



Pettistree People

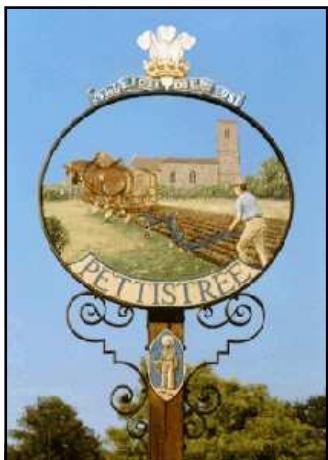
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Parish Council News



In the last three months we have said goodbye to our rather dismal summer weather and are well on into autumn with preparations for winter weather. The Parish Council has had a new notice board erected beside the post box at the Green. This board can be used by anyone in the village for general notices whereas the glass-fronted notice board beside the Greyhound Pub is kept for official notices of Council business. Notices can however still be put there by arrangement with me or the Parish Clerk if space allows. Do keep an eye on the notice boards because notices of legal importance are displayed from time to time.

The bus shelter has had a clear-out and a post erected for the timetable by Nick Beagley but please could everyone using the bus shelters do a bit to keep them tidy.

Hedge-cutting has now been done either by landowners themselves or by using the contractor organised by the Parish Council. Landowners are of course responsible for paying for the work even on the roadside. Unfortunately the only work done and paid for by the district council is the one meter wide cut of the grass on the road verge.

Maureen Stollery and I had a very productive site meeting with Mr Steve Aldous from the SCC Highways Department on the B1438 on 14th August. Our concerns over the state of the footpath were explained and he undertook to do as much as possible under his repairs budget. Major rebuilding of the footpath would not be possible. He also undertook to inspect the road to Hungarian Hall near Low Farm where the surface and edges are breaking down. The footpath has already been cleared from Pettistree House to North Lodge and many holes filled in. We are still looking into ways of limiting speed near the Three Tuns crossroads where there are real road safety concerns.

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Work on the survey of villagers to formulate a Parish Plan has come to an end. The original group preparing the survey dwindled to Peter Hayward, Henrietta Kay and Carol Edworthy but the report is now at the printing stage and should be presented at our next Parish Council meeting on 18th November. The Parish Council will take note of it when general and specific planning matters are being considered, but some wants, such as provision of a mains gas supply, are unlikely to be achievable

Local Government re-organisation is still an unknown quantity. We have no idea what the final arrangement will be or whether we shall still have a District Council and County Council. Parish Councils are almost certain to continue and may have added responsibilities that will make it even more important for people to have their say and hopefully assist in the work of the Parish Council.

Jeff Hallett Chairman Pettistree Parish Council November 2008

From the Greyhound

Paul and Margi and all the Staff at The Greyhound Inn, would like to wish all their customers old and new a Very Happy Christmas and New Year. Since we arrived in April this year the support we have had from the villages of Pettistree, Loudham, Wickham Market, Ufford, Melton, Hacheston, Campsea Ash, Dallinghoo, Charsfield and Bredfield, as well as much further a field has been phenomenal if not overwhelming. We are often surprised as to how far people have travelled and will travel to visit us and for that we would like to acknowledge the long distances and obstacles people have endured to experience our food, beers and wine and hopefully our hospitality.

The long months of January, February and March will be telling times for The Greyhound but we are sure that once the warm weather and lighter evenings get here the beer garden will once again become a hive of activity.

There are lots of people we could thank especially for our welcome and making the pub become the hub of village activity again but a few spring to mind;- our near neighbours Steve and Jill for arranging the monthly folk night (2nd Monday), Jackie and Kath for the book Club (monthly) Michael for the Pub Church Group (Last Sunday Monthly) Alison and Maggie for The Ladies Communion Group (3rd Friday Monthly), John and Margaret, the Vicars, for their continued support and assistance with The Charity Harvest Thanks Giving Auction, all our neighbours for enduring the parking situation which does at times become difficult. I am sure I have left several people out but please take it from all of us at 'The Greyhound' your welcome and support has been greatly appreciated and we will do our best to ensure 'The Greyhound' carries on next year in the tradition our staff have worked so hard to provide.

Seasons Greetings to you all and thank you, again.

Petanque

The Petanque is taking off with another awareness session having been held on Sunday 23rd November, 2008 with a group of approx 20 people attending. The Season starts in earnest in the spring when it is anticipated The Greyhound will field two teams of four for alternate sessions which should be held on a friendly basis every three weeks or thereabouts on a home and away basis during the summer.



Paraphrases from Erasmus



During a recent visit to Pettistree the Archdeacon recognised a book held in the Waterloo chest near the choir stalls as an “Erasmus”. It is in fact a translation by Nicholas Udall of Erasmus’ paraphrase (or commentary) on the New Testament originally written in Latin. This paraphrase volume has been held by the Church in Pettistree from soon after it was published in 1548.

In English Bible history this is a very important discovery and would originally have been a two-volume work: Pettistree holds volume one. It was published in Fleet Street by Edward Whitchurche. The copy in Pettistree is missing the paraphrase on St John’s Gospel but Matthew, Mark and Luke are intact.

The context of this publication. Edward VI, the son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour came to the throne in 1547 at the age of nine dying just six years later. During Edward’s short reign Protestantism was established for the first time in England following Henry severing the link between the Church of England and Rome. The architect of the Protestant reforms at this time was Thomas Cranmer whose Book of Common Prayer was introduced in 1550. Under the influence of Henry’s last wife Katherine Parr, Edward was reunited with his elder sisters Mary (daughter of Catherine of Aragon) and Elizabeth (daughter of Anne Boleyn) who, due to the Act of Succession had been restored to the line of succession. On Edward’s death Mary was summoned back to London from Framlingham Castle assuming the Crown in 1553. During her five year reign Mary Tudor earned the name “Bloody Mary” having many notable clerics executed during her persecution of Protestants. These included Thomas Cranmer.

Katherine Parr, a sympathetic step-mother to Mary and Elizabeth, supported translation into English of Erasmus paraphrases by various people including Nicholas Udall and indeed Princess Mary (later Queen Mary Tudor) who was entrusted with translating St John’s Gospel. Injunctions issued early in the reign of Edward VI ordered the clergy to put a copy of a translation of the paraphrases of the gospels, in Nicholas Udall’s edition, into every parish church. Queen Elizabeth continued these injunctions through her reign. Many copies would have been destroyed under Mary, when Catholicism returned making the Pettistree copy a rarity.

The volume held in Pettistree has lost its binding but it would originally have been bound in brown leather over heavy wooden boards with gilt tooled designs of interlace and floral scrolls. Clasps and corner supports would have been made of brass. The Town Library of Ipswich houses copies of both volumes originally from St Stephens. The Ipswich Town Library is a closed collection of about 1000 books published between 1474 and 1760 bequeathed by various Suffolk worthies for the use of the town’s preachers.

Of particular significance to Pettistree is proof that the paraphrases were used regularly by Leonard Staveley, Vicar of the parish during the 16th century. Staveley’s transcript of the earliest register of the parish dating from 1539 is annotated with his philosophy – *Lyfe is strife* - and this annotation can also be seen in the Erasmus.

The importance of this volume to the village of Pettistree and its heritage is immeasurable. Due to this it will no longer be housed in the Church but will be made available for viewing when the Church stages special displays. Meanwhile if anyone would be interested in a private viewing this can be arranged by contacting Maggie Hallett. 01728 746 210

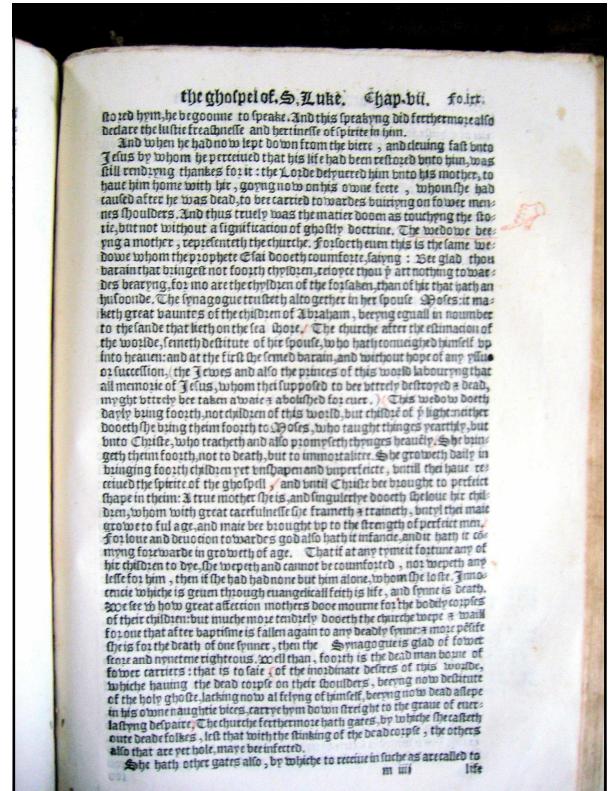
*Joan Jordan
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It was during the 'Open Churches Week' that the Erasmus book was displayed with other church documents. Whilst looking at it I noticed the date of 1548 and half jokingly suggested that perhaps the Rev Leonard Staveley the Vicar of Pettistree who transcribed the 1539 register in 1598 and died in 1620 might have used the book at some time. During the week it was noticed that there were annotations and some of them in the form of little hands pointing to certain passages. These drawings were identical to those in the register, proof enough that the book was being used over four hundred years ago in the village and has remained here ever since.

Joan Peck

Luke Chapter 7

The widowe being a mother, representeth the church for soeth even this is the same widowe whom the prophet Esai dooeth comforte-----



From the Register written by Rev Leonard Stavely

Extract referring to Queen Elizabeth I in 1598 and also the

1597/8	1598/9
Baptisms	
Barbaria Hoff	
Septuagesima	
Mon. Decem. Septem. 1598.	
Jhesus Rovere	
Baptismus quarti die mensis septembris.	
Francysca Cromant	
Baptismus	
Decimo die Octobrie; 1598.	
Margaria Parker	
Baptismus	
Decimo die Novembrie.	
Elizab. R. A. baptizata et primi annos eiusdem aetatis.	
Dorothea Jaye	
Septuagesima	
Quarto die mensis Januarij.	
Anthomis Kemp	
Baptismus	
Septimo die mensis Januarij. 1598.	
Margaria Cooke	
Baptismus	

Baptismus	Francysca Cromant filia Robt. de vo. Wm. And. Lee. Mat. ev. & Cyna. N. vno Baptizata fuit. Die 10. Oct. 1598.
Baptismus	Primo die Octobrie; 1598.
Baptismus	Margaria Parker filia Robt. de vo. Wm. And. Lee. Mat. ev. & Cyna. N. vno Baptizata fuit.
Baptismus	Decimo die Novembrie.
Baptismus	Elizab. R. A. baptizata et primi annos eiusdem aetatis.
Baptismus	Dorothea Jaye Anna, mzo Regis.
Baptismus	Septuagesima.
Baptismus	Quarto die mensis Januarij.
Baptismus	Anthomis Kemp singulam, & Margareta Ryans de Laxfield eiusdem aetatis.

Burial of Dorothea Jaye. Note the hands in the margins

Harvest Festival Auction at the Greyhound

Harvest Festival appeared to be continuing the very wet theme that has accompanied most of the events this year. However, by 5.00 pm the rain had eased and we had an excellent evening. The church was looking beautiful as those who decorate for festivals had once again captured the Harvest feel and we are very grateful for all their effort.



Following the service we adjourned (with all the saleable produce) to The Greyhound, which with the addition of a small marquee proved to be an ideal venue for further harvest celebration and an auction of gifts. Sooty Hawes our suitably persuasive auctioneer encouraged some generous bidding and £520.00 was raised. This has been divided between the East Anglian Children's Hospice which supports local children and their families, and Build Africa a charity that supports African families which have been devastated by disease (mainly AIDS) by giving the youngsters training and then supplying a chicken-rearing kit to enable them to become self-sufficient.

This was a First for Pettistree and we wish to thank all those who supported the event and particularly Paul & Margi for offering the pub as the venue, and coming up with the idea.

Maggie Hallett



An Invitation

Once again Dick and Rita Smith would like to invite you to come and sing carols in the barn at Church Farm, Pettistree, on Friday 19th December at 7.00 for 7.15pm.

The carols will be followed by one of Jimmy and Pauline's BBQ's. Free tickets are available from Rita, but we ask for donations towards the BBQ, with any profit being divided between the Starlight Children's Foundation and the Tree of Life Foundation, This is an orphanage in Indonesia which our son Stephen has started (please see www.gunungan.org).

Dick and Rita Smith (01728 746708)

New Friends

We welcome John & Saska Bierowiec and their family to Pettistree. John & Saska are too busy to write for us at the moment as they are renovating Pettistree Cottage. We look forward to hearing from them in our next issue.

Old Peoples Charter

On 1st of October 2008 I was invited to Trinity Park with members of major organisations in Suffolk, including the business, statutory and voluntary sectors and , of course like my self, older people. It came under the heading of AGE Concern.

We were greeted with coffee and able to chat to other guests, after which the business began with speakers from the CO-SIGNATORIES to the Charter from which came words of wisdom and great ideas which we hope will be put into practice.

Then amid the flashing of cameras, the District and Borough councils, the NHS Trust of Suffolk and all the People present signed the Charter.

After lunch we were entertained by Charlie Haylock who compered a varied programme of entertainment for the afternoon which was enjoyed by all.

We felt we had made history and a step in the right direction.

What is it?

Sixty years ago, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at a meeting in Paris. This Declaration was a kind of universal people's Charter – 'a common standard of achievement for all people and all nations'.

This document proved to be one of the most important steps taken in modern times in securing effective national and international recognition of rights to which all human beings are entitled. Following this historic act the General Assembly then called upon all member countries to publicise the text consisting of 33 articles and to have it displayed and read in schools and other educational institutions throughout every member country.

So why in 2008?

Sixty years on, is there a need to have a Charter for Older People in Suffolk? Surely we live in a democratic society, it is however, easy to be complacent and we need to take stock and ensure that we are delivering a fully just society and not one based on assumptions.

Every man, woman and child seeks equal justice, opportunity and dignity without discrimination. Without action to uphold them close to home,, we shall look in vain for progress in the world at large.

The Charter is laid out in a way that reflects:

- 1) The rights that older people in Suffolk should be entitled to enjoy.
- 2) The opportunities they should expect.
- 3) The responsibilities and aspiration of those who provide activities, services and support for older people.

The Charter recognises that rights and responsibilities require that we all:

- a) Stop thinking about narrowly defined care services and start to think about the right to live independently as well as the support they may need.
- a) Share responsibility for changing attitudes and approaches to ageing among individuals, families, the community, local authorities and the Government.
- c) Provide more flexible services so as to over come barriers, which enable people to achieve the solutions that work best for them.

Maureen Stollery

Pettistrree Heritage

Sound recording and oral history.

The group have been making sound and video recordings of local people and events to be held in the Pettistrree Heritage archives.

We have made sound recordings of events such as ‘Carols in the Barn’ and the experiences and life-styles past and present of local residents.

We are particularly interested in recording the Suffolk dialect and the changing face of Suffolk.

The group wish to carry on with this project and expand the library of recordings.

During the past year the trusty sound recorder used for some years ceased to function. As a voluntary organisation we reviewed many possible sources of funding in order to replace the equipment.

We also took professional advice on the future purchase so that the quality of the recording would stand the test of time for future generations to use by reproducing the speech patterns accurately.

Clare Aitcheson our local councillor considered our application for funding and has granted £500 toward the cost of a new sound recorder taken from the Locality Budget..

We are exceedingly grateful to her for the support she has given to the oral history project. Without the new equipment we would not be able to carry on with the work.

If you feel you have valuable and interesting experiences related to living and working in Suffolk that you would like to put on record do please get in touch with someone from the Pettistrree Heritage Committee.

Rosie Hayward

A Grave Business

On a dark night in November you would think there might be a certain reluctance to turn out for the main event in the Pettistrree Heritage calendar, especially when the topic for the evening did on the surface appear to be a touch gloomy. This was not the case and the hall was soon buzzing with chatter and seats were filled.

Before welcoming the speaker, Joan Peck thanked Mr Nick Jenkins who had come along to record the event on equipment acquired by Pettistrree Heritage thanks to a grant from Clare Aitcheson’s Locality Budget (SCC Councillor)

She also took the opportunity to thank Ray Whitehand for the help he had given obtaining information from the Records Office and Mr Michael Watts, who had ‘volunteered’ at the AGM and was producing an up to date survey of the Churchyard. An exhibition was on display in the hall with details of past and present surveys.

Joan introduced the speaker Mr Peter Driver and it didn’t take long to realise how much we could learn about those who had gone before by just walking around a church and its surroundings. All aspects of social life are there if we only look – social standing, fashion, professions, family portraits and on a lighter level humour.

The Romans were the first to record and examples of notable soldiers in uniform and dress of the time can be seen in the towns they built, including Colchester. The Romans didn’t just send armies to conquer lands they encouraged their soldiers to settle and marry local girls and to this end they would be

given land.

Peter moved on to nobility and the tombs of dukes and earls. The departed would be shown in full armour with hands in supplication (praying plus a generous donation to the monks would ensure a speedy route to heaven), whilst his good lady lay beside him. She would be shown lower than her husband and would be against the wall as befitting her ‘second fiddle’ status. Marriages were arranged and women had no choice in the matter. At this time images were cartoons rather than actual likenesses. Brasses cost less and were favoured by merchants who liked to consider themselves above the lower classes.

Suffolk, we learnt, is the burial place of Mary Tudor, the sister of Henry VIII. Her first marriage to King Louis of France was an arranged marriage. She was in her late teens and he was in his 50s. He died three months later and when her in-laws started negotiations to arrange a second marriage for her, Henry sent the Duke of Suffolk over to collect her, so he could arrange a more suitable marriage. The Duke and Mary Tudor secretly married, much to Henry’s annoyance. After the payment of a massive fine to him the couple settled at Westhorpe near Stowmarket and when she died Mary was buried at Bury St Edmunds. Following the dissolution of the Monasteries her remains were moved to St. Mary’s Bury St. Edmunds. Some years later she was moved to another part of the same Church. On her memorial stone her first husband’s name is spelt Lewis not Louis. It is left to the imagination why.

Closer to hand we were shown images of the Howard tombs: the 4th Duke backed the wrong side so he was beheaded which meant the mason put the coronet by the side of his feet. He would have been wearing it if he had been in favour with the king. At his feet are the Golden Lion and the Blue Boar, part of his regalia. The memorial to members of the Tollemache family made in London was so large the gable had to be cut to fit it into the church.

In the late 1600s early 1700s wall tablets became fashionable in towns. They were the merchants equivalent of the family portrait. Under the image of the parents the sons would be depicted on one side and the daughters on the other. If the son or daughter were holding or had a skull beside them they had predeceased their parents and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes died at birth. In Puritan times skeletons were often depicted and a skull and crossbones did not mean a pirate was the subject of the memorial. The soul was important, not the body. After 1730 cherubs became the fashion, not always pretty as borne out by the slide of the Cherubs on a stone in Southwold.

The earliest memorial stone in Suffolk is dated 1598 as there is no local stone unlike Derbyshire where the earliest is dated 1458. Peter pointed out that if you took an average of 6 – 8 deaths per year, the number of persons buried in the churchyard could be in the region of 10,000. Paths in churchyards are often much lower than the burial sites which would have built up over the years as more and more bodies were interred.

By Victorian times headstones had got much larger. Realising not everybody could read images were carved depicting trades. At Otley John Steptoo was the sexton and his shows a coffin, a pick, an hour-glass and spade. A more gruesome example in Suffolk is on the headstone of a surgeon and shows an early stethoscope and various bits of innards. To thwart bodysnatchers iron grilles were fitted over the graves. Not many examples remain as they were removed during World War II. We learnt that an



An informative, enjoyable, humourous evening with Peter Driver



unfortunate soldier in Westerfield survived the Napoleonic Wars to return home only to be accidentally shot by a friend. We heard about the memorial to the 538 soldiers from Woodbridge Barracks who died not as a result of war but disease and of a camp follower who had followed her husband from battle to battle and had been present at Balaclava and Sebastopol.

We saw images of the grave of the Newbourne Giant and of the schoolmaster's headstone complete with spike to stop his pupils leapfrogging over his grave and the dripping pan in the headstone of the coachman who liked his bread and dripping. We laughed at the poor man who died after 8 years of lingering for sleeping in a damp bed. Was "Suffered in Silence" the best line to finish with on a memorial to a man thrice married. We saw several cases of recycling – one as close as Wickham - two graves but only one headstone, with a reference to the adjoining grave. Was forkner a dialect word for falconer, was Lettice cut down and was God a Chinaman "Praise the Lord for his good Woks". We may never know the answer to it all, but it made a good end to the night.

Evelyn Whitfield

Policing in Pettistree

In the June 2007 issue of Pettistree People I wrote an article describing the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing in the Woodbridge area and what it meant for policing in your village. You may recall that the area policed from Woodbridge police station (and the satellite station at Kesgrave), was divided up into four new "neighbourhoods" with a safer neighbourhood team (SNT) of officers assigned to each area. Pettistree was included in the "Woodbridge & Melton SNT" and I was one of the officers on that team, with Sergeant Chris Gilmore in charge. Neighbourhood policing has been in place for about eighteen months now and the Constabulary recently concluded a review into how the new system was working. It was decided that there should be some changes, but only two will affect the village and they are as follows.

Firstly the number of neighbourhoods is being reduced from four to two and as our overall area will stay the same the new neighbourhoods are obviously going to be larger. Pettistree will be in the Woodbridge and District SNT area and the other area will be the Kesgrave and District SNT. You will no doubt be pleased to know that Pettistree is now back in the same area as Wickham Market, as the two communities obviously have close links.

The other main change concerns the role of the officers based at the two stations. The majority will be doing the everyday response policing, dealing with emergencies and other incidents as they are reported to us or are discovered by patrolling officers. The actual SNT officers will be community focused and their job will be to get to know their local communities and liaise with partner organisations such as local councils, schools and housing associations to solve problems. In the past SNT officers have sometimes been abstracted from these duties to help out with other matters, but there is now a vigorous policy in place to prevent this happening, so that they can concentrate on their community work.

Sergeant Chris Gilmore will continue to be in charge of your SNT and the team can be contacted (for non emergencies only) by e-mail at woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or via our main switchboard on 01473 613500. In an emergency always dial 999.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I will be retiring from the Suffolk Constabulary in the very near future after more than 30 years service. I will miss Pettistree and I wish you all the very best for the future.

PC Mark Thompson



Remembrance Day

This year the Vicar, John Eldridge, was able to take the short service at the Pettistree War Memorial on the 11th day of the 11th month. The two minutes silence was observed at 11 O'clock . After the prayers Peter Schurr CBE laid the wreath in memory of those who gave their lives in the two world wars.

Poppy Appeal

Once again, very many thanks to the Pettistree residents and visitors for their contributions to this appeal. This generosity translated into an increased house to house collection of £435.56 this amount combined with collections from the Geyhound and Three Tuns, the purchase of the memorial wreath and the gift aid return of £87.71 resulted in a grand total of £619.58 an outstanding 39% increase on last year.

Ninety years after the end of the First World War and the ongoing campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan continue to highlight the importance of the Poppy Appeal.

Thanks also goes to Maureen Stollery and Kath Hilton who have both been willing collectors for the last ten years.

Ann Sayer

Storm Damage

Well you must have all seen or heard of our trail of destruction at Presmere Road. It was rather frightening. I think Brian described it very well when he said it felt like a helicopter on top of the roof. The wind was so strong with debris flying high in the air and the tree crashing down and rain lashing on the windows. One thing to be thankful for there was that no one was injured.

Once it was safe to venture out side we could see all the fencing was in bits, tiles off the garage roof, the green house bent with glass strewn over the garden and field, our lovely cedar tree down and damage to the conservatory roof. Oh what a mess!

Most of the debris has now been cleared and we are waiting for the go-ahead for the builder to carry out the repairs and we shall be as good as new.

We hope it does not pay us a visit ever again.

Maureen Stollery



The centre taken out of the cedar tree

We couldn't let the local and national papers, including "The Times," print this scoop and not mention it in Pettistree People—JP

Burials

We are sorry to record the deaths of Mr Fred Kent, sometime gardener at Loudham Hall.

Mr Melvyn Tyte who lived at Stone Hall with his parents.

Mr Ronnie Gormer who was born in Grove Farm House, worked there and lived in Woodlands.

Our sympathies to all their families.

SUFFOLK PEOPLE'S AWARD

I want to give you advance notice of a new initiative that the County Council will be taking in partnership with The Evening Star newspaper. The initiative is an award scheme for the unsung heroes in our communities. Its purpose is to publicly give recognition to the strength of community spirit that exists across the county. In terms of hardship we know that communities fall back even more on acts of kindness and support from good neighbours. We want to honour that and show the positive side of our communities.

The Awards will help to celebrate community cohesion and build further local pride by nominees being featured in The Evening Star in the run up to the final decision. The Awards will showcase local people together with public sector workers who are acting above and beyond the call of duty to make Suffolk a better place for others.

Whilst the Awards will be run in partnership with The Evening Star, there will also be support provided by the East Anglian Daily Times and other local newspapers to ensure a county-wide balance. The Awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in early February in Endeavour House.

The Evening Star newspaper is already very committed to the idea of promoting the Awards and running a public campaign, asking for nominations and featuring a range of related stories. However, in order for there to be the greatest breadth of nominations possible and to identify the real 'unsung' heroes and heroines, I would very much like to encourage you to put forward nominations. You will know many people in your Parish who are well deserving of recognition.

The proposed categories are:

1. Volunteer of the Year
2. Carer of the Year
3. Foster Parents of the Year
4. Most Courageous Child
5. Act of Outstanding Bravery
6. Emergency service person
7. Best Neighbour
8. Most Inspirational Teacher
9. Greatest Sport Achievement
10. Employee of the Year
11. Unsung Hero/ Heroine
12. Hospital Hero/ Heroine

A Change

As we are using a new printing firm, the cover pages of Pettistree People will contain coloured pictures and the rest will be black and white. This will keep costs to a minimum.

Our thanks to Heather who has done such a good job printing previous issues and also supplying the word search.

Bird Scarers

A reply from Richard Hayward to Parish Council

Dear Geoff

Thank you for the information and your most reasonable & practical approach to this ongoing problem. Which unfortunately is unlikely to disappear. I will outline the current & foreseeable situation as I see it developing for this year, & how I believe is the best way to resolve any particular issues.

Oilseed Crops 2008 / 2009

Following a long & drawn out harvest these crops were sown later than normal but the last still inside the considered sowing window by around 10 days. From word go they were under attacks from slugs as a result of the wet summer but fortunately largely unaffected by pigeons until recently. Crop establishment has also been slowed by the two unseasonable cold snaps we have had during October & it looks like we are in for another this weekend. Pigeons are now grazing these crops & I would anticipate the problem stopping them getting worse over the winter. It is my opinion that Gas Bird Scarers are the most effective & practical means of deterrent provided they are moved about & mixed with other methods. Unfortunately the pigeon problem does seem to get worse, their population seems to expand faster than the dwindling numbers of pigeon shooters can reduce them which requires more robust control. This control is of course not popular.

The present location of scarers are 1; at southern end of field behind Thatcher's, 2; west side of Crown Nursery wood (this completely unmanaged woodland is a source of constant frustration to us which the owners refuse to do any thing about), 3; along Home Farm road, 4; Corner of Dick Smiths meadow opposite my fathers house.

These devices are set to emit 2 bangs every 40 minutes from dawn to dusk. They are sited where I consider them to be most effective while respecting the proximity to residents. From time to time their location & or direction will be changed.

Where residents are unhappy or the devices are malfunctioning phoning me direct is by far the most sensible & quick way of trying to resolve the issue, it allows me to instantly identify the offending device & discuss with the person concerned any ways we can resolve the matter. If they are still unhappy then there is always the council.

My mobile number is 07944 398493.

Village residents can help too! It is paramount that pigeons are kept off these crops, the more they are allowed to graze the more robust the deterrent programme has to become. Please do let me know if you see pigeons on my crops & if you are able, try & scare the blooming things off. Thank you.

Please also be advised that I have a number of people that shoot pigeons and at times this may be the noise source, and following the banning of an effective gassing product we are also now using an explosive method to collapse rabbit warrens which will result in bangs on days when we are using it. It would be my intention not to operate this in sensitive areas on successive days.

Thank you all for your understanding

Kind regards

Richard

Notices

PETTISTREE'S SERVICES AT CHRISTMAS

St Peter & St Paul, Pettistree PCC

Wishes a Very Happy Christmas to all Pettistree residents, and invites you to join us at the Carol Service on Sunday December 21st at 9.30 am.

This will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.

On Christmas Day at 9.30 am there will be a service of Holy Communion suitable for all the family which will be led by the Rev. Margaret Blackall.

Greyhound

Tuesday December 16th

Grand Christmas Draw
Prizes-£100 cash
Food Hamper
Traditional Spirits,Wines
Tickets available at the Pub
20% to the Suffolk Horse Society

Christmas Eve

Special Appearance
Carol Singers 9.0pm
Father Christmas 11.00 pm
Presents for loved ones £10
each with £2.50 going to
Children's Hospice

New Years Eve

Special New Year Menu
Numbers limited

N B No food served in bar Christmas Eve or New Years Eve in order to leave drinking space for regular customers.

Christmas Day

Open for drinks only 12 noon to 2.00pm.

Closed

Boxing Day to Monday 29th December 2008

Re-opening

Food & drink Tuesday 30th December

Village Hall

2009

Burn's Night	February 7th
Pub Games	March 21st
Open Gardens in Pettistree	27th/28th June

New Parish Clerk

**Mr Mike Flanagan
Tel No 01394 389 472**

Mike Flanagan has been appointed to be the new Parish Clerk. He can be contacted on the above telephone number

Parish Councillors

Jeff Hallett Chairman The Laurels	746210
Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman 746653	
Nick Beagley The Grange	746334
Kathy Wilton Home Farm Barn	746307
Peter Hayward Green Farm	746558
Elaine Boardley 1 Hungarian Close	01394 461451
Mary Chilvers Coopers Cottage	746123

County & District Councillors

Mrs Clare Aitchison Co Councillor 01394 383759
Mr Michael Bond, District Councillor
Mr Jim Bidwell

Neighbourhood Watch

Dave Caudwell Rogues Cottage	01728747170
Mike Sayer Hungarian Close	01394 460 639

Pettistree Web Site

www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service Home Fire Safety Check

The fire & rescue service is now carrying out **FREE** Home Fire Safety Checks to identify any areas of concern within your home.

We fit **FREE** 10 year Smoke Alarms as part of the safety Check.

Advice can be offered on
Smoke alarm testing and maintenance;
Escape plans;
Kitchen safety plans;
Electrical safety

Members of the Fire and Rescue Service who all carry photo identification carry out these safety checks.

If you would like a **FREE** home Fire Safety Check please contact the Community Fire Safety on the number below.

Tel; 01473 260586

Useful people to contact

Vicar	Rev John Eldridge	01728 746026
Bellringers	Mary Garner	01728746097
Churchwardens	Brian Nobbs	01728746590
Village Hall Booking Secretary	Pauline Jarvie	1728 745030
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
Age Concern	Maureen Stollery	01728 746653
The Three Tuns		01728 746244
The Greyhound		01728746451
Wickham Market Health Centre		0844 477 2557
Wickham Market Post Office		01728 746201
Library		01728 747216
Dial A Ride		01473 281194

Daisy & Jake Kiddy



Daisy has always been pony mad, (it's probably hereditary) and it looks as though her little brother Jake is following in her boots! Daisy was first put on a pony at about a year old but it wasn't until we got Jack a wilful but honest Shetland that she really got keen, unfortunately this great partnership was to be shortlived as a severe attack of colic meant Daisy had to learn at a young age that ponies do not live for ever. After searching for the right pony for months and trying out some utter demons we were offered Tufty on loan and they just clicked.

In a short space of time she was off the lead rein and doing small jumps and pony club was more fun now that mum wasn't running beside her! Through the summer she has had great fun and lots of success at local shows and three days of junior camp with the Easton Harriers Pony Club where she passed her D test (pretty good as she had only just turned 6).

Jake has also won his first rosette (a 3rd in the tiny tots gymkhana!) just before his 2nd birthday and if its possible he's keener than Daisy so we now have two of them fighting over the same pony.

All good things must come to an end however and Tufty's owners now want him back as a companion pony so we are on the search again but this time for two of them!



The pictures were taken by Eastern Lights Photography at Westerfield in August where Daisy and Tufty had a particularly good day!

Amy Nicholls



Katherine Victoria Diana, was born at home in Hall Farm Cottages Loudham at 20.45hours on 25th September weighing 9lb 4oz, a sister for Alex & Robbie Leigh.

We call her Katie.

Ruth Leigh



100 Club

	1st	2nd	3rd
September	Liisa Beagley	Patrick Wilton	Jim Jarvie
October	Paul Whayman	Don White	Ronnie Gormer

Down on the allotment



Rake

Hoe

Cane

Secateurs

Fork

Shears

Dibber

Drill

Leek

Tomato

Runner beans

Courgette

Marrow

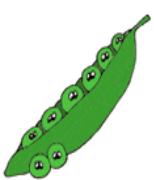
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Peas

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Spade

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Onion
Cabbage
Spring greens
Potato
Swede
Parsnip
Carrot
Trowel
Worm
Slug



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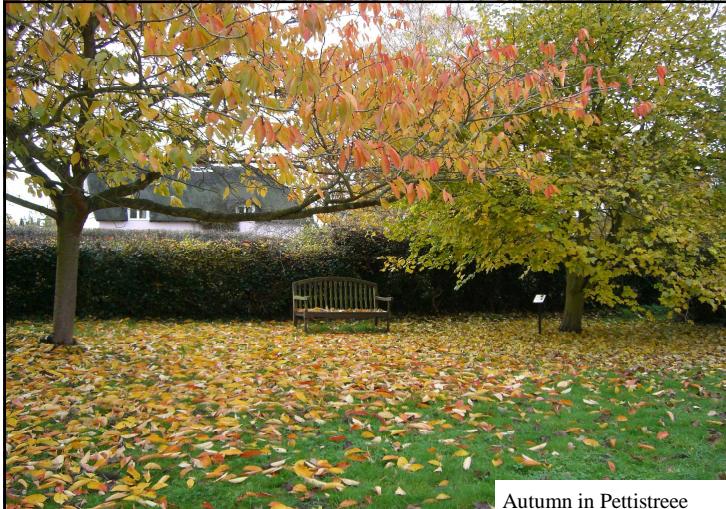
Pettistree Bellringers

Peter's Tree Surprise Minor was named as a new method after a quarter peal of 1320 changes had been rung at Pettistree Church on Wednesday 19th November, which took 47 minutes.

1320 Peter's Tree Surprise Minor

1. Mary Garner
2. Pippa Moss
3. Gill Waterson
4. Richard Munnings
5. Kate Eagle
6. Mike Whitby (C)

A band of Pettistree ringers has previously rung and named Pettistree Bob Minor and Pettistree Delight Minor.
(Minor denotes 6 bells)



Autumn in Pettistree

Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a very Prosperous New Year
To all our Readers and Contributors
from the Parish Council
and
Editors

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