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Editor's voice

A very Happy New Year to you all!!

This first edition of 2017 is being prepared and edited by Keir Wyatt and myself. Sadly Sally O'Keeffe, our brilliant and inspired editor until now has found herself too busy with work and family pressures to keep on with it and so we find ourselves 'editor-less' at present.

Before anything else, may we extend our very grateful thanks to Sally for all the inspired work she has done with the newsletter to date and wish her well. Thank you very much indeed for everything you have done.

With Brexit still in limbo, ISIS on the march and Donald Trump about to take control of the USA, our world is in flux: whatever happens though, Dennington will still be here—and that's something worth shouting about. Someone once said '*Nothing in the world is so bad that it cannot be solved with chocolate.*' I think that's a rather good line: and how about this one? '*Life is supposed to be fun!*' I agree!

The Village Hall has submitted its application to the Lottery fund (first stage), so we wish them the best of luck - what a difference the refurbishment will make to the Hall—and to the village.

If you would like to help with the newsletter please get in touch. The email address is denningtonnews@gmail.com. We need you!!!

Keep smiling!

James Maberly

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

The Giant Plant sale will be held on Sat 29th April

Have your say—it's your newsletter

We want to hear from you....

Please send all stories or items to be included to the Editor.

(No later than 10th March) to be included in the next issue April-June 2017

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page £15, and full page £25. There is no VAT. This will help us cover costs.

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Village Personalities: Ole Hviid Jensen

Ole was born in the small town of Haderslev in Jutland, in the southern part of Denmark in 1933. His father was the General Manager of a power station, with an engineering background. He has an older sister. From school, Ole went straight into a retail apprenticeship with a textile company, followed by compulsory National Service for two years, during which he was selected for the Royal Danish Guards and based at the Royal Palace in Copenhagen.



As a 12 year old boy, Ole's father bought him an air rifle, which he shot with in the family's large garden. It wasn't long before neighbours complained: Ole had begun shooting small birds. The police paid the Jensens a call and things had to change! Dad bought Ole a small bore rifle, which he took to the local rifle club. At 18, he won the National Championship at 50 metres and, by 21, he had 2 European Championship titles at Bucharest. By 22 in 1956, Ole was the flag bearer for Denmark at the Melbourne Olympics and in 1959, he set a new world record in Milan, 398 scored out of 400, 40 shots at 50 metres in a prone position. His commercial career kept him away from the Rome Olympics, but he went to Tokyo in 1964, and was ranked 12th, and Mexico in 1968, as the team captain. The sport allowed Ole to travel globally, to Venezuela in 1954 on his 21st birthday, for example and Egypt, in 1962, where the side had a chauffeur-driven car for

weeks.

In business, Ole was sent to both Zug and Geneva in Switzerland to improve his linguistic ability. On return to Denmark, he joined the famous toy company, 'Lego', where he met his future wife, Lisbeth, in 1960. They had two sons, Henrik and Thomas. In 1964, Ole had the opportunity to come to England to represent two companies importing and selling Danish furniture and textiles. Arriving at Harwich with his luggage, including his Olympic rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition did have its complications with Customs, but contacts at the British Rifle Club stepped in to clear up the misunderstanding, and Ole was allowed to remain!

The Jensens lived in Wimbledon and, subsequently, Esher, Surrey. Ole worked from home and travelled all over the country. Between 1971 and 1989, he became Managing Director of three Danish companies: Hindsgaul, selling window dressing equipment, Raako, making industrial storage systems, and MD Hosby, who dealt in timber-framed houses. Ole's business acumen saw him promoted to the Danish embassy as Director of the Chamber of Commerce, where he served for 10 years, developing trade between the U.K. and Denmark. He retired in 1999. During this time, Ole continued to shoot for the Wandsworth Club, winning further competitions at our premier national event at Bisley.

Tired of the congestion of people and vehicles in Surrey and the attractive 'pull' of Suffolk experiences through Lisbeth on art study tours here with Birkbeck College, the Jensens found Mill House through Clarke and Simpson, one-time home of Edward and Beatrice Houchin. They bought it from a Swede, Andreas Skjoldebrand, the well known horologist, whose workshop was where the study is now. Built in around 1650 on the Badingham Road, the wooden, domed mill with circular red-brick base was taken down in 1920, although the granary still stands today. The Jensens share their home with a longer-term residential male, a friendly friar in spiritual form!

Lisbeth was quickly invited by Jonathan Olanczuk to become a Church



The bell ringers, with Ole Jensen holding the 'Gotch'

Warden along with Philip de Whalley; Ole joined the bell ringers and soon after became Bell Captain for the Millennium Year. He has presided over the tower team during many religious occasions hosted in our church over the last 15 years. On December 1st 2016, he and his fellow bell ringers celebrated an extraordinary anniversary by ringing the village's 600 year old bell, cast in 1416 (250 years prior to the Fire of London!) in remembrance of its many years of service to Dennington. A keen gardener, Ole has enhanced his own garden with lovely trees; he also loves reading and walking, often following footpaths across the fields to Badingham or Framlingham.

The qualities which made Ole Jensen an Olympian are still with him today: huge natural talent, a pair of steady hands, sustained, focused concentration and an ability to excel under pressure. Dennington can be proud.

Mark Kendall



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Dennington Jubilee Hall

We are making Real Progress!

We have now submitted our first stage application to the Lottery fund for £146,000.00. This is very exciting news. The process requires three stages, so should take a year to complete, so all being well, early next year we should be able to start our major renovation projects.



We have already achieved a fair amount and there is more to come. Please review the list below:

- Rebuilt entrance to car park and inserted a drainage system
- Installed an attractive tiled slab at the hall entrance
- Installed a new wooden flooring in the Entrance Hall
- Installed an entrance barrier and warning signs
- Installed a new top rate Lincat kitchen cooker and utensils
- 10Mb Wi-Fi and a brand new pool table
- We have fitted new storage cupboards
- We have installed a 49” television in the meeting room
- We have set up a flourishing website
- We have re-established the village newsletter

- Car Park lighting (coming soon)
- A new chiller and a glass washer for the bar (coming soon)
- New carpet tiles in the meeting room (coming soon)

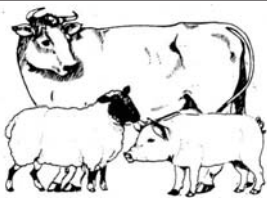
Added to this, we have started a series of Live Mic evenings (with the help of Reg Dixon and the Crisp brothers) and look forward to expanding these in the New Year.

The Cornerstone Church, a new group founded in Framlingham is now holding regular meetings on Sunday evenings (see the web-site for more details) and there have been increased bookings for children's parties for this coming year.

Anyone interested in helping behind the bar or in assisting with the newsletter, please get in touch. Indeed, if there is anyone who might wish to go into partnership with the Hall in providing interesting events during the year, please get in touch.

James Maberly





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Dennington Village Hall 100 Club.

The village hall operates a 100 club and is always needing extra members.

The cost is £12 per year with 4 prizes being awarded each month, £25, £15, £10, and a lower amount of £2 which can change depending on the number of participants.

This is a vital contribution to the hall running costs as 50% of contributions are returned to the hall.

If you are interested in joining this activity, the new year starts in April please contact Jenny Dyne on 01728-638166.



Dennington Queen's Head Cribbage League.

The cribbage team plays in the Mid Suffolk Cribbage League, the home games played at the Queens Head.

There are 16 teams in the league and are now half way through the season, currently in 15th position but determined to climb up the league in the second part of the season which starts on the 10th January.

Anyone who would like to join in our cribbage evenings please contact Allan Dyne on 01728-638166.

Portrait of a game bird

This month I selected a few images from life during the "shooting season".....I'm afraid most were taken on grouse moors in Yorkshire but the little English Partridge is Dennington born and bred....

I have found it difficult to obtain images from shoots, mainly due to safety reasons, and sometimes personal reasons of the landowner....In my opinion I can achieve some lovely low lit photos....with atmosphere coming from either wet gun dogs working....wet "Guns" and " Beaters" and the birds themselves.....and if weather is rightsome lovely images as the dusk draws in....



Red Grouse

The shoot in Yorkshire were actually brilliant sports....they were shooting the moors at Danby and boy was it chucking it down,managed to find my first group of beaters and dogs sitting backed into the Heather. ...rain was unrelenting but huge smiles on their faces....so jolly...pleasure to meet....

For me it was a first seeing a Red Grouse....beautiful bird....chuckling little Character.....and amusing to see them standing high on white legs on the opposite side of the Moor (a narrow lane separated each moor) to the beaters!!

My first also for an English Partridge also....hope to see more of these this summer....of course the icing on the cake would be to get to Scotland!!.....one day.....maybe....

By Bev Carpenter



North York Moors



©Bev Carpenter 2015.

English Partridge



Beater with his dogs....North York moors

Dennington WI

Dennington W.I is thriving and the programme for the first three months of 2017 is as follows:-

JANUARY 11th - ATTAIN and SUSTAIN - Speaker - JIM DALE

FEBRUARY 8th - HENSTEAD EXOTIC GARDEN
Speaker – ANDREW BROGAN

MARCH 8th - “VSO VOLUNTEERING”
Speaker – JANET CATCHPOLE

We always welcome visitors at the meetings, which are held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Catherine Cullingford

Dennington Village Hall

In the very near future, we shall be launching a

Business Hub

with 10Mb internet connection

in the meeting room of the Village Hall

Mornings only, Monday to Friday

Details to follow shortly

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Saxmundham Mobile Library Route 5

The Saxmundham Library van stops at **Dennington Square** every 4 weeks on a **Tuesday between 10.35-11.05am**. If you miss it, the bus also stops at the **Brundish Crown** on the same day between **11.20-11.35am**.

DATES: 17 January, 14 February, 14 March

Dennington Sports Club

Best wishes to everyone for 2017 from the Sports Club committee. There are several sections to the Sports Club. At the moment Dennington do not have a football team, but maybe at sometime in the future there will be a Dennington team. This season a team from Framlingham are using the excellent pitch.

Avril Palmer is always pleased to welcome people to join the tennis club, and use the tennis court. Call her on 01728 638686

The Bowls club are looking for new members. For the first year new members do not pay a membership fee. Call Les Baker on 01728 724045.

The committee is looking for some younger people to join the committee, with new ideas; as far as I am concerned anyone under 65 is quite young!!

Enjoy the Sports field, with the Basket ball net and children's play area.

Doris Dearing (secretary)

Walks around Dennington



This is a pleasant and easy walk using tracks and field-paths. For the most part these paths are well-maintained and easy to walk on, although there is one short stretch of cross-field path through a crop soon after Waymark 7 which had obviously been well-reinstated early in the season by cutting the crop along the path, but at the time I walked it the crop had been allowed to grow back, having the effect of making the path very narrow. It still wasn't especially difficult to walk it, though. The route is almost flat and there are just two stiles (not difficult), one of which can be circumvented.

Access: Dennington is on the A1120 Stowmarket to Yoxford road north of Framlingham. The walk starts in the village hall car park, just south of the church on the B1116 Framlingham road.

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Special days coming up over the next few months:

Valentines Day ~ Book now to avoid disappointment

Easter ~ An Easter egg hunt (day to be confirmed)



The Beauty, the Peace and the Wisdom of Nature

Will Maberly lives in Zimbabwe in Africa. He is a painter, a naturalist and a conservationist and every spare moment he has, he heads up into the Zambezi Valley. There he immerses himself in the beauty and the symbiosis of nature. Below are some of his paintings and images and some of his powerful observation



As the temperatures in the valley take our breath away, these old trees, like sentries, watch and monitor all life around them, quietly living each moment as it is. Their trunks are anointed with markings and messages from generations of elephants who have passed through: they are the notice boards in the thick Jesse bush of the Zambezi Valley.

There is an aura that exists, even to us insensitive humans, when we sit in the shade of these great trees: it provides a healing space for the mind – slowing the pace we exist at and above all giving us perspective. Hidden

away in the thick Jesse, they have been a meeting place for the great grey giants for centuries. Set in the hazy afternoon sun, elephant dung scattered around them, they create an atmosphere of their own. These are the spirits of the valley.



Deep in the Valley the elephants walk along tried and tested paths, visiting the sites that many generations before them have done also. Their trust in the natural way of things is inspiring and their knowledge of the bigger picture is evident in their actions. Perhaps they are the judge and Jury on our actions from here?

Time is a measurement that we use to shorten our lives and put limits to it – we live by it, we plan by it and we box everything up in to it: and yet in the face of Nature and its immeasurable majesty, we are humbled.

The shadows are lengthening again, the sun is lower in the sky: I stare out across the dusty landscape looking at the Impala and the eland grazing peacefully in the foreground on the fallen "Albida" pods. The haze creates a tinge of blue and purple on the distant tree line and there is an energy here, a pure feeling, one that is unaffected by the unrealistic and chaotic world we live in. This is a place where the soul feeds, where the feeling is one of completeness and it reaches a place deep within you, creating strength and fortitude, and the ability to come back to reality.



This is an *Acacia Erioloba*. Seeing trees like this one and the many other wonders of the wild that I have encountered makes me think: Who will pass judgement on us all for what we have or haven't done to conserve? Have we forgotten to listen to our inner voice or have we simply just chosen to ignore it? Take a moment and consider the consequences of ecological collapse. The preservation of nature is in our hands and we need to take heed of the changes happening around us.

Spare a moment for those at the rock face of conservation: National Park rangers, Operators and Volunteers - every initiative counts here. Ninety six elephants a day are dying at the hands of poachers here in Africa and its time we sat up and took notice. That is 35,000 a year.....Listen - the drums are beating!

By Will Maberly



Badminton



The **Dennington Badminton Club** meets every Monday night at 7.30.

Everyone is welcome. We are not a league club but just play for fun. Its pay and play so just £2.00 a night first night free. So come and work a few pounds off.

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Thank you Dennington.....

I moved to Dennington eleven years ago and little did I know what a special village this is, and how people really look after their own.

In September, I had an accident and broke my leg and found myself in James Paget Hospital in Norfolk. After two weeks there and with no prospect of getting carers to help me when I got home and not allowed to go home until I had said carers, I was getting desperate. At this point, Anne Keyes stepped in and started organising. She, with the help of Maggie Archard, Dave Dunnett and Robert Wardley reorganised my house, bringing down a single bed and effectively creating a flat on the ground floor. We found a private carer, Angie, through the local the WI and I was ambulated home. Anne then organised a rota of so many friends in the village to give me lunch every day for 5 weeks.

I do not know how to thank everyone enough, from Maggie who did my washing and ironing every week, to Vronnie who came all the way to James Paget to bring needed supplies, to those who have done my shopping and found me lots of books to read and just come to say 'hello' and above all to Anne who made it all possible whilst at the same time directing a play in Framlingham.

Thank you all, and bless you.

Binkie Andrews xx

DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL



COFFEE MORNINGS

Since we started coffee mornings in the village hall two years ago, they have been quite a success.

It gives folk an opportunity to get together, to catch up with old friends, and make new ones.

Not forgetting the chance to indulge in home-made cake!

*We meet on alternate Thursday mornings from 10.30am.
Future dates for your diary are:*

January 5th / 19th

February 2nd / 16th

March 2nd / 16th / 30th

April 13th / 27th

May 11th / 25th

June 8th / 22nd

July 6th / 20th

Please put the dates in your diary and join us if you can.

*If you have a book or jigsaw you would like to swap,
please bring it along.*

If you need a lift, let us know, and spread the word!

Contact Binkie 638813 or Maggie 638963

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

January

11th January - WI meeting - 'Attain and Sustain' - talk by Jim Dale
15th January - Holy Communion – Church - 8.00am
16th January - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
17th January - Mobile Library - The Square - 10.35am
19th January - Coffee morning - Village Hall - 10.30am
22nd January - Holy Communion - church - 11.00am
23rd January - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
29th January - Benefice Service - Church - 11.00.am
30th January - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm

February

2nd February - Coffee morning - Village Hall - 10.30am
2nd February - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
5th February - Holy Communion - church - 8.00am
8th February - WI meeting - 'Henstead Exotic Gardens' -talk by Andrew Brogan
9th February - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
12th February - Family Service - church - 11.00am
14th February - Mobile Library - The Square - 10.35am
16th February - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
16th February - Coffee morning - Village Hall - 10.30am
19th February - Holy Communion - church - 8.00am
23rd February *and* 30th February - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
26th February - Holy Communion - church - 11.00am

March

2nd March - Coffee morning - Village Hall - 10.30am
5th March - Holy Communion - church - 8.00am
6th March - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
8th March - WI meeting - 'VSO Volunteering' - Janet Catchpole
12th March - Family Service - church - 11.00am
13th March - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
14th March - Mobile Library - The Square - 10.35am
16th March - Coffee morning - Village Hall - 10.30am
19th March - Holy Communion - church - 8.00am
20th March - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
26th March - Holy Communion - church - 11.00am
27th March - Badminton - V Hall - 7.30pm
30th March - Coffee morning - Village Hall - 10.30am