

The Palgrave Star

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PALGRAVE PARISH MEETING

The thirty-five members of the public who attended the Parish meeting on 12 May presumably came as a result of the strong feelings expressed in the local press recently regarding the felling of trees on the green. The Parish Council were practically at full strength with Mr B. Horstead, Chief Planning Officer of Mid-Suffolk District Council, Mr McGregor, County Councillor and Mr Wassell the Tree Preservation Officer attending to give background information where necessary.

The stage was set and as the Chairman, Mr Leeder, and Vice-Chairman, Canon Rogers, were elected there was an unusual atmosphere of anticipation. The Chairman made adjustments to the Agenda to allow for the main item to be dealt with first and after the Clerk had pointed out that the Parish Meeting chaired by Mr Goater was technically not valid a possibly difficult situation was diffused by several residents who said that they wanted to put the other side of the publicised story. They for the first time had light in their homes and a view across the green and were thankful that the trees had gone. Another parishioner wanted to record his support for the Parish Council and roundly condemned what he considered irresponsible letters that had been printed in the Diss Express. It appeared that the majority of the houses south of the Post Office disapproved of the criticism of the Parish Council. Mr Goater strongly emphasised that in calling the "unofficial" meeting he had not intended criticism of the Council but he was seeking an explanation for the unexpected felling. It was pointed out that The Palgrave Star was intended to help improve the communications between all organisations and villagers.

Mr Horstead explained, for the Electricity Board, that funds were not available to put wires underground or move posts but this did not satisfy one resident who laid the blame completely at the door of the District Council with the local council tacitly complying. This suggestion was countered by another parishioner who emphasised the difficulty of finding a sufficient number of people willing to work on the Parish Council and he felt criticism was not at all justified.

Mr Horstead explained the wide powers of the Electricity Board and the points to be taken into account when the District Council drew up a scheme of management for Palgrave Village Green's trees. This included the health of the trees, the spread of the roots, the blocking of sunlight, the overall visual effect and the sighting of new trees.

The trees outside the Post Office were discussed and a plea for their retention was very strongly made by Mr Cartwright. A wider concern was also expressed about the destruction of the surrounding countryside with trees being felled, ditches filled in and grass verges ploughed up. Millway Lane was specially mentioned. The Council replied that it had been concerned about this for several years and it welcomed support from the village.

The discussion widened to include the reference that a group of volunteers from the Conservation Corps will be working in the district doing some essential work on footpaths and in the Churchyard. This will be financed by the Parish Council and Community Council along with some generous personal donations from villagers.

The meeting unanimously agreed to press again for a speed restriction on the A143 and asked for road signs on the Crossing Road junction with the Old Bury Road. Having allowed ample time for discussion, the Chairman thanked Mr Horstead, Mr McGregor and Mr Wassell for attending at such short notice.

Space does not allow for a more detailed report on this important meeting but the Parish Council welcome the obvious increase in interest and hope that communications in Palgrave can be improved for the benefit of all. The Chairman, Clerk or any Councillors will be pleased to answer any queries that parishioners may have at any time.

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MARKET STALL IN DISS

There was an encouraging report from the CC stallholders on Saturday 10 May. All the goods were sold very rapidly and the stall was finished by 11.15 am. The profit made was about £39 and Mr White would like to thank all those who contributed in any way. It seems that almost anything we can provide will sell, so please remember the date for the next market stall - Saturday 12 July.

JUMBLE SALE 14 JUNE 3.00pm

It's jumble time again and a good opportunity to pass on your unwanted goodies. Please take them along to the school on the evening of Friday 13 June so that items can be sorted for the sale the following day. If you cannot deliver it on that evening please contact your collector.

PALGRAVE PEDAL POWER

Blue sky and sunshine gave encouragement to the gallant pedal pushers of Palgrave on Saturday 17 May. Some went solo, fixed wheel and all and two pairs decided to pedal in harmony on tandems. We are not going to say who rode and who walked up Snape Hill, that would be giving away secrets but we will say that it was a healthy way to raise £125 for Community Council funds. Mr South was pleased to see some of his vintage bicycles on the road again; the only disappointment was the small number of participants in the event. If ten people can raise such an impressive figure one wonders what kind of sum could be raised with more active participation. Perhaps some people thought that twenty miles was a rather daunting prospect, so maybe a shorter route around local villages might encourage more to join in. It is hoped to repeat the event next year with a different circuit so that gives you a good year of practice to get yourself in trim.

BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION 1980

First Prize £5.00 and The Priory Silver Rose Bowl to be held for one year.
Second Prize £3.00 Third Prize £1.50
Judging this year during weekending Friday 4 July. Entries in to Robert Rolfe Burlington Lodge by Saturday 28 June
Prizes will be presented at the Community Council Cider & Pie evening at The Priory on

PALGRAVE W.I.

We hear that congratulations are the order of the day for Palgrave W.I. Success was achieved in two important competitions recently. A team consisting of Joan Jackson, Bess Stratton, Brenda Oddy, Margaret Jones, Joy Rolfe, Mrs Taylor and Marjorie Atkinson came equal second in the Diss Horticultural Society's new class for Women's Institutes at their Spring Show. The schedule calls for six articles made by members, arranged artistically and twelve Institutes from the district took part. Mrs Stratton's exhibit, a hand knitted article gained maximum points and the judges commendations.

At the recent Hartismere Group meeting of W.I's held at Brome, another team consisting of Noë Eaton-Evans, Pamela Grogono and Brenda Oddy was awarded first prize and the Challenge Cup for their entry in a competition which called for a meal from a foreign country. Palgrave prepared a French meal and the gastronomic delights were Oeufs en gelee, Chicken in a tarragon sauce (poulet en sauce estragon), Gateau au chocolat. Well done Palgrave.

A message from the W.I. President to all non-members:-

Come one evening and join us, we're a friendly crowd and at next months meeting on 12 June the speakers subject is 'Healing Herbs'.

MIDSUMMER FEAST SATURDAY 28 JUNE

Thrandeston and Stuston W.I. are having a Midsummer Feast on Saturday 28 June at 7.30pm at Abbey Farm, Thrandeston, by the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Carlisle. There will be a Darts Tournament, Treasure Hunt and a Raffle plus Country Dancing on the lawn. Tickets are Adults £2. and Children (under 12) £1. All are welcome. Tickets from Joan Prior on Eye 732 or Kay Chenery on Mellis 665.

Saturday 12 July.

Enter your garden this year and help to keep this worthwhile event.

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THEFTS FROM VILLAGE CHURCHES

The Church Councils of our villages are very concerned at the ever increasing number of churches which are being robbed or vandalised and they appeal to all inhabitants to help in the prevention of such crimes.

Suspicious incidents, vehicles, or persons, should be reported to the Police immediately and notes taken of vehicle makes and registration numbers and dress and features of persons.

Whether we make full use of them or not the churches are a valuable part of our village heritage. Please be ever watchful on their behalf.

BIG GUNS ON THE 1066

You may have heard about the Charles Atlas course with its seven stone weakling who has sand kicked in his face. You may also have heard about building a power packed body with your Bullworker Mark II as recommended by Muhammed Ali. In Palgrave some people, some special people, have discovered INNER POWER, the power to control all. This force is freely available to all, regardless of race, colour, creed or community council. A local clergyman (retired) was recently observed to be positively enjoying holding up endless rows of cars on a Monday afternoon. Another Palgrave posse stayed hidden in the shadows until they saw a car slyly sneaking into the area deceptively called a car park. It was picked up by an eagle eyed attendant and in a flash ordered this way and that way, this way again, forward a little, back a little and eventually it was neatly lined up and the occupants spilled out only to be surrounded by local ladies demanding and getting money. Pound notes, fivers, tenners were all stuffed into the money bags in exchange for tickets with Palgrave Community Council printed on them; you would have thought they were Penny Blacks. It was better than those TV programmes where you get a three piece suite and a stuffed alligator for knowing what day of the week it is. The cars poured in, tamed and overseen by the big guns from Palgrave. They cringed into line and were fleeced by the

lusting ladies. And so the afternoon passed until the sun sank low in the west (or tea time whichever came first). What was the secret of this new, untapped until now, INNER POWER? It's all in the special white coat that is handed out from the capsule like box at 12.45pm and returned at 5.30. Once you donned that coat you too were a soaring superman with your action packed finger, capable of taming a Volvo at twenty paces.

The next Bressingham Gardens work party is required on 29 June. There are only a number of super white coats so hurry folks for this unique experience. Names to C. White at Cresta Lea, Lion Road and you will never have sand kicked in your face EVER AGAIN.

SENIOR CITIZENS' MYSTERY TOUR 16 JULY

Make a note on the calendar to remind you about the date of the Senior Citizens' Mystery Tour. 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 £1.50p.

WHO ARE WE?

The initial response to 'The Palgrave Star' has been encouraging and as we overcome the basic production problems it becomes important that we reflect as broad a range of opinions as possible. The editorial team of Roberts, Roberts and Rolfe (Margaret, Ken and Robert) are looking forward to hearing from you. Entries to The Palgrave Star, The Swan, Palgrave.

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BUS TIMETABLES

The following are the bus timetables for Simonds service through Palgrave. For further details please telephone Botesdale 202.

Stowmarket	Palgrave	Diss	Norwich
07.50	08.41	08.43	09.58
10.30	11.14	11.20	12.28
12.20 NT	13.04	13.10	14.18
	13.25 TO	13.30	02.20
13.20 TO	14.04	14.10	15.18
16.30	17.17	17.22	18.26
17.50	18.34	18.40	
19.40	20.24	20.30	
21.25 T and SO	22.09	22.15	

Norwich	Diss	Palgrave	Stowmarket
	06.00	06.06	06.50
	06.50 NS	06.56	07.40
	07.25	07.33	08.17
08.50	09.55	10.06	10.50
11.15	12.20	-	-
13.00 N Th	14.05	-	-
13.15 Th O	14.20	-	-
15.00	16.13	16.21	17.15
17.20	18.25	18.33	19.17
18.28	19.32	20.43	21.27
19.15 TO	20.05	20.10	

Bury St Edmunds Service

Diss	Palgrave	Bury St Edmunds
10.00	10.05	11.00
13.00	13.05	14.00

Bury St Edmunds	Palgrave	Diss
09.00	09.55	10.00
16.25	17.20	17.25

NT	Not Tuesday
TO	Tuesday Only
T and SO	Tuesday and Saturday Only
NS	Not Saturday
SO	Saturday Only

DIARY

Thursday 5 June

Bingo
Palgrave School

Saturday 14 June

Jumble Sale
Palgrave School

Saturday 28 June

Stuston & Thrandeston
WI Midsummer Feast
at Abbey Farm
Thrandeston

Sunday 29 June

Car parking duty at
Bressingham Gardens

Thursday 3 July

Bingo
Palgrave School

Saturday 12 July

am Market Stall Diss
pm Cider and Pie at
The Priory

Wednesday 16 July

Senior Citizens
Mystery Tour

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