



# Pettistree People

*A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham*

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## SORRY, WE MISSED OUT THE DECEMBER ISSUE

In previous issues we have reported the impending loss of our long standing Editor-Joan Peck.

Joan has in fact edited this newsletter for the past eleven years, since March 2002, and has recently decided to retire. We know she does not want recognition for that dedication, but nonetheless we have to say "THANK YOU JOAN, VERY WELL DONE".

So I will valiantly attempt to follow in Joan's footsteps, very ably assisted by Maureen Stollery who has kindly agreed to continue as assistant editor and news gatherer, with twelve years service in that role.

Of course we cannot make the news—that is where you come in. To produce this newsletter we require stories; of you and by you! Holidays,

at work, anniversaries, sports and academic achievements, to suggest just a few.

After all, your newsletter is entitled "Pettistree PEOPLE".

We will of course continue with the regular reports from the Parish Council, our church's activities, the village hall committee and village activities for example, and forthcoming events, so long as you don't miss the copy deadline.

**In fact it is 5th May for the next issue.**

We hope you enjoy this 60th edition and welcome your comments regarding the new layout and the contents.

Many thanks, Mike Watts

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## Congratulations, Jim Jarvie received OBE at Buckingham Palace

On December the 15th, Jim and Pauline with his father and brother went to Buckingham Palace for Jim to be invested as an Officer of The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. It is an order of chivalry created during the First World War by George V on 14 June 1917 to recognise valuable service.

It is the only criterion for the award, and the Order is now used to reward service in a wide range of useful activities.

Jim's service was documented in our last issue in which he said "it was an honour to work with so many professional, dedicated and brave colleagues".

He writes about his special day on Page 6





## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of the Parish Council.

A lot of water has 'passed under the bridge' since our last newsletter and most of it seems to have fallen on our fields and gardens in Pettistree with record rainfall in 2012. At least we are not subject to major floods, except on the water-meadows at the bottom of Loudham. As I write this, the snow from this morning has disappeared but the forecast says we may have more tomorrow.

We have had two normal meetings of the Parish Council since the last newsletter. The first was on 13<sup>th</sup> November and the most recent on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Quite a lot of the discussion has had to do with the appointment of **a new parish councillor** to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Maureen Stollery after 40 years of service. We are fortunate that **Mrs Ruth Leigh** has agreed to join us and has now been co-opted to the Parish Council, bringing a viewpoint from her successful business and family life.

The other important appointment has been our new editor for Pettistree People. **Joan Peck** put a very modest advert in the last issue of Pettistree People to say that a new editor was needed but she did not explain that this was because she wished to retire from the post after 11 years. Joan has resolutely resisted the idea of any village event to mark her many years of service in this role, but that in no way reduces the gratitude we owe to her, her deputy Maureen Stollery, and the rest of her editorial team.

**Our new editor**, Mike Watts, will have introduced himself elsewhere in this edition. I am sure that he will bring the same meticulous approach to this new work as he did to the very accurate plan he drew up for the whole of the Church graveyard.

There was a special meeting of the Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> November to discuss the Council's response to the **Featherbroom Gardens planning application** adjacent to the Pettistree parish boundary. Villagers were able to give their own opinions during the public forum part of the meeting. The result was a majority decision to oppose the application. There has been little further information but rumour has it that there will be a meeting of the planning committee of the Suffolk District Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

A much larger planning matter is the proposed development of **Sizewell C nuclear power station**.

I attend the Community Forum as Parish Council Chairman but everyone can express their views in the Public Consultation Programme. Most discussion focuses on the travel and parking arrangements during the building phase but safety and long term issues are also being addressed.

The new **Police Beat Officer**, PC 502 Richard "Bob" James introduced himself at our 5<sup>th</sup> February meeting and emphasized the need to ensure our premises and outbuildings are secure. He told us about a new alarmed padlock which is available from the police.

The village remains fairly tidy thanks to those who pick up litter on their walks but please come and help with our **Annual Litter Pick on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** starting at the Greyhound at 11.00 AM.

Our five **salt/grit bins** have been well used in all the icy weather and this has made critical corners and slopes on our roads much safer. Thanks to those who have signed up to get the salt out in time for it to work, before we need to travel. We cannot deal with the whole of the road network in the village so care is still essential in icy weather.

Ruth Leigh asked if another salt bin could be provided for siting by the bridge in Loudham Lane and that was agreed.

**The village war memorial** can do with some TLC before the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the first World War next year, so we will arrange a working party to undertake it.

At our meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February we received a report from our Parish Clerk, Clive Mann, who explained the **implications of the Council Tax changes** and reassured us that they would not affect our village. He informed us that there are 167 persons paying Council Tax in Pettistree compared with 162 previously. He reminded us that our Parish Council precept, which is our funding from Council Tax, has not increased for several years.

Finally it appears that **the derelict public telephone box** on the Green has now been disconnected and should soon be removed by BT. We shall then have the lay-by re-instated to grass in the Spring and restore the area to the Green which will improve its appearance and increase the space for village activities.



## Village Hall Jottings

We have had our first meeting of the year, on 15th January, which was a very cold winter's night and were pleased to realise that the insulation work has had some effect, for the hall soon warmed up.

As the two fire doors are not insulated at present they are cold spots, and two of our trusty volunteers are considering ways of insulating them too. There is still an issue with the lovely oak floor which keeps expanding in the cold damp weather raising the joists off the bearers, the main disadvantage of this is the possible pressure on the walls and the effect it has on rolling down carpet bowls, which veer in odd directions! More discussions are taking place and we hope that it can be resolved in due course.

By the time you read this Jim and Pauline will have organised yet another wonderful Burns Night celebration and contributed greatly towards the village hall funds. Another event to look forward to is a pub games night in May so watch out for details. We are pleased to report that the Pilates and Zumba classes continue to attract good numbers but there is always room for new attendees. We are always looking for new members of the Carpet Bowls Club too.

We also ask if there is anything else you would like to be held in the village hall; we would welcome suggestions. One new thought is a Latin American dance class, so anyone interested should contact Pauline Jarvie on 01728 745030.

If there are any keen gardeners who would like to start an informal gardening club, another thought! The 100 Club, our very own lottery continues to help boost funds. The December bonus month gave a first prize of £55, a second of £25 and a third of £15; the higher the numbers that join the higher the

bonus in December, so if you are not already a member and would like to be, please contact Eric Dowker on 01728 746419. Prize winner details are given below.

The membership of the Village Hall Committee represents a good proportion of the village and we are hopeful that Rob Martin from Loudham may be able to join us in future. Then it will be truly representative of Pettistree and Loudham.

Once again we thank you for your past support and look forward to seeing you or hearing from you in the near future.

Ann Sayer

### SECRETARY WANTED

In a previous issue of Pettistree People I advertised for my replacement as Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. I thought a funny advert might make someone consider it.

**Now in earnest I ask if anyone would like to take on the role. It is not onerous and is good fun and you can more or less do it your own way; there are just a few rules to follow.**

We do have a lovely village hall and a devoted committee which aims to make it one of the focal points of the village and a very good facility to hire. So please give it a thought and see if you would like to join the merry band.

I shall continue to hold the post until such time as our house is sold and we are ready to move, but would hope there will be somebody ready to take over. Ann

<b>100 CLUB</b>	1ST PRIZE	2ND PRIZE	3RD PRIZE
OCTOBER 2012	Mr & Mrs M Watts	Louis Deliss	Clare Signy
NOVEMBER 2012	Cynthia Lambert	Mike Manning	Dick Smith
DECEMBER 2013	Pam Hind	Dick Smith	Tony Franklin
JANUARY 2013	Jeff Hallett	Pat Cook	Jon Speedman

To participate in the monthly draw costs £12.00 for a year and profits provide income for the Village Hall

To become a member please contact Eric Dowker on 01728 746419



## Poppy Appeal 2012 Very Well done

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the Poppy Appeal and are pleased to report the total collected from Pettistree for 2012 was £754.61; higher than 2011 total of £613.51. The increase was boosted by the collection from the remembrance service held at our church on the actual day.

In our area group of five parishes only Boulge and Pettistree managed to achieve an increase in their collections and the overall area collection was slightly down. So very well done Pettistree for your generosity, help and support for this very worthy cause.

We also appreciate your patience in filling in the

gift aid forms which added £101.00 to the total.

Whilst reporting this, may we ask for a couple of volunteers to help with the house to house collection for 2013; if you are able to help please contact either Ann Sayer on 01394 460639 or our Area Organiser Jeremy Quinlan on 01473 737700.



Kathy Hilton, Ann Sayer, Mike Sayer and Maureen Stollery

## An hilarious evening with the Bumpstead Boys

Cath Caudwell welcomed everybody to the Pettistree Heritage Annual Event on 2nd November and introduced the entertainers for the evening—Neil Catchpole, Andrew Stannard and the surprise guest; our own John Barker. Neil had kindly taken on the role of one of the 'Bumpstead Boys' in the absence of Neil Lanham, who was indisposed because of a throat problem.

The links between the three entertainers soon became apparent; they all had a tale to tell, a song to sing and many memories to relate of life on the land. Neil's ancestors had included farmers and gamekeepers, whilst Andrew said his had been rabbit catchers and poachers. John described himself as the 'traveller' who had managed to slip in without being seen and had settled.

Neil had brought along a selection of artefacts he had collected over the years from Essex and Suffolk, most of which would have been made locally. One of the items was a gin trap, the use of which is now banned. This proved to be a good illustration of the changing attitudes towards wildlife. Whilst his great grandfather and grandfather in their role as gamekeepers would have used traps to catch owls, as a Conservation Officer he was able to report the work being carried out to set up nest boxes and to preserve nesting sites was helping maintain the owl population. The tongue in cheek tale of how Suffolk step dancing started, was greeted with laughter as Neil recounted the prank played on poor old Walter during a rabbit cull. After the bread and cheese



L to R — Neil, John and Andrew

break he was in the habit of having a doze and with his hobnail boots stretched out in front of the fire, his fellow rabbit catchers would wait until the hobnails were hot, wake him and watch him dance around as his feet touched the ground. John told the saucy tale of the girl with a loose chain on her bike and the reward she offered for the repair. You had to be there to appreciate the punch line but the applause showed it was a good one.

Andrew's rendering of the Farmer's Boy was fast, furious and fun and the classical introduction northwards to Yorkshire will be recalled whenever we hear Dvorak's New World symphony.



The chance is we would be transported back to the “good old days” of rickets, diphtheria and ringworm.

The slower pace of life was illustrated by John’s first job at a Snape farm when he was told to deliver a horse to Framlingham. The farmer’s advice was to follow the signposts, which was fine for John who could read, but unfortunately the horse could not. Arriving at the Five Crossways the horse decided the road to Wickham Market and Rackham’s Mill was preferable to the route to Framlingham!

During the interval we enjoyed home-made refreshments made by the committee and friends. The break gave everybody an opportunity to browse through the artefacts, talk to the Bumpstead Boys and socialize.

John, Neil and Andrew were all wearing horseman’s suits and these would have been worn on high days and holidays. Neil gave us an alternative version of the phrase ‘Gone for a Burton’. Laid off in winter the young men on the farms would head for Burton on Trent to work at the breweries. They would send some of their wages back home and if they had sufficient left, would visit the tailor near the brewery to order a horseman’s suit. By all accounts the tailor would send the measurements to Gurteens in Suffolk and they would make the suits, return them to the tailor who would add 10%.

The purchaser would go away thinking his Suffolk horseman’s suit had been made in Burton on Trent.

Andrew’s description of the sow being taken by

wheelbarrow to be serviced by the boar was priceless and it wasn’t too difficult to picture the sow with a smile on her face. He also introduced us to such characters as Wags Aldred, the stallion leader, Cocky King from Bromeswell and Uncle Reuben who cured the cadger. Uncle Russell was constantly having the last of his tobacco being taken by a fellow rabbit catcher but the matter was resolved by Reuben who mixed black powder in with the last of the tobacco. The cadger stuffed the mix into his clay pipe, lit it and was instantly cured of his habit.

The evening was brought to an end with more songs from Andrew including several made popular by the Singing Postman and the audience joined in with World War 1 favourite “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary”. Throughout the evening Andrew had accompanied many of his songs with his accordion playing, which added much to the convivial atmosphere. Neil sang the “Ullswater Pack” and Andrew doctored an old favourite and had Pam telling John it was his turn to “Push the Perambulator”.

Cath gave a vote of thanks and Neil said he had enjoyed the evening so much he had to express his thanks to everybody for the enthusiastic reception given to the Bumpstead Boys and their special guest. The opportunity to get out cameras to snap three men, each wearing a traditional Suffolk horseman’s suit could not be missed.

Evelyn Whitfield

## **New Parish Councillor**

At the Parish Council meeting on 5th February Ruth Leigh, from Loudham, was co-opted onto the Council. It is gratifying that at long last the Council has a representative from Loudham.

Ruth and her husband, Nick, moved to Loudham in 2006 and have become well known in the area, and beyond, for the delicious Spanish style food they provide for private catering occasions. Their Paella and Tapas Company was established as a result of their Spanish connections and the gift of a paella pan!

Ruth started The Paella and Tapas Company 12 years ago, having had a background in running a restaurant and organising catering events at Exeter University. She also works part time for a large Christian charity contributing articles to their in-house magazine.

With three children, Alex, Robbie and Katie, she has a busy schedule but is very much looking forward to sitting on the Parish Council.





## My day at Buckingham Palace

If I thought the time between receiving notification I had been awarded the OBE and being able to tell people was long, it was nothing compared to waiting to hear what day I was to attend Buckingham Palace.

I was told by a colleague that I would receive an endless flow of letters offering to sell me all sorts of award related memorabilia and request for financial contributions to a variety of institutions. Arriving home from work I would excitedly open up a very official looking envelope trying to sell me all sorts of things from OBE cufflinks to plates and place mats.

Finally a letter arrived, inviting me and three guests to attend the investiture ceremony on 13 December. The letter left nothing to chance and contained details of what time to arrive at the Palace, where to park and what to wear. Pauline was rubbing her hands in anticipation of a new outfit and hat; I was less so contemplating a visit to Moss Bros.

Given the time of year, the vagaries of Anglia trains and the fear of a traffic jam on the A12, we decided to go to London the night before to ensure we were there on time for the allotted 10.15 start. With our newly acquired Senior Citizens rail card we were able to get a first class return rail ticket to London for £27. We booked a room in the Tower Hotel and on arrival we went to the room and were disappointed when we could get only a partial view of St Katherine's dock basin. Luckily we were able to change rooms and took one with spectacular views over the Thames, Tower Bridge and the Shard. The porter, who must have been 80, couldn't get the lights on so sent for an electrician. When he put the card key in the slot, 'hey presto' we had lights.

London, prior to Xmas, is spectacular and we visited the ice skating at the Tower (as spectators only!), and the lights in Covent Garden.

Thankfully, although cold, it was a dry crisp morning when we arrived at the Palace and it was a real experience driving through the throng of visitors (all looking to see if there was anybody famous in the car!) into the inner square. I must admit we were doing the same!

As we walked up the resplendent main stairway I was directed into a really impressive room and I mingled with the others who were due to receive an award. Pauline, my Dad and Brother were escorted to the investiture hall. I spoke to a number of



recipients including Sarah Burton who designed the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress (I didn't know that until afterwards when she appeared on the television). I did feel humble speaking to a young soldier who had, whilst serving in Afghanistan, come under enemy attack. A hand-grenade thrown by an insurgent, landed in a flooded trench near his comrades and some local villagers. Without concern for himself he felt for the grenade in the muddy water, located and threw it back from whence it came. His actions saved his, his comrades and the lives of local villagers.

I was able to watch the investitures, including those receiving a Knighthood conducted by Prince Charles relayed into our ante-room. We were 'walked through' the process, all of which was done with military precision, until we were called forward. Eventually, I arrived at the head of the queue leading into the investiture hall. When my name was called out I approached Prince Charles who was standing above me on a stage. He pinned the OBE onto a clip that had been put on prior to the ceremony. He knew my occupation and was really interested in whether we were winning the fight against drugs. I told him we lose a few cases but in the majority of cases, UK law enforcement brings to justice those who traffic drugs and people into the UK.

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In no time, I was outside the hall having my OBE boxed up and I joined the other recipients to observe the rest of the proceedings. I was amazed at the diversity of the recipients- from the military to a chap receiving an MBE for services to angling. You could tell all the recipients, like me, were incredibly proud to receive their awards.

On leaving the building my dad asked a palace official where the gents were. He was told tongue in cheek they did not have gents only gentleman!

We then had to queue to have the official photographs taken and that is when we really felt the cold. After about an hour we finally got into the car to thaw out.

Although we thought about going to the Ritz or another similar establishment, we decided we would prefer to finish our day in The Greyhound which we did, still dressed up to the nines. It was a day we will never forget and if anybody wants any OBE place mats let me know. I was told the first thing to do is get the OBE after my name on my cheque book and bank cards but "Jarvie OBE" sounds like something out of Star Wars!

Jim Jarvie (OBE)

Searching the internet offers alternative meanings (disambiguation) for OBE!

eg Out of body experience

Overcome by events

On board equipment

Other buggers efforts

Our best estimate

One behind the ear

Our best effort

Out before Easter

Old but everlasting

Outward booster engine

Out-board electronics

Online bidding event

Open book examination

Over bloody eighty

On brink of exhaustion

And of course Ann's

"Overflowing with Beneficial Achievement"

## Planning Matters

### 1. Hopkins Homes. C12/2123

An application for a large development of some 65 dwellings at "Featherbroom Gardens" in Wickham Market has been made. This will impinge upon the boundary between Pettistree and Wickham.

1st November 2012, a meeting of the Parish Council was convened specifically to consider the implications of this proposal to our village.

A wide ranging discussion followed and many concerns were aired including developing "greenfield" sites, traffic problems, drainage and possible flooding, light pollution, schooling and medical provision and encroachment into the area between the settlements of Pettistree and Loudham, and Wickham. Of these, the development of greenfield or agricultural land was considered to be a possible precedent which could result in the merging of the two villages.

This would prove to be the loss of Pettistree's independence as a rural enclave.

There was general disquiet of councillors about this prospect of amalgamation in the future. Therefore the meeting concluded by rejecting the proposed development by 3 votes to 2.

A summary of the Parish Council's conclusions was forwarded to planners at S.C.D.C.

### 2. C12/1116 and C12/ 1117

Planning approval was received for retention of 17 solar panels on a barn at The Laurels

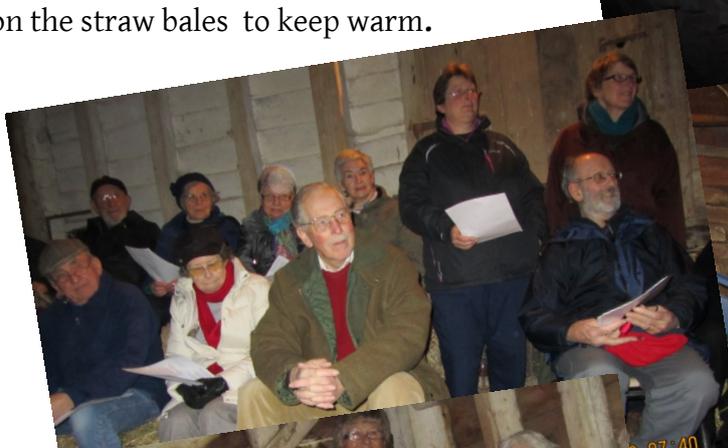
### 3. C12/1573

Planning application for 2 semi detached cottages on land south of Scotts Hall in Presmere Road was refused.



### Carols in The Barn at Church Farm, on 21st December

Following the customary glass of mulled wine we began the Carols in The Barn celebration this year with a loud ovation to Jim Jarvie. He had been to Buckingham Palace the previous week to receive the OBE medal from Prince Charles. When we asked Jim how he had earned the reward he replied "For services to barbecuing". Perhaps he wasn't telling the truth, but we were happy to believe him! His next one may be "For services to the bagpipes," because he did an excellent job of piping us all into the barn, where we squeezed together on the straw bales to keep warm.



I continued by reading parts of the "Thank you" letters that I had received after last year's carol singing from the charities which we donate to.

**The Starlight Children's Foundation**, which aims to brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children, had written "With your help we can give these children the chance to live their dreams, and give their families precious memories to share and cherish.... whatever the future may hold"

**Yayasan Gunungan**, our son's orphanage in Indonesia, had sent me some beautiful letters that the children had made.

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One child wrote:

*Dear our new friends in England,  
God really love us,  
He send his greatest love by your help,  
We smile now,  
Thank you `sooo` much.*

Asti, one of the Care Givers at the orphanage, had organised a Christmas card for us which all the children had signed. She had written:

*Christmas is forever, not just one day,  
For loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away ,  
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf,  
So keep the Christmas spirit,  
Share it with others far and near,  
From week to week and month to month,  
Throughout the entire year!*

*by Norman Wesley Brooks*

She had also sent little star shaped cards as a gift to all of us that kept us guessing as to the quotation which was from 'Yesaya 9:5' (in Indonesian).

We then began the singing with the traditional carol *Once in Royal David's City* accompanied on recorders by Mary Garner and our daughter Katharine, and followed this with 'Mary had a baby' accompanied by a few children with bells.

The two readings this year both had the theme of 'barns'.

Judy Steventon read the first: 'The Innkeeper's Wife'

by Clive Sansom, which includes the words:

*A child was lying .... Just lying there  
As calm as a new dropped calf - his eyes wide open,  
And gazing round as if the world he saw,  
In the chaff-strewn light of the lantern,  
Was something beautiful, new and strange.'*

Steve Hind read the second poem for us: 'The Barn' by Elizabeth Coatsworth, which ends:

*And angels and kings and shepherds,  
Came to worship the babe from afar,  
But we looked at him first of all creatures,  
By the bright strange light of a star!*

The readings were interspersed with carols old and new, and between some we were entertained with singing from Mary Garner - *O Holy Night*, and Daphne Rose's Group - *Like a Candle Flame*.

The first 'Carol Event' that we had was in 2005 after the barn had been cleaned for our daughter's wedding, and over the years certain carols seem to have become permanent fixtures in our repertoire. Singing *Silent Night* in English, French and German is one example, as is our final chant - *Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me*. After that we made our way out into the cold night air - happily not as cold as some previous years - and enjoyed Jim and Pauline's chicken and sausage barbecue.

As a result of your kind donations £345 has been divided between the two charities

Rita Smith

## In Memorium

We record the recent deaths of two Pettistree residents.

*Kathleen Joyce Chilvers and Marlene Brenda May Watts.*

*Joyce Chilvers*, as she was known, was the mother of Roger Chilvers and had lived at Coopers Cottage in Stump Street for 67 years, since moving there in about 1945. Our oldest resident, she died there on 22nd October aged 98.

*Marlene Watts*, the wife of Michael Watts, came to Pettistree in 2003, and lived at Burways, in Thong Hall Road. She died on 21st December, aged 75, at Rendlesham Care Centre, where she had been since 11th October, after a few weeks in hospital.

Roger, Mary and myself are grateful for all the kind wishes and condolences we received.



## It's all change, at The Greyhound

We're Louise and Stewart McKenzie, the new owners of The Greyhound Inn. We've moved down from Bonnie Scotland to take on this wonderful country inn. Louise has over 6 years of experience as firstly head chef of her family's hotel, where she gained two AA Rosettes for her food, and secondly managing their bustling country inn in Perthshire. Stewart has run the front of house for our outside catering business based in and around Glasgow, and we feel our combined experience, enthusiasm and love of food and drink make us perfect for The Greyhound!

Louise has been busy creating a delicious menu using amazing Suffolk produce, including ever changing specials depending on what Will, our new game keeping friend, has shot for us, or our fish suppliers Pinney's of Orford have landed that day. Our meat comes from Revett's of Wickham Market, with the exception of our Really Wild Scottish Venison, which we import from Louise's parents on Kingairloch Estate. Stewart is serving a range of local ales, including the very popular Adnams Ghost Ship from Southwold (ABV 4.5%) and Victoria Bitter from Earl Soham (ABV 3.6%).

You can always keep up to date with new additions



to our cellar and whisky collection and foodie delights on our facebook page-

<https://www.facebook.com/thegreyhoundinnpettistree>

We will be continuing with the folk night on the second Monday of each month and are also planning numerous other foodie events involving foods from around the world that we have encountered on our travels together. We are open for lunch 12-3pm Tuesday to Sunday and dinner Tuesday to Saturday 6-9pm, with the bar open until 11pm.

We look forward to welcoming past and future customers to The Greyhound and spending many happy years in Pettistree together.

## Suffi'k fer furreners

It is widely accepted that Suffolk is the crucible of the English language. It developed its own dialect and distinct vocabulary but unfortunately hundreds of those words, and their pronunciation, have fallen into disuse. With acknowledgement to Charlie Haylock here are some seasonal ones-

- \* Bishop Barnabee- lady bird. After same named bishop's red and black attire. Usually shortened to bishy. *Little owd bishy dun a lot a' good in th' gaard'n*
- \* froise- a pancake. *May owd muther, she mayke a best froizs row'nd heeya fer moiles, bor.*
- \* gussock- a strong and sudden force of wind. *'At 'air guss'k fare t' knock me off may boike.*
- \* paigle- the cowslip. *She mayke maarster payg'l woin; 'at taste hooly good,' at do.*
- \* pollywiggle- a tadpole.
- \* rommock- to romp vigorously. *'Ose young lambs, 'ay romm'ck fairly.*

And I have always wondered what these were called-

- \* drindle- a small water channel taking water off a road into a ditch, and a groop is a large drindle. A narrow groop is called a grip; narrower than that is a gripplle!



## Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride, 2012

A beautiful September day dawned, and it was time for us to be on our tandem and heading down the country lanes in search of churches. We were taking part in the Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride. All day was glorious sunshine, and Suffolk was certainly looking at its best. We had a brilliant day, cycling 63 miles, visiting 33 churches and raising so far £167.00 (over £200 with Gift Aid); half goes to Pettistree Church and half to the Trust.

Planning our route was exciting. It was the day before the Tour of Britain's first leg. What better route to take than the one which the cyclists, including the nation's hero Bradley Wiggins, would be cycling. We checked in early at Pettistree Church, followed by Wickham Market, then peddled across to Woodbridge to join the Tour of Britain route. Everywhere was sparkling in the sunshine, still lush and verdant with the summer growth. Cycling along the lanes, the senses were awash with wonderful sights, smells and the song of birds and insects. We looked out hidden churches, tucked away in secret places like Boulge, Aldringham and Carlton. Every church had friendly faces to greet us, eager to ply us with biscuits and juice, and to show us their treasures. 'Come and see our beautiful stained glass windows...our kneelers...our font.'

The surprises that awaited us! Arriving at Aldeburgh the bagpipes were playing; was it for us? There was a bride and her bridal party; they were ready to walk up the aisle, while we were ushered into the vestry. Our bicycle made for two looked rather shabby beside the flower bedecked classic cars. The sea was verging on azure blue and the sun was beating down. We headed toward the beach, and at the Baptist Church a BBQ was waiting for the cyclists. A sausage lunch, and then a little relaxation beside Maggi Hambling's shell sculpture.

I was tempted to go for a dip, but with no swimsuit, sufficed myself with a paddle in the North Sea. Alan said it was time to head off, so passing Thorpeness and on to Leiston, where we finally left the Tour of Britain route.

We had cycled through so many pretty Suffolk villages, but on our homecoming, were delighted we had chosen Pettistree to live. We finished our trip at opening time at the Greyhound, where Karen served us a deliciously cool, and well earned pint. Thank you to all the volunteers who give us these wonderful opportunities, and to our generous sponsors.

Judy Steventon

## Hedge cutting

The miserable wet winter has been a problem for farmers in that ploughing and cultivation of waterlogged fields has proved almost impossible. However, hedge cutting was brought forward and the village benefitted from the vagaries of the weather since the job was completed by the New

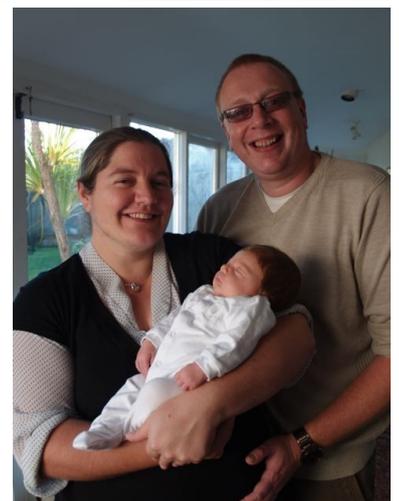
Year. We thank Richard Hayward for keeping our village hedges in pristine condition. If there are any who have been omitted or any other problems, please contact myself or Richard.

Peter Hayward



## Birth Announcement

On 20th October at Ipswich Hospital  
to Steven Williams and Susie Hallett  
a daughter, Bethany Alexandra.  
The first grand-daughter for Jeff and Maggie Hallett





## We hope this is behind us, with Spring Time not far away



May we suggest, if you have any local Spring Time photographs you send them to us for publication in the next issue

*Maureen Stollery*

## St Peter & St Paul's Church



We would like to thank all those who contributed to the special events held in the church in the last quarter of 2012. The windowsills decorated for Harvest and also for the Christmas celebrations looked beautiful and at Christmas the tree was very much appreciated. The church was full for the Carol service, as was the Parish room for the mulled wine and mince pies

served after that service. The candlelit communion at midnight on Christmas eve was a particularly beautiful service and it was good to see so many people at all the Christmas services.

**Church Car park** The wet weather we experienced last summer meant that the entrance to the car park at times became a quagmire. After discussion we decided to remove the worst of the mud and recover the area and this was done just before the snow fell in January. Once the weather improves a light covering of soil and grass seed will be used to restore the surface. Until the work is completed the car park should only be used by cars and not by any contractors vehicles.

**Church redecoration** Subject to a satisfactory estimate by R & J Hogg, the Parochial Church council have decided to plan for the repair and redecoration of the Nave to be started in the spring of 2014. This will give time for grant awarding bodies to be approached, and the money required raised, before undertaking the work. Details of the work involved will be available later but it will include repair of the ceiling and removal of the emulsion on the walls, which will then be repainted using a more suitable product. There will be scaffolding in the Nave but there will be access to the Chancel for Sunday services. It is estimated that the job will take 3 – 4 months. While the scaffolding is in place the opportunity will be taken to check all the electrical wiring and to repair any of the stonework.

**Churchyard Rules** All residents of the parish of Pettistree with Loudham, those on the Church electoral roll, and people with a strong family connection with the parish are able to be buried in the churchyard. The PCC are not authorised to allocate or reserve plots in advance, and purchase of a particular site is not permitted. It is also a Diocesan condition for burial in a churchyard, that the grave should be marked by a suitable headstone within a year of the burial.

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**Sunday services** are at 9.30 am except on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month when Evensong is at 6.30 pm. The monthly weekday Communion (a quiet contemplative service) is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 10.30 am. and is followed by coffee at The Greyhound.

**Easter Sunday** is March 31<sup>st</sup>, the day the clocks go forward, and there will **NOT** be a 'Sunrise' service this year, Holy Communion will be celebrated in the church at 9.30 am

Maggie Hallett

## **Pettistree Ringers celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first peal on the rehung bells.**

Every year, close to December 14<sup>th</sup> the bellringers attempt to ring a peal. Bellringers are a superstitious crowd and they always plan attempts rather than say they are ringing a peal at such and such a time. Once completed it becomes a peal.

It takes between 2 hours 30 minutes and 2 hours 45 minutes to ring a peal at Pettistree. The time is governed largely by the weight of the bells. Our heaviest is about 8cwt. There are strict rules: no stopping and 5040 changes or rows are required to name but two. This means that all six bells ring 5040 times, adjacent rows must be different, but all six bells will ring once before any ring a second time.

It is only possible to ring 720 different rows with six bells (for the mathematically minded  $6! = 720$ ), so to get 5040 changes each row will be rung seven times during the course of the peal. On six bells 720 changes are called an extent.

The next decision is choosing which method(s) or pattern(s) to ring; there are a huge number of possibilities with a wide range of difficulty. As the years have passed the band has been able to tackle more and more difficult sets of methods.

I have reported over the years the methods composed especially for our tower, Pettistree Treble Bob, Pettistree Delight and Peter's Tree Surprise and we have been thrilled to ring peals in each of these. Last year, to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration we rang a peal which included these three methods and also Wickham Market Surprise and Schurr Surprise. We thought that was difficult.

However in December 2012 we moved the degree of difficulty on again. Mike chose eight fairly well known methods but this time they were "spliced". This means that instead of ringing one method for about 20 minutes and then changing to another, the method was changed every 40 seconds or so.

This required enormous concentration from the six ringers and was the result of a huge amount of learning by our conductor Mike, considering that this is all done from memory.

It had been a great way to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first peal on the restored bells. After the success the band retired to The Greyhound for some well deserved refreshment.



The successful peal band, l-r: Kate Eagle, Mike Whitby, Mary Garner, Jonathan Stevens, Richard Munnings and Ruth Munnings.

Below are the details of the peal

Saturday 29 December 2012 in 2h 35m (7cwt-3qr-13lb)

25th Anniversary of the first peal on the rehung bells.

**5040 Spliced Surprise Minor (8 methods)**

Ipswich, York, Cambridge, Bourne, Norfolk, Norwich, Primrose, Hull.

Composed: Donald F Morrison (no. 2150)

- 1 Michael G Whitby (Conductor)
- 2 Mary S Garner
- 3 Ruth Munnings
- 4 Katherine J Eagle
- 5 Jonathan J Stevens
- 6 Richard J Munnings

500th Peal 6.

Mary Garner



## Burns Night celebrations on 2nd February



As the guests arrived for the fourth Pettistree and Loudham Burns night they were greeted by Rod the “Pettistree Piper” who braved the cold night air to play several tunes.

Carole Speedman recited the traditional Selkirk grace prior to our meal of Cock-a-Leekie soup followed by haggis, neeps and tatties. I piped the haggis to the Burns tune “A man’s a man for a’ that”, after which John Speedman eloquently addressed the haggis.

Following the main course Ron Bossingham played “Scots wha hae Wallace bled”. Then followed the traditional sweets of cranachan, and tipsy laird whisky trifle.

John Speedman spoke about the life and times of Robert Burns with the “Immortal Memory”, for the third time that week!



Following the meal Cath Caudwell guided dancers through the Gay Gordons, Circassian Circle and the Dashing White Sergeant. Amazingly we managed to complete all the dances without casualties to the correct tunes, ensured by Tony Franklin our DJ.

The enjoyable evening ended with a piped rendition of Auld Lang Syne, correctly performed with the arms crossed only on the final verse.

Thanks to the hard work of Pauline and her “lassies” we raised £460 profit from ticket sales and £130 from the raffle, which go towards upkeep of the village hall.

Thanks to everybody who made this such a success, and “haste ye back”.

Jim Jarvie





## News In Brief

- ◆ The occupiers of the green bus which has been parked in Old Main Road since 2nd October were instructed to remove it by 15th February, or face prosecution.
- ◆ The tree planting in the churchyard, which was provisionally scheduled for 17th November, has been postponed due to bad weather.
- ◆ The BT telephone box on The Green has been disconnected and is awaiting removal. It is planned for the adjacent layby to be also removed, and the grass to be reinstated.

## Day of action held to target burglars

A pro-active policing operation, held as part of Operation Drawbridge, was held on Tuesday 22 January, to target burglars and those suspected of handling stolen goods across Suffolk. Eleven teams of officers carried out warrants across the county, whilst Police Community Support Officers provided reassurance to local communities.

Twenty four warrants were executed, 13 arrests were made, one man was reported for consideration of an offence and seizures were made of goods suspected to be stolen, quantities of drugs and offensive weapons. Those arrested ranged in age from 17 to 58. None were from this area.

Operation Drawbridge is a countywide initiative, aimed at reducing the number of burglaries across the county and increasing the number of crimes being 'solved' with offenders brought to justice. The operation aimed to tackle acquisitive crime, by carrying out warrants based on intelligence and by arresting outstanding offenders. Second-hand dealerships were also visited to ensure that items were being sold legitimately.

The day was also used to gather intelligence and

provide reassurance to local communities. Detective Superintendent Stuart Sedgwick said; "Yesterday's operation was a success and a clear message to anyone who is considering burgling someone's home, or attempting to profit from the sale of items that do not belong to them. Tackling burglary is a key priority for the force. We have dedicated work going on across the county to ensure that we reduce this area of crime, by ensuring that communities know how to protect their homes and by taking action against those we know to be responsible."

"Whilst there has been a significant reduction in the number of house burglaries over the last twelve months, this operation was designed to target those individuals still committing this type of crime. There was an additional focus on people prepared to buy stolen goods as this contributes to the problem.

"Anyone who chooses to steal from a home, or knowingly buys or sells stolen goods can expect to be pursued by police as part of Operation Drawbridge."

**Anyone with information concerning burglaries or people who handle stolen goods is asked to report it to the Police on 101**

We apologise to all of you who submitted copy after the 3<sup>rd</sup> February deadline, without an agreed extension, as it could not be included in this issue.

If it is appropriate it will be published in the next issue

**Please note, the copy date for the June edition is**

**5<sup>th</sup> May.**



## DIARY DATES

**Litter Pick** Sunday 24th March. Meet 11.00 am at The Greyhound. Gloves and sacks will be provided

**Daylight saving** Clocks go forward 31st March

**Bank Holidays** Good Friday 29th March

Easter Monday 1st April

Early May Holiday 6th May

Spring Holiday 27th May

**Parish Council AGM** 14th May at 7.30pm in the village hall

**Parish Council Meeting** 14th May at 7.45pm in the village hall

**Annual Parish Meeting** 21st May at 8.00pm in the village hall. This is an opportunity for us to meet and discuss our wishes for our village. All are welcome, so we hope you will attend this important annual meeting.

## PROPS Cut off dates

5th March, 7th May, 9th July, 10th September

## Pettistree People copy dates for 2013

5th May, 4th August, 3rd November

Please deliver your stories and pictures to Maureen Stollery or Mike Watts, or send by email to new address displayed below.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Bellringing** 6.30 pm on Wednesdays in St Peter & St Paul's church. Contact Mary Garner on 746097

**Carpet Bowls** at 7.30pm on Thursdays in the village hall. Contact Eric Dowker on 01728 746419

**Pilates** in the village hall. Contact Sam Whitfield on 07716 316294

**Zumba** fitness classes to Latin American dance, in the village hall. Contact Sandra Johnson on 01728 685 609

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