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Parish Meeting Report

The Annual Parish Meeting, which was attended by 15 Pettistree residents, took place on 16th May. The meeting was also attended by our County Councillor, Peter Monk who talk about traffic calming scheme and road safety, our District Councillor, Ned Cavendish who talked about the future of Bentwaters.

The Parish Meeting is an opportunity for the Village to discuss any matter of interest and for the various bodies in the village to report on the activities of the past year - the Chairman of the Parish Council, Joan Peck report on the activities of the Parish Council, Sharon Hunter on the Village Hall, Karen Hunter on the Inter Village Sports Tournament (see centre page feature), Tony Franklin on Wickham Market Primary School, and Joan Peck on Local History Recording and a copy of Joan's report is reprinted on page 3

The Meeting gave its support to the Parish Council's proposal that Pettistree enter the Best Kept Village Competition in 1997, next year - so don't say you have not been told - more information about the competition will appear in the January edition of Pettistree People.

The Parish Meeting is held once a year for the purpose of allowing the electors of the parish to discuss any matters relating to the Parish and to pass resolutions which electors may wish the Parish Council to act upon.

Parish Council Column

Officers Re-elected - Since the last edition of Pettistree People the Parish Council has re-elected Joan Peck as Chairman and Jeff Hallett as Vice Chairman - it has also re-appointed Joan Peck, Maureen Stollery and Tony Franklin to form the Planning Committee.

National Spring Clean Week took place in April and on Sunday 14th the Parish Council organised a Pettistree Litter Pick tour of the Village. A keen band of litter pickers scoured the Village collecting 10 bags of rubbish from verges and hedgerows - the volunteers who made up the party were Stuart & Dorothy Whiteley, Tony, Jacki and Sophie Franklin, Yvonne Clarke, Nigel Holland, Ned Cavendish (our district Councillor), Joan Peck and Ann Sayer.



In the last issue of Pettistree People a call was made for a Reporter, and I am pleased to announce that this call has been answered by Robert Manning (see People Profile on page 8).

Robert has taken on the job as our Village Reporter and you can expect to be hearing from him if you have anything news-worthy to offer.

Editor

**The Public Spirit
at Work**

Village Hall 100 Club Winners

April 1996	No 1 Chris Garner	No 2 Mary Garner	Les Heard.
May 1996	No 91 Sharon Hunter	No 55 Robert Spall	No 20 Neil Arbon.
June 1996	No 94 Candy Wells	No 50 Doreen Holland	No 54 Val Pizzey

An Ode to the Letterbox by Anon ?

If you have ever had cause to deliver notices of letters around the Village no doubt this little ode will ring a few door bells !!!

We *hope you enjoy this sheet of the news
but now then spare a thought
for the Councillors fraught
whose task it is to deliver you the news !*

Most *houses have boxes for letters
but then a spring to taut
snaps a finger caught
or crumples the paper into the basket !*

Not *wanting to winge or pester
a letter box of some kind is sought
neither to starboard or port
but instead at the front door who could ask for more !*

Now *before we receive an Editors tirade
box height we thought
shall we say four foot nought
for those at six inches are real back pinchers !*

One *last spot of bother
how can the Postman be taught
where there is a box of no sort
please help us deliver the news that you so crave for !*

A New Bus Service to Felixstowe

From 1st July, Fareline Coach Services introduced a new bus service which runs from Diss to Felixstowe via Wickham Market. The service number is 170 and it runs on each Monday from 1st July until 16th September inclusive. This service stops to pick up at Pettistree Three Tuns at 1031 arriving in Felixstowe at 1119, and it leaves Felixstowe at 1705 arriving at the Three Tuns to set down at 1749.

Where has that Clapper gone?

For those readers within earshot of the Church the sound of ringing bells will be familiar every Wednesday evening. If you were listening carefully on the evening of the 19th June you will have heard something a little odd - the fourth of our six bells suddenly stopped ringing, and for those of you who know a bit about bellringing you will know that a bell can't just stop like that - but it had !! Why? Simple, the clapper had fallen out because its fixing had broken. With the bells needed for the weekend what was to be done - luckily we have the right people in the village to repair the clapper, Dickons, who were able to make the repair within two days.

Out and About

A Year Gone By - 1995

Pettistree Journal

At the Parish Meeting in May, Joan Peck presented an account of the events and happenings that have taken place in Pettistree over the past year - that account is in the form of a journal and is re-printed here:

February - the Village Hall Committee held an enjoyable 'Race' evening to raise more money for this year's project - the car park.

April - Village Hall held jumble sale.

April 27th - Good Friday - Seat donated by Anglian Water to commemorate the first-time sewerage scheme, was put in position near a flowering cherry in the Churchyard.

May 8th - VE Day - Church bells were rung. Speed limit signs erected but not as requested by Parish Council.

May - After a very wet winter May had a heatwave between 4th and 7th with temperatures up to 80 deg. F.

June - Speed limits were implemented, Parish Council elections were held but there were insufficient nominations to warrant an election in Pettistree. Stuart Whiteley, Chairman for past eight years did not seek re-election.

Joe Arbon brought the Morris Men from Ufford Crown to the Greyhound in his waggon pulled by his Suffolk Punch Pioneer. Joe Arbon's arm was badly broken when kicked by a Percheron at the Norfolk Show.

July 1st/2nd - Heritage Weekend held in Church. Very well attended by about 400 people. Old friendships were renewed after 60 years in some cases.

The Street, Thong Hall Lane, Walnuts Lane and Rogues Lane have been re-surfaced with chippings and grit.

August - Very, very hot and dry. Harvest finished by middle of August never been known to finish so early before.

August 27th Village celebrated VJ day with a Barbeque. Colonel Peter Maxwell led the prayers and two minutes silence. There were traditional sports with post war prizes, i.e. coconuts, pineapples, and sweets. A quiz about rationing was won by Tony Franklin and the prize was a hamper containing the rations for one week.

September - Presmere pond has been cleared out. An interesting collection of bottles, clay pipes, old tools and horse-shoes have emerged.

Dave and Jean Billings have left the Greyhound after fourteen years. The pub has been painted cream instead of Suffolk pink on the outside. A new sign has been painted and "Pubmaster Greyhound" has replaced "Cobbolds Greyhound". The new landlords name is Woolven.

October - Tynedale is once again for sale. We have had vandalism in the Village. Speed limits have been turned round, the 1935 Jubilee seat broken, footpath signs smashed and windows broken in the Village Hall.

November - Presmere pond is filling slowly at last. The Water Tower is now a two-tone green. Home Farm has been sold. The Village Hall car-park has been re-surfaced and new entrance gates erected.

December - Tynedale has been sold. Snow fell on December 7th and 8th and a light snow on Boxing Day.

**VE & VJ
50th Anniversary
Year**

**May & August
heatwave**

The corn ran well

**Vandalism in the
Village**

Please let Joan Peck know what is happening in the Village

Inter-Village Sports Tournament

Overall Results Table

Thorpeness	1875
Otley	1800
Orford	1600
Middleton	1350
Pettistree	1200
Bealings	1200
Easton	1050
Charsfield	1025
Knodishall	925
Yoxford	600
Walpole	500

Pettistree	1
Otley	2
Orford	3
Knodishall	4
Easton	5

Volleyball Results

Our Junior Team lining up to bat

Pettistree fielded a strong team for this annual event and came a very creditable 5th place in the overall scoring. Alan Hunter, Pettistree's Team Manager, commented after the result were announced "...a super performance considering the size of our Village thanks to the enthusiasm of our teamthey have really done well !! ..."

Pettistree entered a team into 7 out of the possible 16 events which for such a small village was a very creditable achievement.

Our best event was without doubt Volleyball in which we were 1st out of five - in fact our team was unbeaten in all of its 12 games against Easton, Knodishall, Orford and Otley - not a surprising result as the team had been practicing throughout the winter improving their individual skill and their teamwork. This paid dividends time and time again. The team members were Dave Caudwell, Cathy Caudwell, Karen Hunter, Jacki Barber, Les Hartnell, Philip Stollery, Steve Potter and Kim Ruggles.

Above - Ballet or Volleyball ??

Right - Volleyball Team receiving their winners medals.

We fielded a Senior and a Junior Rounders team both of which played with enthusiasm and some individual skill - alas this was not enough to make up for a lack of training and preparation and as a consequence neither of our Rounders team achieved a placing in the competition. Yes, we have learnt a few lessons by this defeat and it is likely that we will have a Trainer and training sessions next year.

In the Obstacle Races our teams came equal 5th thanks to the valiant efforts made by Steve Potter, Philip Stollery, Kim Ruggles and Jacki Barber for the Seniors, and Leon Wright, Michael Hunter, Kirsty Ruggles and Hayley Potter for the Juniors.

A super community event - May 1996

Pettistree Team Results

Village	Place
Yoxford	1
Bealings	2
Middleton	3
Walpole	4
Pettistree	5
Orford	6
Thorpeness	7
Knodishall	8
Charsfield	Unplaced
Darshan	Unplaced
Easton	Unplaced
Otley	Unplaced
Theberton	Unplaced

Carpet Bowls - The team , Ann & Mike Sayer, Kath Hilton and Mike Manning got off to a uncertain start but they soon settled down to turn in a very respectable result, 5th overall out of 13.

Carpet Bowls
well placed in a
very keen field

Football - Our Football teams only lost 2 of the 13 games they played and would have been much better if were not for their 7 draws (pity we did not have a golden goal rule). The teams were:

Seniors : Gary Williams, David Smy, Andrew Clarke, Mathew Rawlings, Steven Rose and Roger Richardson.

Juniors : Ben Newsome, Tom Williams, Paul Adamek, David Thurkettle, Adam Plant, Richard Smy, Gary Rose

Football		Football	
Senior	Place	Junior	Place
Thorpeness	1	Knodishall	1
Orford	2	Thorpeness	2
Pettistree	3	Pettistree	3
Otley	4	Otley	4
Knodishall	4	Bealings	Unplaced
Bealings	Unplaced	Easton	Unplaced
Charsfield	Unplaced	Yoxford	Unplaced
Easton	Unplaced		

Tennis - Les Heard and Caroline Andrews did very well to gain 4th place against some fierce competition.

Table Tennis - Rita Smith and Mick Hilton came a very creditable 3rd out of 6 winning 3 of their 5 games.

Village	Place
Otley	1
Charsfield	2
Thorpeness	3
Pettistree	4
Knodishall	Unplaced
Middleton	Unplaced
Yoxford	Unplaced

Netball - Our Junior Netball team did well against very stiff opposition coming 3rd out of six - beating Knodishall 18-0 and Otley 17-0. The team members were Hayley Potter, Michelle Potter, Kirsty Ruggles, Lauren Kettless.

Middleton	1
Orford	2
Otley	3
Pettistree	4
Thorpeness	4
Knodishall	-
Charsfield	-
Bealings	-

Darts - Our team, Henry Kemp (Captain), Eric Dowker, Jane Walker, John Walker and Karen Hartnell played with determination and accuracy (most of the time) winning 4 out of their 7 games.

Football
Senior & Junior
a bit like Euro '96 too
many draws

Tennis
Table Tennis
made the competition
smart now and again

Netball
a very good result
against stiff
competition

Darts
not enough 180s for
some but we gave as
good as we got

Teams - you should be proud of yourselves - Well Done

2CV to Sports Car ?

4 to 3 wheeler in one quick turn

0 - 60 in * secs?**

**Look out Biggles
here comes
ThreeTunUp Terry**

Three Tun Up Terry - by Robert Manning

Terry Foubister, restaurateur, publican, and 2CV fanatic has recently turned an old clapped out Citroen 2CV into a new sports car.

Terry has been wanting to build his own sports car for sometime and seized the chance when an old 2CV fell into his hands. It was a 1977 R registered model from Wickham Market which had failed its MOT, had rotten body work and was due for the scrap yard.

Using his extensive knowledge of 2CVs and the contacts he had through the *Citroen Specials Club*, Terry set about the transformation job. The first step was to strip the car down to its chassis and running gear (steering, suspension, brakes and engine). Then he removed one of the two rear wheel and its suspension arm and turned the other wheel arm around to make the car into a three wheeler.

Having made the necessary mechanical changes Terry purchased the body panels he required, and some re-calibrated Skoda instruments for the dashboard, from *Classic Car Panel* a specialist company in Somerset. Now he was ready to begin the task of building his dream machine !!

Working in his spare time it took Terry 3 months , about 300 hours in total, to finish building the car at a rough cost of £3000.

For those people who know about building cars they know you just cannot build a car then drive it on the road - you need to get it certified by the Ministry.

Terry's next task was to get the car weighed which meant getting a weighbridge ticket before the Ministry man would grant a certificate. This was not a problem, however, finding a garage that could MOT three wheelers did prove to be a bit more difficult as the nearest garage was *Wincops* at Peasenhall.

Terry's Sports CV is now on the road and he finds great pleasure in driving it to Club meetings as well as an occasional spin about Pettistree and the surrounding countryside.

How sporty is this sports car then?
Terry's reply "At half the weight of a the old 2CV it can do 95 mph and can reach 60 mph in ** seconds".

Terry is clearly very proud of his achievement and is now saving up to buy a flying jacket so that he can look, as well as be the part - he already has the hat and goggles !!

Another Pettistree Person with hidden talents

Zimbabwe Holiday - by Patience Maxwell

Of all the countries in Africa, Zimbabwe must be one of the most beautiful and satisfying to visit. Wonderful climate, every kind of scenery, from mountains up to 8,000 ft, tropical forests round the famous Zambezi river and the Victoria Falls, fascinating rocky areas, the Matopo Hills - ancient Zimbabwe ruins of early temples, and perhaps, the most attractive National Game Parks in the world.

Zimbabwe has a wonderful collection of elephants, in fact more numerous than can be managed - so it is a great problem as to how their numbers can be virtually halved! We felt so privileged to see large families of females and young disporting themselves in a muddy wallow so close to our game landrover that we could almost touch them! The game become used to vehicles and usually pay little attention, one must not get out on any account! There is plenty of other game - impala wildebeest, zebra, cape buffalo, a few rhino, which are being specially managed and guarded as poaching is still common. Not so many big cats. We didn't see any on our trip.

The Zimbabweans are very interested in their environment and their guides and game wardens are extremely knowledgeable about all the fauna and flora.

We were able to visit a village primary school out in the bush where 6-11 year olds were being taught. They read fluently in English, their writing was tidy and the letters neatly formed. In maths the older children were even learning about equilateral triangles and others geometric problems! Sadly, at the moment, there is little future for these children, secondary education is

expensive and not easily available.

Scenically, one of the most important places is The Victoria Falls, on the Zambezi river. Imagine, 1 1/4 miles width of placid river falling 365 feet, about the height of St Paul's Cathedral in London into a narrow gorge, about 100 yards across and becoming a turbulent river for a long way and where white water rafting is a popular sport. We were able to fly over The Falls in a helicopter and so were able to have a marvellous panoramic view.

A great visual achievement is the man made Lake Kariba, formed in the fifties by damming the end of a valley and flooding a high plain behind it, 175 miles long, in order to make a hydro-electric scheme which benefits large areas of Zimbabwe. To do this many villages and wild animals were successfully evacuated to other areas. The Lake is a great attraction for tourists with pleasure boats cruising up and down, and the surrounding shores filled with game and there is a wonderful bird life.

Zimbabwe is a good example of the African and European peoples living and working together, which was evident when we travelled round the country which is 3 times the size of England. There are a lot of problems, urbanisation, unemployment, like everywhere else. But the people are so welcoming and eager to please and their smiling faces make it a pleasure to spend one's holiday among them.

Neighbourhood Watch

Land of discovery

**...the people
very friendly and
knowledgeable about
their country...**

Scenic splendor

**....it's a pleasure to be
in Zimbabwe.**

After three years of outstanding service as our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Ned Hogg is standing down and is to hand

On safari in Africa - an explorers holiday

over to David Horne who lives at The Cottage, Pettistree Grange. David is particularly well qualified for the job as he is already a Special Constable at Woodbridge where he has been for 3 years. No doubt all of our readers would like to thank Ned for his efforts in getting the Neighbourhood Watch scheme off the ground in Pettistree.

Facts Sheet

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 Hunter	01473 737784 Merton Farm Barn
Nigel Holland	746344 Gelham Hall
Neil Arbon	01473 737784 Merton Farm Barn
Ann Sayer (Clerk)	01394 460639 4 Hungarian Close

The Parish Council meet at least four times a year in the Church Room; watch the Parish Notice Board for the dates.

County & District Councillors

Mr Peter Monk, County Councillor **01394 411373** or **Mobile 0850 843055**

Mr Ned Cavendish, District Councillor **01394 450046**

Neighbourhood Watch

David Horne	746637	The Cottage, Pettistree Grange
Mike Sayer	01394 460639	4 Hungarian Close

For Crimeline Information, **01473 613617**. Current crime update available after 5pm on Tuesdays. Please give it a call to find out what is happening in your area.

The Parish Police Officer is PC 1029 Peter Lickert who can be contacted at Woodbridge Police Station **01473 613550**

Useful People to Contact

Vicar	Graham Bell	746314
Bellringers	Mary Garner	746097
Church Wardens	Ned Hogg	746814
	Maggie Hallett	746210
Village Hall Booking Sec	Mike Swain	746187
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
The Greyhound Inn	Bill & Jacki Woolven	
The Three Tuns	Terry & Merry Foubister	
Wickham Market	Health Centre	747101
Post Office	Wickham Market	746201
Police	Woodbridge	01473 613550

Calendar

Carpet Bowls every second Thursday from 4th April (7.30pm in the Village Hall)

Church Services 1st Sunday of the month Evensong at 6.30pm
Morning Prayer at 9.30am on all other Sundays in the month.

Bellringing Practice night is every Wednesday 7pm until 9pm - you will equally welcome as a beginner or an experienced ringer.

WI Meetings Every third Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall

25th August Village Barbeque on Bank Holiday Sunday
27th Sept 7.30pm Beetle Drive in the Village Hall (If you have never been to one then you have missed out on a great deal of fun).

LOST CAT

Since 29th June from the Wickham/Pettistree area.

"Bruno" is white and beige and wears a blue collar & bell.

He cannot 'miow' and may be shut in somewhere. If you have seen him or know where he is PLEASE call (01728) 746585

Do not hesitate to ring as he is dearly missed
THANK YOU

STOP PRESS

Bruno returned home on 19 July after being away for 21 days. He was badly cut around the top of his front legs but otherwise healthy. What had happened to him and where had he been ??



Robert came to live in Pettistree about six years ago and is currently attending Thomas Mills High School 6th Form studying A Level English, Geography and Photography, an ideal combination for Pettistree People's new Reporter. His ambition is to study journalism at university in preparation for a journalistic career. Robert's main hobby is Tae Kwon Do a form martial art.

Have you met William?

He is between three and four years old and a pale grey tabby. He was found on an Ipswich housing estate, wild and injured, with a deep hole in his head almost certainly inflicted by some friend of the human race. Captured with difficulty, he stayed at the Ipswich surgery for 10 days to have his wounds tended by our own Pettistree vet. Then living in a cage until his injuries healed, he was taken by the Cats Protection League to a caring temporary home. Now, some months later, he is delighted - very intelligent and affectionate, and he talks all the time.

William has forgiven the human race for what they did to him. He has come to live at Prospect House, where he loves having visitors and where, hopefully, he has fallen on his paws.

Ann Morgan

People Profile Robert Manning

Next Issue - October 1996 - send in your news now, dont be late