Pettistree People

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Deadline for next issue is AUG 13th 2005

PETTISTREE HERITAGE WEEKEND

Saturday July 2nd Sunday July 3rd 10.00am to 5.00pm 10.00am to 5.00pm

Evensong on Sunday at 6.30pm

Village and Parish records from 1500s-2005

Refreshments available in the Church

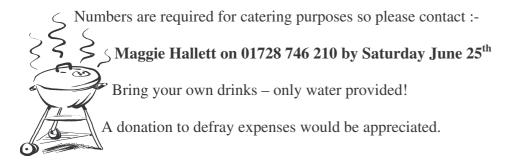
Saturday Evening BBQ for "PettistreePeople" (see over)



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A BBQ on Saturday evening July 2nd (hot dogs and burgers) is being held in Dick and Rita's newly renovated barn for "Pettistree People" and exhibition helpers.



THE HERITAGE WEEKEND REFRESHMENTS – 2ND & 3RD JULY 2005

Knowing what excellent cooks we have in Pettistree, we are asking for these kindly souls to volunteer to bake a cake or some biscuits for the refreshments stand. Could you please contact myself or Barbara Perkins to help us compile a list of offerings so we can work out some numbers.

We also need four volunteers to man the stand for two hours on each day (two per session) from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm, we have covered the other times.

We eagerly look forward to your calls, please contact us by Friday 17th June. Many thanks

Ann Sayer 01394 460639 Barbara Perkins 01394 460284



PETTISTREE HERITAGE 2000 TRUST TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

The main source of income during the year was generated by a very successful fund raising coffee morning held at The Laurels in July. The various stalls, including bricabrac, books and plants, proved popular and takings plus several donations amounted to $\pounds 221.75$. After deducting running costs of $\pounds 29.97$ the net figure came to $\pounds 191.78$. We also received during the year a donation from Pettistree Parish Council amounting to $\pounds 100$ and further small items including building society interest brought the total income for the year to $\pounds 328.63$. With regard to expenditure, the scanner being used by the recorder had given up and a new one was purchased at a cost of $\pounds 82.23$: stationery and ink cartridges for the year totalled $\pounds 46.73$ and the insurance premium amounted to $\pounds 54$. Total expenditure was $\pounds 212.93$ and the excess of income over expenditure for the year was $\pounds 115.70$ making the balance at the building society at the year end of $\pounds 490.08$. *Evelyn Whitfield*

CARPET BOWLS REPORT

The following are details of the triangular inter-village competition held between Dallinghoo, Pettistree and Ufford, which took place from December 2004 to March 2005. I applied the same scoring method used by Suffolk Carpet Bowls Association i.e. each match consists of a number of games. The number of games won against the number of games lost gives the result. In the case of a drawn number of games then the 'shots for' decided the winners.

	DALLINGHOO	PETTISTREE	UFFORD
At Dallinghoc 01/12/04	3 (39)		4 (31)
At Pettistree 09/12/04	3 (16)	4 (23)	
At Dallinghoo 02/02/05	2 (30)	3 (24)	
At Ufford 10/02/05	3 (25)		1 (15)
At Ufford 17/03/05		4 (26)	4 (22)
At Pettistree 24/03/05		3 (26)	3 (15)

There were some drawn games, which I have not included above. Pettistree won the competition by winning all four of their matches, although both of their clashes with Ufford were decided on 'shots for' only.

Ufford won one match and twelve games.

Dallinghoo won one match and eleven games but scored more 'shots for' than the winners Pettistree.

It is therefore possible for all three bowls clubs to take something positive from the result, but the most important aspect has been the enjoyment experienced by all the players.

We are still looking for new members to come and join us at Pettistree Village Hall on a Thursday evening during the winter months. Please give me a call on 01394 460639 any time or speak to any of the following who you may know:

Pam Barker, Eric Dowker, Kath Hilton, Mike & Sheila Manning, Joan Peck, Brian & Maureen Stollery.

The new carpet bowls season will begin in October, hope to see you then.

Mike Sayer

A New Friend

It all started with an e-mail out of the blue or rather from the web-site. Capt Andrew Combe US Navy rtd. living in Virginia was enquiring whether there were any records of his grandparents who once lived in Pettistree. Apparently they had been pig farmers in Pettistree in the 1950's. As Home Farm was a pig farm this began to ring bells, and as a booklet had been written about Home Farm it was possible to check the owners. It was also possible to check with the book of Memorial Inscriptions recorded by the WI in 1980. There I discovered grandfather's grave recorded, and it was easy to pinpoint the exact location of the grave. But, where was Grandmother who was also believed to have been laid to rest in Pettistree? The next check was with the burials register but only grandfather was in there. Grandmother had moved away after her husband died but it seems likely that her ashes were brought back here and interred. Her service was probably held elsewhere. I took a photo of the grave, (Andrew was very impressed.) It was about two feet square, a cremation grave before the present cremation area was established.

Andrew then explained that he wished to make a visit, the reason being his mother was ninety and had recently had to go in a home and he knew the inevitable was soon to happen. She had always wanted to return to England and had retained "her –I quote- British poise, her British elegance and kindness and her very special British view of the World". She would have been delighted with her son's plans for her had he been able to tell her.

The plan was to visit Pettistree, the Vicar, the Undertaker, and the Stone Mason with a view to his returning for a family re-union and memorial service in about a month with his mothers cremains to be buried with her father and mother.

The first visit was arranged for March 24th with a chat over lunch but unfortunately due to illness I was unable to meet him and Maureen and Brian very nobly agreed to do the honours.

Maureen takes over

Andrew flew in from the USA that morning early, hired a car and then drove to Pettistree, arriving midmorning in time for a coffee and chat.

After this Andrew and I walked through the village to Home Farm where his Grandparents had lived in the 1950's. He was delighted at finding his roots, and to see where his Grandparents had lived. Photos were taken of Andrew standing at the front door of the house unaltered since his Grandparents knew it.

We then ventured on through the village to the churchyard, where we found the grave of Alfred Hooper, his Grandfather. After this Andrew had appointments with the Vicar, Funeral Director and Stone Mason all in preparation for his return visit, he then went on to spend a few days visiting friends before returning to the USA.

Back to Joan

On April 25th Andrew returned to host a most enjoyable buffet lunch at the Three Tuns where Maureen, Brian, Maggie, John Eldridge and myself were invited to join him and his cousins and friends prior to a service in the church, followed by the internment of his mother's cremains in the grave with her parents.

Andrew is intending to come to the Heritage Weekend as he will be in England at that time for the International Naval Review taking place then to commemorate Trafalgar. See (www.royalnavy.mod.uk/)

Maureen Stollery & Joan Peck

On Sunday 3rd April 2005 a staunch group of Pettistree villagers could be seen, heads bent, gloves to the fore and armed with an array of dustbin bags, sticks and even a trolley (!) walking the lanes of the village in order to rid the



area of its litter. Those taking part in this annual worthwhile "occupation" were members of the Kay and Beagley families, Jeff Hallett - with his trolley - Maureen Stollery, Cath Caudwell and Don and Cherry White. The roads were divided up and those participating were provided with bags. Luckily the day was bright and dry. In good heart these worthy villagers set about their job with great enthusiasm, delving into ditches and hedges and gathering an amazing assortment of rubbish. Those who braved the main road found a worrying assortment of garbage in the bus shelters which included some syringes (luckily without their needles), con-

doms and the like - not a very suitable place for children in particular to linger for a bus. Surprisingly, there are no rubbish bins in these shelters.

After a good hour the bags were duly deposited, full and heavy, outside the Greyhound Pub where they were left for collection by the Refuse Collectors. Those taking part in the litter pick-up returned home to wash their hands and a much needed cup of coffee! Well done everyone!

Don & CherryWhite

Age Concern Suffolk

I have agreed to become Age Concerns Local Link for Pettistree. This will mean I will receive news and information from Age Concern and share this with Senior Citizens in our community. If any one has any problems, concerns or need information please don't hesitate to contact me. There will be more information in the next Pettistree People.

Maureen Stollery 01728 746653 Area: Pettistree

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YOUR LOCAL LINK VOLUNTEER FOR AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK

Smiling is infectious, you can catch it like flu. When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too. I passed around the corner and someone saw me grin When I smiled I realised, I'd passed it on to him. I thought about the smile and realised its mirth A single smile like mine could travel round the earth. So if you let a smile begin don't leave it undirected Let's start an epidemic quick and get the word Infected !

Local History Report 2004

Pettistree with Loudham

January

The year began with a very quiet month There was snow at the end of the month for two days $28^{\text{th}} \& 29^{\text{th.}}$

February



The excitement in February was an articulated lorry trying to do a U-turn on the main road near to Buddleia. The lorry mounted the verge and the back wheels spun Two police cars attended Spaul Haul from Dallinghoo eventually pulled the lorry off.

March 28th

The Parish Council arranged a litter pick. As usual the main road was one of the worst areas.

April

At the end of April the weather was glorious.

Telephones in Presmere Road were out of order on April 25th and remained out of order for three weeks.

May 7th

A successful "Pub Games" night was held in the Village to raise funds for the Hall.

May 8th

John and Brenda Pallett left the Three Tuns today. A small hotel chain is reputed to have bought it.



July 4th

The new altar kneelers given in memory of the Maxwell family's long association with the village were dedicated at evensong by the archdeacon the Very Reverend Geoffrey Arrand. The kneelers had been embroidered by ladies of the church.

 $October \ 8^{th}$

A very enjoyable concert was held in the church. A group of singers calling themselves "Illuminati" sang a variety of unaccompanied songs.

October 16th

Some time in the hours of darkness a car failed to negotiate the bend near The Grange and ended up smashing a shared telephone/electricity pole bringing down the wires. The car also smashed the railings around what should be a pond which doesn't hold water very well. The electricity company erected a new pole the next day and the main telephone wires in to the village were looped along the hedge.

November 8th

The telephone company BT have not responded to repeated requests for the lines to be properly erected. outside "The Grange"

November 15th

At last! BT has taken five weeks to restore the cables to the pole.

December

A New Year Round Robin party was arranged by Rita Smith with fifteen people taking part. So far this has been a relatively mild winter.

Pettistree Local History Recorder.

This report is sent to the Secretary of the Suffolk Local History Council and later sent to the Suffolk record Office for safe keeping

Heritage 2000 Trust Report

We have met four times. Had a successful coffee morning at Jeff & Maggie Hallett's. Purchased a new scanner with a grant from the PC. Working very hard towards the 2005 exhibition on July 2/3.

Obituary

Sid Cripps who died on 24th April lived in Pettistree for about twenty years.

He was a lovely, modest man. It was therefore not surprising that his memorial service on the 9th May packed our church with friends and relations from Essex and with many from Pettistree and its locality.

Sid did a lot for Pettistree in his own unassuming manner. He helped me for some years by mowing the churchyard and repairing numerous punctures. He repaired and re-made the churchyard gates, he kept the difficult hedges in trim with his large mechanical cutter. In many other respects, when called upon he lent a willing and capable hand. He will be sadly missed in Pettistree.

To Mary, his wife, and his family we express our condolences.

Goodbye Sid and many thanks. It was good to know you.

Ned Hogg

Village Hall

A report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, given at the Annual Parish Meeting, will appear in the September issue.

Questionnaire

Red Poll News

During April two new calves were born in the Red Poll Herd. The first, who finally arrived on April 11th was born to Pettistree Leila. Dick was getting really worried about Leila. She was very fat, largely because she was the boss cow, and always made sure that she got the biggest share of the rations. She was also 2 weeks overdue. These 2 factors could make the calving very difficult, but there was a third problem. The calf had an Australian father, who gloried in the name of Eurimbla Gladstone, and his calves were generally seriously big. So much so that when Leila was 14 days overdue, Dick decided that enough was enough and gave her an injection to induce her. This usually worked within 36 hours, and we expected things to have happened by 8p.m. Sunday 10th April. Nothing happened. Dick checked her at 11p.m. and then went to bed worrying about just who he could call upon for help if she should go into labour at three in the morning.

I woke up at 6 o'clock the next day and went straight out to the cow-shed, expecting to see Leila in a lot of discomfort, with the possibility of her calf being stuck and unable to make its entrance into the world. But how wrong I was! There lay a beautiful bundle of damp, chestnut-coloured calf - outside the pen. Somehow she must have slithered under the gate, taken her first tottery steps, and collapsed in a little coiled heap beside the cattle trailer.

I raced back indoors and upstairs to Dick, shouting, 'It's out, it's out! No, I don't mean it's out, I mean it's really out! It's out of the pen!'. Dick also couldn't believe what he saw. The calf was of normal size. There were no signs at all of a stressful birth. Leila was just calling gently to her calf. All that remained was to re-unite mother and a rather frightened baby, and watch quietly whilst the little heifer latched on to the enormous udder and take its first feed.

Two days later, Dick came in from his early morning inspection of the herd, and announced that Pettistree Suza had safely produced her very first calf in the corner of the meadow near the church-yard. Suza had also been a few days overdue, but we didn't really know what to expect from her calf. The sire was an old bull from the Artificial Insemination stock dated 1970. His name was Gedding Badger, and he belonged to a very good herd owned by Mrs. Walmesly of Gedding, near Bury St. Edmunds. He was also reputed to be a large bull, but it was the first time that we had used this particular semen. However, she had obviously calved without any trouble, and after verifying that it was another heifer calf, and fixing an ear tag in each ear, Dick left mother and baby to get to know each other. What we didn't know at the time was that we had another escapologist on our hands. When I took the dogs out for their afternoon walk, there, in the front garden, was once again a beautiful bundle of coiled up Red Poll! I immediately assumed it must be Leila's calf, as the cow shed where they lived was nearer to the garden. But no, they were lying peacefully together, safely inside their pen, and it was Suza who was standing alone in the meadow mooing rather fretfully. How had the little calf got from the far corner of the meadow, through the fence, and into the garden? There were no signs of any breakout, or any damage to the fence. We still don't know. All we could do this time was plop the little heifer into the wheel-barrow and wheel it back to its forlorn mother.

Both of the young calves are now doing very well, and, as far as we know, have not made any more escapes. They play together in the field behind the church, and at evening time particularly can be seen racing up and down the midden at full speed.

The next cow due to calve is Pettistree Sheila, one of Leila's daughters. She is named partly after her Australian grandfather – Youngerellen Power Mover, and partly after our next-door neighbour, who has been called upon quite a few times to help with the calvings. She is due in late July. In late August, it's the turn of Pettistree Miss Santa, born on Christmas Day 2002.

It's a relief that none of them are due in June. We wouldn't want to cope with a calving on Katharine's wedding day!

Rita & Dick Smith

Parish Council Report – March & May

This report covers the Parish Council Meetings held on 21st March and 9th May.

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 9th May

At its Annual Meeting on 9th May the Parish Council elected Tony Franklin as Chairman, Maureen Stollery as Vice Chairman – Karen Hunter, Nick Beagley and Maureen Stollery as the Planning Group and finally, Maureen Stollery as the Village Hall representative.

Highways

The highway matters discussed were as follows:

- 1. **Hungarian Hall Lane** residents concern over traffic volumes at peak times and the lack of passing places. The Parish Council has made repeated representations to County Highways who seem reluctant to give the issue very much attention.
- 2. **Main Road** 50mph speed limit. This was an issue raised by a number of residents in November and representations made by the Parish Council have resulted in the County Council including this request in its review process. A survey is to be carried out in July.
- 3. **Main Road** inadequate footpath between South Lodge and the Three Tuns. A meeting with the Highway Managers was held in March to help clarify the situation regarding footpath maintenance and upgrades.
- 4. **Main Road** dropped footpath curbs for disabled access at Three Tuns and Rogues Lane junctions. This need was drawn to the attention of County Highways in March. Further representations will be needed to resolve this issue.
- 5. **Rogues Lane & Byng Hall Lane** overgrowth on the edge and in the centre of the carriageway. Representations are yet to be made.
- 6. Village Boundary Signs Following suggestions made by residents in November the Parish Council investigated the installation of boundary signs on the Main Road. After consideration the Parish Council decided not to pursue this proposal.
- 7. **Three Tuns** Advertising board positioned on the footpath obscuring visibility at the road junction. A formal letter is to be sent to the Three Tuns asking on road safety grounds for the advertising board to be removed and sited elsewhere.

A more detailed review of Highway issues can be found in the Chairman's Annual Report, which can be found on the Pettistree Web Site <u>http://www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk</u> ..

Local Plan

The Local Plan, which governs the physical limits boundary within which building development can be permitted, is to be reviewed in the coming year.

Just prior to convening the 9th May meeting, Mr Steve Brown of the Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Dept gave a presentation about the forthcoming Local Plan revision. Mr Brown outlined the process and timetable for the Local Plan revision. The Parish Council were mindful that the result of that revision could have a significant effect on the nature of the Village and that it may be necessary to become closely engaged in the consultative process.

Village Green

Reinstatement of the Village Signs – The post of the Village Sign had become rotten at its base and was considered to be unsafe. Consequently the Parish Council decided to reinstate the sign post and as a precautionary measure also the post of the Jubilee Sign. Having made the decision to carry out the work the Parish Council experienced considerable difficulty in finding a suitable contractor to do the job. Eventually, through the good offices of a Parish Councillor, Mark Edworthy, we were able to engage a contractor and the work was completed this April.

Removal of dangerous oak tree – the trunk of the oak tree at the south end of the Green had become badly split and was deemed to be a hazard. Consequently, the tree has had to be felled and in the autumn it will be replaced with an oak sapling.

Village of the Year Competition

In November the Parish Council canvassed opinion in the Village as to how people felt about entering the Village of the Year Competition and at a well attended meeting enthusiasm was expressed and a number of ideas were put forward as to how we could improve our standing against the criteria set for last years competition.

On the 9th March , some three weeks later than promised, the Parish Council received the competition entry form from Suffolk ACRE. The Parish Council was disturbed to find that the judging criteria had change markedly from those communicated to the Village in November.

Emphasis had been placed on the Village's appearance and on social issues that were more appropriate to an urban environment than they were to a small rural village in Suffolk. Our concern was such that we decided to reconsider our entry into the competition and this we did at the Parish Council meeting held on 21st March. Our conclusion was that we should <u>not</u> enter the competition this year. However, we were mindful of the enthusiasm shown back in November and we wrote to each household in the Village advising residents of the situation and inviting feedback on the Parish Council's decision. No objections to withdrawing from the competition were received.

Website

(see pages 11& 12)

Other Issues

Community Police Liaison Officer – Until recently our Community Police Liaison Officer (CPLO) attended Parish Council meetings to report on crime and crime prevention in our area. Unfortunately, the Officer appointed to carry out this duty has been seconded to other duties and has been unable to attend our meetings or as far as we can ascertain unavailable to carry out other CPLO duties. We have raised this as an issue with the Police through the good offices of our District Councillor, John Perry, and we have been assured that measures will be taken to address our concern that the valuable role of the CPLO may not be covered.

Notcutt's Depot – Concern has been expressed that the Depot is being used as a retail outlet contrary to the development planning approval granted at the time the Depot was built.

Dog fouling – Fouling of the footpath running from the Walnuts Lane to Thong Hall Road adjacent to the Village Hall is becoming a problem. The Parish Council is looking towards installing bins at each end of this footpath.

Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings

Monday 4th July Monday 3rd October Monday 5th December All of these meeting are to be held in the Village Hall starting at 8pm.

Tony Franklin Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council 16 May 2005

New Web Site

Last July in preparation for the Village of the Year Competition the Parish Council undertook a critical review of the Pettistree Website

http://www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk .

The outcome of that review was that although the Website had been in existence for a number of years it had some significant design shortcomings and a marked lack of information about the Village.

To address this shortcoming the Parish Council formed and funded a working party to set about a complete redesign of the Website. The working party completed their work in April when the new Website was published. Early indications are that our objective of creating an informative and usable Website have been achieved thanks to the dedication of the working party; Tony Franklin, Joan Peck, Chris Garner, Maureen Stollery and Karen Hunter.

If you are able to take the time to compare our Website to other village Websites in the Suffolk Coastal district, then we are confident that you will find that we are amongst the best.

NB A good Website is never static; the information it holds and its design will continually be on the move. Please help the Village by using the Website and by offering information for it to hold. Improving our Website depends a lot on the feedback we receive, so please feel free to say what you think about the Website by either using the "Guest Book" on the Website or by phoning, Emailing or writing to Tony Franklin, Parish Council Chairman.

Tony Franklin 16th May 2005 16 May 2005

News from the PCC

May 17th 2005 was the first meeting of the Parochial Church Council following the Annual meetings in April. Of primary concern to the new PCC is the state of the church fabric following the repair work to the ceiling and the need to do further safety work to the ceiling joists. As reported to the Parish Annual meeting the previous day all this work except painting of the ceiling has been completed satisfactorily and we are awaiting the final bills with some trepidation.

The next stage in the preservation of the building is to remove the damp plaster on the South nave wall and allow the underlying flints to dry. We are also advised that we should dig a trench on the outside of the church close to the wall to reduce the risk of further damage. Unfortunately damp-proof courses are not a feature of 13th century buildings! This trench has to be dug by hand as it is so close to the building, so the PCC have decided to ask for volunteers for a working-party to undertake this job beginning the weekend of July 9th. The only cost will be your time and the benefit will be to have helped conserve a building that goes back at least 700 years. Offers of help to any member of the PCC please.

A long discussion was held about the condition and future of the Church Room, this building also has a long history and unfortunately is a drain on the financial resources of the congregation. It was restored by Clayton Larter in 1982 at a time when the PCC considered having it demolished because of lack of facilities and the general decay. It now requires further work and is still very little used, as although supplied with electricity, there is no water or drainage. The PCC has been taking advice on the possibility of obtaining planning permission for the building to be changed to residential use. We have been informed that this might be possible, but no other viable commercial suggestion has been made for using the building. With outline planning permission the plot would be easily sold and the building cease to be of concern financially to the PCC.

At the end of the meeting the PCC were in complete agreement that no further action would be taken at present to obtain planning permission, but there will need to be some remedial work done on the building. We are deciding what needs to be done and will be asking for volunteers later in the year to assist with redecoration both inside and out. If anyone can come up with a regular use for the building that would help to defray costs, please contact 01728 746210

Maggie Hallett Secretary PCC

 Thank you to all the contributors edition of the Village Newslett And a bigger thank you to those of who met the deadline! If you would like anything put is newsletter please contact de.rola@virgin.net Maureen Stollery Joan Peck 	ter. of you	County & District Councillors Clare Aitchison County Councillor 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 E For Crimeline Information, 01473 613611. Current R crime update available after 5pm on Tuesdays. Call S this number to find out what is happening in your area. S The Parish Police Officer can be contacted at Wood- S
	Tel No 746585	Useful People to Contact
Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman 1 Presmere Rd	746653	BellringersMary Gamer 746097ChurchWardensRichard Sherrington 747955
Nick Beagley Pettistree Grange	746344	Jeff Hallett 746210 Village Hall Booking Sec Jacki Franklin 746585
Mark Edworthy Grove House	746333	Local History Recorder Joan Peck
Karen Hunter 2 Presmere Rd	746430	100 Club
Henrietta Kay Pettistree House	746008	100 Club results will be in the September is

Pettistree Cricket Club Report.

I was hoping to write this report regarding the 2005 season with some news of the opening cup game against Needham Market. Unfortunately, because Pettistree could not get a full team together, the match had to be conceeded. After a recent meeting of players it was decided to withdraw from the Medite league but still to play in the Woodbridge mid-week league and cup games. We will also try and arrange more friendly fixtures, (to include the Sri Lankans later in the season), when hopefully we may have some more players available, i.e. those back home from University.

Despite losing several key players to larger clubs there is still a nucleus of cricketers who would very much welcome any new faces for friendly games.

Barnie Smith would be very pleased to introduce any new players, and can be contacted on 07884 328148

Awards were presented for the 2004 season to the following players at the Annual Dinner in February, held at The Greyhound:

Batsman of the yearDavid Coates

Bowler of the year Paul Ray

Best batting performanceAlistair Brooks 39 not out.

(New highest run partnership ... last wicket 77 runs v. Trimley)

Best bowling performance ... Ivan Gotts

(5 overs 7 wickets for 7 runs v. Ringsfield)

Catch of the seasonEddie Johnson

With the stepping down of Barnie Smith as Captain (due to business commitments overseas) we are pleased to welcome back an old face as the new skipper for 2005, Mr Ivan Gotts.

Home matches will commence from 10th July 2005. Details will be circulated via the Pettistree website.

Dick Smith