

# Pettistree People

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## Pettistree Village Hall

### Village Hall Update

#### Good News

We have recently heard that the Village Hall Management Committee has been successful with its grant application to Waste Recycling Environment (WREN). The £5,000 grant is towards the proposed extension to the Village Hall and is subject to an 11% donation by a third party (Third Party Funding). We have approached Peter Monk (Suffolk County Councillor) for this donation from his Locality Budget and also Suffolk Coastal District Council (part of the Capital Grant application). Hopefully confirmation within the next couple of months from either source will secure the grant.

The next phase will be to invite tenders from 2/3 local builders with a view to get the extension started spring/summer of 2004.

#### Other News

### The Quiz Evening (our 7<sup>th</sup>) organised by the Village Hall Committee October 18<sup>th</sup> 2003

With Quiz Master - David Caudwell we had a very successful evening and the winning team, Karen Hunter, Hazel, Les & Tony had a grand score of 136 out of 165.

### An Evening of Suffolk Squit November 21<sup>st</sup> 2003

Peter Holloway entertained us in his own inimitable style, and gave us a truly memorable evening. He introduced us to a wonderful selection of jokes and anecdotes taking us from the beach at Felixstowe to his home at Charsfield. The variety of his sketches was truly impressionable, with the presentation of the ferret leaving the local Vet. in stitches, and his magic tricks leaving his audience baffled and bewildered. With keyboard accompanist Alan Smith he entertained us on the saxophone and trumpet, and took us down memory lane with his impression of Elvis and The Beatles.

Peter is a local Farmer, and member of The Magic Society, who has raised many thousands of pounds for various charities through his entertaining. The proceeds from this event will go to the Village Hall extension fund.

Rita Smith provided us with a Supper of Chile Con Carne, using mince from the Pettistree Red Poll Herd, which was received enthusiastically; and it was a privilege to enjoy an evening of such wonderful 'home-made' entertainment.

Unfortunately several people were disappointed in not being able to get tickets as they sold out so quickly.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards such an enjoyable evening.

In the New Year the Committee will prepare a program of more fund raising events so keep an eye open for the posters.

The Village Hall Committee would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and remind the 100 Club members that a bumper draw takes place in December.

Thank you for your continued support

*Sheila Manning*  
(Secretary - Pettistree Village Hall Management Committee)

## Hedgerow Survey

The 'Hedgerow Team' met on the 16th September to compare notes. We all agreed that the forms provided for recording made the job a little difficult and each of us improvised our own ways of relating the forms to the map.

Full marks had to go to Lin Carter and Karl Randall for a very comprehensive way of reporting their findings.

We all agreed that we have enjoyed the walks and the idea of taking a plastic bag to pick some fruit along the way worked well except for having to carry them home!

Phase one, some seventy odd hedges, is complete and work will be carried out during the winter to set up phase two namely land east of the A1214 Loudham.

My thanks goes to a very enthusiastic and supportive team for the work they have carried out and I hope they are looking forward to next spring and some more rambles in our Parish.

*Ann Sayer*

## What went on in 1658?

Edmund Groome was a wealthy landowner who lived at Green Farm. In his Will he left several bequests, one of which was -----“ I do give unto the said Alice my wife All other my messuages tenements and lands both free and copyhold in Petistrey Ufford and any other town in the County aforesaid during her naturall life Gravell Pitt Ufford only excepted which said Gravell Pitt will I give to the Towne of Petistrey towards the mending of their wayes forever”

## Random Jottings

When we retired, we had, for the very first time in many years—spare time—lots of it—all ours! It was summer time- so the garden had first call---plus a few days out---hither and yon. Gardens, as you know---can absorb all the time available--- unless you are firm. Then came autumn---followed by the colder darker days of winter--- so a warmer indoor alternative seemed a good idea. We decided to try to find out some of the history of our house, although centuries old--- our deeds are unromantically typewritten and do not go very far back. It was a little disappointing to find that houses and buildings did not seem so important as lands and fields. Later thanks to Joan Peck's very detailed research into our village history and properties--- we learned a great deal more about the house.

Now that we knew about the Ipswich Record Office our attention turned to our family history and this led to visits to Shrewsbury and Warwick record office. As these are both lovely and interesting towns anyway ---genealogy was turning out to be fun as well as absorbing.

Then one of our daughters became enthralled with the Jefferson family ---yes the same one that produced an early American President. His family had very many close connections indeed with East Anglia---including our own locality. Through the Ipswich Record office we were able to help her quite a lot---hunting for the nuggets of information from a fascinating wealth of information from wills, letters, dates, locations etc, etc. What a wonderful adventurous family saga film this would have made.

At times---if I had a little spare time at the end of the afternoon---I looked through some of the really old newspapers. It seems that the modern press has not got a monopoly of sensational reporting

I jotted a few "oldies" down. Apologies for forgetting to record the dates of the relevant cuttings and of course there were no pictures!

Deserted from Colonel Long's Company in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot Guards on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at Burnt Wood in Essex, Thomas North a miller by trade. Thirty years of age Short black hair, of a swarthy complexion, round shouldered, a strong well fit man. 5ft 8 ins. without his shoes. He lived formerly a servant with Mr Parfono at Witham Mill near Witham in Essex. 2 Guineas reward +20 shillings from Royal Bounty (Deserter)

We hear that a party of smugglers meeting with Mr Eliot the Riding officer of the Town had fallen on them and had cut him almost to pieces and that a soldier passing accidentally by, they attacked him likewise, who in defence drew and ran through one of them through the body-which highly exasperated them- that they discharged a blunderbus and lodged five balls in him, but t'is hoped that none of his Wounds are Mortal. They then took Mr Eliot home and carried off their wounded Companion but have since returned the beast.

*Betty Whitfield*

## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2003

The house to house collection in Pettistree exceeded last years record and a total of £175.57 was achieved, thanks to the generosity of everyone in Pettistree and Loudham.

The Local Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser for our area Mr Cotterell is retiring after a lengthy period of service and Mr J Quinlan from Dallinghoo is taking over

*Ann Sayer Mike Sayer, Maureen Stollery, Kath Hilton.*

# CRICKET CLUB

After the previous year's relegation, Pettistree once again found themselves in the bottom division, quite a fall after the previous two years' of promotion. A heavy winter of recruiting brought a few new faces to bolster numbers and make for a healthy, competitive squad.

As the P.A.K.K.A. (our Home Ground behind the Village Hall) is not available early season, all games are played away. A mixed bag of results was found on our travels, so we were glad to get back home to play on our own ground for home advantage.

The final run-in with 4 straight victories was very pleasing, nearly made the promotion place, but not quite. So the boys are fired up and raring to go to make amends for this. We'll be giving it 100% effort to honour the Village, although your support is also vital.

Finally, we are desperately trying to source a set of GANG MOWERS as a means of cutting the pitch. If anyone has information or contacts we would be grateful for help on this matter.

*Barney Smith, Captain Pettistree Cricket Club. Tel: 07884328148*

# 100 Club

<b>SEPT</b>	Graham Forder	John Ballance	Joan Jordan
<b>OCT</b>	John Argenti	Mollie Incoll	John & Brenda Pallett
<b>NOV</b>	Brian Stollery	Des Bayliss	Don & Cherry White
<b>DEC</b>	Liisa Beagley	Roger Chilvers	Philip Kay

# Computer Club

The Computer Club is continuing to be held once a month in the Village Hall with the tutor Mike Cooper. For more information please get in touch with Claire Tel No 01728 604011

## Community Police

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the community police officer for Pettistree and to explain what has been happening with regard to policing in your village recently. You will probably be aware that after PC Robbie Abraham moved on, PC Paul Flatt was appointed to take his place. Unfortunately PC Flatt is currently unable to perform his duties for health reasons and I have been asked to take over until further notice. It is unclear whether Paul will be able to return, so I'm afraid I can't say if my appointment will be permanent or not. I'm sorry that I can't be more definite, but please be assured I will do whatever I can to assist you for as long as I am responsible for the village.

For your information I have been a police officer for 25 years and have been stationed at Woodbridge for 6 years. I have been a community police officer for just over a year and the area that I was already covering adjoins Pettistree. I am able to report that there has been no recorded crime in Pettistree for over two months. The last crime of any significance involved entry to an outbuilding where items stored there were stolen. Unfortunately crimes of this nature are not uncommon in the Woodbridge police sector and I would ask residents to keep sheds, barns and outbuildings etc properly secured, and to think carefully about where valuable items such as power tools are stored. Simple alarms are available for sale at Woodbridge police station for £8, which are very good at protecting against this type of crime. In August fuel was stolen from a vehicle parked overnight in the village, which was one of a spate of such offences over a large area. Arrests have been made in relation to these crimes, which appear at the moment to have stopped.

If anyone wishes to contact me my office phone number (for non urgent matters only) is 01473 383487. Our main switchboard number is 01473 613500 and of course if you require urgent assistance dial 999. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

*PC 256 Mark Thompson.*

## Wickham Market Resource Centre

The Wickham Market Partnership is forging ahead with plans for a Resource Centre. It will be housed in two redundant bungalows near the Medical Centre, linked by a new reception area. The complex will incorporate an improved library offering more internet access and space for recreational reading. In the other half will be updated facilities for Doctors On Call together with day-time health care facilities, a confidential interview room and a larger meeting space for a variety of users, including training, education, self help groups, business support etc. The Centre will open in the summer of 2004, with building work commencing in January

*Cath Caudwell.*

## True or False?

I have been told by a bowler that Suffolk is the only County that calls the Jack a Cott. This is because when playing an odd number of 'ends', i.e. 21, the game finishes opposite to where it began so an extra end is played. A ten pence piece is placed on the top of the Cott by a Skip and all bowlers aim for it. The winner being the one closest, collects ten pence from each player. The origin of this was that the money collected was donated to the local Cottage Hospital hence the name "Cott"

*Kath Hilton*

## From Brasilia To Birch House-Our First Year In Pettistree

First of all a short introduction. the Jarvie family Jim, Pauline Alex (16), Alistair (14) and Jimmy (11) arrived in Pettistree in August last year having spent four years living in Brazil. Jim was seconded to the British Embassy in Brasilia. The city has been described as a bit like Milton Keynes with sun and without the concrete cows. Brasilia was built in the sixties a designer capital, constructed at the geographical centre of the country. Brasilia replaced the two historical capitals, Rio in the south and Salvador in the north.

Living in Brazil was different. For a start all the houses had security fences and guards. This was an attempt to prevent kidnappings, a favoured activity for the criminal gangs. The boys attended an American school and in their first three weeks they witnessed the kidnapping of an eleven year old girl who was abducted after her driver was shot. This all happened at the school gates the kids were instructed to "hit the dirt" by the headmaster. I tried to stop the boys telling their family back home but to no avail. The girl, the daughter of a Brazilian politician ( and a bit of a crook ) was rescued after a week. It transpired that the kidnapping was planned and orchestrated by military police officers !

Brazil is a vast and diverse country which is influenced by a variety of nationalities. The Portuguese discovered Brazil 500 years ago and gave the country their language. Being so vast, Brazil is the same size as the whole of Europe, it let opportunities for others to occupy.

The north east has a strong African influence, primarily from the slaves brought in from Angola. If you have ever wondered what the two men are doing on the roof top in a BBC link between programmes ( white trousers and red tops) this is Caporeira. The slaves were not allowed to indulge in martial arts but could practise a non contact dance. Alex attended Caporeira classes in Norwich so it has arrived in the UK.

The south has a strong Germanic influence with many towns being built with houses similar to those in Bavaria. They even have their own October fest. Unlike the Germans, who arrived in Brazil at the end of the second world war, the Japanese have been there since the turn of the century. They had arrived to start and develop horticulture in Brazil.

Last but not least, the indigenous Indians. Much has been written about these beautiful people. They have their own government department and it was not uncommon to be at Brasilia airport and come across 20 or 30 Amazonian Indians complete in tribal dress with only a boarding pass as the only link to the modern world. The embassy had a visit from the chief of the Xingue tribe and he asked us where we were from. He had no concept of life outside his village ( and the occasional visit to Brasilia) let alone in another country.

We miss Brazil, particularly the outdoor family life. Every weekend the Brazilians and all of their family gather to barbecue and generally party. It is not quite the same in Pettistree although we did barbie the turkey at Xmas ( have you ever tried to get charcoal from a garage in December)?

Our life is fairly busy driving the boys around. They all play football for Framlingham Town and Jimmy plays rugby for Woodbridge. Alex is able to practise his Portuguese with Fernando the chef from the Three Tuns. Both Alex and Alistair passed their Portuguese GCSE's. Alex achieved an "A", the only person in the UK to get that grade.

As much as we miss living abroad we are here to stay. We fell in love with Pettistree from the start and really enjoy the village life. It is a bit surreal listening to the church bells whilst barbecuing chicken hearts !

*Jim Jarvie*

# Obituary

## MARY KEMP née CLACK

Mary was born in Loudham in 1936, the youngest of a family of nine children and apart from a short period in Framlingham and the last two years in Felixstowe, lived there all her life. Her father came as horseman to Capt Wigan of Loudham Hall in 1919, just after the first world war so the name of Clack has been synonymous with Pettistree with Loudham for over eighty years.

Mary has left on record several of her memories which she wrote for the two Heritage exhibitions in 1995 and 200. These are word pictures of the changing pattern of rural life. She gave her memories such titles as "Washday was always Monday whatever the weather" "Life in a large Family in Loudham" and "The upstairs Maid" Amongst others she was interviewed for Radio Suffolk by Canon John Eley

Latterly Mary will be remembered for her chocolate cake and her ability in wielding a teapot both publicly and privately.

Our sympathy goes to all her family.

## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to the following who have recently moved into the village

Neil Moss and Sarah

Well Cottage

Patrick Kathy and Ellen Wilton

Home Farm

Michael and Marlene Watts

Cornerways

renamed Burways

## Wickham Market web-site

Look out also for the new Partnership website for Wickham Market, being launched at the end of November. Log on to [www.wickham-market.org.uk](http://www.wickham-market.org.uk). By becoming a member of the Partnership you can advertise on the site. Contact Cath Caudwell, Company Secretary at Rogues Cottage, Walnuts Lane or telephone 01728 747170, or email [wm.partnership@pettistree1.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:wm.partnership@pettistree1.freeserve.co.uk). This is a community website aimed at promoting Wickham Market and the surrounding area to visitors and local people alike.

## A Wonderful Experience

Earlier this summer, Oliver Signy was delighted to be selected to ride for the Junior British Eventing Team at the European Junior Eventing Championships in Pardubice, Czech Republic. Of the two horses that Ollie rode in the trials, the one chosen by the selectors was Master Barley, his eleven year - old eventer. There were six riders in the squad all of whom rode individually and four were named for the team event: Ollie was chosen for the team.

Whilst temperatures soared here in England during the week that they were competing, it was even hotter in the Czech Republic making the job the riders had to do even more demanding.

The three day event was held at the famous Pardubice racecourse where an extraordinary annual steeplechase is held in the autumn comparable with our Grand National. It is far more difficult, being run over 5 miles, with approximately 50 jumps, ploughed fields and one awesome jump (a huge hedge with the biggest drop and ditch on the landing-side) called the Taxis that boasts a small graveyard on one side with the headstones of the jockeys who have died there. Many of the steeplechase jumps were included in the cross-country phase of Ollie's event; fortunately the Taxis was not one of them.

After the initial 'trot-up' of the horse in front of the official vets, the first phase of the event, on day one, was the dressage test; a nerve-wracking exercise in the controlled technique of riding, performing a series of circles, bends and manoeuvres using walk, trot and canter in a set pattern within a 20 x 60 metre sand arena. This dressage test lasts approximately eight minutes and has to be learned by heart. Several of the competitors fell prey to nerves and made errors of course: fortunately the British riders fared reasonably well.

The second day of the event is the longest and most physically demanding. The three phases within the cross-country exercise are designed to test the stamina and skill of both horse and rider. The first phase is the roads and tracks. This is ridden at walk and trot over a long distance to warm the horses muscles for the next phase which is the steeple-chase.

The steeple-chase is ridden alone, at two thirds of racing speed, over six brush-hedge jumps and has to be completed within an optimum time of three minutes. Another ride over the roads and tracks then follows to cool the horse down and then after a ten-minute wait in a small holding arena where the official vets check the horses breathing and heart-rate, both horse and rider go straight off over the cross-country course. This is Ollie's favourite part. There were 29 jumps (including within these various combinations of more jumps) to be tackled in an optimum time of seven minutes. Master Barley is a horse that eats up the ground with his huge stride and Ollie managed a stylish clear round in the fastest time of the competition of 6 minutes 16 seconds. This delighted his hosts who immediately interviewed him on Czech television! Day three began with another trot-up before the vets. Everyone dreads the possibility of being 'spun' (ie failing the vet) after the previous day's exertions.

Fortunately Master Barley was fit and so Ollie could proceed to the final stage - the show-jumping. The tension is enormous. The horses and riders are very tired but adrenalin keeps everyone on their toes. So much is at stake; with five penalty points for a refusal by the horse or a rolled pole off a jump there is still everything to ride for. Ollie held his nerve well and jumped a very fluent round. As an individual, he came 18th overall of 67 starters and his team came 6th of 15 teams. He got the best score of the team members and the second best of the squad. It was a brilliant experience for all of us who were involved and we are very proud of him.

*Clare Signy*

*The junior team is for 18 year olds and under. Oliver is only 17 years old. We hope this augers well for next year Oliver—Best Wishes and Good luck*

## Village Hall

Further to my last report regarding the proposed extension to the Village Hall, I can confirm that planning permission has been granted. The next stages are to secure grants to help with the financing of the project.

A grant application was made to Suffolk Environment Trust (Landfill Tax Funding) and the Panel sat in July to assess the scheme. Unfortunately we were not successful due to the organisation having less funds and a record number of applicants but all was not lost as the Panel recognised our scheme and application was good, they decided to refer our application to another organisation 'Waste Recycling Environment' (WREN) which allocates funds for projects like ours. Their panel sits in October to decide if we and many other applicants are successful, I am busy collating additional information that is required to support our application.

A grant application was also made to Suffolk Coastal District Council and they also assessed our application in July. Once again, we were not allocated any money for this year but the Panel decided to defer our application for further details, which I am gathering at present.

The securing of grants for the project is not an easy task, with funding organisations having limited resources and an increasing number of applicants to share such funds. However, I shall pursue any grants that may be available but in the meantime the Village Hall Management Committee will continue its fund raising events, which will help towards the extension and other projects that keep the village hall well maintained as it is an important asset for our Village.

Dates for your diaries - please note these dates may differ from dates that were published earlier

**Quiz Night**  
**Social Evening**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 03**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 03**

## Village Equipment

There are some items of equipment which belong to the village and may be hired or used for village events for a very small fee.

Amplifying equipment	Village Hall Committee	Mike Manning
Velcro Display Boards	Heritage 2000 Trust Committee	Joan Peck
Videocam	Heritage 2000 Trust Committee	Cath Caudwell
Laminator Size A3 & A4	Heritage 2000 Trust Committee	Joan Peck

## Church Cycle Ride

The Church Cycle ride will take place on Saturday September 13th It would be appreciated if all drivers would be kind enough to take extra care in the country lanes.

## STOP PRESS

### WARNING

It has been brought to our notice that petrol was stolen from a car parked outside but within the curtilage of the resident of Whitehouse Flat. It is thought that a hole was drilled under the tank and the petrol drained into a container similar to a washing up bowl. A considerable amount of petrol was also splilt on the road . Lorries are also being targeted in the area as well.

## Green Farm Clinic

Peter and Rosie's daughter Rebecca is now a qualified homeopathist and has started working at Green Farm Clinic.

Tel No 01394380477      Mobile 07939984815

## Web-Site

Have you looked at the newer Web-site?

What would you like to see on it?

Have you any information you would like to add?

E-mail Chris on [chrisgarner@ntlworld.com](mailto:chrisgarner@ntlworld.com) or Joan on [de.rola@virgin.net](mailto:de.rola@virgin.net)



## Useful Numbers

### County & District Councillors

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor  
01394 411373  
Mr P Callaghan, District Councillors  
01394 389052  
Mr J Perry  
01394 389523

### Neighbourhood Watch

Dave Caudwell  
747170  
Rogues Cottage  
Mike Sayer  
01394 460 639  
4 Hungarian Close  
For Crimeline Information, 01473 613611.  
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 Wood-  
bridge Police Station on 01473 613500

### Useful People to Contact

Bellringers      Mary Garner    746097  
ChurchWardens    MikePerkins  
01394 460 284  
Jeff Hallett    746210

Village Hall Booking Sec Jacki Franklin  
746585

Local History Recorder Joan Peck

The Greyhound Inn Debbie Hughes  
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The Three Tuns      John & Brenda Pallett  
746244

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Thank you for your contributions to this edition of our newsletter. We hope to produce the next one in early December.

Articles on your hobbies, interests, achievements, in fact almost anything will be most welcome. Please don't wait to be asked.

The deadline for copy will be November 15th . We need to allow about three weeks to prepare, get proof-read and printed before we can deliver.

*Editors*