

Dennington News



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EDITORS VOICE

Welcome back.

Firstly I would like to say a very big Thank you to all those people who helped get our first issue off the ground and into our homes. It definitely was a community project . We've been delighted with all the positive responses we have received thus far and appreciate all those of you who have taken the time to put forward something for this Autumn issue. Whether it be an idea, a story or some interesting historical facts about the people or places we live, events taking place or achievements attained.

Please keep your stories coming. Remember this is *your* Newsletter. Until next time.

Sally O'Keeffe (Editor)

HAVE YOUR SAY

Please send all stories or items to be included to the Editor.
(No later than 5th Nov) to be included in the next issue Dec-Feb 2015/16

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Please send pictures as separate attachments, preferably saved as jpgs.

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There is a **Village Hall AGM** being held in the Village Hall meeting room on **Wednesday September 30th @ 7pm** . All very welcome. We are always looking to embrace new members especially those younger members of the community. We look forward to seeing you.

St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Dennington

Church Services

First Sunday 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Second Sunday 11.00am Elder led Family Service or Morning Prayer

Third Sunday 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday 11.00am BCP Holy Communion

(27th September @17.00 Everyone is invited to come along and give thanksgiving for the harvest.)

Dennington Jubilee Hall

Doesn't time move fast. We're in late Summer and everyone is making the very most of it – or should be! First of all, may I extend my very grateful thanks to all of those who so kindly volunteer to do so much for the hall, be it internal or external work. The hall is alive and accessible because of you. Thank you so much.

The old Hall in Dennington was a community centre and was frequented by many. The current hall was built to take on that role and it did just that for a while. In recent years, owing to the appearance of many new halls offering alternative venues, our patronage has withered. And yet, our hall is unique: no other hall in the surrounding area can offer our amazing facilities: sports hall, bar, sports field adjacent, changing rooms and a vast car park.

On 19th September, we shall be presenting our refurbishment plans – come along and see what we are doing and enjoy a delicious free meal. Then, on Sat 31st October, we shall be holding our second Dennington Concert, a showcase for local young talent (with a few oldies thrown in as well). It was a sell-out last time, so don't miss out!

James Maberly -Chairman

Village Personalities: Peter Reeve

Peter has lived in Dennington for over 80 years! His grandfather farmed in Framlingham using horses to pull grass-cutting machinery at the College. He also sold land, on which now stands Thomas Mills High School. His parents came to Dennington to run the Queen's Head pub, which they did for 25 years until 1960, when it received mains water and electricity. Pigs were kept in the coach house barns next to the tenancy and cows drank from the pond next to the present bus shelter. There were at least 6 herds in the parish then.



Peter went to Dennington Primary, with over 100 pupils, 95% of whom were from farming stock and later, Mills Grammar. At 16, he became an under-herdsman for Major Rous at Dennington Hall Farms, where one of his two sons still works today. Here he met Celia, his wife to be, the family's nanny. Two men looked after 48 Red Poll cattle. Peter served the family for 48 years until 1999, where he had sole charge of 240 cattle, mainly Friesian. He played football and cricket for the village teams.

He and Celia moved to Carrow House on Saxtead Road, fond Norwich supporters. Peter keeps an immaculate garden, specimens from which form the mainstay of the Church Plant Sale each year. He is a philatelist and a keen coarse fisherman, landing a 14.5 lb carp at Weybread only 3 years ago. Until 2012, Peter rode each year in the Suffolk Churches' Cycle Event. That year he raised over £700, cycling 60 miles and visiting 41 churches on the

day, at the age of 77! Most importantly for the village, it is Peter who opens the church door at 7.30 a.m. each day and closes it at dusk fall. Formerly, he kept the tower clock wound up each week.

Peter`s rich memories include one day as a boy, while getting dressed for Sunday school, as all children did, when a German fighter plane came over Dennington. Everyone in the pub rushed out into the Square to see it. The pilot fired twice, hitting the slate roof of the pub; the bullets ended up splintering a ground floor door frame, souvenirs for his father. The same plane later dropped three bombs on Framlingham, sadly at greater cost. Before the end of the War, a doodlebug was shot down over Framlingham Hall Farm, on the parish boundary. Peter also remembers a later disaster: the fire destroying two houses on Boxbush Road, now the site of the huge water tower on the A1120.

Few would realise that, where the newest part of the churchyard is today, there was part of the original bowls area and a three-pin skittles planking, removable in the winter months. Today`s bowls club used to be the site of an early tennis court before it moved to the where it is today.

Thank you Peter for your stories. You have our continual gratitude.

As told to Mark Kendall.

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Saxmundham Mobile Library Route 5

The Saxmundham library van stops at Dennington Square every 4 weeks on a **Tuesday between 10.25 and 10.45**. If you miss this at Dennington the bus also stops a Brundish Crown on the same day between 11.00 and 11.20.

2015 DATES: 29th September - 27th October - 24th November - 22nd December

Wildlife Photography

Most folk I meet assume I have been well into my photography for years, but I only took up the Wildlife Photography on moving to Dennington five years ago.... Prior to moving I had a very physical time consuming career, which left no time for any hobbies. I did not own a camera back then....

Any age group can take up this hobby and also any physical ability, you only have to be blessed with three things....Patience....time....and above all Passion for what you have chosen to photograph.....and of course a camera.

It was always going to be Wildlife and Natural History for myself, and when I first started I was pretty much rubbish...I learnt by my mistakes, listening to other photographers and reading books etc. most of the time is spent sitting in a field or woodland, and simply waiting, prior to this stage I usually do my "homework" on a site first, checking out to see what lives in a particular habitat, then spend a month or so taking notes on times of activity, patterns or trails the subject follows etc.....what is most important is firstly.....get permission from the landowner....its rude and not acceptable to just go wandering where one wants and secondly....I always photograph the Wildlife on their terms, not mine.....which means you keep your distance at all times, if your subject starts to become stressed or agitated you back off.

There are laws that stipulate you cannot get too close to nesting birds (quite right too) and also you must be so many feet away from an active Badger Sett (if you can find any).

What is my favourite subject to photograph? I try to go with what's in season throughout the year....rather like Vegetables I suppose.....

I want to try to get you all to connect with what is around you, to take notice more, our British wildlife is indeed under threat, from loss of habitat, and sometimes due to the fact they are not welcome... so I will try to write short memoirs on the wildlife encounters I often come across throughout the year.



HARES...

Probably one of my top of the list mammals....first you have to find them... it took me three years to find a good site (more than 8 hares) and I am hoping this site will be available to me for a few years to come, I have to arrive well before the hares are active, then get sat down with the appropriate camouflage gear...and then you just wait...maybe for an awful long time..... the hare has incredible senses, it has to in order to stay alive, so keeping still and not fidgiting is a must, no smoking....or perfume or peppermints as they will smell them....coffee allowed! and I would aim to take the photograph at the subjects own eye level...it makes a better photo and you really connect with that animal, I sat not so long ago in the grass within a camouflage "bag hide" the hares I wanted to photograph were right over the other side of the field....so I had to just pray their activities would bring them closer.....it was a long wait before two hares left the group, I managed to get some decent images, however right beside me sat a leveretit had come out of the long grass and promptly sat down approx. three feet from me, I sat still,...it came close sitting down admiring the view! I could not swing the camera and lens around, as my lens had a huge focal length which meant the young hare would have been far too close to me, plus the second I was to move she would go, and I did not want to startle her, sometimes it is just the witnessing of such a beautiful creature....and not coming home with the image you were after...

For the younger members of the community...hares live above ground, unlike the Rabbit...which lives under ground in a burrow, thus making the hare exempt from getting the awful disease Myxomatosis, thankfully... and as a rule the male carries more white in his coat particularly around his head... the breeding season is generally from early March until end of April, although I have seen them boxing in February and this year were still boxing in June....



It is common belief that it is the males that are seen boxing, however It is the male and female that box (her way of saying “not tonight darling” and she will come into season from January until August, so a fairly long breeding season...

My favourite memory was of two adult hares last summer....I was seated behind a fallen tree and they came running full pelt over the hill toward me, I was beginning to think they would collide with the tree, and as I fo-cused on the largest hare, they head the auto focus running in the lens....they both skidded to a halt, and sat four foot in front of me, not moving, not blinking even....I did likewise....managed to get the photos I set out for, but waited until they chose to move off before I then moved myself. Success.....

Bev Carpenter.



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Dennington Sports and Social Club

Dennington Sports and Social Club manages the use, maintenance and events on the village sports meadow and the children's play area and equipment. This includes the Bowling Green and, now, a splendid new tennis court available for community use through club membership.

We have had many fund raising events over the years, some of which have been joint ventures with the Village Hall. All well attended and supported by the local community. We hope to have many more in the years to come to fund the upkeep of the Sports field, equipment and new projects, as well as the ongoing refurbishment of the Village Hall.

Here are a few photographs to show you the kind of things we get up to!







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Mefisto – the Mystery Cat

For nearly a year our garden is regularly visited by this fine black and white cat. On dry evenings he appears underneath a big conifer waiting for us to greet him and put food out for him, but we cannot touch him.



On rainy evenings he stays away, and we worry about him.

His arrival was normally marked by loud cats' yowls; that was before our own beloved Mr Menger CAT was killed by a car in early May. We also had hedgehogs last year whom we fed cat food every evening. Mr Menger CAT, who adopted us in 2004, had his dining room in our utility room, inside the cat flap, and we are convinced that Mefisto then visited his dining room, as the plates were licked clean, which was not the habit of Mr M CAT who was a truly spoilt cat.

After the sad demise of Mr M CAT we had hoped that Mefisto might condescend to adopt us, as we are quite dependent on a cat to keep mice and rats out of The Mill House and genuinely like the company of a four-legged companion. But he seems to be a defiantly feral cat, and all our appeals to his better nature to change his ways and become domesticated have so far fallen for deaf ears.

But we are truly mystified about Mefisto: Where does he live? And where does he feed when he does not make his way to The Mill House?

Please give us a ring on 01728 638345, or send an email to ehlerslisbeth@me.com if you have spotted Mefisto and know where he "hangs out".

Lisbeth and Ole Jensen
The Mill House
Dennington, Suffolk, IP13 8JF

Village Hall Buffet Supper to present plans for hall refurbishment Saturday 19th September at 6.00pm

Come and join us for an evening of jovial merriment at the Village Hall and enjoy a delicious free meal prepared lovingly by our volunteer team so that we can show you our plans for the refurbishment of the Hall. Some smaller adjustments will have already been made, so you will be able to see and experience these for yourselves. If you are new to the village, this will be a great opportunity to meet new people, so come along and join us. This is your hall – so let's together enjoy its resurgence!

Dennington Allotments and Gardeners' Association

The social area of the allotments has an arbour and about 13 fruit trees. It is a pleasant place for those visiting and for allotmenters.

For further details about plots or questions in general about the allotments please call the Secretary on 01728 638756 or email: pene.welham@btinternet.com



Our new District Councillor



Paul Rous, a resident of Dennington, is our new District Councillor. If you have any suggestions or issues you wish to raise with him, he can be contacted as follows;

Telephone: 01728 639000 (work), 07920 205294 (mobile)
Email: paul.rous@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Have you tried giving yourself away today? You have no idea how much it might mean to somebody to be noticed or appreciated.

Here's a delightful anonymous story.

"One afternoon I was driving home and spotted an old lady carrying two very large shopping bags. I assumed she lived nearby and drove on but on an impulse I stopped and offered her a lift. She gratefully climbed in and I asked where she lived. It turned out she lived 2 miles away and had spent the last of her money on her groceries and had just set off on the long trek home. She was a delightful person and in stopping to help her I had eased her journey and made a lovely new friend".

The truest form of giving comes from the heart. It offers a sip of happiness and is as satisfying as it is costless. If you have a story like this, tell us and we will publish it anonymously.

Autumn

Along a lonely beach,
Or through a moonlit park,
Take a walk through the woods this Autumn,
Where colours never fade 'til dark.
A sense of place is Autumn,
The colours of rust and red,
The arms of Winter rush through the trees,
Summer warmth neglected, where before it
once lead.

The Harvest Supper

will be on Sunday 27th
September from 6pm
at White House Farm,
Dennington. Tickets
£10 adult and £2.50
child. Please phone
638272 or e-mail

Keep yourself fit and healthy as those winter months draw ever closer.
Walk with a friend , enjoy the Suffolk countryside. For information
about walks in your area contact:



Health Walks Team

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Tel: 01473 229292.

email: info@livewellsuffolk.org.uk

Dennington Primary School

The school offers a 'Stay and Play' drop in session for children 3 and upwards every Tuesday 2.15-3.15pm during term time. A perfect place to meet up and chat, share advice and experiences. Activities provided by an experienced Early Years practitioner. Refreshments available.

The school also offers a Toddler Group on a Friday afternoon, during term time only from 2.00-3.15pm in the school hall. £1.50 a session with refreshments

For further details please contact us on 01728 638206 or at www.greatsmallschools.co.uk

The Dennington Queen your local village inn has some upcoming events in the next few months:-

We are hosting an Italian food and wine evening with a four course set menu on Thursday 24th September-pre booking would be advisable.

We also have a special menu 'fish week' 21st -25th October (normal menu still available).

And of course our ever popular Game Week (using locally sourced products) 11th-15th November.

Open 7 days a week

Food served 12-2pm & 6.30-9pm

We look forward to your custom.

01728 638241/thedenningtonqueen.co.uk

A new Village Hall and Sports Club website is currently being built and should be ready in a month or so – in future, you can make your bookings for the hall, the tennis court and the sports field online!! The address will be www.denningtonvillagehall-sportsclub.org

Dennington W.I.

We meet in the Village Hall, on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm. Visitors are always very welcome at meetings to see what the W.I is about, before deciding whether to join.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

We meet fortnightly at the Village Hall
Come and join us for tea and home made cake for a small donation of £1.50

All of the dates are Thursday mornings and start at 10.30am.

17th Sept/1st, 15th & 29th Oct/12th & 26th Nov

If you need a lift, please let us know.

There is a warm welcome waiting for all. Hope to see you there!

Call Binkie 638813 or Maggie 638963

A view of some of the villagers at our coffee mornings-



Badminton Club Will be back from our summer hiatus on Monday 5th October . We convene on Monday evenings at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. £2.00 per night. All abilities welcome.

Dennington Sports Club

The Sports Club recently held a fundraising Boot Sale event at the Village Hall, thankfully the sun shone which meant that the occasion was very well attended and we managed to raise a total of £461 for the Sports Club Fund.

Due to this fantastic response more are planned for the future.

Dates have yet to be decided.

The Sports Club is considering the provision of a Basketball net on the Sports field. Is anyone interested in this facility?

If so, please let the Editor know and the Sports Club will pursue this further.

Dennington Village Hall for Hire

For bookings of the main hall and/or the meeting room, please call John Watterson on 01728 638730. He will be happy to discuss dates and rates. The main hall itself is expansive and has an excellent bar. There is a kitchen for all culinary needs and a very large car park, thus making it an ideal location for a variation of functions.

Dennington Cribbage Team

The Dennington team was a founder member of the Mid Suffolk Cribbage League which consists of sixteen teams from Saxtead, Leiston, Aldeburgh, Laxfield, Bruisyard, Yoxford and Saxmundham. Our home venue is the Queens Head and we play on a home and away basis every Tuesday from September to April. The team consists of eight players but allowing for holidays and illness at least twelve members is ideal. We are in urgent need of extra players and would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in joining us, be they beginners or experienced players. For further details contact : Alan Dyne 638166

THE DENNINGTON CONCERT

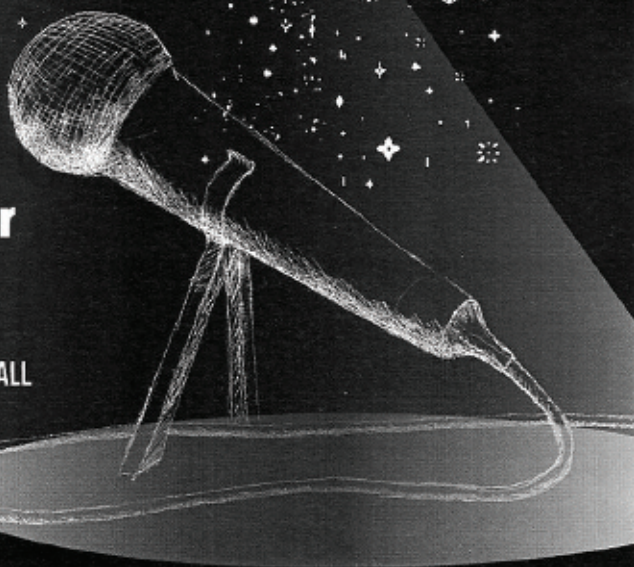
Spotlighting local talent

SATURDAY

31st October

7.30 PM

AT DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL



September

17th Sept Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

19th Sept Jubilee Hall Supper (Hall improvement presentation) 6pm

21st Sept Parish Council meeting 7pm

24th Sept Italian Food and Wine Evening (Dennington Queen)

27th Sept Harvest Festival and Supper

29th Sept Mobile Library

30th Sept Village Hall AGM 7pm

October

1st Oct Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

14th Oct WI talk by Pamela Turner

15th Oct Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

21st-25th Oct Fish Week Specials (Dennington Queen)

27th Oct Mobile Library

29th Oct Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

31st Oct Dennington Concert at Village Hall

November

11th Nov WI Annual Meeting

11th-15th Nov Game Week Specials (Dennington Queen)

12th Nov Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

24th Nov Mobile Library

26th Nov Coffee Morning (Village Hall)