



# Pettistree People

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## Parish Council Report – August 2005

This report covers the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### New County Councillor

Following the May local government elections we have a new County Councillor, Clare Aitchison.

Clare attended the Parish Council Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July and although new to the job she was able to offer some helpful advice on a number of matters including highways and community policing. We are looking forward to meeting Clare regularly in the future.

### Highways

Progress on the highway matters reported in the last issue of Pettistree People has been a little patchy, however, significant progress has been made on improving the footpath that runs along the main road between South Lodge and the Three Tuns. The footpath has been cleared of debris and overgrowth making it much more accessible and safer to use.

On the other hand progress on the control of traffic and passing place along Byng Hall Lane continues to be an issue of some debate between the Parish Council and County Highways. With the help of our County and District Councillor we are continuing to pursue this issue.

### Road Safety

For sometime the Parish Council and a number of village residents have been concerned about the restriction of visibility at the Three Tuns crossroads caused by the Three Tuns advertising A-board. Recently the Parish Council wrote to Kirsty Lambert, the Manager of the Tuns about this problem.

Kirsty responded to our letter immediately by moving the A-board to a less vision restricting site on the opposite side of the road. Thank you Kirsty for your cooperation and consideration.

### Community Policing

In the last issue of Pettistree People we reported the difficulty that we were having in getting our Community Police Liaison Officer to attend Parish Council meetings. Unfortunately, this situation has not improved. We are now regularly receiving a copy of the Woodbridge Sector Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. This newsletter can be accessed by going to the Suffolk Neighbourhood WebSite at <http://suffolk.testurl.co.uk/neighbourhoodwatch/default.asp>. Our



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Pettistree House

Heather Heelis, receives a copy of the newsletter every month and sends a copy to each of your Parish Councillors.

### Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk, Heather Heelis, is now living in the Village. Recently she moved with her family into Hall Farm House. On behalf of the Village, the Parish Council is very happy to extend a warm welcome to Heather and her family.

## Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006

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

Tony Franklin

Chairman, Pettistree Parish Council

10 August 2005

### Heritage Weekend

I should like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped make the Heritage Weekend in July such a success. There were many people behind the scenes doing all kinds of chores, before, during and after the event to ensure things ran smoothly. Although not every one signed the visitors book there were about two hundred visitors and total donations amounted to just over five hundred pounds which, after a donation to the Church for their hospitality, will enable the work of the Pettistree Heritage Trust to continue.

*Joan*

### **SIMPLY SCRUMPTIOUS**

A very big thank you to all those who provided cakes for the refreshments stall at the Heritage Weekend in July. As you may have heard we made over £150 "Way above expectation". With the superb selection, who could resist!! (See Page 9)

So once again very many thanks for all the contributions and to those who helped man the stall.

*Ann Sayer and Barbara Perkins*

### **PRIDE OF PETTISTREE**

The magnificent rocking horse that was made by the late Sid Cripps of Penmaen has a new home at Gelham Hall. Margaret Holland was the successful highest bidder in the 'Silent auction' which appropriately was announced at the lunch hosted by the Holland family for the benefice congregations on August 7th. Margaret's 10 month old grandson William was the first to try out the horse and a very large smile signified his approval. Some members of the Cripps family were at the lunch and were delighted that the horse will be staying locally with a family who Sid knew well. In fact as Jeff Hallett said at the opening of the bids "Sid was one of the Farmhouse Cooking's first customers in the days when the business was a trestle table on Saturdays at the farm gate." The PCC are very grateful to the Cripps family as their generosity in donating the horse has meant a boost of over £1000 to the fabric fund of the church.

*Maggie Hallett*

## PETTISTREE HERITAGE WEEKEND EXHIBITION

My congratulations to the parishioners of the village who laid on the Exhibition in St Peter & St Paul's in July. A really excellent effort.

My own recollections and involvement with Pettistree were somewhat mirrored by the event. Centring on the subject of the social history of the village, it depicted life in Pettistree throughout the 20th century and beyond, though I hasten to add my own experiences do not delve quite that far back.

As I had moved out of the village some 30 years ago, it was with some trepidation I accepted the offer to have a stall of some of my photographs and publications of the village at the exhibition. Could I relate to those living in the parish now? Had Pettistree, like so many of its contemporaries, replaced its old agricultural image with a new characterless guise, where holiday homes abound or outsiders board in the properties only to return to their beloved towns and cities for their every need, thereby killing off the local community? Equally bearing in mind this was an historical exhibition of the parish's past, I did not consider myself old enough to have significant memories, which would be of interest to others. Oh how wrong can you be?

In order to break some proverbial ice, and with my wife and sister coming along for support, I went along on the Wednesday evening to help set things up. The first thing that struck me was the friendly community spirit within the band of helpers. Everyone was on first name terms, something which took some getting used to, and we just fitted back into the picture, as if we had never been away.

So come the Saturday morning as I set up my books and pictures of the village in the Church Room beside the parish survey exhibition, the familiar surroundings allowed me to merge further into the local scene. The fact that things were a little slow to get going allowed me to study the survey of the owners and occupants of the last 100 years. It was with great pride I was told, on more than one occasion, the response to the survey had been 99%.. The detail of the survey, which by including the occupations of the residents, clearly demonstrated there was no longer a reliance on agriculture for income, while the Millennium album, in containing pictures of each of the properties in the village, verified the Labourer's cottage image of many of them in the 1950s had now been confined to the history books. All of which told me Pettistree had evolved with the times.

Once Jeff Hallett had overcome some Microsoft problems, a lap top set up in the rooms, allowed access to Pettistree's own web site as well as some of Joan's data bases which proved both entertaining and educational to visitors and helpers alike, whether it was to trace an ancestor's marriage or one's own baptismal entry. The web site is very easy to navigate with interesting articles and pictures, equally with plenty of room for contributions from visitors from both near and far.

As I was based in the church room I took the chance, during quieter moments, to walk over to the main exhibition. However as soon as I walked in the doorway, I was made to realise I, myself, was now a part of the village's history. Pictures of events of the last 50 years, emphasised the era of my occupancy in the village, with fetes and church events depicting life as it was when the pace of life appeared so much slower than it does now.

Progress up the church aisle was slow, partly because of the enormous amount of information to hand, and partly by meeting up with old acquaintances, swapping memories and recollections, such as when you were allowed to chase rabbits in the harvest fields, and bowling for the pig at the annual fete. I must confess Rev Brandram's sermons would not have held my attention for the amount of time I spent in the pews on those two days discussing fishing expeditions to the Mount, or if the bells really did fall silent in the 1950s and 60s. It was the clock bell which tolled to tell us the morning service was 15 minutes away.

It took some four or five ventures into the church over the weekend before I managed to get up to the choir stalls, where I had once sat, singing 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter', and then to the organ, now sadly powered by electricity. Redundancy has obviously come right into the heart of our village; apparently there is no longer a job for a fit young lad to squeeze behind the organ, in order to

produce enough wind for the Morning Service and Evensong.

Presuming a continuation of the historical theme, visitors to the exhibition would have been forgiven for thinking Pettistree had attempted to recreate two most notable, historical artefacts. Firstly The Wooden Horse of Troy proved instead to be a magnificently carved Wooden Rocking horse, designed and made by one of the village's residents, the late Sid Cripps, and donated to the Village by his widow. Then, at the steps of the altar the piece de resistance; Pettistree's answer to the Bayeux tapestries, five impressive, skilfully made tapestries, [as shown on web page]. Commissioned for the village to celebrate the Millennium, they depict the four seasons of the year, and have an inbuilt observation puzzle which will keep parishioners and visitors bemused for years to come.

To cap everything off, we were invited to an excellent barbeque, in the barn and yard of Church Farm, something I can not recall Horry Last, 'bless him' ever doing.

So all in all, the Exhibition, proved that PETTISTREE has not only moved into the twenty first century, while retaining its communal image; it also has a wealth of history, enough to provide material for a host of historical studies. Its such a pity for it to be stored away for another five years, so come on you budding writers, this winter, when Folly Field and Rogues Lane are blocked with ten foot of snow so you can't get out, put pen to paper, or should that be finger to mouse, and help broadcast Pettistree's history to the nation, no that should be the world.

Well Done Pettistree!

*Ray Whitehand*

## Pettistree Heritage Weekend

This year's Heritage weekend on 3-4 July was the first time Peter & I had volunteered to help. Having just retired from working with the Parkinsons Disease Society I am delighted to be a new member of the committee. Peter was also more than happy to help with the exhibition and support with lifting and moving the display boards and exhibits.

The huge amount of exhibition material was astonishing.

Under the professional eye of Joan Peck we spent two days assembling the display.

The camaraderie among those assembling the work was apparent, making for an enjoyable and informative experience.

The efforts were proved to be worth while as a steady stream of visitors arrived during the week end to see the display of local history. Some people were updating on their own or their neighbours family history others interested to know more of the locality and the developments that have taken place over time.

The tea tent did a really good trade. They not only made money for the Trust to enable the work to continue but provided an opportunity for people to chat, rest and reflect in a tranquil environment.

At 5pm. on Sunday the 'big move' began in order to clear the church for evensong.

The heavy gang arrived and the team amazed everyone with the speed of the clear up operation .

The wealth of information and fascinating data has been gathered by Joan Peck, the chairman of the trust. This work now continues with the main emphasis on cataloging the research findings. The aim is to enter them on to a data base which will allow for easy access and cross referencing of the material.

The impact of Joan's research is far reaching and invaluable in respect of highlighting and enlightening us all on the social history and development of Peters tree, to Petestry and later to Pettistree.

*Rosie Hayward*

# VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2005

The last year has been dominated by the extension to the hall. Despite it only being a store, it has in fact improved the hall immensely. It offers a much safer environment, and improves the visual impact of the hall as you enter. It also gives us much more flexibility in how we can use the hall, particularly when it comes to serving food and drink.

The work undertaken was partly from our own funds but grants were obtained from Suffolk Coastal District Council, WREN (Waste Recycling Environment Network), the Wickham Market Partnership and Pettistree Parish Council. Particular mention should be made of Sheila Manning's work to secure the majority of this funding, and to record our thanks to the above organisations.

The village hall is maintained as a community resource and we are pleased to say that regular use is being made of it. Tai Chi has just celebrated its first year and a local band use it weekly for practice sessions.

Events to help raise funds have been well presented and supported throughout the year. Unfortunately we were forced to cancel the last event of the year, the Pub Games Evening, due to lack of interest/support.

We would urge all residents to let us know what they want in the way of events to enable us to maintain this valuable village amenity.

The above was my report given at the AGM. We currently have three vacancies on the committee; we would welcome any volunteers to join us but specifically would be keen to hear from anyone in Loudham or people with younger children – this will help us gain a better representation of the needs of the village.

Finally, please note two events for the Autumn:

24 September – Barbecue and Beetle Drive

12 November – Pub Games Evening

*Dave Caudwell*  
Chairman  
747170

### 100 Club

	1st	2nd	3rd
February	Kath Hilton	Maggie Hallett	Sheila Manning
March	Jarvis Kay	Tony Franklin	Nick Beagley
April	Peter Hayward	Cherry White	Alan Hunter
May	Janet Knights	Jane Welton	Alan Hunter
June	Brian Stollery	Suzy Hallett	John Barker
July	Cherry White	Rita Smith	Evelyn Whitfield

## Oliver Signy

Oliver Signy was in Scotland taking part with his horse in a two star, three day event at Bugie near Inverness.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June with the weather not very good and the ground very heavy, Oliver was doing very well and almost home with just three fences to go when Ollie's horse appeared to leave a leg behind while taking the four foot straw bales jump causing them to take a rotation fall. The horse rolled over the lower part of Ollie's body crushing his pelvis badly. With the going so heavy on the day there were a number of casualties.

Ollie was taken to Aberdeen Hospital, where he was looked after well for two weeks, he then transferred to Ipswich Hospital where he was looked after until returning home on the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Ollie is getting on very well but will need to work hard at getting fit with lots of physio and exercise because he is determined to be fit and competing again by the end of the season.

*As told by Clare*

We wish Ollie a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him on his horse once again.

## Carpet Bowls

The new season for Carpet Bowls at Pettistree will start on Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm. Last winter we played alternately at Pettistree one week and at Ufford the following Thursday, this will be repeated from 6th October.

Also the "Triangular Tournament' between Pettistree, Ufford, and Dallinghoo which was enjoyed by all those who took part last season, will be repeated. Will Pettistree be victorious again? Watch out for reports in your Pettistree People.

As always in these notes I include an invitation to anyone who wishes to come along and have a go - see you there.

*Mike Sayer*  
*Telephone 01394 460639*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to John Speedman On winning the Open Golf Cup for over 70's, held at Woodbridge Golf Club. John was competing against 90 other players from 33 clubs around East Anglia. He has had a particularly good season, having had in July a hole in one, the fifth of his career and having in April scored a gross 71st at Woodbridge thus realising the ambition of going round in under his age, something very few players ever contemplate.

It's nice to find there are some ambitions one can only achieve on getting older!

Congratulations to Peter & Rosie Hayward on becoming grandparents of a baby boy on August 19th just as this issue was ready for printing!

## Obituary

Mrs Doris Woodley was born at Pound Corner, Dallinghoo, on 8th July 1914 and moved to Low Farm, Pettistree, in 1924. She had two younger brothers. They went to school in Ufford and walked there but she was later given a bicycle and stayed on at school until she was fifteen. Her teacher was Miss Judd. Doris would have liked to have been a teacher but there was no money available to pay for training. She was married at Pettistree Church and, after spending the war years away near Saffron Walden, moved to Well Cottage in June 1946.

The cottage was once three cottages, Briar Cottage next door was two cottages and Cooper's Cottage was also two cottages. Potash Cottages replaced an older house pulled down by Mr. Lawn of Green Farm. Altogether nine families used the well in Mrs. Woodley's garden at Stump Street hence the name. There were no sinks or drains in any of the cottages.

Mrs Woodley's funeral took place in Wickham Church because of the Heritage Weekend and this was followed by internment in Pettistree Churchyard.

## Summer 2005 at Church Farm

This summer has been a very busy one at Church Farm. On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June I received my degree certificate from the Open University at a ceremony in Ely Cathedral. On the 11<sup>th</sup> June our daughter Katharine married Richard Frost in Pettistree Church, followed by celebrations in the barn with a marquee attached. June 18<sup>th</sup> saw Dick's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Then on July 2<sup>nd</sup> the village used the barn for a bar-becue during the Heritage Week-end.

### Rita's degree

In 1997 I learnt that the Open University was offering diploma courses in languages. Having failed French A level at school, I decided that I'd like to try again, and take it further. Thinking that an A level pass would be a requirement of the Open University, I registered with Suffolk College for their evening course in A level French and after 2 years study, was delighted to gain a B grade in the exam. Along the way, I learnt that the Open University DID NOT require an A level pass, (though a knowledge of the grammar certainly came in useful), so I registered with them in 1998 and did their 3 courses necessary to gain the diploma in the following 2 years.

I then had a year's break, during which time I spent 5 days cycling the C2C – from Whitehaven on the West coast, across The Lake District, over The Pennines, to Sunderland on the East. We kept to the 'Sustrans' off-road routes, averaging about 30 miles a day. I was hoping to get a bit fitter after all the sitting that I'd been doing.

When the new OU syllabuses were produced for 2001 I was tempted to continue studying, and decided to aim for a degree. Several of the courses appealed to me, and I chose 'The Enlightenment', which involved 18<sup>th</sup> century European cultural history. I sometimes wonder how I managed to do the work, because in the same year I produced *Joseph* in the barn, with the children whom I taught at Yoxford School, and also had 2 cataract operations. However, I discovered that if I got up at 6 o'clock every morning and worked without interruption for 2 hours, I could keep up with the course work, leaving the rest of the day free for housework, cleaning the barn for the play, teaching, and phone answering for the Vets. In 2002 I chose to study 'The Renaissance'. The following year the OU updated the French course that I'd studied earlier, providing 2 further courses, which I did in '03 and '04 and which gave me sufficient points to gain the coveted degree.

I learnt on Christmas Eve 2004 that I'd gained a Bachelor of Arts with Honours, Upper Second-class, and can only say I felt 'puffed with pride'. Youngest son George explained to me that an upper second

was the drinking-man's First, but I suppose in my case I'll have to refer to it as the housewife's First! It was really great to have my family around me at the degree ceremony in Ely Cathedral. Stephen had returned from Indonesia, Katharine from Exmouth, and George from Edinburgh, and together with Dick they managed to get an excellent seat in the cathedral and gave me a terrific cheer when I received my certificate from the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Linda Jones.

### **Katharine and Richard's Wedding**

When Kath and Rich said that they would like to have their wedding reception in the barn at Church Farm, I felt both concerned and pleased. Concerned because of the massive amount of work that would be necessary to make it acceptable, but pleased because it would be a good job done.

Throughout the year, somehow or other, most of the work was accomplished. The barn was made dove proof, the remaining straw bales removed, the tractor attachments found a new home, and the walls and floor cleaned with a compressor. I lifted several areas of old brick flooring which rats had made very uneven, and levelled the sand beneath. We emptied the cow sheds of the clutter of decades so that the caterer could use them as her kitchen; and Dick constructed a sweet pea arch, and a special walkway of blue and white flowers.

As the bells rang out for 2 o'clock on 11<sup>th</sup> June, it was wonderful to see so many of our friends and family gathered in the church, beautifully decorated with white flowers by Sue Lewis, Cath Caudwell and Pauline Barley. Kath and Dick walked up the aisle to the music of '*All Creatures Great and Small*' by Johnny Pearson, and Kath and Rich were married by the Rev. John Eldridge in a very friendly, relaxed service. During the signing of the register, Megan Peel sang '*He shall feed his flock*' from Handel's Messiah, which was a beautiful addition.

We all walked back to Church Farm for a champagne reception in the garden, and then passed through the sweet-pea arch to an excellent meal in the barn and marquee, of asparagus, cold spiced beef with salads, and raspberry sorbet in a brandy-snap basket, prepared by Sally Grimwood, a friend from the Red Poll Society. In the evening, The Hussy Band, who had spent the Winter ski-season playing in the Alps, seemed perfectly at home playing in the barn, which looked beautiful with its 'twinkling star' lights, provided by Aaron Nobbs. We had a break for a Ploughman's supper, which included Red Poll and Shropshire cheeses (Richard's family coming from Shropshire), and at midnight Kath and Rich were cheered on their way, under a long archway of waving sparklers, to their waiting taxi and Seckford Hall. Whereas everyone else had had to borrow coats or wraps to keep warm, as the day had been quite chilly, Kath managed to stay in just her beautiful white wedding dress, and looked absolutely radiant throughout the whole day. On Sunday they came back to Church Farm, Kath proudly wearing a white tee shirt with the words 'Mrs. Frost' printed on it. On Monday morning they left for their honeymoon of a week in Fiji, followed by 4 weeks in New Zealand where they watched one of The Lions v. The All Blacks rugby tests – the ticket being a present from her brother George.

We were in no doubt that the hard work had all been very worthwhile.

### **Heritage Week-end Village BBQ**

As Church Farm and the Barn had been so spruced-up for the wedding, it was good to be able to use it again for the barbecue on July 2nd. Jimmy and Pauline Jarvie did the arrangements for the villagers and helpers as part of the Heritage Week-end celebrations. Jimmy made light work of barbecuing over 100 sausages and burgers, which were accompanied by Pauline's super salads, and followed by Red Poll cheese which remained from the wedding. It was an excellent opportunity to meet the relative 'new-comers' to the village, and proved to be a really friendly, enjoyable evening.

*Rita Smith*

## LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

### Approx measures

(6oz) margarine or softened butter  
(6oz) caster sugar  
3 large eggs  
(6oz) self-raising flour, sifted  
1tsp baking powder  
Grated rind of one lemon  
Pinch of salt  
Juice from 2 lemons  
Sugar jelly lemons for decoration

### Lemon butter filling

(6 oz) softened butter  
2 tablespoons of Lemon juice  
8oz icing sugar

### For the drizzle topping

(4oz) of granulated sugar  
(1/2 lemon juice

- Heat the oven to 180C (gas mark 4). Lightly grease 2 (7in) round cake tins with a little extra butter or margarine and cut a piece of greaseproof paper or non-stick baking parchment to fit the base of the tin.
- Put all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl and beat together with a hand-held mixer for 1 minute, or until just combined. Try not to over beat the mixture just long enough to make it smooth.
- Pour or spoon the mixture into the tins, smooth the top and bake on the middle shelf of the oven for about 45-50 minutes. The cake is cooked when it looks well risen and golden; touch the top, it should spring back when lightly touched with a fingertip. Another test is to insert a knife into the centre of the cake - it should come out clean.
- Meanwhile to make the icing, beat the icing sugar, lemon juice and butter together until a creamy texture. Spread on one half of the cake nice and even then place the other half on top.
- When cooled, prick the top with a skewer. Combine the granulated sugar lemon juice, without letting the sugar dissolve. Pour the sugar mixture over the top of the hot cake. The juice will sink in and the sugar will form a crunchy topping if you are lucky!
- Easy pesy, lemon squeezy!**—says *Linda Sherrington*

*It was thought that people might like to share their favourite recipes. The lemon drizzle cake was very popular at the Heritage Weekend and there are others to come. If you have a favourite recipe of any kind please send it for publication in future issues.*

*Ed*

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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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The Three Tuns      Kirsty & Steve      74 6244

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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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