



Pettistree People

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Pettistree Parish Council News



Chairman's Letter November 2004 Residents of Pettistree

This is my second "Chairman's Letter" and there are three topics, which I would like to cover starting with the Suffolk ACRE Probert Community Initiative Award. What's that you may be asking yourself?

Probert Award

Suffolk ACRE's Probert Community Initiative Awards is an opportunity to say 'Thank You' to the many organisations and/or individuals who work tirelessly for the benefit of their communities by nominating them for an award. Suffolk ACRE is receiving increasing numbers of nominations each year and is delighted at being able to recognise the drive, dedication, enthusiasm and achievements of both individuals and organisations throughout Suffolk. This year the Parish Council nominated Joan Peck for this award and we were delighted when Joan was awarded a highly commended certificate and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joan for being recognised in this fashion. The commendation reads as follows:

.....The contribution, which Miss Peck has made to village life in Pettistree over the last fifteen years, has been significant. She has made a difference to the community, which will last for decades to come, and through her energy and determination she will no doubt continue to enrich community life in Pettistree

Well done Joan!

Suffolk Village of the Year Competition

In my last letter I introduced this competition to you and the Parish Council's desire to enter the 2005 competition. Since then we have been busy canvassing views in the Village about the competition and I am pleased to report we have received a great deal of support for this endeavour.



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On the evening of Monday 15th November we held an information meeting in the Village Hall at which over 30 people attended, a record for a non social event in the Village!!!! This turn out was thanks in the main to the personal invitations delivered by the Parish Councillors the week before – we did not push these invitations through the letterbox, rather we knocked your doors and wherever possible spoke to you directly. We learned a lot by talking to you and received many expressions of appreciation for the efforts we were taking.

At our meeting on the 15th we discussed why we should be entering the competition and what we knew of the criteria upon which we will be judged and the questionnaire which we shall be asked to complete in February. The questionnaire, we all agreed, was the key to doing well in the competition and the more we understand about what goes on in the Village the better placed we shall be to answer the questions. So don't be surprised if over the next couple of months you are asked what you do in the Village and how you enjoy living in Pettistree with Loudham .

The competition timetable as far as we know it is:

- The competition questionnaire will arrive during February. Completion of this questionnaire will be key to us doing well in the competition.
- District judging.
- County semi-finals (8 villages).
- County final (3 villages).
- County winner announced around October.
- County winner put forward to the National competition.
- National winner announced in December 2005.

So far in preparing ourselves for the competition we have:

- Visited each household inviting them to the meeting which took place on 15th November.
- Plans for the Village Sign repair and cleaning ————underway.
- Redesigning the Village Web Site ————— -see below
- Provision being made to reduce dog fouling.
- A directory of village businesses being prepared.
- Engagement with Age Concern being undertaken.

For the future there is a lot to do but I am confident that with the support and enthusiasm received so far, we will acquit ourselves very well in the competition.

Pettistree Web Site

Work on our new Web Site is going apace. We have formed a working party, Karen Hunter, Maureen Stollery, Joan Peck, Chris Garner and myself and set ourselves an aggressive target of early March to have the Web Site ready for use.

For those of you who have your own Web Site please let us know about it, and for those of you who have not used a Web Site please let us know what information about Pettistree you think we should be telling the world.

Finally, if you would like to help us build our new Web site then please give me a call on 746585.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Franklin Chairman Pettistree Parish Council



Parish Council Report – November



Council Membership

At the Parish Council Meeting, held on 28th September, Henrietta Kay was co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council, which now has a full membership of seven Councillors.

Probert Community Initiative Awards

The Parish Council was pleased to receive news that Joan Peck had been awarded a highly commended certificate in Suffolk ACRE’s Probate Award . More about this in the Chairman’s Letter.

Road Safety

The Parish Council is to make representations to Suffolk County Council to place 50mph speed limit on the Main Road (B1438)between the Ufford and Wickham Market 30 mph speed restrictions. We expect that it will be some time before we achieve this objective and will keep the Village posted as to progress.

Village Sign Update

The Village Sign, which is situated on the Green, has become unsafe due to the post rotting at its base. Two builders have now been asked for quotations to carry out the repair work.

New Community Policeman

Our Community Police Officer has changed again, it is now PC Zoe Wilsher who came along to our last Parish Council meeting to introduce herself and give us a briefing of crime in our area and her role, as she sees it, as our Community Police Officer. Zoe, who is very enthusiastic about her job, can be contacted on 01473 383487 or Email at woodbridge.cpo@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Footpath Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase dog poop bin from SCDC - one to be sited on footpath near Village Hall and the other near the Green. The District Council will take on the job of emptying these bins.

Village of the Year Competition See Chairman’s Letter

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Not yet available – Venue: Village Hall

Tony Franklin Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council



I very much appreciate the honour the Parish Council afforded me by putting my name forward for the Probert Community Award. However I do feel that this is not for me alone but for the Community as a whole. There is a long list of names which should appear on the certificate—the names of all those people who were involved with the Parish Council, the Village Hall and the Heritage Trust and who withstood my requiring things done ‘the day before yesterday’ and who worked so hard in so many different ways. This belongs to the village. Thank you all very much.
Joan



International Village Cricket in Pettistree

On Sunday the Pettistree Cricket Team played their first international match against a Sri Lankan team from Ruislip. This match was the brainchild of Pettistree’s captain, Bernie Smith who visited Sri Lanka last year with other team members to watch test cricket. On their return home they contacted a Sri Lankan friend who lived in Ipswich, Chandima Perera, to arrange a friendly match against a team to be known as Sri Lanka Select to take place in Pettistree on 22nd August.

With a view to making this match an annual event the Pettistree team president, Dick Smith, donated a trophy which was named the “Cow Cutter Trophy” in recognition of the site of Pettistree’s wicket; in the middle of a field usually populated by Red Poll cattle some of whom made up the watching crowd.

The match was a 35 limited over match and Pettistree batted first scoring a solid 107 runs for 6 wickets in their 35 overs; a respectable score on a somewhat spongy wicket. In reply Sri Lanka Select opened with their star batsmen scoring a blistering 25 runs in the first two overs mostly in boundaries. In the next 7 overs we were treated to a fine display of batting and in the tenth over Sri Lanka Select had won the match with the loss of only 3 wickets. Team manager, Harsha Sriwardena, was delighted.

After the match Pettistree President, Dick Smith, presented the Cow Cutter Trophy to the Sri Lanka Select captain, Shailesh Joshi. The respective captains then presented the team man of the match awards, Sri Lanka select man of the match being awarded to Sanjaya Perera who scored 67 not out hitting six 6s and six 4s.



The Pettistree man of the match award went to their top-scoring batsman Tim Davies who made 30 runs and who received the Tony “Big Bird” Bridle Memorial Trophy. This trophy is awarded each year in memory of Anthony Bridle, who was a popular and enthusiastic member of Pettistree Cricket Club and his father, Tony, both of whom died three years ago. The trophy was awarded in the presence of Tony’s mother, Linda Bridle, who is Pettistree’s scorer.

Pettistree’s first international cricket match was judged by all concerned to be a great success – a most enjoyable afternoon’s cricket played in competitive but good humoured manner. Watch out for next year’s fixture.

Report by Tony Franklin

100 Club

Date	1st	2nd	3rd
<i>August</i>	Gladys Keeble	Mary Garner	Andy Curtis
<i>September</i>	Felicity Kay	John Barker	Clare Signy
<i>October</i>	Dave Caudwell	Tony Franklin	Elizabeth Ward



Carpet Bowls



The month of October has seen the start of the Carpet Bowls in Pettistree. Something new for this season is that Pettistree and Ufford have joined forces to enable bowling to take place every Thursday, alternating Pettistree one week, followed by Ufford the next Thursday. There are advantages to both clubs as Ufford were struggling to have enough players available on Thursday evenings and Pettistree are enjoying the experience of playing on a truer if not entirely perfect surface at Ufford Pavillion. Carpet bowls is an enjoyable social get-together with a little competitive action taking place as well. With this in mind I am organising a triangular tournament involving Pettistree, Ufford and Dallinghoo, with matches taking place between each village team on a home and away basis. Dates agreed so far are Wednesday 1st December Dallinghoo at home to Ufford and Thursday 9th December Pettistree at home to Dallinghoo. Another fixture to be arranged soon could be Ufford at home to Pettistree, which would see us reach the halfway stage before Christmas; however it might be sensible to delay this match until January when our Village Hall may be unavailable due to building work.

Should anyone in the village and beyond like to join us, please give me a call to check which evening we are at Pettistree or Ufford. Carpet bowls is a simple but enjoyable experience, which anyone can master, come along and give it a try – surprise yourself.

Mike Sayer
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Village Hall

Due to the impending extension to the hall we have ceased our yearly activities early – I wish I had a pound for everyone who has asked for the quiz, our usual end of year event!

Our last event was in early September when Jim Jarvie barbecued and Mike Manning Beetle Drived. The combination resulted in a very enjoyable evening and raised over £100 for the hall.

Our next event will be on Saturday 5th February when the East Anglian Film Archive will present a film show. The last one was very popular so please reserve the date in your diary. The extension should be completed by then.

We also hope to run a quiz in March – look out for the date nearer the time.

Dave Caudwell
Chairman

Nature Notes

An unusual natural event occurred on November 17th in Hungarian Close when Mike Sayer was fortunate enough to see twenty six waxwings in the garden. Usually they feed on cotoneaster but in this instance they were eating hawthorn berries. In excess of forty years bird watching he had never seen or heard waxwings before.

There has also been a muntjac in this area.

From Mike Sayer



Planning



Plan No	Date	Appellant & Application	Result	Date
C04/1363	16/07/04	Mrs J A Ayris, "The Clock House," The Street, Pettistree, IP13 0HU. Erection of single-storey dwelling with garage Alteration of existing vehicular access Location: part side garden "The Clock House"	Refused	3/09/04

Hedgerow Survey Pettistree and Loudham

I am very pleased to report that the Hedgerow Team have completed their surveys and all the forms are now being collated and transferred on to the Master Map, which will show the average number of species in each marked hedgerow. Once this is complete all the survey sheets, recording the species identified and the types of hedgerow (newly planted, over managed, well maintained etc.), plus any other outstanding features noted, will be forwarded to Suffolk Coastal District Council. They are co-ordinating the collation and forwarding of information to the Suffolk Biological Records Office. When this is complete the records will be returned to Pettistree for their use and retention.

The next stage is to prepare a display for the Heritage Exhibition next July.

We were pleased to view a report on the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey at the end of the television programme 'British Isles – A Natural History' on Wednesday 10th November, very good publicity for the scheme.

Once again I would like to thank all support and I think I can say we learned a little more about our natu-



those who have given their time and have all enjoyed our walks and have ral surroundings.

Ann Sayer

Poppy Appeal

We would like to thank everyone in the village for their donations to the 2004 Poppy Appeal, the total amount collected from Pettistree and Loudham was £172.85. This included the purchase of the wreath for the war memorial.

The house to house collectors were Kath Hilton, Maureen Stollery, Ann and Mike Sayer.



Illuminati



ILLUMINATI concert

On Friday 8th October Illuminati, a group of 17 local singers gave a concert in the village Church. The audience was treated to a magical evening of *Songs for an Autumn Evening* ranging from a chicken impression to the Harvest Anthem specially arranged for us; it being the Sunday after Harvest Festival with the Church still beautifully decorated. Superb voices rang through the building uplifting us all in such a lovely setting. The group agreed that a retiring collection could be taken in aid of the Church fabric fund and a magnificent £416 was raised towards keeping the Church in good order for everyone's enjoyment.

The audience, without exception, enjoyed the evening enough to ask for a repeat performance some time in the future and, happily, Illuminati have already agreed to come back next year. In fact, as well as our thanking them for giving their time so generously, they have sent us a thank you letter - part of which reads

We've never before been made so welcome and the interval refreshments were superb - in fact we are very keen to come back again, if you will have us! We really did enjoy the evening and hope that it was a success from your point of view.

A success it was and if you missed the concert this year you must be sure to come along next time for an evening of first class entertainment in the heart of the village.

Joan Jordan

The concert was recorded thanks to Chris Garner and is available, warts and all. Anyone wishing to have a copy please apply to Joan Peck.

Oliver Signy

Equestrian Up-date

The next stage in Oliver's riding career has taken him to the Hunter Valley in Australia for six months. The Hunter Valley apart from being home to many famous vineyards is also the centre of the Australian Equestrian World. It is approximately a two hour drive north of Sidney up the Pacific Highway in New South Wales. Vast fields filled with horses stretch across the hills and valleys on either side of the roads. I've never seen so many horses in one place.

Ollie is staying with Heath and Rozzie Ryan stalwarts of the equestrian scene. They are both International Dressage Riders and Heath has also evented internationally (eventing is Ollie's chosen discipline; Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country jumping undertaken together over one to three days) This should be a wonderful experience for Ollie. They have three hundred horses which includes mares, foals, stallions, yearlings as well as the competition horses. Whilst he is there, we hope that Rozzie and Heath will be able to find him a really special horse to ride and if horse and rider really 'click' we will endeavour to bring the horse back to England with Ol. when he returns.

Ollie is in Australia until March so he will miss our winter and meanwhile he can expect temperatures in the high thirties centigrade. Most of the hard work is carried out in the very early morning. He will work with all aspects of the horse world and gain valuable tuition from these brilliant riders.

Clare Signy



Church News



The new Altar Rail kneelers have now been in place for 6 months and are much admired. We have already had several visitors who have come simply to “see the kneelers” and I hope that anyone who has not yet had the opportunity will do so soon.

The autumn concert by Illuminati was a great success and we hope may be repeated next year. It was an opportunity to demonstrate the efficiency of the under-pew heating, the ‘hot seats’ surprised some visitors, but was generally much appreciated. Donations after the concert were for the fabric fund as the PCC are aware of some potentially serious structural problems in the building. All casual observers now can see the deteriorating plaster under the chancel windows, and anyone looking up will see a disconcerting bulge and large cracks in the ceiling. There are also serious cracks running the whole way up the wall on either side of the east window which are being monitored. The Church architect has inspected the building and the ceiling repair will be done as soon as possible, the rest will have to wait for further investigation, detailed estimates, money raising and permission from the proper authority. We will keep the village informed as to how things progress.

Christmas Services Pettistree’s start to the festive season for many years has been the Carol service. This is on Sunday December 19th at 9.30 am and will be a traditional format but designed to be welcoming to all ages. Following the service we hope everyone will come to the Church room for mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. (The church room is the small Victorian brick built building in the far corner of the churchyard at the junction of Walnuts and Rogues Lanes)

Christmas Day The service of Holy Communion will also be at 9.30 am and will be led by Rev. Margaret Blackall who assures me that as Christmas is a time for families to be together the service will be designed for ‘all ages’.

Boxing Day falls on a Sunday this year and there will not be a service in the benefice, so that everyone (apart from those with small children and animals to feed) can enjoy a lie-in!

Grandson First grandchild, Oliver Michael Hallett born September 30th 2004 in Cardiff to David and Genevieve (Gen) Hallett, weighed in at 9lbs 9ozs. and has a dual language birth certificate! Due for first visit to Suffolk at Christmas.

Obituaries

DOROTHY PEARSON

Dorothy Pearson, wife of Edgar Pearson, Vicar of Dallinghoo and Pettistree (1965---1986), died peacefully in her sleep 11th September 2004. She was the daughter of the Rev’d Frederick Redgrave of Christchurch New Zealand and married Edgar late in life in 1963 when he was ministering in the Snowy mountains of Australia. Edgar had travelled widely.

Dorothy was artistic and a keen member of the Mothers Union and very active in the two villages in many ways.

An accident in the garden led to a serious brain operation which in turn led to glaucoma and total blindness as well as loss of speech for the last five years of her life. She never complained.

It was while Dorothy and Edgar were living in Suffolk and through his generosity that Pettistree Church bells were restored.

FRANK WHITEHAND

Frank was born in Aldeburgh, but fostered to a family in Ipswich for his early years. When those foster parents died he moved to live at Campsea Ashe with the Skeet family.

After school which had been first in Ipswich and then Campsea Ashe he went to work for the Graham family in Campsea as a gardener. When the war broke out he was moved across to be involved in the farm which meant that he was unable to fulfil a wish to go into the Airforce.

Whilst working on the farm he met his wife at the christening in Campsea church of his colleague's nephew, and later they married in Hacheston church and set up home in Chapel Lane in Wickham. Throughout the war Frank served with the Home Guard and then after the war from 46-59 he was in the Wickham Market Civil defence fire service. Then from 1963-82 he was a special constable in Wickham.

They were to have two children Ray and Margaret. It was a happy family home, pleasures in those days were simple you either walked or cycled, and the children remember happy days of holiday cycling first to the Station at Campsea and then day trips on the train.

Frank became cowman to Richard Hayward and like all farming jobs this was a demanding post. One Sunday off in five and then the family had a treat by travelling on the bus to Aldeburgh and enjoying a picnic on the beach. There were also nights when there was a storm and Frank would turn out to make sure the cows were all right.

The family moved to Pettistree in 1947. Ray and Margaret remember an immaculately kept garden which was all hand dug, often with Frank digging by the light of a Tilley Lamp hanging in the tree. He eventually retired having served 44 years on the same farm and received his long service award from Lord Belstead at the Suffolk Show. His only illness the whole of his working life was a broken arm, an injury sustained whilst starting a tractor.

They moved into Wickham when his wife's disability meant that being so far away from amenities was not sensible. They came to terms with being in the town and enjoyed living in Wickham. They were frequent visitors to the Lehman House day centre and enjoyed the company of new friends that they made there.

Sadly his wife died last year after 59 years of married life and was buried here in this churchyard, they had lived at Pettistree for 42 years. During this last year Frank walked from Wickham to place flowers on her grave.

After his wife's death Frank tripped and fell and hurt his hip and so he had to go into hospital, not his favourite place. Apparently he got told off for being a slow eater, and for trying to get himself a drink. His comment was that he had better just stay on his bed cos then they can't tell ye off.

On the day he died he had spent a pleasant afternoon with friends and then after they had left he wanted to go into the garden to pick some flowers for another friend. He passed away suddenly before he could reach the garden.

Margaret Blackall

Congratulations

RUTH PATERNOSTER

Has passed her Professional exams BA(Hons) DipArch March with distinction in Architecture
Well done Ruth!



WELCOME



Early in the year we were sorry to say goodbye to Lance and Liz Cooper. They had lived in the village at South Lodge for some years while their children were growing up, now their fledglings had flown they needed to 'down size.' Lance served the village well for many years as a Parish Councillor and helped us in the eighties when we entered for the then Best Kept Village Competition.

In the South Lodge we have a lovely new family. We should like to say welcome to Lynn & Graham Park and their three children, Kerin 16, Mathew 14, and George 9. The family moved from Lytham St Ann's (near Blackpool) eight years ago to settle in Wickham Market and felt, to start with, it was very small, but grew to like it, so when South Lodge came up for sale they did not hesitate to put in an offer.

Kerin has been playing for the Pettistree Cricket Team for the past two years.

Graham, is at the moment, working in London as a Business Manager in ICT and commuting daily.

Lynn is a Teacher, but now works as Early Education Support Teacher, with Special Needs children, something she very much enjoys.

They are looking forward to becoming part of the village and joining in with the village activities.

At the Village of the Year meeting we met two people for the first time, John Taylor and Emma Wallis, who have been living at Fen Cottage for the past 18 months.

John and Emma work in the motor trade and spend long hours out of the village. They are hoping to take part in village events in the future, so we shall look forward to getting to know them.

MORE VERY INTERESTING FACTS from the 1500's

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day, they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

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Used at the Pettistree War Memorial Remembrance Day 2004

It is said , “A nation which does not remember is a nation without a soul.” It is right and proper that 86 years on from Armistice day in 1918 we should remember at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month those from Pettistree who ‘Fought for King and country’ in two World wars and paid the supreme sacrifice. It is also a time to reflect on our own personal and private memories of those we knew and loved, and to remember all those who are no longer with us.

They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.....
We will remember them.
We will remember them.

When you go home, tell them of us and say...
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

Wreath laid by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Lord’s Prayer

Grace.

Happy Christmas



**To you all
With Best Wishes for the New Year
From the Editors and the Parish Council.**

Thank you to all the contributors to this edition of the Village Newsletter. And a bigger thank you to those of you who met the deadline!

Please have a look at the web-site which has been updated recently. If you would like anything put on it please contact

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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 Woodbridge Police Station on 01473 613500

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Conclusion of Historical Facts

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."

And that's the truth... Now , whoever said that History was boring !!!