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Greetings from Grundisburgh

The Christmas cards produced by Carrie and Rupert Herries in their Hallo cards range in aid of EACH are back again this year. They can be purchased at Williams Stores, Grundisburgh, Grange Farm Shop, Hasketon and the charity card shop at 5 The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, as well as from their website www.hallocards.com. There are lots of new designs along with old favourites.

'Grundisburgh Ford in the Snow' is one of the new ones - and shows Ford House, the News office (and the editor's home).

To date the Hallo Christmas cards have raised some £3,133 for local children's hospices. They are hoping to raise lots more this year. The Hallo card business was started by Carrie and Rupert some 43 years ago, with Carrie, a trained artist, providing the artwork and Rupert organising printing and marketing.

Nicola Hobbs

The Chapel Field saga: the latest developments

The most recent development in the long saga of the planning application for Chapel Field in Grundisburgh has been the two day government run planning inquiry. This was run on zoom from 15-16 November.

The Grundisburgh team gave a measured presentation of the reasons why so many residents, sent in 1300+ objections to Hopkins Homes applications to plonk 70 dwellings on an agricultural field surrounded by single track access roads.

The Inspector was thorough and responsive allowing requests from our side to be put to the inquiry, we can have no complaints about his attitude and diligence. He visited the site before the inquiry started and again afterwards, walking the lanes to see the situation for himself.

We were certainly the David in the David and Goliath story. We were up against the well-oiled and resourced machine of Hopkins Homes. A QC led

their case and questioned their experts to bring out the best in their proposals. We presented the lived experiences of the village community, why we all love living here along with carefully researched facts and figures.

Hopkins Homes submitted 2 identical applications in Aug/Sept 2020 which were accepted by ESC even though, we have learnt since, local planning authorities can refuse to accept, tactical or 'twin-tracked' planning applications.

Hopkins Homes admitted at the inquiry that they always submit 2 applications for their sites, a practice local authorities have been able to refuse since legislation in 2009, but ESC never does and our District Councillors have not been made aware by officers of that ability. Tactical applications are submitted where there is a prospect that the first application will encounter significant delay

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Vince Wheels, designed and made in Grundisburgh, is one of local enterprises featured on page 9.

The News wishes all its readers, contributors, advertisers and distributors a very happy Christmas and successful new year

WHAT'S ON

November

Saturday 27

Christmas craft morning/
Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel
10:00 am Contact 07774 563
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Saturday 27

**Nelly Noodles Christmas
Market**
Gr VH 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday 27

**Jazz Night with Polly
Gibbons and James Pearson**
Otley Hall PBE 6:30 pm
Contact hwww.otleyhall.co.uk/
[SOLD OUT]

December

Friday 3

Festival of Wreaths
St Mary's Church, Gr 10:00am
- 5:00 pm. Contact 735775

Saturday 4 -Sunday 12

Art exhibition for Christmas
Grundisburgh House, IP13
6UD 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Contact
cazhinch@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 4

Christmas Fayre
Otley Hall 12:00 - 7:00 pm
Contact www.otleyhall.co.uk

Saturday 4

Festival of Wreaths
r St Mary's Church, Gr 10:00
am - 5:00 pm. Contact 735775

Sunday 5

Festival of Wreaths
St Mary's Church, Gr 1:00 pm
- 5:00 pm Contact 735775

Wednesday 15

Radio Play Readings
GADS Gr VH 7:30 pm
Contact info@
grundisburghamdram.com

Thursday 16

Craft Session
Gr PR 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Contact 735517 or 738550

Thursday 16

**Festive Supper Club with
Peter Harrison**
Otley Hall PBE 6:30 pm -
9:00 pm Contact
www.otleyhall.co.uk/events

Friday 31

New Year's Dance
Clopton VH PBE 8:00 pm
Contact 737417

2022

February

Tuesday 1

**Snowdrop Trip to
Chippenham Park Gardens**
Contact catherine@laxton-
interiors.co.uk, 735228,

Friday 25

Macmillan Mammoth Quiz
Bredfield VH PBE
7:00 pm Contact
https://www.bredfieldvillageh
all.org.uk Time tbc

April

Tuesday 26

**Double trip to Marks Hall
and Ulting Wick gardens**
Contact catherine@laxton-
interiors.co.uk, 735228

Youth club back in business

Grundisburgh's youth club
is meeting again in the
village hall on Tuesdays
between 6.30 and 8.30pm.
Led by experienced youth
workers from Just 42, the
sessions provide an
opportunity for young people
(Year 7 and upwards) to spend
time together in a safe and
relaxed environment and make
new friends. The cost is £1,
payable on the night
More information from Jacqui
on jacqui@just42.org.uk.

*Brief details of events -
organisation, date, name of
event, venue, time and contact
phone number can be sent up
to a year in advance via email
to diary@grunews.com.*

*Details can also be sent to by
post to the editor, Ford House,
The Green, Grundisburgh
IP13 6TA*

*Please indicate if tickets must
be bought in advance.*

*Sending details up to a year
ahead could help organisers
avoid clashes of dates.*

Key to abbreviations

Gr Grundisburgh
VH. Village hall
PBE Pre booking essential
iao. In aid of
tbc To be confirmed

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prefixed 01473 unless shown
otherwise.

Craft mornings in Grundisburgh

Our Craft Group in
Grundisburgh was
formed a number of years ago
to help like minded people
meet. With varying subjects
covered like patchwork, cross
stitch, knitting and crochet,
rag rigging, scrap booking
etc. However, if you are
interested in a particular craft
it's likely that someone could
help you get started.

We are always happy to
welcome new members.

Meetings are held once a
month in the Grundisburgh
Parish Rooms from 9.30 to
12noon, with the next
meeting due on 16 December.

The £2 charge covers rent,
heating and coffee. Come
along and enjoy the friendly
chatter as you work. For
more information contact me
on 01473 735517 or Pauline
Coomber on 01473 738550.

Heather Langdon



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KESGRAVE: Monday Evenings

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Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk. IP5 2PB

Price: £7.50 per person

HASKETON: Wednesday Evenings

Improvers Class: from 7.30pm Beginners Class: from 8.30pm

Venue: Hasketon Village Hall, Tymmes Place,
Hasketon, Suffolk IP13 6JD

Price: £7.00 per person

Graham: 07790 230651 Sharon: 07946 347167
Email: danceasy123@gmail.com www.danceasy.co.uk

OTLEY HALL SEASONAL EVENTS

Otley Hall has a range of events planned in the run up to Christmas.

On Saturday 4 December, a Christmas Fayre takes place from 12pm – 7pm with a mix of food, craft and gift stalls outside and inside the barn.

The Great Hall will also be open and decorated as the setting for children to meet Father Christmas, while the café will be offering lots of delicious festive treats.



We have a festive supper club planned on Thursday 16 December with talented local chef, Peter Harrison. Peter will be joining us to cook up a feast with a festive twist for our final supper club of the year. The delicious dinner will be showcasing local winter produce. Tickets are £65 per person and include a welcome drink, canapes, three courses and tea or coffee to finish.

We will also have our in-house bar open throughout the evening and a wonderful selection of wines available to pair with the meal.

Jazz night

Before the Christmas season gets into full swing, a jazz night will be taking place on 27 November with the extremely talented Polly Gibbons and James Pearson.



Above: Otley Hall by night;
Left: Preparing Martha's Barn for a supper club.

Polly is a top class vocalist and a regular at Ronnie Scott's Club and Blue Note. James is an outstanding pianist and Musical Director of Ronnie Scott's. He has worked with big names from Sir Paul McCartney to Wynton Marsalis.

Tickets are £55 per person and include a welcome drink. Food will be available from 6.30pm, with music starting at 7.30pm.

Please contact me for more information about all events.

*Luisa Roberts, General Manager,
Otley Hall Events, 01473 890264*

Wreaths for all occasions

St Mary's Church in Grundisburgh is joining with St Botolphs, Burgh, to mount a Festival of Wreaths for all Occasions.

Over 200 traditional and innovative wreaths will be on display. We aim to inspire, amuse and provide food for thought. There will be wreaths to buy, as well as craft stalls, and refreshments will be on offer.

St Mary's will be open from 10am to 5pm on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 December, while on Sunday 5th the opening times are 1pm to 5pm. For more information or to enter a wreath please contact

Pat Fletcher, 01473 735775

Art exhibition for Christmas

The Twelveplusarts group are back at the Grundisburgh House Gallery for an exciting Christmas exhibition, from Saturday 4 December until Sunday 12th. This follows their successful summer show at the gallery last July.

The show will be a vibrant collection of affordable arts from established Suffolk artists and artisans. A wide variety of medium will be on

show, including glass, metal, paint, cloth, print and clay.

This could be the perfect place to find that personal and truly unique gift, or feature piece for your home.

The exhibition is set in the beautiful Grundisburgh House Gallery, in private gardens overlooking a natural pool with views of the Suffolk countryside..

On Saturday 4 December there will be a special festive open day, with music and mulled cider. Everyone welcome!

The gallery is open from 10am until 5pm each day. It is in Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh IP13 6UD. Admission is free.

*Carolyn Hinchliffe,
cazhinch@hotmail.co.uk*

Photo below taken by Carolyn at the group's summer exhibition

Dance the New Year in

After a break of two years due to Covid we are planning to hold a New Year's Dance in Clopton Village Hall on 31 December. Dancing to The Hosepipe Band will be from 8pm.

We will not share food as in the past but ask you to bring just your own refreshments and drink. If you would like more details please phone Diana on 01473 737417.



GRUNDISBURGH DRAMA GROUP GEARING UP

As the new village hall nears completion, the members of GADS are getting ready for a transitional time ahead. As we've used the old hall since our formation in 1977, there's a certain amount of sorting out to be done.

The result of years of pantos, plays and parties means we're having to go through lots of stuff so we're ready to move across the road with as few wheelbarrow loads as possible!

It's going to be a challenge as, with a new hall and new stage to work with, we'll be almost starting from scratch.

In the meantime, we're still meeting at the old hall on occasional Wednesday nights and reading some old radio play scripts from the 1950's.

This has been going on since the original lockdown, when we'd meet up on Zoom. Now that we can use the old hall, we've done a couple more sessions and we have another one planned for Wednesday 15 December at 7.30pm.

The plays we'll be reading are *There will Come Soft Rains* / *Zero Hour* by Ray Bradbury and *Operation Tomorrow* by Robert A. Arthur & David Kogan. There's no lines to be learnt so if you're interested in having a read, please come along. There are links to the scripts on the front page of our website at grundisburghdram.com.

Looking ahead to next year when the new hall will be up and running, we're looking to perform two of these radio plays on stage and in costume from the era. There are two more from the 50's, *Take Me To The Graveyard* and *Chicken Heart*, both of which are very atmospheric.

As soon as we have a fixed date, there'll be auditions which will be advertised locally and via our website.

With a new hall comes the opportunity of a fresh start so anybody who might be interested in getting involved in amateur dramatics, please come along to the radio play readings in December or look out for more information in the new year!

We hope to see you in the new village hall next year.

Ian Frost, ianfrost68@gmail.com



Class underway in Hasketon Victory Hall

Dancing for health - and fun

Ballroom dancing, like most sports, can have a healthy impact on your life. Just like regular exercise, ballroom dancing can slow heart rates, lower blood pressure, increase metabolism and help maintain a healthier, balanced level of cholesterol. It can also improve flexibility, muscle-endurance and muscle-strength as it offers a large degree of flexibility on your body; dancing regularly will improve your core-strength.

Furthermore, ballroom dancing can help burn calories, just half an hour can burn up to 400 - though this can vary with the intensity of the dance. Ballroom dancing is recognized through different styles:

Waltz – One of the most popular dances, with a 3/4 timing. Characterized by its rise and fall action, feet should remain in contact with the floor which helps to create a smooth gliding action. A great dance for the absolute beginner.

Foxtrot – Again a smooth dance like the Waltz with continuous flowing movements that glide across the dance floor.

Rumba – Considered, by many, to be the sexiest of the ballroom, it involves sensual movements to romantic music.

Jive – Has a 4/4 timing. Can be quick. Includes moves such as underarm turns, spins, swivels etc.

Other dance styles are: Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Paso Doble.

Our classes range from those for the complete beginner to ones for the more advanced dancer. Couples remain with their partner, but singles are also welcome. In the beginners class a dance will be taught for several weeks before moving onto another dance style.

Our biggest tip would be - please don't worry about making mistakes, no dancer is perfect and stepping out of time (or on someone's toe!) is part of the learning process. We are all where we are when it comes to ballroom dancing. There will always be someone who is better and someone who is not so good. The main thing is to enjoy your dancing at which ever level you are and, literally, take one step at a time.

My husband Graham and I hold dance classes at Hasketon Village Hall on Wednesday evenings (from 7.30pm for improvers and 8.30pm for beginners). We are both fully qualified instructors. Please contact us on 07946 347167

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NOT JUST AN URBAN MYTH

The second in our series on local musicians



From left: Phil Reed, John Masters, Pat Brown, John Buffone, Mal Ward, Phil Bailey.

Like all bands everywhere, Urban Myth have been unable to perform for much of the last two years due to the pandemic but have now managed to do a few gigs since the rules eased up in the summer. So who are they?

A mainstay of the band has been Phil Bailey, who has seen a number of line up changes over the years. Phil plays the bass guitar. He is joined in the rhythm section by Mal Ward, the drummer. Mal has had a long association with music, having been a session drummer years ago and then having a career selling musical performance equipment.

John Buffone and Phil Reed play guitar, with John Masters being the principal vocalist. One of the features which



distinguishes this band is the inclusion of a saxophone, played by Pat Brown who also plays keyboards and sings (although not all at the same time!).

Urban Myth is a covers band, focusing on songs which their audiences will probably know,

but many of which are not in the typical covers band play lists. Phil says "We like to do songs which were one hit wonders", where the song was very popular but the group perhaps had limited success otherwise. For example, The Vapors had one big hit with 'Turning Japanese' in 1980 but that's about it. "Many people liked that song but your average covers band will not think to include it", says Phil.

The availability of the saxophone allows Urban Myth to tackle songs like 'Baker Street' with its powerful sax solo, making the song off limit to bands who don't have that instrument.

Like most bands, they have had some hiccups along the way. They were once at a venue where two organisers had each booked a band, so they both turned up and set up in different rooms. There then ensued a 'battle of the bands' with the audience shifting between them as the

noise levels increased competitively. After much audience movement between rooms, finally just the cleaner was left in the room with Urban Myth, a fitting end to the gig the band thought!

Phil thinks Urban Myth has a good team ethos, with everyone wanting to play their part but not steal all the limelight. With 2020 and 2021 having been a wash out for performers generally, the band are encouraged by a steady flow of bookings coming in for 2022.

Phil was eager to show me his beloved hand-made bass, built to his specification by a work colleague, which is his pride and joy. See photo below left.

Urban Myth have a Facebook page with photos and recordings so if you would like to learn more, use the QR code below this article.

Words Paul Whittingham, photos Phil Bailey and Paul Whittingham



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TRAFFIC MATTERS

Traffic calming measures with SID

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) continues to play an important role of reducing vehicle speeds on roads within residential areas.

One SID is now shared between four villages – Grundisburgh, Little Bealings, Playford and Tuddenham, with the agreement that each village has use of it for one month, on a rota basis. During the last Grundisburgh deployment a new location on Rose Hill was introduced so now there are three approved sites in the village.

Quiet Lanes



Quiet Lane signs have now been installed around Grundisburgh - in Park Road and Lower Road, Chapel Road and Meeting Lane, Half Moon Lane, Gull Lane and Wood Farm Road and the lane in front of St. Mary's Church. Signage will now be extended to include Grundisburgh Road – from Park Road, Lower Road, and Chapel Road leading to Boot Street, Great Bealings. Newton Hall Lane still awaits a decision from Suffolk Highways.

Tuddenham is waiting for the outcome of a traffic survey on their Quiet Lane submission. A Suffolk wide PR campaign promoting the Quiet Lanes scheme is planned during

Spring 2022 when more signs are in place.

Discover Suffolk

As part of the Discover Suffolk initiative, Suffolk County Council's official countryside website for walks, cycling and riding routes in the county, there are plans to install plaques on footpath finger posts. Each plaque will display a QR code linking the Discover Suffolk website and the Countryside Code.

Volunteers have been recruited to mount plaques on 43 finger posts in Grundisburgh and Culpho.

SAVID

The safer village driving campaign continues to meet regularly to support member villages with their speeding and road safety concerns. The original message of SAVID says - Slow Down - created when the campaign group was launched in June 2015 and is still our main message today underpinning all our activities.

Its annual general meeting on 25 November set out SAVID's aims for the next year. These will be discussed and shared in the next issue of The News.

SAVID has welcomed the East Suffolk Community Partnership's work to give priority to road and traffic safety concerns and the availability of a small budget to implement practical suggestions. SAVID villages joined with others to raise awareness of road safety and speeding concern during Road Safety Week which ran from 15 to 21 November



Artist Carrie Herries take on the planning applications for a housing estate by Park and Chapel Roads, both designated as quiet lanes.

Remember - the darker nights increase traffic accident risks and the Suffolk Constabulary website gives a timely reminder on this as well as preparing your car for the winter months.

More people are needed to become actively involved in road safety initiatives in the villages. Speedwatch teams continue to operate in a number of The News' villages with the aim of reducing speeding through areas of concern within the local neighbourhood. The

Grundisburgh team is happy to welcome additional volunteers to monitor this. Anyone wishing to join Grundisburgh's Speedwatch should contact Geoff Caryer on 01473 738108 or email geoff@caryer.co.uk.

Thanks to a grant from Grundisburgh and Culpho Parish Council, a new modern lightweight radar gun has been purchased and being used by the Speedwatch team.

Linda Plant from material supplied by Geoff Caryer, Bob Crouch and Pauline Procter

Coping with extra traffic if Sizewell goes ahead

Much effort has been put into ameliorating the potential disruptions on the A12 that could result from the construction traffic during the building phase of Sizewell C. However, very little has been done to address the problems likely to be caused on our local roads in this area.

The main concern is the potential repercussions on our already problematic local road system that could result from the vast increase expected in car movements. We must face up to 2,000 extra car journeys per day resulting from the proposed park and ride scheme planned for Hacheston.

However, we managed to arrange a ten-minute presentation about our concerns to the Government Inspector which was followed by two further meetings with Tom McGarry, Sizewell C. CEO and their Transport Manager, Richard Bull.

We have also held meetings of the East Suffolk Community Partnership which is majoring on roads and road safety in our area. These have been well attended by local parish members.

The outcome was that the Sizewell representatives will now participate in the partnership meetings and address the potential problems raised by the parish councils. This will enable them to tailor the changes to respond to the local problems raised.

Councillor Tony Fryatt, East Suffolk Council

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New charity launched



When Edward Creasey was appointed High Sheriff for Suffolk in May, he told The News that promoting the work of charities was one of his key objectives during his year of office. We offered him space to publicise some of these. This is the first of his contributions:

"One of the smaller fund-raising initiatives in Suffolk is being set up by Ann Osborn, the chief executive officer of the Rural Coffee Caravan, a fantastic charity in its own right.

It's called 500 Suffolk Reasons; I think it's a wonderful idea and am supporting and backing it myself. To quote Ann "it may not change the world but it will make the world of change to a household in need."

It works like this: we are looking to find 500 people in Suffolk who will each pledge £1 a week by standing order to create a weekly pot of £500 pounds worth of kindness that can really make a difference. Each person will be able to nominate an individual or family who may be facing

particular difficulties, and a panel of five volunteers will decide how donations will be made.

Examples might include:

- * providing a laptop to help with work or school*
- * money for a family visit when access to transport is difficult*
- * an aid for someone disabled which isn't normally available for funding .*

If you want to join us with that in this wonderful initiative, all you have to do is to set up a weekly standing order for £1 a week payable every Monday to 500 Suffolk Reasons. The account number is 4989 1979, sort code 52 30 31, and use your name as reference.

Then let Ann know on 07581 311225.

We will take it from there, and make sure you are kept fully informed of progress."

Edward Creasey

CHAPEL FIELD

Continued from page 1

The developer can appeal a non-determination of the first planning application to the Secretary of State, whilst the second application proceeds through the LPA system. The practice certainly gives developers a huge advantage over the democratic process because of time constraints and pressure of the extra workload. This certainly rings a bell with Chapel Field Grundisburgh.

We, the electorate need to put pressure on our elected representatives to change the balance away from the developers. Ensure that in East Suffolk Philip Ridley, the chief planning officer, and Stephen Baker, the CEO, stop the accepted practice of twin tracking which distorts officers' workload. We need to make sure the elected members know that we, the electorate are not content to see our greenfields covered in concrete, our carbon footprint increased and our teenage children bused to the other side of the county, all unnecessarily.

What will happen next? Well we don't know how long the Inspector will take to give a decision on the none determination by East Suffolk, so we wait again!

We don't know if East Suffolk will issue a decision on the twin tracked application, so we wait yet again.

We believe, our community has utilised the talent and tenacity in the village to best fight this potentially devastating development, but we wait.

Should the final decision go against the village we may have to consider a legal challenge.

Ann Willetts, Craig Plant, Chris Dow, Julian Brook, Chris Oaten



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Local Enterprise

Say the word 'Park' and you are likely to imagine acres of neat grass with specimen trees in an urban setting. Well, you can have all that at Clopton – but in a seriously rural environment. Entering Clopton Business Park you will pass acres of green before getting to the core of the site – the coffee shop! - which we featured in 2017 - and the rows of small neat buildings housing a variety of companies. The Park is owned by Oasis Property who run several similar sites in East Anglia. As director Chris Dawson says, their ethos is to encourage small businesses to grow in a lively and co-operative environment, well away from traditional industrial areas. And they appear to be successful in that the list of small, often high-tech, tenants is growing. And there is still room for other businesses to rent space at Clopton Park with a planning application in for more buildings to house aspiring young companies. We have already featured Summer Isle Films and Abbey Coatings; in this issue we report on two other adjacent operations on the Park.

Raising the Bar...

Luke and Natasha Flunder are the founders of Flunder Wines. After moving out of London three years ago they launched their business from a pop-up shop on a cold rainy day in Southwold harbour; where they sold 'several bottles' of wine.

Luke had previously gained his commercial knowledge working for Majestic Wines for five years on a graduate training management programme, later running big stores in London as senior manager. He always knew he wanted to go on his own as an independent wine merchant but decided that retailing as a



bricks and mortar concept on the High Street just wasn't the right approach. So, when Luke and Natasha settled in Woodbridge, their journey began.

Acquiring an alcohol licence, they set up a small business working from home, selling online, with the principle of offering great customer service along with exciting wines that taste amazing.

This family-run enterprise steadily started to grow and, when the pandemic hit, ironically they were in the perfect position to react to demand. Overnight they became an essential business as the more vulnerable customers were relying on home deliveries. Luke recalls: "It was a strange time - we were busier than ever and our online orders rapidly accelerated". During June 2020 Flunder Wines arrived at Clopton Park. Being specialist merchants, their concise range is sourced from around the world and can be tweaked quickly to meet customers' needs.

Fancy going off the beaten track?

With a range of red, white, rose and sparkling wines, there is the more unusual orange wine, organic and natural wines made with minimal intervention for a cleaner, more natural taste. If you would like to try something different, Luke recommends Garzon Tannat Reserve from Uruguay, Segal Levant from Israel or a Chinese riesling and, if you have a slant towards Spanish wines, Borbal Icon.

With their knowledge of wines - and they are frank about wines that may not be suitable - Luke and Natasha can advise and supply for your own special occasions and they particularly cater for weddings. There is also an option to book a group wine-tasting event at Clopton - as pictured above: details on their website.. To explore their interesting range, you are invited to visit Unit 1, Liberator House, Clopton Park IP13 6QT between 9 and 5 Monday to Friday. They always have a bottle open - an extremely pleasing tasting note!

flunderwines.com 01394 766437

...even higher

Kelly Glading is a personal trainer. But with a unique workout space. In fitness terms Kelly has been involved with gym for over 15 years. At that time, she went through a 4st (25kg) weight loss, which encouraged her to drive forward with her own fitness regime. Continuing to work alongside other personal trainers in Bury St Edmunds, she gained several years' experience and, after taking a personal training course, started her self-employed business three years ago.

Although Covid restrictions significantly impacted training facilities the ideal opportunity presented itself last year when lockdown partially reopened. "Suddenly people were reluctant to return to the bigger gyms," Kelly said, "and at that time it was necessary to do a lot of outdoor training so I was prompted to rethink my business when one client remarked I don't want to train in the rain!"

It was then Kelly decided to turn her dream into reality by taking over a unit at Clopton Park and opening her own gym in July 2020. Here, you can book the entire gym to yourself and enjoy the exercise space to work out on your own – you don't need to feel uncomfortable or self-conscious training with others – it's all down to one-to-one training with Kelly and in a pleasurable environment.

"All you need", Kelly said "is the passion to make a change. You don't have to lift heavy weights or be big and strong: it's



about being happy with the way you look and feel. Everyone has their individual plan and challenges and I understand how hard weight gain and weight loss can be. Although not a nutritionist, I can offer lifestyle support on dietary requirements for building strength. Couples can also book the gym and train together. Or a small group session of family and friends.

Kelly operates one HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) class every Thursday at 9.15am booking between eight and ten

clients. This is a perfect opportunity to use all the gym equipment, floor exercise workouts and generally do what you want to do, with short break intervals.

Modern cardio equipment includes spin bike, skier machine, rower and cross-trainer and, to condition and define your muscles, battle ropes, slam balls and Swiss ball, cable machine and adductor abductor machine (my favourite!), to name but a few, are there to enjoy.

All ages are welcome. And if you don't usually go to the gym... a fresh start for the New Year perhaps?

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words and picture: Linda Plant

Linda Plant

Local Enterprise

IAN THE SPOKESMAN

When you walk into Ian Vince's Grundisburgh workshop, you know you are entering the domain of an expert. Vince's expertise lies in wheels: bicycle wheels, that is. From the time he could first ride a bike, Ian has been fascinated by the technology of cycling and, being a keen cyclist, decided that it would be a brilliant way to earn a living - once his mortgage has been paid off. In the meantime, he divides his time between the construction industry and 'Vince Wheels', which he founded seven years ago.

Ian currently runs his enterprise in a fairly low gear, advising cyclists on what wheels would best meet their individual needs, given the rider's weight, physiology and the type of cycling they want to do: road, off-road, grass track, indoor arenas, timetrials... For sure, wheels are not all the same and Ian will specify those that would do the particular job best and builds them up from their basic components: rims, spokes and hubs, assembling them on his bench by hand whilst using specialist calibrated equipment to ensure correct spoke tension is achieved.



Ian's products have carried their riders across the USA from the West to East coasts in a challenge, the National Hill Climb Championship, Etape du Tour and Maratona dles Dolomites, amongst others. He is currently making wheels for a young Suffolk lady who is racing at the London velodrome with a view to competing in next year's National Track Championships. His products are getting well-known: so, look carefully at the next bike you see, it may well carry the 'Vince' logo!

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Pub News

You can sing to your heart's content at the karaoke evening every Saturday at the **Barley Mow, Winesham**. There are quizzes fortnightly on Thursday nights. Food is served from Wednesday to Sunday and a Christmas menu is available. 01473 785395

The Fountain, Tuddenham

A Christmas menu will be available from the end of November and parties and groups are welcome for the festive celebrations. 01473 785377

Turks Head, Hasketon

RedCat Pub Company bought the Turks Head on 1 November and are keeping



Cuttings designs

Amy Blake of Tuddenham and her sister Lucy Cullis absolutely love flowers and so for fun they started making garlands, wreaths and floral arrangements. This passion has now grown into a business and they have created designs for weddings and events, as well as markets. The most outward facing of all decorations, their wreaths are sure to impress!

Get in touch to order a Christmas wreath for delivery in the first week of December. Either richly varied foliage and natural textures bedded on traditional moss or 'everlasting' dried wreaths are available and suitable for seasons to come - they also make a lovely gift! Fresh wreaths are available from £40 and dried from £15. For more information, email Amy at cuttings.flowers@gmail.com or Instagram [cuttings.designs](https://www.instagram.com/cuttings.designs).

Jean Ellinor

it as a going concern. It's a promotion for former bar manager, Gareth Langdon, who has now been made general manager, much to his delight. Gareth says that the pub will be run much as it has been, although some new brands of beer may appear in the bar. Eight letting rooms will be added in a single storey rear extension to provide additional flexible dining/function space and improved kitchen facilities. 01394 610343

The White Hart, Otley

The Christmas menu is now available from Wednesday to Sunday and there are plans for more music nights and a charity quiz evening. 01473 890312

The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland

The inn has recently received the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2021, placing the restaurant in the top 10% worldwide. A real ale CAMRA pub, their home-cooked food with an ever-hanging menu remains

popular but with the traditional favourite of takeaway fish and chips still an option every Friday between 5-7pm. Just telephone to order ahead. Bookings are now being taken for Christmas parties up to and including 24 December and for Christmas Day lunch in two sittings from 12-6pm.

The pub hosts a lively quiz night every second Wednesday of each month. 01473 785320.

The Grundisburgh Dog

It has opened bookings for Christmas meals which are being served up to and including 24 December. As in previous years, they plan to have carols in the bar - date yet to be announced. New Year's Eve will feature an evening of moules frites and steak (prepared by Pascal, their French chef) from 5.30 to 9pm. Book on 01473 735267. Order your Christmas turkey, cheese, fish and gift hampers from the pub's very own delicatessen. Call Eilir or Marj on 01473 738916; email deli@grundisburghdog.co.uk

Monica Begg

School Reports

Back to school at **Charsfield** meant lots of exciting learning. At the start of term, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception pupils, pictured below, who have settled so well into school life, that it feels like they've been at Charsfield for ever!

In Class 2, our year 3 and 4 pupils have been learning about the Romans and were incredibly lucky to be treated to a museum day in school where they were able to handle genuine Roman artefacts and learn more about them. The pupils then visited Colchester Castle to learn more about the Romans and the impact they had on the local area. In our science lessons we have been learning about our amazing bodies with a focus on bones and skeletons!

Our oldest pupils in Class 3 are learning about life in Victorian Britain and will be travelling back in time to experience life in the workhouse at Gressenhall in Norfolk. We will also be finding out where our resources come from and how we can make choices to help reduce the impact on the environment. In science, we have been learning about light and how our eyes are so amazing that they help us to see everything in colour.

Next, we will be finding out all about electricity and having fun with circuits!

Celebrations is the topic for our youngest pupils in the school and they have been learning about different types of celebrations that we might experience in our lives and what it's like to be a part of that celebration. In PE pupils have been learning about the skills required to work together as a team in games. All Key Stage 2 pupils took part in the Suffolk Schools Cross Country Competition and out of just 22 pupils we managed to gain two 2nd places, a 3rd and a 4th. These pupils will now go forward to the county finals.



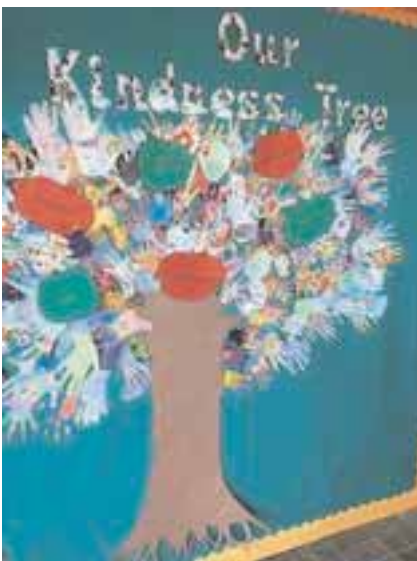
In art, all the pupils have been learning about printing. Our younger pupils have created positive and negative prints using polystyrene tiles and string. Pupils in Key Stage 2 have been learning about mosaics and have used printing sticks to create their own mosaic prints. These are just a few of the things that we have been up to this term so far. Please check out our website for more information www.charsfieldprimaryschool.org.uk

We have been delighted with the attendance at our three Open Days this year. Please contact us and we can arrange for a mutually convenient time to show you around our lovely school. For more information or to book your place call 01473 737347.

Mrs. Reeve Head of School

We have had a very happy start to the Autumn term at **Grundisburgh** Primary School, with the children settling into their school routines and enjoying the opportunity to learn and play together.

Our full range of extracurricular clubs held before school, after school and at lunchtimes, including hip hop, football, drama and netball all started up again at the beginning of term, along with each class voting in their council representatives. (School Council, Eco Council, P.E. Crew and FairTrade Council)



Following on from the children's review last summer term of our motto '*Enjoy, Learn, Achieve*', our class council representatives' first job this term was to consult their classmates about our school values and what makes Grundisburgh Primary such a special place. The children agreed that the overarching value of kindness was the most important to us all in our school. They then identified five further values: respect, honesty, determination, teamwork and care that guide all our actions. We made our own Tree of Kindness with everyone in school contributing their own handprint to form the leaves of our tree (pictured left).

In September, we enjoyed our Book Fair, held in the Year 1 garden and welcomed our parents into school for our consultation meetings. Our KS2 children celebrated Harvest with Colin in the Baptist Chapel and our younger children enjoyed a special Harvest assembly with Colin in school. Our non-perishable food collection was in aid of the Ipswich Food Bank. Online Safety is very important to our school community and our monthly Online Safety newsletter to parents helps keep us all up-to-date with suggestions of ways we can help our children use the internet safely.

The second half of term started with a very autumnal feel, with children bringing their decorated pumpkins to school to decorate the outside of our classrooms. There were some very original designs and they looked great all lined up along the classroom walls. They really helped to bring a smile to the start of the Autumn season. We all enjoyed our Autumn Theme Day with the children looking splendid in a lovely array of autumn colours. There

was a lot of fun learning for all our children across the whole school with autumn-themed lessons throughout the day.

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School Reports

We would all like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends of Grundisburgh School (FOGS) for their generous donations this term that have enabled us to purchase ten new iPads and an iPad storage trolley. This means that every bay (Y1 & 2, Y3 & 4, Y5 & 6) has their own set of iPads and a charging trolley, and Reception have their own set of iPads too. This improved access to technology for on- and off-line use will further develop and enrich the learning opportunities we can provide for our children. Many thanks to FOGS for all they do for our school.

We were also delighted to be informed that, following our entry to the Women's Tour Schools' Challenge last month, Grundisburgh Primary has been drawn as the winners for East Suffolk. The prize is a full day cycling activity for children in Years 5 and 6 with former National BMX champion and British Cycling coach, John Stockwell. John will come into school with bikes and all the equipment needed to provide the children with an all-inclusive cycling experience. The sessions start with a safety briefing and bike check, leading on to essential skills and then some exciting fun races. We have our fingers crossed that John might also be able to show the rest of the school some of his skills while he is with us!

We are looking forward to our Wellbeing Week later this half-term and the many seasonal activities we have planned as the weeks progress.

Mrs Sue Marks, Headteacher

Sue wrote to parents on 3 November to say that she has been offered the opportunity to study for a part-funded Doctorate degree - something which she has always wanted to do - and that, as a consequence, she has decided to step down from her position as Head of the school as from the end of the Spring term. Sue said it had not been an easy decision and that she will be sad to leave. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Grundisburgh Primary School. It is indeed a most special community, which I feel privileged to have been part of and proud to have contributed to", she added.

Capturing Carbon

FOGS are leading in the planting of more than 400 trees in the grounds of the school, funded by generous donations from individuals and organisations including the Woodland Trust, Katie's Garden and Catherine Laxton. The planting will be done by children from the school but volunteers to help with the planting would be very welcome.

Plans for the FOGS Christmas raffle are well under way and the prizes will be announced soon. Tickets will be available from the usual sources - the draw itself will be on 13 December. Funds will help the school's 'Think Smart' initiative which aims to supply more children and staff with IT equipment - the lack of which was clearly exposed during COVID lockdowns. FOGS is also organising another Christmas carol concert around the Christmas tree and another film show - with food, of course!

Emma Dixon

FOGS (Friends of Grundisburgh School) is the thriving PTA which works to raise funds to provide items and experiences for the children at Grundisburgh Primary school. We need a Treasurer (or two if you fancy a job share!) As we are a registered charity, there are several key roles we have to fulfil, one of which is a Treasurer. Karina and Liz have done a sterling job for two years but we now need to find a replacement.

This voluntary role involves keeping accurate financial records: managing payments, income and banking and filing the accounts online with the Charity Commission.

You do NOT have to be an accountant, and it's a great chance to help us behind the scenes. It can be done as joint role to share the tasks. If you can help, or know anyone who could help us, please contact Emma via grundisburgh.fogs@gmail.com

Play area plus

Energetic fund-raising by Emma Dixon has brought in about £72,000 to pay for a complete overhaul of the children's playground in Grundisburgh. Generous donors include Viridor Credits, ESC, local councillors and H.O.P.S (Mid Suffolk Holiday Opportunity Scheme - a charity for disabled children - which donated £5200 towards an item suitable for children of all abilities). The work will be carried out in the New Year so that the facilities can be enjoyed before half-term by children of all ages and physical abilities. Existing equipment will be completely refurbished and augmented to include a rope climbing frame - as the picture below shows. Swings etc will be aligned and hedges planted so that the privacy of local residents will be preserved. Not only will there be more equipment and new fencing, there will be a small sensory garden designed with input from the Grundisburgh Horticultural Society - and Beth Chatto, as the vegetation will be drought-resistant.



above: an artist's impression of what the new play area will be like when it's all finished, hopefully by next half-term.

The first two trees have been planted: the official event was on 12 November with parish clerk John Ager doing the honours, ably assisted by two pupils from the school - Finn and Drew (right). It was largely through John's efforts that the existing play equipment was provided for the village and it was good to see him launch this new phase, under the superintendence of the Chair of the Playing Field .Committee, Richard Gamham.



photos: Steve Newton; words Richard Watkinson



Garden gifts given for long service to Hasketon

Two Hasketon stalwarts have received gifts of garden furniture - to thank them for very many years of service and support to the community.

The presentations were a complete surprise to both of them when they joined a tea party in John Dyter's garden.

Gill Hayward-Smith, who is now 96, has stood down from editing the Hasketon Church magazine after more than 40 years. Born in the village and living there for much of her life she has served the community in many ways including running the mother and toddler group.

Katharine Smith, who is a mere 88 years old, has also been responsible for a wide range of roles, including church warden. For many years she organised the annual



exhibition in Hasketon church during the village fete - sometimes sleeping in the church overnight to make sure that precious objects lent for the



Left: Gill Hayward-Smith. Right: Katherine Smith (and Freddie) trying out their new garden furniture. Photos by Ann Black.

event were safe. And with late husband Richard, running the speaker lunches.

Although now a Grundisburgh resident, Katherine is still involved with Hasketon activities.

Molly Smith and Nicola Hobbs



GENERATING ELECTRICITY AT BREDFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Much has changed at Bredfield Village Hall in the last year.

We replaced the radiators in the hall at the beginning of the year and since September, solar panels installed on both sides of the hall roof have been generating electricity. The system was designed and installed by Ivy Solar (<https://ivysolar.co.uk>) and uses batteries to balance out the fluctuations between the electricity generated and used during the day. As a result, all of the power is used on the site, mostly in the Village Shop.

Funding for the system came from the district and county councils, the village shop, Bredfield Townlands Charity and the hall's funds. We will be monitoring how much electricity is generated over the coming year to quantify the savings in carbon produced and expenditure by the hall and the shop.

Pop up bars

We have also been making use of our new Field Room, which was opened in 2020. We have had a number of very successful pop-up bars where people can meet up with old friends and make new ones.

On 25 February we will be holding the annual Macmillan Mammoth Quiz - always a popular event, so keep an eye out and book early. Of course we will have lots more pop-up bars. Check out the village hall website to keep up to date with everything <https://www.bredfieldvillagehall.org.uk>

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TAXING THE BRAINS

The ever popular village quiz., after being delayed by 17 months due to COVID , took place on Saturday 16 October.

In view of the situation numbers were restricted to ensure social distancing. Questions were set by Adrian Frost and Jean Ellinor , the raffle was run by David and Jackie Lugo, with Monica Pipe, Sandy Burn and Jim Bird preparing the usual meat & cheese ploughman's supper.

Ten teams competed for the Tuddenham Toad Trophy with Jo Tickle's Team winning the day. The consolation wine was given to Sandy Burn's team who gallantly brought up the rear!

It was good to be able to hold a village social event again – albeit including COVID precautions..

WI back in business

The members of Tuddenham St Martin WI are delighted to be meeting again in the village hall almost as usual.

In September, at our first meeting for 18 months Charlotte Cook, the Vicar of Tuddenham, Westerfield and Winesham, spoke about her 'Lockdown Reflections'.

It was interesting to hear about her early life and how she



became a vicar. The start of her new job as vicar in our area but in a new location for her, unfortunately coincided with the pandemic lockdown.



Winners of the Tuddenham Toad Trophy - from left: Margaret Wall, Sheila Saul, Jo Tickle (Captain), Richard Woodhall, Dave Woods and Fi Woods.

We all appreciated her candid reflections about the difficult months that followed. She concluded by expressing the importance of being kind to others particularly during difficult times.

After the talk, members of the group appreciated the opportunity to discuss their own lockdown thoughts and experiences.

Our programme for the coming months is varied and interesting and we are looking forward to seeing our WI friends regularly again.

*Leigh Williamson,
secretary of Tuddenham St Martin WI*

St Martin's Church Gift Day

Despite the wet weather, St Martin's Church Gift Day on 30 October was well supported. The produce stall did brisk trade – with home made jams, preserves and cakes, and especially Church Warden Jim's home made pizzas.

The event raised £2,200 towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. Thanks to everyone for their generous support.

Harvest Lunch

Tuddenham held its annual Harvest Lunch on 24 September. This popular event was attended by almost 50 adults and children, and raised £258 for church funds.



Above: The Covid secure caterers at the Harvest Lunch.
Below: Braving the rain at the church gift day.



All photos and stories are by Jean Ellinor except where shown otherwise.

Natural produce for the 'green' village hall

With COP 26 just over, there can be no better time to celebrate the near completion of Grundisburgh's new village hall and its impressive focus on the energy-saving, green technologies it incorporates.

These include roof mounted photovoltaic panels to turn free daylight into electricity and a timber framed structure, highly insulated walls and ceilings, an engineered timber floor with under floor heating by air source heat pumps (no gas boiler or radiators), LED low energy lighting, water conservation toilets and high efficiency hand dryers, all electric kitchen and double glazing throughout. Outside lots of native trees and shrubs will be planted and earth banks screen the car park.

To support these and future green initiatives I have been



taking advantage of our own beautiful environment which has given generously with its fruits. Its bounty has provided me with the contents for a goodly number of jars – for us to give to relatives and friends, and, of course, ourselves! These jars include:

- * Spiced damson chutney
- * Spiced plum chutney

- * Green tomato chutney
- * Sweet cucumber pickle
- * Blackberry & crab apple jam
- * Gooseberry jam
- * Red/black currant jelly
- * Red/yellow bullace jelly/jam
- * Bullace compote
- * Lemon curd. To order,
- * Christmas mincemeat

All simple and homemade, using recycled jars of all sizes.

Payment: is by donation and, apart from a small cost-recovery sum, every penny will be your donation + Gift Aid towards our wonderful new hall.

Purchase: from me (01473 738510)

Possession: selection and collection from Culpho or by arrangement

Period: from now, through into 2022 (marmalade will be available later) and until the Village Show in July 2022.

Congratulations to the many whose foresight and research gives Grundisburgh a new, revitalised beating heart: A place for fun, socialising, meeting, greeting, partying. A place for celebration, education, activity, creativity. A place for shared friendship, laughter and social cohesion.

Lynette Chapman 01473 738510,
Culpho Manor

A detailed list of what is available can be seen on The News website and Williams Stores and Old Forge Stores in Grundisburgh

NEARLY THERE: PROGRESS REPORT ON THE NEW HALL

Grundisburgh's new village hall is gradually coming together with the building now wind and water-tight and work concentrating on finishing the internals. Builders DAB have been an excellent partner for us and worked with us hand in hand over the last 12 months. It is hoped that they will be finished by the end of this year, but there is a chance it will run over into the first week or so of 2022 due to the shortage of certain materials. Fingers crossed!

We are particularly proud that we will have a very 'green' building with excellent insulation and not only an air source heat pump but also solar panels. This is not only very

environmentally friendly but also will reduce our energy costs to a minimum.

The hall looks amazing and is a great space for so many activities. We already have a full weekday evening diary for various clubs as well as most weekday mornings booked for pilates, yoga and art classes. We have a number of parties already booked as well as our first enquiry for a wedding reception in 2022.

Open day being planned

We will be holding an Open Day early in the New Year to allow people to come and see the space and understand the facilities it offers. I'm sure the hall will be popular for many events during the week and weekends, not least as a great venue for parties.

The inside of the bund around the edge will be planted with 1,000 daffodil bulbs courtesy of Susie Davis of Katie's Garden. We are very grateful to Susie for this and the other plants she has generously donated to ensure we have an attractive horticultural display at the hall. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with planting, do please get in touch.

We have had a number of very capable and enthusiastic volunteers who have offered to be involved in the new hall and we will soon hold an AGM of the new charity to elect a number of directors to help run the new hall for 2022 and beyond.

My heartfelt thanks to so many people who have helped us get to this exciting stage where Grundisburgh and the surrounding area will soon have such an amazing, modern facility.

Bryan Laxton, Chair of Trustees, Bryan.laxton@hotmail.com

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Calling prospective Brownie leaders and helpers

It is with huge regret that are stepping down from running Brownies after 15 years. We took over all those years ago, with no idea that we would be enjoying it for so long, but soon found ourselves to be caught up in the fun and adventure of Girlguiding, enjoying such brilliant adventures as the Crabbing Olympics, Promise Ceremonies in the stream and with camping locally and at the Girlguiding centre.

We have also enjoyed outings to the ski slope, the swimming pool, police stations, fire stations, crabbing, Easton Farm Park and church parades. We have taught everything from cycling safety and first aid through to safe DIY skills. We have had the privilege of hosting the pumpkin festival and running the old-fashioned fair games at the village show. Over the years we have had the honour of witnessing the girls mature and have learned many things ourselves.



Although leaving our roles, we would be very sad to see the Unit close down and are asking for people to be part of the leadership team, so that Brownies (7-10) can continue to thrive in Grundisburgh. There is a complete set of programme guidance and much other support available, so you won't feel out of your depth.

If you think you might be a person to take on such a role, please contact Veronica, our District Commissioner, on seckford.depot@yahoo.com

Kate Adams, Susie Green and Amy Adams

Lunch club needs new leader

The Grundisburgh Lunch Club was formed in 1987 to provide a meeting place for elderly people who might be lonely and possibly unable to get out on their own. It was the brainchild of Rev. Norman Davis, the Rector at the time, and the Parish Room chosen as the ideal venue.

Pre-Covid we met on the second and fourth Wednesday each month between 10:30am and 2pm. We start with coffee and a natter, followed by games of cards. Then we have lunch followed by a cup of tea. Every year we have an outing, a favourite being to the Hut at Felixstowe, and meals out at a variety of venues. We are so grateful for the donations that we receive which enable these trips to take place.

Although not fully back to pre-Covid Lunch Club provision, we have started to re-group. We celebrated our return with a meal at The Dog in September and are having fish and chips delivered for our monthly meetings.

Sadly, we have said goodbye to our team leader, Sue Harvey, who decided that it was time for her to retire after many years service. We will all miss her calm and capable hand at the wheel.

We do hope Lunch Club can continue as it is one of the things that make our village what it is and is so popular with our members. However, although we have an excellent team of volunteers, we desperately need a new leader to take us forward.

If you feel you could be our team leader, please contact me or Kathy Youngs (01473 735696). We are looking forward to your call!

*Lynda Bridges (01473 735611),
photo of Sue with her presentation
orchid by Peter Kendall*



NEWS FROM 1ST GRUNDISBURGH SCOUTS

We had our annual general meeting on the playing field in September; the weather was great, many Scout supporters from the village and elsewhere came and enjoyed the BBQ. New parents were elected onto our committee and our accounts of two years were approved.

During the afternoon our Group Scout Leader Stuart Ross was presented with the Medal of Merit for many years of service to the Scout Association.

We welcome Ben Huxley as a Beaver Leader and Toby Murrill as a Scout Leader.

Beavers had a very interesting section meeting in early November when Geraldine Millar SRN came and tested

their first aid skills. Geraldine commented that they were very knowledgeable young Beavers.

Beavers had a camp at Thorrington where 11 of them slept in bunk beds. They enjoyed outdoor challenges, an assault course and a 3D maze.

Cubs had a camp at Hallowtree. Twenty two of them tried different activities. As most of them were new into the group, it was their first camp and first night away.

Scouts had 16 for their camp at Boxford where they also



enjoyed outdoor challenges. This included making shelters in which they then had to sleep.

Explorers will be having their camp at Hallowtree at the end of November.

Phoenix Camp was a large District event held at Hallowtree for older Scouts

and Explorers which 10 from our group attended and enjoyed many great activities.

Unfortunately we have decided to permanently cancel the Xmas Card Post and would like to thank Rosie and her family at Williams Stores for their tremendous help with the collection box and also to everyone who supported us.

Our fireworks display was the best we have had with so many people coming through the gates and then queuing for food that we had to delay the start by 20 minutes. Grateful thanks go to all our Scout volunteers who helped before and on the day to make it a fantastic event.

Pat Ross, Group Secretary, 01473 735352

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANS FOR 2022

Plans are well under way for a full calendar of events run by the Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society for 2022.

Our AGM was held on 3 November and a draft copy of the minutes can be seen on our website.

Having been part of the horticultural Society for over 30 years, Nicola Hobbs, has retired from the committee, and our Vice Chairman, Peter Kendall also stood down. A garden sculpture was presented to them during the interval at which I passed on the society's appreciation for their contribution.

Two new members were elected to the committee, and the chairman, treasurer and secretary were all re-appointed unanimously. I am delighted to report that Georgie Keates was elected as vice chairman.

It was agreed to donate £4000 from our surplus funds to the

following organisations: Grundisburgh's new playground project (£2500); Riding for the Disabled based at Clopton £1000; Just 42 for a pool table £450.

Next year's events begin with a trip to Chippenham Park on 1 February to see the delightful displays of snowdrops, to be followed by a trip to Marks Hall and Ulting Wick on 26 April. For more details or to be added to the mailing list please contact catherine@laxtoninteriors.co.uk.

Another date for your diary is Hidden Gardens on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June. It was a fantastic event this year and anyone wishing to open their garden next year should contact Catherine Laxton.

The Village Show returns on Saturday 16 July with the grand marquee and hopefully some new attractions. The class lists agreed for 2021 will be used and can be seen on our website.

Village groups which would like to take part or have a stall should contact secretary@grundisburgh.show.

The Show Dance will be held in the marquee on 16 July, with food and live music; details will be on our website in due course.

A very busy and exciting 2022 to look forward to. More information will be added to our website and circulated on grundisburgh google.

Anyone wishing to support the show - by volunteering or becoming a patron - should contact chairman@grundisburgh.show. We would love to hear from you. Hope to see you next year!

Martin Cripps, Chairman@grundisburgh.show

WI reports

For our Harvest lunch this year Grundisburgh Burgh & Culpho WI members enjoyed fish and chips, followed by a talk from the Rev'd Katrina Dykes. She gave us a potted history of her ministry spanning the last 17

years which includes being chaplain to a girls' ballet school in Hampshire. She especially likes working with young people and children.

Katrina moved here in May 2021 with her husband Phil (who is also ordained). They have settled in well and are enjoying being in Grundisburgh - they particularly love the surrounding countryside.

We had a visit from Colin Grimwood (Pastor of Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel) in October when he spoke about visits he had made to Africa. He painted a picture of life in Kisumu, Kenya, where the crime rate is very high, with much corruption among the police and people live in shacks and mud huts, and schools have classes of up to 100 children. In Nigeria where there is also much poverty, he spoke to a large Sunday school with many youngsters; one car arrived with 27 children! There is a high risk of being kidnapped and if the ransom is not paid you are shot.

Our members reflected that we have much to be thankful for!

Carol Barker

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News Tributes

Terence Mott, FRCS FRCR 1936-2021

Terry moved to Suffolk in 1973, having been appointed the consultant in radiotherapy at Angelsea Road Hospital, Ipswich. He had trained as a doctor at the Westminster Hospital and qualified in surgery and soon after sailed around the world as a ship's surgeon. After assisting in pioneering kidney transplant operations, he became fascinated by cancer cases he saw and this led him to undertake further training to qualify as a radiotherapist and oncologist.



Arriving in Ipswich, where the cancer department was under threat, he immediately set about upgrading it. Without his foresight, dogged determination and hard work the department could have been lost. He searched for the very best range of up to date equipment and integrated services, so establishing it as one of the best small units in the country and ensuring East Suffolk retained a cancer centre.

Terry's other great professional achievement here was establishing the St Elizabeth Hospice.

He knew how important a hospice was to the community from his involvement in London and he was determined to provide that care. His patients and their families were his priority. He researched what was involved and worked tirelessly and passionately to this end. In 1983, the appeal was launched for a hospice. He fought some resistance, initially, but it came to fruition and the St Elizabeth Hospice was opened in 1989. He remained heavily involved in all aspects of its

development, continuing to press for the highest standards of care.

Terry loved Suffolk. The family moved to Burgh in the 1990s. While chairman of Burgh Parish Meeting, he was instrumental in the establishment of the footpath between Burgh and Grundisburgh along the B1079.

Terry had a mischievous, warm sense of humour that was enjoyed by many. He was a wonderful husband to Elizabeth and a marvellous father and grandfather. His family was very precious to him as he was to them. Somehow he found time to indulge in his hobbies. His interests were varied and plentiful. He enjoyed carpentry, animal husbandry, growing a productive garden, supporting the church, the rugby club, playing the bass clarinet in band and orchestra - and much more.

Nicola Hobbs

George Edmund Felgate, 1926 to 2021

Born in a cottage on Church Hill, George lived and worked in Tuddenham all his life. He was the oldest person in the village and the longest resident. He lived at Oak Cottage, Keightley Way, Fairview and eventually Hilltop where he lived for over 40 years.

George went to primary school in Tuddenham before moving on to Witnesham School. He left school at 14 and started his long career working on the land in and around Tuddenham - firstly as a gardener and then as a farm worker.

During his career he worked at Tuddenham Hall and then at Two Gables Farm, initially for Mr Oxburrow and then for Mr Tetsall. At the 1996 Suffolk



Show George and his co-worker David Lugo were given long service awards for working for the same employer (George 48 years and David 40 years). George continued helping out at the farm into his eighties.

In 1949 George met Jean, a pretty girl from Eye who had come to work as a housemaid for the Cubbitt family at the Reedings. They were married in 1953 and had children Margaret, Stephen and Mark, and ultimately five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

George was a keen gardener and many villagers benefitted from the gift of vegetables and tomato plants. He was a long-standing member of Witnesham & Tuddenham British Legion and a regular at the Fountain pub, especially enjoying catching up with neighbours over a Sunday pint. George was described by many as a lovely kind and generous man - he will be missed.

Jean Ellinor

John Frederick Kelm, 1949 to 2021



John Kelm lived in Tuddenham for over 30 years - and as he lived next door to the

Fountain pub he was locally known as 'Neighbour'.

John's passions were cricket, travelling and his garden. He and his late wife Jo planned holidays to watch test matches in Barbados, Australia and South Africa.

Whilst visiting these exotic places they visited local gardens to look at the beautiful local plants and to gain inspiration for their garden back home in Tuddenham.

Following John's death his beautiful tree ferns and large pots of Agapanthus have been donated to Jimmy's farm and are in the Butterfly House there. A fitting tribute to this green fingered couple.

Jean Ellinor

Gordon Bolton 1933 - 2021

One imagines that not many ex-NASA scientists have lived in Grundisburgh but Gordon Bolton was one such. An Ipswich boy, he went to Northgate Grammar school in 1947 and left five years later with a state scholarship to Manchester University.

With his maths degree, he moved to East Barnet in 1955 with Mollie, whom he had married in that year. He worked for Elliots Aviation.

A year later, their son, Anthony, was born and, a year after that, Rodney. However, obtaining a new post in 1960 with the Atomic Energy Authority in Dorset, meant they all had to move to Dorchester where their only daughter, Anna was born.

The family moved to the USA in 1963, first to New Jersey and then to Texas where he worked for NASA until 1973.

Despite not being a US citizen, Anthony could have been eligible for conscription into the US Army with the possibility of serving in Vietnam. Fortunately, the European Space Agency needed Gordon's skills more and the family moved to The Netherlands where Gordon worked until his retirement in 1994.

Gordon and Mollie came to Grundisburgh in 1995 whereupon he set about involving himself in church and community life as he did wherever he lived. Gordon was on the church building committee and, amongst other things, was responsible for up-dating the church organ.

Sadly, Alzheimers struck and, earlier this year, he moved to Woodbridge Lodge, where he was well cared for. But, as Mollie says, "one night, he just stopped breathing". A peaceful end to a very active life.

Richard Watkinson





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Grundisburgh Tennis Club members slice and chip

Volunteers from Grundisburgh tennis club proved themselves to be a cut above when they took on the hedge surrounding the tennis courts during a weekend of maintenance recently.

Julian Brook, Geoff and Sheila Caryer, Chris Hendry, Mike Harris, Mike Walls, Simon Page, Ben Cook and Chris Lee worked hard to reduce and trim the hedge. They were aided by a cherry picker, a chipper, some rugged cutting equipment and their own muscle power and determination.

The courts will also be swept, power washed and treated with a moss inhibitor to keep the playing surfaces in good condition.

Play continues throughout the winter with club sessions and coaching available. Competitive players, who are part of the winter leagues, play regular matches against other clubs and have had considerable success so far this season. Winter membership packages, running from now until the end of March 2022, are available from as little as £20.

For more information about membership, court hire and coaching please go to <https://cubsprk.lta.org.uk/> GrundisburghTennisClub or grundisburghtennis.co.uk



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Mike Stiff at the end of their fund raising walk, with his daughter Sarah and son James.

Grundisburgh resident Mike Stiff is still refusing to grow old gracefully. Now aged 85 and still playing competitive tennis, he has just completed a 20km (26,069 steps) sponsored walk with his autistic son James and his daughter Sarah.

Together to date they have raised over £6,000 towards revamping the storm ravaged garden centre run by Home Farm Trust. James has been supported by the trust for 37 years.

Mike is dumbfounded by the generosity and very grateful. He also wants to thank the 'good fairies' who leave spent ink cartridges on the doorstep of Brook Lea in Stoney Road, as the recycling of these also brings in much needed funds in providing extras for the 56 residents where James lives.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

The wonderful staff at the Barn Café, Hasketon volunteered their time in selling their amazing cakes and bakes in support of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Held on Sunday 19 September, fundraising was boosted by several local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes. Suppliers also donated towards the event.

Grange Farm Shop offered a special discount of 10% off the weekly shop and encouraged customers to allocate this to the campaign. In all the occasion raised an incredible £1350 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Linda Plant

Record takings in Post Mill

Despite two of the regular organisers of our MacMillan coffee morning in Post Mill Gardens, Grundisburgh, being unable to help this year, we raised £478.50, our highest total to date.

So thank you to all who baked, donated and supported us on the day and, of course, the helpers on the day - Monica Boosey, Shirley Daley and my sister Lynn Tortice. We will be hoping for even more next year.

Debbie Palmer



Debbie's granddaughter Ember helping count the cash.

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WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

An illustrated history of Great and Little Bealings

Norman Porter launched his new book in October with two presentations in Bealings Village Hall, one in St Mary's Church Shop, Woodbridge, and one at Grange Farm Shop – all accompanied by glasses of prosecco and one with delicious cheese straws.

On the Village Hall occasions he entertained his audience with descriptions of his journey to complete the book, giving thanks to the many people who had helped him both financially and also with stories of village life, particularly in days gone past.

The book is a large volume with many beautiful illustrations and includes maps for five walking trails covering the two villages. It is a limited edition of 500 and the cost is £20.

Norman is more than happy to sign your individual copy. Just email him at nhp@rillcott.co.uk with your address and he can deliver a copy – or, if more distant, £30 will secure you a posted, securely-packaged copy.

Norman was born in Ipswich, growing up in East Bergholt and Holbrook, where his father was in the East Suffolk Police. On his retirement from teaching in other



parts of the country Norman moved back to Suffolk, to Great Bealings, where he has lived now for 24 years with his wife, Virginia, rediscovering village life. He has edited the Fynn-Lark News for a number of years.

His interest in writing the book started with material gathered over his 20 years of being churchwarden, and enjoying walks in the area.

These walks increased considerably during the recent lockdowns, and gave him the idea of the sequences for writing the

history. The spare time he had, while not playing golf, gave him the incentive to do more research into the history of the two villages and to put together a narrative.

The book is dedicated to John Ganzoni (Lord Belstead) and his sister, The Hon Jill Ganzoni, both generous benefactors of the two villages.

Norman is very grateful to his 'alchemist', Sarah Royle from Playford, whose skills in creating the artwork and presentation were absolutely essential to the finished product.

*Words Monica Begg,
photo of Norman by Peter Kendall*

Footnote: Copies of the book have been selling really well but Norman still has a small supply left.



Photos from the top:
Norman signing copies at the first launch party. Popular policeman PC Moodie, known by the Americans stationed locally as 'Sheriff'. Well known local sportsman and publican Brassie Lambert. Volunteers preparing the ground for Bealings Village Hall.



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