



Pettistree People

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The British Palawan Trust

I have been involved with the British Palawan Trust since it was set up in 1990 with all the other Ipswich Orthopaedic Surgeons as Trustees. The object of the Charity is to provide care for the indigent population of the province of Palawan

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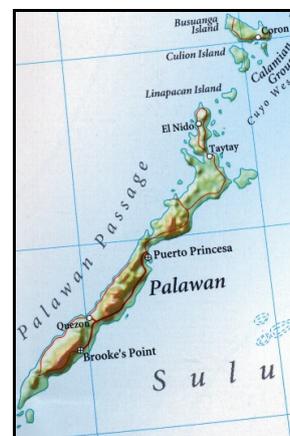
money is raised by news letters mailed from Palawan about twice a year. The majority of our donors are doctors but we get help from churches and other organisations.



I was honoured to receive an award last September. The President of the British Orthopaedic Association, Mr Michael Bell FRCS, presented me with their first Presidential Medal. The ceremony was in the magnificent Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow during the Combined Meeting of the English Speaking Orthopaedic Associations from

around the world. It was for me a very proud and emotional event.

Fortunately Pat was able to be there.

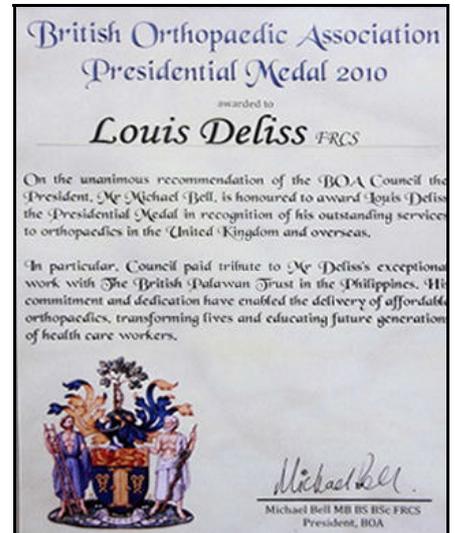


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The citation, beautifully written on parchment, reads in part “..in recognition of his outstanding services to Orthopaedics in the United Kingdom and overseas....Council paid tribute to Mr Deliss’ exceptional work with The British Palawan Trust in the Philippines.” The medal itself is about two inches across and being solid gold very heavy. The citation and medal have pride of place in our home and I will always be grateful that I was given such a wonderful opportunity to help in a developing but poor part of the world.

Details of the Trust and photos of our work and of my medal can be seen on www.britishpalawantrust.org.uk.

Louis Deliss Chairman of the British Palawan Trust



Carols in the barn



Burns Night 2011



Dick and I would like to thank everyone who came to sing carols in the barn at Church Farm and contributed towards it being a most meaningful part of the Christmas Celebrations. Although it was cold it was not quite as bad as last year when it was really freezing and snow was swirling all around. We had an almost full house with 64 people sitting on the straw bales, huddled under blankets for warmth. We sang many of the old favourites, *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*, *We Three Kings* and *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* as well as *Silent Night* in English, French and German. Steve Wassell sang and played guitar to *Here we come a-wassailing* and we all joined in the chorus. Steve, as before, had composed a beautiful song especially for the event called *The Bells of Peace* which was very well received. There was also an 'Animal Section' with the song *What a Silent Night* by Robert Wade which is about a lot of noisy animals on the road to Bethlehem. Afterwards Maureen Stollery read a passage about *The Stork* which explains the storks' connection with children:

*Then from her panting breast she plucked the feathers white and warm
She strewed them in the manger bed to keep the Lord from harm,
'Now blessed be the gentle stork for evermore' quoth He,
'For that she saw my sad estate and showed such pity.
Full welcome shall she ever be in hamlet or in hall,
And called henceforth the Blessed Bird and friend of babies all.*

Sylvia Owens gave us the second reading. This was called *Joseph and the Shepherds* and was from 'Welcome to the Real World' by Godfrey Rust. It gives a modern idea of how Joseph may have felt at the time of Christ's birth:

*.....This wasn't the way he had thought it would be
when the angel had told him that destiny
chose him to look after the Holy One.
No, this was a farce. What God had done
was to trust the care of the Saviour instead
to a man who could not even find him a bed.
If only he'd planned it more carefully then.
If he only could go back and do it again.*

We are delighted that as a result of the event we have been able to send £160.00 to each of the two Charities - the *Starlight Children's Foundation* and the *Tree of Life Foundation* (the English Charity collecting for *Yayasan Gunungan* in Indonesia). Last year *Starlight* sent me a letter saying that there were 59 desperately ill children in East Anglia who have asked *Starlight* to grant their wish, and thanked us for bringing happy memories into the lives of many seriously ill children.

I have received some thank you letters for our support from the children at the Refuge Centre in Indonesia (www.gunungan.org) which can be seen at the back of the church.

One child who is beginning to learn English wrote:

Thank for help us
We can go to school
We can eat right
We can slept tight
Because of you all

To the readers, the soloists, the instrumentalists and singers and especially to Jimmy and Pauline for the excellent barbecue, we say a very big thank you.

Dick and Rita Smith

Parish Council News

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council. February 2011.

Maureen Stollery was remarkably accurate in her prediction of bad weather from nature signs when she wrote the Parish Council report in the December Pettistree People. Our new grit bins and volunteer gritters were well tested by the heavy snow and ice both before and after Christmas. I think that everyone agreed that the salt/grit bins were helpful in reducing risks at the three points with the worst history of slippery corners. Our county councilor Mr Michael Bond has offered more if needed and we shall apply for a further two bins in Byng Hall lane and near the Green. We will need a few more people to be registered gritters. Please ensure the salt is used on the roads and not private driveways or else the County Council will not fill them for us.

The combination of bad weather and illness from colds and flu has shown our need to check on our neighbours especially if elderly. This Winter's viruses seem to have been particularly nasty and persistent so help with clearing drives and getting shopping has been welcomed by many. This was a good chance for some of us to make use of the capabilities of our 4WD vehicles.

2011 is going to be a busy year for official activities. **The Census** on 27th March will not require any Parish Council work but will involve every household. It is time for a **Parish Council Election** on 5th May organised by Suffolk Coastal District Council. The present councilors can be nominated again but it is also open to villagers to be nominated as well. If we have more nominations than the seven places available, an election will be held with votes from all those on the electoral roll. The Parish Council has to pay the costs of an election but we set aside a small sum every year just in case we do have to have an election every four years.

It is our turn this year for the **TV signal changeover** from analogue to digital in November. There is a lot of publicity now being released to explain the process and to offer help to all. Extra help and subsidised conversion is available for those 75 and over or who have certain disabilities. Most of us will just continue to use our current aerials and set-top boxes.

It is a pity that there was insufficient support for Cath and Dave Caudwell to run the **Open Gardens weekend** this year. Some gardens were not available due to family events or building work but it also appears that the recent small spate of burglaries has made some people think that the properties could be "cased" by prospective thieves. We now need to plan ahead for 2012 and consider if it should be run then. 2012 will also be marked by the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** Bank Holiday on Tuesday 5th June and the **London Olympics** 27th July to 12th August.

Please come to the **Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall to help decide what village activities will be planned and supported. The great success of the last Open Gardens event and the recent Burns Night dinner show how well the village can organise these events and how much they are enjoyed. Should we mark the **Royal Wedding** on 29th April this year in some way? Please let me have your thoughts on this

Hedge cutting has been smoothly organised by Dr Peter Hayward and expertly carried out by our local farmer Mr Richard Hayward (no relation!). It now remains for the money to be collected from the hedge owners, and Peter will be arranging this. Cutting the hedges well back improves visibility and safety and also allows the verges to re-appear and produce more wildflowers.

We have asked for the vandalised BT payphone to be removed from the Green but after much correspondence BT have said they cannot do it until a review by Suffolk County Council. This is disappointing when John Barker works so hard to keep the Green neat and tidy with well cut grass to

walk on.

Finally don't forget the **Village Litter Pick** at 11.00 am on Sunday 13th March, meeting at the Greyhound. Bags and gloves will be provided.

<p style="text-align: center;">St. Edmundsbury Cathedral's Advent Carol Service. Sunday 28th November '10</p>

One evening, as I was about to lock up the church, the small pamphlet called the East Anglican which sits on the table at the back of the church caught my eye. Idling through it I came across a brief article about the Annual Advent Carol Service at The Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds, when the new organ was going to be heard for the first time. I immediately thought that I would like to attend this historic event, and felt that other people might as well. I put lists in both Pettistree and Wickham Churches and was delighted when many people showed an interest in going too.

It was particularly cold, with ice and snow, on the days leading up to the 28th November and I did wonder whether the coach company (*Belles*) would cancel the visit, but happily the coach arrived on time and 41 people from the 2 parishes got on at the various pick up points. It was a delight to find it so warm inside compared to the temperature outside.

We arrived at Bury in plenty of time having been told that the organist would begin at 5.30pm. Unfortunately this wasn't the case, and we waited until after 6.00 o'clock before hearing the first sounds. The Cathedral had been plunged into darkness and light was growing from a myriad of candles as a very quiet accompaniment supported the boy sopranos first verses. It was a beautiful service which took the form of Advent Carols interspersed with readings, with the choir processing through various parts of the Cathedral.

It was after the service that the organ was allowed to come into its own, with the organist playing a very lively and powerful Allegro from Symphony no.6 in G minor by Widor, which really showed the talents of the organist and the power of the instrument.

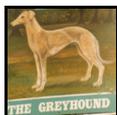
The Cathedral had been full for the event as everyone who had been involved with the designing, making and tuning of the organ had been invited. A huge crowd gathered in the North Transept at the end of the service, looking up to have a better view of the beautiful instrument, and gave the organist rousing applause when he'd finished.

I have since learnt (www.stedscathedral.co.uk) that the organ was built by Harrison & Harrison of Durham in 2010, and has 4 manuals, 59 stops and over 3,500 pipes. Those that produce the deepest sounds are 32 feet in length, whilst those for the highest sounds are a fraction of an inch in diameter. Two spectacular new cases have been created to house the pipes and the beautiful designs include motifs from the highly decorated ceiling in the Cathedral.

Having spent the best part of two hours in the cold Cathedral, it was good to climb onto the warm coach and be delivered safely home. It had been a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Rita Smith

See picture of organ on the cathedral web-site.



Pub Signs *by Evelyn Whitfield*



Cath Caudwell welcomed everybody to the Pettistree Heritage Annual Talk. She explained that over the years the history recorder and the group had been involved in researching the houses and people of Pettistree. An exhibition was held in 1995 and a second in 2000 and in recent years annual talks have been held covering a range of interesting topics linked to social history. The Suffolk Records Office has proved to be a great source of information and if sufficient interest is shown a guided tour could be booked. The group's current project is to produce a Pettistree Heritage Trail leaflet partly funded by a grant from the locality budget of our County Councillor and also supported by the Parish Council.

Cath introduced the speaker, Des Herring of East Suffolk Morris Men fame, who gave a talk on pub signs. Brewing beer had been around for centuries and the earliest sign would have been a bush hanging outside a house to show the beer was ready to drink. As pilgrimages became popular in medieval times, religious houses provided refreshment and soon private houses opened their doors and businesses began. In the 14th Century by order of King Richard II if you wanted to supply drink you had to have a picture sign. This could be displayed across the road. Unlike current times, Health and Safety was not an issue and if it fell and caused injury the landlord was not responsible. Religious signs like the Angel were popular in the 1300s. Rivers abound in Suffolk and the ferries were an important part of life. On one side of the river you might find the Anchor in the village where the ferryman lived and on the other The Bell where he could be summoned when required.

In most cases the order of the King was obeyed but in Ipswich there is an exception to the rule. Mannings was named after the landlord who chose not to do what the King said and put his name on his sign. References to the Kings and Queens figured prominently, as did leaders in battle like the Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson. The village pubs were often owned by the local estate and Coats of Arms often feature on the sign. Animals, birds, trees, trades, the list is endless and although names have been changed over the years, there is one constant, signs are here to stay.

To close his talk Des drew our attention to the diverse activities held over the years inside and outside the pub from cockfighting to house and contents auctions. The pub was the hub of activity and pub games a tradition. Whilst we may not all have remembered the Groat Board and Nine Men's Morris or heard the Serpentine played, in some places, darts, cards and backgammon are still played and the Morris Men still perform in the car park.

Cath thanked Des for giving such an informative and interesting talk. Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn.

100 Club

NOVEMBER 2010	1st	Pat Delis	2nd	Rita Smith	3rd	Jill Johnson
DECEMBER 2010	1st	Guy Signy	2nd	Maggie Hallett	3rd	Graham Forder

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 8th April Race Night at the Village Hall

Pettistree Heritage

Although we are only a short way into 2011, it is always useful to get dates into diaries for events that will be taking place within the village. With this in mind we have already booked our speaker for our Annual Talk in November.

Pip Wright gives talks to groups of all kinds and all ages across East Anglia and is a writer of local history books. He has a passion for newspapers of the 18th and 19th centuries and has spent a number of years gathering information on Suffolk social history from these and other sources.

Our talk this year has the intriguing title of '**Frolic, Fervour & Fornication**'. Pip writes: 'The registers and papers that once lay in the parish chests of Suffolk villages contain all kinds of items that could so easily have been thrown away or never written at all. The surprises they reveal about the people of Suffolk in past centuries are remarkable.'

The date for your diary is **Friday 11th November, 7.30pm, at Pettistree Village Hall**. Do join us for what promises to be an interesting evening. For more details on Pip Wright, his talks and his books, go to www.pipwright.com

Silent Auction of Church Model

Following the last issue of Pettistree People I am very pleased to report that we had a generous donation for the model of the church. These funds will greatly help our continuing work in researching and recording local history.

Tours of Suffolk Record Office

Once again we would like to invite people to make up a group to enjoy a private visit to Suffolk Record Office. For this to be cost effective we ideally need 10 people. The visits allow a much closer look at the work of the Record Office, its documents and the archive materials it holds, as well as finding out how you can carry out research of your own. If you would like to take part in such a visit, please contact Cath.

Heritage Trail Leaflet

A working group of local residents is looking at the possibility of publishing a leaflet that will guide visitors around our village, pointing out interesting features and houses. We have a wealth of information on the buildings and people of past times and would like to celebrate this by sharing this knowledge with others. Pettistree Heritage is well placed to act as an umbrella organisation for this work. Our local County Councillor has been generous in allocating a grant to assist with the publication of the leaflet and the working group is hopeful of making progress with the project this spring.

The Committee

Our band of volunteers has been supporting our Local History Recorder, Joan Peck, since the year 2000 by holding events and exhibitions, as well as cataloguing records and working with Joan to write histories of houses and people. Ideally our committee strength needs to be seven members; we therefore have two vacancies. We would welcome new blood – new minds mean new ideas – and the responsibilities are shared more widely. We usually meet just 2 -3 times per year, plus the AGM, and try to hold a lecture or event each November. If you feel you would like to become more involved with our organisation, and/or are interested in local history do please get in touch.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Saturday 14th May at 10.30am in the Parish Room.

Cath Caudwell, Chairman, Pettistree Heritage
Tel. 01728 747170, or email: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Open gardens 25th & 26th June 2011

Sadly, our proposed Open Gardens cannot go ahead this year, as we do not have enough participants to make it worthwhile. An event of this nature needs a lot of input, not only from the organisers but also volunteers to man stalls and manage refreshments – these were to be well covered as we had a variety of supporting activities lined up. However, the gardens themselves have to be the main event to bring people in and make it all worthwhile. Personal commitments for many people have meant the number of gardens is just too small.

Thank you to those people who had offered their gardens this year – it was very much appreciated.

If you feel that 2012 could be your year to get involved, do let us know – it would give us the confidence to try again.

Cath & Dave Caudwell

Tel. 747170

Email: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Pettistree Greyhound Petanquers

With two years experience under our belts we are fast approaching a new season of Petanque. We start in March - a little earlier than last year - and this season we will be fielding two teams of 6 (3 pairs), which means that each pair will play more matches than last year.



We have just enough people to do this but would really welcome more of you to join us, so, we are having an open session for those of you who would like to literally “try your hand” at this very social sport. The session will be held at The Greyhound on Sunday 27th February from 10.00am – 12.00 noon and we may plan further ones later in the year. Karen and Tony at The Greyhound Inn are the club sponsors and the venue for all our home matches. If you miss this one look out for posters in the pub – or just ask at the bar.

What better way to spend a couple of hours of fun on a Sunday morn’ with good friends, a glass of ale (or your choice of tippie) and a little friendly competition.

To find out more about the Suffolk Coastal League, in which we play, go to:

<http://suffolkcoastalpetanque.blogspot.com/>

Steve Wassell

POPPY APPEAL - PETTISTREE AND LOUDHAM 2010

We are pleased to report the final figure collected in 2010 was £607.69 well up from the previous amount of £469.85 in 2009, due in part to one exceptional donation. However the kind generosity of all residents and willingness to fill in the dreaded gift tax forms has been a major contribution to Pettistree and Loudham’s total, one of the highest of the villages in the Bredfield and District; not that this is a competition, just an endeavour to raise as many funds as possible for this exceptionally worthy cause.

Our sincere thanks for your support.

Kathy Hilton, Ann & Mike Sayer and Maureen Stollery

Wickham Market Library

How do you feel about the village library in Wickham Market? Do you think it should go, or stay? How could it be improved? If you feel strongly about this issue, read on

Many of you will be aware of the cut-backs that Suffolk County Council is making in order to save money. One area is the re-designation of smaller libraries to 'Community Libraries'. Wickham Market is one such library. In reality what this will mean is that a community organisation needs to take over the running of the 'front of house' services and all the costs that that entails.



The Wickham Market Partnership has decided to submit an 'Expression of Interest' to do just this, operating as it does in the same building, with charitable status and the experience to approach this in a co-ordinated way. This will involve a lot of hard work, but at the same time it presents new opportunities to make the village library more available and more flexible in its approach to community activities. However, the trustees of the Partnership cannot do this alone, and it is vital that everyone with an interest in keeping the library open expresses their views. To do this go to:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/librariesconsultation2011

and complete the online questionnaire. You will find out more about the consultation in the document titled '**Have your say on the future of Suffolk's libraries**'. Alternatively there are paper copies available in the library itself. Also of interest might be the specific documents on Wickham Market library, which can be found lower down the page.

A meeting has been arranged for **Monday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**, when the Partnership trustees will explain what this means for Wickham Market and the surrounding parishes. They urge you to attend – the running of the library cannot take place without commitment from the whole community, which includes Pettistree, and they need your views and support in a constructive way.

If you have particular expertise that might help the process of taking over the library (business plan writing, financial, IT skills, experience with libraries) or just want to get involved in some way (there will be a need for a rota of volunteers to man the library), the Partnership is keen to hear from you.

You can find out more about the work of the Wickham Market Partnership on its website: www.wickham-market.org.uk.

You can also contact them by email on resource.centre1@btinternet.com or alternatively contact Cath Caudwell, who is a trustee, at roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk, or tel. 01728 747170.

Planning

Application No :- C10/3005

Location:- Loudham Hall, Loudham Lane, Loudham, Woodbridge, IP13 0NN

Proposal:- Internal and external alterations to an existing detached outbuilding including: Removal of existing timber floor and timber staircase, installation of new glazed screens to north and south central range, installation of glazed screen to upper part of western brick gable, installation of new staircase and viewing gallery and construction of indoor swimming pool.

Application No :- C10/2973

Location:- Hungarian Hall, Byng Hall Road, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0JF

Proposal:- Use of land for the erection of marquee for entertainment purposes (including wedding receptions and dinner dances) and provision of associated features including parking.

Radio Suffolk *by Peter Hayward*

On 18 November, a radio programme hosted by Lesley Dolphin chose Pettistree as a result of a random selection called “Dolphin’s Darts”. Several local contributors were contacted during the day and this resulted in six residents being interviewed “live” in the afternoon.

These were: Maureen Stollery as a longer term resident.

Roger Chilvers who talked about Thatching.

Ruth Leigh who spoke about her Paella and Tapas company.

Jeffrey Hallett speaking as Chairman of Parish Council, and also Church Bells and Heavy Horses.

Rebekah Reeve who talked about Green Farm Clinic

Dale Banyard-Sawyer who gave a history of the Three Tuns.

All the interviews were interesting. giving a profile of the varied perspectives which are effective in helping to put Pettistree “on the map”!!

Church News

Church news.

It may seem a long time ago but this is the first opportunity I have to say “Thank you” in print to all those who helped to make the Christmas celebrations in Pettistree so special. From the “Carols in the Barn” through to the Family Communion on Christmas Day it was a delight. I would like to thank all those who helped to clean and decorate the church, and the Christmas tree was particularly fine this year so thank you to all those involved with organising that.

Church Car Park is now open during services, but we wish to emphasise that the weather has not been helpful and the surface is slippery, so please take care when driving and walking from your car.

It is very impressive that the Car Park Fund was only launched in September 2010 and has been so well supported that we are now only short about £1000. There have been many generous donations and the PCC treasurer is very grateful, it would be particularly good to be able to close the account within the next few months and make her life even easier! Not all the help has been financial, several people have given generously of their time and skills, and we are very grateful to Terry Peake for his work on planning, providing, planting and protecting the new hedging.

Lent The 40 days leading up to Easter are known for being the time to ‘Give up indulgences’, my 93 year old aunt says she always gave up smoking for Lent and many people try to avoid chocolate. For Christians it is the time of preparation for Easter, and is based on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the Desert before the triumphal ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Rev Margaret Blackall is leading a series of Talks on a Lenten theme on Fridays at 10.30 in the Parish Room (in the church on March 18th and April 15th) to help us prepare for Easter. Each session will be complete in itself, so there will be no difficulty for those who are unable to attend every one. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 9th) when there will be a service in the Church at 7.00 pm. The first Lent Talk is on Friday March 11th and will commence with tea or coffee at 10.30 am in the Parish Room and all Christians are welcome to join us.

Maggie Hallett

A New Initiative

PROPS (Pettistree Region Oil Purchasing Syndicate)

A Heating Oil Purchasing Syndicate has been set up to buy oil on behalf of the residents of Pettistree and Wickham Market, and which is now also available to all other villages in the surrounding area.

The principal aims for all to benefit from are:-

1. A lower cost of heating oil .
2. A regular and reliable supply
3. To minimise the traffic of heavy vehicles on our country roads.

The service will be free to join and will be operated by the syndicate, on behalf of the residents of our villages, with the assurance that the syndicate has absolutely no connection with the oil industry and will be carried out on an entirely voluntary basis.

This scheme will be operated on as simple as possible basis, the customers placing their orders by e-mail to the syndicate (or telephone if e-mail not available). A number of suitable suppliers will be contacted for the best possible price and delivery and the order placed with the most suitable company

The order will be placed, the delivery made and the customer will make their payment directly to the supplier. Order dates have yet to be decided but are likely to be six times a year at a frequency to coincide with average usage.

The more people joining this scheme, the stronger our bargaining power, the better the terms we can achieve for you and the better it will work for all concerned.

This is a community initiative, however if you have other forms of heating and are not needing to join us please pass this on to a friend, relative or neighbour in the spirit it is intended so they may well be able to benefit.

To join or for more information contact:-

Mike Barnes mikejenb@msn.com tel 01728 748312

OR Stephen Wassell stephen.wassell@btinternet.com tel 01728 747640

Congratulations

Philip and Carolyn Westrope of Park Farm Loudham are very pleased to announce the engagement in September 2010 of their daughter Rebecca to Andrew Greenwell. They plan to marry on 25th June 2011 at Pettistree Church.

The Grateful Editors

We have several “**boys and girls**” delivering Pettistree People to different areas of the village.

A **kind volunteer** , **Saska**, has offered to help get the “News” to the printers—and back again.

We should ,however, appreciate **more news/snippets/pictures** finding their way to the editors by the deadlines which are set out below for the next twelve months.

May 8th 2011 for June edition

August 7th 2011 for September edition

November 6th 2011 for December edition

February 5th 2012 for March 2011

Please start making notes now.

Thank you all very much. *Maureen & Joan*

Obituary

Sadly on 15th December 2010, our Mum Doreen Boardley passed away peacefully.

Mum was born near Hull in 1926, the eldest daughter to Albert and Ellen Pearson; Albert was a commission agent for the fishing industry there. In the late 1930's the family moved to Lowestoft which at the time was one of the largest fishing ports on the East Coast. In 1950 Mum and Dad married and Mum became a farmers wife. Mum and Dad developed the family business firstly in Oulton Broad, then Wrentham and then on to the Sutton Hoo estate in 1975. Unfortunately at this time mum had developed arthritis and her battle against the disease was to begin.

The family moved to Ufford and Pettistree in the late 1970's, and Mum and Dad moved into Hungarian Hall in 1987 after completing a full renovation. Mum was an active member of Pettistree W.I. and was secretary for several years, enjoying all that it entailed. The W.I. meetings were held in a tin roofed wooden building known as the W.I. Hut which fortunately for us all now is used as the village hall. Sadly that branch of the W.I had to close but the remaining members used to meet monthly for lunch and a catch up at the Pettistree Three Tuns.

After losing dad in 2003, Mum kept her independence and stayed in the Hall enjoying the countryside and nature that surrounded her. Her fight with Arthritis continued, but she would grit her teeth, smile and get on with life; a fighter to the end who very rarely complained. Mum always enjoyed having family and friends around her and had a sociable, approachable outlook on life that gained her many friends, many of whom wrote some truly lovely comments on their sympathy cards.

Village Hall News

Following comments from residents, the Committee are looking at some improvements to the village hall. For some time now there has been a problem with damp in the kitchen and the lack of insulation has not helped. It was also felt that, if possible, some alterations to the kitchen would be beneficial. After an initial consultation with Suffolk Acre, some concerns were expressed over the state of the supporting joists of the floor.

Committee members have been on a fact finding visit to Knodishall village hall which has been successfully updated, in the last few years. Although their hall (an old army hut) is not directly comparable to ours, they had some useful tips for us and gave some moral support. This is all at the investigation stage at present and further advice on the building and what can be done is underway.

The hall is a valuable asset belonging to the residents and it is now five years since the last refurbishment project, and as you all know by your own properties, constant work is required to keep properties maintained.

We will keep you informed of progress, and if anyone has any ideas, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Jim Jarvie (Chairman)

Greyhound *from Karen & Tony*

Tony and I both very much enjoyed our first Christmas at The Greyhound. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Eve are particularly memorable, not just because they were our first, but a great local community turnout made it a really enjoyable and entertaining time. The sight of in excess of 50 Night Sky Lanterns setting off towards Ufford at midnight on New Years Eve made it even more spectacular. Thank you to everyone who came along over the festive period and made it such a special time for us.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 17th March - English Food Night coupled with a quiz on all things English (thanks to Dave Caudwell for volunteering to set questions and act as quizmaster for the evening). £22.50 per person. Menu details available at the pub.

We hope to make the quiz night a regular feature on the second Thursday of each month.

Sunday 3rd April - Mothers Day. 3 Course Lunch £25.00 per person

22nd - 25th April - Easter weekend. Food will be available throughout.

Later this year - Jazz , Country & Western, Pop & Rock evenings to be held in the marquee in the garden along with a Beer Festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Dates T.B.C watch this space.

Pettistree Web Site www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

Parish Councillors

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Burns' Night

The third Pettistree Burns' Night celebrating the birth of Scotland's national poet was held in the village hall Saturday 5th February. We always thought the 25th January, the birthday of Robert (Rabbie) Burns, was the only day the event could be held. However, after his death some of his close friends and colleagues remembered his life at a gathering on the 29th January. It was only changed when one of the group decided to look up the parish records.

As with last year, Rod the Pettistree piper, welcomed the guests with the some rousing tunes. Last year he had to cope with temperatures of minus four. This year it was a strong wind. It is difficult to decide which is worse although I think all of us who wore kilts agreed a combination of high winds and low temperatures was probably the worse case scenario.

We were delighted when we knew that John and Carol Speedman were attending this year and John's address to the haggis was delivered with the usual enthusiasm and passion. Several of the villagers helped Pauline by preparing the 'neeps and tatties' and the traditional Scottish sweet of Cranachan. Birch House was a conveyer belt of haggis preparation and the usual "have we bought too many". We knew there would be more Billy Connolly than Rosemary Conley members to polish any surplus off.... We were right! During the meal I was asked if the 'gravy' had whisky in it and was able to confirm the whisky had no gravy in it.

Following the meal a number of toasts, including the immortal memory, toast to the piper and finally to the lassies. Burns was more Andy Gray than Dorian Gray although we did remain on the right side of being politically correct. I did confirm I wanted to scotch (very appropriate) the fallacy that men cannot multi- task. I was able to watch the rugby, flick onto teletext to see the football results and shout into Pauline if the haggis was ok!

I think we all agree the highlight of the evening was the reading by Carol of the Burns' poem John Anderson my Jo. John's name is John Anderson Speedman and the short but moving poem delivered so passionately by Carol touched us all.

Finally, the tables and chairs were cleared and our usual attempt at Scottish country dancing ensued. We remembered the training Joan Peck had given us and the master of ceremonies (not politically correct but mistress doesn't sound appropriate) Cath Caudwell ensured we could at least not crash into each other. She only told me off once and I only spent a few minutes in the naughty corner. Those of us worried about the strength of the village hall floor exchanged some strange looks, particularly when everybody participated in Auld Lang Syne.

We decided that all profits from the event would be given to the Tree House appeal. We were given some excellent prizes for the raffle including a Scottish theme hamper from Claire Signy. On the night a Mickey Mouse soft toy, dressed in full regalia and carrying a set of pipes was christened Rod the Piper and has gone to a good home.

I would like to thank everybody who contributed in time and effort to make this such a successful event. Our resident 'bouncer' and 'management' committee member Mike 'thou shall not pass without handing over money' Barnes collected all the ticket and raffle money and we are able to contribute £639 to such a worthwhile cause.

A fantastic effort and for next year..... haste ye back!!.

Jim Jarvie

Ufford and District Community First Responder News

What are community first responders? My name is Dale and I am a first responder and the co-ordinator for Ufford District Community First Responder Group.

We are a group of people who volunteer to respond to emergency calls on the behalf of the East of England ambulance service, in the community where we live or work. We are totally voluntary run and rely on donations to keep this service going.

We cover Ufford, Wickham Market, Campsea Ashe, Charsfield, Clopton, Dallinghoo, Debach Easton, Hacheston, Lower Hacheston, Pettistree, Bredfield and we do Melton with Woodbridge responders. It has been recognised that sudden cardiac arrest claims around 150,000 lives each year in the u k, with survival rates being around 5% outside of a hospital setting. If a person's heart has stopped due to an accident, or heart attack and is in rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (vf), the only way to get the heart into a more regular sustaining beat is to pass an electrical charge (shock) through the heart muscle. The first minutes are the most vital for the collapsed person and if we can get someone who is trained and able to use the defibrillator (a.e.d) to the patient, then their chances of survival will increase considerably.

How are we contacted

When a person calls 999, we are notified of the emergency call by the ambulance control room where they contact us via a mobile phone. As we live or work in the area, we should arrive before the ambulance. The few minutes it takes us to get there could help to save a life.

Training We undergo comprehensive first aid training that covers basic life support, (cpr) the use of an a.e.d (defibrillator), oxygen, and more. We have ongoing training and the ambulance service delivers all training.

October call out report . We did a total of 8 calls and they break down as follows

- 4x unconscious
- 1x faint
- 1x sick person
- 1x breathing problems (sob)
- 1x diabetic emergency

November call out report We did a total of 11 calls. they break down as follows

- 2x unconscious
- 2x breathing problems
- ix cardiac arrest
- 3x stroke (c.v.a)
- 2x chest pains
- ix fitting

December call out report We did a total of 17 calls. they break down as follows

- 4x stroke (c.v.a)
- 1ix allergic reaction
- 1ix cardiac arrest
- 2x sick person
- 1ix asthma attack
- 3x fitting
- 2x breathing problems
- 1ixfall
- 1ix chest pains
- 1ix unconscious
- calls for all areas

Dale Banyard-Sawyer Volunteer co-ordinator

For an emergency dial 999

Non emergency enquires only 01728 747979

The Three Tuns

Rumours have been abounding that The Three Tuns were having to close

NOT SO

It is still open for business as usual

Flower Power

As many of you may know Daisy, age eight, inherited the "horsey gene" from her mother and late grandfather and since the last time she was in Pettistree People three years ago she has gone from strength to strength.

Just over a year ago Daisy moved onto a new pony, Poppy, a much faster, souped up model than her previous one!

Poppy took some getting used to and after quite a few falls Daisy finally got to grips with her and they started to work together. We started small with the jumping concentrating on getting it right rather than just flying round trying to win, but they are both competitive and soon speed was creeping in!



All summer they did fairly well and then in October it all came together and they hit a "purple patch" winning two indoor eventer trials (sixteen jumps some showjumps and some cross country), a class at the Newmarket and Thurlow Pony Club show (rival club to our Easton Harriers) and two classes against a lot bigger ponies at Deben Riding club jumping show as well as two wins at their dressage show all in the space of ten days!

These last two wins meant they both got their pics in the East Anglian and Absolute Horse Magazine much to Daisy's (and mum and



The bad weather over Christmas and we now have to start again as about, neither have a very long the cold doesn't help! Hopefully it younger brother Jake who has taken sisters hoofprints. He has already before, winning a few classes at two years old before announcing he was giving up!

meant it has all come to a bit of a stop both are out of practice and mucking attention span at the best of times and will be as good this season as last and over on Daisy's old pony will follow his tasted success last year and the year

Both Daisy and Jake have to do their fair share of the work with the ponies, mucking out, poo picking fields, cleaning tack etc. Ponies are great levellers and are very good at bringing small children back down to earth if they think they know it all!

Daisy's aim for this year is to pass her D+ test at pony club and to compete in the working hunter pony at Suffolk Show. Jake will hopefully do the lead rein showing at Suffolk and others if mum can run fast enough! and as long they enjoy themselves it doesn't matter where they come! (who am I kidding!!!) Watch this space!

Welcome

Chloe and Stuart had a daughter Elowen Honey Rose on **December 23 2010**, in Plymouth. A wonderful sister for Joe and granddaughter for Peter and Rosie Hayward.



2nd October 2010 Luisa Sara Harvey-Lee daughter of Gavin and Emily. A granddaughter for Kath And Mick Hilton.

We should like to welcome Carol and Pete Diffley with Rebecca and Ben their children to the village. They have recently moved into Stone Hall Barn.