



# Pettistree People

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Deadline for next issue is May 14th 2005

## Village Hall News



Pettistree Productions Proudly Presents

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#### The East Anglian Film Archive on 5<sup>th</sup> February

Geoff Clarke from the Archive produced an excellent film show encompassing everything from Airships in the 1920s through agriculture in the war to a travelogue of East Anglia in the 1960s.

The Village Hall was full for this excellent evening's entertainment with 60 people also enjoying food produced by Cath Caudwell. The Hall benefited by £236.

#### Quiz Night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Please contact your Quizmaster Dave Caudwell (01728 747170) to book your place.

#### Pub Games on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Your referee for this action packed event will be Mike Manning.

#### Village Hall Extension

The work by Garrards Builders has been completed and an excellent job they have done. The Committee will be looking at maintenance and decoration works during the coming months. Please continue to support our events to enable us to maintain the hall in a satisfactory condition.

*Dave Caudwell, Chairman, Pettistree Village Hall Management Committee*

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#### Parish Councillors

Tony Franklin	Chairman
Scott's Hall	Tel No 746585
Maureen Stollery	Vice Chairman
1 Presmere Road	746653
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Nick Beagley	746344
Pettistree Grange	
Karen Hunter	747430
2 Presmere Road	
Mark Edworthy	746333
Grove Farm	

## VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT

### Receipts

Tickets	£300.00
Raffle	£ 99 50
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	£399.50

### Expenses

Hire of Films	£100.00
Food	£ 63.46
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	£136.54

**Profit £ 236.00**

### **100 Club**

	1st	2nd	3rd
November	Mary Garner	Mary Hallett	Joan Jordan
December	Adam Signy	Mrs Incoll	Candy & Peter Wells
January	John Argenti	Alan Hunter	?
February	Kath Hilton	Maggie Hallett	Sheila Manning

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

I must admit that for me the most appealing aspect of Neighbourhood Watch is the metal plate displayed in a prominent position adjacent to the properties covered by that particular scheme. It sows the seeds of doubt in a potential wrong-doer's mind that there is a good chance that somebody is likely to be on the look-out for people like him or her

Recently I received a telephone call from Suffolk Police, stating that they wanted to trace a black Lexus and gave the index number. On this day I was staying at home so the chances of me being able to help were pretty slim, to say the least or so it seemed. A little while later a delivery driver appeared at my window to ask me to sign for a parcel for the next door neighbour, as she was not at home. This situation presented me with the opportunity to give details of the car the police were interested in to the delivery driver, who was in a much better position to be the eyes of Suffolk Police; especially as this driver had already seen the Police Helicopter earlier in the day and was interested enough to take note and try to 'do his bit'.

Can anyone be sure that the driver of the black Lexus didn't decide to slip quietly into one of those lanes in the sleepy Suffolk countryside and wait for the heat to die down?

We will never know - so **keep watching**

*Mike Sayer*

### **Forthcoming Events**

**The following events are taking place at "The Greyhound Bistro"**

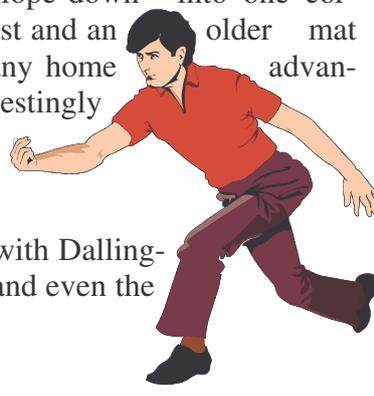
**March 24th An Evening of Music with Richard Taylor**

**April 22nd Blue Zone with Adrian Burns**

Ring 01728746451 for further details or to book a table

## Carpet Bowls

As I reported in the December issue of Pettistree People, I have organised a triangular tournament between the villages of Pettistree, Ufford and Dallinghoo, the first match took place on Wednesday 1st December with Dallinghoo playing host to Ufford. None of the Ufford team had knowledge of the whereabouts of Dallinghoo village hall, however after some discussion and lines drawn on various scraps of paper all the players arrived safely, albeit in complete darkness. "Head for the church" is not much use on a dark December evening. The floor at Dallinghoo is the best of the three locations, although like Pettistree there is evidence of a slight slope down into one corner. The hosts kindly provided two carpets, their usual mat which is fast and an older mat which is slow and not usually used, thereby not giving Dallinghoo any home advantage. The result was a win for Ufford by 4 - 3 and 1 game drawn. Interestingly Dallinghoo scored more shots than Ufford but went down to a narrow defeat.



The second match took place at Pettistree on Thursday 9th December with Dallinghoo being the visitors. The four games were level with two wins each and even the number of shots being identical, however after the tea break Pettistree just pulled ahead to win 4 - 3.

The halfway stage in the tournament was reached on Wednesday 2nd February with Dallinghoo hosting the visit of Pettistree. The visitors came away with a narrow win 3 - 2 and 1 game drawn. The drawn game was crucial as but for the last shot Pettistree would have lost the game and as Dallinghoo once again registered the highest number of shots a home win would have been declared. The difference between victory and defeat was indeed only one shot.

Much to their credit Dallinghoo were as enthusiastic as ever for their final match away at Ufford on Thursday 10th February, so much so that they arrived thirty minutes early at Ufford Pavillion. Dallinghoo's new tactics were obviously working as they stormed into a three game lead before the tea break, also recording high shot counts. Ufford recovered their composure after the break with one win and two drawn games, however it was Dallinghoo who recorded their first win in the series 3 - 1 and 2 drawn games, thus avenging Ufford's win at Dallinghoo earlier in the tournament.

The remaining fixtures Ufford v Pettistree and Pettistree v Ufford will shortly decide the overall winners.

*Mike Sayer*

## A Note of Appreciation

**Pettistree** - where's that? The Three Tuns, a cottage, dog kennels, opposite Notcutts - not much there! How wrong one can be! Away from the Wickham Market road and into the village Pettistree has a church, interesting buildings, houses big and small not forgetting the people who live there.

I enjoy reading the Pettistree People which reports recent events, future activities and much more. I particularly like the 'Bygone section' of the 'good old days and sayings'. Well done Pettistree I look forward to the next edition of the Pettistree People.

*Les Carter - Ufford*

*Les is an Ufford Bowls Player, sometimes a friend and sometimes a real rival! One evening he picked up a former edition of our paper. Thank you Les for offering your appreciation. We do our best! Ed.*

## New Year's Eve

The Second Pettistree Round Robin. New Year's Eve 2004

Fifteen people signed up to take part in the New Year's Eve Round Robin Celebrations, and the evening was far from uneventful!

Unfortunately Mike and Sheila Manning had to cry off as Sheila was unwell. They were scheduled to be doing a dessert course for seven people, but happily Sidney and Mary Cripps who were also 'doing desserts' very kindly offered to fill the gap, and produced fabulous desserts for the thirteen of us left.

Sidney and Mary had another surprise when they went for their first course of goat's cheese salad, prepared by Mary and Chris Garner, and their friend. There on the wall was a picture of the traction engine which Mary and her late husband had owned between 1974 and 1984, and which they used to take regularly to various shows. Christened 'Old Nick' by them, this Marshall 7 NHP has since been sold to a friend, but can still be seen regularly at events such as The Power of the Past.

Sidney and Mary then moved on for their Main Course with Jackie and Tony Franklin, and met their friends Gill and Colin Upton who used to live in Pettistree. Dick and I had entertained these four for a starter of prawn cocktail, and our Main Course was with Jeff and Maggie Hallett where we richly dined on goose, accompanied by Jeff's superb red-currant jelly. We then all left to go to Penmaen for the dessert course, only to find that we were locked out, and had to succumb to singing carols outside the pearly gates! It wasn't long before Mary and Sidney arrived, opened the gates without so much as leaving their car, swept up the driveway, and welcomed us as if they'd been there all the time. And then the lights went out! Never mind! Sidney swore, and Mary coped brilliantly, serving us all with champagne or Bucks Fizz, and managing to seat all thirteen of us around her beautiful table decorated with home-grown orchids.

It was a pity to drag ourselves away, but we had arranged to meet before midnight at The Greyhound where we listened to Mary Garner and her team of ringers welcoming in the New Year on the Pettistree Bells.

Thank you so much to everyone who took part. It was a memorable evening!

*Rita Smith*

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Rita Smith who has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts with Honours (Upper Second-class) by the Open University.

The degree, which she has been working on for 6 years, is in French and Humanities. Rita's degree ceremony will be at Ely Cathedral on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

*No easy task*

*P.P hopes you have a lovely day Rita.!*

## Heritage Weekend

Plans are advancing for the Heritage Weekend being held this year on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Peter & St Paul church.

A big “thank you” to everyone who completed the “Occupation Questionnaire”. Unfortunately modesty must have prevented some people from mentioning their voluntary occupations! We now have the task of sorting out all the information, which will itself contribute to the archives of the future.

On Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Church and Church Room will be open from 10 am to 5pm  
In the evening a Barbeque will be held in the barn and yard at Church Farm by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Smith. ( Dick and Rita)

On Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> the exhibition will be from 10 am to 5 pm to allow time to clear the church for Evensong at 6.30pm

Light refreshments will be available in the churchyard on both days.

There will be old original records from the Record Office and archives gathered together locally during the last ten years on display in the Church. This will include “Then & Now”, a comparison of the working lives of the residents of 1901 and the present day. A display of the Hedgerow Survey will also be in the Parish Room.

*Joan Peck*

## Smile Awhile

Learn to speak Chinese Today

### Lesson 1

**Read them out loud**

That's not right  
Are you harbouring a fugitive?  
Small Horse  
See me ASAP

Sum tinwong  
Hu Yu Hai Ding  
Tai Ni Po Ni  
Kum Hia Nao

### Lesson 2

I bumped into the table  
The meeting is next week  
I thought you were on a diet  
Great  
This is a tow away zone

Ai Bang Mai Ni  
Wai Yu Kum Nao?  
Wai Yu Mun Ching?  
Su Pa  
No Pah King

## Mary Poppins Opening Night

The evening started with my son Gavin taking Mick and me to a hotel just off Oxford Street. This had been made available to Gavin by Cameron Mackintosh and so we were able to use it for the night. Our room was enormous with a leather settee, arm chairs, coffee tables, writing desk, log fire and the biggest bed I have ever seen. It must have been at least seven feet wide!

I made use of the beautiful marble bathroom, had a long soak in the bath using all the various bath bubbles and creams whilst watching a small, wall mounted television. Then it was time to dress for the show. I wore a long black evening skirt with a gold top, bought especially for the occasion, while Mick declined to wear evening dress and we unanimously decided to leave the tiaras in the cupboard!

We walked to the Prince Edward Theatre and as we turned into Old Compton Street we discovered all the roads had been closed to traffic. There were lots of Press and TV cameras and crowds of onlookers all hoping to catch a glimpse of famous faces arriving. There was a red carpet which came out of the theatre and right along the street. After showing our ticket we were allowed to walk on the red carpet but nobody wanted to interview us. We were just not famous enough!

As expected the theatre was full, I think it holds just under two thousand people and the atmosphere was electric. I feel sure the show will run for years---SUPERCALIFRAGIILISTICEXPEALIDOCIOUS---it is so well cast, especially Bert, (I would say that, after all he is my son!) The magic of Mary is unbelievable, the sets amazing and the children very talented. At the end the audience could hardly wait to get to their feet and give a ten minute standing ovation.

After the show we went backstage to Gavin's dressing room which was full of people (all offering their congratulations), cards, presents and enough champagne to bath in.

Then we made our way to the party which was being held somewhere in Leicester Square. We were directed by people, lining the route and standing at every corner holding Mary Poppins umbrellas.. The party was held on six different floors of the building, each floor with a different theme relating to the show. We started in the Nursery with plenty of food and drink. On the next floor there was a sweet shop where we were handed Candy Floss, Toffee Apples, and Pick and Mix sweets. I brought mine home for my grandchildren. Another floor had a live group providing music aimed at a younger age group rather than those more mature members of the audience. There was another floor with a grand piano with pink and white fairy cakes forming a two foot high pyramid. It was quite crowded so imagine how proud I felt when I found an empty table with a sign saying "Gavin Lee and Friends".

I am so pleased for Gavin, he has worked so hard for the last fourteen years and deserves his success.

We finally climbed into that enormous bed about 3.30a.m. shattered but proud.

*Kath Hilton*

## Glass Bottle Bank

Deborah at the Greyhound has been informed by S.C.C. that the **glass bottle bank is not being used enough. This may be used by anyone** so please drink up and chuck your empties in the bank otherwise it will be removed. The **Hayles** container is for the **Greyhound use only**

## **Mainstream Horse and Pony Show 19TH JUNE 2005**

This show was originally only going to be a "one-off" way back in 1994. It was the wish of local businessman Ray Nicholls to put on one last show for all ages and abilities to enjoy. He was unfortunately suffering from terminal cancer at the time and his family decided to go ahead whatever might happen.

Ray made it to that first show on Father's Day 1994 and saw his wish realized with great success, raising £1800 for Macmillan nurses and seeing everyone have a wonderful day. He alas passed away a few days later.

After that first show his family received so many 'thank you' letters and requests for it to be held again that it carried on with the same aim **FOR ALL TO ENJOY THEMSELVES AND PROVE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING!**

Back in the seventies Ray used to put on horse shows with the emphasis on fun and used to supply ponies for disabled children to ride at those shows. For many it was the first time they had felt the freedom that sitting on a pony could give them.

In the eleven years since the first Mainstream show we have tried to continue his aim. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our sponsors many of whom have sponsored us every year we are able to put on a show where every child (and most of the adults!) will go home with at least one rosette (and a good one at that) with the emphasis on fun.

Over the years the show has raised over £12,000 for local charities including the St Elizabeth's Hospice and last year the Children's Hospice in Ipswich (our charity again this year).

We have many helpers to enable us to run the show including Jeff & Maggie Hallett who do a wonderful commentary on the children's events, adding to the fun atmosphere.

This year we have again asked the hospice if any of the children who they care for are able to come to the show with their families where they will be made very welcome.

If you read this and would like to help, or just wish to come and have a good old fashioned day out, at a gymkhana like they used to be years ago, then the Show is on Father's Day Sunday June 19th at our field on the main A12 near the Bredfield turning. We have a raffle and tombola and other attractions. Hope to see you there!

For more info please telephone me on 01728 747982.

*Amy Nicholls*

**Smile Again!**

The Vicar called the other day and said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. So I told him I did all the time. For, no matter where I am, the bedroom, the kitchen, or the garden I ask myself "Now what am I here after?"

# Parish Council Report

## Finances

At its meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December the Parish Council set a precept £2,200 for the next financial year.

The Parish Council also ratified the moving of its bank accounts from Barclays to Alliance & Leicester in order that it can receive a better rate of interest on money held on deposit. It can also use the electronic bank facilities offered by Alliance & Leicester.

## Road Safety

New T-junction signs have appeared on the approach to Rogues Lane on the Main Road.

Progress on the 50 mph Main Road speed limit has been slow but we are hopeful that we will achieve our objective before the middle of the year.

Discussions are underway with the County Council Highways Dept about the repair and reinstatement of the footpath along the Main Road between the by-pass slip road and the Three Tuns. We are meeting the County Council Officers during the first week of March.

## Village Sign Update

At last we are about to get a builder to carry out the repair work and hopefully the work will be completed by early Spring.

## Village of the Year Competition

Suffolk ACRE have despatched the competition application forms and they are expected during the first week of March.

## Age Concern

Maureen Stollery has volunteered to become the Local Link Advisor for Pettistree and the Parish Council have endorsed Maureen's appointment.

## Date of Next Parish Council Meetings

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

All of these meetings are to be held in the Village Hall starting at 8 pm.

**Tony Franklin**  
**Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council**

## A Sad Story from Stone Hall

In Kelly's Directory of 1864 it says that a William Jackson Plant was farming at Stone Hall, a farm of 127 acres. He was not mentioned in the 1861 census so he must have arrived in the village as a young farmer in his early thirties. He was probably a tenant of the Lord of the Manor ( Lord Rendlesham)

By the census of 1871 William had a young housekeeper called Mary Ann Hammond who was then twenty-five years old.

In 1877 Mary must have had an idle moment for her initials "M.A.H. 1877" can be clearly seen still, carved on a brick on the end of what was then the stables, now a garage-----or perhaps someone else carved them. For "E L M 1877" is also carved on a brick (Author unknown

However in 1893 a double tragedy befell both William and Mary. One night in April Mary, suffering from neuralgia got up about 3 a.m. to get some embrocation with which to rub her neck. William heard a crash and a scream, Mary had dropped the lamp and it had set fire to her night dress. Although William rushed to the stairs, took up a carpet, wrapped it round her and put out the blaze, put Mary to bed and called for help, she was badly burned all over her body. Neighbours helped and Dr Brodie of Wickham Market sent his assistant Dr French but there was little they could do and Mary died about 10 o'clock the next morning. Her inquest was held at Stone Hall Farm.

William's sister Sarah came to Stone Hall to look after him. One morning the following September William got up early, went out and shot four rabbits causing his sister some concern as his behaviour had become unusual. Later that morning she heard another gun shot and Sarah, who must have been worried, hurried in the direction from whence it came only to find her brother dead in the closet.

Maybe it was the loss of Mary after all those twenty seven years as his housekeeper at a time when farming was experiencing difficulties in the early 1890's that caused William to be found of unsound mind.

*Local Historian*

### **We're on the Web!**

**[www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk)**

At the moment the old web-site is still on-line but we hope to have the up-dated site ready very soon. There is still some work to be done on it and further contributions and adjustments made.

**Watch This Space**



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**County & District Councillors**

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor 01394 411373

Mr Paul Callaghan, District Councillor 01394 389052  
Mr John Perry 01394389523

**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 Woodbridge Police Station on 01473 613500

**Useful People to Contact**

Bellringers Mary Gamer 746097  
ChurchWardens Richard Sherrington 747955  
Jeff Hallett 746210  
Village Hall Booking Sec Dave Caudwell 747170  
Local History Recorder Joan Peck

The Greyhound Inn Deborah Hughes 746451  
The Three Tuns Kirsty & Steve 746244

Wickham Market Health Centre 747101  
Post Office 746201

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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. If you would like anything put on it please contact

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*Maureen Stollery  
Joan Peck*

