

The Palgrave Star

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CANON G.J. ROGERS

The village has already demonstrated its feelings at the news of the imminent departure of Canon Rogers at the presentation held in the school on Nov 30th. Although our members were present, we on the community council have an additional reason for regretting the departure of a special friend.

Canon Geoffrey Rogers was our chairman from the formation of the community council in 1973 until just over a year ago. All this time he guided us through every stage we have experienced up to now. Firstly there was the euphoric honeymoon time when everything attempted was welcomed by the villagers. Then came the more routine period when we became aware of the necessity to raise funds for a building whilst still catering for the community needs. This was followed by the harsh realities of roaring inflation and grant cutbacks and we learnt our ambitious plans would not receive the essential financial aid.

Throughout all this time we have benefited from his patience, energy and wisdom. His experience has been an asset over and over again. His skill in finding the right turn of phrase is something that we came to take for granted in the smooth running of the organisation, and throughout he has been supported by his wife.

We have now decided to go ahead with a more modest but still attractive building and sadly our ex chairman and his wife are leaving. We understand their reasons for going and wish to say a public thank you; we are very grateful. They have won our affection, served our community well and we will not forget them.

Ken Roberts

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Extraordinary meeting of Palgrave Community Council held in the school on Monday 22nd November 1982.

The Chairman Mr Ken Roberts began by welcoming the 30 members present to the special meeting. He outlined a short history of the Community Council from its beginnings in 1972 when it was formed, up to the present time.

The original aims had been to improve the social, recreational and cultural life of Palgrave and District, but it was soon realised that without our own meeting place we were very restricted in our choice of events and activities, and so it was decided to work for a Village Hall for Palgrave.

Our original designs were based on the large grants that were available at that time but unfortunately due to the recession these were discontinued and so the design which we now have in mind is budgeted to fit the money available plus the grant of £6,750 which we shall receive from Mid-Suffolk District Council.

This will give us a building 54' x 24' excluding the Toilet Block plus two meeting rooms upstairs, a total area of 2,880 sq ft. But this will only be a watertight shell connected to the various services - electricity drainage etc and will require approx £15,000 to finish.

We hope this will come from further fund raising and interest free loans plus a lot of help from the people who will use the hall. Yes - that means you!

Although some of our activities lately have been poorly supported the general opinion of those present at the meeting was that we should go ahead with this project and the vote to proceed was unanimous.

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A model of the proposed Hall and plans and photographs were on show which gave the members some idea of what the finished building could look like.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked the people for coming and for their helpful suggestions which had been put forward.

B.Oddy

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween party was held in Thrandeston village hall on 30th October. 20 children enjoyed musical games organised by Mr C. White and Mr E. Barlow. Mr P. Atkins was in charge of the music. Prize winners in the fancy dress were:

Under 5 Stella Salmon
Helen Whistlecraft

5-7 yrs Alice Guthrie
Naomi Hicks
Judith Salmon

Over 7s Marina Rodwell
Emma Rolfe
Brian Rodwell
Emily Doe

Pumpkins Christopher Moore
Judith Salmon
Mark Thomson

J.T.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

There is to be a Christmas Party in the School on Saturday December 18th from 7.30 - 11pm. Tickets are available from the Post Office or R. Ellison, price £2. Festive food, wine, games and entertainment.

AREA PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS AT STONHAM ASPAL

Fifteen schools - around two hundred competitors in each race.

Simon Gillings did splendidly by winning the individual championship. Our other placings were James Ratcliffe ** (18) Dale Edwards (28) Ivan Johnson * (72) Paul Gunning * (82) Andrew Baxter (97) Christopher Lye * (16) and Brian Rodwell * (122). The team came sixth.

The girls team packed very well and came third overall. Katherine Hicks * (11) Annabel Carey-Hughes * (14) Teresa Sutton (26) Sheree Goddard * (29) Marina Rodwell (36) Emily Doe (38) Rosalind Percy * (39) Anna Perrett * (48) Amanda Bowman (73) Lucy Yates * (94) Amelia Yates *** (101).

We are very much in debt to Mr. Alan Ratcliffe for training our teams.

* Eligible for another year (2), (3).

Bob Perrett

FUND RAISING

The Community Council would like to thank all the people who have helped with the Market Stall and Car Parking at Bressingham over the last year. Our cheque for Car Parking duties this year was £255 and three Market Stalls raised about £90. Thankyou all very much.

C. White

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PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-3 Nov

For a considerable time Palgrave Parish Council have been having a dialogue with the Eastern Electricity Board regarding the street lighting in the village. The Parish Council have repeatedly pointed out to the Electricity Board the fact that in the past the street lights were not working and not repaired for an unreasonable length of time. This situation has been queried by the EEB who insist that lights requiring servicing have never been left the length of time claimed by the Council. This developed into a situation where the Parish Council felt thoroughly dissatisfied and decided to withhold payment of the account.

This was the situation prior to the last Council meeting held in the School on Wed Nov 3. At this meeting a Mr. Boyce represented the Electricity Board to discuss the difficult situation. It soon became obvious that Mr. Boyce did not accept that the service had been as poor as the Council insisted. He told the meeting of the vast number of maintenance calls they answer and pointed out that the normal period between receipt of a complaint and the work being carried out is normally two or three days. They could not agree that Palgrave has had to wait for weeks amounting to months. After some discussion it became clear that whilst both sides would have to agree to differ about the delays obviously the system of reporting faults is not reliable. To this end Councillors (or Villagers) should not report faults to the Diss office but phone directly to Bury St Edmunds 63III Extension 82. This number should ensure better service.

After this, Mr. Perrett addressed the Council meeting to express his

concern about the decline in numbers attending the School. This problem would be likely to increase in the near future. His concern was appreciated by the Council and noted for the discussion on Village Appraisal. The application for a permanent toilet block for the caravans at the bottom of Palgrave hill was refused as it is contrary to Mid-Suffolks often stated policy to preserve the green belt between Palgrave and Diss.

The long awaited speed limit will soon come into force. The copper beech tree that was planted at the top of Crossing Road to commemorate the Queen Mother's 80th birthday will have a suitable plaque.

K.R.

PALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-17 Nov

Mr. A.L. Dunn, secretary, Mid-Suffolk District Council was present at the meeting to discuss the Village Green. His advice was that compulsory purchase of the green would be a long drawn out process and also expensive, and that the making of byelaws was a more effective means of control.

There was some discussion on the point that the executors of the Lord of the Manor who owned the Green were unwilling to spend any money on for example the essential tree surgery to the Oriental Plane tree near the School. Mr Dunn felt that as the Green existed for the benefit of all parishioners it was perhaps up to the Parish Council to take steps to improve and prevent abuses of it.

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The Parish Council voted in favour of making a bid for a 'first time buyer' Housing Association Scheme which could provide four or five houses for purchase on preferential terms and two possible sites are to be suggested.

D.Long, Secretary

DRAW WINNERS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 2nd

- 1 354 Mrs G. Brown
- 2 169 Mr Davey
- 3 400 Mr Riseborough

Oct 9th

- 1 237 A. Potter
- 2 126 J. Jarvis
- 3 399 Mrs Morrill

Oct 16th

- 1 335 Mrs Smith
- 2 330 C. Chapman
- 3 184 N. Harvey

Oct 23rd

- 1 139 Mrs E. Runacres
- 2 98 Mrs T. Ford
- 3 406 Mrs E. Milowdowski

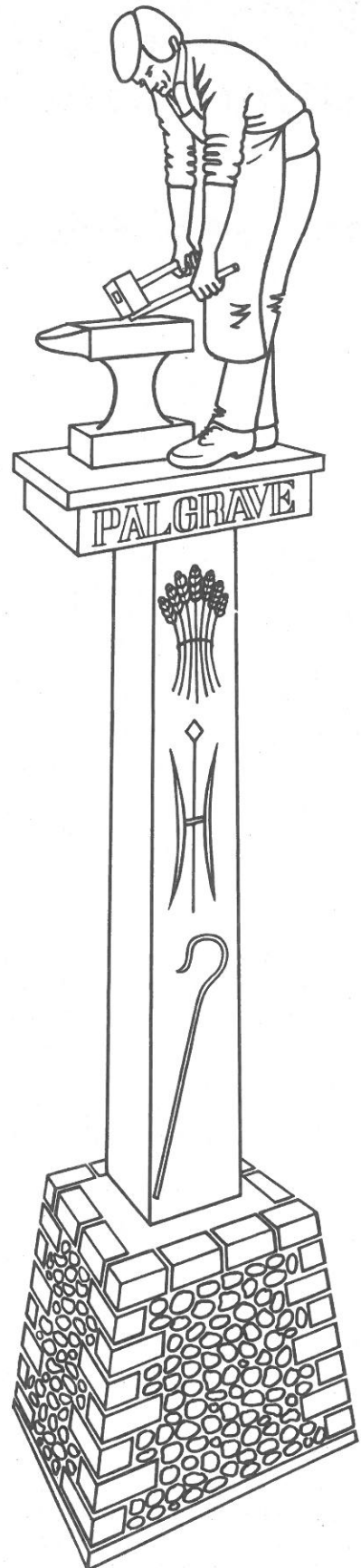
Oct 30th

- 1 11 Mr L. Tovell
- 2 289 Mr South
- 3 324 Mrs Goater

Happy Christmas
&

a peaceful New Year
from

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PALGRAVE VILLAGE SIGN

As promised in the last issue of the Star we are able to reproduce a drawing of Tony Lees' design which gained the most votes in the Village Sign Competition.