

Pettistree People



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Trouble on the Verge

At this time of year the ground is very soft and so traffic damage to our grass verges is made much worse than when the ground is hard as it is in the summer months.

Recently we have seen much more damage caused to our verges by heavy vehicles than is usual at this time of year. It is all too easy to say that this damage is the result of careless and inconsiderate heavy vehicle drivers.

To some extent this undoubtedly is the case but not always – we sometimes contribute to the problem ourselves by trying to squeeze by rather than backing up, or by parking in the road rather than our driveways, or by **not** noting down and reporting to the police the registration number of vehicles we see damaging a grass verge.

Living in a rural community as we do, we must accept that sometimes damage to our grass verges is unavoidable, nevertheless, we must try to act as good neighbours and do our best prevent this sort of damage occurring.

Let's be aware and responsible about the problem.

Parish Council News

At the Parish Council meeting held in November the budget and precept was set for the next financial year.

The recent work carried out has relieved the flooding at the eastern end of Rogues Lane. The flooding at Presmere Pond /Java Lodge Lane is currently being handled jointly by the adjacent landowner and the Environment and Transport Department of the County Council who hope to have the matter resolved very soon.

At long last the "Leaning Pole of Pettistree" has disappeared from the Green.

New people in the Village

Anne McNeill

Anne moved into "Beverley" in May this year having lived in Charsfield for about 17 years. She works as a Technician at Thurleston High School in Ipswich and her main interest is the keeping and training of dogs of which she has four all trained for obedience. As a member of the Institute of Animal Care she works part time helping people with problem dogs.

100 Club Winners

October: - 1st Mike Sayer, 2nd Vera Reeve, 3rd Les Heard

November :- 1st Richard Hayward, 2nd Paul Bailey 3rd, Dorothy Whiteley

Robbie the Bobby's Beat News

I have met a lot of people in Pettistree since my appointment as Area Beat Officer or to give the job its latest title "Beat Manager". If we have not met I do apologise but I am kept fairly busy in my four other allocated parishes.

Whilst Pettistree has a very low crime rate we must not become complacent because recently when this article was being written we suffered a burglary in neighbouring Wickham Market where jewelry and other collectable items were stolen. Any of you could be the next target and I therefore urge you to take as many steps as you can to make your home secure.

One of the most important ways is to take an active part in Neighbourhood Watch. This is a co-ordinated scheme providing eyes and ears to help protect your property especially when you are at work or on holiday.

Does Neighbourhood Watch work?

We get lots of calls from N/W co-ordinators and its members. It is true that many turn out to be nothing illegal but all are genuine calls from concerned people.

Once in a while the call turns up trumps like the person who saw a car near a church. The car was not known to him and it was unusual for a car to be parked at this location in the afternoon. Knowing through N/W that churches had been broken into he called the police and gave the car number. The car was subsequently stopped by an officer in Woodbridge where it was found to contain items stolen from the church. A search of the occupant's premises revealed lots of other church-like items including a priceless painting from Rendlesham.

So the answer is YES it does work but it is only as good as its members

On a final note, did you hear about the burglar who sawed the legs off his bed? - He wanted to lie low!

Robbie Abrahams P.C. 1049

Carpet Bowls

On November 19th fourteen enthusiastic bowlers from Ufford visited Pettistree for a friendly carpet bowls evening. Pettistree won four games, drew two and lost one.

The team have now acquired sweat-shirts with a village logo. New players are always welcome on alternate Thursdays so please come along to the Village Hall and try your hand.

Contact : Mike Manning 01728 747321

Quiz Night

The Village Hall was packed to capacity on the evening of 27th Nov for a keenly fought and most enjoyable Quiz which was devised and chaired by Dave Caudwell. The winners were John and Carol Lock partnered by Chris and Mary Garner.

If you missed this event, you missed a treat, try not to miss out next year.

Please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Remembrance Sunday

In December's Church News Suzanne Stanford wrote:

"On Remembrance Sunday, a half-muffled quarter of 1260 Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles was rung.

I'm not sure whether anyone other than the ringers actually read this column every month. (It would be interesting to know!) It has occurred to me that the preceding paragraph may be completely unintelligible to non-ringers! So, some brief words of explanation. 'Norwich', 'Stedman', and 'Grandsire' are all names of ringing 'methods', like pieces of music. A 'Minor' method is one rung with six bells changing their position relative to each other, whereas a 'Doubles' method has five bells changing position and the sixth bell staying in the same place at the back, or the end, of each change. 'Half-muffled' is when one side of each clapper has a leather pad fixed to it so when that side of the clapper strikes the bell the sound is muffled, but not on the other side. In this way each complete row of ringing, for example, 123456, sounds alternately loud and soft, which gives the echo effect characteristic of Remembrance Sunday, and funerals. Not as easy to explain as I thought!"



If you were walking out in the Village on Remembrance Sunday morning, you will have heard that half muffled quarter peal. If you were also blessed with a good pair of ears and sense of timing, then you will have noticed how well struck Pettistree bells were on that morning when we all remembered the sacrifices made for us by so many people during the two wars.

Church bells ringing half muffled on Remembrance Sunday is a poignant reminder of our heritage – lest we forget.

Children in Need

On Saturday 14th November Sheila Manning and a number of her colleagues from Suffolk Coastal District Council volunteered to attempt the Army Assault course at Colchester Barracks to raise money for Children In Need. Here is Sheila's account of how she helped Children in Need.

"We were advised to eat a hearty breakfast, pack a hot drink, gloves, belt and a change of clothes. (We were going to get wet and muddy.) On arrival at the course three Army Instructors spent forty minutes explaining the course and showing us the right way to complete each of the sixteen disciplines. Before being let loose on the course we were put through a rigorous warm up session. Then came the hard hats and split into teams. By this time I wondered why I had volunteered, after all this was for 'army training' not for 'office workers'. Too late to back out now, my team were lining up at the start and the stop- watch clicked.

We climbed up isometric steps, we crawled through pipes, we jumped in water, we balanced on six inch planks ten feet high, we swung on ropes and ran across moving obstacles. Then came the fourteen foot high wall, impossible for four females? (We did have a little help from two soldiers.) The last discipline was rope netting, twelve feet high and six feet across AND twelve feet to climb down again before a final sprint back to the beginning.

As we all gathered together after completing the course some of my colleagues were buzzing with excitement, others, myself included, just felt numb. This was certainly a challenge for most of us and we vowed never to do anything like it again!

We did raise £1,500.00 for Children In Need "

Well done Sheila

Forthcoming Events

*Service of Nine Lessons and Carols -
9.30am Sunday, 20th December*

Pettistree on the Web

For those readers who are on the Internet have a look at

<http://www.bluecats.demon.co.uk/pettistree/>

Anyone who like to receive their copy of Pettistree People by Email please contact Joan Peck on joan.peck3@virgin.net

Carol Service

December 20th at 9.30 am.

This is a traditional service with many of the familiar lessons and carols. After the service all the congregation are invited to the Church Room for mulled wine or coffee and mince pies. For all those new to Pettistree we extend a special invitation to what has become for many people a very pleasant start to the Christmas Festivities. The bell-ringers always mark the day with a quarter-peal and are happy for anyone interested to stand at the door of the ringing chamber to watch. Please do not enter the chamber, and make sure that young children are anchored to you!

Christmas Greeting from British Columbia

May the Peace and Joy that is Christmas remain with you and your families throughout the coming New Year.

With Best Wishes from Mrs. Jean Ann Palmer, 3710 Quadra Street, Victoria, British Columbia

In the summer of 1997 Jean visited Pettistree and met Ned Hogg in the Churchyard. Jean's ancestors lived in Pettistree Lodge in the 17th and 18th centuries name of Wyard Jean's Christmas message came to us via Joan Peck's Email.

Bon Fire Night Party

On 5th November, Richard and Emma Taylor hosted a Bon Fire Party at Home Farm. Over 60 adults and children came to the party which had been organised by a small informal group of Pettistree people. Joe Arbon cooked the hot dogs and with the help of John Barker built the bonfire. Alan Hunter provided the brilliant lighting. Tony Franklin produced some fine hot punch, and Dave Caudwell was the fireworks master. Emma Taylor made and supplied toffee apples which were enjoyed by children and adults. The best Guy competition for the under 7's was won by the Taylor family and the over 7's by the Signy family. Although the event was not intended to be profit making it was so popular that about £60 of profit was made. This was donated equally to the Church and the Village Hall.

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 Cripps		
Nigel Holland	746344	Gelham Hall, Wickham Market
Neil Arbon	746809	
Ann Sayer (Clerk)	01394 460639	4 Hungarian Close

County & District Councillors

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor	01394 411373 or Mobile 0850 843055
Mr George Franks, District Councillor	01394 411206

Neighbourhood Watch

Dave Caudwell	747170	Rogues Cottage
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

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