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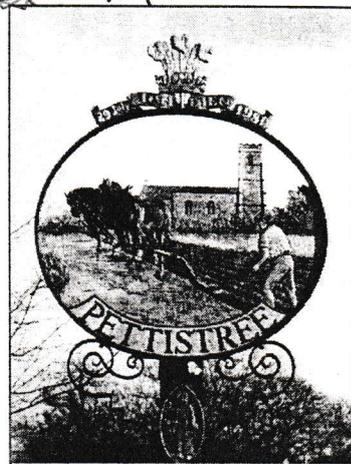
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Village of the Year Competition Awards

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION
1997



**SPECIAL AWARD
FOR
COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Pettistree

was *Commended*

for their excellent demonstrations of community spirit and especially for
the tree planting scheme which involved every child in the village
the excellent new magazine 'Pettistree People'

Richard Taylor
Chief Executive

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For Clarity the name

On 11th September, at the invitation of Parham Parish Council, Joan Peck and Maureen Stollery attended the awards ceremony for the Village of the Year competition. Parham was the outright winner of the Suffolk Calor Gas Trophy for the Village of the Year and almost the whole population of the village assembled for the unveiling of the sign. Among the dignitaries present were representatives from Suffolk Acre, Calor Gas, Suffolk Coastal Council, Suffolk County Council, The East Anglian Daily Times and the W.I.'s of East and West Suffolk.

After the first sign was unveiled and photographs taken a long line of people looking like a pilgrimage made their way along the very narrow footpath to the site of the now

closed pub where the second sign was unveiled. This was the Kenyon Trophy for novices. Here alongside the busy main road one appreciated the difficulties Parham must have in keeping their village looking respectable.

The rest of the awards were made in the Community Hall where a sumptuous buffet was awaiting everyone. These awards covered villages as far apart as Lound in the North and Newton Green in the South, Westley in the West and Friston in the East - in fact the whole county. Pettistree received a cheque for £20 for coming third in the District competition and in addition a surprise certificate - A Special Award for Community Spirit in which we were commended especially for tree planting involving children in the village and the excellent new magazine "Pettistree People". This will take its rightful place on the wall in the Village Hall - Well Done Pettistree.

**Joan Peck
and Maureen
Stollery
represent
Pettistree at
the Village of
the Year
Award
Ceremony**

**Pettistree
receive a
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for
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Spirit**

**..an excellent
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"Pettistree
People"...**

Pettistree commended for its community spirit

Parish Council Brief

Respects paid to the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales

The Parish Council last met on Thursday 4th September 1997 and the Chairman opened the Meeting by asking those present, on behalf of the residents of Pettistree, to observe a two minute silence as a mark of respect for the late Diana, Princess of Wales. Also to remember Colonel Maxwell as this was the first Council meeting since his funeral.

Kiosk destined to remain

The results to date of the village poll on the removal of the telephone kiosk were detailed, at present the majority being in favour of retaining the telephone kiosk. The matter to be discussed again at the next meeting on 13th November, as the deadline had not passed at this stage.

Village Sign to be restored

The village sign restoration to commence this Autumn, taking approximately six months. The original makers of the sign Hector B Moore, a local family business, based at Brandeston are to undertake the work.

Visitors to the Village

Suffolk Acre are to bring along a bus to Pettistree as part of their 'Rural Youth Initiative'; enquiries are to be made about what is involved, and, Suffolk Association of Local Councils has volunteered to attend one of the Parish Council Meetings to advise on the services they provide. It is hoped she will be able to attend the meeting in February 1998.

Village Matters

100 Club Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
June	Eric Whitfield	Eric Dowker	Sybil Garnham
July	Rosemary Howard	Sharon Hunter	Dave Caudwell
August	John Mattin	Terry Foubister	Douglas Holland

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).

Mike & Wendy Swain, leave the village

We were sorry to see Mike and Wendy Swain leaving 'Strawtop' on August 16th. They had lived in the village for 17 years and during that time had taken an active part in village life.

A thank you to Mike and Wendy from the Village Hall Committee

Both Wendy and Mike had been involved in the letting of the W.I Hut and latterly looking after the Village Hall for some 10 years. Mike often walked 'Shadow' past early mornings to keep an eye on the building and it was never too much trouble for either of them to investigate any problems which arose. The Village Hall Committee gave them a garden token in appreciation.

Reply from Mike and Wendy
*Thank you very much for the Notcutt's Gift Voucher which will be very useful. Although surrounded by packing cases and garden looking like a prairie we feel very much 'at home' here and been made to feel very welcome. If you enjoy long walks and a cup of tea at the end you are welcome to call on us at Windy Corner.
Love and best wishes to you all,
Mike and Wendy*

Important Notice

The Village Hall Key Holder is now Jacki Franklin

Tele 01728 746585

Village News and Information

Cycle Treasure Hunt



In July the Village Hall Committee held a Cycle Treasure Hunt which was organised by Jacki Franklin. The event was very much enjoyed by everyone who took part. The treasure hunt took the competitors all over the village seeking clues, solutions, signs and indications that would enable them to win. Mindful of the possibility of a tie Jacki devised a tie breaking task which involved the collec-

A fun evening for all the Family

tion of a household item to be obtained without entering a house. If this was not enough each team was required to make a model creature from a potato. The winners were the Caudwell Family, however, winning came second place to enjoying the event and Joe Arbon's barbecue that followed. Alas, few people took part in this very enjoyable evening of cycling, competing and enjoying ourselves - don't miss it next time !!!



Above Jacki Franklin announces the winner

Left - Teams show off their potato creatures

From the Archives

1744, 24th March. Wm Jay was buried being the last of his name in this parish and an end of a very worthless, malicious and ill-natured family, having been remarkable for oppressing and (as much as in them lay) for defrauding the ministers of this parish of their just dues, which character this person kept up to the last day of his life. Witness my hand Richard Temple, Vicar of Pettistree.



The Jays lived where Whitehouse Farm now stands. There were three dwellings. This was also known as Jay's corner. They are buried immediately opposite the church door!

Thirty years ago - an architect's report mentioned an old crack in the north wall of the chancel. The Churchwardens said they would look into this!

The gutters show signs of rust - impossible as they are asbestos!

What did they diddle the Vicar out of?

Are they still looking??

Now and Then

Village Barbecue Report

The Village Barbecue the highlight of Pettistree's social calendar

It would not have happened without that small but very willing band of volunteers

Was it really a year since the 1996 barbecue? It seemed as if we had only just taken the marquee down!

The Village Hall Committee set about the task of reviewing the afternoon activities, building on the success of previous years and introducing some fresh ideas.

Teams were once again assembled and tasks allocated (and gladly accepted). All the signs were promising for another good event; the weather forecast was encouraging and the marquee arrived nice and early. Joe had prepared the park and the willing volunteers, under the watchful eye of the marquee foreman, John Barker, carefully heaved the flapping canvas into position. The bunting was strung between the trees, chairs and tables collected, potato



Rita Smith at the Keyboard

salad was made and all was ready to go even before the first customer arrived. The weather forecast proved to be right and everyone relaxed and set about enjoying the day.



Katherine and friends

After the formal welcomes, the happy birthdays, the Ruby Wedding Anniversary congratulations (played so eloquently by Rita on the keyboard) and the welcome messages to our new villagers, the serious business of eating and drinking got underway. Incidentally such is our reputation that the event even attracted Katherine's University friends from far and wide (or did they come to play cricket?).

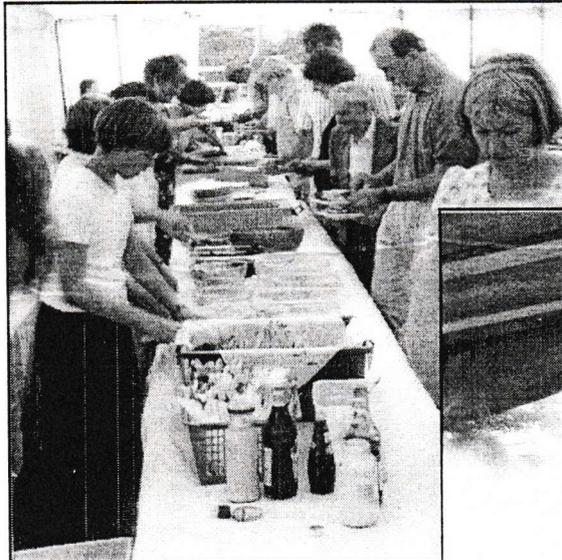
The Barbecue raised a total of £1020 which the Village Hall Committee plan to spend on a much needed set of new tables.

A Village and Family day

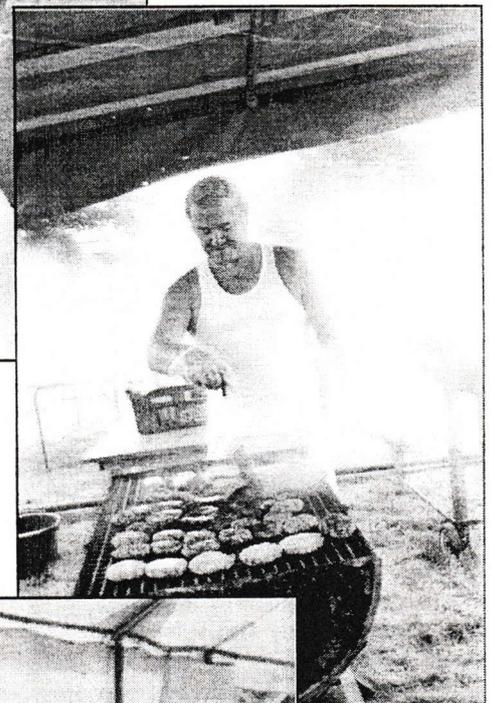
The event attracted all the true gamblers with huge sums of money being placed on Loudham Lady in the 3 o'clock at the Pettistree Derby. In fact the horse racing was so popular we ran three races. Sadly, Loudham Lady could not match her success from last year and she was pipped at the post in every race; firstly by Walnuts Whip, then by Streetwise, and finally she was even beaten by Red Rogue, a rank outsider. Thanks to the winners who donated their ill-gotten gains to the Sound Appeal which raised a further £21.42p for their cause.

Pettistree Derby proved a great favourite yet again

The main event this year was conceived, organised and judged by the Halletts. This was the Grand Kite Making and Flying Contest. Teams set about the task of making their masterpieces, with great enthusiasm and in the true spirit of Blue Peter (I'm sure I spotted John Noakes and his ever-faithful Shep in the crowd). A good breeze was blowing, perfect conditions to test the aeronautical and acrobatic ability of the black plastic kites. Some even managed to fly!! That aside, they were all works of art and no doubt are hanging from the bedroom ceilings of their proud creators.



Above - Food is served !!



Right - Master Chef Stollery at work

Below - Val Pizzey draws the winning ticket

What would any barbecue be without the Prize Draw. Once again people were extremely generous both in donating prizes and in buying tickets. If you did not win a prize can I suggest you buy your tickets from Val Pizzey next year!!

All too quickly the barbecue was over for another year, apart from the clearing up of course. It's surprising how things come down faster than they go up, except the roof of the marquee which had to stay up a while longer as the rain fell on the Monday just as we were finishing clearing up.

Our thanks to all who attended for making this event such a success. Hopefully we will see you again next year, who knows you might even win on the horses.



See you all next Year !!

Pettistree's event of the Year

Power of the Past

Pettistree People at Power of the Past

If you feel that you don't have a chance to meet and talk to as many people in the Village as you would like - why don't you take a Sunday off late in September and visit the "Power of the Past" event which the Kemball family hold at Wantisden each year at about this time.



I spent a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon at the show which thankfully is not the least bit commercialised - indeed it is very much a family affair.

The theme of the show, as you would expect is power in agriculture over the years. Horse power in plenty. Tractors through the ages, steam, diesel, petrol and electric. Steam engines working hard pumping water, sawing wood, lifting, pulling, generating electricity. Two steam ploughing engine pairs are put through their paces pulling ploughs back and forth in dead straight furrows.

Working horses also play a big part in the day and both the Hallett family and Joe Arbon had their horses there showing and working them.

Walking around the show one bumps into Pettistree people wherever you go - if you are not careful you spend more time talking

Above Mary Hallett with
Cherry

than viewing; but on second thoughts meeting and talking to people is a major reason for going.

Below Jacki Franklin
demonstrating her image
consultancy skills

In addition to the action on the show ground there is a large craft fair which is aimed at the demonstration of skills rather than selling goods.

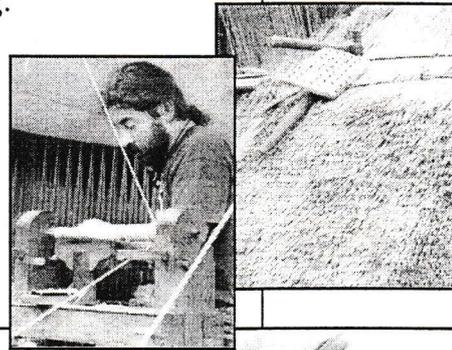


A traditional farming fayre for the family

Many of Suffolk's craftsmen were proudly showing off their skills, the farrier, the thatcher, the wood turner, basket maker, the blacksmith - they were all there although I didn't spot a baker or a candle stick maker, but perhaps that was because I spent too much time talking to Pettistree people I met at the show rather than looking.

**Nostalgia
and
Experience**

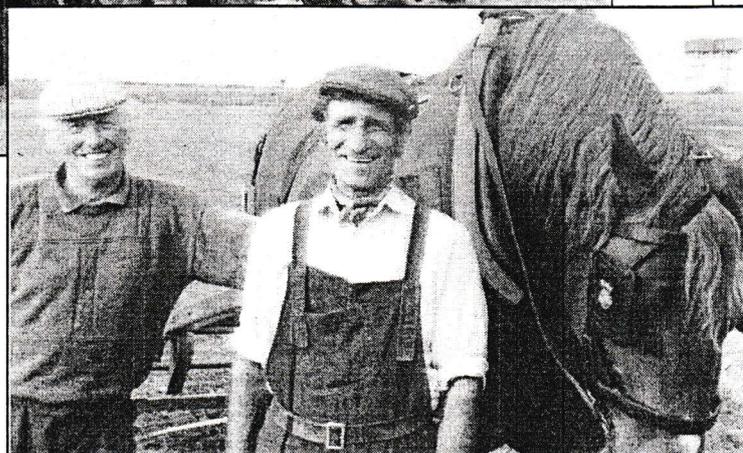
Not only were traditional skills on show but new skill could be discovered. Who would think that Jeff Hallett could become a radio commentator - indeed he displayed a hitherto hidden talent as a commentator during the farrier demonstration (see below) Jeff engages the farrier in the commentary, microphone out reached - eat your heart out Jeremy Paxman.



Walking about the show it was easy to overhear what people were saying about it " ...what a super day ...", "... smell those steam engines...", " I'm so glad that I have seen these machines working again before I pass away..", " ...Dad - what was that for?". Yes it was a super day; if you missed, hard luck; if you want a chance to meet and talk to Pettistree people while you enjoy a glimpse of the past, then come along next year - an excellent day out can be guaranteed.



**Atmosphere
Action and
Power from
the Past**



Joe Arbon and
John Barker with
Pioneer

Next year's show - 26th/27th September

Editor's Notices

John and Carol Lock moved into Strawtop in August. Having lived in Wickham Market for 9 years or so they did not have far to come although originally they came from Loughton in Essex. Both John and Carol enjoy cycling and always included Pettistree in their local cycling route and so they know their way about the Village well. As well as cyclists they are keen Golfers. Why come to live in Pettistree? "...it was the right house at the right time ...we are looking forward to being part of the Village..." John and Carol - welcome to Pettistree.

Grand Parents Galore

Alan & Evelyn Whitfield have a new grandson born to Steve & Sarah Peck on 5th Oct weighing 8lb 10oz.

John & Carol Speedman also have a new grandson, Euan born to Richard & Cindi Speedman.

Brian & Maureen Stollery have another grandsson, Tobie, born 11th Sept to Robert & Tracy Stollery.

Congratulations all round !!

People Profile Ann Sayer



Ann and husband Mike moved to Pettistree in January 1984 on a bleak snowy morning to Hungarian Close. Having since been cut off by snowfalls, once for a week, they realise how lucky they were to get there! Life has never been the same since.

Ann is Suffolk born and has lived in the county all her life and has no desire to leave it. She comes from a farming family and has always enjoyed the country life, and is a very keen gardener. Ann and Mike grow all their own vegetables.

Having given up full time work as buyer for Eastern Counties Farmers, after a break Ann took up part time work and took over from Evelyn Whitfield as parish Clerk for Pettistree in March 1992. She also works part time at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

She enjoys doing voluntary ushering at Snape Maltings Concert Hall and other venues, under the supervision of husband Mike who is House Manager.

You may well see Ann on her bike delivering Parish Council papers and putting up notices on the boards, or enjoying one or other of the village sports and social events, Mike and Ann have enjoyed their participation, particularly at carpet bowls.

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		
Nigel Holland	746344	Gelham Hall
Neil Arbon		
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	Mike Perkins	01394 460284
	Jeff Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Jacki Franklin	746585
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
The Greyhound Inn	Bill & Jacki Woolven	746451
The Three Tuns	Terry & Merry Foubister	746244
Wickham Market	Health Centre	747101
Post Office	Wickham Market	746201

Calendar

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

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