Councillor Fryatt feels these fall way short of the measures needed to keep our roads functional and he will present his case to a forthcoming consultation to bring forward our concerns. More news of traffic issues on page 6.

Richard Watkinson



Above: nearly there - Grundisburgh's new village hall. Drone picture by tiler Andrew Coote. Update on progress on page 11. Right: Mike Warner in his new shop in Grange Farm. Story on page 9. Photo Linda Plant.

The Chapel Field saga goes on

A decision on the planning Applications from Hopkins Homes for houses on Chapel Field, Grundisburgh, was deferred by East Suffolk Council's Planning Committee on 29 June. This was so that an independent transport consultant could report on access to the site and for the ESC planning committee to undertake a site visit before the applications were determined, probably at the meeting scheduled for 26 October.

In another twist to the long saga Hopkins gave notice on 3 August of their intention to appeal against non-determination of one of the planning applications in a 101 page document 'Statement of Case' dated July 2021. When a Government Inspector has been assigned to this appeal case the parish council and interested parties will be

invited to submit their comments. The community managed 1000+ objections to the two planning applications, so the challenge now is to show the inspector just how strongly the village is opposed to the prospect of 70 Hopkins Homes on Chapel Field.

Our narrow country lanes cannot take 200+ more vehicles, damaging our historic village centre and putting existing residents on Lower Road and Park Road in immediate danger as soon as they leave their front gates.

Grundisburgh Parish Council, with overwhelming support from parishioners, has fought the Chapel Field development from the start way back in early 2018, and will continue to do so.

Ann Willetts, chairman of Grundisburgh Parish Council's planning sub committee



WHAT'S ON

September

Friday 3

Tour of St Mary's, Dallinghoo with Roy Tricker
The Dallinghoo Church Repair Fund

St Mary's, Dallinghoo PBE
6:00 pm Contact
JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk,
737700 or The Old Rectory,
Dallinghoo IP13 0LA

Saturday 11

Annual Garden Party
Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society
Finndale House PBE 4:00 pm
- 6:30 pm Contact 738997 -
Tickets: Forge Stores or
Williams

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
Suffolk PBE 11:00 am - 5:00
pm Contact 738108 or
shct.org.uk

Thursday 16

Quiz Night

The Turks Head, Hasketon
PBE 7:00 pm Contact
info@theturksheadhasketon.co.uk
or 01394 610 343.

Sunday 26

Make Your Own Bug Hotel
White House Farm nature
reserve; Hasketon PBE 10:30,
12noon & am Contact
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com or
01394 382992

October

Saturday 9

Concert: Soundscapes
CulphoMusic
St Botolph's Church, Culpho
7:30 pm Contact 738324 or
07925 251802 or
cmp0601@hotmail.com

Saturday 16

Curry and Quiz
Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel
PBE 6:30 pm Contact 738856

Tuesday 26

Forest Fun Day for children (Key Stage 2)

Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust
White House Farm nature
reserve, Hasketon PBE 10:00
am - 3:00 pm Contact
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Thursday 28

Forest Fun Day for children (Key Stage 2)

Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust
White House Farm nature
reserve, Hasketon PBE 10:00
am - 3:00 pm Contact
sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

November

Tuesday 9

Forest Bathing
White House Farm nature
reserve, Hasketon PBE 10:00
am - 2:20 pm Contact
https://www.forestbathingsuffo
lk.com/my-services

Friday 19

Ghost Stories with M R James - A Warning to the Curious

Otley Hall PBE 7:30 pm -
9:30 pm Contact 890264
events@otleyhall.co.uk

Saturday 20

Ghost Stories by M R James - Count Magnus

Otley Hall PBE 7:30 pm -
9:30 pm Contact 890264
events@otleyhall.co.uk

Saturday 27

Christmas craft morning
Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel
10:00 am Contact
sampsontois@hotmail.com

Key to abbreviations:

iao - In aid of
PBE - pre-booking essential

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*Details can also be sent to by
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Riding & Striding

The annual event to raise money for Suffolk's Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday 11 September. Most churches in our area will be open. Participants can visit as many as they like and sponsorship money raised will be shared between the Trust and the church or chapel chosen by the participant. Ride & Stride's sister event, the Pedal and Drive for vintage and classic cars, will be held on the same day.

Forms are be in local churches or from local organiser. More information on the website shct.org.uk.

A visual feast of food

Since Belinda Gray launched her first Art for Cure exhibition at her home in Bredfield in 2013, the charity has raised nearly a million pounds for the care and cure of breast cancer.

Her latest venture is 'Feast', an exhibition all about food. This runs in Aldeburgh from 25 to 28 September and launches Ballroom Arts, a stunning new exhibition space in the High Street. Admission is by donation. The private view opening on 24 September costs £25 and includes fizz, music and appetisers 'from the sea'.

Booking for the preview and full details are on line:
www.artforcure.org.uk

Expert tour of Dallinghoo Church

Roy Tricker, the celebrated speaker on churches, will be leading a tour of St Mary's, Dallinghoo on Friday 3 September, to raise funds for much needed repairs to the church.

In particular, Roy is an expert on Suffolk's churches and in 2018 was awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to heritage in Suffolk.

An enthralled church-crawler since the age of four, he spends his time sharing his passion for these amazing buildings. Roy gives many lectures and slide shows, has written over 200 church guidebooks, published other books and has broadcast on radio and TV. His love of churches is absorbing and infectious for people of all religions and of none.

Beginning at 6pm, the occasion will include a talk and tour of the church led by Roy. This will end at about 7:30pm with a glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles. The tickets cost £5 (children under 16 free) and are available from JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk, 01473 737700 or The Old Rectory, Dallinghoo IP13 0LA.

More than £100,000 has been spent recently repairing the outside of the church. Now more money needs to be raised to repair the inside.

Jeremy Quinlan

Soundscapes in Culpho

CulphoMusic's next concert will be 'Soundscapes' on Saturday 9 October, in St Botolph Church, starting at 7:30pm.

'Soundscapes' is an exciting and innovative programme fusing the mesmerising sounds of the Hurdy Gurdy, played by musician and composer Stevie Wishart, and a film 'Fugue, A Light's Travelogue' by Belgian filmmaker Else van Riel.

Culpho's St Botolph Church was the inspiration for the programme when Stevie and Else filmed there in 2017.

Tickets for this event are £20 including refreshments, available from me on 01473 738324 or 07925 251802 or cmp0601@hotmail.com

Christine Pearce, CulphoMusic

Tea and bubbles

The annual Garden Party being held by Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society on Saturday 11 September has a new format this year.

We will be serving afternoon tea with fizz or Pimms between 4 and 6.30pm in the lovely garden of Finndale House. Tickets cost £10 per person and are available from Forge and Williams Stores; numbers are limited so early booking is advised.

The society's programme of visits to gardens of interest is starting again, with a trip organised for Monday 20 September to Fullers Mill, near Bury St Edmunds. Bookings are taken by Catherine Laxton, catherine@laxton-interiors.co.uk.

Following a hugely successful Hidden Gardens weekend in June, we were faced with the difficult decision of whether the Village Show could go ahead. We had sought advice from a number of professionals, whose recommendations were put to a full committee meeting, and very sadly we reached the decision to cancel. Planning is already underway for a bigger and better show next year.

Hidden Gardens in June was a roaring success; over 700 visitors came during the lovely weekend to enjoy 30+ gardens around the three villages. The Friends of Grundisburgh School and some of the garden openers provided welcome refreshments; all village businesses were extra busy, Katie's Garden sold plants on The Green and the cake stalls sold out on both days. This

was a fantastic boost not just for our reserves but for the whole village.

Our first ever 'Snail Trail' held during Hidden Gardens was great fun with 20+ very imaginative entries. Well done to all who took part. I must thank all of our gardeners as well as our hard working volunteers.

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 3 November in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms, starting at 7pm. Refreshments will be served. Sadly time and the effects of the

pandemic have caught up with some of our committee members, which means we are looking for more volunteers to help organise next year's events: in particular some help with secretary duties, publicity and promotion, and stalls and sideshows is wanted.

We are a very friendly bunch so if you feel you would like to get involved, please come along to the AGM - or contact me direct.

*Martin Cripps,
chairman@grundisburgh.show,
01473 738997*



Fullers Mill gardens.

Update from Otley Hall

Otley Hall launched a new artisan café to coincide with the reopening of its gardens for viewing in July. Martha's Barn Café specialises in seasonal cooking using Suffolk produce. It will also act as the setting for a number of culinary and creative events from seasonal supper clubs and workshops, to musical and artistic events.

An evening of modern and classical Italian opera performed by Christina Johnston, paired with a three-course Italian dinner, takes place on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 August. Further information and tickets for all upcoming events are available on the Otley Hall website.

The café and the ten acre gardens are currently open Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 4pm with hot food served in the cafe between 10am and 2pm. Sample menus are available online. Entry to the gardens costs £4.50 for adults.

Ghost stories are returning to Otley Hall on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 November. MR James first wrote his stories to perform to friends in Kings College Cambridge in the year leading up to World War One. They still amuse and terrify as powerfully today. Nunkie Theatre Company has brought two of the eeriest and most entertaining back to life in a gripping, candlelit one-man show.

Again, these are performed by Robert Lloyd Parry who has been touring several shows based on the works of MR James around the country for a decade and appeared as the author in Mark Gatiss's acclaimed BBC documentary: 'M R James: Ghost Writer.'

Further information is available from www.otleyhall.co.uk or by emailing Luisa Roberts at events@otleyhall.co.uk.

More what's on overleaf ...

A CHANCE TO LEARN KARATE AND KICKBOXING

Karate and kickboxing classes have been launched in Clopton Village Hall to help get people of all abilities and ages back into physical activities after lockdown. We are running these every Wednesday evening. The karate classes are for children as young as three years old and the kickboxing for those seven and above.

I am always delighted to see students of all ages and abilities come together. We welcome a family friendly approach to training and our doors are open to all regardless of ability. It's a fantastic opportunity for families to try something new together: it's self defence with a fitness element.

The Little Dragons karate class runs from 5.30 to 6pm, and the adult and junior karate from 6 to 7.30pm. The kickboxing adult and junior class take place between 7.30 and 8.30pm.

I can be contacted on williams martial arts@hotmail.com, but booking is not necessary and students can just turn up on their first session. Clopton Village Hall is in Manor Road, Clopton, IP13 6QN.

Update from White House Farm

One of the highlights of spring and summer at White House Farm nature reserve in Hasketon was the return of turtle doves after several years. They managed to reach the dense areas of



scrub, which is their main habitat, and many visitors enjoyed listening to their purring song drifting across the meadows.

There is another opportunity to make habitat boxes at the nature reserve on Sunday 26 September. This time you can make your own bug hotel to take home. The insect home will be a special open-fronted bird box design including different nesting options such as tubular tunnels, pine cones, dried leaves, and wood

clusters to attract a variety of insects (ladybirds, butterflies, bees, lacewings and more).

Refreshments will be on sale at the event, and there will be a charity gift stall.

During the summer holidays, Forest Fun Days for children were very popular and they will be returning to the nature reserve in the autumn half term on 26 and 28 October. These are led by Forest School leader Suzanne Strand. They take place in an area of beautiful woodland adjoining meadows, offering children a time-rich and adventurous day exploring the natural world, enjoying nature games and practising survival skills and woodcraft.

The days run from 10am to 3pm and are suitable for Key Stage 2 children (school years 3-6). Places are £35 each. To find out more and book a place contact Suzanne Strand at susannesforest@gmail.com

The last Forest Bathing session of the year takes place on Tuesday 9 November between 10am and 12.20 pm with Laura

Gwynne. Laura is a certified Forest Therapy Guide. Forest Bathing is the Japanese art of 'Shinrin Yoku' which means to immerse your senses in the natural environment.

All events must be booked in advance via sinfieldtrust.eventbrite.com

Charlotte Daniel, 01394 382992

NEWS FROM OUR PUBS

Sadly a number of pubs in The Grundisburgh News area have gone out of business over the years, and we are keen to support the ones that are keeping going, particularly after the difficulties they have been facing from Covid.

The Grundisburgh Dog is pleased to report that it has a new chef - Pascal Pommier, formerly of The Table in Woodbridge, so we can soon expect a few French twists to the menu! The pub continues to open five days a week (Wednesday to Sunday) and is supplying the Dog Deli with freshly baked quiches and other savouries. Bookings can be made on 01473 735267.

The Fountain, Tuddenham, is very much continuing as it was, opening seven days a week. Breakfasts are being served each day from 10am-11:45am. Traditional afternoon teas are picking up again (Mondays-Saturdays 2:30-4:30pm) and need to be booked 48 hours in advance.

New Head Chef Arron Jackson's food is being very well received at the **Turks Head, Hasketon**. He was formerly Head Chef at The Angel in Bury St Edmunds and The Salt House in Ipswich and is introducing us to even more fabulous local producers. The only events we are running at the moment are our quiz nights run by our quiz master, front of house manager and Grundisburgh resident Gareth Langdon. The next one is on 16 September. The evening includes an exciting quiz and a two course supper for £18 per person.

The White Hart in Otley has changed its offerings thanks to recent events. We are now open for drinks only on Tuesday evenings and normally close at lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the rest, it's the same as it ever was.

There are new beers and new ideas for the specials board, with a few new faces in both the kitchen and behind the bar doing great work supporting the old team. Live music and supper clubs too - keep an eye on our Facebook pages for news. 01473 890312.

Compiled by Monica Begg

Baptist Chapel activities

We are still holding our morning services in person at 10.45, where everyone is welcome. The service is also relayed over Zoom, so please let me know if you would like the link for that. The sermons are recorded and uploaded to YouTube. You can get to them via the chapel website (www.grundisburghchapel.org.uk),

We run a free club for primary age children on a Monday evening from 6.45 to 7.45pm. If your children would like to come please contact me for access to an online form.

Following the success of the Lockdown quizzes we have decided to have a 'Curry and Quiz' night on Saturday 16 October at 6.30pm (there will be a non-curry option). There is a small charge of £3 per head to cover the cost of the food (but children up to 18 are free). Please contact me for catering numbers and any dietary requirements.

We are running a Christmas craft morning on Saturday 27 November at 10am. This will be a charity fund raiser and we will introduce the charity on the day. Accompanied children are welcome to come too. Please let Lois Sampson know - sampsonlois@hotmail.com.

Colin Grimwood, 738856, 07979 120549; colin.grimwood12@hotmail.co.uk

The Grundisburgh News has invited our local elected representatives to contribute pieces for the magazine. Here we start with our Member of Parliament, Dr Dan Poulter.

As I write this article for the Grundisburgh News, I reflect upon how the COVID-19 pandemic has changed all our lives and it has been an incredibly difficult period for so many of us.

The pandemic has brought with it many challenges, but it has also brought us together. Here in Suffolk we have a proud track record of coming together as a community to help those in need, and to support each other. I would like to personally thank all of you for your efforts during this difficult time.

Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, I returned to working more hours on the frontline of the NHS and have seen the most difficult things – colleagues stretched beyond their limits and patients dying, who would not normally have done so. I have considered it my duty to continue working on the frontline of our health service throughout this difficult time, alongside balancing my role as your Member of Parliament.

My office and I have worked incredibly hard on behalf of everyone in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, helping people to access personal and business financial support, and I continue to ask probing Parliamentary questions of our Government about its response to the Coronavirus pandemic, as well as raising the many other issues that matter to us here in Suffolk.

But as we start to look forward with a degree of optimism, it is also right that we can reflect upon the many positive achievements during what has been a difficult time in our lives. Suffolk's vaccination programme has been a resounding success and I am incredibly proud of the efforts of my healthcare colleagues as well as the community volunteers, working hard to deliver the vaccines which are delivering our way out of the pandemic. Our efforts have been recognised nationally and this is great testament to all who have been involved in the vaccine rollout.

I have also seen a number of businesses, new and old, adapting and evolving very successfully as we emerge from the pandemic. I'd like to congratulate Eilir Rogers on her success in not only creating the Grundisburgh Dog Deli during the first lockdown, but taking the exciting steps to go on and secure the Deli's future as a standalone business venture in new premises in Grundisburgh. I wish Eilir and her team every success.

As we now begin to look forward, I am hopeful that we are now coming through the worst and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in person once again over the coming weeks and months.



Profile

Dr Dan Poulter was elected as the MP for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich in May 2010. Between 2012 and 2015 he was a Government health minister with responsibilities including maternity, children's health, veteran's health, NHS procurement, and the NHS workforce. He is currently Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Global Health and Vice Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Coronavirus. He has previously been Vice Chair of the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee.

Dan studied law at Bristol University followed by medicine at Guy's, King's and St Thomas' School of Medicine. He still works as an NHS doctor, in the field of mental health, on a part time basis.

Dan has long campaigned for better infrastructure and connectivity across Suffolk, and he is Transport East's Parliamentary Ambassador.

Dan lives near Framlingham, and works hard to support a better future for everyone in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich. A regular visitor to farms and local food producers, Dan has a strong track record of speaking up for and supporting our farmers in the House of Commons.

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TRAFFIC MATTERS

The effective end of lockdown seems to have encouraged some motorists to press their right foot down a little harder than they should in our villages - and Speedwatch teams and speed indicator devices (SIDs) have been working to try to remind drivers and riders that speed limits are here for one good reason: the safety of all users, including pedestrians.

Speedwatch teams have been active in a number of our villages and details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit passed to the police. An accumulation of such referrals could result in police action against individual drivers.

Grundisburgh Parish Council has granted its team a budget of £300 to spend this year, probably to acquire a new lightweight radar gun.

If villagers have been

experiencing problems with HGVs using unsuitable roads, they can help by reporting these to Suffolk County Council's (SCC) Highways department. This can be done via the web page designed for members of the public to report incidents. To fill out a report go to <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/report-a-heavy-goods-vehicle-incident/>

The vehicle number, company name and details of the incident need to be supplied. = One resident has had some success by phoning the company owning the HGV and speaking to the transport manager direct.

Lorry route plan review

The county council is currently conducting a 'Lorry Route Plan Review' which includes the B1079 and will be considering complaints. Members of the public are asked to contact their own parish councils who have been asked to collate responses. Details of the

review can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/>

Other highways issues including reporting potholes, blocked drains, obscured/missing/damaged signs, trees or hedges blocking the highway, can be reported on <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

Quiet Lanes

Suffolk County Council Highways has confirmed that in Grundisburgh, Park Road, Lower Road, Chapel Road and Lane, Meeting Lane, Half Moon Lane and the lane in front of the church have been designated as 'Quiet Lanes'.

We are now awaiting information on when the signage will be installed. Elsewhere, for Grundisburgh Road (between the junction with Park Road/Lower Road/Chapel Road) and Boot Street in Great Bealings, formal notices have been distributed to all homes along the road in both Grundisburgh and Great Bealings parishes.

The official consultation has ended and we are awaiting a decision from Suffolk Highways. Formal notices for Newton Hall Lane are due to be distributed in late August.

Community Partnerships

As the third phase of its community partnership programme, East Suffolk Council is turning its attention to road and traffic safety in this area.

It wants to hear the public's views on what and where

there are real problems regarding roads and their users and has devised a short on-line questionnaire for people to give specific details for evaluation - and action where possible. There is a small budget available to help implement practical suggestions.

Readers of The News are invited to log on to <https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/B8YV8C3> by 10 September to give details of the specific matters they would like addressing by the partnership - which involves not only ESC but residents of parishes in this area.

The next Community Partnership meeting is on 11 October at 2pm, and is available to live stream via the ESC website.

More actions

ESC has funded additional environmental projects, like the rewinding of garden spaces and advice hubs using expert volunteers. Under its Green Communities initiative, projects include Little Bealings churchyard wildlife habitat; the new play area at Grundisburgh, planting and insect habitats; and Bredfield's village hall solar panel installation.

To aid healthy socialising, ESC are helping pubs, churches etc to become hubs for the community at minimal cost. ESC can fund promotional material with contributions towards tea/coffee to get the ball rolling. Contact Andy Jolliffe at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Richard Watkinson

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THE ROCKER ROUND THE BLOCK

As Covid restrictions begin to ease up, bands and choirs are beginning to get back into live performances again after a long absence. This is the first in a series of articles about local musicians, to show what talent we have in our area.

First up is David Brown, a long standing Grundisburgh resident. Dave, a motor engineer, was working in a garage in the late 80's when a colleague showed him his first few chords on a guitar. Dave took to it straight away and practised hard and was playing in a band only a few months later.

The style of music he loves is rockabilly and early rock 'n' roll music. Therefore, the bands in which he has played cover songs from the likes of Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, Elvis, the Stray Cats and similar. Due to the evergreen nature of this music, Dave's bands have been in heavy demand over the years and sometimes they would be performing three gigs in a weekend.

The band has changed its name several times over the decades and is currently known as 'Ed Gasket and the Rockers', giving more than a passing nod to Dave's day job. Similarly, band members have come and gone. Dave's son Sam joined as a drummer when he was 15 (a *Mannish Boy* perhaps?) and remains in the line up.



After so many years of performing, Dave has a wealth of anecdotes. They have played regular gigs at a naturist camp but have (so far) refused to strip off to perform. At another gig, they had an electrical fault with their PA system which melted and then caught fire.

While playing at a wedding, the bridegroom noticed the best man dancing with the bride in a way which suggested 'pre-existing intimacy', resulting in a fist fight, broken furniture and both being carted off by the police. At another venue, Dave was suffering from kidney stones, the sudden pain from which caused him to collapse

on stage. They felt like *Great Balls of Fire*. After a few minutes, he found a stool to sit on and carried on playing and then went to hospital immediately after the performance.

Like many guitarists, Dave has a collection of guitars, mainly those which were popular in the rockabilly era. His pride and joy, for those in the know, is his Gretsch White Falcon (first produced in 1954 and featured in the group photo above); he would rather you stepped on his *Blue Suede Shoes* than scratched the paint on that one.

Like most bands at the moment, Dave has suffered the *Summertime Blues* as a result of Covid causing the cancellation of live gigs. His band has had *No Particular Place To Go* but looks forward to things reverting to normal in 2022. *That'll Be The Day*.

Words Paul Whittingham

Any groups or individual musicians interested in being featured can contact Paul on paul.whittingham123@gmail.com

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Antony branches out

Question - what do you do if you have an overgrown orchard where the trees are past their productive best? Plant new ones? Plough it up? No, turn it into a novel leisure facility, of course!

That's what Antony Youngman has done on his family's farm on the edge of Grundisburgh. Antony was a ski resort manager but Covid decimated that activity and he naturally turned to a recreation-oriented project on his return to the UK. And the result is the area's first 'dog orchard' - not a facility with pools or a cinema but 2.5 acres of apple trees and poo-free mown grass dedicated to giving off-the-lead dogs a hazard-free place to exercise, walk, train (and for owners to have a picnic, perhaps.)

The dogs will be pleased that Antony has left several 60 year old apple trees for them to sniff and do what dogs do! Owners can also take advantage of these trees in August and September by picking an apple or two whilst



they walk their dogs. Poo bags and bins will be available and Antony asks that owners do pick up after their dogs.

Securely fenced with rabbit and deer netting to prevent owners' dogs from escaping the field and allowing worry free off-lead fun for all dogs. The whole new 'Dog Orchard' is available for

private hire for up to five dogs for just £10 per hour or £15 for 6 or more dogs. It will be



open from 7am to 8pm seven days a week: in winter the orchard will be open during daylight hours. You have full use of the space (with or



left: Antony with an appreciative customer! above: early training day.

without dogs) and the equipment in it, including a shelter if it's raining. Entry is via a locked gate, opened with a code given to you on booking. Free adjacent car parking is right opposite. There is a drinking water tap attached to the fence on the left hand side as you enter the field so you and your dogs can remain hydrated whilst using the field.

As you can see from the pictures, agility training could also be on the cards, either with or without a professional trainer. Antony can arrange for training by Leanne, the Ipswich Dog Trainer, either on a 1:1 or small group basis. From September, socialisation sessions will be available for up to ten dogs or puppies who would benefit from interacting

go with other canines under supervised conditions. To see more about The Dog Orchard, White House Farm, Grundisburgh IP13 6RR and

Lobster tales

With a passion for seafood Mike Warner is now firmly established at Hasketon providing access to fresh fish for surrounding local villages.

His story started at the age of five when he remembers fishing with his father in rock pools at low spring tide hunting for crab and lobster along the Suffolk coastline. Then by the age of 11 he was accompanying skilled fishermen on inshore day boats from Felixstowe Ferry, learning the practices of long-lining for cod and skate. His career then moved into agricultural farm management and consultancy for thirty years but the pull of salty waters has taken Mike back to his passion for the fishing industry and the promotion of British seafood.

Landings into ports like Felixstowe supply our native species of herring, skate, whiting, rod-and-line Suffolk bass, together with crab and lobster as part of the daily catch - weather permitting! Fishing in a responsible and sustainable manner is absolutely vital to Mike as he explains: day boats of under 10m land seasonal seafood within 6 miles of the shore, using 'low impact' methods.

With changed eating habits during lockdown, consumers have been able to choose their seafood from well-managed, sustainable fisheries - so to connect the consumer with the producer, Mike started a popup shop at Grange Farm during October 2020 which was eagerly supported each Friday week. By May 2021 demand had increased and Mike was selling weekly on Fridays and Saturdays. Now clearly a success his artisan fish shop has moved permanently into The Old Workshop at Grange Farm

to book a slot, go to thedogorchard.co.uk. Antony can also be reached on 07919 924623

Words Richard Watkinson, photo Steve Newton

with recently extended opening hours.

He recommends that seafood is served simply and naturally to complement its unique flavour. There are a collection of delicious recipes to be found on his website, encouraging you to embrace our UK native species and eat seasonally. Buying from day boats, whatever has been landed, Mike supplies a variety of fish species from around UK waters, sold whole on the bone or filleted if you prefer.

Mike is open to answering any of your questions about the fishing industry, cooking seafood and giving talks, themed A passion for seafood, local, seasonal and sustainable. The catch of the day is within easy reach if you



Ed Spurgeon at the fish counter.

hook up with Mike at the Artisan Fish Shop, The Old Workshop, Grange Farm, Hasketon IP13 6HN

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www.apassionforseafood.com.

Words and photo Linda Plant

Coats of many Colours

Over thirty years ago, Steven Weedon decided that there was scope for developing his blasting business into something far more technical by repurposing his blasting and paint spraying skills to offer services to a wider market. There is a need in many industries for key parts to have high resistance to corrosion and protective coatings and powder coating is often the best answer. This is a process where special dry powders are electrostatically bonded to the parts to be treated and then baked in an oven to produce a perfect finish. Typical customers would be in the offshore, marine or oil and gas sectors where trouble-free longevity is essential. Many such products have to be inspected at Clopton to ensure rigorous quality standards are fully

met. Second-best would not do! When I visited the site, they were just about to deliver chassis parts for heavy-duty wood chipping machines being manufactured by this particular customer at Stowmarket.



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photos from the top: Liam removing sprayed parts from the oven; Liam and Joanna Hawes: sprayed parts for a marine diesel engine; blasting a car chassis in special conditions.



To Infinity and Beyond ...



Tom in his Infinity Curve which gives the illusion of hanging in space

In 2019 The News featured an enterprising company which makes videos for a range of business clients based in Great Bealings: since then, Summer Isle has moved to new premises on Clopton Park which we visited recently. Using mainly local tradespeople, owner Tom Newman has adapted the bare industrial-style business unit to a state-of-the-art centre for making and editing films, videos and other forms of visual arts.

Apart from the three whole-wall cartoons on the stairway and in the 'green rooms', the most stunning feature of the new studio is the brilliantly white seamless, Infinity Curve backdrop which photographers use to remove backgrounds from their images, making them look as if they are suspended in space - quite disorienting when you first look at it! It is the only facility of its type in Suffolk and was constructed from scratch by Grundisburgh carpenter Callum Mosley ('Callum the Carpenter') in just five weeks. Editing suites and break-out areas are also available for hire and complement the scene but one just can't ignore those cartoons by Ipswich artist Joel Millerchip! All in all, an impressive set-up for this innovative operation.

Coffee plus

Another pioneering operation at Clopton is First Coffee Shop which we featured in 2017 when there were many fewer businesses on the park than there are today. They had faith in their future and, like their coffee, they have gone from strength to strength, developing an events side to the business and developing the outside area - formerly a courtyard - into a semi-enclosed facility for drinking and eating.

Details of other businesses that are establishing themselves at Clopton Park will feature in future issues of The News.

Words Richard Watkinson, Photo Steve Newton

MORE LOCAL HISTORY RECORDERS WANTED

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

At present not all the villages in the Grundisburgh News' circulation area have recorders, and we are keen to recruit volunteers to fill the gaps. The villages needing recorders are:

Great Bealings
Boulge
Charsfield
Culpho
Dallinghoo

A recorder notes significant happenings in their parish and collects their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings, etc. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. These are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

Anyone interested in finding out more can look at the 'Recorders Pack' by visiting www.slhc.org.uk.

You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for local recorders. To volunteer

to help in this important work, please contact me on recorders@slhc.org.uk.

Janette Robinson, Suffolk Local History Council

Fire safety checks

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service's Prevention Team offers free home fire safety checks. These visits are for vulnerable people fitting certain criteria including aged 65+ or disabled households, hard of hearing, cluttered homes, single parents etc.

In addition to the fire safety checks, we offer fire safety advice and can provide free smoke alarms and fire retardant bedding and throws if needed.

Julie Richer, Community Manager Prevention, Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service, 01473 260588, julie.richer@suffolk.gov.uk

Inner Wheel keeps rolling

Strawberries and cream and rain in June - not Wimbledon but the beautifully manicured Grundisburgh garden of Jan Whitaker, retiring president of Woodbridge Inner Wheel!

Despite the weather, members were determined to meet together for the first time during her presidential year to thank her for keeping the club going during COVID.

Jan had encouraged members to embrace Zoom, so monthly

meetings and club business resumed. She organised interesting speakers, including Women's Aid and their continuing services during the pandemic, adventures in Borneo, the stresses encountered in farming lives, and a local vet with an interesting story about a snake in a coffin in a living room!

Fundraising opportunities were limited but Jan's daughter Sharon Proctor who lives in Otley, devised a devious Christmas Quiz which raised £400. With members' donations to the charity account, together with money left from the previous year, the Club was able to donate some £2,000 to local charities, including Salvation Army Food Bank, Farlingaye School Laptop Appeal, Home Start, Lighthouse Women's Aid and internationally, Operation Smile.

Jan's main charity was SERV Suffolk (Bloodrunners). Members knitted tiny hats and blankets for premature babies at Ipswich Hospital, and 16 blankets and 36 hats for Seafarers are ready for distribution overseas together with 42 Teddies for Tragedies.

Jan has now handed the presidential reins to Sally Pearson. Friendship is a mainstay of the club, so members meet socially too.

Inner Wheel is an international organisation with three objectives: to promote true friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service, and to foster international



Members also get together between group meetings. Here Cath Hamilton, Jan Whittaker, Sharon Proctor and Kay Hirst enjoy a sunny gathering in Kay's garden.

understanding. You can find out more about our local club on <https://woodbridgeinnerwheel.org.uk>

Cath Hamilton, Club correspondent and Charsfield resident

Advice on energy bills from CAB

Leiston Citizens Advice Bureau has a wide range of information on its website about energy costs to help people ensure they have the best tariff for themselves. This includes a price comparison tool. For anyone finding the system daunting CAB staff offer to guide them through the process,

The service offers help between 10 and 2pm. It can be contacted on 01728 832193, freephone 0800 2787868, or email supervisor@leistoncab.cabnet.org.uk.

Face to face appointments, which had been stopped due to Covid, resumed recently following new guidelines only allowing one person in at a time. These have to be pre booked by phone - 01728 642960.



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Funds for new playground equipment

Grundisburgh Playing Field Management Committee is looking to raise funds to revamp our existing playground and make it into a community playpark for the village to be proud of. Alongside new items for the playground, we plan to repaint and revamp the existing area and install new fencing.

The current playground only provides for children under seven and is in need of a complete overhaul. We are also looking to create a climate resilient community garden, working with Grundisburgh's horticultural society, all of which will add vibrancy and play value, and create a playground which we hope will bring joy to all ages.

The total project cost is just over £70,000. After months of hard work, we passed a vigorous selection process and made it through to the final stage of a £50,000 funding bid to Viridor - we will know the outcome by the end of October! Our project has already been successful in gaining over £10,000 in funding from East Suffolk Council, Grundisburgh Parish Council, and local councillors. We are now looking to raise the final £10,000 (or more!).

Please help us provide a place for play for all the children in Grundisburgh and surrounding villages: go to www.peoplesfundraising.com/grundisburgh-community-playpark.

Emma James

Scouting news

Our Explorer Leader Sam and fiancée Jenna got married in July; we send them our congratulations and very best wishes for their future.

All our sections have had excellent meetings with full attendance. They enjoyed games on the playing field, toasted marshmallows round our campfire, set off paper rockets and had archery sessions on the field.

Beavers hiked along the River Deben from Martlesham to

Woodbridge, and made boats from recycled materials which they raced down the village stream. Cubs and Scouts also hiked to Woodbridge where they bought chip suppers, and members have enjoyed 'Clip and Climb' in Ipswich, 'Crabbing' at Waldringfield; four brave Scouts canoed on the River Deben.

Explorers went on Sam's 'Stag Hike' from Woodbridge to Henley where they finished at 'All Manor of Events' which was to be the wedding venue

After the summer holiday break we start again in early September. The textiles are being collected about every two weeks and the proceeds from this are helping towards our new HQ fundraising.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352

WI NEWS

Grundisburgh, Burgh and Culpho WI branch managed to maintain contact and friendship throughout this difficult time via phone calls and emails with paper copies being delivered to those not online. Committee meetings have been held alfresco.

More recently, on a gloriously sunny day members enjoyed a socially distanced afternoon tea on Grundisburgh playing field. Then in June we met up for a delicious cream tea on the lawn of The Old Drapery Coffee Shop. We came away feeling more than satisfied by the large scones, jam and real clotted cream we were served. So lovely to be able to meet and chat with friends.

We then gathered outside St Mary's Church where we remembered our friend Joan Hepburn who had been a member of our branch for many years, recalling all she had done for our branch and the unique character that she was. We placed a plaque to her memory in front of a rose bush by the church door. The rose came from Joan's garden and had been her particular favourite.

We are trialling afternoon meetings for a while and looking forward to our fish and chip dinner in September.

Carol Barker, 01473 735838



Carpentry students from Suffolk Rural College (formerly Otley College) visited with site of Grundisburgh's new village hall. In the foreground are Ben Cook, carpentry lecturer at the college and a member of the village hall management committee and David Bates, managing director of DAB who won the contract to build the hall.

VILLAGE HALL PROGRESS

Grundisburgh's new village hall continues to progress well and remains on time and on budget with completion due this year, not long before Christmas. The progress has been very visible with the roof being finished recently. The hall is now wind and water-tight with the doors and windows in place, but there's a lot more work to do on fitting out especially with electricals.

There is a lovely weather vane at the gable end closest to Ipswich Road. This is of a cow and calf as a nod to the dairy farm history of the site owned by the Foulger family who have been instrumental in getting the new hall built. The money for the weather vane was a donation from the parish council at the request of the clerk, John Ager.

We are delighted that so many people have made donations recently to the solar panels which has meant we can have the optimal number of panels. Huge thanks go to Julian Brook and Ben Cook for their time and effort in making this all possible. The solar panels, added to our air sourced heat pump, will make the new hall as green as reasonably possible.

We are still looking for a few more donations to help finish off the fitting out of the hall. If anyone would like to make a donation please contact our treasurer, Stephen Cooper at stephen.cooper@gnvh.co.uk

It is really exciting to be able to look forward to a new era for the village hall and to go with this, we are looking for more people to become involved in the running of the new hall. If anyone would like to get involved with the new hall, please contact me at bryan.laxton@hotmail.com

My thanks to the many people who have worked so hard to get us to this exciting stage and we look forward to opening the new hall early next year and starting 2022 with a facility that the whole village can use and be proud of.

*Bryan Laxton,
Village Hall Chair*

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NEWS TRIBUTES

Josephine 'Edna' Warren December 1928 – May 2021

Edna – as she was known to most of us – loved Grundisburgh where she spent over 70 years. As a child she lived at Manor Farm, Tuddenham, alongside her sister Phyllis and brothers Reg and Derek. In 1947 she married Ivor Warren – who lived at Gull Corner in Grundisburgh, and they moved to The Green to raise their children – Judith, Andrew and David. After a short spell in Cranworth Close, Edna and Ivor settled at 45 Orchard End in 1978. She retired from her last job – as caretaker of Grundisburgh Primary School in 1989.

Over the years Edna supported or was a member of many village groups. With her young family, she travelled around the county to support Grundisburgh football and



cricket clubs. She attended local history talks where she was able to share her photographs and memories, and St Mary's Church or Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel – she wasn't fussy about faith so long as there was a bit of a sing-song, tea and a biscuit somewhere along the way. Following Ivor's death in 1981, Edna entertained friends in her own home – hosting

lunches for other widows.

She often carried two cameras, one for prints and one for slides – and took a great interest in the development of the village. Edna enjoyed many camping holidays and bus trips alongside her friends. Outside the UK, Edna visited Croatia, Italy and Spain.

The Horticultural Society provided hours of fun, encouraging and helping family stage exhibits at the village show. She tried her hand at many crafts – knitting and crochet, baking and flower arranging to name a few – complaining that there should be an 'over eighties' class for old dears like her!

Edna relished going out – theatre trips, ballet and panto. She loved to join family or friends at a local pub for a meal, or a trip to the seaside for fish and chips. She took great delight in meeting up with friends at the village luncheon club and latterly, as her mobility reduced, she was very grateful to those who transported her to such meetings and events.

She loved being outdoors – and was often found sitting out in her garden on the corner of Orchard End where people would stop and chat to her. Edna enjoyed keeping her mind busy – she always had a word search or crossword book handy at home, and loved puzzles and quizzes. She took great delight in playing card games and Dominoes with her friends at the lunch club.

Edna was often heard to say that she had a good family around her – and what she was most proud of were her three children, five grandchildren and five great grandsons.

Based on information provided by the Warren family. Full tribute on line.

Clive Swan June 1950 – April 2021



Clive was a force of nature in everything he did. He lived by his 'one day at a time' philosophy, never entertaining self pity in himself or others despite suffering more than most. Anyone who knew him will most likely have heard his favourite phrase, "Stuff happens, it's how you deal with it that counts"

Clive and Fenella met in 1969 and it was the beginning of an incredible lifelong partnership spanning 52 years. They married in 1981 and went on to have six children and subsequently three grandchildren, celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary just before his death in April.

Clive started work as a trainee at EMI, later becoming Sales Manager for EMI Records before moving to PolyGram as Managing Director. He was a respected industry figure, working throughout the dynamic musical era of the 70's and early 80's and a key player in the global launch of CD's in 1986. He thrived on the challenges and had a very varied career in sound and vision, publishing and consultancy stemming from his beginnings in the record industry.

Clive was also a devoted family man who was generous with his time, support and (not always wanted) advice. He leaves a legacy of love and strength which will endure within his family.

He and Fenella loved their life in Tuddenham and enjoyed

participating in village events – attending St Martins church, walking the Fynn Valley and joining in social events especially the Burns Night celebration. Clive and Fenella's team are the current holders of the Tuddenham Toad Quiz Trophy!

He appreciated the natural world and loved spending time in the Suffolk countryside or the wild beaches and mountains of the Isle of Arran. There were few things he liked more than a lengthy trudge along Minsmere or Kildonan on a windswept and rainy day. (Preferably followed by a cup of tea and a slice of cake.)

His wit, humour and kindness will be greatly missed.

Jean Ellinor

Jessica Ruth Bowring June 1924 – May 2021

After attending Cheltenham Ladies College, Jess, gained a place to study for a degree in Chemistry at Imperial College, London in 1942, and went on to complete a PhD.

On graduation, Jess worked in several chemistry related jobs and her career led her to apply for a job at the British Coal Research Association. Significantly, she was interviewed by a Dr John Arthur, whom she later described as being younger and better looking than she had anticipated! And so ... Jessica married him in 1950.

They formed a partnership of love, support and companionship, which went on to last for more than sixty years. Jess and John had three children, David, Christine and Carolyn, and enjoyed a loving and happy family life.

In 1956, the family moved to Ipswich, so that John could take up a position at the recently opened Levington Research Station, and in 1963 they moved to Tuddenham where they entered wholeheartedly into village life and gave generously of their time. John was church warden and Jess was involved with church cleaning, flower arrangements, helping at the harvest lunch and supporting the church fete – many of us

Unfortunately The News is sometimes unable to include all the information sent to us for the tributes. The full versions are included on our website: www.grundisburghnews.org.uk and printed copies are placed in a folder in Williams coffee shop on The Green. This time additional information about Edna Warren has been placed there.



remember her zipping around Poplar Farm on her balloon-adorned mobility scooter with the Win a £50 note competition!

She was a member of Tuddenham WI for more than fifty years and enjoyed all the opportunities it offered, including a brief foray into amateur dramatics during the 1960s. But what she valued most were the long-lasting friendships, many of which endured through the decades.

In addition to her involvement in village life, Jess had a keen sense of service to the wider community working as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, Oxfam and the WRVS. On a more personal level, she was always ready to help when anyone around her was having a difficult time, offering practical support wherever she could.

Jessica was a teacher of physics and chemistry, first at the Civic College in Ipswich and latterly at Amberfield School. She was a good and well respected teacher. Several pupils remember Dr

Arthur and her saying “girls, Bunsen burners orf”. She was also remembered for her characteristic kindness to the girls, especially those who were encountering upsetting situations outside school, giving up her lunch hours to help them catch up with their schoolwork.

After John’s death in 2013, Jessica had to adjust to life alone, but she never complained or felt sorry for herself. She embraced her new solo existence with her usual spirit - attending family, church and village events for as long as she was able.

For her ninetieth birthday, she organised a party in her garden for family, friends and neighbours. She also acquired a mobility scooter, allowing her to get round the village and to attend church. When leaving the house became difficult, she enjoyed the company of the craft group, who met weekly at her home. She also became proficient in using her iPad to keep in touch with family and friends – especially during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Jess was always welcoming and hospitable and she especially appreciated the friendship and kindness of neighbours and of those who came to help in the house and garden. Despite health issues in the latter part of her life, she maintained a positivity and cheerfulness which inspired everyone.

Jean Ellinor

- Management team; to oversee organisation, problem solving and run the votes.
- Finance team; to cost the resources and ingredients, organise funding and cash up at the end.

They were able to have an after school sale outside (fortunately the weather stayed dry) of all the goodies we had baked and made to raise money. We are delighted to report that the pupils managed to raise £50.61 (after costs and float were deducted) for the Rainforest Trust.

Class 1 were very lucky to have a school trip to both Norwich Castle and then to Norwich Cathedral to visit Dippy the Diplodocus. They had two brilliant sessions at the castle where the children got to see objects used back in the medieval era and even got to hold a child's version of chain mail which the knights would have worn.



Another highlight in the summer term was Bikeability in which year 5 and 6 pupils took part, and learnt how to ride a bike safely on the road. Our two instructors, who spent a total of four days with us, were very impressed with the high standards of cycling and behaviour of our pupils.

Our Year 6 pupils proved themselves to be incredibly competent so they were able to cycle a slightly more challenging route! We were delighted that everyone passed Level 2 and earned a certificate, booklet and badge in our Celebration Assembly.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our rural primary school, can call us on 01473 737347 or look at our website www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

Mrs Reeve, Head of School

SCHOOL REPORT: CHARSFIELD PRIMARY

At Charsfield Primary School we had a jam packed summer term. One of the things we able to do in PSHE KS2 was to learn about money: how it can be acquired through jobs, benefits and gifts; how it can be spent using cash, debit cards and credit cards and very importantly, how to save it; in the bank or at home.

To help them get to grips with the value of money pupils were set a group challenge of holding an event to raise funds for a charity. They had to divide themselves into teams to handle different aspects of the challenge;

- Marketing team; in charge of promoting the event, posters and advertisements;
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BOWLS IN BREDFIELD

Our 2021 season at Bredfield Bowls Club is drawing to a close and we will soon be starting the winter maintenance on the green.

We have enjoyed playing league matches again this summer (subject to Covid guidelines) and have also introduced a Thursday evening "roll up" night, for informal play and practice. This has led to two teenagers joining us as members, which we are delighted about.

Three successful Open Triples Tournaments have also been held and we would like to thank all involved.

We are very much looking forward to the 2022 season. New members are always welcome; please telephone me on 07939 243306 to find out more.

Julie Kemp

BOWLS IN GRUNDISBURGH

Grundisburgh Bowls Club has successfully returned to play, on our green behind the Grundisburgh Dog. Although we have been unable to organise any friendly matches against other clubs this Summer season, we are playing club roll-ups every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6.30 pm.

We anticipate a full return to normal next year. We also intend to hold an Open Day for the village, either later this year or early next year.

In the meantime, we have already welcomed some new members this season, and invite more to join. You can try it out first, with three free roll-up sessions, before deciding to join. Just bring along some flat-soled shoes, and we'll supply the bowls. So do contact me, or come along on a Tuesday or Thursday evening.

Alan Hill, Club Secretary, 01473 735662

Farewell to postman



Tuddenham has said farewell to postman Ian 'Max' Maxfield who retired earlier this summer. He was friendly and helpful, and we will miss him delivering our post. Happily we will continue to see him in the village as he walks his dog Meg in the Fynn Valley.

Jean Ellinor

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Our lovely tennis courts on Grundisburgh Playing Field have been providing great opportunities for summer fun and fitness again this year with people of all ages and abilities, making the most of our refurbished courts and convenient online booking system.

For the more competitive players it is the time when thoughts turn to inter club matches and we will have several teams taking part in the autumn leagues this year.

We are always grateful to the volunteers who give their time so that the club can continue to run smoothly. This year we welcome Mike Walls, who has recently qualified to become our LTA safeguarding officer.

Another work day is planned for October when a range of maintenance jobs will be undertaken to keep the courts looking at their best.

Our award winning LTA accredited tennis coach, Carl Douglas, continues to offer individual tennis lessons as well as group based courses, including kids coaching. His coaching is aimed at people wishing to play tennis for the first time and for more experienced players wanting to improve specific aspects of their game e.g. groundstrokes, volleys, serving etc. Coaching is offered to members and non-members of all ages and abilities including:

- * Kids Courses: structured introductory courses to get kids involved in tennis.
- * Kids Camps: a day full of tennis and multi-sport activity in every school break.
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SCENES FROM A (NEARLY) NORMAL SUMMER



The display of plants for sale from Katie's Garden nursery spread across Grundisburgh Green greeted visitors to the Hidden Gardens weekend and did a roaring business.

The event launched the first ever 'Snail Trail' which featured well over 20 very creative molluscs for visitors to find in the gardens. First prize went to 'Tin Can Lizzie' entered by Eve Hughes and her sister. Tommy Francis' hungry snail was awarded highly commended.



Seven gardens in Tuddenham were opened up to the public on a hot and sunny Saturday, raising in excess of £1700 to be shared between The St Elizabeth Hospice and St Martin's Church.

The church was manned for the whole day providing much needed refreshment (as well as jams and preserves) to the 250 visitors, some coming as far away as Colchester, whilst raising £400+ in the process.

The gardens were of a very high standard and created a wonderful atmosphere for much horticultural debate, laughter, as well as community fellowship. Visitors also had an opportunity to explore our conservation village at close quarters.

As one villager commented afterwards: "a real carnival atmosphere in our village".

Jim Bird



Hasketon Fete on 7 August drew large crowds despite the rain storms coming between the sunshine. It was opened by Gill Haywood Smith.

A wide range of different activities were organised outside the Victory Hall, enlivened by country music, while lunches and teas were served inside. As usual a special exhibition was set up

in the church - this year featuring over 130 of the church's own kneelers that had been created by parishioners over the years. Molly Smith demonstrated how the tapestry is worked. The exhibition was organised as usual by Katherine Smith - she started these some 40 years ago but says this year was her swan song.