



# Pettistree People

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## How Time Flies



It is now ten years since Pettistree became the owners of the Village Hall. Previously the proud owners had been the Pettistree Women's Institute who after ten years of fund raising were able to build their own meeting place in 1928 for £206. In those days there was a tortoise stove for heating (but no health and safety regulations!) a small stage, a range in the kitchen and an outside lavatory complete with bucket. Lighting was by oil lamp and all this with wooden floor and matchboard walls.

In July 1980 the owners of the park demanded £400 to include a piece of land for car parking, this instead of the peppercorn rent of one shilling per year.

By the Hall's sixtieth birthday it was becoming costly to maintain. The woodworm were testing their teeth on it and the electric wiring installed in 1934 needed replacing.

It was after several meetings and much discussion at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the W.I. in March 1992 that it was decided to offer the building to the village as a gift for use as a village hall.

At the Annual Parish meeting in May 1992 it was passed that the hall was to become the property of the village.

It was then that Joe Arbon, with his knowledge of building and many acquaintances locally, got to work. He had the foresight to see that it could become a valuable asset to Pettistree. Joe approached people living in the village with a view to them becoming members of a Management Committee. His persuasiveness and confidence won the day although Colonel Maxwell was known to have thought "They'll never do it." For two years this Committee worked alongside the Women's Institute whilst legal formalities were being finalised with solicitors and Charity Commissioners.

At first the Management Committee did not own even a piece of paper on which to record the minutes of their meetings so every member nonchalantly tossed a

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### Parish Councillors

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£5.00 note on the table enabling the newly appointed treasurer to open a bank account with £50.00. Joe felt very strongly that the Hall should be a centre for Community life in the village and began working hard to this end. He encouraged the Committee and helped in many different ways including the legal aspects whilst steering the improvements to the building. Alongside this was his involvement in fund raising being the instigator of the first Barbeque at Pettistree House through to later ones on the Park of Pettistree Lodge. Joe was very generous with his time and equipment, knowing the whereabouts of available mar-quees (although they didn't always appear exactly when required ). He always wanted to give the villagers a good time. He volunteered his family and friends as supporters and helpers and persuaded Joyce to give up her kitchen on occasions providing electricity, water and space for food preparation.



We regret Joe has found it necessary to resign from the Committee, his anecdotes and storytelling digres-sions were cause for much laughter. Thank you Joe.

The change continues, the hall, now seventy six years old, is about to have further improvements. Planning permission has been granted for a front extension, to provide additional space and an area to store the tables and chairs, this will be a great benefit, creating more space in the main hall. The Committee has been suc-cessful in securing grants from WREN (Waste Recycling Environment) £5,000, SCDC (Suffolk Coastal District Council) £7,000 and a donation of £100 from Pettistree Parish Council, this will help fund the pro-ject. The total cost will be in the region of £16,000. At present we are inviting tenders from local building firms; once selected we will hope to complete the building works this year. The hall also requires some in-ternal and external decorating and we hope to tackle this when the main building work is complete.

Our thanks go to the organisations above who have awarded the grants and donations and to all who have helped and supported us over the past years.

The Village Hall Management Committee remains enthusiastic, raising funds to meet the annual costs, or-ganising events in the hall, which help maintain a good community spirit and continues to plan for the fu-ture of the hall.

*Sheila Manning, Maureen Stollery, Joan Peck*

## **They Came from Far and Wide**

The social calendar of the Village Hall has recently seen two very successful events.

At the end of March Mike Manning transported us to the Newmarket Heath to bet on the local horses – did Loudham Lady really beat Presmere Prince in the last race?

About 40 people experienced this horse racing extravaganza and they really did come from afar. My

brother and his American fiancée were over from New York especially for the event. Everyone had a really great time and tucked in to cheese and wine for good measure.

The 7<sup>th</sup> May saw Mike again refereeing events. The Pub Games saw over 70 participants in 14 teams in head to head battles of dominoes, darts, shove ha'penny, table football and jenga. We were very pleased to welcome back last year's winners, the Teapotters. Margaret and Andrew from the Teapot kindly donated a trophy for the event. They were soon in the thick of the action trying to make sure they won again.

After 7 events two teams were tied on 29 points (coincidentally the same winning score as last year). The 2 teams – the Hunters and Rogues Rovers went head to head in a 3 dart shoot out. Eric Dowker for Rogues Rovers threw first, achieving a good but beatable total. Paul Hunter threw for his team but just failed to surpass Eric. Therefore the winning team was Eric, Maureen Stollery, Cath Caudwell and yours truly.

The event was supported by people again travelling long distances – over 30 miles for some. Our fame as a social venue is spreading. The food for the event was from Wickham Fish & Chip shop and it was excellent.

All profit from the events will go towards our extension. We hope to have tenders in by early June, and builders on site in the summer. This may affect our social calendar in the autumn so please look out for notices.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on July 13th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Dave Caudwell  
Chairman

## **Suffolk Hedgerow Survey - Pettistree and Loudham**

The change this year from winter to spring has been dramatic by the speed of its transition and the various shades of green are particularly striking, presumably due to the volume of rain we had earlier. So the hedgerow hunt is back on, and we are optimistic that we shall complete it by the end of 2004. Once more we are grateful to the support of the landowners and it is the east side of the A1214 that we are to survey this year.

Chris Garner, Dick Smith and Mike Sayer have agreed to take on another ten hedges each, and experience from last year shows that we shall wait until crops are harvested before tackling some of the hedges bordered by arable land.

It has been interesting colour coding the hedges on the master map, The colours representing the number of species found in the survey samples, so a picture is gradually emerging. The emphasis is on the fact that these are records to be retained by the parish and it is for residents information.

An excellent suggestion from Dick Smith is to create a circular footpath/road walk containing some of the more interesting hedges, so watch this space!

Finally a big thank you to all of you who have helped so far and especially to Joan Peck for the helping with the paperwork.

Ann Sayer

## Pettistree Cricket Club

Report May 2004.

Another season is under way, with probably the wettest start to May for many years and the grass now growing at a tremendous rate. Hopefully it will all be ready for the first home game which is Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June against Wortham.

The season has started very well with an outstanding win against the combined BT/Waldringfield 2<sup>nd</sup> team and with an extremely enthusiastic selection of players this must bode well for the rest of the season.

Meanwhile Pettistree has joined the Woodbridge midweek evening league and we should have some exciting 20 over games to watch this summer starting 9<sup>th</sup> June.

For any information about fixtures please contact me on 746708 and if there are any cricketers who wish to join as playing members please contact Barney Smith, the club captain, on 07884328148.

*Dick Smith*

## Request for Divorce

A Polish man married a Canadian girl after he had been in Canada a year or so and, although his English was far from perfect, they got on very well. until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked him if he could arrange a divorce for him - "very quick". The lawyer said that the speed of getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances and asked him the following questions:

LAWYER: "Have you any grounds?"

POLE: "JA, JA, an acre and half and a nice little home with 3 bedrooms."

LAWYER: "No," I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

POLE: "It is made of concrete, brick and mortar."

LAWYER: "Do either of you have a real grudge?"

POLE: "No, We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one."

LAWYER: "I mean, What are your relations like?"

POLE: "All my relations are in Poland."

LAWYER: "Is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

POLE: "Yes, we have hi fidelity stereo set & DVD player with 6.1 sound. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes."

LAWYER: "No, I mean Does your wife beat you up?"

POLE: "No, I'm always up before her."

LAWYER: "Why do you want this divorce?"

POLE: "She going to kill me"

LAWYER: "What makes you think that?"

POLE: "I got proof"

LAWYER: "What kind of proof?"

POLE: "She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at the drug store and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read—it says, 'Polish Remover'."

## Notices

**The Computer Club in the Village Hall has finished.**

**The Carpet Bowls Club has ceased for the summer. Further announcement in the-September issue.**

## What's afoot ? *By Joanna Rowles*

The summer is now hot on the heels of spring and with it comes the busiest time of year for me! Everyone is switching to sandals and pretty summer shoes which show off feet that have been hidden away throughout autumn and winter.

As you may have guessed, my profession is that of a Podiatrist. "A what?" I hear you ask! Most people are more familiar with the term Chiropodist (which is the former name for Podiatrist).



Having lived at Low Farm in Byng Lane with my parents and just begun to get to know the village (and villagers) I ventured out of the county for three years to Plymouth University to read Podiatry at degree level, returning in the holidays to attend to my horses (who still roam the Low Farm fields!). Having completed my degree I returned to Pettistree in the millennium and was enlisted to work for the NHS in the local area including Woodbridge and Wickham Market. I enjoyed this role as a senior podiatrist, but decided after eighteen months that the usual budget, politics and time restrictions of the NHS were not for me (I didn't realise just how much life would change in the next two years! Perhaps if I had I wouldn't have left the NHS?!).

I then set up my own private home visiting practice and worked predominantly in the surrounding villages and immensely enjoyed meeting the local residents and pottering down the village lanes. Within six weeks I took on a long established but failing podiatry practice in The Street, Melton. It was a leap of faith, but thankfully with lots of time, effort and stress, the practice is now thriving, with two physiotherapists and a permanent hair reduction practitioner to keep me company.

I work within the practice three days per week and help ease my patient's pain of corns, callus, ingrowing toenails and verrucas, and also offer insoles and orthotics to improve foot function when walking.

I still potter around the local villages for the other two days and am happy to say that I still enjoy meeting new faces and learning more about our local area through the knowledge and memories of the more senior members of our society.

So with summer beckoning, don't let your foot problems put you off of showing your feet or avoiding your summer walks around the village, pop into the practice to see me.

Whilst I have this chance, I would also like to say a huge "thank you" to my parents, Terry and Anne Rowles, who have been long suffering supporters of my practice; Dad having spent endless hours renovating the building and Mum for providing sustenance and support. I couldn't have done it without you!

### 100 Club

<b>Date</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<i><b>January</b></i>	Kath Hilton	Nick Beagley	Mr Green
<i><b>February</b></i>	Jervis Kay	Don & Cherry White	Pam Hind
<i><b>March</b></i>	Adam Signy	Mr Curtis	John Barker
<i><b>April</b></i>	Rita Smith	Henrietta Kay	Mrs Whiting

## My Life in London *Richard Sherrington*

On the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2002 I was sitting in Westminster Abbey, quite close to The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, I was awaiting the arrival of the coffin of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Although obviously a sad occasion it was of course a great privilege to have been selected from the staff of the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple to attend The Queen Mother's Funeral. The Queen Mother had been a member of The Middle Temple since graciously accepting the appointment and becoming Treasurer in the year 1949.

At this time I had been employed at the Middle Temple for eight years. A job certainly but much more, because by this time, it had become a way of life that I had really enjoyed and would continue to do so until my reluctant retirement in September 2003.

I was appointed to the post of Security Officer/ Head Porter in September 1994, just at the time I had decided to move to Suffolk. My appointment included a flat within the Inns of Court in London. My commuting distance during the week was about two hundred yards. Having served in the Army as a Tank Commander and Warrant Officer in many locations throughout the World and then for seven years with the United Nations in Rome I can say that up until joining Middle Temple my life had been interesting and varied. To say the same about the new position would be an understatement. At the time of commencing my new career security had for quite some time, as the reader will be aware, been a very important factor in the every day working environment of London in particular and the Country as a whole.

Apart from The Queen Mother who visited the Middle Temple on a frequent basis up until her death there were frequent visits by persons who by their role in life, be it past or present. require a high level of protection. A very close liaison with the City of London Police was maintained throughout my time in London and I cannot speak highly enough of the esteem with which they are held.

On one occasion a resident of Middle Temple had alerted me to an intruder in the building in which she lived. Having phoned the City Police, I went to the building concerned. On reaching the 1st floor I was grabbed from behind by two Police Officers accompanied by two very eager police dogs. Their response time to any emergency was, and I am sure still is, excellent.

Another occasion found me on the roof of the main building chasing an intruder, he got away at the time, but was caught on CCTV and eventually prosecuted.

Another incident found me confronted by a burglar who as he ran, after threatening a very senior and elderly barrister, knocked me to the ground. As I picked myself up, I had two thoughts in mind, a pity I am not as fit as in my Army days, and why did I not send my deputy!

Within the Inns of Court there are many residents. Some, being retired or widowed, have lived there for many years, some since before the Second World War. Occasionally they would need help, if they were unwell or had some other mishap and although not a compulsory duty it was always a pleasure to help. I hope that, if still around, I am still as sharp witted and fit as many of them are in their late eighties and nineties. A visit to see if someone was alright could often result in listening to some wonderful story- about the Inn and more often than not a glass of whisky to round off the visit.

In the Main Hall Building is situated the Law Library. One Christmas not so long ago I received a call to say that there was a flood in the Library. On arrival I discovered that there was in fact a burst pipe in the room above the archives. This was serious as there are rare books and manuscripts which are of course

absolutely priceless and naturally irreplaceable.

Having managed to stem the flow of water, which had almost turned me in to an icicle, and with the help of others, we managed to remove all the articles which although costly to restore were not damaged beyond repair.

From security and domestic chores to the ceremonial which I found very interesting and enjoyed doing. Dressed in velvet robe of green and mauve and on occasions wearing a silver breastplate it is the duty of the Head Porter to attend the Treasurer at formal functions. Also to keep the pews for the Benchers in the Temple Church on a Sunday.

Keeping students in order during dining term and throughout their time at the Inn during the training was always, well almost always good fun. You got to know so many people and in ten years I knew barristers who were young students when I first met them. Ask any barrister who trained in London and you will find they never forget the Head Porter.

Records of Head Porters go way back to the sixteenth century. I found one piece of History that stated that the Head Porter was entitled to the equivalent of two pints of beer a day. I tried to get it converted to whisky. Here I shall not record whether I was successful or not! !

As I said earlier a varied and interesting way of life. After I had been at Middle Temple for about a year I was joined by my pet Weimaraner Basil, who at the time was three months old. After about six months Basil was well established and very well known. He knew every ruse to find his way to chambers where he knew a biscuit would be available. He would make his way to the Common Room for a sausage in the morning.

He was a good companion to have with me at night. Apprehending two teenagers who were checking if they could get in to an office one night I surprised them with Basil. Basil managed quite a deep throated bark whereupon the two youths begged me to keep Basil under control. If they only knew!! After a warning by the police we let them go.

If you haven't been inside the Inns of Court it is a lovely tranquil place within the heart of the City. It was often filmed in "Kavanagh QC" so you may have some idea what it is like.

Walking through the grounds with my companion Basil, Judges, Barristers, Students, even people who passed through on the way to work would, if we were around, say " Good Morning Basil" and then a brief nod to me.

I think he is the only hound in the City who is allowed in most of the local pubs.

My Wife, Basil and myself are now here permanently in Pettistree and very happy.

## A Proud Mum

Those of you who have the East Anglian Daily Times may have noticed an article about Gavin Lee who has been chosen to play the leading role of Bert in the new of "Mary Poppins" which opens at the Prince Edward Theatre in London in De- Gavin Lee is both his real name and his stage name.

Reference was made to Kathleen, his mother, living in Pettistree He is the son of of Sunnyside . I'm sure we all wish Gavin every success.



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Kath Hilton

## A Dream Comes True

Thirty-two years ago we had our first experience of Suffolk. We had come with our three daughters, the youngest at that time being only 18 months, to stay for a week in a friend's cottage at Aldringham. The cottage was, and still is, down ¼ of a mile of rough dirt track which eventually opened out into a clearing right next to the 11th hole on Thorpeness Golf Course! For the whole week it poured with rain, blew a severe gale and was generally damp and cold but we all loved it and vowed to return - which we did many times!

This wet week was the start of a love affair with this lovely part of East Anglia. At that time we were living in Hertfordshire, but before moving here we had lived in a lovely old farmhouse on a river bank, complete with ducks and geese, on the Somerset levels

When we first moved to Pettistree in August 2002 our first stroke of luck was being welcomed by the Kays who kindly let us rent their cosy Coach House for five weeks, ( they were wonderful landlords and we were thoroughly spoilt) before we were able to move into Old Carleford (previously Presmere Cottage). This time enabled us to re-new our knowledge of the area, discover some of the wonderful pubs and restaurants (we soon acquired a reputation for "out to lunch"! ) and meet our neighbours and other villagers.

Now that we are both retired we wanted something we could both be involved in which wouldn't mean an every day commitment. One of the many reasons we chose to live at Old Carleford was the potential it offered for doing bed and breakfast. The studio building enabled us, with a little conversion and a few additions, to have an ideal unit containing two double bedrooms with shower room and loo, separate from the main house. We also have an "overflow" double room in the house. We serve a full English breakfast containing as much local farm produce as is possible. We have had some fascinating and interesting guests, quite a few from the USA and last year some from Italy, and although hard work at times, we are enjoying this new role. We can't imagine how we ever had time to work fulltime - we seem to have less time than ever before!

Contrary to the common belief that it is difficult to move into a new area, and in particular a small village, and that it can take years to feel "at home" we have been met by nothing but friendliness and kindness since we moved in. We have been warmly greeted at Pettistree Church, been invited to join in with the regular events held in the Village Hall and have wonderful neighbours on both sides who will pop in and check that everything is alright when we are away - our cat gets fed in our absence and we often return to find a home-made cake waiting on the kitchen table to swell the calories even further! (Thank you, Pam.! ) What more could one wish for!

Unfortunately, our daughters complain that once again we are living too far away from them - sometimes a good thing! Our eldest daughter Polly lives in Fulham, London and is as yet unmarried, but with always several jobs on the go at once it is difficult to see how she could fit marriage in! Our middle daughter Sophie is serving with the Royal Navy and is due to go to the Gulf later this year with her ship HMS Grafton. Our youngest daughter is married and lives with her husband and our first grandchild, 2 year old Thomas, in Sutton, Surrey.

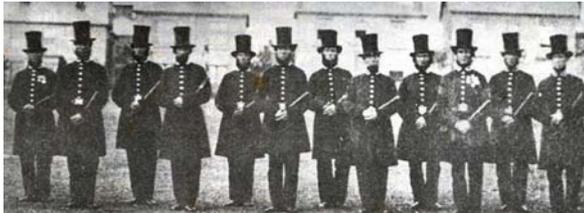
However, they are all very happy to visit and re-new their childhood memories of days on the beach at Aldeburgh, long cycle rides, boat trips on Thorpeness Mere and tea at the White Hart Hotel in Wickham Market!

*Cherry and Don White*

**Obituary**

The funeral of Norman Boardley was held at our church on Wednesday 25th February. The church was full of family and friends. Norman had been a farmer for most of his life - taking over his father's farm at the age of 19 years during the war. Norman entered into partnership with Mrs Tranmer at Sutton Hoo and the family lived there for a while before moving to Ufford while he and his sons rebuilt the then derelict house called Hungarian Hall. He and Doreen, moved to Hungarian Hall in 1975, celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary in 2000. Norman passed away quite quickly on 13th February. Our sympathy is with Doreen and the family.

**Community**



**Policing**

I would like to formally introduce myself to the parish of PETTISTREE. I have been based in the WOODBRIDGE police sector for approximately three and a half years and have an understanding of the local area both geographically and from a policing perspective.

A little about myself until many of you get to see me. I have served with the Suffolk Constabulary for three and a half years, joining the force when I was 22 years old. Most of this time has been spent in uniform on patrol within the WOODBRIDGE AREA, although I come to this new role having spent time on secondment to the criminal investigation department. (CID)

I am proud to be serving the parish of PETTISTREE along with WICKHAM MARKET, RENDLESHAM , EYKE and UFFORD I will be joining a section of ten community police officers at Woodbridge that look after all the parishes within our sector.

Suffolk is still a very safe place in which to live and one of my main aims during my stay as a community police officer will be to maintain the Suffolk First Initiative – to make Suffolk the safest place in the country.

I hope with the support of the local community that we can work together to keep Pettistree a nice area.

I look forward to seeing some faces at the next parish council meeting.

If any of you need to contact police the general number is – 01473 613500  
- 01473 383486 to contact myself or 999 for emergency.

PC 947 MARC NORMAN

**Planning**

Plan No	Date	Appellant & application	Result	Date
C04/0569	22/04/04	Miss A Nicholls Peartree Cottage IP13 0JB Erection of two storey side extension	Granted	12/05/04

## Pettistree Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2004 and welcomed Tony Franklin into the Chairmanship for the forthcoming year as Jeff Hallett had requested to stand down after serving for three years. Maureen Stollery continues in her role as Vice Chairman and as representative on the Village Hall Committee. 'The Planning Committee' were elected as follows: Maureen Stollery, Karen Hunter and Nicholas Beagley. Mike Manning regretfully resigned from the Council due to work commitments.

The Parish Council meeting then followed at which it was reported that:

- The litter pick was a great success.
- The Council was continuing to monitor the lights at the Jewell's car outlet at Wickham Market. At present the lights and timing are both within the agreed planning conditions.
- The appointment of a new Parish Police Officer - PC Marc Norman. PC Norman will be covering Pettistree, Wickham Market and Ufford.
- The Council were working with Suffolk County Council into improving safety along the Byng Hall Road. The possibility of creating passing bays along the road is currently being looked in to.
- It was agreed to donate £100 towards the Pettistree 2000 Heritage Trust.

The Parish Council will next be meeting on 23 September 2004, 7.30pm at the village hall.

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Parish Clerk  
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## Church News

This is the first opportunity to report on the Annual Meeting of Pettistree Church which took place in late April. This is the occasion when the Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council are elected and reports are given of the previous year. It is also a chance to say "thank you" to everyone who has helped 'Keep Pettistree Church Going Forward'. We are especially grateful to all those who although not regular churchgoers help to maintain the building and grounds.

A special thank you went this year to Mike and Barbara Perkins. Mike has been a tower of strength as a churchwarden during some complicated planning, grant searching and building works, while Barbara (as the un-elected warden's wife) has quietly supported Mike. Churchwardens are elected annually but serve for a maximum of three years. Jeff Hallett and Richard Sherrington were elected at the Annual Meeting and formally admitted to their office on May 25th. It is the first time that Richard has been involved in this way so we thank him for agreeing to do the job and wish him well.

*Maggie Hallett*

## Up Up and Away

The idea came from Patience Maxwell formerly of “The Grange” and now living at Goring -on-Thames. Her family, as a present, gave her a balloon ride over the Berkshire Downs. My daughter Jenny heard of this and decided that this would be a good present for Christmas for father/grandfather/great-grandfather. Secret family discussions took place.

Result, I was given a balloon ride, to take place from the Finn Valley Golf Course near Ipswich at a date of my choice. May 15<sup>th</sup> was agreed and eleven of my family descended upon me in Pettistree for a Barbeque lunch prior to going to the launch pad at 18.00 hours for a lift off at 19.00 hours.

Before the take off instruction is given in case of emergency and all important attitude for landing. You arrive with the “Basket” on its side attached to an anchor vehicle at one end and the deflated balloon at the other. Passengers are allocated in threes to each corner of the basket with the pilot in the middle.

The balloon is first inflated with motor fans, eventually it rises from the ground and the basket is in the upright position when the passengers and pilot embark. When the pilot deems the time is right the balloon is detached from the anchor vehicle and quite suddenly the basket lifts gently and silently to thirty metres in the air. The pilot gives the order for the ground crew to detach, the burners are turned on to “full blast” and away you go.

The wind takes us silently over the Golf Course and you glide in perfect tranquillity at about sixty metres to wherever the wind takes you. Various adjustments are taken by the pilot during the three-quarter of an hour flight.

We landed in a field between Clopton and Otley with a big bump but the basket remained upright, the burners were turned off, the balloon collapsed, we disembarked and were invited to help fold and pack up the balloon with the help of the ground crew who had been in telephone contact to arrive at the selected place in time to greet us.

We had a champagne reception when the ground vehicles were parked and returned to Finn Valley in the vehicles feeling pleased with ourselves and relief we were without mishaps.

A uniquely peaceful experience, hard to describe but well worth a ‘Try’.

*Ned Hogg*



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 website which has been up-dated recently. If you would like anything put on it please contact

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**County & District Councillors**

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor 01394 411373

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

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Dave Caudwell 747170 Rogues Cottage  
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**

Bellringers	Mary Gamer 746097
ChurchWardens	Richard Sherrington 747955
	Jeff Hallett 746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Jacki Franklin 746585
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck
The Greyhound Inn	Deborah Hughes 746451
The Three Tuns	746244
Wickham Market	Health Centre 747101

**We're on the Web!**

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

**Late Night Final!**  
*News just in!*

Millennium Altar Rail Kneeler

When Patience Maxwell left the village she expressed a wish that her family's association with the village for many years should be marked by a permanent memento in the church. During the 1980's she had been the driving force behind the provision of the tapestry kneelers and also the pew runners which have served to improve the comfort and the beauty of the church, so her wish was for a new kneeler at the altar rail.

This project was agreed by the PCC in 1999/2000 as suitable to mark the New Millennium, and the arrival in the benefice of Viv Turnbull meant we had an expert with the vision to complete a unique work of art for Pettistree.

During the past four years a great deal has been achieved. Michael Coulter, the well known Suffolk wildlife artist, was commissioned to produce designs for four seasonal designs and a central 'Pettistree' panel. He generously donated these to Pettistree and Viv has painstakingly transferred these to canvas, completing a large amount of work herself, but also instructing and cajoling other volunteers to undertake the work.

At the time of writing the final assembling is underway and the finished work will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Suffolk at Evensong on July 4th which is the feast day of Pettistree Church. They are beautiful in themselves and a fitting reminder of the Maxwell family's time in Pettistree and a significant symbol of the new Millennium in our church.

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