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VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The Village is to enter the competition this year

.... here is some information about what is involved

..... the 1997 Village of the Year Competition! ... is a competition for villages with an electoral population of up to 400 to find the best village in the Suffolk Coastal area - the best village does not mean the prettiest.

There are still some misconceptions held about the Village of the Year Competition, architectural beauty is not important, the judges will not for the 'chocolate box' village; instead they will be looking at the appearance of the village in terms of whether the parish looks cared for, and whether environmental matters are being considered e.g. wildlife areas in churchyards.

Since 1992, more than 50% of the marks are awarded for community spirit and special initiatives. The purpose of the competition now is to recognise the hard work and achievements of people to improve facilities and quality of life in villages. It's about our pride in our village and its community spirit.

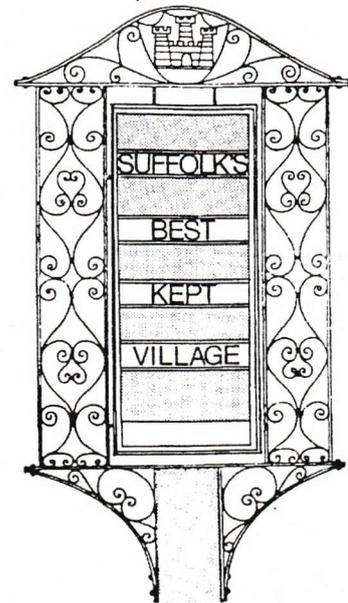
There's an added incentive this year because in partnership with local sponsors, Calor Gas, The Daily Telegraph have agreed to back a new National Village of the Year Competition. This means that winners of the County competitions will go into the National round, with a chance to win £3,000 to spend on a community project of their choice, a permanent plaque for display, not to mention a lunch hosted by The Daily Telegraph !!

The first round of the competition is the District Council's competition Villages gaining the highest number of points will be passed through to the countywide competition. Winners in the District round will be awarded the following prizes:

- First Prize - £75 plus trophy**
- Second Prize - £40**
- Third Prize - £20.**

Judging will take place in May - and we can be sure that competition will be fierce, but please remember that the competition is only for fun, enjoyment and community participation, especially community participation.

**Edited
extracts
from Suffolk
Coastal's
letter of
invitation**



**Village
community
is one of the
keys to
success**

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Village Matters

Monthly "POP-IN" Afternoons

The first monthly "pop in" afternoon took place on Tuesday 1st April - it was a great success and enjoyed by a very good turn out of village people. Starting at 2pm through to 4pm these afternoons are an opportunity to have a 'chat' with neighbours and friends, new comers to the village especially welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided and transport can be arranged. For further details or to arrange transport please contact -

Kath Hilton
01728 746492.

100 Club Winners

	1st	2nd	3rd
January	Mr J Kay	Mr & Mrs Wells	Alan Hunter
February	Mrs D Whiteley	Tracy Swain	Basil Goldsmith
March	Mr J Kay	Marion Kerridge	Margaret Spall

The 100 Club costs just £1 per month and has a first prize of between £20 to £25 depending on the number of members - to take part please contact Alan Whitfield (Tele 746794).

Bingo Night

**Novices soon
got off to a
good start**

What is believed to have been the first Bingo Night to be held in the Village was held in the Village Hall on Friday 21st March. The evening was well attended albeit by a number of people who had no previous experience of bingo. At first to those who were uninitiated it all seemed very daunting, tickets or books, stakes or bets, lines and columns ? Nevertheless, proceedings soon got underway, Mike Manning sold the cards and carefully calculated the prize money, and Brian Stollery took up his post as the *Caller* - we were called to order and the rules were explained to the players.

**A fast game
was enjoyed
by all**

Top lines, middle lines, bottom lines and full house soon took on their meaning and it was "*eyes down for a full house*" despite Joe Arbon offering to let Brian know which numbers he had on his card before we started - good try Joe. Brian was soon rapidly announcing the numbers (a little too rapidly for some of us first timers). The game proceeded at rapid pace and such was the enthusiasm of the players that there was only a little time for tea and biscuits at half time before it was "*eyes down*" for the second session.

As ever there were winners and loser - yes, Joe was among the winners, he won the prize draw, a box of groceries !!

Did we enjoy the evening? - you bet we did, it was a super evening.

Why not come and join us next time.

**Rebecca
Whitfield has
graduated
and is off to
work in
Europe**

Rebecca Whitfield, who has recently graduated in Environmental Science at Brighton University, is off to work in the European Voluntary Services Scheme. Rebecca has applied for a placement in several environmental projects in Europe and while she is waiting her first assignment she has been working for BT in Brighton. Rebecca's first assignment is for 5 weeks monitoring the habits of turtles on the Greek Island of Kefallinia.

It sounds like an ideal place to work !!

In 1897 a Canadian farmer's wife named Adelaide Hoodless held the first meeting of what is now the Women's Institute. A hundred women attended that first meeting, the purpose of which was to get together a group of women who would befriend and advise each other in those hard and primitive times. It was some 18 years later in 1915 that the W.I. came to Great Britain and only three years later in 1918, our Institute was founded at Pettistree Lodge .

This year we celebrate the W.I. centenary, which fell on February 19th. The day before we were told that the BBC would send a TV crew to film for 'Look East', and preparations began for the best presentation we could manage. However, when the time came we had been cut to a brief appearance during which we sang 'Jerusalem'; but still the process of filming helped make a most unusual meeting....and there we were on television.

To round off the day a quarter peal of mixed doubles was rung at St. Peter and St. Paul, Pettistree, by our local bellringing band who rung 1260 doubles : 300 changes of Stedman, 360 of Grandsire and 600 of Plain Bob

Treble Gillian Waterson
2. Alan Rogers
3. Kate Eagle
4. Michael Whitaker
5. Michael Whitby (conductor)
Tenor Alan Gull.

The bells, which were rung in village churches up and down the country, made a fitting end to a memorable day.



Sam Hind's Success

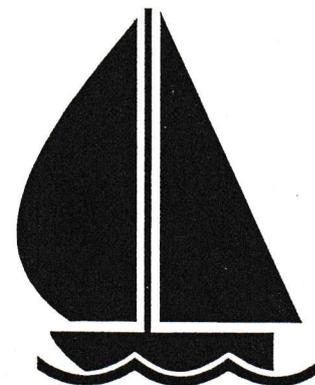
reported by Robert Manning

Sam Hind, aged 16, recently won the Ore Challenge Cup. The cup is won in a sail boat race which started 68 years ago in 1929. The race path goes from Orford out to the sea and back again. Sam raced with a friend, Mark Smith, and it took them about one and a half hours to complete the course.

Sam became interested in sailing in the summer of 1995 after going out on a boat with his friend Mark. After this Sam decided, "I must have a boat." He then used the money which he was saving for a car to buy a sail boat. The boat he bought is a two man Trapeze racing boat. The boat is named after it's statistics Four Twenty (it's length is four metres 20 centimetres). Sam bought his boat second hand for £1000.

Since buying his boat Sam and Mark have entered numerous races and have greatly improved. In their first race they did so badly that by the time they finished the race the other competitors had packed up and gone home. Now after making improvements in both their sailing technique and the boat they are doing extremely well. In last year's winter series they finished third, missing second by only two seconds.

The racing season is due to start again in May and will go on until November. During this time Sam will keep his boat in Orford and will practice as often as he can. He hopes that this year he will win the winter series as well as other races that go on. Sailing seems to be in Sam's blood, he says " *I enjoy sailing very much ... its great fun*"



Best Kept Village - Pettistree's Track Record

A potted history of Pettistree's achievements in the competition

Early in 1983, after some reluctance on the part of the Parish Council, the residents spurred on by Stuart Whiteley agreed to enter the competition for the first time as a trial run for the following year, when they felt they would have had the experience to obtain a placing. A working party was set up comprising of Clayton Larter (Parish Council Chairman), Garrow Shand (Parish Councillor) and Tony Franklin (then Parish Clerk) and between them they coordinated a well organised campaign involving many of the residents. Litter was regularly picked up, the village green was maintained and bus shelter kept clean and well maintained. Regular bulletins to all residents kept the impetus going and this tremendous effort culminated in an outstanding success.

First Prize was awarded in the District Round, with a score of 574 points out of a possible 600; for which the village received the annual trophy and a cheque for £50. Pettistree was then put forward as one of the District Council's representatives in the County Council's competitions for the Fisons Trophy (for small villages) and the Kenyon Trophy (for novices).



Pettistree came second in the Novices Trophy, pipped at the post by Harleston but romped home to victory and claimed First Prize for the Fison Trophy beating no less than Harleston!

As well as receiving the Fison Trophy Pettistree received the large Fisons Award Sign, a bench seat, three trees, bulbs and some barrels of beer.

Clayton Larter receiving the Best Kept Village Trophy from Lord Henniker

Sept 1983

The judges comments were duly recorded in one of the many resident update circulars. ***"Pettistree must have worked very hard to achieve such a high standard....."***

To mark these achievements a celebration was organised in the September and Lord Henniker officially unveiled the Best Kept Village Sign. He told residents...

"I think this has been a real community effort. If you have one backslider the whole thing can go wrong, but if you work together you can achieve miracles."

Pettistree residents had worked hard and achieved a miracle and duly enjoyed the rewards.

Success at the first attempt

For the three consecutive years Pettistree entered the competition again and achieve 4th place on all three occasions. The impetus temporarily lost.

However in 1987 all the stops came out and again an organised campaign was set in motion. An administration Committee was duly set up comprising Stuart Whiteley (Parish Council Chairman) Joe Arbon and Tony Franklin. A timetable was set out starting with pond clearing, news circulation, village grass cutting rotas and litter picking. As an added incentive to keeping the Village Green in trim the Parish Council purchased a powerful rotary lawn mower !

By early April of that year a working party of Stuart Whiteley, Steve Hind, Joe Arbon, Jeff Hallett and Tony Franklin has cleared the undergrowth from the pond by the entrance to the village and a rota was in place for the upkeep of the Village Green. Also the formal entry had been placed. The District Council also urged Pettistree to enter for the Jubilee Trophy a special competition to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Community Council for Suffolk.

By June the pond had been fenced, the notice board painted and the village sign was sent for restoration.. The 1983 bench seat was due for spruce up and everyone was continuing the trimming of verges and hedges.

All these efforts were rewarded and Pettistree scored a hat-trick, taking first prize with the District Trophy, the Fison's County Trophy and the Jubilee Trophy! An amazing achievement.

Prizes of £50 cash, a tree with commorative plaque, three further trees, another bench seat, more bulbs and beer were received by the village as well as the trophies themselves.

This time the celebrations took no bounds. A date was fixed for 26th September 1987 and the organisation was just as detailed as for the entry to the competitions themselves. Awnings, bands, morris dancers, refreshments etc.

The guest list for the Awards Presentation Ceremony was extensive.

All the stops were pulled out and Pettistree reigned supreme!

Since our outstanding success in 1987 the news has not been quite so good, a third prize in 1988, followed by two seventh place standings in 1989 and 1991.

History has shown that only a well organised, community lead campaign can succeed, it needs contributions from as many residents as possible.

**...in the
doldrums !!**

**... the old
firm got down
to action**

**... all the
stops are
pulled out**



*We hold the
Jubilee Trophy
for ever*

.... lets do it again in 1997.

Village of the Year - Nature Conservation Guidelines

The organisers for the competition, ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) have supplied the following guidelines which have been drawn up by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust .

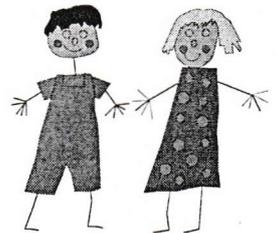
We understand that the competition judges will pay considerable attention to measure we have taken to safeguard and encourage wildlife. The guidelines given below are intended to help both the competition judges and entrants alike.

Grassy Areas

Where these are intended for nature conservation and especially where there is a profusion of wild flowers, there should be no penalty for uncut areas of grass on greens, commons, roadside verges, churchyards. A minimum of One cut at the end of the summer is essential for all conservation grassland, total lack of management being nearly as bad for wildlife as frequent close mowing. Cuttings should be quickly removed to avoid smothering new growth and either taken away or neatly stacked in an inconspicuous corner where they will form a wildlife refuge. Problem plants like nettles and cow parsley can be given an early cut in June if they become invasive.

Stone Walls and Roofs

Mosses and lichens should not be scraped off stones, walls or roofs nor should any flowering plant or ferns be removed unless causing serious damage. Points should not be deducted for the presence of ivy other than where it is causing serious damage to walls.



Recent plantings should ideally be of native species that are characteristic of the locality. The same is true of hedges which should be managed to maintain a broad dense base. There should be no evidence of trimming during the spring or early

summer. Tree planting should have been sensitively planned and not on any areas of existing nature conservation value, e.g. meadows, commons or round pounds.

Trees and Hedges



The value of standing dead wood should not be under-estimated; pollarding dead trees can keep them standing for many years while providing valuable habitat for insects, bats and birds such as owls and woodpeckers.

Herbicides

Marks will be deducted for the use of chemicals to control vegetation on paths, banks, field edges and public spaces. Shingle paths should be hand weeded if necessary, although the use of a mild herbicide may be acceptable in extreme cases.

Chemicals

The use of any kind of chemical control should be discouraged. New regulations govern which chemicals can be used, who may use them and how. Consult your local Health and Safety Executive for details.

Local Initiatives

Marks will be given for positive local efforts, for example the creation of conservation areas, village trails, pocket parks, recycling schemes, including display of information for local people and visitors explaining the objectives.

Community Protecting the Environment

The Angles are coming

Many of you will have heard of Eastern Angles, the region's top touring theatre company. In their fifteen years of touring, they have forged an outstanding reputation for dramatising East Anglian legends, stories and history. You may remember, for instance, *The Sutton Hoo Mob* which took a lighthearted look at the finding of the Sutton Hoo treasure.

This year, they are teaming up with Notcutts Ltd. to present

THE WUFFINGS

- the epic story of the birth of East Anglia

This spectacular production will bring to life the remarkable story of the seventh century rulers of East Anglia whose warrior-king Raedwald was interred in the famous Sutton Hoo ship burial. To do full justice to this story, Eastern Angles had to find a very special performance site and they've found it in Pettistree!

For three weeks in July (10th - 27th), Notcutts Nurseries (opposite The Three Tuns) is being specially adapted into a 400-seat theatre. Inside the performance arena, two huge banks of seating will face one another, leaving space for the ninety foot ship to be recreated in the most dramatic way. Outside, there is ample parking space, a hog roast, picnic area and exhibition stalls. Adnams Ales is not only providing a bar during the production but is even brewing an exclusive "Wuffings" ale for the occasion.

As a special offer to residents of Pettistree, Eastern Angles is offering big discounts on all tickets for the show. The performances are

Tues - Saturday Evenings at 7.45pm

Wednesday and Saturday matinees at 2.45 pm

with a special Sunday teatime show at 4.45 pm

Tickets are usually £7.95 (£9.95 for Friday and Saturday evenings) but are available to Pettistree residents for only £4.95 (£6.95 on Friday and Saturday evenings) - a saving of almost 40%.

**TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS OR TO FIND OUT MORE,
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01473 211498**

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Eastern Angles Theatre in Pettistree

Editor's Notices



Joe Michael Exton - baby son of Sonya and Mike was christened at SS Peter & Paul Church in Pettistree on Sunday 16th March. Rev Graham Bell, who christened Joe Michael, also married Sonya (nee Swain) and Mike here in Pettistree in July 1991. Following the christening service, Joe Michael and his family enjoyed a party in the Greyhound just walking distance from the church.

Norah Denny - It is with great sadness that we report the death of Norah Denny, late of Home Farm. Although Mrs Denny moved away from Pettistree some years ago she has maintained some of her ties with the Village, and just two weeks before her death, she wrote enclosing a cheque to cover a five year subscription for the Pettistree People of which she was an avid reader.

People Profile Mike Manning



Mike and his family moved from Winchester, Hampshire in 1988 and after a short period in Wickham Market moved to Pettistree seven years ago, when their new house was built. Mike is a Chartered Civil Engineer and is currently Assistant Director of Environment and Transport with Suffolk County Council. He has been married to Sheila for 22 years and they have two children; Robert who is 18 and Chris who is 16. Mike is a member of the Pettistree Village Hall Committee and, along with others, helped with the refurbishment of the hall. He likes to get involved with village events such as the annual barbecue and he organises the carpet bowls which is held every other week in the hall. Mike also helps to keep the grass in the churchyard under control when he has time which, because of work commitments, is not as frequent as he would like. The family travel back to Hampshire three or four times a year to visit friends and relatives. While the boys miss the city life Mike and Sheila are always pleased to return to the rural tranquillity of life in Pettistree.

Facts Sheet

Parish Council Membership

Joan Peck (Chairman)		The Den
Jeff Hallett (Vice Chairman)	746210	The Laurels
Tony Franklin	746585	Scott's Hall
Maureen Stollery	746653	1 Presmere Rd
Sharon Hunter	01473 737784	Merton Farm Barn
Nigel Holland	746344	Gelham Hall
Neil Arbon	01473 737784	Merton Farm Barn
Ann Sayer (Clerk)	01394 460639	4 Hungarian Close

The Parish Council meet at least four times a year in the Church Room.

County & District Councillors

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor 01394 411373 or Mobile 0850 843055
Mr Ned Cavendish, District Councillor 01394 450046

Neighbourhood Watch

David Horne 746637 The Cottage, Pettistree Grange
Mike Sayer 01394 460639 4 Hungarian Close

For Crimeline Information, 01473 613617. Current crime update available after 5pm on Tuesdays. Call this number to find out what is happening in your area.

The Parish Police Officer can be contacted at Woodbridge Police Station on 01473 613500.

Useful People to Contact

Vicar	Graham Bell	746314
Bellringers	Mary Garner	746097
Church Wardens	Ned Hogg	746814
	Maggie Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Mike Swain	746187
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
The Greyhound Inn	Bill & Jacki Woolven	
The Three Tuns	Terry & Merry Foubister	
Wickham Market	Health Centre	747101
Post Office	Wickham Market	746201

Calendar

Carpet Bowls & Table Tennis every alternate Thursday 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Church 1st Sunday of the month Evensong Services at 6.30pm
Morning Prayer at 9.30am on all other Sundays in the month.

Bellringing Practice night is every Wednesday 7pm until 9pm - you will be equally welcome as a beginner or an experienced ringer.

WI Meetings Every third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Meeting The Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 15th May 1997 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - everyone may attend and speak at this meeting

Pop-in 1st Tuesday of the month 2pm till 4pm in the Village Hall - come and have a chat.

Coffee Morning 10.30am Sunday 25th May at Jasmine House - cakes and plants stall in aid of the Village Hall.

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