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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

Hello everyone,

We have a packed issue to see us into 2019. There's great news about the village hall, which is now almost ready—the latest update is on page 5—with an official opening on 1st March for you to put into your diary now. Once the hall is useable again, Thursday morning coffee mornings will re-start. Do come along to these, they are very sociable!

There's some important planning news, with a Parish Council meeting on the 4th February to discuss this further—see pages 9 and 15. See the article on page 17 about plans to keep our ducks safer, as well as advice from the Parish Council on page 21.

Other articles include a piece about the Wattisham Station Heritage Museum and recommendations from the Parish Council on helping to reduce crime, while our village personality is Pamela Turner.

Do please do let me know if there's anything you would like to write about in the next issue, which will be going to press in March.

Finally, can I wish all readers of the Dennington News a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Jo Denton, Editor

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Dennington Village Hall



Huge progress has been made on the hall so far, with the toilets and main hall being transformed. The Hall now has a massive window (see above, right) whilst the hung ceiling in the main hall will add a whole new dimension. The toilets will look very attractive with dark blue tiling. The patio is nearly finished and looks amazing. The main works will be finished on 21st December, but there is still work to do in January (a new porch) and possibly more work in February to complete the refurbishment.

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 23rd January 2019, at 7.00pm. Anyone who wishes to have a look around the new facilities, please meet us at the Hall for a tour at 6.30pm and then join us for the AGM.

The Official Opening of the Hall will take place on 1st March 2019 at 7.00pm. EVERYONE in the village is invited to attend. Dignitaries also will be there and a buffet provided for all, so please come along. We want you to enjoy seeing your new hall in all its glory.

We have already had a number of enquiries for usage of the hall from entirely new hirers, so we are really excited about the prospects for this New Year. Remember the biggest draw for all of them has been the heating – IT WILL BE DELIGHTFULLY WARM INSIDE FROM NOW ON!! Come and join us on 1st March!!





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The British legion poppy collection has exceeded last years figures by £187.77, with a total of £868.77 donated in 2018. Sally Nobbs wishes to thank all of those who distribute the poppies, and also say a big thank you to the village community for being so thoughtful and generous this year.



Please send all stories or items to be included in the next issue, which covers April-June 2019, to the Editor no later than 9th March. Send via email to denningtonnews@gmail.com , or via post to Spring Farm House, The Street, Dennington IP13 8JF.
Please send pictures as jpeg attachments.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN PARISH CHURCH DENNINGTON

The Harvest Festival was held on Sunday October 14th and was followed by the Harvest Supper at Framlingham Hall. Both were really well attended, and the church looked lovely!

Harvest Festival decorations



Children at the Christmas Carol service

The church was also full for the **Christmas Carol service** on the 16th December, with everyone enjoying mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. The lovely decorations were enhanced by the flowers from the previous weekend's wedding still in place in the porch.

Timings of other services will follow the normal pattern of:

First Sunday of the month – 8.00am Holy Communion

Second Sunday – 11.00am Elder-led Family Service or Matins followed by refreshments

Third Sunday – no service at Dennington

Fourth Sunday – 11.00am Holy Communion

And advance warning that the Plant Sale will be in April, so full details in the next issue.

Veronica Maberly



Church porch with wedding flowers

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SPECIAL NOTICE

Suffolk Coastal District Council is opening the final phase of its consultation for the "Local Plan Review" and "The Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document" in early 2019. These are the documents which set out the district council's housing strategy for the next 20 years, and most importantly how this affects Dennington.

The Parish Council will be holding a Parish Meeting on Monday, February 4th at 7pm in the Village Hall to discuss the document. Everybody is welcome.

You should be able to view the document online at:
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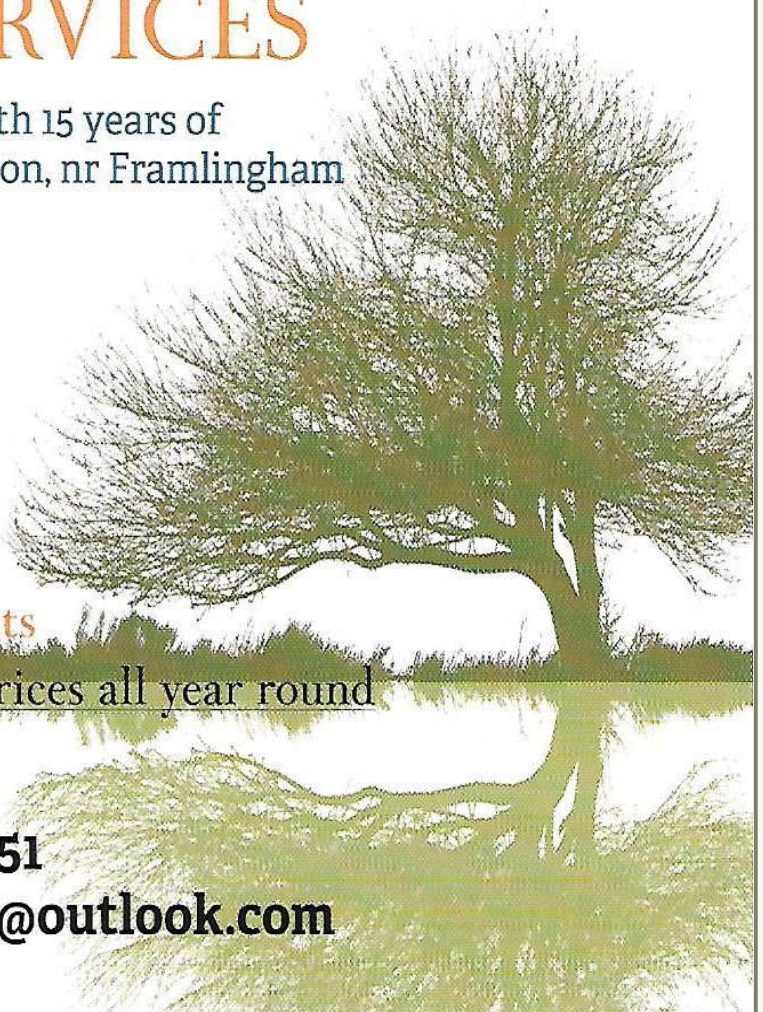
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VILLAGE PERSONALITIES: PAMELA TURNER

A Chelsea girl by birth, living just off the King's Road, Pamela Turner was one of four daughters growing up in the infamous 'Swinging Sixties'. Her mother was a bookbinder and her father a master plumber and builder. As a youngster, Pamela spent many hours delivering food to the Chelsea Pensioners at The Royal Hospital, and learnt to ride her bicycle in the famous Chelsea Football Stadium, as her grandmother knew the night watchman who gave her free rein to the grounds!

Pamela went to school in Chelsea and Fulham, then straight into employment at the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, as a technician at the Nuffield Laboratories of Comparative Medicine. She quickly became personal research assistant to leading nutritional specialist, Professor Michael Crawford. The Institute backed straight onto London Zoo, where Pamela often found herself drawn to study animal behaviour, which became a life-long passion. An HND in Applied Biology soon followed, studied whilst on day release.



After thirty years in Chelsea, Pamela re-located to Hampstead for the next decade. In 1983, she was head-hunted by one of the pioneers of in vitro fertilization, Professor Ian Craft. Pamela changed scientific fields to begin work with infertile couples. She re-trained as a Clinical Embryologist at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead and then joined Professor Craft at the Cromwell

Hospital, Kensington. She went on to establish a fertility clinic for Professor John Studd at the Lister Hospital, Chelsea in 1985. A new IVF clinic followed in 1986 at London Bridge Hospital, the year she married Donald. Their daughter, Sophie, was born in 1990.

In 1993, Pamela moved up to Suffolk, to the Old Rectory in Bedingfield, to provide a rural existence for the family and embrace further creative challenges. The early Victorian property soon became home to a goat called Godfrey, geese, barn owls, ducks, chickens, rabbits, four cats and two dogs! By then, she was working as a freelance embryologist internationally in countries such as Italy, Turkey, Greece, Serbia and Nigeria, as well as the UK, in both public and private sectors. She has been pivotal in helping hundreds of couples to fulfill their dreams of having a child.

Pamela moved to Dennington in 2002 to the Old Stores in the centre of the village, formerly the village shop and garage once owned by the Lees family. Working with Suffolk Fostering Services, her home soon became a respite for looked-after children at weekends, over holiday periods and in emergencies. With Sophie now studying at Framlingham College she continued her embryology work in Greece and Serbia, still finding time to work with the homeless during 'Crisis at Christmas' in London; serving meals, talking with the visitors and joining in with the festivities. Sophie is now a fully qualified A&E nurse at Kingston Hospital, following in her mother's medical footsteps.

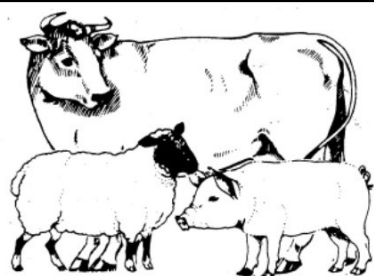
In February Pamela travelled to Uganda to track highland gorillas and in September she spent time in Romania, volunteering at the Zarnesti Bear sanctuary and fundraising for World Animal Protection. Pamela Turner has never shirked a fresh challenge! She is now completing a Diploma in Holistic Massage Therapy through the Association of Natural Medicine and has converted her garage into a state-of-the-art therapy room. She believes that massage has the power to heal and hopes to offer it professionally once qualified.

Within the village, Pamela and her partner John have now taken over, respectively, as Secretary and Chairman of the Allotment and Gardeners' Association which continues to produce a wide range of vegetables and fruit on charity land near the church. She is often seen around the village with Bussell, her Swedish vallhund, or in the garden pruning her Mortimer Seckler. Proudly displayed, both rose and owner never seem short of new growth and flower!

Mark Kendall

DENNINGTON QUEEN CRIBBAGE TEAM

It is nearly half way through the season, we are now in 12th position in the league which consists of 16 teams and have reached the semi-final of the Knockout Cup. Matches restart after the Christmas break on the 8th January. We always welcome new players so if anyone is keen, please contact **Allan Dyne** on **01728-638166**.



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SUFFOLK COASTAL DRAFT PLAN

In July 2018 Suffolk Coastal District Council published their First Draft Local Plan and requested the public to submit comments by 14th September. The Plan contains a specific policy for Dennington, allocating six acres of agricultural land off the Laxfield Road for a development of 50 dwellings – see aerial photo below. Part of the site next to the school had previously been designated for 10 units, to include an affordable provision. The new policy also proposes to extend the village boundary eastwards across the fields behind the Conservation Area.

Due to lack of local publicity very few representations were made to Suffolk Coastal on the Draft Plan. However, there's a second opportunity to make comments during the next Consultation stage, which will take place from 14th January-25 February 2019. Check their website (<http://bit.ly/2S46iym>) for further details and see page 9 for the date of a Parish Council meeting to discuss this.

Site of original application for 10 new houses

Now in the SCDC draft plan: agreed development site for 50 new houses





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DENNINGTON DUCKS



The Dennington Ducks have become a major feature of village life and have even been mentioned on BBC Radio Suffolk! Unfortunately, their numbers and constant meandering through the centre of the village is causing concern to those living close by, who witness daily occurrences of 'near misses'.

There have been many casualties over the past few months and one unpleasant moment when a motorist appeared to deliberately run over two ducks in front of the school. It's not clear if any children witnessed this act, but it does highlight the potential for a serious accident to occur. The ducks are crossing the busy A1120 in the centre of the village and meandering in both the Laxfield Road and the Badingham Road.

A group of concerned residents have investigated the use of road side Duck Signs to alert motorists. The signs are not expensive but there will be added costs for their installation. The proposal would be to have three signs, one situated on the Saxtead Road approach to the junction with Framlingham Road, one on the Badingham Road before the junction with Laxfield Road, and one on the Laxfield Road approach to the school.

We would welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have. Please email the Editor at denningtonnews@gmail.com. The next Parish Council meeting is being held at 7.00pm on Monday, 25th February, and it is hoped to have this issue on the agenda for further discussion, so do please come along.

NB see also the Parish Council recommendations re. ducks on page 21.

DENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Coffee mornings

Restarting in mid-January

We look forward to restarting the popular fortnightly coffee mornings, which have now been running for over 4 years, in our refurbished village hall in the New Year. Timing will depend on when the work is all completed, so check on the village website for further details or ring Maggie. Dates should be:

January: 17th / 31st

February: 14th / 28th

March: 14th / 28th



Coffee mornings give folk an opportunity to get together, to catch up with old friends – and to make new ones. And the chance to indulge in some delicious home-made cake!

**For further information, please contact Maggie on 01728
638963.**

DENNINGTON ALLOTMENT AND GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

The allotments are now fully prepared for the forthcoming winter months, with most of the plots freshly turned over and treated to a good covering of manure. The recent wet weather has helped break down the soil and we can start to plant winter crops such as onions, garlic, broad beans, spring cabbage and spinach.

We are delighted to welcome one new member since our last report in the September issue of the Dennington News, and would welcome any more enquiries— although we understand you may not wish to start until the Spring!



We enjoyed an almost full turn out for our Christmas Get-Together at The Dennington Queen on the evening of 12th December, when 21 of us gathered for drinks, nibbles and a group photo! Only two

members were absent due to travel commitments. It was a great success to have so many of the villagers together to enjoy an evening of catching-up and exchanging ideas, even Brexit took a back seat! Our thanks to John and his staff at the pub for allowing us to take over part of the restaurant.

Our thanks also to Robert Wardley for his grass mowing skills throughout the summer, and a particular thank you to Nick Watts for trimming back the trees and hedgerows around the perimeter pathway, very much appreciated.

May we take this opportunity on behalf of all the Allotmenters to wish you a very happy New Year.

Pamela Turner (Secretary)
pstevensturner@gmail.com

John Jarvie (Chairman)

Cookery Corner

Maggie's quick and easy shortbread

Elaine is taking a break from the cookery column this issue, and Maggie has kindly stepped into the breach with her recipe for very easy shortbread. This always goes down well at coffee mornings, do come to try it. After you've made this once, you'll make double the recipe the next time!

Ingredients:

9oz / approx. 250gms plain flour

3oz / approx. 80gms corn-flour

3oz / approx. 80gms caster sugar

8oz / approx. 220gms salted butter (for some reason, unsalted butter just doesn't work!)



Method:

Mix dry ingredients together, melt butter (this can be done in the microwave) then add melted butter to dry mixture. Press into a Swiss roll tin and prick all over (you can mark the long edges with a fork) and bake at 150° for about 45 minutes (but keep a check as ovens vary). Cut into fingers in the tin as soon as it comes out of the oven, and leave in the tin to cool completely.

As a variation, add flaked almonds to dry ingredients. For a double recipe just double all the ingredients!

Maggie Archard

DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

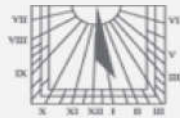
Autumn is the time when all parish councils consider their spending priorities for the forthcoming year and what this means for the precept (the precept is the part of your council tax which parish councils set in order to support their work for the next year). We had been asked to consider traffic calming measures, having received a petition from local residents, and several options were considered. No doubt you will have noticed the number of villages that have installed Vehicle Activated Signs recently. These signs cost around £3,000 and it was suggested that Dennington might be able to share the cost of one of these with a neighbouring village. The decision was taken to raise the precept slightly in order to spread the cost of this over two years, as well as pursue the option of sharing one with another village.

Other spending priorities next year were identified as contributing to the cost of refurbishing the church gates, as well as a relatively small contribution towards the total cost of top surface dressing the village square (after the improvements of last year). It is hoped this will encourage SCDC to complete the work. The Parish Council agreed to continue to make donations to a number of village organisations and to both the local Citizens Advice Bureau and the East Anglian Air Ambulance service.

The Parish Council also spent time discussing the situation with the ducks! They are lovely to see in the right environment, but it's sad to see them causing problems for themselves and drivers in the middle of the road. We would ask you not to feed the ducks and, where possible, to remove any eggs from their nests so that the duck population does not increase further.

Please see the website for all the dates of next meetings.

Robert Wardley, Chair and Ruth Hart, Clerk



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Dennington Hall Farms

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With harvest safely in and all winter crops drilled we are catching up with the machinery maintenance, building repairs and looking after the hedges, ditches and woodland. The roadside hedges need cutting every year for safety and these provides tight nesting cover for birds, while internal hedges are cut at various frequencies to provide differing heights and style of hedge.

We are carrying out major refurbishment to the old dairy at Lodge Farm. Already home to Treeincarnated, the maker of beautiful wooden chairs, we hope that they will be joined by a play school and other enterprises. If anyone is interested in renting a space please contact us.

We are always keen to take on apprentices at the farm, and front of house and cleaners at Bruisyard, and often have cottages to rent. Please keep in touch via our website.

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Spring Term: 3rd January – 5th April
Half term: 18th – 22nd February

Last term, **Chaffinches** did some prehistoric cave painting and enjoyed playing in the repair garage in the outside area which is now a stable for horses. **Robins** have been doing the First World War and wrote letters about being a soldier on the front line. Both classes had a great Diwali day tasting foods, having henna tattoos and doing some Indian dancing. **Wrens** enjoyed a trip to West-Stow Anglo Saxon village and were very proud to be the first winners of the Dennington, Charsfield Times Tables Rock Stars trophy! **Swallows** have enjoyed building an Anderson shelter in the classroom and wrote some fantastic descriptions of the Blitz in the dark, with the air raid siren sounding!

The girls' football team played 5 a-side at SRH Framlingham while the boys played 6 a-side at Hartismere High. In the New Year we have tournaments in basketball and quicksticks hockey; the school now has full size basketball posts/nets enabling great practice sessions.

The FODS Halloween Howler had a great turnout, with lots of people dressed up. There was a special Thank You to David Williams for the donation of the enormous home grown pumpkin and Sam Riley and Tracey Nobbs for making the fantastically gruesome Boxes of Doom! In the new year FODS will be concentrating fundraising efforts on raising money for iPads for the children to use in school, and further information about this will follow soon.

There's been a great start to the Elmer fundraising, with donations and events raising £214 so far, with another £536 to go. Thank you to Jon at the **Dennington Queen** who has kindly let us have a donation box on the bar. All donating can have a square on Elmer to paint!

Wendy Acton, School Business Manager

WATTISHAM STATION HERITAGE MUSEUM

Growing up in Suffolk during the 60s and 70s the sky always seemed to be a hive of activity, with Cold War jets zooming around night and day. It was noisy and exciting, and I most probably took for granted the fact that the aircraft from the 'aerodrome' on my doorstep, RAF Wattisham, were deflecting Soviet spy aircraft from our skies and taking part in important exercises to help keep us all safe.

Wattisham has always been at the forefront of aviation technology: its Blenheim bombers delivered the very first bombing raid on enemy shipping the day after World War Two was declared. The United States Army Air Force with their P-38 Lightnings and P-51 Mustangs were also based at Wattisham in fighter and bomber escort role. In the 1950s the predecessors to the Red Arrows display team, The Black Arrows, graced the skies of Suffolk with their Hawker Hunters, practising what was to become a record display, still unbeaten today: a 22 aircraft loop performed in 1958 at RAF Farnborough.

Main museum building



The RAF left Wattisham in 1993 when the Army Air Corps became the custodians. A little ahead of that a few like minded people, including me, thought that Wattisham's history was worthy of a memorial and so, with the blessing of the out-going RAF Station Commander, a photographic record was set up, along with memorabilia, inside the former USAAF chapel. Over the years

the museum has expanded. We were very fortunate to be able to save and restore a former Black Arrows Display Team Hawker Hunter and, a couple of years later, an F4 Phantom which also flew from Wattisham was added to our collection. Both aircraft are on display in one of the air-fields' Cold War

Restored Black Arrow



Hardened Aircraft Shelters which we refer to as our 'workshop', and both this building and the original museum are open to our visitors.

For much of this time I have been chairman of our relatively small committee, but we always seem to have some sort of project on the go! About ten years ago I chronicled Wattisham's wartime history in a book, and more recently a member suggested that we attempt to have a documentary made about Wattisham's entire history, bringing the story right up to date, including the fact that Prince Harry was based at Wattisham as he trained to be an Apache helicopter pilot (Captain Henry Wales as he was referred to in 2012). We successfully managed to fund raise for this and **Wattisham - Both Sides of the Fence** was released on DVD in 2017.



HRH The Prince of Wales (Col in Chief of the Army Air Corps) and Capt. Henry Wales

Phantom



And we do have another project on the go as I write! Born from the Wattisham documentary, we are now working with the same professional film company to produce a programme (made to TV broadcast standard) to highlight the fact that East Anglia was very much the frontline during the Cold War years. So far, we have filmed several sites and interviewed

veterans who are bringing these sites back to life with their memories. But we are looking for more. If you worked in a military or civilian capacity at any of the Cold War sites in this region, we would love to hear from you. You may have a relative or friend who would like to share their story and take part in **Cold War – East Anglia – The Front-line**. We aim to preserve this important part of our history for generations to come. If you would like to visit our museum, and for more information, please contact me direct or visit our website: wsh.film@gmail.com or www.wattishamstationheritage.org.

Maggie Aggiss, Chairman/Co-Producer

DENNINGTON WI

We start the new year in the refurbished village hall. And just a reminder that subscriptions are due in January/February.

Our schedule for the next three months is:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 9 th January | The Hoxne Hoard – Tony Diamond
(Hostess – Elm) |
| 13 th February | Pre-Valentine Party |
| 13 th March | For the love of cows – Helen Reeve
(Hostess – Beech) |

Note from Editor: A number of WI members went to a fascinating Gardners' Question Time style talk at Darsham in the Autumn, where we learnt, among many other things, that an effective way to get rid of moles is to bury the gizmo that makes sounds in musical greetings cards in a plastic bag in your garden. Apparently the noise so disturbs the moles that they'll find somewhere else to dig! (Though finding a supplier of musical greetings cards isn't so easy....)

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 van also stops at the **Brundish Crown** on the same day between **11.20-11.35am**.

FORTHCOMING DATES:

15th January 2019 / 12th February 2019 / 12th March 2019

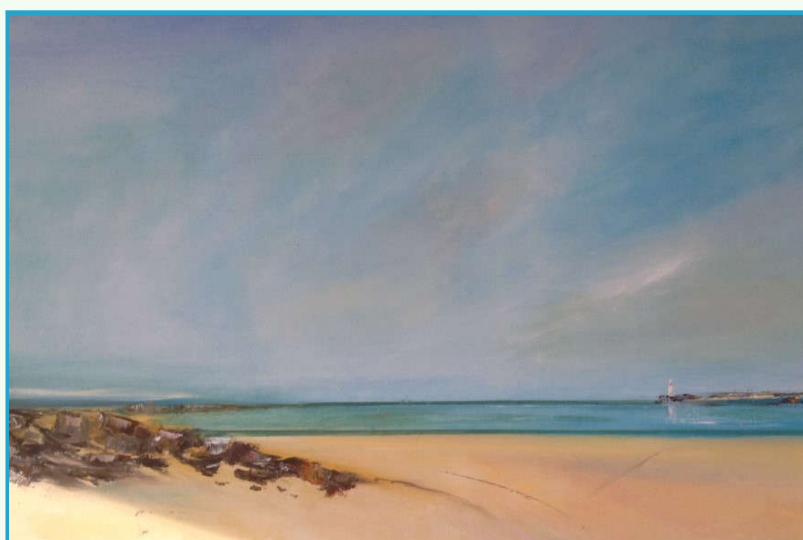
DENNINGTON COMMUNITY VILLAGE SHOP

Many thanks indeed to everyone who responded to the survey about a possible community village shop in Dennington to be sited in The Old Cow Shed on the village green. The questionnaire received responses from 64 households in all, representing over 150 people. On average, respondents rated the importance of having a village shop at just over 4 out of 5, with 85% saying that their household would use a village shop at least weekly and around half interested in having a café too. There was also an encouraging number of respondents willing to volunteer to work in the shop.



The building is owned by Dennington Consolidated Charities, whose Trustees have now come to the conclusion that although the idea was a very attractive one, it required too much of a financial contribution from the community at a time when the village hall was also in

need of funds. They were also concerned that a shop on that site has struggled in the past, even with support from the post office. The Trustees are therefore now considering proposals from potential commercial tenants, and hope to come to a decision on the future use of the premises by the New Year.



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	4 th	L Lunn
November	1 st	G Moore
	2 nd	D Sutherns
	3 rd	T Mayhew
	4 th	T Walker
December	1 st	G Moore
	2 nd	I Mann
	3 rd	J Denton
	4 th	J Neill

The start of the new year is in April. If there are any new folk who would like to join the 100 Club, please contact **Jenny Dyne** on **01728 638166**. or email allan.dyne@btinternet.com.



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DENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CRIME ADVICE

Dennington has not had any significant crimes for several years and has a low recorded crime rate; despite a spate of recent burglaries and theft in the village and surrounding area, Dennington is still a very safe place in which to live. However, the Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the information that the National Neighborhood Watch and Police UK have issued to help prevent crime.

If you witness or see anything that seems suspicious or you have people visiting your premises who are uninvited, please take a description of them. If they are in a vehicle, make a note of the make of the vehicle and registration number. This information will be vital for the police if a crime is committed later or elsewhere in the area.

If you've been the victim of a crime or think you have witnessed one, you should report it to the police straight away using the emergency number 999. Call 101 for anything that doesn't require an emergency response such as your car has been stolen; your property has been damaged; you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood. You can also use an online reporting system:

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>.

You can report a fraud to Action Fraud any time of the day or night using their online fraud site or by calling 0300 123 2040. If you want to report a crime, but you do not want to be identified to the police, call Crime-stoppers on 0800 555 111. For more information visit the national crime prevention web site:

<https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/>.

Robert C. T. Wardley, Parish Chairman

Note from Editor: You can also report anything suspicious to Shirley Cunningham (shirley.cunningham1@btinternet.com) who will post details on the village website, where you can look for general updates about the village as well as details of any reported local crime. You can also post on NextDoor Dennington. If you'd like to be added to this messaging site, email me on denningtonnews@gmail.com.

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SPORTS CLUB UPDATE

There is currently an issue with the swings in the park. Although these recently passed a Health & Safety check, unfortunately they have been broken due to severe wear. This will of course be fixed, but please can everyone take a common-sense approach to playing on the equipment in the park. It is children's play equipment and therefore only suitable for children's use. Could I ask all members of the community to respect this, not only for the sake of the apparatus but also your own safety.

I thought as we are moving into the new year it would be a great time to reflect on 2018. The jumble sale was a highlight and we are at the early stages of talking about a similar event in 2019. The proceeds assisted with buying some new play equipment which has been well used. Friday night club was also a success, providing endless fun for the children during the glorious summer. The organisers did a sterling job, and hope to be back next year!

In 2019, I would urge everyone to participate in the facilities the sports club has to offer: tennis, badminton and bowls. It really is a great way of getting to know new people whilst keeping active, so even if you've never tried these before, please get involved. If we don't have the numbers they can't continue. Make a New Year's resolution to take up a new activity, we'd love to see you.

I'd also love to hear from you if you've got any ideas regarding new clubs you may want to start. We are fortunate to have a large outside space, so if you'd like to have a go at getting a football team together (young or old) or even starting a running club, it would be great to see the space we have being put to good use.

Lastly, if you're on Facebook we now have a Facebook page (dennington sports club) kindly set up by committee member Sophie Mountain. Please give it a look and a like.

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