

# The Palgrave Star

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## PALGRAVE TREES

A week or so before Christmas, the Parish Council kept the promise it had made earlier this year, regarding the planting of replacement trees on the village green. Twelve trees were planted in positions determined at a meeting between Mr Richard Wassall, the mid-Suffolk Tree Officer and members of the Parish Council. These sites had been carefully and deliberately chosen to avoid problems in years to come as the trees mature. Problems such as excessive shade to dwellings, interference with overhead wires etc. Mr Perrett had made the excellent suggestion that some of his older pupils should be involved in the operation and several of them assisted Jerry Rolfe in the actual planting. This must be a good thing because it is their generation which will see the trees approach maturity and we hope that they will have protective feelings towards them.

Newly planted trees are very vulnerable living things. They need regular inspection to make sure that they have not slipped out of their restraining ties and that they have not been damaged in any way. Above all they need a good supply of water at all times. It would be nice if people living near a tree would take it under their wing so to speak and ensure its survival. If twelve people would adopt a tree each, future generations would have cause to be grateful for their care and concern. Let us forget any acrimony from the past and approach this as a village effort in which all can play a part for the benefit of the whole community.

Ironically, as that last line was being written, we have been informed that three of the new trees have been vandalised already. One has been pulled up by its roots and thrown away and two more have had their leading branch broken off. This is absolutely appalling and makes one shudder. We would remind those guilty ones, that the trees are the property of the Council and heavy penalties exist for anyone caught damaging them. The Police, of course, have been informed but the responsibility is ours and the solution is in our own hands.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' AFTERNOON - NOVEMBER

I have just returned from a very enjoyable afternoon. Mrs Molly Fox asked me to be her guest at her Senior Citizens' afternoon which takes place at the Old Rectory on the last Wednesday of every month between 2.30pm and 4.00pm. We had a lovely cup of tea and home made cakes and the chance of a game of dominoes but most of us just enjoyed a "good natter".

Mrs Molly Fox would like to extend a welcome to all Senior Citizens in Palgrave, Thrandeston and Stuston. If transport is your problem, or if you are even a short distance away and are unable to walk there, just give Molly a ring on Diss 4977 and she will arrange for you to be picked up and returned home.

Meanwhile, I would like to thank all those lovely ladies and gentlemen I met for making me so welcome. I enjoyed meeting you all and the natter. I do hope I will meet you all again soon.

Joan Prior  
Secretary, Palgrave Community Council

## CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Many villagers have said how much they enjoy reading 'The Palgrave Star' and we hope that our readers are being helped to keep in touch with activities in the villages. We are indebted to our typist Janet Yates and our printer Robert Hall, who give up their own to help produce the 'Star' but never the less our costs are increasing and we feel that the time has come to raise some money towards its production. The Community Council are planning to hold a 'Cheese and Wine Evening' next month at the home of Paul and Jen Reid from Thrandeston. Although the emphasis will be on fund raising this will be an opportunity to wine and dine and meet each other in warm friendly surroundings so, when you know the date make a point of supporting 'The Star'.

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## PALGRAVE SCHOOL

After the Christmas Party at Thrandeston Hall, I feel a number of 'thank yous' should go out to several people. Firstly, to Mr Perrett and the staff of the School. Then to the small committee who planned and carried out the event - Mrs Carol Baxter, Mr Colin Manning, Mrs Ginny Manning, Mr Jim Denny, Mrs Peggy Bentin, Mrs Pearl Rodwell, my husband Dave Prior and myself. I must also thank the group of 'Dads' who decorated the hall for us. But last and not least, thanks to all of the other parents and friends who either gave food or donations and made the whole thing possible. At first we thought this party was a bit ambitious but we have been proved wrong. We now look forward to next year. Thanking you all once again for all your help.

Joan Prior, Secretary  
Friends of Palgrave School

## PALGRAVE CAROLS

Just before Christmas a group of singers went around parts of Palgrave and in less than two hours raised £7.50 to help in the production of the Palgrave Star. Our thanks are due to Graham Holbrook, Emma Roberts, Margaret and John Plunkett and their children Rachel, Deborah and Charles. The combination of voices and recorders was a delightful prelude to Christmas.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs & Mrs A Potter, North View, Palgrave who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Day. They were remembered by many relatives and friends who sent cards and gifts but they were especially delighted to receive a card from Buckingham Palace. A Thanksgiving Service led by Rev Knott, was held at St Peters Church, Palgrave on the Sunday following their anniversary.

## THRANDESTON CAROLS

Travellers in Thrandeston and Stuston on the evening of 22 December (as the nights began to draw out) might have met with a small fleet of cars ferrying an intrepid band of carol singers round the two parishes. Members of Thrandeston and Stuston WI, assisted by friends and relatives sang carols at many houses, enjoying both the singing and the refreshments which were offered.

Judging by the generosity with which listeners responded, they also enjoyed the singing (or did they just hope we would go away quickly?)

We were lucky to have chosen an evening that was warm and dry - at least from above; younger members of the party found plenty of wet underfoot. The evening finished with mince pies and coffee at Home Farm for all the singers. While they recovered from the exertions the contents of the collecting tins were counted and found to amount to over £43.00, which has been sent to the Suffolk Scanner appeal.

## J GUMMER MP

Your local member of Parliament is Mr John Gummer. Should anyone wish to contact him he will be available this month as follows.

17 January 10am - 12noon. Clarence House, Fressingfield

23 January 4.30pm-6.30pm Thorntree Day Centre Milton Road, Stowmarket

Subsequent dates will be included each month in the Diary column.

## WANTED

Volunteers are needed to be CC Collectors in Thrandeston and Stuston. This is an invaluable service and entails an hour or so each month and can be fitted in to your own routine. It can be a very enjoyable task. For further details please contact Joan Prior. Eye 732.

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## SUFFOLK SCANNER APPEAL FUND

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

When you realise the importance of the X-Ray Scanner Machine you will see why we should help with the appeal fund: That's why we will answer your likely questions here.

### WHAT IS AN X-RAY SCANNER MACHINE?

It's a very special X-Ray machine producing detailed pictures of the brain and body. Simply, it shows up damaged tissues anywhere in the body more clearly than any other known method.

### WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO YOU?

With a whole body scanner available for Suffolk in just one hospital (Ipswich), diagnosis of certain illnesses including cancer, takes minutes rather than days as with the old method.

Emergency problems can be solved in 30 minutes and it also identifies diseases with a short out-patient examination. It is quick, painless and very efficient. It saves beds, cuts waiting lists and should you fall ill reduces the time you spend in hospital.

### WHY AN APPEAL FUND?

The basic scanner costs at least £400,000 and financial cuts to the health service has made this appeal a must.

By having up to date equipment, doctors and nurses are attracted to come and work and stay in the area.

The Parish Council, Community Council and Women's Institute are therefore organising a house-to-house appeal and we would ask you to give as generously as possible. Pounds or pence, it all adds up.

Donation envelopes will be delivered to every house in Palgrave on 24 January 1981. Collection of these will start 1 February. Please have yours ready.

Chairman - Palgrave Parish Council

## PALGRAVE W I

Palgrave WI met at the school on Thursday 11 December. Our new President Mrs M Atkinson was in the chair. The secretary, Mrs G Leeder, read the minutes of the last meeting and a short business meeting followed. The cup for the most points in the monthly competition was presented to Mrs Oddy, the runner up was Mrs B Chapman. Mrs Chapman was presented with a gift for her work as treasurer during the past year.

Mrs Atkinson welcomed members from Roydon and Botesdale WI's who had come to take part in an inter WI Quiz. Mrs Jones was question master and had several rounds of questions to ask covering a wide range of subjects. Botesdale were the overall winners with Palgrave one point behind and Roydon a few points behind Palgrave. Mrs Jones presented a silver cup to Botesdale but it looked suspiciously like a covered yoghurt pot. However, Botesdale received it very graciously but rather took the rest of us by surprise by asking if there was any champagne to fill it.

We had a break for coffee and mince pies. Carols were next on the programme which included a hilarious rendering of the twelve days of Christmas; two members who should have known better, were dancing when they should have been milking!!

To get our breath back we all tried to see how many words could be made out of 'Christmas' the winner making over 50.

The competition for a fairy for a Christmas tree was won by Mrs Jones, 2nd Mrs White, 3rd Mrs Rolfe. Raffle winners were Mrs Fiske, Mrs Sturgeon, Mrs Ford and Mrs Green.

Mrs Chapman thanked Roydon and Botesdale WI's for coming. The President then wished our visitors and members a Happy Christmas which was echoed all round as we made our way to the door and went our various ways home.

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## OUTINGS 1981

The outings sub-committee has met and discussed a provisional programme for 1981. We would be pleased to hear members' points of view on the outings listed below.

March - Trip to Ideal Home Exhibition and London shopping.

April - Trip to Whipsnade Zoo - We have been asked on several occasions for this outing. The date will be during the Easter holidays - so that parents and children can go.

April - A weekend trip to the Dutch Bulb Fields - We are still making enquiries about this but details so far are. It's a three day trip - Friday to Sunday and the cost will be around £35.00 a head. This again has been asked for, so please show us your support.

June - A trip to Kew Gardens

June - Sandringham has again been asked for but not the flower show. The general feeling seems to be to see the House. Your comments please?

July - A Sunday afternoon trip in North Norfolk. Stopping at Thursford Organ Museum and the Shell Museum nearby and possibly on to Cromer for tea.

July - A coach will leave Palgrave around 4.30pm to go to Wroxham, the party will board a launch, tour the Broads for about two hours and a meal will be served. Return to Palgrave will be around 10.00pm.

August - The usual day trip to Lowestoft will take place.

August - The childrens' outing. Two suggestions have been made.  
1) The Bus Museum at Carlton Colville.  
2) Bressingham Steam Museum.  
or children, have you any suggestions? Let us hear about them.

Teenagers - on a number of occasions different groups, etc. are at the Theatre Royal, Norwich and the Gaumont, Ipswich. If you feel you would like coaches to run to these let us know.

This programme has been planned by a small sub-committee, consisting of five members of the main Community Council Committee. We do not know which outings you want unless you tell us, so make your suggestions known by filling in the slip below and placing it in the box provided at Palgrave Post Office, or handing it to your Collector.

I am interested in the following outings:

.... Ideal Home Exhibition  
.... Whipsnade Zoo  
.... Trip to Dutch Bulb Fields  
.... Kew Gardens  
.... Sandringham

.... North Norfolk - Thursford  
.... Lowestoft  
.... Childrens' Outing -  
.... Bressingham or  
.... Bus Museum

Any other suggestions .....

Signed .....  
Address .....