

The Palgrave Star

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Will you please make a firm note of Wednesday 8 October as the day of the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council!

Remember that the Community Council is not just the few who, as your committee representatives, meet month by month to plan and work out the programme of activities for our village and district. The Community Council is all of us who subscribe to membership. And the Annual General Meeting is the important yearly occasion when all of us can come together to learn what has been done, to ask questions, to comment, and to say what we feel we should be going on to do in the coming year.

It is the occasion when a new committee is elected. And that means it is the point at which all committee members stand down, and a choice, your choice, is made of those who will carry the can into 1981.

But if you are to have a say in that choice and perhaps to offer yourself as one of the committee members for next year, you must be there at the meeting.

Some Annual General Meetings are poorly attended. Let not this one be so. The work before us, and the interests of our Community are too important. You have a part to play. Please make a point of being there: at the School, on Wednesday 8 October at 8 o'clock.

WATCH IT - THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT

A week or so ago we had an unwelcome stranger in our midst. A dubious character who visited a number of houses trying to persuade unwitting people to part with antiques and other valuables for which he paid them a fraction of their real value. There is, apparently, nothing illegal in this sort of activity, but it is sharp practice of the worst kind because it is inevitably the elderly and unsuspecting folk who are the chief victims.

However, this unpleasant gentleman persuaded one resident to allow him access to her home and after he had gone, taking with him articles for which he had paid, it was discovered that a valuable clock was missing. This was not part of the transaction and consequently had been stolen.

The police were promptly informed and following some excellent detective work by Det. Con. Mick Sayer and P.C. Pettitt this particular rogue was quickly apprehended.

The clock is ticking again on the kitchen mantelpiece, and it is reassuring to know that the officers concerned are closely connected with our village life and are always ready to help those who are in trouble, for whatever reason. They emphasise, however, that householders should have no truck with callers like the one described above and any suspicious event should be reported to the police as soon as possible, particularly make and number of any strange, parked cars.

You have been warned.

Show the next travelling "antique dealer" the door, or set the dog on him!!!

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

On Saturday, 25 October, at 8.00pm the Burgate Festival Choir has very kindly agreed to sing the Requiem Mass by Gabriel Faure at Thrandeston Church. The Choir will be conducted by Alain Judd and the organ played by Nicholas Luff. This is a marvellous opportunity for those who missed it at Burgate earlier this year to hear this much acclaimed performance.

There will be a Buffet Supper afterwards in the Church Hall and all proceeds will go towards vital church repairs. Tickets for the concert at £1.50 and for the supper at £1.00 are available from Mrs Jean Carlisle, Abbey Farm, Thrandeston (Tel: Mellis 422) or from any member of the choir.

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ROBINSON CRUSOE - NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL

Requests have been made that we should organise a visit to the pantomime - Robinson Crusoe at The Theatre Royal Norwich. The seats have been selling rapidly and with 'Benny' appearing for the second season running, the show is likely to be sold out again this year.

The Community Council have booked 53 seats and details are given below. It is necessary to collect the money for these seats this month and they are likely to be snapped up quickly. Make sure that you are not disappointed and book straight away either at the Post Office, Palgrave or through your collector.

Date: 20 January 7.30pm

Seats: Adults £2.80 Children and OAPs £2.20

HALLOWE'EN NIGHT

The Community Council hope to hold a Children's Hallowe'en Night Social at Thrandeston Village Hall on Friday 31 October. Keep a look out on the villages' notice boards for details and start preparing your witches and wizards outfits now.

JUMBLE SALE 25 OCTOBER 3.00pm

Be prepared for the Jumble Sale at the School on Saturday 25 October at 3.00pm please. Send along your unwanted articles or let your collector know if you have things to give away and we will arrange for their collection.

CRIBBAGE DRIVE RESULT 25 SEPTEMBER

4½ Tables

Winners

1st J Stannard & W Wenden

2nd J Kellock & L Bartrum

Lowest Score:

S Ramsey & P Lock

Draw:

Beryl Hubbard

Mr F Hubbard

Next Drives Oct 23, Nov 27.

WARNING

Reports from our Market Correspondent reveal that hungry bands of shoppers, clutching bags and purses have been seen on certain Saturday mornings, making ready to descend on the market stall outside Diss Post Office. It is believed that they have been attracted by the delicious cakes, biscuits and buns that have been generously supplied by our supporters.

Our source reveals that it has become increasingly difficult in the past to satisfy the appetites of these hungry hoards and appeals are being launched today for even heavier supplies of goodies to be ferried in to avoid the danger of possible attacks on stall holders as disappointed potential customers have to be fended off.

We have all been urged to prepare ourselves for the next onslaught on Saturday 18 October and to stockpile now in preparation for the new attack.

Canon Rogers and Mrs Hutton-Williams are prepared to act as 'go-betweens' and will accept your offerings the evening before. As this is likely to be our last encounter for this year we hope that our rallying call will be heard and answered throughout the villages.

Any plants, cakes, produce and craft items you can supply will be very gratefully received either as donations or on a 50/50 basis. If you have the time to bake for us but would like refund for the cost of the ingredients we shall be pleased to do this too.

CAR-PARKING AT BRESSINGHAM

Many thanks to all helpers for giving their time and energy to park cars and buses and more important take the money. I have had plenty of volunteers on all days. I did say volunteers, I didn't have to press gang anybody. I hope, if we are given the opportunity to do it again next year, we can count on the same support.

C White

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THRANDESTON FETE

Over 500 people from many parts of the country converged on the Rectory gardens at Thrandeston for the annual fete last month.

Guided by colourful bunting and the change ringing of a band of bell ringers, they embarked upon what was to be an afternoon and evening packed with fun and entertainment for all generations.

The children had their own playground, kindly supplied and supervised by an enterprising pair from Thornham, who arrived with a Play Bus, two very large inflatable mattresses and even a rope bridge. What seemed like hundreds of children were clambering and bouncing about on them all afternoon.

The main lawn, dotted with colourful tents and stalls and with the Rectory as a backdrop, made an excellent stage for the many games and competitions which were kept busy throughout the afternoon. Also on the lawn was a demonstration of spinning and weaving by Mrs Evans, whose skill and dexterity ensured a constant stream of fascinated visitors.

Round a corner on the side lawn was "Petticoat Lane" - a lane of covered stalls decorated with flags. These were selling a wide range of goods from high class jumble, books, records, plants, bottles, cakes, preserves and garden produce to delicate Christmas tree ornaments which were on a stall displaying a wide variety of hand made items of different crafts.

The tennis court made an excellent pitch for the welli boot throwing competition which proved to be very popular. Several old fete games made a welcome reappearance including throwing horse shoes, a coconut shy, and a large version of bar skittles which although demanding skill and concentration from the participants, gave the onlookers many a good laugh.

Children, having exhausted themselves on the inflatables, soon discovered that being

taken for a ride on a pony required much less effort, consequently when the time came for the Inter-Village Tug of War, they almost had to be prised from the saddle.

Thrandeston, Stuston and Palgrave fielded teams and Palgrave, after six long hard pulls beat Stuston into second place to take the challenge shield. Despite the fact that the pulls took place on a slight slope, all the teams, though completely exhausted thoroughly enjoyed themselves and put on a marvellous show for the spectators. Thank you Stuston and Palgrave for turning out and supporting the event. I have it on good authority that next year FOUR teams will pull on A LEVEL SURFACE so we look forward to meeting you then and putting the shield in its rightful place!

All afternoon, teas were being served under a large awning and it made a welcome break to sit in the shade and watch the bustle going on all around. Three or four girls in lovely costumes wandered through the grounds selling posies and buttonholes. Across the lawn the bowls didn't stop rolling and the mini market trader's barrow, laden with home made sweets and toffee apples was helped to success by the elegance of the "Barra girl".

In the early evening the scene was quickly changed. A stage appeared where shortly before people had been putting for pounds. The tug of war teams who were desperate for a cup of tea could only get a pint of beer and the long strings of flags (as if by magic) became strings of coloured lights. The smell of cakes and cookies gave way to the aroma of barbecued chickens and potatoes in their jackets which with a plateful of salad gave people the energy which was going to be needed later.

A spot light came on highlighting the evening and entertainers. A superb band of musicians called "Ketts Oak" struck up and with a little effort from an excellent caller an area of lawn surrounded by straw bales became alive. It was marvellous to see everyone enjoying themselves. Young

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and old joined in and even the local dogs seemed to romp in time to the music.

The evening ended with tired but happy parents carrying even more tired and happier children clutching their balloons and other spoils home to bed.

The Fete organisers have already started planning next year's event and hope to make it even better than the last. The success of any such event is dependent upon two main items, the weather and the people who support it. The weather forecast for next September is very good. Thank you all for coming this year, please come again next year and bring your friends.

PS A profit of £800 was made, this will go to the Church Fabric Fund and the Village Hall Great Relief Fund.

Footnote: Our host says that he was kept so busy that his feet did not touch the ground all afternoon. (This may have been because he was selling hydrogen filled balloons).

J Rolfe



Congratulations to the Palgrave tug-of-war team for winning the shield against strong opposition. The team of Jesse Atkinson, Jake Sneddon, Nigel Rodwell, Michael Rodwell, Gareth Underwood, Colin Manning, Roy Manning and Neville Manning responded magnificently to the challenge.

PALGRAVE, DISS, NORFOLK OR
PALGRAVE, EYE, SUFFOLK?

At the September meeting of the Parish Council, by a very small majority, the Council voted to support John Gummer your local MP in his campaign to change the official postal address to be EYE, Suffolk and not Palgrave, Diss, Norfolk. If you have an opinion about this you might like to let your councillors and John Gummer know, whatever the outcome the post code will not change and should always be used. We understand that you will not be fined for listening to Radio Norfolk.

DRAW WINNERS JULY

Week ending 5

- 1 Mrs Outram
- 2 Mr P Read
- 3 Mrs J Brindley

Week ending 12

- 1 Mr T Eaton-Evans
- 2 Mr J Atkinson
- 3 Mr Perrett

Week ending 19

- 1 Mr W Edwards
- 2 Mr Cutting
- 3 Mr Perrett

Week ending 26

- 1 Mr Brett
- 2 Mr R Bloomfield
- Diss
- 3 Mrs J Brindley

DRAW WINNERS AUGUST

Week ending 3

- 1 Mrs H Williams
- 2 Mr Owen
- 3 Mrs Kerry
- Lows Lane

Week ending 10

- 1 Mr M Potter
- 2 Mrs Moore
- 3 Mrs Wren

Week ending 17

- 1 Mr K Roberts
- 2 Mrs Staggles
- 3 Mrs Churchyard

Week ending 24

- 1 Mrs Moore
- 2 Mr Sneddon
- 3 Mrs Bendall

Week ending 31

- 1 Mr T Yates
- 2 Mrs Barber
- 3 Mr R Rolfe

DIARY

Wednesday 8 October

AGM Palgrave and District Community Council
Palgrave School

Thursday 9 October

Bingo
Palgrave School

Saturday 18 October

Market Stall
Diss

Thursday 23 October

Cribbage
Palgrave School

Saturday 25 October

Jumble Sale
Palgrave School

Faure Requiem
Burgate Singers
Thrandeston Church

Friday 31 October

Childrens' Hallowe'en Night
Thrandeston Village Hall

Wednesday 5 November

Bonfire Celebration & Stalls
Palgrave Green

Tuesday 20 January

Pantomime Visit
Theatre Royal Norwich

PALGRAVE PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER

Due to lack of space report held over until next issue