

# Pettistree People

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## Pettistree Ringers Abroad

It was with great excitement and not a little trepidation that four Pettistree ringers set off by coach with another thirty Suffolk ringers and friends for a holiday centred on Lake Garda, in northern Italy. It was 4am on a Saturday at the end of October.

Passing through Switzerland on the journey, the trees and mountains looked glorious in the autumn sunshine, following a fresh snowfall. It was dark when we reached our hotel by the lakeside, but the next day a trip on the cable car took us into a world of snow and ice – a brilliant blue sky, wall to wall sunshine and unlimited snowballing. Having dropped the non-ringers at the hotel, about sixteen of us went up into the mountains behind the lake, eventually arriving at the little village of Lumini for our first experience of Italian bell-ringing.



The village square was dark, as was the church, but a visit to the local bar enabled the key holder to be found. We had no idea what to expect of these Veronesi bells. To reach the ringing chamber we climbed iron rungs fixed to the wall and went through a hole in the ceiling. There were five bells in the tower and five large coils of thick rope on the floor. Unlike English tower bells there were no sallies (the stripy bits about five feet from the end) to hold or mark the place to catch, one just pulled the bells up by pulling more and more rope until the bells were at the balance. Again a very strange feeling because the bells are weighted very differently from ours. They sounded wonderful however and we rang some English style rounds (scala) and some method.

Next we moved on to San Zeno di Montagna, where there were six bells, the heaviest weighing one and a half tons! (about 4 times the weight of Pettistree's tenor). We ascended stairs into a more conventional ringing chamber, a vast dusty room, with thick ropes coming through the ceiling. The ropes seemed randomly arranged to us who are used to standing in an approximate circle, where ringing in rounds means following the person on your right. Not so here, we stood at different angles in the room, not necessarily being able to see everyone else and we had to memorise the order of the ropes. Two local ringers rang the tenor and communication was in very broken Italian. However we were made very welcome and after ringing the tower bells, our handbell ringers rang method and tunes for them. We presented a picture and some beer and were of course treated to the local drink, a syrupy home made liqueur. We arrived back at the hotel just in time for dinner.



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The next day saw us going over the mountains again, navigating the hairpin bends and the treacherously narrow roads, but this time in daylight. We were heading for Verona. What a beautiful town. Our visit was dominated by the first century Roman arena, a truly massive feat of engineering. This was set in the midst of a fascinating town, whose medieval roots lie in the lives of the Scaligeri family, whose visible legacy of palaces, streets and even funerary architecture abound. All this is intertwined with the first century Roman culture, many statues dating from this time, albeit transformed into medieval fountains. Such a rich feast for the eyes. All this hustle and bustle was squeezed into a bend in the river. All too soon it was time to leave this wonderful place. We visited two villages on the way back to Garda, again sampling the ringing and the hospitality.

Wednesday dawned, a wet and miserable English type of day. The ringers were to make the long journey to Bologna. Here some twenty local ringers had taken the day off work to entertain us. After a frantic dash through the arcaded town we arrived at the base of a very tall tower, about 200 feet high. After what seemed a very long climb we arrived in a huge room, full of people, food and drink. Here was our first taste of polenta and many local delicacies. Back in the summer three of us had taken part in a six bell peal at Grundisburgh to mark Cesarino Bianchi's ninetieth birthday. A peal board had been made and was presented to him. The walls of the ringing room depicted much of the history of the Bolognesi ringers and now a Pettistree rope with suitable inscription is there, marking our visit.

Very soon we ascended to the next floor and found ourselves among the four massive bells cast between 1492 and 1575, the largest more than 6 feet in diameter. We were directed to sit on benches along the walls and after some explanations a ringing demonstration started. Here was extreme sport indeed. We warn our learners in England about the dangers and care that must be taken with hundredweights of metal swinging above, but nothing prepared us for this. The bells are literally manhandled, the heaviest taking up to seven burly men. Several handle short ropes from the floor under the bell, whilst above, where we were sitting, catchers and pushers, deal with the bells as they swing first one way and then the other. As if this wasn't enough, a third man balanced on the beam alongside where the bells were hung, and holding on to the ropes hanging from the ceiling, "danced" on the headstock, first one side, then the other, using his weight to assist in raising the bells until reaching the balance, mouth up. As you can imagine the noise was deafening, despite the cotton wool with which we had been issued. The order to stop was given by blowing a whistle. It takes five years to train a ringer, but a mistake does not mean a clash of the bells or uneven spacing, more like decapitation!

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We visited two more towers, at the run, through the rain! The ascent to the second was notable because there were no steps, just an inclined spiral ramp ascending about 200 feet. One imagines that it was like walking up a helter skelter, with walls on both sides.

This was certainly an exhilarating and exciting day. My memories are of the crazy, friendly ringers, the noise and the closeness of it all, the elegant bells (taller and narrower than ours) with intricate decorations and inscriptions, and viewing fantastic terracotta roofs from above the city. It was an exhausted group who returned from this day.

The next day we visited Palladio's city of Vicenza, with such an overwhelming number of buildings designed by a single person, including Europe's oldest indoor theatre. This has its original set, where perspective was exploited, the relatively shallow stage taking the eye to infinity, engineered by a steep slope and tapered walls. Our final day was spent in Venice, with its special sights, sounds and smells. Sadly we were not able to ring here, but the short time spent exploring made the visit worthwhile.

It was a tired but ebullient group that returned from this visit to northern Italy. We had had just a glimpse of a beautiful area with so much to assail the senses. We are all looking forward to returning and having more time to explore and soak up the ambience.

Further information can be found on [www.unioncampanaribolognesi.it](http://www.unioncampanaribolognesi.it)

*Mary Garner*

# Parish Council News

Since the last report the Parish Council have met twice. In November they formally adopted Standing Orders, a document which governs how the Parish operates. Reports were received from SPC Wardley who advised that we all be vigilant and report any unusual vehicles in the parish, and also our 2 District Councillors John Perry and Paul Callaghan who informed the Council of a new IT initiative being set by the District Council. Councillor Perry also reported the recommendation for refusal for the planning application for 20 static caravans based at Dallinghoo.

One of the more significant items on the November agenda was the Parish Council budget for 2004/05. After careful consideration the precept was set at £2,085. This was a slight increase of £185 on the precept for 2003/04 but would enable the Parish Council to carry out essential repairs to the Village sign oak post and also the Best Kept Village sign to ensure they remain standing well into the future. A sum of £100 was also budgeted towards the Village Hall extension project.

The final item to report on for the November meeting is the date of the Annual Litter Pick. An invitation to everyone in the village to come along on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at 11.00am (meet at the Greyhound PH) to spend an hour tidying up the village. Supported by Suffolk Coastal District Council who provide all the necessary equipment and disposal of rubbish.

The second meeting of the Council took place on 10 February 2004. They were once again joined by District Councillor John Perry who reported on the setting up of Parish Liaison Meetings in the district. Councillors unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council Mark Edworthy who fills the Casual Vacancy which followed after the May 2003 elections.

Representatives from Pettistree have been invited by Melton Parish Council to the Melton Parish Plan Public Meeting taking place in March. The Pettistree Parish Plan will be promoted at the 2004 Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Friday 14 May. In a slightly different format this year the Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by a social event at which it is hoped to have some added attractions - more information nearer the time.

Dates for your diary:   4 May Pettistree PC Annual Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm  
                                  4 May Pettistree PC Parish Council Meeting (to follow above)  
                                  14 May Pettistree Annual Parish Meeting plus social event.

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Parish Clerk  
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You are invited to a  
joint presentation  
on the evening of

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

At

**6.30pm**

**In the village hall**

The Parish Council has decided to try to encourage the socialising for which Pettistree has always been known by staging more of an 'event' on the occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting. {Everyone entitled to attend and speak if desired}

As the Annual General meeting of the Heritage 2000 Trust is also due in May it has been decided to hold the two meetings on the same evening. If necessary the legalities will be brief {courtesy of the respective chairmen } and this will be followed by a Bygones Quiz and cheese and wine.

A display of some of the information which has been gathered during the last ten years by the History Recorder is being planned, including photographs of all the houses with the residents of Pettistree with Loudham in 2000 AD. It seems extraordinary how many changes have taken place in such a short time.

## Planning

### New Information

The Parish Council would like to bring you information regarding planning applications for Pettistree. The new application has been received since the Parish Council meeting in November with some earlier on-going plans.

Plans may be viewed with Maureen Stollery: 1, Presmere Road, or at Suffolk Coastal District Council Offices Melton Hill

Plan number	Date	Appellant & Application	Result	Date
CO3/2138	14/11/03	Mrs D Hughes The Greyhound Single storey detached building for two units of holiday accommodation		
	23/12/03	New Plans		
	19/01/04	Site inspection with sub-committee	Passed awaiting legal conditions	
<b><u>Two Ongoing Applications</u></b>				
CO3/1053	30/05/03	Mr & Mrs Franklin, Scott's Hall. Erection of Double garage with office above. Alteration to existing window	Garage refused	23/08/03
			Window passed	23/08/03
		<b>Appeal started</b>		<b>23/01/04</b>
CO3/1828	29/09/03	Mrs N Shand, High Farm, Dallinghoo Change of use of land for stationing 20 static holiday caravans	Refused	11/11/03
		<b>Appeal started</b>		<b>10/02/04</b>

## Village Hall Functions

**Saturday 27 March** Horse Racing-Play your cards right , Cheese & Wine

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May** Pub Games, Fish & Chips

**Book Early** Contact Jacki Franklin 746585

### Do you have these symptoms?

#### OLD FRIENDS

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me ... I know we've been friends for a long time ...but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

*Worry not ! You are not alone!*

## From your Community Police Officer

My last article for the newsletter was in 2003 so I would like to belatedly wish all Pettistree residents a happy new year. I mentioned last time the ongoing problem in the Woodbridge police sector of out-buildings, sheds, garages and other non-dwellings being broken into. Unfortunately since then there have been two such offences in the parish, one involving a shed and the other a business premises. Please be on your guard against this type of crime, take the necessary precautions and report anything suspicious to the police. On the bright side there have been no dwelling burglaries, damage or vehicle crimes reported to the police.

I would like to bring to your attention a growing national problem, our area, involving ATM cash machines at banks and supermarkets etc. inserting a device into the card slot of the machine, which can copy from customer's cards, enabling them to make copies. They are also customers PIN using a number of different methods and are then sums of money from the customers account before the person realises. withdrawals appear to be happening in the London area. The device inserted into the ATM will have some kind of false slot or front on it, so I would ask that when you use one, check to see if there is anything odd or unusual about the slot or the way it handles your card. If you find anything like this let the police and the store know straight away and of course don't use the machine. Also please be wary of people standing near you who may be trying to see your PIN number, although it appears that some criminals now have remote methods of doing this. All this may seem incredible but I can assure you that it is happening and people need to be alert to this new type of crime.

I can be contacted on 01473 383487 for non-urgent matters only and our main switchboard is 01473 613500. If you require urgent assistance then dial 999.



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serted into the ATM

*PC 256 Mark Thompson*

## PETTISTREE CARPET BOWLS

Carpet Bowls continues to be played on alternate Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. The influence of the floorboards and a corner to corner slope continues to pose a challenge to players and the skipper's advice can be heard each time we play as several bowls slip off the end of the carpet, "this end is down hill remember!" You might think therefore that the unusual playing conditions would constitute a home advantage for Pettistree in their contests with their neighbours. This advantage, if it exists had a night off on November 6<sup>th</sup>, when our friends from Ufford paid us a visit and were victorious with a 4 – 2 result.

Undaunted Pettistree accepted an invitation to play the second leg at Ufford on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Sadly the result was no better for us as the home team ran out convincing winners.

On both occasions a good time and several laughs were had by all and the desire to meet again soon was expressed unanimously.

As has been mentioned before in Pettistree People, we would welcome new members to carpet bowls on alternate Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. Telephone Mike or Sheila Manning on 01728 747321 to confirm when the next Carpet Bowls night takes place.

See you there.

*Mike Sayer*

## Church News

A rare event took place in Pettistree church over Christmas, this was a member of the congregation 'taking off her coat' before the sermon ! Traditional congregation watchers are more used to the pre-sermon application of hat, gloves and scarf. This event signifies the arrival of an efficient under-pew heating system which makes attending church less of a 'trial by temperature'. The only problems we have found so far with the system are minor difficulties when kneeling or touching the radiator with the soles of the feet, and the fact that the individual pew controls are in the pew behind. This has resulted in the whispered phrase "Can you turn me off?" being heard during the service.

March 21st is Mothering Sunday and there will be a service at 9.30 am led by Rev. Margaret Blackall during which small posies will be presented to all ladies in the congregation as a reminder of the importance of our mothers in our lives. I have noticed how several of these posies are taken straight out into the churchyard and laid on a grave. We are lucky in Pettistree to have this thread of continuity of families in the village and I feel we should encourage a sense of history within the community. Those of us who are newcomers often find the history of the families who previously lived in our home fascinating and the church records are a very useful starting point for information.

The far section of the churchyard, beyond the hedge enclosing the current graveplots will soon be a mass of cowslips, and other wild flowers. We try to preserve this area for wildlife by only mowing paths through for access, and cutting the main area after the flowers have seeded, so we encourage everyone to visit it and see the hundreds of cowslips, but please do not take large bunches home. It is over 15 years since a survey of the wildflowers in the churchyard was done so if there is anyone in the village who would be interested in organising a current survey of the wildlife please get in touch.

*Maggie Hallett PCC Secretary*

## Obituaries

It is unusual to have two funerals in Pettistree Church in the same week, but on Wednesday 31st December 2003 we had the funeral of Rawdon Crozier (81 years), and on Friday 2nd January that of Penelope Vickers (89 years).

Both of these had been well known figures in the local community for several years.

In his earlier years Rawdon was in the Navy and commanded some of the landing fleet on D-Day. Most of his working life had been spent in the Insurance world. Rawdon and his wife Aileen moved to Thorpell House in 1976, and since then had thoroughly enjoyed retired life in this part of Suffolk.

Penelope (or Penny as many people knew her) after her marriage, lovingly raised her five children near Oxford, where her husband was a local doctor. Penny was a great servant to the local community wherever she was found. She was particularly fond of the Girl Guide movement and became Oxfordshire County Commissioner for that organisation. She and her husband moved here in 1989, to be near the family as he had had a stroke, but sadly he passed away in 1993.

Both Penny and Rawdon were regular and loyal weekly worshippers at our church. Each of the funeral services were packed with family and friends. Many remarked that both funerals were 'happy' and vibrant occasions. 'Happy' in that each of the funerals reflected that both Rawdon and Penny had a strong faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master, and that Jesus had taken them to be with him.

Naturally each of them will be sadly missed, and we would want to extend our love and sympathy to both families at this time.

*John Eldridge*

## Resource Centre Is On Its Way!

The new Resource Centre for Wickham Market is beginning to take shape with building works having commenced on 2nd February.

This is a prestigious joint project managed by the Wickham Market Partnership, Suffolk County Council and Brooks & Wood to create an improved library venue and new community facilities for Wickham Market and the surrounding area.

The two redundant bungalows behind the Medical Centre are to be completely refurbished and joined together with a new reception area, where library staff and Partnership volunteers will welcome visitors.

The Partnership will manage the eastern bungalow, and provide a confidential interview room for users such as CAB, the Volunteer Bureau, Disability Advice Service and so on, together with a larger meeting room that can be used for training, education, self help groups and the like.

Suffolk Doctors on Call will continue to be located in this building, enjoying up to date facilities for their invaluable out of hours service. The consulting room will be available for other health related uses during the day.

The Partnership looks forward to working with the library service to promote new activities. Look out for updates in Pettistree People and the Parish Magazine, as well as on the new Wickham Market community website ([www.wickham-market.org.uk](http://www.wickham-market.org.uk)). The official opening of the Centre will be in July.

The Partnership can be contacted via the Company Secretary, **Cath Caudwell** at Rogues Cottage, Walnuts Lane, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 OHS or telephone 01728 747170, or email [wm.Partnership@Pettistree1.freemove.co.uk](mailto:wm.Partnership@Pettistree1.freemove.co.uk)



We should like to welcome Harry Edworthy, son of Carol and Mark. Harry was in a hurry and arrived ten weeks early on September 11th 2003 weighing 2lbs 11 ozs. He was born in Norwich Hospital as there was no room in Ipswich for four weeks and then returned to Ipswich for another four weeks. He is now making good progress at home Unfortunately Harry lost his twin sister Rosie after only six days.

## 100 Club

In 1993 the W.I. gave the hall to the residents of Pettistree. As part of the agreement a team of volunteers, now called Pettistree Village Hall Management Committee Trust took on the responsibility of maintaining and insuring the building and the car park.

The cash for this does not come from rates or subsidy and has to be found, and to this end the 100 club was born. A hundred or so people are members and each contribute £1 per month, 50p of which is returned to the members in the form of a monthly draw. Prizes being first £20, second £10, third £5, with an extra bonus being added in December. The balance of 50p in the £ pays for maintenance and insurance.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the start of a new year, and if you are not a member we should like to have you join, so please call Sheila Manning Tel No 01728 747321 and she will arrange for a committee member to call.

*Eric Dowker Treasurer*

Thank you to all the contributors to this edition of the Village Newsletter. And a bigger thank you to those of you who met the deadline!

Please have a look at the web-site which has been up-dated recently. If you would like anything put on it please contact

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*Maureen Stollery*

*Joan Peck*

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**County & District Councillors**

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Mr Paul Callaghan, District Councillor 01394 389052  
Mr John Pery 01394389523

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Mike Sayer 01394 460 639 4 Hungarian Close

For Crimeline Information, 01473 613611. Current crime update available after 5pm on Tuesdays. Call this number to find out what is happening in your area. The Parish Police Officer can be contacted at Woodbridge Police Station on 01473 613500

**Useful People to Contact**

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The Greyhound Inn Deborah Hughes 746451  
The Three Tuns John & Brenda Pallett  
746244

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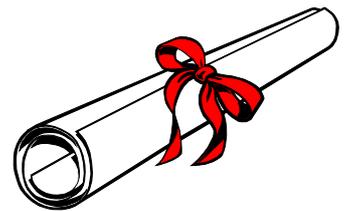
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**[www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk)**

**Keep Your Deeds**

*From an article in EADT October 2003*

Much historical information can be gleaned from old house deeds which have been kept and passed on by the owners of different houses in the village. For instance the deeds of Home Farm go back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and are in Latin. Sometimes these are in the form of an indenture. {A formal agreement so called from the practice of separating two identical documents by cutting along an irregular line to prevent forgery} Home Farm was once Okeyes and Barbers presumably named after the owners and did not receive its present name until the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



**Extract**

*Deeds changed in October 2003 with the introduction of the Land Registry Act 2002. After that date, bank, building societies and solicitors are unlikely to keep the deeds on any new registration. In most cases they should be offered to the owner. Any details relating to a property will be held on the Land Registry computer. This includes easements, price paid, mortgage details, legal charges and leasehold information and who owns the property. All this information is also open for public inspection. Anyone will be able to find out what you paid for your house, what mortgage you have by going on the Land Registry web-site and paying a modest fee {£20 -£30}*

*Title Deed documents are therefore likely to disappear in time. If the land Registry makes a mistake {has been known} there will not be a reference document available.*