

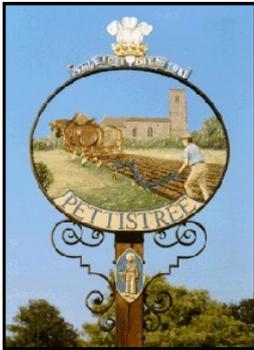


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DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 3RD JUNE 2012



The Preparation

In September 2011, the chair of the Parish Council, Jeff Hallett, invited the residents of Pettistree and Loudham to attend a meeting at the Village Hall to enjoy a glass of wine and to discuss how the village could celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The meeting was very well attended and Jeff in his well organised way set about a brain-storming session, putting chalk to blackboard with the ideas that were raised. The board was soon filled with ideas such as, mower racing, decorated scarecrows, largest vegetable competition, cake baking, floats and a fancy dress procession, children's games, and so the list goes on. It was also suggested that some form of tree planting might take place as well, leaving a remembrance feature for our children.

After a group of 16 volunteers had been appointed to organise the celebrations, it was agreed to hold the village celebrations on one day of the four day event and Sunday 3rd June was chosen.

The committee formed to organise the event was:

Chairpersons	Mary Chilvers and Steve Boardley
Note Taker	Clive Mann
Procession and Float	Amy Nicolls
Games	Dave Caudwell
Coins	Terry Rowles
Songs of Praise	Maggie Hallett
Orchard Planting	Jeff Hallett
Refreshments	Ann Sayer and Ann Rowles
Heritage	Cath Caudwell
Venue Organiser	Roger Chilvers

The meeting closed with homemade sausage rolls and cakes kindly donated by Roger and Mary and another glass or two of wine.

At the following meetings it was agreed the format of the day would be midday brunch at Stump Street, followed by a procession of fancy dress and floats to the village green, where some simple games could take place to involve the children. After this, the event continued to the village hall where cakes were judged for the cake baking competition and then served for tea and cakes. Along the route through the village, residents could place decorated scarecrows that they had made, all adding to the festivity of the day.

To commemorate the day Pettistree embossed Jubilee coins were commissioned. Every child under 16 would receive a coin and the remainder could be sold to help cover the cost of the purchase. Rosettes were also purchased to be given to the winners of the various competitions as a memento of the day. It was felt also a small display on the history of the village would be of interest to people attending, and possibly a Songs of Praise with favourite hymns to be held in the Church and the whole day could conclude with a BBQ at the Greyhound.

The event was advertised in an article in the Pettistree People, a returnable flyer, and posters around the village. The East of England Co-op donated £100 of food vouchers which were secured for use on the day thanks to the prompt action of Clive. Also £100 was kindly donated by Woods Nurseries of Pettistree.

All the planning had now been put in place, what we needed next was a good day and lots of support to make the occasion memorable.

Post event notes:

Special thanks to Peggy Cole and Neil Moss for judging the cake baking competition and Richard and Sandra Saunders for judging the scarecrows and fancy dress.

Also a big thank you to all the other volunteers who helped on the day.

Some commemorative coins are still available from Terry Rowles.

The tree planting is scheduled to take place on Saturday 17th November 2012.

Steven Boardley



The Day June 3rd 2012 by Chris & Pat Cook

The Pettistree Diamond Jubilee celebrations were held on Sunday June 3rd and the first event was a lunch party in Stump Street by Cooper's Cottage. The day dawned grey, wet and very cold but, with commendable foresight, Roger had cleared his barn for just such an eventuality. Mary had agreed to organise the food with help from many in the village and when they made their deliveries, they found the barn wonderfully decorated with bunting, flags, balloons and union jack cloths on the trestle tables. The whole place looked sensational – quite “Jubilant” in fact! Roger, Mary and Peter had done a wonderful job in making it look so festive.

The lunch started at noon and very soon there must have been around a hundred people tucking in to the amazing array of food and drink. On top of all this, Roger was braving the cold and rain outside, running a barbecue supplying burgers and hot dogs.

After lunch, an area was cleared on one side of the barn to allow the children's games, originally scheduled to take place on the green, to be held undercover. Many of the children were in fancy dress and had their faces painted – they all enjoyed that part!

The next part of the celebrations was tea in the village hall but before that, many wandered around the village, taking photos of the many scarecrows decorating the village. A lot of imagination, time and trouble had been used to create them and they greatly added to the spirit of the occasion. The judges had an unenviable task in deciding on a winner but eventually the prize went to a very grand old boy sitting in a magnificent carriage outside Saska and John's house.



Amongst the other events organised for the Jubilee Celebrations at Pettistree with Loudham, it was decided to have a cake competition for adults and a decorated cup cake competition for the children of the village. On the wet Sunday 3rd June while plan B operations were taking place for the lunch, we made haste to get the entries logged for the competition and set up for the afternoon teas. At 10.30 am the entries started to come in and we were pleased to see the superb entries 12 adult cakes and 13 entries for the children's cakes donated for the afternoon. Our judges Peggy Cole and Neil Mossage hall and witnessed their very professional approach to judging. It was Neil's first time of doing the job but with Peggy's experience and his enthusiasm they soon had it sorted. The first prize for the adult section went to a young Miss Beagley who as Mrs Cole said had made not only the best decorated cake but a wonderful sponge base. The first prize for the decorated cup cakes went to the children of the Presmere Day Nursery who had presented a delightful tray of cakes.



After a splendid lunch we took our local resident baker to the village hall and witnessed their very professional approach to judging. It was Neil's first time of doing the job but with Peggy's experience and his enthusiasm they soon had it sorted. The first prize for the adult section went to a young Miss Beagley who as Mrs Cole said had made not only the best decorated cake but a wonderful sponge base. The first prize for the decorated cup cakes went to the children of the Presmere Day Nursery who had presented a delightful tray of cakes.

At 2.30 pm visitors to the Heritage exhibition were eyeing up the cakes for tea and at three due to popular demand (despite a very bountiful lunch) tea, coffee and cakes were being consumed with enthusiasm. A very enjoyable part of an excellent day which was not marred by the weather.



Ann Sayer



Jubilee Songs of Praise & Barbecue by Mary Garner

Twenty three people from the village and congregation had sent in their choices, seventy one different hymns altogether. All the data was entered into a spreadsheet and two of us put together the programme. "Praise my soul" was the runaway favourite with seven people voting for it, closely followed by "Dear Lord and Father of Man- with almost everyone who sent in one included.

More than sixty people came to the vicar presented the service and had hymns which gave the singers a be ready to sing again. It also gave a gers and get prepared for the next The whole service was rounded off



church on a very wet afternoon. The researched interesting facts about the chance to draw breath, recover and little time for Rita to stretch her fin- item.

with two verses of "The National Anthem", after which the congregation retired to the Greyhound for a barbecue. This was not without hitches, the weather confining us to indoors and running out of barbecue fuel meant cooking inside too. However it provided a lovely end to a wonderful village day, relaxing (for most of us) and sociable.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 3RD JUNE 2012

Scarecrow competition

1 st	<i>Saska Bierowiec</i>	<i>Pettistree Cottage</i>	<i>Cecil Arkwright on carriage</i>
2 nd	<i>Terry Rowles</i>	<i>Low Farm</i>	<i>Duke of Edinburgh & Queen, seated in churchyard</i>
3 rd	<i>Alan & Judy Steventon</i>	<i>Old Carleford</i>	

Decorated float

1 st	<i>Daisy Kiddy</i>	<i>Pear Tree Cottage</i>	<i>Mobile castle</i>
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Children's Fancy Dress Competition

1 st	<i>Francesca & Isobel Moss</i>	<i>Well Cottage</i>	<i>Little Bo-Peep and her sheep</i>
2 nd	<i>Daisy Rowles</i>	<i>Low Farm</i>	<i>Princess</i>
3 rd	<i>Freya Ollason</i>	<i>Ipswich</i>	<i>Britannia</i>

Children's cupcake competition

1 st	<i>Presmere Day Nursery children</i>	<i>Presmere Day Nursery</i>
2 nd	<i>Ollie Martin</i>	<i>2 Hawthorn Cottages, Loudham</i>
3 rd	<i>Joelle Eldridge</i>	<i>The Vicarage, Wickham Market</i>

Adult cake competition

1 st	<i>Miss Beagley</i>	<i>The Grange</i>
2 nd	<i>Karen Cousins</i>	<i>The Greyhound</i>
3 rd	<i>Daphne Rose</i>	<i>High Street, Wickham Market</i>
<i>Highly commended</i>	<i>Debbie Hayward</i>	<i>Old School Farm Wickham Market</i>

Judges for the cake competitions were *Peggy Cole & Neil Moss (The Bake House)*

Children's races

Race 1	<i>Francesca Moss, Daisy Green, Harper Steventon, Isobel Moss, Jake Kiddy, Noah Steventon</i>	<i>Francesca Moss</i>
Race 2	<i>Kiera Belding, Daisy Rowles, Grace Manning, Daisy Kiddy, Lucy Belding, Flora Pitt</i>	<i>Kiera Belding</i>
Race 3	<i>Harper Steventon, Noah Steventon, Jake Kiddy, Jamie Ollason, Kiera Belding, Kieran McMahon</i>	<i>Noah Steventon</i>

Scarecrows



The Olympic Torch

I was one of those people from Pettistree who made their way into Wickham Market on July 5th 2012 to see the Olympic Torch. I did not want to be part of a large crowd so parked myself outside Feather broom Gardens and found a party atmosphere, people sitting in their garden chairs under a sun shade sharing refreshments. As time passed we were joined by more Pettistree residents all with their cameras at the ready. The children from Presmere Nursery had also set up residence on the grass verge with their drinks, snacks, hats and sun cream.

First in the convoy came the Police on motor cycles and in cars, followed by the entertainment buses and then at last the third runner Kate Kilburn the last of the three to carry a torch through Wickham Market.

Kate helped with a very important act in putting the flame very safely back into the lantern to be transported to Ufford, the next Village through which the torch was to be carried



Pettistree was sorry not to see the torch carried through our Village, but we had the satisfaction knowing that the flame did pass through, safely tucked up in the lantern on the bus!

Maureen Stollery

Olympic Bell Ringing

On the morning of Wednesday 25th July a few 'girls' gathered to enjoy the hospitality of Jill Was-sell. Amongst the chatter the Olympic Ringing was mentioned and we thought it a good idea to join in. Checking with the serious band of Pettistree Church Bellringers that we could ring outside the church, we were offered to strike the church bells along with a mixture of other 'ringing' instruments. (Treble from Pettistree Six, School bell, ship's bell, cut glass bell, tambourine to name a few.)

So, at 0800 we met to make a quick plan and have a practice!! At 0812 on the dot we joined in with the ringing across the land, twelve hours exactly before the Olympic Opening Ceremony started. It was great fun, having a feel good factor for each of the 16 of us who joined in. Not so for the Red Poll cattle though. They thought that the 'music' we made was something to get away from as quickly as possible! Luckily it was all over by 0815.

Copy from BBC News website

Entitled Work No 1197: All the bells in a country rung as quickly and as loudly as possible for three minutes, the project aimed to set a new world record for the largest number of bells being rung simultaneously.

"It's a piece of music for a special Breakfast.

"Bells are the loudest acoustic they're used by churches."



occasion," Creed told BBC

instrument - that's why

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FOR "PETTISTREE PEOPLE"

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council. July 2012.

As this note is written in late July we are looking forward to the opening of the 2012 London Olympics and are already thinking of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and even the visit of the Olympic Torch as past events. The weather has recently surprised us with a few days of hot and sunny weather following dismally wet and cold weather in June and early July. Incidentally the bad weather in Spring and early Summer seems to have led to unusually poor crops of soft fruit and apples etc. in our gardens. What there is has been of poor condition and flavour. We are fortunate that we do not have to rely on what we grow ourselves for our food throughout the year.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee was marked by a very successful village event that is described in detail elsewhere in this newsletter, but I make no apology for saying that it showed real community spirit and co-operation. The Parish Council was happy to take overall responsibility and provide some funding, but the event was planned and led by a committee led by Mary Chilvers and Steve Boardley. Hard work by Roger and Mary Chilvers meant that we could use their barn for the village lunch, games and fancy dress, which would otherwise have been spoilt by the pouring rain. As well as the contribution from the Parish Council we are grateful for generous sponsorship from the East of England Co-operative Society and from Woods Nurseries.

At our Parish Council Meeting on 15th May we were sorry to receive Maureen Stollery's resignation from the Council. This is really the end of an era since Maureen was in her 40th year as a parish councillor. For many years she has held the post of Vice Chairman but never wanted to take the chair. Maureen's local knowledge and sensible and will be much leadership of the presented Maureen canter as a memento



We have been notified by Suffolk Coastal District Council that we do not need to hold an election but can now co-opt a new councillor to replace Maureen. We will welcome a nomination for the vacancy at our next meeting on

11th September. We with a suitably engraved de-

of her service to the village. do not need to hold an election a new councillor to re-

We are still waiting to see when Hopkins Homes will submit an application to build on the land at the edge of Wickham Market between Featherbroom Gardens and the parish boundary separating Wickham Market and Pettistree. We understand that the plans are likely to be for 65 dwellings but the proportion of affordable homes is not known. Your Parish Council remains concerned at the prospect of any development in the greenfield area between Wickham Market and Pettistree because of the risk of gradual infill and loss of the identity of Pettistree as an individual village set in farmland.

The plan to plant a Jubilee orchard to replace some of the yews in the churchyard is still going ahead. The trees would need to be planted in late autumn so we have a provisional date for a working party on Saturday 17th November when we can also finish off a few left-overs from the Jubilee refreshments.

The roads and verges have remained in fairly good order despite all the wet weather and luckily the verges seem to recover quite well when damaged by passing vehicles in the narrow areas. Woods Nurseries continue to keep the verges very neatly mown along their part of the main road and several regular walkers pick up litter as they go around the village. Thanks to all our Pettistree Wombles!

The next Parish Council meeting is on 11th September but the clerk or councillors can be contacted directly if you wish to raise a problem or suggestion.

Congratulations



How delighted and fortunate we were that Saturday 7th July was a sunny summer day, just as it had been in Banff in the north-east of Scotland fifty years ago.

Our Golden Wedding celebrations were fairly low key but two fold. Part one was a lunch party in the garden for family and a few very old friends. I refer here to the longevity of the friendship and not the age of the friends. The little gazebo provided welcome shade while we enjoyed our champagne and canapés rather than sheltering us from the rain as we had feared might be the case. Lunch was prepared by Jennifer Baker of Earl Soham, who provided a delightful cold fork buffet enjoyed by all of us. It wasn't only our hollow-legged grandchildren who had seconds.

Part two was five days in Paris where we had celebrated our Silver Wedding. We stayed in a rather quaint apartment in the Latin Quarter near the Luxembourg Gardens and the Sorbonne. Round the corner was Rue Mouffetard with its busy cafés, restaurants and specialist shops. Who could resist those multi-coloured macarons? Why try?

As we entered the Luxembourg metro station one morning we were faced with the sight of what appeared to be a tourist couple hanging on to two young boys. The man shouted in our direction, "Arrêt, monsieur, police." For a moment John thought that he was expected to perform a Citizen's arrest on the monsieur who was quickly walking past us, but another plain clothes policeman appeared, grabbed the culprit and began to search his backpack, presumably expecting to find what the young pickpockets had passed on to him.

Revisiting a city when you are no longer anxious to tick off all the famous landmarks, but can take time to wander along an interesting boulevard, admire the amazing window displays and linger over a glass of wine at a corner café is a much more relaxed experience and we did lots of wandering, admiring and lingering.

Our last day was Bastille Day but we chose to avoid the crowded military parades on the Champs-Élysées and opted instead to join the crowds of young people on the steps of the Sacré Coeur. There we found a harpist playing all the old Edith Piaf songs, while we admired the amazing panorama of Paris.

We decided to round off our last lovely meal, on the terrace of a local restaurant, with a café cognac (purely as an aid to digestion). I'm not sure whether it was the effect of the cognac or the shock of the cost which was the cause, but we had a splendid night's sleep despite the fireworks and singing.

After fifty years together with only occasional fireworks, and despite John's singing, we each feel we could say, "Je ne regrette rien."

Carol Speedman



Another Golden Wedding Celebration!

On Saturday 28th July, thirty or so friends and family joined to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Rosie and Peter in Epsom. Unlike that day, when it rained with intensity and persistence, we were granted a wonderfully sunny afternoon. Catering was by Vernon Blackmore and his mother who are the new proprietors of The Table Restaurant in Woodbridge, and the food was spectacular.

In addition, we had further cause to rejoice as Dan had announced his engagement to Mary a few days before. Dan has recently started to play the clarinet and Mary, a professional musician, a violinist and a soprano who sings solos with Exeter Cathedral Choir. They provided a musical interlude with a short recital which was enchanting.

Bekah had spent a great deal of time and effort on flowers and bunting and she has a well developed organisational talent and the garden looked good in spite of the dampness of the previous weeks.

Peter Hayward

‘We always knew it wasn’t for playing the bagpipes!’



We wondered what was going on



James (Jim) Jarvie was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the recent Queen's Birthday honours. Jim and his family moved to Pettistree in 2012 following a posting to Brazil as a First secretary in the British Embassy. He is currently the national Head of Investigation for the UK Border Agency and manages teams responsible for investigating the importation of drugs, firearms and people smuggling.

Jim joined the then Customs and Excise Department in 1974 and was based in Norwich until he joined the Investigation Division in London in 1977. He worked as a surveillance/ investigator on numerous cases including the one featured in the book and film Mr Nice. In 1980 Jim was awarded the Queens Commendation for Bravery in tackling and helping to arrest a drug smuggler who had mortally wounded a colleague. He was seconded to Scotland Yard from 1985 until 1987 when he was posted to Lisbon, Portugal as the first UK Drugs Liaison Officer. In 1992 he was seconded to the European Commission to initiate and manage an EU messaging system for all Customs and investigation services.

Whilst in Brazil he and his family had the opportunity to visit numerous places in this vast country as well as other South American locations. A Federal Police colleague recently stayed with Jim in Pettistree and the highlight of his stay in the UK was fish and chips at Aldeburgh and a pint in the Greyhound.

On hearing about the award of the OBE Jim said

"It has been an honour to work with so many professional, dedicated and brave colleagues who ensure our borders are protected and those wanting to bring people, drugs and firearms into the UK illegally brought to justice".

‘Still more congratulations!’

This will be particularly interesting to those who have been to the Carols in the Barn—Ed

An Indonesian TV Channel has made a programme about Stephen and the Orphanage/Refuge. It was part of a series they were doing about foreigners who have given something back to the Country. They sent him a disc of the program, and he’s managed to put sub-titles on it and has put it on YouTube.

If you have a spare 20 minutes (!) do have a look at it – we think it’s so nice. It tells about what the children do at the refuge and how he came to be where he is.

Get YouTube via Google then type [Gunungan Children’s Refuge](#) in the search box on YouTube. A lot of things come up – and with me it’s the second one . Click on the film that has STEVES in the title. Remember to turn the sound on. We were amazed, among other things, at Stephen’s fluency in Indonesian!

On 31st July Richard Speedman, the younger son of John & Carol was promoted to the rank of Major in the Army Intelligence Corps.

Richard joined the army in 1986 after his “A” levels and rose from the rank of Private to Warrant officer Class 1, serving in Germany, Belize, Northern Ireland, Bosnia and four years in Texas before being commissioned as Captain in 2006.

His latest promotion recognises his recent work supporting operations during tours in the Middle East and particularly in Afghanistan in 2010 and 2011 and he is due to return there in October for a third tour.

Richard moved back to Suffolk in 2008 to establish a permanent base for his family. His wife Cindi and children Niamh and Ewan are now settled in Rendlesham, which is particularly pleasing for Carol and John.

READ ALL ABOUT OUR VILLAGE HALL

BEETLE DRIVE/RACE NIGHT On June 22nd a combined Beetle Drive and Race Night was held at the Village Hall attended by some thirty villagers and friends. As ever, Mike Manning was in charge of the proceedings and quickly had everyone "beetling" Evelyn Whitfield had the best score, and won her very own Beetle Game, and Steve Boardley came second, winning a box of chocolates. After hastily re-arranging the tables and being served some delicious food, racing got underway.

Mike (or was it Sir Peter O'Sullivan and John McCririck?) assisted by Mike "Jockey" Barnes and dice throwers from the crowd soon had six wooden horses racing along a jump course. After much cheering, there was a race-off with Lucky Dips being won by Elaine Boardley, and chocolates for runner-up Chris Cook.

Thanks must go to everyone who contributed towards the fun, and also for donating raffle prizes. The evening raised over £300 which will go towards the up-keep of our newly refurbished Village Hall.

100 Club

May	Jemima Crofts	Chris Garner	Daisy Kiddy
June	Guy Signy	Hugh Crofts	Pam Hind
July	Chris Cook	Mr & Mrs Watts	Sarah Moss

PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2012

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year has been the busiest I can remember, although I admit I cannot go back as far as most of the Committee. Perhaps the most significant event was the securing of Lottery Funding to improve the village hall to ensure it can be used all the year round and not just in the summer. The process of applying for funding entailed an incredible amount of time drafting and re-drafting the application. Ann Sayer volunteered to take this on and without her sterling effort we would not have received a grant of £10,000.

Given the age of the hall, our priority was to insulate the ceiling and walls and replace the floor. The first two were fairly straightforward but the floor proved more problematical. When first laid there was a spring in the floor, so much so we could have hosted trampoline classes without purchasing any equipment! Thankfully, the floor has settled (we hope for good) and Ralph Calver who undertook all the building work is monitoring the floor in conjunction with the suppliers.

The Committee also agreed it was time to update the kitchen. Terry Rowles volunteered to fit the kitchen and I visited B&Q on numerous occasions to witness at first hand Terry's negotiating and bartering talent. As a result of Terry's efforts we now have a kitchen to be proud of.

We continue to host a number of fund raising events and the hall is used by numerous diverse groups. We have had a couple of break-ins but thankfully there has been no significant damage. We are looking at ways to prevent these 'petty' break-ins in the future and have been in discussion with the police to see what is achievable.

A couple of committee members are standing down this year and both of them will be hard to replace. I have already mentioned Ann Sayer and in addition to her efforts securing the Lottery funding she has been the committee secretary and kept us all on track. Mike Manning has been a committee member for many years and his support has been crucial to getting us to where we are today, hopefully, he will continue to help with future events. My sincere thanks go to Ann and Mike and I would also like to give a big thank you to my fellow committee members and others who have made such valuable contributions throughout the year.

OUR village hall is for us all to enjoy and this year we intend to continue to update it as much as we can without losing its unique character.

Thanks
Jim Jarvie
CHAIRMAN



Celebration of the newly refurbished village hall

Villagers were invited to attend the AGM and a meeting of the Hall committee chaired by Jim Jarvie prior to celebrating the refurbishment on Sunday 15th July .

The chairman thanked in particular Ann Sayer for her efforts in securing Lottery funding and other grants which paid for the insulation, flooring and a new kitchen, the units being kindly installed by Terry Rowles.

The 100 Club winners were drawn before drinks and snacks were served(including some delicious and very pungent cheeses!) and everyone had the opportunity to view the improvements to the Hall

Jenny Ayris

PETTISTREE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday 15th July 2012 and the Committee were pleased to welcome six residents. Jim gave his annual report a copy of which is given below. The audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012 were presented and approved a copy of which are on the website. Jim announced the retirement of two of the committee members making a total of three vacancies. The remaining committee were re-elected en bloc as listed below also detailing the elected officers and the nominated representatives.

Jim Jarvie	Chairman
Steve Boardley	Vice- Chairman
Eric Dowker	Treasurer
	Secretary (Ann Sayer continuing until vacancy filled)
Pauline Jarvie	Lettings Secretary
Jenny Ayris	Pettistree People Contact
Dave Caudwell	Petanque Representative
Terry Rowles	Parish Council Representative
Rita Smith	PCC Representative and Web Contact
Brian Stollery	Carpet Bowls Representative
Maureen Stollery	Heritage Group Representative
Jenny Barnes	
Mike Barnes	
Kathy Hilton	
Clare Signy	

After the meeting we were pleased to see residents turn up for the party to celebrate the work carried out to the hall. Pauline kindly organised the cheese and wine and a good time was had by all.

As Jim said, we have a lovely village hall a great asset to our community. The committee since 1992 have been involved in a great deal of work to modernise it, extend it, add disabled facilities and features and now the most recent work of insulating the walls, floors and ceilings and incorporating a new oak floor and a revamped kitchen. Thanks go to all those members past and present who have contributed so much and for residents for their support at events and in other ways.

Now' use it or lose it', and suggestions for new events would be very welcome.

Ann Sayer

St Peter & St Paul, Pettistree

The Jubilee celebrations are detailed elsewhere but we were delighted to have such a large number of hymn suggestions for Pettistree's Songs of Praise. The well attended service was a very fitting way to come to the end of the day, and during it the Rev John Eldridge used the words of thanksgiving for the Queen's 60 years of service from the service held in the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds the week before.

The Parish Church is not a 'members only' establishment, and is there for everyone in the local community. There has been some confusion over this so to clarify, all parishioners and those with 'strong family connections' to Pettistree and Loudham are welcome to talk to the vicar and use the church for important services (such as weddings and funerals) even if they are not regular church goers. Anyone who would like to discuss this before making any decisions is welcome to contact me for an informal chat.

The church is open during daylight hours and it is very interesting to see the comments written in the visitors book. The Parochial Church Council are pleased that it is possible to have the church unlocked, and very grateful to the Smiths for taking on the task of key-holder. Also they hope that all parishioners will continue to be 'good-neighbours' to the building to ensure that anything untoward occurring would be reported quickly.

Future dates

Harvest Festival Evensong October 7th at 6.30 pm

Remembrance Sunday November 11th at 10.30am Remembrance day service led by Rev Rob Rose and will include the laying of the Pettistree wreath and 2 minute silence at 11.00am

Maggie Hallett

CARPET BOWLS

We are a month away from the new season which starts on 4th October 2012 and we would love to see some fresh faces. We start at 7.30pm and finish just before 10.00pm with a break for tea/coffee, biscuits and a catch up on news in the middle.

We play some friendly matches against the neighbouring villages and we are not in any of the leagues, we play for sport and fun.

We are waiting to see how the new floor runs this season, no doubt it will be interesting.

Please come along and have a go and see if you like it.

For more information telephone Eric Dowker on 01728 746419

Notes From Green Farm

Hedge Cutting.

Again, this year, hedge cutting was undertaken by Richard Hayward. It was unfortunate that there were problems due to the adverse weather conditions which meant that the annual cut was delayed until well into the New Year. Richard will be prepared to continue this in 2012/2013 and has indicated that his rates will remain unchanged.

Unless we hear to the contrary, it will be assumed that the same procedure will be repeated. If you have any problems or queries, please contact Richard on 01728 746741 or 07944/398/493.

Flooded Paddock.

The dreadful wet spell has resulted in the small paddock becoming extremely waterlogged. The footpath which passes through it has become virtually impassable. This has resulted in a diversion through our farmyard. Many in the village have seemed unduly concerned about the welfare of the pony who was pretty fed up. He was very well tended in spite of awfully difficult circumstances, in addition to the foul

weather. It will be welcome news that he has gone to pastures new. He will be missed, for he is a friendly chap and he enjoyed his stay with us, particularly as he was bullied by other horses at his last home.

Totty is young, unbroken and full of promise and we look forward to hearing of his progress.

PETTISTREE HERITAGE

This issue of Pettistree People will be our last chance to advertise our forthcoming annual event to the whole of the community. The date for your diary is:

Friday 2nd November, 7.30pm, Pettistree Village Hall

and we hope you will join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening. Our event this year celebrates Traditional Suffolk stories, songs and verse, delivered by the renowned Bumpstead Boys. As ever, we hope to give you an educational insight into the culture and history of Suffolk as well as entertainment.

'If these old boys had of been buildings then they would have been listed'. (Quote from the Traditions of Suffolk website: www.traditionsofsuffolk.com)

Tickets cost £5 and can be ordered (you are advised to book early to avoid disappointment) by contacting Cath on 01728 747170, or email: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Latest News from the 'Piste' by Steve Wassall

As I sit here writing this piece on a really very hot English summer's day my mind goes back to John Arlott, that wonderful commentator on that very English of ball games, Cricket! The lazily descriptive style and phrases he would use to portray not just the game but all that was going on at the periphery of the scene.

Alas, writing about Mr Arlott is as close as I am going to get to emulating him so, moving swiftly on I turn to thinking back over my last 3 years' membership of the Greyhound Petanque (Boules) team and I set to musing about the game as it is played at the local English village level.

Whether you take the games seriously or as just a good bit of fun, either way is good and I suppose that give or take a couple of friendlies, we are mostly playing in a Sunday league so a bit of competitiveness doesn't go amiss but, all that aside, I can honestly say that it is hard to think of nicer people, team members or opponents, to join with on a Sunday morning, play a bit of very intriguing sport, drink a few beers or whatever is your fancy and on occasions finish off with a snack lunch at the hostelry of the day.

On Sunday 29th July we played our first league game at the Village Hall using the car park as the 'piste', a very different surface to the shingle of the Greyhound and in fact more akin to many of the pistes we play on round our league area.

Additionally, this could prove to be more convenient for our landlords & sponsors, Karen & Tony Cousins as there is no problem of taking up customers parking spaces if games are a bit more 'nip & tuck' causing us to run over schedule. This is looking very much as though the Village Hall could become the regular piste for the club, so better watch this space.

GP1 -v- GP2 turned out to be a close run thing with a draw being the final outcome and honour served all round along with excellent drinks & nibbles.

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TITLE: Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee

JOB DESCRIPTION: To attend five or six meetings a year amongst convivial company and take the minutes and dealing with other correspondence.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ability to – Remember to take notes at meetings when joining in with the banter Keep a diary to put the right date on the agenda.— Keep calm and focused when the meeting becomes riotous—Assist the chairman in sticking to the agenda.— Enjoy organised events.— Some computer knowledge useful— You do not have to be mad but it helps.

REMUNERATION A fist full of fun.—Every event is a holiday.—Working alongside a Chairman with a OBE (also means Overflowing with Beneficial Encouragement to his team)

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