

# Pettistree People



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A NewsSheet for Pettistree and Loudham Residents

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## Pettistree Election Results

### High Turnout 45%

76 out of 168 electors voted in Pettistree, which is 45%, a very high turnout against the county average of around 30%

### The Results

The votes cast were as follows:

Neil Arbon	40	Tony Franklin	55	Jeff Hallett	58
Kath Hilton	45	Nigel Holland	49	Mike Manning	54
Joan Peck	72	Maureen Stollery	63		

### The New Parish Council

The first meeting of the new Parish Council was held on 13<sup>th</sup> May at which the Council elected Joan Peck to be Chairman and Jeff Hallett to be Vice Chairman. Well done Pettistree for turning out to vote in the village first contested election for the Parish Council.

This edition features a pen picture of your new Parish Councillors.

### Joan Peck Re-elected

#### Parish Council Chairman

Joan Peck born in Suffolk has lived in the village for 27 years. Educated in Felixstowe, Birmingham, and trained in Norwich, she was appointed Headmistress of Bredfield School in 1956 and Wickham Market School in 1970 taking early retirement in 1983. She takes an active interest in the Village as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and History Recorder, as well as the Parish Council. Her enduring hobby is gardening but during the last year she has found herself addicted to her computer.

The Den

### Maureen Stollery - Re-elected

Maureen moved to live in Pettistree in 1965 and with her husband Brian, she has brought up 5 children in the relaxed and happy village environment, which she is very much of a part.

She has been a Parish Council from its birth in 1970 and knows the village inside and out.

For the past 20 years Maureen has worked as Mental Health Nurse, she was a founder member of the Wickham Market Play Group in the '60's and '70's, and has served as a Governor of Thomas Mills High School and Wickham Market Primary School.

1 Presmere Rd ☎ 746653

### Kath Hilton - New Councillor

Kath came to live in Suffolk from London in 1972. She has lived in Pettistree with her husband Mick for 5 years. She has been Citizens Advice Bureaux adviser for some 8 years. Her hobbies include gardening, looking after her pond and cross stitch. Kath has two children and four grandchildren.

Sunnyside ☎ 746492

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### Mike Manning - New Councillor

Mike and Sheila Manning and their two boys Rob and Chris, moved to Pettistree in 1990 and very quickly settled into village life enjoying all the benefits of this quiet, peaceful village. Mike is an active member of the Village Hall Management Committee and enjoys a game of carpet bowls in the Village Hall. Mike is a Civil Engineer and is Assistant Director of Environment and Transport with the County Council. He is looking forward to making a positive contribution to the well being of the village as a newly elected Parish Councillor.

Jasmine House ☎ 747321

Pettistree on the Web at <http://www.bluecats.demon.co.uk/pettistree>

**Nigel Holland** Re-elected

Nigel was born in Pettistree at Grove Farm and in 1974 moved to Gelham Hall, Wickham Market where he farms 1400 acres. His main interests outside of farming are conservation, wildlife and sports. He is active in the local farming community being a member of Deben Farming Club, a Council Member of The Suffolk Agricultural Society and Senior Steward of the Suffolk Showground. Nigel is also the President of the Suffolk Gundog Club.

Gelham Hall ☎ 746344

**Jeff Hallett** Re-elected

Jeff Hallett has lived in Pettistree since 1983 and has been a Parish Councillor since 1986 (and vice chairman since 1988). Working as an orthopaedic surgeon at the Ipswich Hospital keeps him out of the village during working hours but regular walks around the village leading his Suffolk Punch horse keep him in touch with activities in the neighbourhood. As Churchwarden he is legally one of the custodians of the village church and responsible for organising its upkeep.

The Laurels ☎ 746210

**Tony Franklin** Re-elected

Tony has lived in Pettistree for 28 years with his wife Jacki where they have brought up their three children.

He has been a Parish Councillor since 1978 and was also Parish Clerk until 1984.

By profession he is an Engineer and has worked at the BT Laboratories since he moved to live in Suffolk in 1970.

Outside of work his interests are photography, mountaineering (semi-retired), re-modelling his garden (a life's work).

For the last two years he has edited and produced the village newsletter "Pettistree People".

Scott's Hall ☎ 746585

**Elizabeth Gascoigne nee Wigan**

**Obituary**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death in February of Dibbie, as she liked to be called. Her parents Capt and Mrs Denis Wigan came to Loudham Hall with their very young baby Elizabeth in 1919 and she maintained her close connections with the area throughout her life. During her childhood her regret was not going away to school as did her older brother Adair but she vividly remembered saving up for her bicycle so that she could cycle to the local Guide Company when she was thirteen. Loudham Hall in those days held Fetes and Ploughing Matches and as a twelve year old she could draw a furrow with horses as good as the next. She also loved to stay at Church Farm with her nanny, Mrs Gertrude Last, and help to sell the milk at the door to the people who brought their cans. This stood her in good stead later when she farmed Loudham in the 60's and 70's with her Uncle Sir Robert Adeane,. Her parents having cared for the estate for over fifty years.

Dibbie married Humphrey Gascoigne in 1936 an important wedding held in Pettistree Church. Then followed several years living away from the area during which she owned a florist's shop in Tunbridge Wells. Floral art was learned from her mother whilst growing up at Loudham.

In the late 50's Dibbie and Humphrey returned to Ashe Abbey and restored the Ashe Abbey House and dairy also allowing much archaeological work to be undertaken there.

Later although living in Wickham Market she kept close contact with Pettistree and was generous and supportive to the Church as Churchwarden, the W.I. as President, (1976-1982) and latterly the Village Hall as President.

As Ned Hogg wrote in the Church Magazine she was a fine lady in every sense of the word, kindly and caring to all, quietly generous in all sorts of ways and loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed and remembered by many.

**News of Patience**

Patience Maxwell has written to thank every one for the party we gave for her and her family and also for the picture, video, magazine subscription, sweatshirt and not only the bouquet, but the flowers which arrived at her new flat on the morning she moved in which made it seem like home straight away. An update from Angela Hogg says she is very happy and has some very pleasant neighbours.

We wish Patience ever happiness in her new Thames side home.

**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
Kath Hilton	746492	Sunnyside
Nigel Holland	746344	Gelham Hall, Wickham Market
Mike Manning	747321	Jasmine House
Bob Osborne (Clerk)		

**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**

Church Wardens	Mike Perkins	01394 460284
	Jeff Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Jacki Franklin	746585
Health Centre	Wickham Market	747101
Post Office	Wickham Market	746201

**100 Club Winners**

**March**

1<sup>st</sup> P Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> D Bayliss, 3<sup>rd</sup> P Bailey

**April:**

1<sup>st</sup> P Plant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Smith, 3<sup>rd</sup>, John Speedman