

Pettistree People

Issue 39 September 2007

Deadline for next issue is November 17th 2007



Parish Council News

The summer months are usually fairly quiet for the Parish Council with a big gap between our meeting on 28th June and the next one on 26th September. We hope that during this time we shall find one more person willing to give some time and effort to become the seventh member of the Parish Council. A suitable person can be co-opted without election but so far the people approached have been willing in principle but too heavily committed in other roles.

The wet weather and high winds played havoc with village signs and one of our smart new green dog bins had to be re-erected. We hope the bins will be used to help keep the walkways cleaner. There has also been heavy growth of hedges around the village. The owners of the hedges are responsible for their upkeep but we are hopeful that a new contractor is going to be able to spend a day or two in the village. Jeff Hallett has compiled a list of those he knows of who want their hedges cut so let him know if you think you may not be on the list or will not be around to pay on the day.

The village did not get through the first round of the "Village of the Year" competition. Judging was on the written application and perhaps an informal visit but we were not informed of any visit by the judges. This was our first application for some time but if we are to repeat in two years time we shall need encouragement and input from a wider group of the village.

There is no news so far of a new tenant or owner being found for the "Greyhound" pub. We are in occasional contact with the owners and there is a small but steady stream of prospective tenants visiting but so far no progress. We are grateful that the pub and garden is being kept reasonably tidy and secure.

The wooden seat beside the Greyhound is reaching the end of its useful life. It

Inside this Issue

Parish Council	P1
Village Hall Carpet Bowls	P2
Appreciation Congratulations	P3 & 4
Church News	P5 & 6
Red Poll News Bell Ringing	P7
A New Top Knot Obituaries	P8
Quiz Host	P9
Train Timetable	p10
Planning	p11
Diary Dates	P11
Useful Numbers	P12
Word search	P12
I	

Parish Councillors

Jeff Hallett Chairman
The Laurels 746210

Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman
1 Presmere Road 746653

Nick Beagley 746344
Pettistree Grange
Henrietta Kay 748008

Pettistree House

Kath Wilton
Home Farm Barn

is a memorial seat. It has 1910 on one half and 1935 on the other and was put there to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. The Council is keen to keep a seat in that position for public use so we expect to have to raise money or use money in council funds that has already come from your council tax. Please let the Council know if you have any views or suggestions on this.

The Parish Plan survey is making steady progress. There was a return of questionnaires of 55.7% and a grant of £1,171 has been awarded by Suffolk ACRE, data from the survey is now being entered on the computer programme and Carol Edworthy will be preparing the report. Please attend when the report is presented to the village because that will be everyone's chance to help shape the future of the village and will be very important if changes of planning procedures are introduced.

A final thought is that we do not yet know how the change of Ipswich to a Unitary Authority will affect the service that we receive from Suffolk County Council. There are bound to be changes of allocation of funding and perhaps less money to go around the county as funds are allocated directly to Ipswich. We need to keep a close eye on this and inform our MPs of any problems that we see.

Jeff Hallett Chairman Parish Council

Village Hall News

Saturday 15th September: The committee invites everybody to come and see the re-furbished hall. The windows and rear door have been replaced, the floor sanded and polished, the curtains washed and re-hung, and the entire building redecorated inside and out. The car park has also been tidied and the hedge well cut. We are very grateful to everybody who has contributed towards making the hall look good again. The evening event will include a barbecue, which will be followed by a Beetle Drive.

100 Club Winners

April: 1st Liïsa Beagley 2nd Michael Hunter 3rd Mike & Marlene Watts

May: Kathy Wilton Chris Garner John Speedman
June: Hannah Signy Dave Caudwell Mike Hilton
July: Mrs. Green Mark Welton Mary Garner

To hire the hall please contact the booking secretary, Pauline, on 745030

Rita Smith (746708)

Carpet Bowls

Due to insufficient members it is proposed to suspend the regular fortnightly carpet bowls evening in the village hall. However we intend to participate in the 'Triangular Inter-Village Tournament' again this year, and any other firendly matches that may arise.

Should any new members come forward to make the club viable, we could start up again at any time.

Mike Sayer

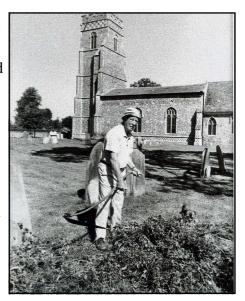
Appreciation

Ned Hogg

Ned has now moved into Grove Court in Woodbridge and Amberley House has been sold. Since moving to Pettistree on his retirement Ned has always played a very active part in the life of the village and we remember him well playing with his family in the early days of village cricket. He spent several years looking after his wife Angela after she suffered a stroke, but has always managed to find time for his friends and neighbours, being ready with a joke, sharing his garden produce, or giving his time to care for others.

He has been a very regular member of the church, and a most valuable and committed church warden for many years, taking great care of the church yard which he was keen to promote as a significant nature reserve.

Ned will be greatly missed by all those who knew him in Pettistree, and we are very pleased that he still returns occasionally to share in church and village functions.



Celebrations



The Wedding of Chris Manning and Hayley Kirk took place at the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dedham on a lovely Saturday in July.

'Congratulations to Harrison Joseph Frost, son of Katharine (daughter of Dick and Rita Smith) and Richard Frost, who was baptised by the Rev. Margaret Blackall at Pettistree Church on Sunday 19th August.'



50

Another Celebration

50



Mum and Dad celebrated 50 years' of marriage in style at Wickham Market Village Hall on Sunday, 29th July 2007. The actual date of their golden anniversary was Wednesday, 25th July. Mum's parents, the five children (plus spouses), and all the grandchildren (a boyfriend too) went along to the Three Tunns for a surprise meal, celebrating with great food, great champagne and great company.

The celebrations continued for them with the surprise party at Wickham Market Village Hall. They arrived in style on Joe Arbon's horse and cart. The journey was very special for

them, and Dad recalls thinking that he was going for another family meal perhaps to the Chinese or Indian restaurant! Family and friends at the hall, with warmth and great cheer, greeted them.

The hall was over-flowing with people young and old. Banners, old photographs, balloons, superb buffet, (supplied by us) family, friends and members of the community came from far and wide to celebrate and be part of this very special occasion.

To understand why this is, we have to go back more than 40 years, to when Mum and Dad moved to Pettistree from Boyton in 1965 with 5 very young children. They settled down to family life here in the village and despite being young and bringing up a family, they became an important part of the community. Mum talks fondly of the conversation she had with Mrs Bratt, "you are young, you are female... I'm putting your name forward to become a member of the parish council!" And so it began! Mum worked extremely hard (and continues to do so) always staying in the background, keeping out of the limelight, but working hard nonetheless. The early 70's also saw Mum becoming a Governor at Wickham Market School. Dad, always supportive, even though his job took him away from home, managed to start the Wickham Market football team with Mr Smith in the 1960's. In the early 90's Mum was part of a committee to take over the village hall. In 1993 the WI donated it to the village – what a great achievement that was. To this day we can't imagine how difficult it must have been, bringing up a family of 5, not to mention all they did for the community and others.

The community was and always will be important to both of them, but we all know where their hearts

lie – with us! There has never been any doubt in our minds about the love, devotion and inspiration they have both shown all of us (we are speaking for the grandchildren too). They brought us up to believe in family values, to respect each other and to be good members of the community just like them! Any problems we have had over the years – and we all have them – have been made easier with the knowledge that we could always go to them, not necessarily for advice, (though when we needed it, it was always sound) but simply for support, a shoulder to cry on, some sympathy or empathy! We could not ask for better parents, never smothering us, letting us make our own mistakes and picking up the pieces when necessary.



The five of us fled the nest, married and have children of our own now. And their legacy has been passed down through the generations and will continue to do so. Thank you Mum and Dad – you are indeed amazing, wonderful and selfless people and we ALL feel very privileged to be a part of your lives! x

The Family

St Peter & St Paul News

The Rev. John Eldridge has been on sick leave for July and August but is making an excellent recovery and should be back full-time in September. We have been very fortunate in Pettistree to have been visited by several different preachers during John's absence. These have included the Bishop of Rajasthan who was staying with Rev Graham Owen (Rural dean and vicar of Framlingham) and came with Graham to speak at Evensong in early July. The Rev. Margaret Blackall has also taken several services, and it is particularly good to welcome her as she used to take regular services here when she was based in Easton before she was ordained. She officiated at the funeral of George Tyte on July 30th, Phyl Revett's cremation service on August 10th and also welcomed Harrison (Harry) Frost (Dick & Rita Smith's grandson) into the family of the church by taking his christening on August 19th.

Church Room development

The PCC are very grateful to the Parish Council for making a donation towards this worthwhile project. Unfortunately Suffolk Coastal were unable to help with any grant aid towards it, they realised after having the forms for nearly 3 months that they are unable to donate to religious groups, so the provision of the Disabled toilet facility for the Parish room will be delayed while funds are raised from other sources. If anyone can help with grant applications the PCC would be very grateful, please contact Maggie Hallett.

<u>The Songs of Praise</u> and barbecue held on June 8th proved to be a very enjoyable village event on a lovely evening and a very impressive £650 was raised. The PCC are very grateful to all those who contributed to making the evening such a success.

The Bell ringers are continuing to raise funds by offering 'Sponsored Ringing' in aid of the appeal. This means that they will mark any important event in your or your family & friends lives with an individual ringing session and a special certificate for you to keep. If you were particularly keen you could make a recording of your special session to play to your family, or maybe make it your personalised ring tone! Contact Mary Garner for further information.

Special Services

Sept 30th will be another special event for the village as the Bishop of Dunwich will be speaking at the morning service. It is several years since we were visited by one of the Suffolk Bishops so it will be a great pleasure to welcome him. The following Sunday October 7th is the Harvest Festival service of Evensong when the speaker will be the Archdeacon of Suffolk The Ven. Geoffrey Arrand. The Archdeacon has been a regular visitor to our village for many years and is particularly remembered for the sermon he gave on the morning of the late Princess Diana's death 10 years ago. He spoke without notes, as he had only heard of the event as he drove to Pettistree that morning, and everyone who heard him found the rest of the week's events easier to deal with because of his helpful words. It will be a pleasure to welcome him again.

<u>Visit of Suffolk History & Archaeology Society</u>. On July 14th we were pleased to welcome the group to the village. After some refreshment in the village hall, where one member of the group became very excited about the hall itself, apparently a classic example of its type, they were taken to the church . Clive Paine, a very knowledgeable amateur church historian with an engaging teaching style, has researched the church building and it's history in depth. This meant we were treated to a fascinating account by him and Edward Martin of how the building has probably evolved over the



centuries and many interesting snippets were gleaned. It appears that the mediaeval windows can be dated fairly accurately to between 1305 and 1307, and that 550 years later in 1847 the bulk of the original mediaeval pews had been removed by Mr Brooks and could be seen at Pettistree Lodge! (Maybe Mrs Brooks felt guilty as she paid for the complete refurbishment in 1865) In spite of notes being taken at the time I am ashamed to have to report that I failed to get a full history but am delighted to report that Clive has offered to come on June 13th 2008 and give us 'An evening in Pettistree church'. He is famous for the talks he gives in aid of the Historic churches Trust and I hope that Pettistree will be able to enjoy an educational evening but with some light refreshment as well. Please put it in your diary.

Notelets and Postcards

A particularly attractive pencil sketch of the church has been donated that has been reproduced on cards which are offered for sale to support the church. These are available in the church and can also be obtained from Mary Garner.

Maggie Hallett

A Visit to The Mount & Canal

After visiting the church the thirty members of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History led by Edward Martin made their way via the Green and Thong Hall Road to the "Great Mount of Pettistree." (Hunn Wyard's name for it) Walking this route enabled an appreciation of the distance from and siting of the Mount in relation to Pettistree Lodge to which it once belonged. With the aid of an Inventory of Pettistree Lodge at the time of Hunn Wyard's death (1746) recently discovered in the Ipswich Record Office and sent to me by Ray Whitehand, Edward Martin was able to draw a word picture of the man who created these landscape features in the early part of the 18th century and who was very proud of what he had done.

Hunn Wyard was a bachelor and gentleman farmer who lived in Pettistree Lodge and farmed an extensive area around. He was quite well educated as evidenced by letters he wrote, perhaps from the writing desk in the Hall Chamber. We know he travelled about as there was a post chaise and harness in the barn and this may have given him the idea for the Mount and Canal. Also listed in the Hall Chamber was a case of brandy and in the closet his powder horn.

In the Parlour Chamber there was 'one bed as it stands, thirty one comb of barley, four comb of wheat, and one comb of peas!'

But why did he create the Canal and Mount? He had a parcel of twelve deer grazing his land as well as some cows so he probably required a larger water supply—hence the Canal.(Anyway it was quite fashionable) In making the Canal there was a rather large heap of soil to deal with which, of course, could either be spread or heaped up. Hunn chose to make a heap about 8 metres high. This then was a convenient place for him to view his estate and watch his deer probably from a small building on the top evidenced by a piece of a17th century bottle.

Everyone enjoyed the view from the top and agreed it had been a very enjoyable morning.

Joan Peck

Red Poll News

In previous editions of Pettistree People I have written about the two heifers, Ula and Victoria, which were born as a result of using Eurimbla Gladstone as their sire. I spoke of our surprise when the Australian owners of Eurimbla Gladstone got in touch with us via e-mail, having read my account through the Red Poll connection on the internet via 'Pettistree People'. They were delighted to hear that Gladstone had more calves on the other side of the world and they sent us e-mails telling us about the bull, which they still have, and giving us news of the rest of their herd and their serious problems with drought.

This summer they were visiting the UK and we were delighted to meet them when they called in for tea at Church Farm. Jill and Ian Coghlan were very interested to see Gladstone's progeny, and were very complimentary about our Red Polls - the native breed in their Suffolk environment. Ula and Victoria were looking in good condition, and weighing in at over 750kg Ula impressed with her size for the breed. She is due to calve in mid-August, and we hope all goes well this time as she lost her first calf last year. Victoria is expecting her first calf nearer to Christmas, hopefully in time for the 'Carols in the Barn'.



We discovered that Ian is also a keen cricket supporter and as we walked through Pettistree to the Park he was interested to see where Ivo Bligh may have walked and even played cricket.

It was a fleeting visit but a real pleasure to meet with a couple with whom we have a common interest.

Rita Smith

Bell Ringing News

Six Pettistree Bellringers met early on Sunday 12th August and rang a quarter peal before service. A quarter peal is a continuous piece of ringing, lasting about 40 minutes, made up from one or more methods. This means that the order of the bells in a row changes at every stroke. This was the 400th quarter since the bells were restored in 1986.

We are very fortunate that our practice is well supported and many local ringers from other towers join us regularly. Mike Whitby, who started training ringers here in 1986, still runs our practices. Ruth, who conducted the quarter peal, was taught to ring by Mike and me. Chris and I are two of the original learners from 1986.

Mary Garner Sunday 12th August 2007 1400 Doubles: 360 each of St Simons, St Martins and Plain, 380 Grandsire

1 Hazel Judge 2 Pippa Moss 3 Gill Warerson 4 Mary Garner 5 Ruth Eagle 6 ChrisGarner

400th quarter on the bells. Rung for service by a local Pettistree band.

A New Top-Knot

Pettistree has a few thatched roofs but one of the smallest is on the summerhouse at The Laurels (visible

from the Greyhound pub). The summerhouse is very old with proper lime mortar between the bricks and window glass only 1mm thick. (They could not make very flat glass so they made it very thin to get it as transparent as possible.). The roof has a reed thatch and that type of thatch can last 50 to 80 years depending on the position and pitch of the roof. Water reed cannot be bent, so long straw is used to finish the top of a thatched roof. This does not last so long and has to be replaced at least every 20 years. http://www.buildingconservation.com/articles/thatchrf/thatchrf.htm It was time to get the summerhouse re-capped this year so we naturally went to our village thatcher Roger Chilvers. He last did this for us about 20 years ago and said then that his father had put



on the reed thatch about 20 years earlier. Interestingly we can see new thatch on the roof in an aerial photograph that we bought recently taken in 1965.



On this occasion Roger was laid up and off work but his assistant Paul Smy was able to come and do it for us. He was a little apprehensive because it is more complicated to finish a pointed roof than an ordinary long ridge on a house. Matters were further complicated by the summerhouse being an irregular five sided structure. However Paul was more than equal to the task and was helped by a spell of very dry weather in early May. Over three and a half days he removed the old bird-protection wire and worn out capping straw, and brushed the old reed clean (using a wooden 'brush' with horseshoe nails as 'bristles'. Fresh new long straw grown and harvested by Roger was bundled onto the top of the roof, fixed by split

hazel laths and then cut to a decorative shape with three equal points. Finally new bird-protection wire mesh was fastened over the whole roof. Even this wire has to be specially obtained as ordinary mesh does not come in big enough sheets and does not lie completely flat.

We are delighted with the smart and weatherproof roof and we think that the great care Paul took to protect a nearby blackbird's nest led to a successful hatch of young. Now we have to try and stop those young blackbirds eating all our figs!

Jeff Hallett



Obituaries

It was with sadness that we learned of the deaths of two ex-Pettistree residents.

Mrs Phyllis Revett who lived in the village for about thirty years, first at "The Laurels," then "Clock House." She was a stalwart member of the Womens Institute. Phyll moved to Woodbridge for a while and then to "Allonsfield" where she died aged 93 years

George Tyte and family moved to Pettistree in the early 60's to work as second cowman for Jimmy Shand. His two children Melvyn and Valerie attended Wickham Market School. They lived at Stone Hall Cottages until after George retired about twenty years ago, when he moved to Woodbridge. He has been laid to rest with his wife in the Churchyard He was very much involved with Pettistree Football team.

THE EASIEST QUIZ IN THE WORLD

This takes one minute –Google is banned-but can you get them all right? Answers P 11

- 1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
- 2. Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3. From what animal do we get catgut?
- 4. In which month do Russians celebrate their October revolution?
- 5. What is a camels hair brush made of?
- 6. The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what creature?
- 7. What was King George VI's first name?
- 8. What colour is a purple finch?
- 9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

From Joan Jordan

From Heather Allison Regional Organiser for HOST

ITEM FOR PUBLICATION

'It was a pity. My Indian flatmate had a wonderful first experience of Christmas, but there was no place for me.' (Chinese student at a London university)

For 20 years, HOST has been linking international students at British universities with volunteer hosts, for short, enjoyable and mutually beneficial visits. Last year, several hundred adults, from all over the world, enjoyed discovering Christmas in private homes across the UK. Sadly, several hundred more had to be disappointed.

If you think you might be able to offer an invitation this Christmas, please look at www.hostuk.org, or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser: Heather Allison 01473 710272

HOST is a registered charity, founded by the British Council and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to promote international friendship and understanding.

East SuffolkTravellers' Association (ESTA)

May-December 2007

East Suffolk: trains. Monday-Friday

Wickham Market station is in the centre of Campsea Ash. Car and cycle parking available.

Lowestoft	0531	0644		O858	1058	1258	1458	1658	1843	2058	
Wickham Market	0628	0741	0830	0955	1155	1355	1555	1755	1955	2155	
lpswich	0659	0812	0901	1026	1226	1426	1626	1826	2016	2226	
London Lpool St	0823	0925	1024	1145	1345	1545	1754	1947	2145	0003	
London Lpool St			0738	0938	1138	1338	1538	1700	1730	1932	2100
Ipswich	0648	0735	0902	1102	1302	1502	1702	1813	1855	2052	2215
W'm Market	0717	0805	0930	1130	1330	1530	1730	1842	1924	2120	2243
Lowestoft	0816		1029	1229	1429	1629	1829	1947	2022	2219	2342

East Suffolk trains. Saturdays

Lowestoft	0558	0658	0858	1058	1258	1458	1658	1858	2058
Wm Market	0655	0755	0955	1155	1355	1555	1755	1955	2155
Ipswich	0726	0826	1026	1226	1426	1626	1826	2026	2226
Lpool St	0845	0937	1142	1345	1545	1745	1945	2145	0003
Lpool St		0738	0938	1138	1338	1538	1700	1730	1932
Ipswich	0648	0902	1102	1302	1502	1702	1902	1902	2102
Wm Market	0718	0930	1130	1330	1520	1730	1930	2130	2243
Lowestoft	0816	1029	1229	1429	1629	1829	2029	2229	2342

Times shown in italics are connecting trains

Sunday trains leave Wickham Market for Ipswich - change for London Liverpool Street at 0902, 1102,

1302, 1502, 1902 and 2102; and for Lowestoft - change for Norwich at 1019, 1219, 1419, 1619,1819,2019 & 2219

For full timetable details, visit <u>www.onerailwav.com Call</u> One Customer Services on 0845 600 7245, or call East Anglia Traveline on 0870 608 2608 or 0871 200223;3; open daily 0800-2000.

ESTA webstte: www.eastsuffolktravel.ora.uk

One website: www.onerailwaV.com

One customer services/sales, 0845 600 7245; email: customerservices@onerailway.com National rail enquiry services tel: 08457484950;

National rail webstte: www.nationrail.co.ukTraveline public transport information tel: 08706082608 or 08712002233

Suffolk County Council transport website: www.suffolkcc.gov.ukltransport

Travel Cannon Ltd. Tel: 01728604600

Taxis: Bar Cars - Wickham Market 01728 746884

Bus Timetables are available from Wickham Market Post Office

Planning

Erection of single-storey

Cumberland Street Woodbridge IP12 4AF	Main Road Pettistree IP13 0NQ	office building	FUL
Pryer Associates 39 St Johns St Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1SP	The Greyhound Public House The Street Pettistree	Erection of single-storey detached building to provide two units of holiday accommodation	C03/2138 FUL

Notcutts Nursery

I can confirm that this application has now been withdrawn and no further action will be taken.

Illuminati



Dates for your Diary

Saturday September 15th Village Hall BBQ&Beetle Drive

Wednesday September 26th Parish Council Meeting

Friday October 12th Illuminati Concert in the Church "Songs for an Autumn Evening."

Friday November 16th An Evening with Charlie Haylock "Sloightly on the Huh."

June 13th 2008 Clive Paine "An Evening in Pettistree Church."

Answers to Quiz 1) 116 years 2) Ecuador 3) Sheep or Horses 4) November 5) Squirrel Fur 6) Dog 7) Albert 8) Red 9) New Zealand 10) 30 years

C07/1175

Notcutts LTD

Autumn Pays



Leaves
Walks
Acorns
Colours
Fall
Windy
Squirrel
Crunch
Hat
Scarf
Gold

Orange Brown Yellow Apple Pumpkin Harvest Red Jumper



Bonfire
Puddles
Rake
Toadstools
Fireworks
Umbrella



Useful people to contact

Parish Clerk Heather Heelis 01728747789

Vicar Rev John Eldridge 01728746026

Bellringers Mary Garner 01728 746097

ChurchWardensRichard Sherrington 01728747955

Jeff Hallett 01728746210

Village Hall Booking Sec. Pauline 01728 745030

Local History Recorder Joan Peck

Age ConcernMaureen Stollery 01728746653

The Three Tuns 01728746244

Wickham MarketHealth Centre 0844 477 2557

Post Office 01728746201

Library 01728747216

County & District Councillors

Mrs Clare Aitchison Co Councillor 01394 383759

Mr Michael Bond, District Councillor

Mr Jim Bidwell

Neighbourhood Watch

Dave Caudwell 01728747170 Rogues Cottage

Mike Sayer 01394 460 639 4 Hungarian Close

Pettistree Web Site

www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk