

Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Parish Council report

Having prepared for snow and ice with our grit bins and registered volunteer gritters we have not yet had frost hard enough to need any grit at all as I write this in mid February. We have however had the wettest winter on record and it certainly feels like it. We are fortunate in not suffering the awful flooding that is afflicting the West Country and Thames floodplain.

The theme of caring for the village continues with mention of our annual litter pick on Sunday 23rd March starting at 11.00 AM from the notice board by the Greyhound Pub. Please come and help with this Spring Clean but also continue to pick up litter when out for walks around our lanes.

At our recent meeting of the Parish Council on 4th February we missed any contribution from Dr Peter Hayward. Councillor Hayward had resigned from the Parish Council at the end of 2013 having served for six years since 19th November 2007. We shall miss his sound judgement, his knowledge of the neighbourhood and his leadership of our planning sub-committee. Dr Hayward is keen to devote more time to his own family and interests.

We need to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council as soon as possible. There was no response to the official notice asking if an election was wanted, and no rush of candidates putting themselves forward. This means that we are spared the expense of an election and the Parish Council can now go ahead and co-opt a suitable candidate. Steve Hind, of Presmere Road, has said he is prepared to serve as a parish councillor and it was agreed at our

recent meeting that he would be co-opted.

The Village Green has been reinstated following removal of the derelict telephone box and the recent rain should ensure that the new turf becomes established rapidly. We shall keep a small protective barrier in place until the ground has consolidated fully. We have very little public ground in the village so this re-instatement gives a further useful area for village barbecues or similar activities as well as just sitting, but please no parking on the grass.

Miss Joan Peck has stood down after many years as local history recorder and a search is now on for someone to replace her. This low profile position is an important one as it is all too easy to forget the details of ordinary village life as well as the major events that may be of great interest to people in the future. We rely on the advice of the Pettistree Heritage Group to ensure that the post is filled.

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Our next meeting is on 13th May, which is the same day as the AGM of the Parish Council when the council members elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman. This is followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 PM on Tuesday 20th May. This is the opportunity for everyone in the village to come and hear reports from the council and other village organisations as well as advising the Parish Council of any problems and how village affairs should be conducted.

Jeff Hallett—Chairman



Carols in the Barn

Following the 'Carol Singing in the Barn' at Church Farm, Pettistree, on Friday 20th December 2013, we have been able to send £210 to each of our chosen charities. In thanking us, the Chief Executive of the Starlight Children's Foundation noted that altogether we have sent them £1,500.00 since our first carols event in 2005. Our son Stephen was also very appreciative of our help towards his Children's Refuge in Indonesia, which he continues to write about in their Newsletters on their web-site: www.gunungan.org

Thank you so much to everyone who came and made the event such a joyful part of the Christmas Celebrations whilst at the same time supporting these two charities.
Dick and Rita Smith



PETTISTREE HERITAGE TRUST

A date for your diary:

**The Annual General Meeting of Pettistree Heritage Trust will take place on
Tuesday 10 June 2014 at 6.30pm at The Greyhound.**

Come along and find out what has been happening in terms of local history research
and what will be happening in the future.

Do let the Chairman, Cath Caudwell, know if you are able to come, by telephoning
01728 747170 or emailing: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Late acknowledgements

Our last issue was tight for space, and mention was not made of the excellent printing by Sharward Services, which contributed to our Best Newsletter award, and the distribution of Pettistree People by willing volunteers; namely Carol and John Speedman, Kath Hilton, Cath Caudwell, Tony Franklin and Saska Bierowiec. They enable this newsletter to be delivered to every residence. There is a need for another one though, to deliver to about 12 homes in the Hungarian Close area

following Ann Sayer's move from the village.

One volunteer wanted- please!

It's just 4 times a year . Perhaps when you walk the dog.

Nor must I forget the numerous contributors, some every issue, others with their one off story or memory of our first class village community. Thank you all.

Mike Watts



ZIP IT!



“One more complaint about the nest and you can rebuild it yourself!”

Planning Matters

The following have been approved by SCDC and permission granted-

To move an agricultural building, by PRC & CM Westrope of Park Farm, Loudham Lane . DC/13/3423/VOC

To fell 3 silver birch trees, by Mr Jim Jarvie of The Street. DC/13/3433/TCA

To erect building for storage of cars by Suffolk Sports Car Engineering, of The Street. DC/13/2954/VOC

The following has been received-

Proposed front and rear extensions to 4 Hungarian Close by Mr & Mrs M McGee. DC/14/0011/FUL

Application for Lawful Certificate for unrestricted use and occupation of dwelling without being in connection with Agriculture and Forestry, by Mr & Mrs S Boardley, 1 Hungarian Close. DC/14/0421/CLE

The following has been withdrawn-

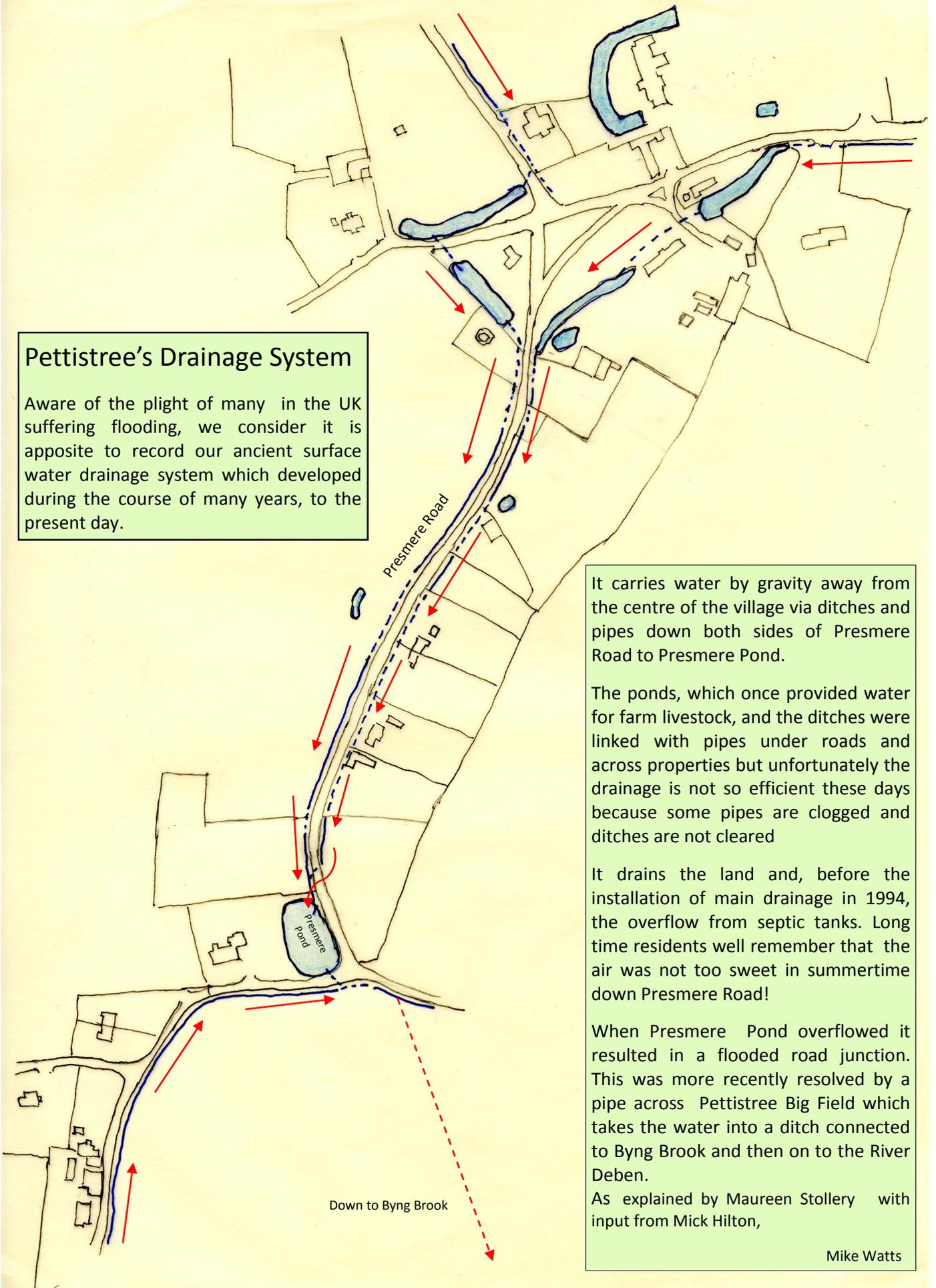
Conversion of Three Tuns PH to two residential dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings. DC/13/2621/FUL

100 CLUB	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
December 2013	Sheila Manning	John Argenti	Judy Steventon
January 2014	Judy Steventon	Alan Whitfield	Jenny Barnes
Febuary 2014	Mary Norris	Steve Boardley	Jenny Barnes
March 2014	Jenny Ayris	Mary Hallett	Steve Wassell



Pettistree's Drainage System

Aware of the plight of many in the UK suffering flooding, we consider it is apposite to record our ancient surface water drainage system which developed during the course of many years, to the present day.



It carries water by gravity away from the centre of the village via ditches and pipes down both sides of Presmere Road to Presmere Pond.

The ponds, which once provided water for farm livestock, and the ditches were linked with pipes under roads and across properties but unfortunately the drainage is not so efficient these days because some pipes are clogged and ditches are not cleared

It drains the land and, before the installation of main drainage in 1994, the overflow from septic tanks. Long time residents will remember that the air was not too sweet in summertime down Presmere Road!

When Presmere Pond overflowed it resulted in a flooded road junction. This was more recently resolved by a pipe across Pettistree Big Field which takes the water into a ditch connected to Byng Brook and then on to the River Deben.

As explained by Maureen Stollery with input from Mick Hilton,

Mike Watts



News from Pettistree Church



Repairs and Redecoration

Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) need to apply for a Faculty, that is permission, to undertake works to the church building. Faculties are issued by the Chancellor of the diocese and the Archdeacons following advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches – the DAC. At long last here in Pettistree we are making progress, a Faculty application was made in early February to the diocese, a notice of the Faculty application has been posted at the church and has to remain in place for 4 weeks to allow for any objections to be made to the DAC. The DAC has no objections to the planned work so the Faculty should be granted by the end of March, but have stipulated that we must guarantee that work will stop if any wall paintings are uncovered!

The buttresses at the East end of the church have to be repaired as they are both suffering from significant weathering, the other outside job is to replace the guttering and downpipes on the North of the chancel and improve the surface drainage. Inside the church the nave ceiling needs some repair, the emulsion paint that was used in the late 1960's has to be removed, then the ceiling and walls can be repainted with lime-wash, a finish that will allow the walls to 'breathe' and should help to counteract damp.

The PCC plan to make applications to several different groups to try to attract grant-aid for the work, these will include the Suffolk Historic Churches trust and English Heritage as well as several smaller charities. As yet we have not received tenders for the work involved but the architect expects it will be in the region of £40,000, which is a very large sum for a small community to raise. We already have £18,000 in the Fabric fund as the PCC have known that work would be required so have been saving during the past few years. We were delighted that the Pettistree Burns Night celebration raised £800 for the redecoration fund, and the PCC plan to hold more fund-raising events during the year.

While having this major work done we hope to alter the rear of the church to make more room for people to meet for coffee at the end of the morning service, and for families to be close to the font during baptisms. This work will also require permission from the diocese, I hope that if anyone has any questions about any of these plans they will contact me or any other member of the PCC.

The work is scheduled to last between 3 and 4 months and we hope to start in May this year if the funding can be arranged. We aim to keep the Chancel, that is the choir stalls, organ and altar area, open for services, seating up to 40 people, but it will be difficult to hold large services such as weddings and funerals.



Joe Arbon 1930 to 2013



Joe, a country lad, was born in Charsfield in 1930 and after attending the village school started his working life, at the age of 14, as a farm worker on a Bredfield farm, earning 25 shillings a week. Joe's connection with Pettistree began early in his life when he started work at Stone Hall Farm in 1951. About this time Joe played in the Pettistree football team, they held all their meetings in the Greyhound and played in a field next to the Three Tuns. In his spare time Joe built his first bungalow at Dallinghoo under the Farm Workers Tied Cottage Scheme on a piece of land which he bought from his then boss Jimmy Shand.

Joe married Joyce Smith in 1959, a Pettistree girl born and bred, and settled into married life. In 1964 Neil was born making their family complete. In 1965 Joe then took on a building firm in Wickham Market with some of the workers and made his mark by building houses in Wickham, Pettistree and Campsea Ashe, as well as carrying out repairs and extensions to homes over a wide area. Joe built Prospect House in Thong Hall Road, which the family moved into. They then moved back to Wickham Market Street, but as soon as a bungalow came up for sale in Pettistree Joe, Joyce and Neil moved in.

In the seventies our son Philip left school and was destined to join the Army but at the last minute

decided it was not for him. On the way home from school he popped in to see kind hearted Joe who gave him a job and an apprenticeship as a brick layer and helped to keep him on the straight and narrow through college. Neil, Philip and his brother Robert would clean old bricks for reuse at a penny per brick, for pocket money.

In the 1980s Pettistree entered the best Kept Village competition and won on two occasions. Joe helped smarten up the village, digging out ponds and ditches putting up new fencing, using his staff and equipment for the good of the village.

Joe was very much a team player in the communities, helping Wickham CP School raise funds for a swimming pool. Once the target was reached he took on the building often saying, "Don't worry I will see to it," and it would be done as if by magic. He had a heart of gold and was very much a Suffolk Lad. Over the years Joe was also involved in helping with the Wickham Market Carnivals, one of the jobs was to put up and take down the bunting.

In March 1992 at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the W.I. it was decided to offer their building to the village as a gift for use as a village hall.

It was then that Joe with his knowledge in the building trade felt it could be an asset to the village if renovated. A management committee was formed and for two years this committee worked with the W.I. whilst all the formalities were being finalised with solicitors and Charity Commissioners.

Throughout all this time Joe was very much the driving force, but with no funds we would not get far. It was suggested we all put a £5 note on the table and with the £50 the treasurer opened the first bank account. Joe worked very hard overseeing all the building work and also a very large part of the fund raising. Our first fete and BBQ was held at Pettistree House, whilst the next three BBQ's were held on the Park of Pettistree Lodge. Joe was very





generous with time and equipment, knowing the whereabouts of available marquees which didn't always appear on time. All his family became our supporters and helpers and Joe persuaded Joyce to give up her kitchen on the day of the BBQs as well as providing all the electricity and water. On all three occasions we catered for more than 200 people and Joe's role on the day was one of the chefs and as well as great fun on the day it helped to swell our funds in preparation for the revamping of our little hall



Joe felt very strongly that the hall should be at the centre of the village life; he gave help with the legal aspects as well as overseeing all the improvements to the hall. This taking place at the same time as D W Arbon's firm was building and improving homes in the surrounding villages.

Joe retired in 1990 and just before that he returned to his roots in farming. He started with a few sheep and bought a Suffolk Punch; a new career as breeder and showman.

Joe had a love of Suffolk Punches and bought the foal called Gem of Pettistree. He was dedicated to his horses so much so that when Pettistree Valentine was born on 14th February and rejected by her mother Joe looked after her for 14 weeks sleeping and feeding her up to 11 times a day. What dedication!

That tells you so much about the man. Joe attended all the local shows taking home cups and rosettes for his Suffolk Punches and individual turnouts, and also for performing extremely different and difficult manoeuvres with the tumbrel, such as backing, Not easy with a horse and cart. He collected and repaired

all types of old agricultural implements which he showed and demonstrated and are now on display at The Suffolk Punch Trust.



With more horses and implements to look after Joe needed a hand so when Vera Ecclestone lost her horse Joe asked if she would like to help and they went into partnership as owners of a new horse, two year old Tollemache Bertie which proved to be very successful over the years.

Joe also used the horses around the village, so when Amy Franklin needed a vehicle to take her to the Church for her wedding the first choice was Joe with Suffolk Punch and Tumbrel. The opening of the Greyhound for Paul and Margie, Joe was there! And for Brian and Maureen's Golden Wedding party there was a ride to Wickham Market Village Hall, as well as rides for all around the village at BBQ's, special events and transporting Father Christmas.



Joe, whose real name was Dallas, was certainly one of the old breed of village characters - very few left now. We most certainly do miss Joe in the village.

Maureen Stollery



Do you own a camera and are you online?

If so you could be our next **Local Recorder for Pettistree.**

What does this involve?

- recording current events in Pettistree & Loudham
- saving printed news relating to the locality
- saving photos of village activities
- recording unusual natural events

Be assured this is not a committee and no meetings are involved!

This is not history research, but does become the history of tomorrow.

For more details contact Cath Caudwell on 01728 747170
or email: roguescottage@mypostoffice.co.uk

Wickham Market Community Primary School celebrates

At our local primary school pupils and teachers are celebrating being upgraded from 'Requires Improvement' - which used to be known as 'Satisfactory' - to a 'Good' rating after its latest Ofsted inspection in February.

This status has been achieved in all four areas:

Achievement of pupils

Quality of Teaching

Behaviour and safety of pupils

Leadership and management

What the Ofsted judgement means:

'A good school is effective in delivering outcomes that provide well for all its pupils' needs. Pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education, training or employment.'

The full report, which is extremely positive, can be viewed at:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/124617>



New Hardware & Garden Shop on The Hill in WM

If you have missed being able to just pop onto the Market Hill to replace a burnt out kettle, get that extra bag of compost or you haven't got the right size screws then things are changing.

A new store, "**R & S Hardware and Gardening**" opened on 3rd March in the premises recently vacated by the florists. Run jointly by Margaret & Andrew Reeve and Stephen & Anna Shand stock items will include:

- Household items such as small electrical goods and mops, buckets etc.
- Garden supplies of compost, tools and seasonal plants.
- DIY requirements including nails, screws, small tools and decorating

• The shop will be open **9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday** and **10am to 4pm on Sundays**.

Winter with the ringers

November and December are busy months for the ringers ~ lots of planning and lots of ringing! The winter of 2013-4 has been no exception. Before Christmas we held our AGM, meeting in the pub over a pint and some sandwiches, enjoying the welcome there and the warmth from the fire. There was plenty of discussion ranging from where to get gas for the heater, how to clean the upper parts of the ringing chamber to making plans for 2014. The business of elections done, we moved on to consider plans for a bookshelf to house our small but growing library about the history of the art of ringing as well as books on how to learn and what to learn.

Learning to control the bell so that ringing as part of the team becomes seamless is really only the start and there is always a path to follow whether choosing to ring on different bells, higher numbers of bells, more complicated methods (patterns) and so on. Above all, and it's been said many times, it is the ultimate team game. As progress is made the physical side of handling a bell becomes more natural and remembering methods takes a greater part.

Back at the AGM we made plans for Christmas and the New Year, marking the Carol Service and of course Ringing in the New Year. It never fails to excite me to ring in the middle of the night, announcing the time to all within ear shot. We also booked dates for three outings during 2014, in April, July and September. In July we plan to visit the area between Ely and King's Lynn, visiting about six churches, enjoying lunch and coffees etc. and oh yes, ringing!

Above all ringing is a very social activity; there is ample time to talk with others on practice night, we come from all walks of life, are of all ages and so many topics outside ringing are discussed. Many friendships have been made, not only in the tower, but across the county and beyond. The Suffolk Guild of Ringers holds its AGM the week after Easter and it is a great opportunity for old friends and acquaintances to catch up on the year past. Closer to home, only last week almost thirty of us enjoyed our annual Christmas dinner (it's traditionally held in February!).

If you would like to find out more about us please contact me, Mary Garner on 01728 746097



BURNS NIGHT 2014

The fifth Pettistree and Loudham Burns Night was held on Saturday 8 February to celebrate the birth of Robert Burns on the 25 January. Each year the event has been held we have had to endure some atrocious weather and this year was no exception. The authorities in Suffolk even provided a loch just outside the entrance to the hall. It was named Loch Loudham which had a nice ring to it. This year it was decided to raise money for the work required to be undertaken inside the church. Whether you are a churchgoer or not the building is such an important part of the village and needs support.



For those of us with Scots blood it was probably not the best choice of dates as the evening started almost immediately after the final whistle for the England versus Scotland Calcutta match. Needless to say the England supporters couldn't wait to 'crow' over the winning score line (again!!).

Rob recited the traditional Selkirk grace:
Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae let the Lord be thankit. (*that played havoc with my computer's spell check!*)

The starter of 'Cock o' Leekie' soup was followed by haggis, neeps and tatties.



I piped the haggis to the Burn's tune of 'A man's a man for a' that'. John Speedman eloquently

addressed the haggis and his delivery ensured everybody understood the meaning of the address if not the words.



At the end of the main course, Ron Bossingham, played an excellent rendition of 'Skye Boat Song'. The haggis was followed by a traditional sweets of cranachan, 'tipsy laird' (whisky trifle) and yoghurt with raspberries and oats.

Following the meal, Cath Caldwell guided a number of dancers (I can assure you it wasn't Strictly!) through the Gay Gordons, Circassian Circle and the Dashing White Sergeant. Much to our amazement we managed to complete all the dances without casualties. Our resident DJ, Tony Franklin ensured we all danced to the correct tune (although most of us wouldn't have recognised it!). Even Cath was surprised we didn't mess things up too much although some of the men's dance steps were described as being more like ducks landing on a frozen pond than Strictly!



Everybody enjoyed the evening and thanks to all the hard work and effort by Pauline and all of her 'lassies' and Mike Barnes who was the 'enforcer' on the door, we managed to raise £152 from the raffle, with thanks to Claire Signy for the wonderful hamper, and including the ticket sales raised £800 for the church.

Thanks to everybody who made this such a success and 'haste ye back'.

Ps We now have three pipers and if we get a drummer we could have the Pettistree Pipe Band.

Jim Jarvie

Pettistree and Loudham Village Hall Committee Chairman



Suffolk Police Community Safety Unit

Our County Police Force has recently issued the following guidance which we consider all our readers should be aware of.

Copycat websites

One of the key misleading practices Trading Standards frequently receive a high number of complaints on, is that of companies offering services including passport renewal, driving licences, tax returns and European Health Insurance Cards.

These sites are commonly known as 'copycat' websites because they offer services from government departments and contain features similar to that of the official site making it appear as though they are 'official' or 'authorised'. Many of these companies use website tools to achieve high positions in search engines often ranking them higher than the official site, and the majority of them charge a premium for a service

How to avoid Rogue Traders

[Checkatrade](#) is a directory of local tradesmen who have been checked by Suffolk County Council Trading Standards and made a commitment to treat their customers fairly.

- Avoid any cold callers that may turn up or ring unexpectedly or unannounced offering to carry out repairs.
- When seeking a reliable trader, talk to family, friends and neighbours to get recommendations, or look for a Trader via [Checkatrade](#). Report any unscrupulous traders either to police or Trading Standards.
- Ask traders to provide you with written contact details, and consider getting written quotes (not estimates) from at least three traders. Ask about insurance backed guarantees.
- Consumer law allows you a seven day 'cooling-off period' so you can change your mind about any service offered by someone who comes,

uninvited or by appointment, to your home and makes a contract with you.

- Keep back part of the cost until the repair job has been satisfactorily completed. This will provide an incentive for the trader to complete the job or put right any problems.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

Drivers can take simple steps to keep their vehicles secure;

- Ideally, private vehicles should be kept in a well-secured garage where possible.
- Vehicles can be parked in such a way as to make access to the catalytic converter difficult, or parallel with another vehicle if you own one. The converter itself can be secured with a clamp, and anti-tamper alarms are available.
- Commercial vehicles should also be kept in a locked building or compound, supported by alarms, lighting and CCTV.
- Catalytic converters can be marked with etching or UV pens, and with SmartWater, which is an invisible liquid with a unique formula that forensically proves where the marked item comes from.

Regular marking sessions are held across the county please contact your local Crime Reduction Officer on 101 or Safer Neighbourhood Team for details of these and current security methods.

Cable thefts

There has been an increase in the theft of BT cables in Suffolk.

Offenders open junction boxes or lift manhole covers by the side of the road and drag the cabling out using a vehicle. This type of crime costs service providers a vast amount of money with the value of the cables and the cost to put right the damage. It also puts people's lives at risk if their telephone line is cut off and there is an emergency.

If you see anything suspicious the Police want to hear from you.



DIARY DATES

PROPS orders. Next cut-off dates in 2014
11th March, 15th April, 3rd June & 2nd September

**Litter Pick 23rd March. Meet at 11.00 outside
The Greyhound.** Gloves and sacks provided

**Race Night and Beetle Drive in the Village Hall
at 7.30pm 5th April.** Tickets £10, children
under 14 £7.50. Includes fish & chip supper.

Pettistree People copy dates for 2014
12th May 11th Aug 10th Nov

Please send your contribution to —
ppedit@uwclub.net

Pettistree Parish Council
**Annual General Meeting 7.30pm on 13th May
in the Village Hall followed by the Council
meeting at 7.45pm.**

**Pettistree and Loudham residents Annual
Parish Meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday the
20th May in the Village Hall.**
**This is your opportunity to hear reports
from the Council and other village organisa-
tions as well as advising the Parish Council
of any problems and how the village affairs
should be conducted**

Heritage Trust Their AGM will be at 6.30pm
on Tuesday 10th June in The Greyhound.

Regular events

Bellringing 6.30pm 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. 7-8pm Wednesdays

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Please note this newsletter depends on you sending us your news and stories.

Don't be shy to share them with your fellow residents!

Mike Watts and Maureen Stollery— The Editorial Team