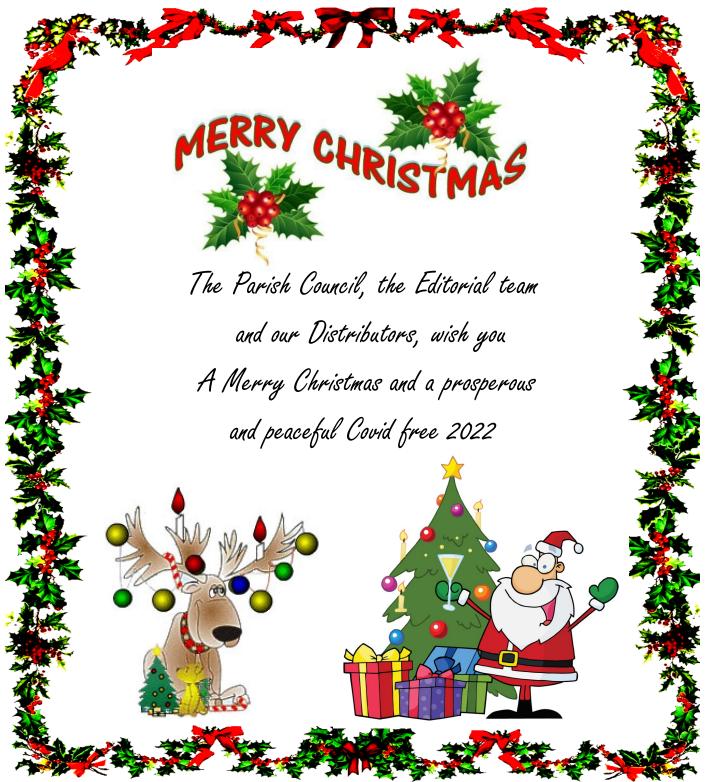


Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham Pettistree Parish Council © Issue 93 December 2021





Parish Council Chairman's report

The smooth running of the Parish Council has been disrupted by the sudden death on 12th October of our parish clerk, Rod Caird. Rod had been our parish clerk for just under a year following the equally shocking death of our previous clerk, Keith Bridges. Rod was a very experienced and efficient clerk who also looked after other parishes. He was a great asset to this Parish Council. Rod had a been a friend to Pettistree for several years before he became our clerk. His background and bagpipe playing is described elsewhere in this issue by his piping pupil, Jim Jarvie.

Rod Caird's talent for organisation has obviously been passed on to his sons, who were able to arrange for the transfer of our parish council paper and electronic records, with the help of Henley Parish Council who provided temporary storage until we could collect them. We have had help and advice on finding a replacement clerk from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) and our advert is now on their website. It could of course be an opportunity for someone in Pettistree who would like an interesting paid parttime job that really helps the community.

Since the previous issue of Pettistree People we have held a normal meeting of the Parish Council on 9^{th} September and a village meeting on 21^{st} September followed by a brief special meeting of the council on the same evening. The draft minutes of those meetings are now on the website which Chris Garner continues to oversee for us as webmaster.

The Covid 19 pandemic has continued to overshadow all our lives to a greater or lesser extent. Life is more normal now but by no means back to normal. Us oldies have had our booster vaccinations but while this may keep us out of hospital it does not stop us catching Covid and passing it on. We wait to see if there will be another surge in cases once the children return to school after half term.

In the village it now seems certain that Rogues Lane and Walnuts Lane will be classified as a Quiet Lane with signs to indicate to drivers that they should expect walkers, cyclists and riders around the corner. Our SID was set up to record the speed of vehicles and recorded some illegally high speeds until a fault developed. It is now back with the makers but should be back in action soon at one of its three sites.

The Hopkins Home development on Pettistree land has apparently been given a name by Hopkins Homes of Wickham-gate without consulting us. However, we were asked to suggest names for the new roads, and we have given them 5 suitable names based on the old field names in that area. They hope to start building around the end of this year. We still hope to get the parish boundary moved so that the development becomes officially a part of Wickham Market.

The 2021 Women's Cycle Tour streaked along the B1438 leaving Wickham Market and passing through Pettistree on 9th October. Many residents gathered to watch them and the cavalcade of supporting cars with lots of spare bikes on their roofs. See Cath Caudwell's report on Page 11.

As soon as we can further relax Covid restrictions on meetings, we should probably call a village meeting to discuss plans to with ioin in the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee next year. We shall need a small group to lead this as we did for the Diamond Jubilee in In the meantime, 2012. please pass on any suggestions to a councillor.

Jeff Hallett, Chairman Pettistree Parish Council

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Christmas at St Peter & Paul's Church Pettistree

A **Christingle** Service, particularly for the pre-school children, but for all agegroups from babies to grand-parents will be held on

Wednesday December 15th at 10.30am.



Carols in the Churchyard 2020

For another year everyone is welcome to **Carols in the Churchyard** on **Sunday December 12th at 3.00 pm**. We hope that everyone will be able to enjoy traditional refreshments after the service and take the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours. Warm clothes, wet weather gear and a torch to light your way home are recommended.

Other Christmas services

A traditional carol service will be held at 9.30 am on Sunday Dec. 19th and there will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am on Christmas Day. Both these services will be held in the church where numbers may be limited as we aim to continue with appropriate social distancing and encourage mask wearing, due to the continuing Covid-19 difficulty. On Christmas Eve there is a 'Midnight' service at All Saints Wickham Market.

On December 26th there will be no service in Pettistree church but a Benefice Morning Service at All Saints, Wickham Market at 11.00 am.



Remembrance Centenary 1921—2021





The bellringers rang a quarter-peal while 23 people from Pettistree and Wickham gathered at the War memorial in the church yard for a short service at 10.50am. Rev Rob Rose led the service during which Ieff Hallett read out the names of those from Pettistree and Loudham who had died in the two world wars, the 2 minute silence was observed, Jim Jarvie played a lament on his bagpipes and

Maureen Stollery placed the Pettistree wreath. David Harris, an Australian, who is a Pettistree resident, then laid a wreath to commemorate those from the Commonwealth countries who also fought and died. Hopefully next year circumstances around Covid will mean that we can follow the service by sharing memories over coffee and cake in The Greyhound! Maggie Hallett

Poppy Appeal

This year's appeal raised £624.98 in cash and with Gift Aid it resulted in the remarkable sum of £741.66, Thanks go to Maureen Stollery, Kath Hilton and Jim Jarvie for their fine house to house effort.

Bell ringing

I am pleased to write that there has been regular service and practise ringing since our last report. The CO2 levels are monitored most Wednesdays, but it's proving very difficult to maintain ventilation levels as consistently as we would wish ie below 800 ppm (parts per million). Even with all the doors and windows open it is governed so much by the weather. Our last practice was a case in point, all doors etc open but 800ppm was exceeded for much of the time. We are maintaining our practice of hand sanitising between rings and vacating the ringing chamber frequently.

However as winter draws on the evenings will be much colder and we are considering how best to maintain our quarter peal attempts and practice times. Until now some of us have spent over two hours in and around the ringing chamber on a Wednesday, but this is becoming less comfortable as time goes on. Various ideas will be discussed fully at our AGM at the end of the month.

On Thursday 11th November a half-muffled quarter was rung immediately before the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.50 am. My thanks to Chris for fitting the muffles beforehand. They were removed after Remembrance Sunday.

11th November 2021 1260 Plain Bob Doubles 1 Jenny Scase, 2 Elaine Townsend, 3 Mary Garner (C)4 Chris McArthur, 5 Ray Lewis, 6 Chris Garner



Village hall report—Autumn update

During the month of October, work on the village hall carpark was completed. Dave Caudwell took on the role of project manager (not as stressful as those on The Apprentice!) although it didn't run according to the original timescale. Those who visited the hall would have noticed the work was done in two stages; this was due to problems with the supply of tarmac.

f you get an opportunity to have a look at the finished article pop in, and we are sure you will be impressed. Thanks go to Dave for his sterling effort and to Cath for securing the lockdown grants.





The Committee has agreed to defer the AGM until July 2022 to coincide with the production of the audited accounts for 2021-22. The independently examined accounts for the previous two years will be placed on the website with a status of 'unapproved' as they have yet to be approved at an AGM.

The Committee is raising the number of people allowed in the Hall from 16 up to 30 but still asking organisers to observe Covid protocols, especially ventilating with doors and windows open and for larger meetings, encouraging their users to take Lateral Flow Tests.

This means that the 'Bring a Plate' event and Burn's Night will be put back to another date when hopefully the Covid numbers will be dramatically reduced.

I hope you will understand why we have taken these decisions as the health and welfare of our villagers, **KEEP SAFE** friends and families is paramount to us.

Jim Jarvie and the Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall will be hosting a coffee/tea morning on Sunday 5 December from 10.30am onwards which will provide an opportunity for villagers and supporters to see the carpark but also the work that has been completed inside. We ask that only double vaccinated people attend because of the unknown numbers attending.

Planning Matters

DC/21/2387/EIA Screening option for proposed Solar PV development, land in Loudham Hall Road AP/21/0028/REFUSE Outline planning permission 1 dwelling land adjacent Newstead, The Street. DC/21/3028/FUL Erection of single storey extension, Sandpit House, Loudham Hall Road, permitted DC/20/3361/FUL Duplicate application 129 dwellings between High Street and Chapel Lane, withdrawn



It's starting to look a lot like - well, Christmas I suppose, but who knows?

Did you know that there is such a thing as a Random Blog Title Generator? No? Me neither. That's one of the great things about being a writer. You get to do research on all kinds of stuff, and I like the idea of an endless revolving generator throwing out great titles for blogs. Certainly ones which are more eye-catching than my attempt.

I called up the site and entered the word, "Christmas." These are some of the titles the tiny Yuletide pixies suggested.

"Here's what Industry Insiders Say About Christmas." (Boring. What industries? Why do we care about what they say?)

"Master the Skills of Christmas and Be Successful." (What, like finding the end of the Sellotape every time and checking the Christmas light fuses before you put them away?)

"Is Christmas Still Relevant?" (That's probably a blog in itself. I'd say yes, more than ever.

My own title, not the snappiest I've ever come up with, reflects the strange times in which we find ourselves. This time last year, I was writing about the Rule of Six and wondering what our



celebrations would look like. This year, wishing people a Cool Yule might be the way forward as the headlines in early November were dominated by COP26 and the whole vexed question of climate change.



With fifty-two days to go until Christmas 2021, I'm bracing myself for a spike in Covid infection rates and another lockdown. It may not happen but after the rollercoaster of the last year and a half, nothing can be taken for granted. Even here in our little corner of rural Suffolk, with the trees shedding golden and russet leaves, the early winter sun illuminating our fertile ploughed fields and birds flapping silently home in the late afternoon; even with beauty all around, doubt and uncertainty can still take hold.

I've always liked to look on the bright side and stay optimistic, and as I was thinking about what I would write for this edition of Pettistree People, it was community that came back to my mind again and again.

After what seems an age, it was wonderful to welcome Kath and Maureen (aka The Pettistree Ladies) back into our kitchen as they came round selling poppies. We moved into our house back in October 2006 and now, fifteen years on, we stood reminiscing and wondering at the fact that the tiny boys who first lived in this house are now strapping six-foot teenagers. Whether I'm walking, cycling or driving around the village, it's a rare journey that doesn't involve at least one meeting with a Pettistree or Loudham resident. The Parish Council continues to do amazing work, putting in many hours of their own time to benefit our village and I'm proud to be a part of this community.

As the nights darken and the days get shorter, I expect we're all making lists, getting the



decorations down from the loft and starting to plan our Christmas menus. For our family, this year, the celebrations look different as my elderly parents have both taken a turn for the worse and may not be able to join us for Christmas lunch. But as I said last year, we need to find a new normal and that's what we'll do.

So I over-rode that Random Blog Title Generator and came up with one of my own.

"Best wishes for a joyous Christmas filled with love, happiness and prosperity!"

Ruth Leigh

Rod Caird RIP



It is with great sadness that I have to report the sudden death of Rod Caird. Although Rod lived in Henley, he was the Pettistree Parish Council clerk and attended every one of our village Burn's Nights. I first contacted Rod via the Ipswich Piping Society website and asked him to play at our Burn's Night. He did so and I said to him I wish I

had learnt to play the bagpipes when I was younger. He convinced me that you are never too old to take up the pipes. He continued to pipe the guests in on the night, wind, rain or snow (and we have had all three). He thoroughly enjoyed our nights and he was often joined by Sue who sadly passed away six months before him.

Rod had an interesting career as a film producer and he also worked for Granada TV on numerous documentaries. He also wrote a number of books including Ape Man, a study of human evolution and A Good and Useful Life, a story of imprisonment. During his time at Granada he introduced Richard Madeley to Judy Finnigan!

Rod will be sorely missed by Jeff and all the members of the Parish Council as well as those who met him socially. I for one will sorely miss his company, particularly his humour and patience when listening to me playing my pipes and chanter. Jim Jarvie

District Councillor's bulletin

Our District Councillor Carol Poulter's latest bulletin is far ranging and covers many East Suffolk issues. There follows a summary of those most relevant to our village.

Sizewell C. As part of a six month Planning Inspectorate examination of the proposals for a new nuclear power plant we welcome a a range of important revisions to the scheme and a multi-million pound financial package for investment back into local communities.

Rural Youth Support Project allocated £1010,650 for a two-year pilot which aims to support young people in rural Suffolk as they face ongoing challenges from the pandemic.

Draft East Suffolk Coastal Cycling and Walking Strategy draft document consultation which provides a district wide short list of cycling and walking infrastructure opportunities. It aims to to encourage greater use of sustainable transport. You can have your say until 10 January at-

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/cbc57e4a9cc24eeea7d174fb34b1bf0e



Our County Councillor's report



As 2021 draws to a close it still shocks me how much our world locally both and further afield has changed over the past two years. November 2019 we approached the ending of another year with sentiments of hope for a new year ahead and,

yes, with our own concerns to consider as always. My father died that month and as I returned to Edinburgh for his well-attended funeral little did I imagine that barely six months later such significant events for all of us - weddings, funerals, family gatherings and meeting friends – would be changed or stopped as we started to grapple with the worst public health crisis in my lifetime.

It is difficult to imagine anyone who has not been affected by the pandemic either directly or in other ways. We are clearly very far from seeing the back of it and the impact of Covid 19 will be felt both in our communities and in the way in which public health services are resourced and delivered for the foreseeable future. I first stood as a candidate for local government in 1994, in a central London ward, and hardly imagined that, as happened in 2021, I would be involved in a local government election where talking to voters was discouraged and democracy operated at armslength via leaflets through letterboxes, TV and radio, although these latter outlets rarely focus in any meaningful detail on local issues.

I am delighted to continue as County Councillor for Wickham Division which covers six parishes including Pettistree. Pettistree is the smallest village in the Division but one of the most distinctive and special. Significant development in or near the village could, in an instant, destroy the

special character and community experienced here since my first election back in 2017. Unwanted developments have occurred and the special identity of Pettistree is under continuing threat. I have and will continue to work with the Parish Council and all in the village to resist unsustainable and ill-thought through developments be they for 5 or 500 houses or light industrial and logistics sites. We do need properly conceived and delivered homes especially for locals, and especially the young, otherwise forced to move away or remain with parents or other relatives. Such developments must have community well-being and required services planned from the outset. Lots and lots of generic designed mock mansions with multiple carparking will not work if social, medical and educational facilities locally are not enhanced to keep pace with population growth arising from large new developments. Design is important as well and much delivered currently falls short of what we should expect in Suffolk. Developments which tear up green space should also be avoided when brownfield sites might be found for reuse as residential sites.

One of the keys to maintaining existing communities and ensuring new developments are sustainable in every sense is transport and despite the pandemic I am proud to have been involved in setting up, currently in pilot phase, a pure EV taxibus service, called Katch, running a circular route between the station at Campsea Ashe through Wickham Market and on to Framlingham. Quite rightly other villages with poor or no commercial bus services are keen to access a Katch type demand response bus service and despite many financial and operational issues to grapple with I will continue to push for such flexible public transport solutions to be made available to more, especially rural, communities in Suffolk



The raptors of Pettistree

This week I had the most amazing sight of a male sparrowhawk sitting on our gatepost to our driveway. We can have up to 50 sparrows flocking in our garden – they nest very successfully under our rooftiles in the summer – but when the sparrowhawk is about, they disappear into our thick hedges and the garden goes silent. Sue and I

Darren Tansley

love watching wildlife as we walk the dogs and raptors (birds of prey) are one of our key measures of a successful trip. There is nothing more delightful than the mewling cries of buzzards and fork-tailed kites, or the silent hovering of the kestrel and jet-speed flypast of a sparrowhawk. So here are my raptor 'TOP TRUMPS' for our parish.











Pettistree Spectacular

It was a beautiful autumn day as a merry band of Pettistree People, plus a few Wickham Market infiltrators, set off for the Norfolk village of Thursford via coach. The outing had had a long gestation period as it was originally booked in February 2020 for last year's Christmas season, but we all know what happened then...... Happily the booking was honoured and rescheduled for 9th November this year.

The Thursford Christmas Spectacular team had pulled out all the stops to put on a fabulous show with very talented singers, dancers, pipers and orchestra, the wonderful Wurlitzer organ plus stand-up comedy and circus acts. All the performances were very professional and slick, moving seamlessly from one act to the next, performing in the aisles of the auditorium as well as on stage to engage with everyone. The audience was totally on board and it was quite magical to be transported back to theatre and performance at last.

"Our Christmas Spectacular is an extravaganza of nonstop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a fast-moving celebration of the festive season featuring an eclectic mix of both seasonal and year-round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe!"

was the first performance of this year's show and the artistes were evidently so happy to be performing again many of them looked quite emotional after the finale and the standing ovation from audience.

No cameras were allowed inside the venue during the performance but we did manage to snap a few pictures beforehand and of the light display outside



We slipped in a meal at The Dove at Poringland on our way home - we were very well catered for and were delivered to the Greyhound by 10.20pm by our super driver Kevin from Galloways Coaches.

A huge thank you to Maggie and Pauline for organising the trip, booking tickets, the coach and handling all the money beforehand so that we didn't have to worry about a thing.

Cath Caudwell



"Hello from Dogs Trust! Your local Dogs Trust branch at Snetterton would like to briefly make you aware of our Canine Care Card scheme. It is a free service for dog-owners whereby, in the event of their death or illness, we will look after their dog, providing them with all the care it needs until we can find a responsible, loving new home for them. This is often a great concern to the elderly, as their dog may be their only friend and companion - Dogs Trust can give them peace of mind, knowing that their canine companion's future is safe, should the worst happen to them. Every year, we care for more than 14,000 dogs at our nationwide network of rehoming centres and we never put down a healthy Please contact - emily.matthews@dogstrust.org.uk or phone 01953 497912"

The Joy and ###### of Puppies!

As many of you know our little Havanese bitch, Tilly, had five puppies 10 weeks ago. They are a variety of colours and, of course, really cute. They have all gone to good homes in Scotland, London, Dudley, Badingham and Woodbridge.

It's been quite a tie and hard work but the puppies were a joy. Now that they have all gone we shall be able to reclaim our home—we feel we have been living in kennels! The quantity of dirty, wet newspaper was phenomenal - all consigned to bonfires. It has been quite an experience, but not again!





Pat Deliss

Find wines and spirits in my Word Search

Pat Deliss

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The day the Women's Cycling Tour of Britain came to Pettistree

Saturday 9th October was the day the A J Bell Women's Cycling Tour came to Pettistree – or at least passed along the B1438 during the Stage 6 route of Haverhill to the finishing line in Felixstowe. Residents were at the ends of Rogues Lane and The Street to cheer them on—Jeff and Maggie had the perfect view from the driveway of Featherbroom Gardens.

The cavalcade of police motorcycles and supporting vehicles for both the rolling road closure and spares for the cyclists were something to behold - some of the motorcyclists were very happy to pose for the cameras or toot and wave as they went through!







A J Bell Women's champion 2021

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DIARY DATES

5th Dec 10.30am Coffee morning in Village Hall

2th Dec 3.00pm Carols in the Churchyard

15th Dec 10.30am Christingle Service

19th Dec 9.30 am Traditional Carol Service

10th Feb 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting I Parish Room

18th Feb COPY DATE for March issue of

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Spider

I am a little spider I like it in the shed but if I'm really lucky I'll get under your bed

I wait until you're settled then I run across the room hoping that you miss and don't hit me with that broom

I catch and eat your buzzing flies they've made me rather fat you'll find their wrapped up corpses underneath the mat

your face went through my web last night and I didn't like to mention that it had taken most that day to build my new extension

> I don't know why it is that you think I'm oh so scary I'm really rather quite polite but just a little hairy

> > Olivia M J Smith

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[&]quot;Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."



[&]quot;Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better person."

[&]quot;A new year is like a blank book. The pen is your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. "