

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016

PETTISTREE HERITAGE REPORT

As you will know from the last Annual Parish Meeting the archives for Pettistree are now lodged with the Suffolk Record Office in Ipswich, with the title of the 'Joan Peck Collection'. Our cataloguing system was designed to bolt onto the Record Office one and is still in the process of being brought into the public domain. However, this will mean that anyone will be able to access the records in future.

This does not mean that the group no longer has a role to play. Recording of local events still happens, both with photographs and reports. Pettistree People serves as a valuable record of activities and events within the parish, whilst newspaper reports and estate agents details are still sought whenever relevant. Access is also still available to our own electronic records should we require them.

Maureen continues to photograph local events as they happen, as does Mike Watts in respect of Pettistree People, whilst some people still make enquiries direct to Joan Peck.

In November we hosted our very own Jeff Hallett for our annual talk, which was titled, 'Working Horses, Working Lives' and chronicled the Suffolk Horse Society's work in gathering an oral history of the people who worked with the Suffolk horse in the 20th century, together with the history of the breed and its importance in agriculture before the arrival of the tractor. Jeff's oral snippets from local horsemen were very well received.

For the Queen's Birthday Party on Sunday 12th June our group is displaying local records of previous royal occasions, which Pettistree has always joined in with by having its own events. This year will be no exception with the events planned on the churchyard meadow.

The group is still happy to receive old records to research as the information gleaned from deeds and other documents can be added to the considerable historical records that are on loan to the Record Office.