

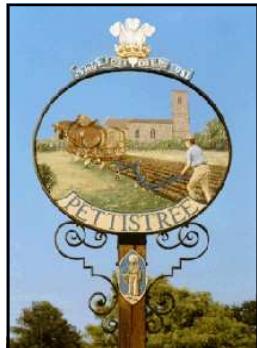


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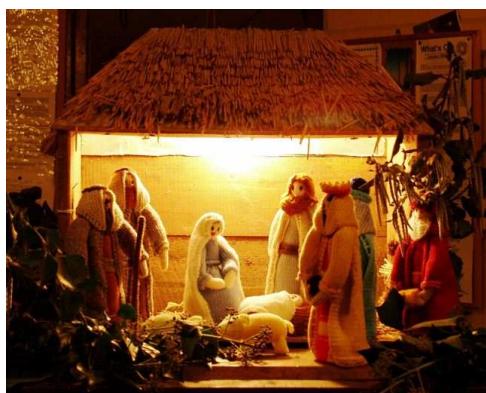
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CHRISTMAS 2009 IN PETTISTREE

Best Wishes
for a
Happy Christmas
and a
Very Prosperous
New Year

To all our Readers and Contributors
from the Parish Council
and the Editors



*The PCC of St Peter & St Paul, Pettistree
Wishes all parishioners
a
Very Happy Christmas,
and invites you to join us
for all or any of the Christmas Services
See Page 3
Come and celebrate the Good News of
Christ's Birthday.*

Village Hall News

Pub

October - trees turning red and
ing in - time for the annual Pub
More than 60 people, including
faces, assembled at the Village
as ever by Mike Manning.



Games

gold, evenings draw-
Games!
several youngsters and new
Hall for the event supervised

Soon all the teams were in action testing their skills at dominoes,
shove ha'penny, darts, Jenga and table soccer.

Midway, delicious fish & chips were served, and a Draw held.

Then the games continued until the final whistle.

After totting up all the scores, the "Lowdown'on Rogues" team were found to have the highest score, and were presented with a trophy, donated by last year's winners, "The Teapotters".



Sincere thanks must go to Mike and all the helpers plus those who kindly donated Draw prizes.
Another enjoyable and well-supported occasion.

Jenny Ayris



100 Club

1st

August

2nd

Henrietta Kay

3rd

Ann Sayer

September

Steve Boardley

John Speedman

Dick Smith

October

Alan Whitfield

Peggy Eade

Jill Wassall

Aliens in the pub

Have you ever been in the pub on a Wednesday evening and wondered about the discussions you hear? The people seem ordinary enough, they drink the good beer and eat chips, they appear to speak in English, but my goodness the vocabulary is rather strange!spliced minor, variable treble, Grandsire, quarters, hand stroke etc

You've met the ringers then!

The bells have rung out across Pettistree just about every Wednesday and Sunday since December 1986, come rain or shine. Occasionally they are rung at other times too when visiting bands include our tower in their outing. Once a year the bells are muffled (more about that later) for Remembrance Day.

Three of the bells were cast in the middle of the 15th century whilst the other three were cast by Taylors of Loughborough in 1848. It's a real privilege to use such ancient artefacts whenever we ring. Although the bells are just below the louvres in the tower the ringers stand on the ground floor to ring, using about 50 feet of rope.

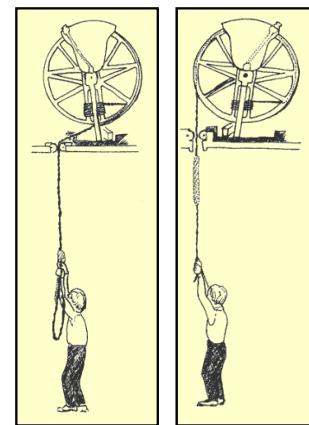
Some vocabulary:

Band: A group of ringers, 6 at Pettistree, one for each bell.

Sally: The fluffy piece on the bell rope which the ringer holds before pulling off at hand stroke.

Tail end: The end of the rope, a double thickness, which the ringer holds at all times

Hand stroke and **back stroke** refer to the two parts of ringing the bell, **hand** is catching the **sally** at about head height, whilst **back** is guiding the rope down from above one's head. It's all connected with winding and unwinding the rope around the large wheel to which the bell is attached.



Rounds are heard when the bells sound in order highest to lowest.

Rounds and Call Changes are being rung when the listener can hear the same pattern repeated a few times before it changes to a new one. It is being controlled by one of the band, called the **conductor**, who instructs the ringers to change the order of the bells.

When the bells have a very frequent change of sound pattern the band is probably ringing a **method**. On our six bells we can either ring methods called **doubles** where five bells are mixed up and the lowest bell (the **tenor**) rings every 6 blows, **or minor** where all the bells get mixed up.

Whew! I think that's enough for now. More in the next edition.

Mary Garner, Tower Captain

(If you'd like to see us ring, come along on a Wednesday between 7.0pm and 9.0pm or contact Mary on 746097



The Carol Service on Sunday December 20th at 9.30 am. To be followed by refreshments in the Parish Room.

Christmas Services

A Candlelit service of Holy Communion at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve led by Rev Rob Rose.



Christmas Day, December 25th Family Communion at 9.30 am led by Rev John Eldridge.

Parish Council News

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council. November 2009.

Autumn is now well advanced and we all need to make preparations for the winter weather that is bound to come. Most roadside hedges have now been trimmed so visibility has improved generally. We are hopeful that the highways department of the County Council will do some clearing of the muddy centre of some our lanes and will also cut back some of the grass verges that have encroached and narrowed some of the highways. The quantity of work that can be done will largely depend on the amount of county council money left in the SCC coffers.

The Parish Council is not predicting a particularly bad winter but it is purchasing two grit bins to be placed on the two corners that tend to be worst affected by ice in freezing weather. They will be paid for by a grant from the discretionary fund of our county councillor and they will be filled with salty grit by the highways department. It will then be up to registered volunteers in the village to spread the grit on those corners when ice is expected or has formed. The bins will be sited on the S-bend at Pettistree Grange and at Presmere Pond. We hope that this will make our roads a bit safer but users must still take care as they cannot rely on grit having always been applied.

The Parish Council takes its responsibility very seriously to review planning applications and pass its views back to Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC). Despite this we sometimes feel bemused at some of the decisions taken by the SCDC planners and by some of the advice that they give informally to applicants. This was raised with Mr Michael Bond, who as well as being our new county councillor, is still one of our district councillors. At our Parish Council meeting on 10th November he made it clear that he shares some of our concerns and he will be participating in a formal review of the SCDC planning process. He has offered to try and help any villagers who feel they are having problems with the planning process. We all want to support the preservation of the good points and character of the village while permitting essential modernisation and encouraging accommodation for a sustainable community.

A short questionnaire will be included with this newsletter to gauge the interest in the more thorough survey of housing needs that has been recommended by the County Council (SCC) and that could perhaps lead to the provision of some affordable or shared-ownership housing. The questionnaire can be anonymous and can be delivered to me at The Laurels.

We have also been asked by the County Council to circulate a survey on the availability and need for transport. Travel by car is not always efficient or even possible so we must make our needs clear if we want to preserve our reasonable bus service or perhaps develop a community transport scheme. This questionnaire can be sent by Freepost to the SCC.

The Parish Council has no direct responsibility for health-care but it does share the concerns of many local people over the uncertain out-of-hours medical cover provided by a commercial organisation. We have made our views known to those reviewing the cover and will wait with interest for the decisions of those commissioning the service that has replaced on-call cover by our own GPs.

On a brighter note several new families have moved into the village over the last few months and we look forward to welcoming them to the various village events planned for the next few months by the Church, the Village Hall Committee and the Heritage Committee. Details of the events appear elsewhere in this newsletter so please remember to support and attend them.

When you get your new 2010 diaries please enter 14th March for the Village Litter Pick (11:00 AM), and 25th May for the Annual Parish Meeting (8:00 PM)

Greyhound News

From Community News October 2009

'There are few pubs that can match The Greyhound at Pettistree for immediately favorable impressions. The immaculate decor sparkles like a new pin, perfectly matching the warm welcome from genuinely attentive hosts. The overall presentation is refined yet homely. With staff who really do treat you like one of their guests you cannot help but feel at home.'

Paul and Margaret Whayman took over and refurbished The Greyhound just over 12 months ago. Skilled workmanship retained all the low beamed charm and quality furnishings can only be described as exemplary. The couple's presence as 'front of house' is a major influence: they clearly love what they do and it certainly rubs off onto their staff. The latter has had to be regularly increased to cope with the pub's success. Now a loyal following keeps the team of 12 very busy, seven days a week.'

Wishing all our customers old and new a Very Happy Christmas and New Year

From

Paul and Margi

Christmas at the Greyhound

Christmas Eve – Special Menu in The Restaurant (Places Limited) Carols and Christmas Songs at 9p.m.in the Bar and Father Christmas at Midnight.

Christmas Day – Invitation to all customers and parishioners between 12 Noon and 2p.m. to join Margi and me for Hot Spiced Punch and Mince Pies (No Food and Closed in the Evening).

Boxing Day Closed

Sunday 27th Closed

Monday 28th Closed.

Tuesday 29th December, 2009 Re-Opening normal hours for Lunch and Evening Meals.

NB The reason for the closures is due to the non availability of fresh produce the use of which has been the policy at The Greyhound since we opened.

New Year's Eve, Thursday 31st December, 2009. See in 2010 with a Special Five Course Menu in The Restaurant including entertainment from Mike Burch(60's and 70's Vocalist and Guitarist) until 12.30 am at £49 per head..(Now taking Bookings)

New Years Day – Special New Year's Day lunch time Menu and Evening if the demand is there.

Police news

Autumn is upon us and the darker evenings are starting to set in. I would ask that you remain vigilant and advise you to ensure your houses and outbuildings are kept secure at all times.

Shed alarms can be purchased at the police station or from DIY stores for a relatively low price and most are fairly easy to install requiring only batteries to operate them.

Dusk to Dawn lighting for the exterior of your premises and timer switches are recommended for the interior. Again these items can be bought from DIY stores and the cost varies. Dusk to Dawn is light sensitive and uses low energy bulbs thus ensuring that it is only operating at the necessary times.

Analysis has shown that offenders don't like to commit crime when in the spotlight. Unlike the movement sensor security lights the dusk to dawn is on permanently throughout the evening/night and hopefully deterring any potential offenders.

Timer switches can be used in the house to ensure a light comes on and goes off at a time set by yourselves when you are away from the premises. The idea of this suggests someone is at home.

POLICE DIRECT

For those of you who haven't signed up for Police Direct yet, please don't forget about it! The service is free, easy to use and is proving to be a very valuable policing tool.

The service doesn't just assist us it also benefits you. You will receive regular updates either via text, email or landline letting you know what is happening in your area.

Leaflets are available at all police stations or visit our website.

CONTACTING THE POLICE

In an emergency always dial 999

To report a crime, speak to myself or leave a message please dial 01473 613500.

Alternatively I can be contacted by email Victoria.Gilmore@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

Or any member of the team can be contacted at woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Our website as detailed below also has an email link to contact us.

Please also have a look at the Suffolk Constabulary Website, which can offer further help and advice.

To find the Woodbridge and District Team website please see www.safersuffolk.org.uk

Victoria Gilmore PC797

Forthcoming Event

As Burns' Night held at the beginning of the year was such a huge success it has been decided to hold a similar event on Saturday 30th January 2010 at the village hall . So make your reservation now with Jim & Pauline on 01728 745030

Jottings from St. Peter & St Paul's

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) decided to plan to have the church open during daylight hours so that everyone will be able to visit the church without any difficulty. We now require a few people to be responsible for unlocking and locking the door each day, this might suit a dog-walker or regular rambler through the village. Hopefully with enough volunteers it will mean only one day a week to have to remember the task.

The PCC also discussed how best to provide some Car Parking near the church, as we are aware of, and regret, the inconvenience that has been caused at busy times to users of Walnuts Lane and The Street near The Greyhound. We are trying to find an acceptable solution while continuing to conserve both the wild-life habitat and ancient views around the church. We would welcome parishioners views on how to solve this problem and are consulting the Diocesan planning advisors.

In the August edition of Pettistree People I asked for practical help with applying for grants towards the re-decoration. Sadly no-one came forward, but I am still hopeful that someone from the community will offer to assist us with the paper/computer work needed to get the project underway. We are faced with a likely cost of £100,000 and the PCC decided that we have no choice but to try to raise this money over a couple of years, and get this essential work done. We have to remove all the emulsion that was applied on top of the existing limewash over 30 years ago, before re-painting. This work, plus the current safety rules which mean that the interior will have to be fully scaffolded, is why the estimate seems so high. We are requesting help with fund-raising ideas from the Diocesan Parish Resource adviser who can suggest many ways of obtaining outside funding.

Looking through the previous paragraphs looks as if the PCC is on a 'begging series' and while to a certain extent this may be true, it has arisen due to the importance of the church building to the village generally, and the increasing significance of the Church in Pettistree to the whole area. The mid-week communion services, Harvest Festival, the Act of Remembrance and the interest shown in our plans, mean that we have confidence in continuing to plan for the future at St Peter & St Paul's Church Pettistree.

If anyone feels able to help with any of the above projects please do get in touch with me.

Maggie Hallett PCC secretary.

Plea from the Editors

Please **watch and note** the date of the deadline on the front of every copy and let us have your contributions, preferably **Times New Roman Size 12.**
We like to receive copy on any of the following subjects

Your news
Family Events
Weddings
Baptisms
Funerals

Holidays

Village events
Achievements
Recipes
Handy Hints

Photographic Survey

Back in the Millennium year Pettistree Heritage undertook a photographic survey of the entire parish, both people and their houses. This was extremely successful with almost 100% participation from occupiers. The resulting album provides an important historic record of the people and places at that time.

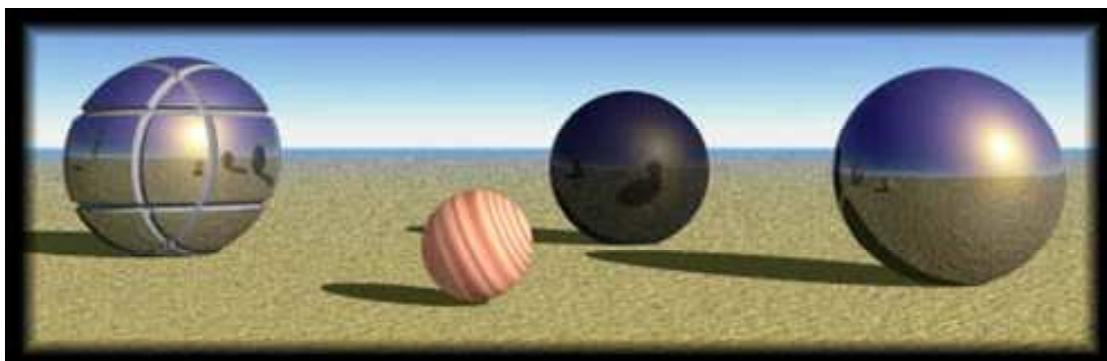
We are now approaching the 10th anniversary of this and feel it appropriate to once again record the village in this way, as so much has changed in terms of householders and, in some cases, houses too.

We hope that you will agree to join us in recording our village history. Our team of photographers will be delivering flyers in the lead up to the Easter period, inviting you to indicate when it would be convenient to visit. We would like to photograph a family group, including your pets, and a view of your house.

We are looking for photographers to assist us, particularly in the Loudham and Hungarian Hall/Stone Hall/Byng Hall areas of the parish – the more people who offer to help, the fewer photographs each person will need to take. With digital photography the process will be much easier this time. Please get in touch if you would like to help us in this way.

Cath Caudwell, Chairman, Pettistree Heritage
Tel. 01728 747170 or email roguescottage@tiscali.co.uk

Petanque



The Pettistree Greyhound Petanque team have had their first season playing in a local league with 4 other teams. It was a fun first season, meeting some very friendly & interesting people from our surrounding area. Technically we all have a lot to learn, no trophies, yet! but we all enjoyed the camaraderie and are looking forward to the 2010 season.

Are you interested in joining us in this 'gentle' sport? We would be very pleased to welcome new members - so far there are 10 of us, all local and of course our home games are played at the Greyhound Inn.

We shall be having a pre season meet, or two, at the Greyhound in the New Year. Why not come along and join in the fun? If you would like more information call Steve on 01728 747640 or Dave on 01728 747170

An Invitation to Carols in the Barn

Dick and Rita Smith would like to invite you to come and sing carols in the barn again at Church Farm, Pettistree, on Friday 18th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

The carols will be followed by one of Jim and Pauline's BBQs.

Please phone Dick or Rita to reserve your places (746708) and if you have a favourite carol that you would like to be sung please tell us.

Rita Smith

Planning

Application: No C09/1191

Location: Home Farm Barn, Grove Rd Pettistree, IP13 0HY.

Proposal: Erection of pergola/covered area to provide link between dwelling and adjacent out building.
(**Withdrawn.**)

Application: Nos, C09/1478 & C09/1479.

Location: Woodlands, Grove Rd, Pettistree, IP13 0HY.

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling & Demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate erection of new dwelling. (**Resubmission**)

Poppy Appeal 2009

We would like to thank all the Pettistree residents for their donations to the Poppy Appeal. Sadly it was a reduction from the very exceptional collection in 2008. This year the house to house collections returned £335.97, the collections from the Three Tuns, Whitehouse Kennels, Greyhound Inn, the purchase of the memorial wreath and the Gift Aid returned a further £133.88, making a total of £469.85. A very significant figure for a small village.

We all attended a meeting and presentation at 'The Rocks Barracks' at Sutton prior to the appeal and it made us appreciate even more the necessity of this ongoing appeal.
So once again our sincere thanks for your generous support.

Kath Hilton, Ann and Mike Sayer and Maureen Stollery

Attorney

What gear were you in at the time of the impact?

Witness

Gucci sweats and Reeboks

Parish Councillors

Jeff Hallett Chairman	
The Laurels	746210
Maureen Stollery	
Vice Chairman	
I Presmere Rooad	746653
Nick Beagley	746334
Pettistree Grange	
Mary Chilvers	
Cooper's Cottage	746123
Elaine Boardley	
1 Hungarian Close	01394 461451
Peter Hayward	746558
Green Farm	
Vacancy	

Help Please

Is there anyone who works in the Ipswich area and travels via Westerfield Road into the town?

We now have Pettistree People printed by Sharward services of Westerfield Business Centre and would like to know of anyone passing that way who could deliver the disc and pick up the newsletter about a day later. This does not have to be in office hours as there are arrangements in place for collection.

Alternatively if anyone would like to undertake this job the hard working editors would be very grateful

This should happen four times a year.

Joan & Maureen

County & District Councillors

Mr Michael Bond	County Councillor
Mr Jim Bidwell	District Councillor

Neighbourhood Watch

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

Pettistree Web Site

www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

Useful people to contact

Parish Clerk	Mike Flanagan	07817610714
Vicar	Rev John Eldridge	01728746026
Bellringers	Mary Garner	01728746097
ChurchWarden	Brian Nobbs	01728746590
Village Hall Booking Secretary.	Pauline Jarvie	01728 745030
Local History Recorder	Joan Peck	
Age Concern	Maureen Stollery	01728746653
The Three Tuns		01728747979
Wickham Market	Health Centre	0844 477 2557
Post Office		01728746201
Library 01728747216		
Dial A Ride	Contact No.	01473281194

Threshing or Throsin' by Maureen Stollery

The season for threshing is again here, and Roger is knocking at our door to ask Brian for his help, with others, with the annual threshing.

For those who are not familiar with this annual event, it is when a machine separates the corn from the straw and was a common sight in the country-side until the late 50's.

Roger is our local thatcher and needs long straw to top off the ridge of a thatched roof. Very tall wheat is grown for the long straw needed and in the summer, when it's ripe, it is cut by binder to prevent damaging the stems of the straw. It is then bundled into sheaves, loaded on to the trailers by hand using pitch forks and brought back to Pettistree. The sheaves will stay on the trailers until late September or early October when the threshing will take place.

The day will start by setting up, as a tractor is needed to drive the machinery. A large belt running from the tractor to the threshing machine, sets a number of cogs, wheels, and belts in motion. Men standing on top of the corn on the trailer pass the sheaves, using pitch forks, to the man on the drum into which he feeds the sheaves after cutting the string. After being separated inside the drum the corn goes out the front into sacks and the straw out the back tied with string and taken on to the stack by elevator for the men to stack. To be able to build a stack is a very special skill, as it has to stand through the storms of winter until it is needed.



The direst job has to be that of the chaffer, a man standing at the side of the threshing machine bagging up the husks of the corn which is called chaff and is often mixed with other food to feed cattle and horses. The chaffer will need to wear a mask and goggles and will end up black as the ace of spades because of the dust and dirt.

It is a very rare sight in the country-side now and can only be seen at gatherings such as Power of the Past and if you have taken part or stood to watch you will understand it was very hard work and not many people today will ever encounter such hard manual work.

Local Venison, Honey Roasted Carrots, Shallots & Parsnips with Game Sauce

Ingredients (Serves 6)

1kg Venison Loin
(trimmed - cut into 6 steaks)
10 Carrots
6 Parsnips
500g Shallots
Thyme
Red Wine
Meat Stock
Honey
Garlic
Butter
Salt & Pepper

1. Cut parsnips and carrots in half lengthways and parboil for ten minutes.
2. Strain off water. Place in baking trays with shallots, chopped garlic, thyme, salt and pepper, oil and honey to coat.
3. Roast until golden. (45 minutes to 1 hour)
4. Seal off seasoned venison in a hot pan (well seasoned meat).
5. Remove from pan, place on tray with knob of butter. Roast for 8 to 10 minutes until soft and pink. Leave to rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving.
6. Using the venison pan put back on heat, deglaze pan with a glass of good red wine. Add half a pint of good meat stock. Pass through sieve and reduce by two thirds.
7. Sauce should have thickened slightly, be dark in colour and have a good game flavour.
8. Serve roasted vegetables with carved venison and spoon sauce over.

**Recipe devised by Jon Jones,
Head Chef, Greyhound Inn**

Serve with green vegetables

Hoglets by Joan Peck

One morning in early October, glancing out of the kitchen window, I saw something unusual in the garden. Was it a leaf fluttering across the grass –or even a rather dozy rat? Naturally an investigation job was looming. To my surprise I found a baby hedgehog. Janet, who helps me, was immediately drafted in to watch it and placed a large tub over it while I went off to find a suitable box.

Mission accomplished I returned to put the hedgehog in the box but sitting on the grass a few feet away from the tub was a baby hedgehog! How on earth could it have escaped?

Actually it hadn't because when the tub was lifted there sat a baby hedgehog! I'm sure most people know I am teetotal and it was quite early in the day. Baby number one had stayed where it was put and baby number two was looking for it and I was looking at number two. Of course they had to be Tiggy and Winkle respectively, nothing too original.

Neither of them looked capable of surviving a winter. We weighed them, Tiggy weighed 160g. and Winkle 150g. They need to be about 600g. in order to survive.

Mike Sayer suggested I rang directory in ever smaller fonts Veterinary Surgery instead. that if I could take the babies eat they would deal with and Winkle had been passed they stood a good chance of



the RSPCA but as BT prints its each year I rang the Rendlesham They were most helpful and said to Woodbridge and if they could them. I learned next day that Tiggy on to a Wildlife Sanctuary where survival.

Tiggy-quite alert

Winkle –rather sleepy

Welcome



Harry James Franklin – 29th August 2009; Tony & Jacki Franklin's first grandchild born to their son James and his partner Clare who live in Ipswich. Harry weighed 2.95Kg (6lb 8oz) and is the first of a third generation of Franklin's with their roots in Pettistree. We are very much looking forward to our first Christmas as Grandparents.



Daisy Anne Rowles born 9th September 2009 to Joanna Rowles and David Green.

Congratulations to Jo and David not forgetting Anne and Terry the grandparents.

Daisy weighed 7lb 5oz.

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