

The Palgrave Star

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THE VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

As you receive this edition of the Star our applications, with revised plans and estimates, will be coming before the grant-aiding bodies.

It need not be said that inflation, as a two-edged sword is both cutting into the value of the almost £11,500 which the Community Council has already got together, and also into the ceiling of the grants which the authorities may be able to offer if our application is successful.

As things stand at present we may expect 12½% of the costs from the District Council, 12½% from the County Council and 50% from the Department of Education and Science. You can work out for yourself how far our £12,000 goes towards meeting the 25% of the costs which is to be our contribution.

It is probable also that the upper limit of the grants available may be reduced to £60,000. We are estimating that the current going price for the hall at present planned is about £65,000. If this is so we shall have to make further modifications to our plans. Keep your fingers crossed about this.

In any case the message comes loud and clear. We have to strengthen our determination. We have to work all the harder to increase the money we ourselves can put into the project. If only we can all work harder at it, seeing how well the village has done up to the present, there is no reason why we should not get what we need.

But it does call for the backing of the greatest possible number. The Community Council Committee, therefore, which after all represents you in this matter, is asking you to enter into all the schemes for fund-raising which will be adopted in the coming year, and to enter into them with enthusiasm.

As Roy Castle would say: "If we are going to break this record what we need is DEDICATION"!

G J Rogers

COACH TRIP TO SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW & HUNSTANTON - Wednesday 30 July

This will be a variation on last year's outing. Those people wishing to stay at Sandringham for the whole day will have a chance to do so but don't forget that The House will not be open. The coach will leave Palgrave School at 9.00am and go to Sandringham, arriving at approximately 10.30am. It will go on to Hunstanton for those preferring a day by the sea. The coach will leave Hunstanton at 5.00pm and pick up Sandringham visitors at approximately 5.30pm and should arrive back at Palgrave by about 7.00pm. Those people wishing to be picked up at Thrandeston or Stuston should contact Joan Prior for details. (Tel. Eye 732) The fare will be £2 for Adults and £1.50 for Children. Please make your bookings at the Post Office or through your collector. Don't delay your booking or you may be disappointed. This is a popular outing and many seats have already been reserved.

FROM THE SCHOOL

This entry gained 1st Prize in the age group for Creative Writing in the Hartismere Competition.

What I Like

I like to go to the fair because I like going on the roundabout on my favourite animals. I would like to win a goldfish and have a throw on the coconut shy. I would like to go on a one arm bandit because you get lots of money to go on other things. Sometimes you can buy magnet animals and my favourites are monkeys and seals and lady-birds. Daddy and I go on the dodgems and we bump all the other people and then they bump Daddy and me. Sometimes people bring dogs and my friends come with me to the fair.

Lucy Watson Age 6 yrs 10m

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SENIOR CITIZENS' MYSTERY TOUR Wednesday 16 July

The coach will leave Palgrave School at 2.00pm and other pick-up points will be Stuston Cross Roads and Thrandeston Corner. The charge will be 50p and names should be given in to the Post Office or to your collector by 7 July. For other passengers the charge will be £1.50.

COACH TRIP TO LOWESTOFT Wednesday 13 August

Leave Palgrave School 9.00am. Return 6.00pm
Adult Fare £1.75 Children £1.00
Please book at the Post Office or through your collector. Those people wishing to be picked up at Stuston or Thrandeston, please contact Joan Prior for details (Tel. Eye 732)

CHILDRENS' FREE OUTING TO EASTON FARM PARK Tuesday 19 August

Leave Palgrave School 1.30pm. Return 6.30pm
This is a free outing for all children sixteen and under in Palgrave, Thrandeston and Stuston and it includes free entry to the Farm Park and a picnic tea.
The Fare for Adults will be £1.25 and we hope several will come to help us with the supervision of small groups of children. Those children under five should be accompanied by an adult please.
Booking is essential for all children wishing to go, to enable picnic arrangements to be made. Please book at the Post Office or through your collector.
Contributions for the picnic tea would be appreciated. Please contact Joan Prior if you can help with these (Tel. Eye 732)

JUMBLE SALE

Our thanks are due to all those people who contributed jumble for the sale on 14 June and to all the willing helpers who sorted and sold on the day. A profit of £64. was made for the C.C funds.

VILLAGE COACH TRIPS

Some members of the CC Committee are wondering if they are right to continue to arrange coach trips for people in the village. So far this year it has been necessary to cancel two proposed outings as there were not enough bookings to justify hiring a coach. Of course this meant disappointment for those few who did wish to go. Perhaps we do not select the right day or possibly it is because most people have cars of their own and would prefer to make their own way. We would welcome your own views and suggestions so that we can decide whether or not to continue making arrangements for outings next year. Let's hear from you.

BOTESDALE RED CROSS CENTRE

Anyone who would like to learn how to do simple Home Nursing is invited to join a course starting at the end of September. Applicants should apply as soon as possible to Mrs Geester (Botesdale 232) or write to Mrs Cordeaux, The Chapel House, Botesdale.

Palgrave is without a welfare representative. Does anyone feel able to keep in touch with those who are housebound or disabled? It is an important job and well worth doing. Mrs Geester, our welfare officer, would be glad to hear from anyone who feels able to help.

Mrs Cordeaux

HELP?

One or two people have been so enthusiastic about 'The Palgrave Star' that although not feeling they could write for us they have asked if they could help in some other way. We would appreciate offers of help with delivering copies each month within the Palgrave boundaries. Anyone volunteering to help will be very welcome but please note we do attempt to get 'The Star' to your homes on the first weekend in the month. If you would like to help don't be backward in coming forward - no wages - but you may meet some nice people and you will be helping in a very positive way.

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ARCHAEOLOGY EVENING CLASS

Anyone expecting to see an Archaeology Class setting off on its outing armed with magnifying glasses, specimen bags and trowels would have been disappointed had he seen the Palgrave group at 9.00am on Saturday 7 June. The age range was from the retired to school children, the latter either seeking information for school-work or projects, or simply eager for a good day out with a picnic. Information was in generous supply (as were bulging picnic bags) as we had with us our lecturer, Geof (Geoffrey Moss), always stimulating and right on form.

Our first site, Castle Acre, was reached by way of narrow summer-clad lanes enhanced by sunshine. Of the Norman castle, only the shell of the keep remains and the earth ramparts, although much evidence is difficult to sort out in one's mind, since Castle Acre appears to have had two inner bailey-works.

The Abbey, pleasantly sun-drenched in its idyllic setting near a stream (which had been diverted for use in kitchens, and for washing and sewerage purposes), presented us from the outside with what might be described as an architectural jigsaw puzzle and we had a happy time picking out the various phases and styles, from Norman to early Tudor, just before the inevitable dissolution by Henry VIII. First-time visitors must have been struck by the sheer size of the site - the Abbey must have been the size of, and far better equipped than, any medieval village. I found it hard to balance its amassed wealth (which caused its downfall) against the good it must have done in the surrounding area. An interesting addition was the recent excavation of the monastic brewery just outside the walls (alas, no free samples from a jolly monk!) where also was the tithe barn.

At Castle Rising, our second stop, the castle in its excellent state of preservation, was a more sophisticated version of the one which would have stood at Castle Acre - it had, after all, been a lordly and comfortable prison for Queen Isabella. The "murder hole", through which boiling lead

and whither unpleasant greetings rained down on invaders' heads, was a favourite with everyone, both from above and below. The reconstructed room on the top floor was a surprise, the Tudor windows recalling the castle's later use as a hunting lodge in the time of Henry VIII. All the ancillary buildings for this period had been excavated outside the keep but for some reason earth and turf had been replaced. We did, however, bend our brains to such problems as how the roof of the great hall had been carried, using the clues in situ, and marvelled at the fireplaces and chimneys of the medieval kitchen. Again, there were earth ramparts and once again two sets of them but here the DOE leaflet was of assistance. Strange creakings at this point were found to emanate from elder members of the party, whose knees were protesting at such cavalier treatment.

The church had a Norman west front and an interesting interior. Unfortunately, we only had time to view the almshouses from the outside; a visit to the Hall and Chapel with one of the residents would have been pleasant but time-consuming. We had the good fortune to find the Rector repairing his garden wall and nearby a much-needed cup of tea.

An unexpected addition was a tour of the Sandringham estate to see the massed rhododendrons in the sunshine of early evening, a pleasure which will linger in the memory.

As a class, our studies in the last academic year were concerned with the Saxons and the Vikings (we also visited the Viking Exhibition at the British Museum in April), so our acquaintance with Norman and Medieval buildings should be of benefit to us in the next session starting in September.

Madeline Westover

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ECOLOGY EVENING CLASS

The evening class course of Coastal Ecology came to its appointed end last month with a field trip to Winterton, north of Yarmouth, to study the extensive dune system which is the second largest of its type in the British Isles. Mr Roland Randall led the party of twenty six and explained in his usual competent manner, how the system was built and how such a mobile area is under constant threat from wind and tide and, of course, man. A very interesting afternoon from a geo-physical and botanical standpoint was brought to a sudden conclusion by an extremely heavy rainstorm and a very bedraggled but still cheerful party wended their way through slacks and hollows to the coach and thence to Palgrave. I feel that Simonds' drivers are beginning to think that some Palgrave residents, and others, are slightly mad but they are very helpful on these occasions and we thank them for their co-operation.

Mr Randall is on sabbatical for a year now and we shall not have him with us again until the 1981-82 winter session. As a thank you for all the pleasure he has given us over the last four years - to say nothing of all the knowledge he has imparted, class members donated a cheque for £33.00 which was duly handed to him in the coach on this his last official visit until September 81. We wish him well and look forward to meeting his successor, Miss Erica Towner.

Robert Rolfe

MARKET STALL - 12 July

It seems that almost anything we can provide will sell on the Market Stall in Diss. We shall be pleased to sell your produce/cakes, craft items, etc. on a 50/50 basis or receive them as donations. They may be left at the stall from 8.30am or given to Mrs H Williams, The Old School House or Canon Rogers, Yew Trees on the evening before. At the last session we raised £39. Can we improve on that?

DRAW WINNERS FOR MAY

week ending 3 May

Mrs Rolfe
Mrs Kellock
Mr Ramsey

week ending 10 May

Mr Griffiths
Mrs J Prior
Mrs Doe

week ending 17 May

Mrs Potter
Miss Brayshaw
Mrs Trudgell

week ending 24 May

Mr F Brown
Mr C Chapman
Mr P Hartley

week ending 31 May

Mrs Brayshaw
Mrs Chapman
Mrs Colchester

DIARY

Monday 7 July
Palgrave Parish
Council Meeting
The School 7.30pm

Saturday 12 July
am Market Stall Diss
pm Cider and Pie at
The Priory

Wednesday 16 July
Senior Citizens'
Mystery Tour

Saturday 26 July
Palgrave, Stuston &
Thrandeston Conserv-
ative Coffee Morning
The Priory 10.00am

Wednesday 30 July
Coach trip to
Sandringham Flower
Show and Hunstanton

Wednesday 13 August
Day trip to Lowestoft

Tuesday 19 August
Childrens' Outing to
Easton Farm Park

CIDER & PIE AT THE PRIORY

Saturday 12 July

I don't think that we can offer Cider With Rosie but we might run to cider with Joan, Brenda or Merle. Find a shady spot and add a helping of something savoury or sweet and you have the recipe for a very pleasant evening. Come along to The Priory on Saturday, 12 July at 7.30pm to sample these delights. Tickets available from the Post Office. Adults £1 and children under twelve 50p.

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CIDER AND PIE EVENING CANCELLED.

Unfortunately it has proved necessary to cancel the Cider and Pie evening which was to have been held at The Priory on July 12th. A Barbeque is being arranged for September 6th and more details will be available later.

BEST KEPT GARDEN. Due to poor weather judging deferred until wk ending July 11th.

'THE PALGRAVE STAR' T-SHIRTS.

We are taking orders now for a quantity of T-Shirts and Sweatshirts with 'The Palgrave Star' format printed on them in red.

T-Shirts.

Childs Sizes. 24" 26" 28" 30" 32". Price £2.50.

Adult Sizes. 34" 36" 39" 42" 45". Price £3.00.

Colours. White, Yellow, Black, Pale Blue, Dk. Green, Dk. Blue.

SWEATSHIRTS. As above but Childs Sizes £5.00. Adults Sizes £6.00.

N.B. Garments are uni-sex but are sized in mens chest sizes so ladies should order accordingly.

Payment with order please to The Swan, Palgrave. by 14th July. Cheques should be made payable to Palgrave & District Community Council.

Quantity	Size	Colour
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T-Shirts, Childrens

@ £2.50. each.

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Sweatshirts, Childrens

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@ £6.00. each.

Name.....Address.....

Amount enclosed.....