

## Dittisham Village Voice 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013

It's all rather quiet in Dittisham at the moment. Sometimes I wonder where everyone has gone when I walk my dogs around the village. Today as I write this article the weather is really horrible. It's raining sideways and blowing a gale. I had a chat this week with Ed Par Ferris of Think Nature who is working on the replanting of the Ham Triangle. Ed was busy planting the tiny new trees and shrubs and everything seems to be taking shape. It sounds as though there will be something to look at and enjoy throughout the year, ranging from flowering shrubs, berries and even some wild flowers. I know that the wild flowers will bring a lot of pleasure to villagers and visitors alike. Wildflowers were a popular request from the survey that was carried out before the works started on the Triangle. Ed's design will also ensure that insect life and little mammals have a place to live in the long grasses. At the moment there are some lovely snowdrops along Riverside Road edge of the Triangle and so many spring bulbs are making their way through the earth, it should all be very pretty in a few weeks time. The Level car park has had a bit of a tidy up recently. Trees and bushes have been cut back and even the scrubby bit of grass on the right as you enter the car park has been tackled – looks a lot better. A couple of weeks ago there was a great evening at Fingals Hotel. Three actors from the Ditsum Players performed 'The Stronger' which was directed by Paul Vincent. Although a wet and chilly evening outside, inside the barn was warm and, after the soup starter, Lesley Wells and Gina Carter performed the short but powerful play along with Ian A'Court as the waiter. The performance was superb and received very loud applause from the 60 or so audience. It was a great evening. Don't forget that Promises are still needed for the Auction of Promises to be held in the Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Robin and Jenny have received some great promises so far, but they really do need some more, so please have a think and see what you can offer. Can you bake a cake, babysit or cook for a dinner party? You can now book your table for the evening. Tables are available for four or eight people at £10 per head. Ticket price includes a three-course meal and the evening is certain to be a success with auctioneer Hugh Treseder 'encouraging' you to bid for the promises throughout the evening. Please contact Robin and Jenny on 722358 to book a table or to make your promise. Go on! It's all in a good cause, as the proceeds will be split between the Village Hall and St George's Church.