

Dennington News



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Dennington artichokes

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CORONAVIRUS IS AFFECTING US ALL**

The Dennington Queen

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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

Well, we are certainly living through very strange and disturbing times at the moment. When I wrote the introduction to the last issue three months ago, I don't think coronavirus was on anybody's radar - and now it is almost the only thing that one can think about. I hope that in this issue we have provided you with lots of helpful information including how to access help within the village if you need it via the Parish Council, The Dennington Queen, The Neathouse, and others, as well as updates on what alternative arrangements are being made for the many activities that were planned over the coming months. Most of these have had to be postponed or cancelled, of course, though the Awakenings art exhibition will become a virtual event.

In addition to all this we have our usual village personality interview, an article on Dennington Consolidated Charities, advice on sewing seeds, an update on how the allotments are doing now that it's stopped raining, memories of 1960s cricket in Dennington and news from the farming front, as well as a delicious comfort food recipe for apricot bread and butter pudding.

Please get in touch if you have any queries about anything, or need me to put you in touch with the Parish Councillor responsible for your area. My phone numbers are 01728 638795 / 07979 600442.

Jo Denton, Editor

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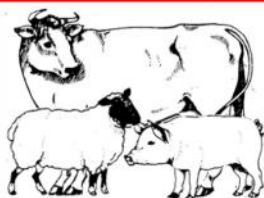
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Progress along with the coronavirus

Sadly the coronavirus pandemic has affected and will continue to affect business at the Hall for some time. We shall just have to deal with it as it comes. Most of the bookings have now been cancelled for the foreseeable future, although we are delighted that the Dennington Arts Exhibition will be happening virtually instead - see article on page 13.

In the meantime, we have decided to upgrade our website and with it, introduce a new and intuitive online booking system. This will make the whole process of accessing the Hall, reading documents and booking a space for a function so much easier to do than it is now.

We are still finalising quotes for the setting up of the new curtains for the big picture windows and we hope to see it underway soon. **We are also finalising quotes for a new audio system** and loop system for the main Hall which should make a big difference.

In the near future, we shall be refurbishing all our current chairs. They are still the most comfortable of all the chairs we have considered.

Don't forget the car park is very slippery when frozen—we have put many new signs up to alert everyone and will grit when possible.

N.B. The 100 club has been postponed until further notice. Everyone who has joined will get a full 12 months from the date it restarts. So hang on to your membership slips until then. Keep well.

James Maberly



DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS SHORT TERM EMERGENCY ADVICE

The Parish Council has offered to help any resident in the village who is in self isolation (see current government advice on page 9) by offering to collect and deliver to your door step any prepaid groceries and medication.

While most people will have their own plans in place to deal with this, others may not. If a resident finds they have to self-isolate for seven days or longer and he/she does not have any plans in place, the Parish Council has set up a scheme to pick up essential items, such as food or prescriptions, to help residents of Dennington who develop symptoms and who have to self-isolate.

Under this scheme, it may be possible for Councillors to collect and deliver to your home any pre-paid essential items such as food and prescriptions from the nearby food store and doctor's surgery. Please feel free to contact the Councillor for your part of the village from the list below and discuss how they may be able to help you:

Sam Steward: Dennington Place - Lodge Cottages

Ken Hoyle: Saxtead Road from 30 mph to Church Junction

Nick Watts: Church Junction - The Glebe - Ivy House - Park Gate Farm - Framlingham Hall

Matt Lunn: Laxfield Road to Dennington Lodge plus Hedgehogs

John Calver: Owls Green to Dennington Hall

Mary Mann: Clay Hill - Capons Green - Wood Farm.

Rebecca Smith: Maypole Green - Fenton's Farm to Severalls Cottage

Robert Wardley: The Square plus stand in relief for Councillors who may be unavailable

Shirley Cunningham (on behalf of Doris Dearing): Badingham Road (The Street) to Mill House

If you do not know how to contact your local Councillor, please email denningtonnews@gmail.com or phone the Editor, Jo Denton, on 01728 638795 or 07979 600442.

Please remember this is a short-term emergency collect and door-step delivery service only. The essential items that Councillors are offering to deliver for you must be pre-paid in advance before they can be collected.

The Neathouse and Dennington Queen will also deliver to you. Vashti from The Neathouse will take phone orders for bread, veg, meat and other goods and deliver to residents. Phone her on 07506868240 or 01728 638957.

The Dennington Queen will also take orders for takeaways which can be collected or, if necessary, delivered to residents. Please see details of the take-away menu on page 2 or call 01728 638241 to discuss your requirements.

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Robert Wardley, Chairman



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CURRENT GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

This is a very fast moving situation so please check the government advice for latest information on this link: <https://bit.ly/govtvcnews>.

Following the announcement on Thursday 12th March 2020, the UK government has introduced additional measures which are designed to help contain the coronavirus. This will be for people who develop a new continuous cough and/or high temperature they will need to self-isolate.

The advice is, if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started. This means you should remain in your home. Do not go to work, school or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis.

- this action will help protect others in your community while you are infectious
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home
- ask your friends and family to help you get the things you need to stay at home
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home if possible
- sleep alone, if possible
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- stay away from vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as much as possible

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

VILLAGE PERSONALITIES: ANNA FROST

Anna was born in Kensington, London, one of four children; three girls and a boy. Her mother was originally from Nairobi while her father was a Portuguese Goan. Dad was an accomplished singer and tour guide who met her mother, involved in education, on a bus in Kenya. They arrived in England during the sixties, when Anna was born, followed by a five year spell in Portugal after which they returned to East London and settled down. Anna went to a convent school in Newham, St. Angela's, taught by nuns who were very strict and regimental in their approach. There was a strong sense of family unity, even if, economically, times were hard.

Anna always knew that she wanted to work with children, and after school she went straight into a Dr. Barnado's school as a nursery assistant. Promoted to nursery nurse in a Camden job, she quickly understood how important it was to be incredibly supportive to youngsters whose parents worked long hours in the city. Anna married young and had two children of her own before becoming a mature student in her 30s. She successfully applied for an access course which opened up the possibility of studying for a degree in Education and Community Studies at the University of East London. While studying she worked part-time in the retail business to support her family and herself. It was a challenging period, but one which, ultimately, gave her a sense of great personal achievement. Anna learnt as much about herself as her academic subject.

She then got a Diploma in Career Guidance and a position with a college in East Ham working with older students aged 16-18, encouraging them back into education and what lay beyond. This led to a return to the University of East London as a Widening Participation Officer: helping under-represented, particularly female groups acquire the skills to access university places. Anna has never fought shy of accepting challenge and diversity in her developing career.



At the start of the 1980s Anna moved to Colchester with her children to begin afresh. At first she commuted to Stratford on a daily basis to work, but then gained employment with Essex County Council as a careers' advisor. She had come out of London on a weekend train and immediately fell in love with the town. It was to be her base for four years until her own son went off to university. Staying within the careers sector she moved to Ipswich to work for 'Connexions', going to schools

such as Chantry H.S. and Farlingaye. In 2008 Anna met Neil, a mechanical engineer with a Finnish company in Thetford, at a friend's barbeque. They couldn't have been more unlike, Anna fastidious and fashion-conscious, Neil laid back and casually attired, but each seemed to bring out the best in the other. Their first date was in Aldeburgh, where they got married the following year in a civil ceremony at The White Lion Hotel. An initial honeymoon in York was followed by a second, in Goa, the following year.

Farlingaye H.S. offered Anna a permanent careers advisor contract, and with it she and Neil moved to Dennington, in 2016, to Oak Cottage on The Street. Rumour has it that the property was once where the beer was stored for the nearby 'Blue Anchor' pub. Packed with character, it has become Anna's 'forever house', because she had moved so many times before – this was finally it! Her idea of heaven: sitting in the garden at home in the summer with friends. Anna feels the village is a very special place, blessed with good neighbours, and she harbours little desire to travel anywhere else in our warmer months.

Youngest son Harry, born in 2011, went to the local primary school, and Anna thoroughly appreciates being able to walk him there each morning. She has been a Governor of the school and ran the after-school club until she started full-time at Suffolk New College as a Progress Tutor. Anna has since returned to Farlingaye in an advisory capacity. Occasionally, she misses life in the capital: the shops, the well-developed infrastructure, especially public transport, and her family connections there. However, there is no substitute for village life. Anna loves the parochial atmosphere, the fact that most people seem to know each other, yet don't impinge too much; she appreciates both the Dennington Queen, for meals, and the new Neathouse, Dennington's beauty and the fact that it feels 'safe'. Anna has several people locally on whom she can rely, if and when a problem arises – quality of life is paramount.

Currently, Anna is studying to pass exams to supplement her existing qualifications in order to qualify as a fully-fledged school teacher. Anna has been offered a conditional place to begin her teacher training from September at a local primary school. In between all this, the Frosts enjoy the coast and arts complex at Snape and Harry's current passion gets them out to all the crazy golf courses within striking distance! The couple have organized parties at the village hall, attend the annual plant sale and loved the recent art exhibition. Anna and her family get much pleasure from the village and, in return, offer much to it. Long may they remain.

As told to Mark Kendall

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DENNINGTON ART EXHIBITION GOES VIRTUAL

The highly anticipated Awakenings art exhibition, which was to have been on in the Village Hall over the Easter weekend, is going online instead. Supporting community mental health, the exhibition is created by local artists for everyone to enjoy – so being closed to the public was not going to stop the organisers! Rosie McKenzie and Kristina Toney have therefore come up with an ingenious plan to support the participating artists by launching a fully interactive, 360° virtual art exhibition.

This virtual tour will allow you to explore the exhibition from the comfort of your own home via your desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile. Access the link www.denningtonarts.ambientlight.co.uk on opening day, 11 April 2020, from 10 am onwards. Simply click or tap and drag your view to walk around the newly refurbished Village Hall and explore the exhibition as if you were actually there. The fifteen artists involved will be showing over a hundred pieces of art, and each artist will have their own section on the tour with a profile and link to more information. More information can be found on the Dennington Arts Facebook page.

So if you're social distancing, isolating, in quarantine, feeling low and/or trying to make sense of these trying times, this exhibition curated by Dennington Arts is something to look forward to. Supporting communities is one way in which we can get through this together. Have fun exploring!

Jo Denton



LEISTON MOBILE LIBRARY ROUTE 5

If the mobile van continues to run (please call 01473 351249 for updated information on this), the dates will be:
7th April / 5th May / 2nd June / 30th June

DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

During these troubling times, please be assured that your Parish Council is here to help you. We know that the village pulls together in times of trouble and we are really thankful for the wonderful community spirit that Dennington has. Please do not hesitate to contact any Councillor (see page 6) and between us we will help.

We have ordered our new lawnmower and it should be delivered by the time you are reading this article. Many thanks to our drivers who cut the grass voluntarily and help reduce mowing costs. As the sun now - finally - starts to shine it will not be long before the cutting season begins.

At our last meeting we discussed responses to our article about conducting a neighbourhood plan. With only 3 offers of assistance, and being mindful of what a large project such plans are, the Parish Council has voted not to proceed at this stage. Instead we will be focussing on a different aspect of village life at each meeting and asking for feedback from residents via this newsletter in order to compile a profile of village needs, opinions and ideas for the future.

A gentle reminder to all dog owners - please, please clear up after your dog. We have received complaints of dog fouling on the sports pitch and near the play area, which is most unpleasant for children playing near here. Thank you to all those responsible dog owners who clear up after their dog. And do place the mess in the designated bins, rather than leave bags hanging from hedges and trees...

Some positive news to share is that Dennington won £200 from the draw of entrants from 2019's community litter pick. Of this, £100 has been donated to Dennington WI, who help with the litter pick each year, and £100 has been donated towards the 75th VE Day celebrations and commemorative events. Thank you to Jo Denton for leading the VE Day events (see page 29). We much look forward

to reading residents' accounts of family members lives during WWII and keeping this important chapter of history alive. The commemorative weekend - whenever it is held - will be something special for us to all look forward to.

Sadly, the village litter pick for 2020 scheduled for 6th April has to be postponed, following advice from Keep Britain Tidy. We are hoping to be able to hold the event in the autumn. Dates between 11th & 27th September are being mooted but watch this space!

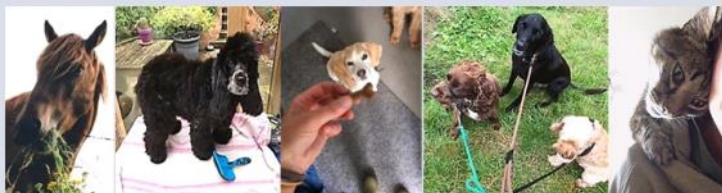
Robert Wardley, Chair Lydia Kirk, Clerk

SPORTS CLUB

I hope everyone is well. We are so fortunate to live in a village which has such a fantastic community spirit in times like these. This community spirit was visible at our recent charity event at the beginning of March, 'An evening with Ryan Gooding.' It was fantastic to see so many of you at the event. Everyone who came was extremely complimentary about Ryan as well as the hall and all those people who helped with the refreshments and raffle. I also want to say a very big thank you to the Dennington Queen and the Neathouse for donating fantastic prizes for the raffle, which definitely made it easy for people to part with their cash. I am pleased to tell you we made a total of £2,030 to go towards our playground. It was a great event and it made me proud to be part of our wonderful village.

Lastly it is with regret I am standing down as Sports Club Secretary. If you are interested in taking on this role, please give me a call or drop me an email on denningtonsportsclub@outlook.com. I will be staying on the committee and really want to put all my efforts into fundraising to make our sports club facilities the best they can be. However, I am not the best minute taker; so if this is your forte, please get in touch :).

Elaine Felton, (ex) Secretary



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Regrettably, all church services are suspended for the foreseeable future. Here is a message from Bishop Martin:

Following letters from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops, including Bishop Martin (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich), all formal services in churches have been suspended until further notice. This includes the Easter Services. Bishop Martin has put into place live streaming of Morning Prayer, Monday-Saturday at 8.30 a.m., which can be accessed via the Bishop's Facebook page (Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike) or Twitter (@BishopsCofEsuffolk). The following live-streamed services from the Cathedral can be accessed via Facebook (St Edmundsbury Cathedral) or Twitter (@stedscath): Evensong/Evening Prayer Monday-Friday at 5.30pm; Saturday & Sunday at 3.30pm; Sunday Eucharist at 10.00 am. We urge you all to take a few minutes of your day to link into these services.

Sadly June de Whalley died on 21st January after a short illness. I am sure that many of you will have fond memories of her and we will all miss her enormously. Her funeral was held in Dennington Church on 17th February. There was a wonderfully large congregation and the service was taken by Jonathan Olanczuk. Please see her obituary in this newsletter.

Plant Sale – This is due to take place on **25th April** and everything is still being prepared. If at all possible, a scaled down version will still go ahead in some form or other! It might not be the usual format but please keep a look out for details nearer the time.

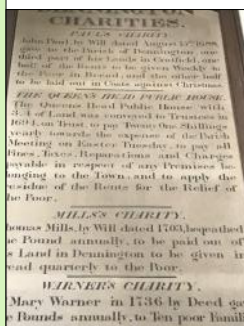
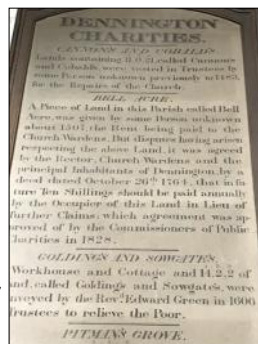
Roy Tricker talk – this was planned for **19th June** at 7pm in the church but we will have to see what happens.

In the meantime the church is open every day, please let's all pray for a speedy end to the horrible situation going on at the moment.

Veronica Maberly

DENNINGTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

Dennington is extremely lucky to have its own village charity. Endowments were made from as long ago as 1450 and they are listed on the boards in the south aisle of the church. Do go along and read them, they are on the wall above the old village sand table where the children learnt their letter writing on shallow sand before black boards, let alone white boards or iPads!



The boards describe the various pieces of land and other gifts, from “Cannons and Cobbolds” given in 1483, “Goldings and Sougates”, including the work house, given in 1606, The Queens Head public house given in 1624, to the Warner Charity given in 1736.

All these donations have been for a variety of causes. Nathan Wright’s Charity of 1654 provided “bread weekly and coats yearly for the most aged and pious poor of the parish”.

In a scheme drawn up in 1980 all the charities were consolidated into the Dennington Consolidated Charities with these charitable objectives:

- The maintenance and repair of the fabric of the church and towards the maintenance of the services in the church and all the furniture therein.
- For the “relief in need” of those residents of Dennington or for any charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Dennington.

There are seven trustees who are listed on the charity commission website - google Dennington Consolidated Charities or go to the

link <http://bit.ly/DenningtonCharities>. The trustees include the Rector of the Parish, 3 nominated trustees, each appointed for a 4 year term by the parish council, and 3 co-optative trustees appointed for their knowledge of the parish for terms of 5 years. The Charity owns around 20 acres around the village including the allotment gardens, the village green and the buildings on it, and the fields behind the houses on Laxfield road. The Queen's Head was sold in the late 1970's along with the old village hall to provide money for the new Village Hall building.

The trustees meet twice a year to hear applications for grants. At the autumn meeting grants are made to those over 65 who have applied for a Christmas grant. We have educational grants to offer in further and higher education or apprenticeships. Applications should be sent to the Clerk of the Trust, Peter Lamb (peterlamb54@gmail.com). Apart from generous grants to the Village Hall, the charity helps the sports club, especially with its tennis court and play area, donates to church restoration, the school and the allotment association, and is always interested to receive applications. There is also a "nursing fund" administered by trustee Robert Wardley for those in immediate distress or illness.

Recently some capital has been invested in the Neathouse (owned by the Charity) which the Trustees are delighted to see doing so well.

Robert Rous, Trustee

DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNINGS

Unfortunately the fortnightly coffee mornings have had to be cancelled until further notice.

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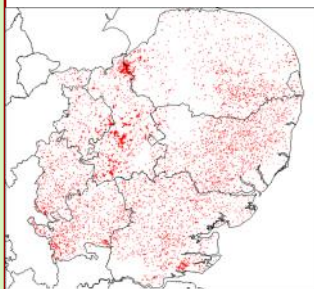
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Dennington Horticultural Club

The first meeting of 2020 was held in January and the speaker was Howard Jones, of Orchards East, talking about the history of orchards. Orchards East is a 3 year project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, devoted to discovering and understanding the past, present and future of orchards in eastern England.



*Spread of East Anglian orchards
from OS 6" map c. 1900*

Part of the project has been identifying surviving orchards using Ordnance Survey maps from the early 1900s in order to assess the scale of loss, as well as undertaking surveys of biodiversity and wildlife in the remaining orchards, helping to restore important old orchards and create new community orchards, teaching grafting, pruning and other skills necessary to preserve and manage orchards into the future, and research the history of fruit growing in the region.

The overall picture from the survey was one of gradual decline. Cheap imported fruit from the Commonwealth initially eroded the viability of local orchards, and, when common market membership in the 1970s introduced subsidies for grain production, many farmers moved into grain. This, allied with the importation of cheaper French fruit, led to a sudden drop in acreage.

Unfortunately the next meeting, due to take place on 25th March with speaker Frances Boscawen of Moat Farm Flowers, has had to be postponed. We are also planning a summer show to take place at the village fete - see separate insert - if this is able to go ahead.

Jo Denton, Secretary

APRICOT AND BRIOCHE PUDDING

(a delicious alternative to the classic bread and butter pudding)

Ingredients:

- 200g ready-to-eat dried apricots
- 500g brioche loaf
- 50g butter
- 4 medium eggs
- 150g caster sugar
- 500ml double cream
- 500ml milk
- butter for greasing dish
- icing sugar



Method:

Slice the brioche and butter lightly. Mix eggs, sugar, cream and milk together thoroughly, to form a raw custard. Grease a baking dish with a little butter, then add the chopped apricots and arrange in the buttered dish. Lay the slices of brioche on top in overlapping layers, like roof tiles, then pour all of the custard mixture onto the brioche allowing it to soak between and around the slices. Cover the dish and place in fridge for 12 hours.

Preheat oven to 180 C / 350 F / gas mark 4. Cook in a bain-marie i.e. place the pudding, uncovered, in a larger dish or roasting tray, and pour water in the outer dish to come halfway up the sides of the inner dish. Carefully transfer to the oven and bake until barely set (a little liquid in the centre is fine). This will probably take about 40 minutes – possibly a little less if you have a shallow dish, more if the dish is deep. Remove pudding from bain-marie and dust liberally with icing sugar. If liked, place under a pre-heated grill for about a minute, or use a cook's blow torch, until the icing sugar has turned golden brown.

Maggie Archard

SEED SOWING

Growing plants from seed can be a very rewarding activity as well as a good exercise in patience. Many plants that cannot be bought from a nursery or garden centre are available as seeds from specialist societies like the Hardy Plant Society or the Scottish Rock Garden Club.

As a young teenager I remember having unexpected success in raising the Himalayan blue poppy (*Meconopsis betonicifolia*). A homemade polythene greenhouse tacked on to the north side of an old chicken shed must have provided just the right cool, humid conditions for germination - and they went on to flower! On another occasion some Japanese maple seedlings (*Acer palmatum*) were mown off by a mouse or vole and had to be discarded.

I have noticed how martagon lilies will germinate in a short grass sward presumably because of the consistently humid microclimate. Paeonies are strange in that seeds germinate to produce roots in the first year, only growing a shoot in the second year.



The annual Salpiglossis sinuata 'Little Friends', easily grown from seed. This was grown in a 7 inch pot in the greenhouse

If you have children or grandchildren and a garden, do try and give them a tiny plot of their own where they can experiment with growing things, they will learn so much by doing so. One thing is the near miraculous experience of watching a plant develop from what may appear an unpromising looking seed. Presents of small hand tools or packets of seed are an encouragement.

Andrew Stansfeld, Stansfeld Garden Design

Farming



Many people ask how we are going to manage the changes from Brexit. The answer is that we will do what all farmers always do – just get on with the job. After all we deal daily with the weather! Drought, flood, gales, frosts, snow, hailstorms, and thunderstorms are things we have to cope with and we have certainly had the first three in the last six months! Our daily life is in problem solving – not just the weather but breakdowns, cultivations and so on and we plant never being certain of a return. We bought fertiliser for the 2020 harvest in May 2019, drilled the seed in August, September and October 2019, hope to harvest in July and August 2020 and the grain store may not be empty until May 2021. Most businesses sell at their cost of production plus profit – we are at the hands of the world market. Because of the wet autumn a lot of malting barley is being planted this spring – consequently, the malting premium has crashed. It has always been said that farmers buy retail and sell wholesale – very much the wrong way round! After such a wet autumn, the young plants have not needed to put their roots down and so we are already worrying that if we have a dry spell, plants will die. So although we are desperate for dry at the moment, in a few weeks we will be wanting rain. I hope that you begin to see why farmers are always thinking of the weather and can be worriers.

But already the birds are singing, blossoms are coming out (still waiting for that blackthorn winter!), the oilseed rape will get away from the pigeons and paint the fields yellow, the tractors will be out and we will be glad to be farming. Thinking of the birds – the many grass margins that we have are part of an environmental scheme to help wildlife. We have negotiated to have some permissive paths for the village to enjoy walking in the fields, but these are the only ones that can be used. Please leave the rest in peace for partridge, yellowhammers, hedgehogs and all the rest. Thank you and please buy British when you can!

VILLAGE FETE 27th JUNE

The village fete, currently planned for Saturday 27th June - though of course dependent on updated coronavirus news - is going to be fantastic, whenever it takes place. Organised by Vashti Mouncer at the Neathouse, many stalls have already been booked: if anyone else wants one, stalls are only £10.00 and tables are £5.00.

Events already promised for the day include a young farmers' obstacle course; games organised by the Sports Club; a tombola organised by the WI; plants on sale and various activities organised by Dennington Primary School; a vegetable and flower show organised by the Horticultural Club (see separate leaflet inserted in this issue for details of how to sign up for that) and a display from the Allotment Association. There will be a dog show organised by Jai Cross, who does the dog training in the village hall, and a small art and craft sale and exhibition. There may also be Morris dancers, a car show and a motorbike show – and the bar will be open of course!

So there will be lots to see and do, with fun and games for all. Vashti is also planning to hold a party to thank all those involved with a disco on the same evening in the Village Hall.

Jo Denton



“Lightness of heart”

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VILLAGE BOOK AND JIGSAW SWOP

If you have any books or jigsaws that you are happy to pass on to others who may be in need of some fresh entertainment while self-isolating, please leave them in the porch of the Church - and feel free to borrow anything that is already there! Please make sure that the covers of any books you leave have been thoroughly



wiped down to disinfect them.

Thank you!

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DENNINGTON WI

A group attended the SEFWI annual meeting at Trinity Park where Danny Crates, a Paralympian, was the guest speaker, a gold medal winner for the 800 meters at the 2008 Olympics. He retold the history of his amazing journey through life after losing his arm in a car accident to playing rugby, qualifying as a scuba diving instructor and taking up athletics.

Unfortunately all WI meetings and activities have been suspended for the time being.

Jenny Dyne

DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Thanks to all who have taken part during recent years. We will start the new 100 club year as soon as the current situation is over; cheques and cash will be held till then if all agree.

Jenny Dyne.

ALLOTMENT NEWS

The allotments are at last beginning to dry out! As with the rest of the county the ground has been saturated and unworkable for several months. The series of storms also caused some wind damage to the site itself and some significant damage to the southern hedgerow on the perimeter pathway. Our thanks go to the allotment team who have cleared the debris.



As a result we have plenty of catching up to do with preparations for the new season's crops. The only consolation is that we, along with the village, have had an abundant and vibrant daffodil display this year and the blackthorn is about to blossom. Spring is definitely in the air!

We are delighted to have welcomed two new members since our last report in the January issue of the Dennington News, and we currently have available a half plot. In these challenging times, what better



way to self-isolate, exercise, take in fresh air and fill your cupboards with produce? If you would like to have a go at 'grow your own', do get in touch on pstevensturner@gmail.com.

Pamela Turner (Secretary) and John Jarvie (Chair)

Please send all stories or items to be included in the next issue, which covers July - September 2020, to the Editor no later than 9th June. Send via email to denningtonnews@gmail.com , or via post to Spring Farm House, The Street, Dennington IP13 8JF. Please send pictures and advertisements as jpeg attachments.

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TEA PARTY FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE / VJ DAY

Many of you will know that Friday, 8th May will be a bank holiday and a day to remember the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Europe. We had plans to commemorate this with a big tea party in the Village Hall for everyone in the village to come to, free of charge, together with an exhibition of people's memories of family members who lived through WW2.



With the current situation regarding COVID-19, however, this does now have to be postponed until later in the year – probably to mid-August, which will see the 75th anniversary of VJ day (victory in Japan). We have set up a form where you can register your interest in coming to the tea party, whenever it is held. Please reserve your places via EventBrite at <http://bit.ly/Denningtonteatparty> and we will keep you updated on the situation.

In the meantime, we'd love people to send in a piece about a family member, wherever they lived, who did something interesting in WW2. Were they evacuated as a child? Did they fight in Europe or another theatre of war? Were they in the home guard, or in a reserved occupation? Whatever they did, we would love to hear about them, so send your stories and a photograph of the person you are writing about (or something relevant to their war years) to Jo Denton at denningtonnews@gmail.com to arrive by **Friday, 26th June**. We will mount them on the display boards in the village hall for whatever date we can finally confirm for this event. Thank you!



The Dennington village hall trustees

SEND US YOUR DENNINGTON PHOTOGRAPHS!

We are planning a Dennington calendar for next year to raise some money for the Village Hall and we need your help to make this happen. So – if you are out enjoying some fresh air over the next few months, do please take some photos of Dennington looking at its best and upload them to the Dennington Views Facebook group. If you prefer to submit them privately, then email them to denningtonviews@gmail.com and tell us whether you're happy to show them off or would prefer to keep them private for now.

Those photos that best capture the spirit of Dennington throughout the year will be chosen for the calendar in November; there will be a small prize for the best photo by someone under 16, whether the photo is used or not.

We'll need high resolution photos for reproduction, so please make sure you keep the original digital images or negatives when you send your prints. We can only use photos with children if we have written permission from their parents, so these might best be avoided. Final deadline for photos is 7th **November 2020**.

Kate Viscardi

OBITUARY DEREK TEASDALE, F.R.C.S. (100)

Died 21st October, 2019

Derek and his wife Betty lived in Dennington in the 1990s. They moved here from Rochdale, where Derek had been a respected surgeon for many years. Whilst here, he took an active part in the village, joining the Parish Council to which he made a significant contribution. He also served as Vice Chairman for a period of time. Dearly loved by his late wife Betty and late son Alex.

OBITUARY

ELEANOR JUNE DE WHALLEY (92)

18th June 1927 - January 21, 2020



June de Whalley was the only child of a Rector and spent much of her youth moving from parish to parish. They ended up in Suffolk, near Beccles, where June began work for the Leprosy Mission. During this time June met up with Philip de Whalley, a school teacher at Framlingham College. After they were married they lived in a house along College Road, later moving to Bell House in Dennington.

Once at Bell House, June gathered an array of animals and poultry. This menagerie spread out into related hobbies such as cooking, preserving and sewing. She enjoyed occasional sailing trips with Philip and loved riding her bicycle and latterly, after they had retired to Framlingham, she enjoyed whizzing around the town on her mobility scooter - which she mainly kept upright!

Their lives were centred around Dennington Church and its community. She often took people without cars to visit families, ran a Thursday children's club, arranged flowers and cleaned the church. June was a wonderfully kind person, offering loving support to so many people, welcoming pilgrims and hosting foreign students for Christmas. She is survived by her son Simon and three grandchildren, Lucy, Stephanie and Alex. We will miss her very much.

DENNINGTON QUEEN CRIBBAGE TEAM

The Mid Suffolk Cribbage League has been closed for the rest of the season. If the current situation permits the new season will commence in September. **Please contact Allan Dyne on 01728-638166 for further information.**

MEMORIES OF DENNINGTON CRICKET IN THE 1960s

Reading the Dennington News last year I saw an article on cricket which has prompted me to give you happy memories of the cricket club in the early 1960s. Those summer Sundays always seemed to be warm and sunny. I'm sure rain did stop play many times, but I remember the sunny days!

The cricket pitch was behind the churchyard and just up the road was the pub - part of the set-up. The playing area wasn't too clever, but then both sides had to play on it so it was fair.

I was asked to act as the team's umpire. I'd had experience of this task when I was doing my National Service and I didn't live in Dennington, so it was fair. The team played both home and away games, but I'm sure it wasn't a league, only on a friendly basis. I can remember once the team playing against Framlingham college. The boys served sandwiches between innings and called us all 'sir'!

I remember some of the Dennington side's names: old Jack Nobbs and his two sons, Oliver and Peter. Others were Gordon Mann, Gary Sheppard (who could throw a cricket ball further than anyone I knew!), John Gibbons (ex-Royal Navy), Brian Emmerson, Robert Wardley, Ken Missen, Brian Upson, Russell Heffer and Ray Fellgate.

The organisation seemed very good, everyone turned up on time, pitches were always marked out, scoreboard with scorer present. Players on all sides looked on these games as sport, not winning at all costs. In the two seasons I was with Dennington I never, ever had any problems with anyone disagreeing with my decisions.

Memories of lovely cakes between innings, lots of spectators around the ground. On the pitch we could hear 'Top of the Pops' music wafting on the breeze from the young girls with their 'must have' transistor radios! I think the games were 11 overs each side and then, game over, everybody to the pub where the winners had



to buy the losers the beer. Many of the supporters were also in the pub, so a good time was had by all.

Yes, things were changing in the early 60s but some of the older ways were still strong. It wasn't important if somebody wasn't wearing white trousers for the match, but it was important to reply when a stranger spoke to you. The important thing was to 'play up and play the game'.

So from Mick, now a very old ex-umpire, I'll say again: 'Thanks to Dennington and your early 1960s cricket side for those happy, warm, sunny Sundays'.

Mick Downes

NEWS FROM THE NEATHOUSE

Nominated by our customers, we are thrilled to announce that the Neathouse is in the finals of two categories at the Suffolk Food and Drink Awards 2020, after only eleven months of being open! The Awards we are up for are Best Newcomer and Best Afternoon Tea.

You may have seen the article about this in the EADT and Suffolk magazine recently – but we're going to have to wait until 27th April to hear how we've done. These Awards are currently scheduled to take place at the Apex in Busy St Edmunds, though this will depend on the situation at the time. We're also delighted to have received an award from the Rural Coffee Caravan for 'More than a Shop'.

Sadly, our other planned activities for this Spring, including a one year anniversary party and an Easter egg hunt on the 10th April, may well have to be cancelled.

Vashti Mouncer

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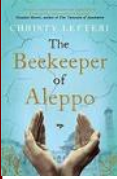
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DENNINGTON BOOK CLUB



The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

This is the story of Nuri and Afra who make their way to England after losing everything in Aleppo. The book is very big on emotion and short on detail. There is no ending and the reader is left to draw their own conclusions. When reading the book I kept nodding off as it was quite difficult to follow where we were at any one time. Also it is written in the first person and covers many time zones, not necessarily in the correct order. I feel it raises more questions than answers and we learn nothing about Aleppo, Syria or even beekeeping!



The Second Sleep by Robert Harris

This is certainly not the sort of story we have come to expect from Robert Harris. It is set 800 years after some (unspecified) catastrophic event taking place in 2025 and the elimination of 90% of the population. We are back in the middle ages and a young priest is sent to replace one who has died. The old priest was delving into the past, which was prohibited by the Church, and the young priest carries on. As you would expect from Robert Harris, it is an excellent read, and gives lots of food for thought.



A Christmas Railway Mystery by Edward Marston

Set in 1860, a year after the death of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, this tells of the search for who killed Frank Rodman and left his body in the engine shed of the Great Western Railway. Conflict in the police force, conflict in the works and conflict in the village all make for an intriguing story. Of course there was no forensic evidence in those days so the investigation and deduction has to be thorough, and by process of elimination the pool of suspects is whittled down to five. A fascinating story and highly recommended.

Janet Wyatt



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