

# The Palgrave Star

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## EDITORIAL

On the whole people have been quite complimentary about 'The Palgrave Star'. It came as a response to a need and although obviously it does entail a certain amount of work we do seem to meet our deadlines. The problem is that we cannot operate unless you co-operate. It is not our intention to use the community newsheet in order to propogate our personal views and interests. All we are supposed to be is a sounding board, a vehicle for the organisations and individuals to inform, discuss, query and entertain one another. In our first issue we drew attention to the number of village organisations but since then virtually none have contacted us. Certain individuals have responded splendidly to requests for articles and we are very grateful but again this could leave us open to criticism of 'doctoring the news'. We understand that the village organisations are not secret societies, that they have interesting programmes, stimulating speakers and possibly would appreciate increased membership. We also know that individuals have stimulating, provocative views. There was a lot of interest in 'improving village communications' about the time of the controversial cutting down of the trees on Palgrave Green but since that time, again interest has waned. An example of this was that not a single member of the public attended the last Parish Council Meeting at Palgrave. It is disappointing to have the means to speak to one another but to find that we have so little to say.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the foresight of the Playing Field Committee at the time, the present playing field was purchased for the use of the village and it has proved a wonderful investment. It is managed by the present Committee who meet at intervals to deal with any business outstanding. The Committee has very little in the way of

financial resources and when the County Council Education Department offered to keep the grass cut on the entire field in exchange for the full use of the area by schoolchildren for organised games during school hours, a very heavy burden was lifted from the Committee, because cutting the field by a private contractor could cost up to £40 a time and at least three cuts a year are necessary. It must be immediately obvious that the Committee would not be able to meet this kind of expense and the consequence would be that the field would rapidly deteriorate.

We come now to the point of this article. The workmen of the County Council who cut the grass have delivered an ultimatum. Unless steps are taken to stop the fouling of the whole field by defecating dogs, no further cutting will be carried out by the County Council and thus the entire burden will fall on the Playing Field Committee. It will therefore be seen that strong measures are needed to deal with the situation and as from the publication of this article in the December 'Star' a ban will be placed on the use of the Playing Field for exercising dogs.

It is to be hoped that everyone will realise that apart from the financial aspect, another important factor is the persistent fouling of an area which is used constantly by children and who are put at considerable health risk by the excretia of dogs quite apart from the unpleasant effects of the stuff on shoes and clothing.

The Playing Field Committee hope that the ban will not be considered anti-social and that all concerned will appreciate the situation and act accordingly.

Issued on behalf of the Playing Field Committee

## PARTNER WHIST DRIVE 19 DECEMBER

The Annual Christmas Partner Whist Drive and Draw will be held at The School at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 December. Proceeds will be for Playing Field Funds.

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## HALLOWE'EN PARTY

On the evening of 31 October, strange creatures were lurking around Thrandeston. Who were they? Where were they going? The village hall, which was decorated with Jack O'lanterns and hairy spiders, was soon crowded with witches, wizards, goblins, fairies and cats. What were they doing? Was it some monstrous ritual? No, it was the Children's Hallowe'en Party arranged by the Community Council.

We started off the evening with a fancy dress competition. Then we had pass-the-broomstick - each time the music stopped, the person who ended up with the broom was out.

We played a game with sticky buns on strings and you had to eat without holding on. We got really sticky. It was quite difficult.

There was also a competition for the best made Jack O'lantern. There were prizes for the winners.

We had various games including musical chairs and musical statues. We had a bobbing apples game. We tried to get apples out of a bath of water with our teeth. Most of us got soaked, but we still enjoyed it.

Soon it was 8.30 and parents were arriving. We just had time to finish off with the conga and the hokey-cokey before going home after a really enjoyable evening.

Emma Roberts

## FANCY DRESS PRIZE WINNERS

### UNDER SEVENS

1st Julian Bentine  
2nd Amy Yates

### OVER SEVENS

1st Joanna Guthrie  
2nd Marina Rodwell

## STUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Stuston Parish Council, now up to full strength following the recent co-option of Mr George Hull, met on 10 November. Aspects of rural policing were discussed with PC G Pettitt who had been invited to the meeting. The Parish Council also learnt that the County Council's Highway Committee had noted the petition signed by parishioners in opposition to the proposed alternative route for holiday traffic along the Old Bury Road. It had been agreed that the traffic situation along the road would be monitored in response to the Parish Council's suggestion that it was unsuitable for heavy traffic. The Parish Council agreed to suggest that chevron warning signs be provided on the bend on the Green, as there had been an accident in this vicinity the week previously. Damage to the road surface and verges caused by heavy lorries pulling up at the phone box was also to be reported. The Parish Council in response to a request for suggestions to achieve economies in local government spending, condemned Mid-Suffolk District Council's proposal to build Central Offices at Needham Market (thus closing the Eye offices) as "an extravagant prestige exercise". Various other matters were dealt with during the meeting under the chairmanship of Jimmy Laurie. It is hoped that reports of future meetings can be available for inclusion in 'The Star'. The Parish Council are interested to hear of any matters raised by parishioners.

D W Long DMA Clerk

## WI JUMBLE SALE & LUCKY DIP 13 DECEMBER

On Saturday 13 December at 2.30 there will be a Jumble Sale & Lucky Dip at Thrandeston Village Hall. Everything will be 10p. Organised for Thrandeston & Stuston WI and Village Hall Restoration Fund.

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## I REMEMBER

I remember - the middle reaches of the Lowes, the majestic oak which dominated the eastern side and the clumps of silver birch which filtered the westering sun. The golden gorse with linnets nesting and singing their happiness, wild flowers in their season and always rabbits, so tame small children could almost catch them and none of that devilish introduction, myxomatosis, to leave rotting corpses to be passed by on the other side.

I remember - the pond near the village school in winter a scene from a Dickens novel. Laughing children muffled against the cold and running in long lines to keep the pot a'boiling as they slid over the ice on their hob-nailed boots. In Summer the dragonflies hovering in blue-green translucence over flowering water plants. The sheer delight at watching Charlie Coleman drive his horse-drawn water cart into the middle of the pond and with much splashing and commotion fill the cart to the brim and take it, lurching and spilling on the dusty road to water his thirsty cattle.

I remember - drainage ditches alongside fields and meadows, busy communities of our wildlife where sweet spring water flowed, unsullied by chemicals and where weary schoolboys slaked their thirst on their walks to and from school and gathered watercress for the family tea.

I remember - roadside hedges of thorn and other plants, nesting sites of so many birds, haunt of the hedgehog and where autumn's bounty of ripe berries were nature's larder for the birds.

I remember - the willow fringed pond by the Old Bury Road where small boys fished for minnows with worms on bent pins and the kingfisher mocked their efforts as he flew to his bankside nest with a beak full of wriggling stickleback.

I remember - the wide grassy verges of Millway Lane, covered in Spring with sweet violets and

primroses and, successively through the Summer abounding with many flowers of English country lanes, which closed the season with scented thyme and blue butterflies hovering in the lowering sun.

I remember - much, much more, but let me finish by sounding a note of warning. The things I remembered - where are they now? Gone for even victims of mans' grand design for Nature which says in effect "What one generation enjoyed, the next one certainly won't"! To all who are rightly concerned at this situation the message is clear. Do something positive about it - join a society that is dedicated to preserve, to fight for cherished ideals and to promote nature reserves for our fast diminishing heritage.

I am not motivated by sloppy, sentimental nostalgia but by a desire to warn that other natural delights will be threatened and watchfulness and action will be needed to preserve them.

R Rolfe

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Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  
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Full detailed information about their activities can be obtained from the addresses above.

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## COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE 13 DECEMBER

A group of young people in Palgrave are very keen to organise a function for Country and Western enthusiasts and with help from the Community Council they plan to hold a dance at Wortham Village Hall on Saturday 13 December from 7.30pm. Records of popular Country and Western entertainers will provide the music and it is hoped that there will be plenty of support for their new venture. Admission will be 25p and refreshments will be available.

## ROBINSON CRUSOE - NORWICH THEATRE ROYAL

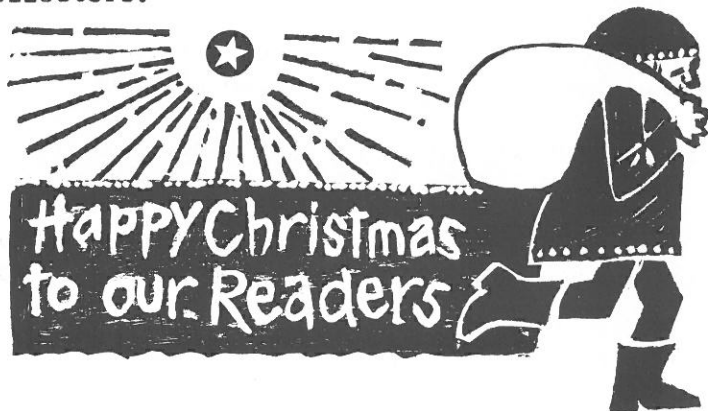
It has been decided to extend the booking period for this Pantomime to December 13. It is most important that all bookings should be made by that date at the latest so please contact Mr Cartwright at the Post Office or see your collector as soon as possible. If there are enough people interested in going, a coach will be booked and details of fare prices will be available later.

Date: 20 January

Seats: Adults £2.80 Children & OAP £2.20

## POPPY DAY APPEAL

The total collected in Palgrave for the Poppy Day Appeal was £79.61. The sum of £50.27 was raised from the sale of poppies; £4.50 from the sale of wreaths and the Church Collection, which was a record, amounted to £20.84. Mrs White would like to thank all concerned, particularly the collectors.



## PALGRAVE WI

The AGM was held in the school on 13 November. Mrs Oddy reported on the work of the year and thanked the committee and members for their support during her term of office.

Mrs J Mortlock and Mrs J Wright of Thrandeston acted as tellers and the new committee is as follows.

President: Mrs H Atkinson.

Committee: Mrs Chapman, Mrs Ford, Mrs Hutton Williams, Mrs Louch, Mrs Leeder, Mrs Jones, Mrs Oddy, Mrs Rolfe, Mrs Taylor.

Mrs Blenkinsop VCO was guest speaker and explained various aspects of the WI and explained where and how the money was spent which was collected each year in the "Pennies for Friendship envelope". Mrs Blenkinsop also brought along a large collection of WI booklets and many members availed themselves of this opportunity of buying leaflets and books that interested them. She was thanked by Mrs Oddy.

The next meeting will take place in the school on 11 December which will take the form of an inter WI Quiz.

## DIARY

Friday 12 December  
Conservative Association Cheese & Wine plus entertainment £2.50  
Thrandeston Church Hall 8.00pm

Saturday 13 December  
WI Jumble Sale & Lucky Dip  
Thrandeston Village Hall 2.30pm

Country & Western Record Dance  
Wortham Village Hall 7.30pm

Wednesday 19 December  
Christmas Partner Whist Drive  
The School 7.30pm

Tuesday 20 January  
Pantomime Visit  
Norwich Theatre

## DRAW WINNERS OCTOBER

### Week ending 4

1	Mr T Ford	No 98
2	Mrs Kerry	385
3	Mr Yates	464

### Week ending 11

1	Mr A Potter	237
2	Mrs Barlow	186
3	Mrs Oban	53

### Week ending 18

1	Mr N Manning	18
2	Mrs P Rodwell	1260
3	Mr W Baker	188

### Week ending 25

1	Mrs Bussey	469
2	Mr T Clarke	207
3	Mr Larter	26