



Pettistree People

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Suffolk Reeds for a Royal Barn

By Maureen Stollery

Roger Chilvers has been Thatching all his working life and is the third generation, taking over the business from his father and grandfather. His family has always used local materials, special long stem wheat grown in Suffolk, cut by binder and thrashed out in the autumn. The Reeds have always been cut at Butley Creek in January and February. They are top quality materials. The reed beds from which Roger cuts his reeds are owned by Michael and George Watson at the Chillesford Lodge Estate, Chillesford.



Rodger has many contacts in the Thatching business and one such contact is thatcher Alan Jones who contacted him about three years ago when he was in need of top quality straw to top off the ridge of a thatched roof. Straw is always used for the ridge of a building.



Alan Jones had been given a contract to thatch a new barn on the Prince of Wales estate in Llwynywermod, at the Brecon Beacons National Park in Mid South Wales, and the Prince of Wales was very keen that all British Reed should be used.



Alan asked Roger to provide him with some Suffolk reeds to use with the Welsh reed to thatch the barn which is to be used as a holiday let.

The transport SC Haulage from Higham in Norfolk arrived on the 18th March to collect the first load of 3,500 bundles of reeds. The loading took all day and it's a very skilled job loading and roping the trailer.





**LITTER
PICKERS
MARCH 14th
2010**



**QUIZ NIGHT
9TH APRIL
2010**



Litter Pick 2010

By Saska Bierowiec

The Christmas edition of Pettistree People brought to our attention 14th March as our 'Litter Pick day', so it was safely in our diaries, alongside Mothering Sunday!

Not many appeared at 11am on the churchyard bench where Geoff Hallett waited to dispense bags and gloves for the task. But with bags of enthusiasm we set off to pick up what careless folk had discarded without respect for the beautiful countryside that surrounds our village.

Amazingly it was not too bad. Some folks had done areas during the week before as they were away over that weekend, so thanks to them for their help. All roads leading into and around Pettistree were cleaned up by the end of that day full of spring promise. Cans, bottles, sandwich wrappers, KFC boxes, plastic carriers, sweet papers, cigarette packets were among the items collected, sadly along with some more 'suspicious' foil papers which made us wonder what might have been going on behind the hedge!

Quiz Night

By Jenny Ayris

9th April - 7.30p.m. - time for the 15th Annual Quiz Night, as ever compiled by Dave Caudwell. This is one of the most popular evenings of the year, confirmed by over 60 people packing into the Village Hall to answer questions on various subjects including True/False, TV and Films, Famous People, Music, Food and Drink, Natural World, a picture round (Dave tried to catch us out by featuring two photos of Alan Titchmarsh!) and Advertising Slogans. Midway through the evening a buffet was served thanks to the ladies of the Committee, and a hamper donated by Clare Signy was raffled, Ralph Carter being the lucky ticket holder.

At the end of the evening, the scores were added up, and the team "Fork Handles + 1" were announced the winners by the tightest of margins - just half a point! The proceeds raised will go towards new heaters and a kitchen 'Make-over' which will ensure the Village Hall is an even better venue.

A huge "Thank you" to Dave, whose voice had all but deserted him by the end of the night!

Forthcoming Village Hall Events

Family Fun Day June 13th 10.30 am Hungarian Hall

Treasure Hunt & BBQ Village Green Monday August 30th

Pub Games Friday October 8th Village Hall

A Model for a Day by Jacki Franklin

After following the Rosemary Conley diet and fitness programme from April 2008 I finally reached my goal weight in September 2009 losing nearly 4 stone and going from a size 20 to a size 12.

My journey towards this goal has been a challenge at times but I knew I had reached my journeys end when Rosemary Conley invited me to feature in her organisations diet & fitness magazine; although at the time I did not realise what this entailed.

Dawn Quantrill, who runs the Rosemary Conley Club which I attend in Melton, explained to me that featuring in the magazine would mean a day of photo shoots, modelling and a TV interview at the Rosemary Conley’s HQ in Quorn, Leicestershire.

I was both nervous and excited on the day, I was glad to have my daughter Amy with me; she also attends a Rosemary Conley class. My day started with an early morning coffee with Rosemary who then whisked me off to a nearby shopping centre where we selected three flattering outfits. After a quick lunch it was time for hair and make-up before the photo-shoot wearing each of the chosen outfits. Surprisingly, I really enjoyed the photo session knowing that it would be a once in a lifetime experience. I was not looking forward to the TV interview I must admit! Although when the time came it turned out to be less nerve racking than I had anticipated thanks to the friendly interviewer.



It was an exciting and memorable day for me and I feel very lucky that I was chosen.

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100 Club

	1st	2nd	3rd
February	Susie Hallett	Mrs Incoll	Charlie Crofts
March	Val Pizzey	Mary Chilvers	Anna Ayris
April	Mrs Johnson	Peter Hayward	Rita Smith

Pettistree Carpet Bowls *by Mike Sayer*

Once again it is time to report on the activities of Pettistree Carpet Bowls Club during the season October 2009 to April 2010, and in particular their record in this winter's triangular tournament involving our friends from Dallinghoo and Ufford.

Thursday 19th November 2009 – Pettistree v Ufford

Scores as follows 2-3; 7-0; 6-1; 6-3; 2-5; 4-0 giving Pettistree a 4-2 lead at the tea break plus a shots advantage of 27/12 meant I was able to enjoy the goodies on offer. The two games after the interval were 1-5 and 5-1 resulting in a home victory 5 games to 3.

Thursday 3rd December 2009 - Ufford v Pettistree

This second match was almost a carbon copy of the first 5-2; 7-0; 1-4; 4-1; 4-2. This time Ufford enjoyed a relaxed tea break and with the remaining games shared 4-1 and 0-5 the hosts came out winners by 5 games to 3.

Wednesday 16th December 2009 – Dallinghoo v Ufford

Dallinghoo made their bow into this season's competition but because they were short of players the format was changed and six bowls were used per team at each end instead of the usual eight. Strangely even though less bowls were in use the scoring per game was high! As follows 7-4; 1-8; 2-11; 6-4; 9-3; 4-3, the hosts were ahead at the tea break 4-2. Another win and a draw 5-4 and 4-4 gave Dallinghoo what in games was a comfortable victory even though Ufford scored three shots more in total than Dallinghoo.

Wednesday 17th February 2010 - Dallinghoo v Pettistree

All I shall say about this contest on a very wintry night, is either Dallinghoo played poorly or did not have any luck or Pettistree played well and had the rub of the green. Scores as follows 2-10; 1-4; 2-10; 7-5; 3-4; 5-5; 3-8; 2-9. Result Dallinghoo 1 Pettistree 6 plus one drawn game.

Thursday 11th March 2010 – Ufford v Dallinghoo

Match five should have been a home fixture for Ufford but at the last minute it was discovered that the pavilion had been booked by another group. Fortunately Dallinghoo Bowls Club was able to make their village hall available. Unlike the previous occasion when these teams met on 16th December, both were at full strength. The hosts started strongly and won the first four games 11-2; 4-2; 11-1 6-3. Tea break was taken early and although Ufford staged a recovery to win three games after the break 2-8; 5-2; 3-4; 3-6, Dallinghoo recorded victory 5 games to 3.

Wednesday 31st March 2010 - Pettistree v Dallinghoo

This match would decide the series as both teams had two wins and one defeat to their names so far. As is usual the home team were ahead at the tea break 4-3; 3-6; 6-1; 4-6; 6-2; 5-4; 4-2 in games and 28/22 in shots. Readers of these reports may recall I have mentioned various chocolate cakes and sponges being produced, usually at Dallinghoo and the varying effect they may have had on the players. This time Maureen Stollery produced the most fantastic chocolate cake ever seen at these contests or for that matter anywhere else. Dallinghoo showed their experience at dealing with such delights by not making piggy of them selves and duly won the remaining two games 4-8; 3-4 to square the match to 4-4. The hosts on the other hand were nearly beaten, no need to say why!!!!. The contest was decided in Pettistree's favour by the closest of margins possible shots 35/34 the last bowl of the evening by Steve Boardley making the shot to win; so it is Pettistree who are champions yet again, but only just!!

We now finish for the summer and start again on the first Thursday in October, new members welcome, good fun and company and the occasional chance to enjoy a superb chocolate cake!

Planning

Application: Nos Ci09/1845 & C10/0043

Location: Loudham Hall, Loudham lane, Loudham IP13 0NN **Granted**

Application: No C10/0225

Location: Townlands, Stump Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0JB. **Refused.**

Application: No: C10/0805

Location: Townlands, Stump Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0JB.

Proposal: Erection of side & rear extension, Demolition of outbuilding & replacing with three bay garage.

Application: No: C10/0587

Location: Holmleigh, The Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0JA.

Proposal: Convert garage space to bedroom accommodation

Notification: No: C10/00052/TCA Conservation Area

Location: Garden House, The Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge, IP13 0HU.

Notice of intent to carry out tree work, to fell two Blue Atlas cedar, two False acacia Frisia and one Eucalyptus.

Application: No: C10/1136

Location: The Grange, The Street, Pettistree, Woodbridge IP13 0HP.

Proposal: Extension to outbuilding to provide garaging.

Pettistree Fun Day *by Steve Boardley*

Once again it's time for the family fun day at Hungarian Hall on Sunday 13th June, 2pm to 6pm. Make sure you put it in your diary to join in the fun, or just to watch and relax.

There will be a variety of activities as follows:

- 1 Pulse Ranger (electronic paintball) played in the woodland.
- 2 Archery for the budding Robin Hoods amongst us.
- 3 Laser Clay Shooting for those with a sharp eye.
- 4 Inflatable Table Top 5 aside football - make sure you keep plenty of energy aside for this fast paced fun game.
- 5 Large Garden Games for a more sedate activity.
- 6 A Bouncy Castle for the youngsters.

Plus there will be a Barbeque for all of us with a healthy appetite.

Please do come along and have some fun or just to relax in a beautiful corner of the Pettistree countryside.

Parish Council

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council. May 2010.

Weather continues to be a mainstay of news and conversation as the rather late Spring has yet to cheer up and provide some warmth. Many of us grew plants early or removed protection too early and suffered frost damage in the garden from the recent cold snap.

Several roads in the village have seen improvements with potholes repaired by the highways department including the one that was deepening rapidly and causing concern in The Street near The Greyhound. As I started to write this newsletter the road was being trimmed and swept, and tarring and gritting then took place on The Street.

The grass verges have not yet grown up to obscure visibility but there is some concern that the hedges on several properties are starting to encroach over the verges and into the road. Especially when vehicles are passing each other it can be impossible to avoid rear-view mirrors getting caught or bodywork scratched. We have noticed the huge feeling of space given by the hedge at Church Farm being trimmed back and your Parish Council would like to ask villagers to ensure that the road side of their hedges is kept trimmed back away from the road.

The village litter pick seems a long time ago now on 14th March but it was well supported by about 15 people and more than six big black bags were filled and taken away. The collection showed up evidence of alcohol and perhaps drug use in one or two areas but liaison with our police Safer Neighbourhood Team has ensured that a close eye is being kept to prevent illegal or antisocial behaviour spoiling our lanes.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on May 25th at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. The meeting was quite well attended by villagers and by our district and county councillors. Reports were received from the PCC about church activities, from our history recorder with a monthly outline of major events, and from the Safer Neighbourhood Team on behalf of the police. Councillor Michael Bond gave a very interesting and thought-provoking report about the nature of Parish, District and County councils, and explained his various roles. (He represents us on both Suffolk Coastal District Council and the Suffolk County Council.) District Councillor Jim Bidwell described his activities and encouraged us to contact him if we had a local project that would benefit from one of the small grants he may be able to arrange.

The meeting was sorry to hear that Nick Beagley has had to resign from the Parish Council due to pressure of work that frequently takes him away from the village. He has taken a keen interest in council affairs and his contribution will be missed. This means that once again we have a vacancy on the Parish Council and I will be pleased to hear from or about someone who would be prepared to be co-opted.

The meeting finished with tea and light refreshments provided by Mary Chilvers, giving a good chance for those who have moved into the village more recently to meet some of the long-standing residents.

One topic that comes up occasionally is whether the local community is well enough prepared to cope with emergencies. Luckily most of us are not at risk from serious flooding but other problems can arise such as power failures, fuel shortage for heating and transport, and even interruption of food supply by bad weather, industrial action or natural disaster. It is amazing how dependent we have become on cheap and rapid communication by landline, mobile phone or internet. It is worth thinking how we would cope without it. This was not discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting so please contact one of the parish councillors if you have any ideas or would be available to help if we do set up a community emergency scheme.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 11th the Councillors re-elected Jeff Hallett as Chairman and Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman with responsibility for planning matters concerning the village.

Fingers crossed for a good summer!

Pettistree Heritage = Your Local History

The Annual General Meeting of Pettistree Heritage was held on 15th May in the newly refurbished Parish Room. We welcomed Joan Peck, our Local History Recorder, and Chris Garner. Committee members included Evelyn Whitfield (secretary), Mary Garner (treasurer), Maggie Hallett and Maureen Stollery. We also have a number of Friends of Pettistree Heritage, who give help when needed and have an interest in our work .

Over the course of the last year Joan and committee members have continued to research local properties and people, compiling booklets for Low Farm and 1 Hall Farm Cottages, and presenting the new owners of Strawtop with the relevant edition, as well as a second presentation to previous owners who had expressed an interest in the details. Cataloguing of all the documents held also continues – 1,132 items scrutinised and cross-referenced to date.

A successful event, “Ruby and Her Horses”, was presented at the Village Hall in November when the hall was filled to its maximum capacity. This year we are investigating a number of speakers for November – more details in a future edition of Pettistree People, when tickets will be advertised for sale.

This year we decided to update our photographic record of houses and their occupiers – many changes have occurred during the last ten years. Our intrepid digital camera team: Jill Wassell, Mike Barnes, Mike Watts, Alan Whitfield, Ann Sayer, Joanna Rowles, Dick Smith, Rob Martin, Maureen Stollery (and myself), have been visiting local houses and inviting people to have their photographs taken. We are in the process of pulling this together and will create an album for village records as well as sending a CD to the Record Office in Ipswich. A huge thank you to everyone in the village for participating.

We are lucky to own a good quality audio recorder and would very much appreciate it if someone would be willing to take on the mantle of audio recorder for the village. We are keen to record people’s memories of times gone by. This is really a two person job; one seeing to the recorder and one coaxing the memories to come to the surface by appropriate listening and questioning. This is a lovely way to meet people and find out more about them, our village and Suffolk history in general.

Ideally our committee strength needs to be seven members; we therefore have two vacancies. We would welcome new blood – new minds mean new ideas – and the responsibilities are shared more widely. We usually meet just 2 -3 times per year, plus the AGM, and try to hold a lecture or event each November. If you feel you would like to become more involved with our organisation, and/or are interested in local history do please get in touch.

Cath Caudwell Chairman, Pettistree Heritage

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE MEDICAL CENTRE

We are now operating an online booking system plus a telephone booking system enabling patients to book/cancel appointments 24hrs a day. Please call reception for more details.

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The Greyhound

Despite the worst winter we have had for many years The Greyhound strives ever onwards and upwards. We had a very busy Christmas, New year, Easter and Mothering Sunday with the Theme nights also proving a big success. The Italian Wine Tasting evening we had in March was fully subscribed and went down very well with the six Italian wines introduced by 'Everich' Wine Merchants. Our Chefs Jon and Sam rose to the occasion to prepare the best of Italian Cuisine that the wines finely complimented.

We continued the theme nights with an Australian Wine Tasting Evening, again introduced by 'Everich', complimenting an Australian Style Menu on Thursday 13th May 2010, this event was sold out. The folk nights at the pub continue to be a great success with the one on Monday 11th May hosting 27 musicians and supporters. Just a reminder that the Folk Nights are arranged for the 2nd Monday of every month. We also had a visit by The East Anglian Morris Dancers on Monday 17th May.

The next planned events at The Greyhound are our now well known Marquee Events. During the week-end of Friday, Saturday and Sunday 23rd to 25th July, 2010 we have a South African Wine Tasting Event again hosted by 'Everich' Wines to compliment the South African Bri (Bar B Q) in which Jon, having spent three years as a Chef in South Africa, has a lot of experience. We look forward to that on the Friday Evening. On the Saturday Evening, still in the Marquee, we have a dine with 'Abba the Movie Night' so as well as excellent food you can sing along to the Abba songs that we all know so well. This weekend is rounded off with a Folk afternoon and evening in the Marquee which will involve many regulars at The Greyhound and we hope the local Dan Geld Morris Dancers as well (to be confirmed).

Now Spring is finally here to enjoy, we hope the Summer will be just as inviting with everyone welcome at The Greyhound to eat or just have a cold beer or glass of wine in the Rose Garden.

Kind Regards Paul and Margi (Mine Hosts).

Music for a Summer's Evening

with

KIRBYE VOICES

directed by Ian McMillan



Pettistree Church
Saturday 3rd July at 7.30pm



Refreshments

Retiring collection for Redecoration Fund

Details and tickets from

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Maggie Hallett 01728 746210

www.kirbyvoices.org.uk

Parish Councillors

Jeff Hallett Chairman The Laurels	746210
Maureen Stollery Vice Chairman I Presmere Road	746653
Mary Chilvers Cooper's Cottage	746123
Elaine Boardley 1 Hungarian Close	01394 461451
Peter Hayward Green Farm	746558
Mike Watts Burways	747202
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 & District Councillor
Mr Jim Bidwell	District Councillor

Neighbourhood Watch

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

Pettistree Web Site

www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

Medical Centre website

www.wickhammarketmc.co.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	01728747101
Post Office		01728746201
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Jottings from St. Peter & St Paul's Church, Pettistree. by Maggie Hallett

It was a great pleasure to welcome Brian and Rita Wrigley (nee Holland) to the church on Sunday May 9th, 50 years and 2 days since their wedding in 1960. They were especially pleased to have the bells rung for them as of course the bells were silent throughout the '50s, '60s, and '70s so Rita could remember them from her childhood. but never thought they would be rung again to celebrate their golden wedding, and was even more surprised to find that one of the ringers was the daughter of someone, she (Rita) had been at Mills Grammar School with!

The bells will be ringing on Sunday July 4th when The Archdeacon of Suffolk, the Venerable Judy Hunt, is coming to participate in a service of Evensong at Pettistree for the first time, and to dedicate the new pew runners. We now have comfortable seats for the choir stalls and some new runners in the main church also. Judy is also going to dedicate the wooden altar furniture that Peter Taylor had beautifully crafted for the church. Judy is keen to meet as many people as possible so we hope the village will be well represented.

The Kirbye Consort will be singing on the Saturday evening July 3rd. so the whole weekend will be very special. Posters with details are around the village and although no tickets will be issued please let us know you are coming to make catering easier!

The Church is now unlocked during the day, and already we know that several people have found visiting such a lovely building inspiring. The PCC hope that all villagers will not only take some time to visit the church, but also act as good neighbours to the building and be aware of any unusual activity. I am particularly keen to make sure that the door is not left ajar, as it is remarkably difficult to remove visiting birds.



Rita Holland & Brian Wrigley 1960

Celebrations & Outings by Mary Garner Tower Captain



Brian & Rita with the bellringers 2010

Over the past few months besides ringing for services the bells have been rung to mark many special occasions, including birthdays and anniversaries. The most notable of these have been Easter, Jeff & Maggie Hallett's Ruby Wedding Anniversary, Golden Wedding Anniversaries for Mike & Barbara Perkins and Brian & Rita Wrigley (nee Holland) and the birth of Edward Hallett. Most of these have involved really early ringing on a Sunday morning!

Such is the enthusiasm of the band that we have been ringing away from home. Twenty or so Pettistree ringers and friends ventured to North Suffolk in the middle of April. Meeting at Stradbroke, moving to Fressingfield where we rang and enjoyed a good lunch before walking across the fields to Wingfield for our final ring of the day. Our next **Outing*** will be by coach, which is going to the Stamford area.

Six of us took part in the SE District **Striking Competition** at the beginning of May, which was at Sproughton. In a **Striking Competition** bands from various towers ring for about five minutes each and

are listened to by judges (usually two) who are hidden away from the competitors. The idea is to find the band which rings most evenly, with equal spaces between the bells and no sounds clashing. Steady nerves are needed for the actual ringing but it is a fine opportunity to meet friends and enjoy a **Ringers' Tea**, a traditional repast of sandwiches and cakes washed down with gallons of tea. After everyone has eaten the judges announce the results, we came second. As I write this we are entering two bands for the **Guild Striking Competitions** taking place in a few days time. This will involve ringers from all across the Diocese (basically all of Suffolk) and provides a good opportunity for everyone to hear good ringing and eat another great tea!

(If you would like the bells rung to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion contact Mary on 746097, or come and see us ring any Wednesday between 7pm and 9pm. Perhaps we shall be able to persuade you to learn!)

*Saturday July 10th. There are spare seats on the coach if you would like to come along for the ride. Contact Mary.

Congratulations



George Smith & Jo Walker

Congratulations to George and Jo on their recent engagement by the lions' watering hole in Amakhala, South Africa. George is the younger son of Dick and Rita Smith of Church Farm, Pettistree, and Jo is the younger daughter of Anne and Alan Walker of Countydown, Northern Ireland. All good wishes go to them both.

Hallett family

Taken on April 17th on Barry beach (shades of Gavin & Stacey from BBC series!) when Edward was just over 2 weeks old. Picture is of David & Gen Hallett with Oliver (aged 5yrs 6 mths and Edward born March 29th.)



James Franklin & Clare Levy

On Saturday 13th March, James Franklin who was born in Pettistree in Jubilee Year 1977 married Clare Levy at Butley Priory. James who grew up in the village now lives in Ipswich with Clare and their 8 month old son Harry.

Welcome

We should like to welcome to the village Sue Jones & David Harris, the new owners of "Holmleigh."

Bill Lloyd & Jo Green with their two children Ross & Grace, now living in "Old Carleford."

Chris & Pat Cook the new owners of "Townlands."