



Pettistree People

A newsletter for all the residents of Pettistree and Loudham

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Christingle in Pettistree for the first time

A short Service will be held in Pettistree Church on Monday December 21st at 11.00am. It will be particularly suitable for younger children of pre-school age, but all age-groups are welcome from babies to grand-parents!

The History of Christingles

The idea of Christingles came from a Moravian Church in Germany in 1747. The minister, John de Watteville, was looking for a simple way to explain the happiness that comes to people through Jesus and gave children at the service a lighted candle with a red ribbon around it and this represented Jesus being the light of the world.



In 1968, John Pensom of The Children's Society adapted Christingle and introduced it to the Church of England. This involved children decorating an orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits, sweets and a candle to create a new visual representation of Christ, the light of the world, celebrated by the lighting of the Christingle candles.

The Children's Society is a national charity that runs local projects, helping children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable, and have nowhere left to turn.

Since then Christingle has played a vital role in supporting the work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children. The issues facing children and young people may have changed, but the determination of the Children's Society to be there providing help and support has remained the same. Right now, more than 16,500 children are at high risk of sexual exploitation by predatory adults. The funds raised from Christingle events are absolutely vital in helping to continue tackling this issue. By providing direct, one-to-one support, the Society has been able to help thousands of children and young people move on from the effects of suffering harm and abuse, to taking positive steps in their lives.

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The Parish Council, the Editorial Team
and all at St Peter and St Paul's wish you
a Happy Christmas and
a Prosperous and Peaceful New Year





Parish Council Report

As I write this article we are all just getting over the night-time disturbances of Halloween and then Guy Fawkes night. Some noise and disturbance is to be expected on these nights and people sometimes compare November 5th with wartime gunfire and explosions. However I was surprised to hear what was obviously genuine machine gun firing on 29th September. I had noticed in the East Anglian Daily Times that there was to be a joint military exercise of helicopters from RAF Wattisham Air Base and a combined British and French army force at Woodbridge. It still came as a surprise to go out to check the animals routinely at midnight on the 29th and to hear the rattle of automatic weapons and considerable helicopter noise. The wind was coming from the direction of Rock Barracks near Woodbridge and what I was hearing was the exercise attack and defence of the military camp. The donkeys were not at all disturbed and just carried on munching in the stable. The previous day an Apache helicopter had come over the village much lower than usual, presumably as part of the exercise. It then hovered at about the height of the Church over the field adjacent to the Church. It stayed absolutely stationary for at least five minutes and then moved off slowly. I was able to take the photograph below but it has not fully captured an impression of just how low the



aircraft was. (Helicopter seen from my garden across the roof of the Greyhound.)

The footpath between the three Tuns and Rogues Lane beside the B1438 has been relaid and

resurfaced to a high standard. The Highways Department of Suffolk County Council then went on to cut back earth and vegetation that was blocking the path from Java Lodge lane to the Three Tuns. The pathway from Rogues Lane into Wickham Market is in fair condition so it should now be possible for baby buggies and mobility scooters to get from Pettistree into Wickham Market in safety and relative comfort. Other roads in the village still need repair such as Byng Lane and Loudham Hall Lane. Calls from individuals to the Suffolk County Council website can sometimes hasten repair work on potholes etc.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole/>

Planning applications are assessed against planning policy documents. The **Draft Conservation Area Appraisal** was mentioned in the August newsletter. The Parish Council has agreed it in principle. It gives a good description of many of the properties and assets of the village. The boundaries of the conservation area will be reviewed at a later date. We were invited to participate in the Wickham Market **Neighbourhood Plan** but the Parish Council decided at its meeting on 4th November that the publication of the **Local Plan** by Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) made this unnecessary. It states that there should be no quota for development in Pettistree until its expiry in 2027. A Neighbourhood Plan needs quite a lot of work and expense but will allow Wickham Market to prepare for any development that may be required there by SCDC for a longer period. (SCDC is the local planning authority for this area.)

The Parish Council agreed to enter Pettistree People for the best newsletter competition of the Suffolk Association for Local Councils. Once again our newsletter was in the awards list. This time it was as the runner up in the Smaller Villages category. Our editorial team and contributors are to be congratulated on featuring in the awards year after year. (Interestingly the Ufford Punch was runner up in the Larger Villages category.)

I started writing these notes several days ago when the joint France/UK military exercise



seemed a sensible but non-urgent precaution. The news in the last few days of the jihadist terrorist mass killings in Paris has made such exercises horribly necessary and a good reason for even quiet rural areas such as ours to do all we can to support the training of military forces in our area.

Stop Press

Today's (17th November) East Anglian Daily Times announces that John Woods Nurseries (on the old

Notcutt's Nursery site) has gone into administration. An insolvency specialist has been appointed and all the remaining stock is to be sold by internet auction on 24th November. It is sad to see a respected company with nearly 180 years of trading failing and this is bound to have consequences for our village as decisions are made in due course for the re-use of the land and buildings.

Jeff Hallett Parish Council Chairman

Runner Up again !

We were asked to attend the AGM of SALC—Suffolk Association of Local Councils - on 12th of November at Elmswell for we were to be presented with an award for Pettistree People.

We did not know if it was for the best newsletter or runner up. Unfortunately it was runner up. However it is better than nothing!

Every edition of Pettistree People is dependant upon the receipt of news stories from our residents—both young and old; our proof reader Pat Deliss and the printers, Sharward Services, and of course the prompt distribution by our delivery team—

Cath Caudwell, Kath Hilton, Jill Johnson, Carol Speedman, Saska Bierowiec and Tony Franklin.

We thank them, all.

Mike and Maureen



11th annual Carols in the Barn 18th December at 7.00pm

Dick and Rita Smith would like to invite you to come and sing carols in the barn at Church Farm, Pettistree, on Friday 18th December. The singing will begin at 7.30pm and mulled wine will be served beforehand.

Afterwards we will be treated to one of Jim and Pauline's BBQ's.

We regret that places are limited, so please contact us early on 01728 746708 to book your places, and if you have a favourite carol that you would like to sing please let us know.



We ask for donations towards the BBQ and our chosen charities, which are The Starlight Children's Foundation and our son Stephen's Orphanage and Refuge Centre in Indonesia – Yayasan Gunungan (www.gunungan.org).

Rita and Dick Smith



PROPS is to be Re-launched

PROPS has been providing its heating oil purchasing service for almost 5 years during which time we have facilitated the purchase of over 3,500,000 litres of heating oil and saved our members a total of about £150,000.

Since we launched the PROPS service in February 2010 the awareness of the potential saving which an oil buying syndicate can achieve has become widespread and many syndicates have been created.

The effort required to run an oil buying syndicate is not insignificant and, increasingly, the PROPS Management Team has been finding it more and more onerous to run PROPS and we had decided to close PROPS, and indeed, on 4th November we communicated this intention to all of our members.

Soon after this announcement one of our members, Derek Johnson who lives here in Pettistree, offered to continue running PROPS. Derek has made a formal proposal to the PROPS Management Team to set up new PROPS system, to be known as PROPS2. This service will work in much the same way as PROPS does today, through the Pettistree Website.

Derek has considerable experience of creating and running IT services for the local community. He currently organises the volunteer Rota for Wickham Market Library using a very similar approach to that which PROPS2 will be employing and he also provides free IT advice on Fridays at the Library.

The PROPS Management Team have assured themselves that the new management team is competent and reliable and the system and technology they will be using will be easy for members to use.

During December and January the PROPS Management Team will be testing PROPS2 before it is launched in February soon after the last old PROPS order is placed on 2nd February.

In conclusion, we would like to thank you for being a member of PROPS for the support and encouragement you have given to us. We hope that we have been able to provide you with some savings and convenience while helping you purchase your heating oil.

The PROPS Management Team
Mike Barnes Tony Franklin Steve Wassell



Remembrance Day

A half-muffled quarter peal by the bell-ringers on Wednesday November 11th was just finishing as over 30 people gathered at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance led by Rev Rob Rose. It was a very much appreciated service on a lovely sunny morning, and it was a great pleasure to welcome Peter Schurr MC back to the congregation to lay the wreath and repeat Laurence Binyon's well-known lines. Following the service a very welcome cup of coffee and warm lemon cake was provided at The Greyhound courtesy of Stewart and Louise.





Lost and Found

Together, Jacki and I, deliver Pettistree People to Loudham and the dwellings along Thong Hall Road; and it was while we delivering the last issue of PP in September that we found a little character which we temporarily named “Lucky”.

When we are delivering the Pettistree People I drive while Jacki hops out at each house to post a copy of PP through the letterbox. Sometimes, where the road is very narrow, I pull off the road at the nearest passing place and wait for Jacki to make the delivery. On this occasion I dropped Jacki outside Chris & Mary Garner’s house, Thong Hall Cottage, and waited for her to return to the car. I waited and waited and waited thinking she was gossiping to Mary & Chris and eventually I went to find her.

Mary & Chris were not in and I found Jacki on her hands and knees peering under Chris’s car – **at what?** I went down on my hands and knees to find the face of little brown puppy staring out at me and I reached out to gather him up. He was clearly frightened and shivering but very thankful to be in the safety of Jacki’s arms.

Although we both like dogs we have never owned one. So what did we do with this little abandoned puppy which had the most endearing brown eyes? *“... I know we will take the puppy to Dick Smith ... he will know what to do ...”* - and that is what we did. Dick was very kind and gentle in checking the puppy



over and pronounced him in good health and that he was a boy; *“... but what do we do with it ...”* we asked Dick. He suggested we take it to the RSPCA the next day, Monday, or make some enquiries along Thong Hall Road starting with Graham and Vera.

Graham answered our knock on the door, took one look at us, and the puppy, scratched his head, and called for Vera. We explained what had happened and Jacki passed the puppy, who we had temporarily named *Lucky*, into Vera’s arms. Being a dog owner herself Vera melted as she gazed into *Lucky*’s eyes. After a brief discussion Vera and Graham agreed to take *Lucky* in and find a home for him – they knew of at least two people who were looking for a puppy. We left Graham and Vera’s that evening thankful that *Lucky* was in the hand of people who were much more capable than ourselves in finding *Lucky* a safe home.

It is most likely that *Lucky* was abandoned to fend for himself and would have been unlikely to have survived the night had we not found him.

This story has a happy ending in that next day Vera called to say that she had found a home for him where she was sure he would be loved and well looked after.

“*Lucky*” is indeed one very lucky little dog.

Tony & Jacki Franklin

Village Hall update

At the recent Committee meeting it was agreed that in the New Year they will invite The Broadside Boys to entertain us and there will be a village get together at 12 noon on 17th January. Full details in due course. Burn’s Night will be celebrated on 6th February. Please contact Jim Jarvie on 745030 to book.



Local RNLI Group benefits from Pettistree quiz

Fifty-five would be ‘eggheads’ descended on Pettistree Village Hall on Saturday 7th November in support of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Our local Quizmaster Extraordinaire, Dave Caudwell, had agreed to put on one of his locally renowned quizzes in support of this worthwhile cause at the request of the Woodbridge Group fundraiser, Ray Lewis.

Keen not to disappoint people, ‘Feely Bags’ were in evidence, as always, their content having a theme of “all available in R & S Hardware of Wickham Market” – no plug there then!

The evening was ‘well enjoyed’ with a brilliant friendly atmosphere, topped off with fish and chips from the Flaming Fryer at half time.

For those of you with a statistical mind, the average final score was 74.3 out of a possible 110, equivalent to 67.5% (the range was 62 – 81 points). Top slot went to

team ‘Bombardiers’ with 81 points, closely followed by the ‘Tennis Buoys’ with 80.5 and the ‘Famous Five + 1’ with 80 points. Phew, that was close!



Proceeds for the evening came in at £343.55 after expenses. Ray thanked Dave and Cath Caudwell, together with Jim Jarvie, for their help in organising this event and making it such a success for the RNLI.




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Suffolk Coastal 01394 670770 **West Suffolk** 01284 767674

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“I felt my counselling with my volunteer was very helpful indeed, at a time when I felt isolated and at times desperate”.




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Pettistree Celebration for the 90th birthday of HM The Queen.



Her Majesty The Queen will be 90 next year and big celebrations are planned around the Country. These will focus on Sunday 12th June 2016 when HM The Queen will attend a special lunch. There will also be a huge street lunch party on the Mall

The following dates may be helpful in understanding the timing of various events.

21 st April 1926.	Birth of HM Queen Elizabeth II
6 th February 1952	Accession to the throne
2 nd June 1953	Coronation
12 th June 2016	Celebration lunch at the Palace

Several people in the village have mentioned the possibility of having a celebration lunch or tea party to mark this special birthday in the same way that we had Millennium and Jubilee celebrations. At the Parish Council meeting on 4th November we agreed that such a celebration should be held, probably on Sunday 12th June. We agreed that the Parish Council would be happy to have the celebration held under its overall control (for insurance purposes) but did not want to carry out the detailed management itself. We felt the celebration should be a truly community event and that a small organising committee should be formed from representatives of the various village organisations.

I know already that the Village Hall Committee, Heritage Group, and Parochial Church Council are keen to participate. The organising committee will need to decide when to hold the celebration and whether a lunch in the churchyard meadow will be the most suitable. (The Village Hall would be the back-up venue if the weather is wet).

Pending the setting up of an organising committee please let me or your own group know if you can help and if you have any comments or suggestions.

Jeff Hallett, Chairman of Pettistree Parish Council

Planning Matters

Advance notice to the Parish Council of possible plans for two dwellings on rough land next to the Three Tuns. DC/15/4043/FUL Construction of three brick buttresses and a pier to stabilise a garden wall within the curtilage of the listed building by Mr and Mrs Signy. Approved and built.
DC/15/3494/LBC For replacement of sash windows and a door has been withdrawn by Mr and Mrs Signy. No more approvals have been received.



Working Horses, Working Lives: sharing our stories of the Suffolk Punch

Cath Caudwell welcomed everybody to this year's Pettistree Heritage Event. Last year village archives were passed to the Record Office for safe keeping along with copies of the Pettistree People which will be sent in on a regular basis. Although the village no longer has a Recorder the group is still active and work is ongoing and Joan Peck continues to help. An enquiry received via the Pettistree website this year was from a family in Canada researching ancestors who had lived in the village and during a visit to England, arrangements were made for the couple to visit Church Farm and Pettistree Grange.

The speaker for the evening Jeff Hallett needed little introduction as he has lived in the village for over 30 years. For many years he has been closely involved with the Suffolk Horse Society and has owned Suffolk Punch horses. He had split his talk into two parts with an interval when refreshments were served.

The first part of the talk covered the history of the breed and the second half the oral history project. Before the invention of the horse collar, oxen had been used to plough the land. One of the many interesting facts Jeff dropped into his talk was that an ox cannot stand on three legs which makes shoeing difficult; not so with the horse. From 1800 – 1850 horses started to replace the oxen.



The Suffolk Punch is on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust register as being critically endangered and is rarer than the Giant Panda. The breed goes back to the 1500s and all Suffolk Punch Horses on the Society records can be traced back to Thomas Crisp's horse foaled at Ufford in 1768. The Stud Book started by Herman Biddell in 1880 is the oldest heavy horse register. Suffolk Punch Horses were exported all over the world and the Amish people in America still use the breed. In Pakistan they were cross bred with large donkeys to produce strong pack mules. During the First World War the Suffolk Punch was popular not just because of its strength but also because it adapted well to the muddy conditions in the battlefields.

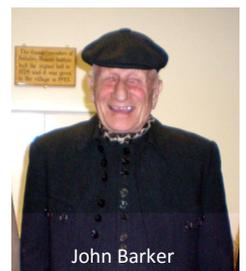
With the invention of the tractor, horses became redundant and large numbers went to the slaughter houses. In 1966 only 9 foals were registered in the UK

and by 1991 the Suffolk Punch was on the critically endangered rare breed list. In recent years numbers have risen with 50 foals registered in 2010. Recession has an effect, however, and in 2014 the number of foals recorded was lower at 32. Currently the number of Suffolk Punch horses in the UK amounts to 520.

During the interval refreshments were served and we had a chance to view the display and to talk to Jeff.

In 2012, with the help of the Cambridge Community Heritage group of the University of Cambridge, the Suffolk Horse Society applied for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and was successfully awarded a grant of £9,800 to set up an Oral History Project. Jeff, together with Suffolk Horse Society members Hilary Cadman, Juliet Pennell and Peter Webb, spent the year allowed under the terms of the grant, to record the memories and stories of horsemen and horsewomen. They received help and guidance from Neil Lanham, Dr Sarah Baylis from Cambridge Community Heritage and Lesley Dolphin of BBC Radio Suffolk. The recording equipment purchased for this project was of high quality and very unobtrusive.

Jeff played extracts from the recordings made by Ray Hubbard, Alan Adcock, John Barker, Cheryl Grover, Philip Ryder Davies, Tom Walne, Gus Kitson and Roger Clarke. Gus had come along to hear Jeff's talk. To many present, the memories of John Barker were of personal interest. He is a well known character and has just moved out of Pettistree. We heard accounts of 'first rides' on a Suffolk Punch which would make your hair curl. Apart from shock possibly, John Barker's childhood experience of sliding off the horse into the pond as it took a drink had no adverse effect on him and none of the others seemed to have been harmed by their childhood experiences. Health



Safety might have something to say about it now. Their memories covered hard work on the farm, the Coronation, schooling, Royalty, Showing, Kew, the wheelwright skills and other topics, but shining through came their love of horses.

To condense their memories into this summary would be impossible and the writer recommends you look at the Suffolk Horse Society website where all the oral records and transcripts are available to download in full.

<http://www.suffolkhorsesociety.org.uk/the-society/heritage-oral-history-project>



A Night with the Broadside Boys: Almost!

Saturday 10 October started off as normal. The weather was mild, the tables and chairs were set up in the village hall ready for an evening with the Broadside Boys. The order for fifty five 'fish and chips' had been made, raffle prizes obtained so all I had to do was turn up. What possibly could go wrong??.....

There I was at 6.00pm on Saturday evening, feet up relaxed having watched a Rugby World Cup game when the phone rang. Probably somebody ringing up to ask for extra tickets; how wrong I was. On the other end was Eric Sedge, 50% of the Broadside Boys, who informed us that Mat Bayfield, the other 50%, had been taken to hospital with severe abdominal pain. Pauline could tell by the expression on my face it wasn't good news (a bit of an understatement with one hour to go before people started arriving.

My initial instinct was to go and lie down in a dark room with a suitable bottle but thankfully I was metaphorically clipped around the ear and brought back to reality by a phone call from Mat's



dad Stephen. He advised me he had secured a performer at short notice and in addition, he would come along and 'say a few words'.

The Pettistree bush telegraph was working well

and as guests turned up before I even started to tell them about the boys, most told me they had already heard. I realized I was going to be one of Stephen's targets when he started asking me a few questions. Thankfully, Dick Smith and Brian Stollery turned up and I could breathe a sigh of relief.

Stephen opened up with his usual brand of humour which got us all in a jovial mood (Dick and Brian getting the brunt!). He then introduced Dennis who entertained us with songs from the 50's 60,s and 70's.



We all knew most of the words (not necessarily in the right order!) and everybody joined in. Neil delivered piping hot fish and chips at 'half time' which were served in the usual military precision! Despite the disappointment of not seeing the Broadside boys and Stephen saving the day we all had a great evening.

Most importantly Mat is on the mend and our best wishes go to him. We hope he and Eric will perform for us in the new year so watch this space

Jim Jarvie

100 CLUB	1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
August	Mr Jackson	Alex Jarvie	Nick Beagley
September	Pat Cook	Dick Smith	Sheiia Manning
October	Louis Deliss	Chris Garner	Jill Wassell
November	Jarvie Boys	Roger Chilvers	Jenny Ayris



The secret life of the Pettistree moles

Moles *Talpa europaea* are one of our most widespread and instantly recognisable native mammals and yet how many have you actually seen in the last year? The answer is probably none and yet even the wildlife novice can spot the signs of their activity.

The familiar 'molehills' is what most people associate with this species, and this is probably the main reason moles have been trapped in greater numbers than almost any other UK mammal. Thankfully for those concerned about their lawns, moles do not continue to tunnel throughout the year. The tunnel system, once excavated, is a permanent, well patrolled territory into which



earthworms or insect larvae fall while moving through the soil. These prey items are collected up and either eaten on the spot or stored for the winter. Territories will be defended from any intruders but may connect to the tunnels of other moles, with male territories overlapping several females.

Most molehills flung up in the initial excavation, gradually break down through rainfall or trampling, and there may be little more evidence of the mole's activity for the rest of the year until cold weather forces it to search more actively for food. In our garden, though, we've had quite a bit of activity over the autumn so I've scooped up the spoil heaps and used the soil in our flower beds.

Moles are superbly adapted to a subterranean life. Broad muscular shoulders and a deep chest power their burrowing paws; a sensitive nose and whiskers can sense nearby prey and mole fur can lie flat in either direction, allowing them to quickly reverse out of trouble using their back legs to drag their body and forelegs along.

However, even these adaptations cannot explain

how a mole can survive underground when it takes up to 4000 times more energy to burrow through soil than to walk the same distance, especially in an atmosphere where the oxygen content of the air drops from 21% to as little as 6%. Most mammals (including fellow burrowers such as badgers and water voles) would quickly expire under such conditions, but moles have twice as much blood with double the haemoglobin content of any other similar-sized mammal. Amazingly, the mole's ability to absorb oxygen is equivalent to that of a llama, which has to endure high altitude oxygen deprivation!



So while many of us find the inconvenience of molehills an unwelcome addition to a manicured lawn, moles are one of the most fascinating and elusive creatures that you're likely to find in your garden. I'm happy to get the shovel out every now and again in order to share Well Cottage with my subterranean neighbours.



Darren Tansley is a Wildlife Trust mammal ecologist and co-author of the new 'Mammals of Essex'. However the most active mammal at his Well Cottage garden is still Lyra the boxer.



Pettistree Bell Ringers News



The ringers continue to celebrate and mark national events as well as local ones. Our Wednesday night practices continue to be well supported from surrounding towers and are very sociable occasions, concluding with a gathering in the pub. At present we are looking forward to our AGM where

we not only review the year but plan for the future.

Perhaps YOU would like to be part of the future. Learning to ring doesn't involve great strength or any musical skill. It is not competitive but is yet the ultimate in team games. Learning to ring is an opportunity learn an ancient skill and art form and be part of keeping this tradition alive and well in today's highly technical and digital world. It is the chance to play with 500 year old kit and be connected with some of the past life of the village.

If you would like to know more or have a try please do make contact with Mary Garner on 746097 , marysgarner@tiscali.co.uk

Cricket Success by Jake Kiddy



I started playing cricket last year at Easton Cricket Club and was hooked straight away! I wasn't very good at bowling and it took a lot of practice with my dad at home to get it but once I did I bowl everywhere, while walking to school, in the kitchen anywhere! (Without the ball!). Due

to the number of balls we kept losing in the hedge and the field mum and dad invested in a set of cricket nets for the garden which also saved the windows!

I moved schools in June so I could play more cricket and was in the school team which won the County final

Mr Brooke and Mr Bennet King (the teachers who take us for sport) asked my mum if they could put me forward for Suffolk under 10 cricket trials and I went for the two trials in August.

We then had to wait a few weeks for the result and I was really chuffed to be one of the boys picked to be in the Suffolk Squad.

At the beginning of November I had to go for the

fitness assessment at Bury cricket club and do lots of tests and have been given an exercise programme and lots of advice on how to stay fit and healthy (mum says dad needs to follow it too!).

Training goes on all through the winter and I'm really looking forward to it.

I play, along with my sister Daisy, at Easton cricket club and Mr Moore and Mr Bosher who coach there have also helped me through the summer with my game and last week at the club awards night I was named Player of the Year in the under 9's section.

I think there used to be a village team and it would be great if we had one again! Mum also said she thought she recalls a story about the village having a link with the Ashes. If anyone can remember it I would love to know.

Yes Jake, your mum is quite right. The Ashes were presented to Ivo Bligh at Christmas 1882 in Australia after we had lost a match at the Oval in August 1882. The Pettistree connection was researched by Joan Peck and published in Issue 22 of Pettistree People in June 2003.

You can read this online at www.pettistree.suffolk.gov.uk

We wish you more success!



Our cruise from Venice; October 2015

October 2014 was the last time we ventured to take a cruise and as previously reported in this publication that boat was one that we wish we had never boarded. So it was with some trepidation that we left for a few days in Venice before embarking on the Splendour of the Seas, one of the smaller ships in the Royal Caribbean fleet. After a very pleasant time enjoying the sun, sights



and Italian food from our hotel near to St Marks Square we were joined by Mary our daughter for her 'Venice in 24 hours' experience! In order to allow her to see a bit more of the place we invested in a water taxi from our hotel to the cruise terminal to join the boat.

We were pleased by the ease of negotiating checking-in and security and the location of our cabins, or as they kept calling them 'staterooms', at the start of a week of good weather, excellent food and plenty of relaxation, interspersed with an interesting selection of ports to visit. Leaving Venice in the late afternoon was an experience itself as cruise ships pass very close to all the main sights on the way out of the lagoon to the Adriatic, it was a beautiful sight.



It was also very obvious from the ship how many of the Venetian church towers are leaning or as a local here might say "on the wonk".

That night we were instructed to move our clocks forward and the following day my mobile 'phone welcomed me to Croatia. Dubrovniks walled old town is lovely and walking the walls is one of the recommended tourist things to do. We decided that the number of steps to climb and the heat of the day meant we would be better occupied strolling the streets and spending our Euros on a Croatian lunch which we had on a terrace overlooking the harbour and enjoyed very much.

The next day was spent at sea and we cruised south, I would have liked a map as my mobile 'phone welcomed me to Albania, Monte Negro, Greece and Turkey during the 24 hours. We were also told to change our clocks again, however this did cause confusion in Turkey as due to the imminent election the government had decreed that the clocks would not change for a further fortnight! Kusadasi was our destination port and we then took a tour (organised by the cruiseline) to Ephesus, our tour guide was excellent, a good English speaker and very interesting. Jeff and I had visited 20 years ago and were surprised to see how much more of the original city had been uncovered since then, but so far they have not moved the 'shopping experience' from the coach park area, we were pleased to see that "Genuine Fake Rolex watches" are still advertised! The only unusual incident to occur on the cruise was here, as our tour coach ran out of diesel on the way back to the ship. We had to have a replacement coach as the driver could not restart the engine so I'm afraid he did not get any tips that day.



Compared with 'running-again' when cruising last year this was a minor inconvenience and only delayed us by about 20 minutes, but Mary did wonder whether we were 'Jonahs'.



Visits to Santorini and Katakolon (for Olympia) took up the next two days both of which places were fascinating and looking lovely on warm sunny days.



Our last day was spent going North up the Italian coast and we took the opportunity to have a tour of the Galley led by the head chef, and enjoy a special Brunch.

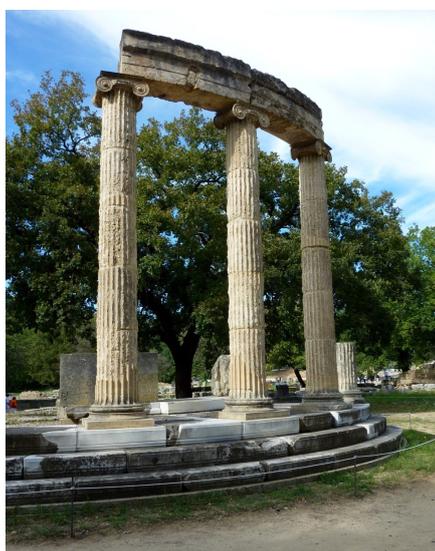


We did not take the donkey ride or the 660 steps up to the town on Santorini, but we were pleased that we managed to avoid the queue for the cable car, as we got onto the dock early before the other two cruise ships in the bay got organised with



The last night we were instructed to change our clocks again ready for disembarking back in Venice, where the weather was still warm and when packing I realised we had not needed the warm clothes we had taken with us for our holiday. Disembarkation was well organised and we had plenty of time to take a coach back to the 'Budget airline' Treviso (for Venice) airport and the RyanAir flight back to Stansted. Mary and I are already planning another mini-break in Venice, her 24 hour taster session gave her several ideas worthy of further study, and the Water buses (Vaporettos) make getting around so easy we think we can probably cope. Also Jeff's and my faith in cruising has been restored, it is very pleasant to only unpack once and then visit lots of different places. Jeff did feel slightly cheated as the weather was so good that until the 4th day the boat hardly rocked at all, and even when there was a fairly big sea running it was so well stabilised there was no difficulty walking in straight lines!

their tenders. In high season, when they may sometimes have 5 ships in, apparently you can wait nearly 2 hours for the cable car so people have been known to miss their departure time and get left on the shore. Santorini was lovely and the narrow streets were very crowded, however the



coffee shop owner said that the best thing is to go and stay for a holiday there, as by 5.00 pm the cruise ships have gone and it reverts to a beautiful peaceful Greek island with good food and amazing sunsets!



Harvest Festival and First Harvest Lunch

The Harvest Festival on September 20th was a wonderful occasion where we gave thanks for all the many gifts received from God during the past year and sang many of our favourite thanksgiving hymns. The service was followed by a well-attended Ploughman's lunch in the village hall, a very enjoyable event with time to talk with new and old friends. I know there were several people who were unable to attend due to prior engagements, and I hope that next year we will be able to plan well ahead and get the date in the diary in good time.

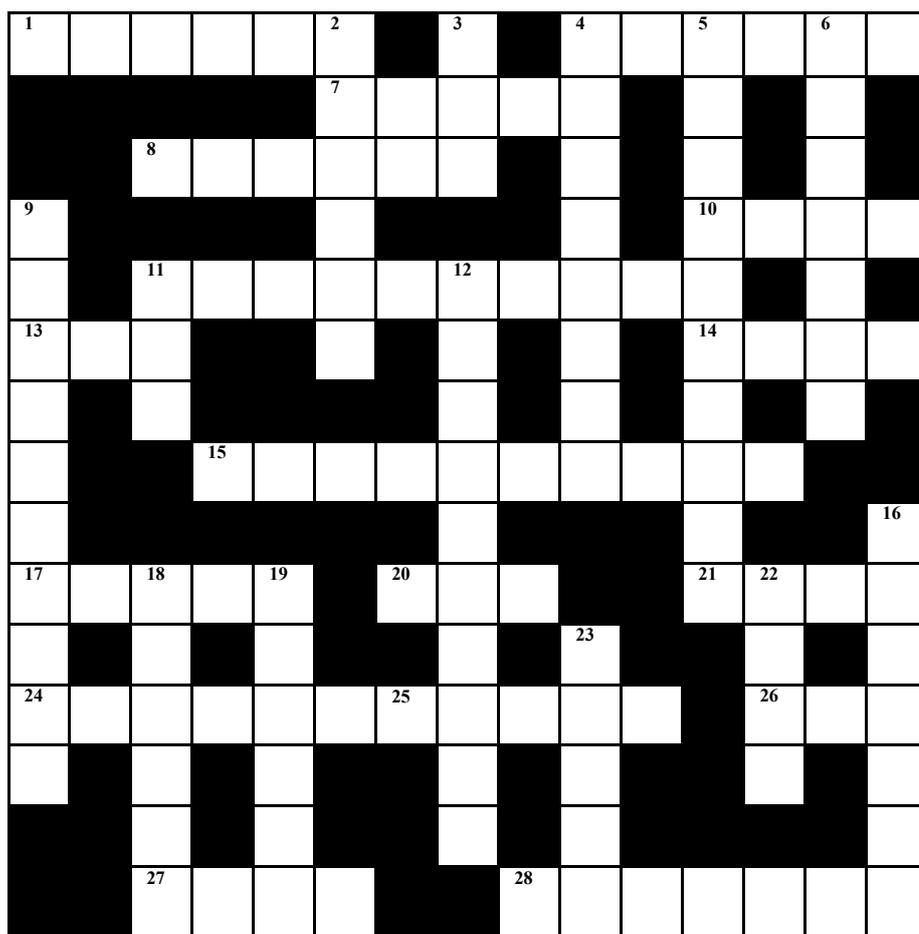
All the donations both of non-perishable food and

money were taken to FIND (Families in Need), the Christian based charity which provides emergency assistance and support to those in need. It operates out of Ipswich and covers a 25-30 mile radius going as far as Leiston and Sudbury, and we are very grateful to all those who contributed. Please remember that we are committed to supporting this charity, and as well as our Harvest donations of both food and money there are always two boxes at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food, which will be delivered to the depot in Ipswich regularly.

Maggie Hallett



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Pat Deliss

Take care whilst shopping this Christmas

Suffolk Police have issued a warning for the public to be vigilant about distraction thefts, especially at cash machines and in supermarket car parks in the run-up to Christmas.

Incidents have taken place involving being asked for travel directions and whilst distracted the victims have had a purse and bank cards stolen. Suspects are described as foreign, possibly East European.

Suffolk Police ask: Be vigilant when using a cash machine,

Don't let any one distract you and cancel the transaction if you are worried

Keep your valuables secure- never leave them unattended

Report stolen cards to your bank immediately. If you have a smart phone install a tracking app.

To report a crime, please contact the local Police Station, or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111



DIARY DATES

Carols in the Barn 18th December at 7 00pm
See page 3 for details

**Christmas Services
at Pettistree Church**

Carol Service
Sunday 20th December at 9.30am

Christingle
Monday 21st December at 11.00 am

Midnight Communion
Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm

Family Communion
Friday 25th December at 9.30am

Get Together at 12 noon on 17th January in the Village Hall. Full details in due course.

Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on 2nd February in the Parish Room

Burn's Night 6th February in the Village Hall

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