

Dennington News



June-August 2016



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EDITORS VOICE

Welcome back.

It's been one whole year since we rejuvenated the Village Newsletter and thanks to its many contributors we have grown from strength to strength. In fact the last issue was twice as big as the first! I'd call that a success.

Thank you for all your support and wonderful words of encouragement and praise, it certainly helps to relieve some of the stress that comes with what at times seems a mammoth task.

Saying that, there is always room of course for more of your stories, recipes, photographs and ideas.

Please keep them coming.

Hopefully you have all been enjoying the changes going on at the Village Hall, the refurbishments, Fish and Chip nights, Friday night Socials, Kurling and our brand new Pool table to name but a few.

Please don't forget our Village Celebrations for the Queen's birthday (see page pg. 23 for details) Sunday 12th June on Sports Field. I look forward to seeing you all and enjoying your company along with a slice or maybe two of cake!

I'll leave you with what I consider a sublime quote that describes the beginnings of the coming season *"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different"* ~ **John Steinbeck**

Here's to a wonderful summer and all that that entails, fragrant blossoms, luscious green trees, fresh dewy mornings and hopefully plenty of glorious sunshine in which to bathe and regenerate our spirits.

Until next time

Sally O'Keeffe (Editor)

Open Farm Day

At Dennington Hall Farms

Sunday 26th June

2.00pm-6.00pm

All welcome.

Please come and take a look at our Farm machinery, cows and calves.

Why not enjoy a trailer ride around the farm while taking a look at our crops and conservation.

Tea and cakes available.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

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

(No later than **1st August**) to be included in the next issue Sept-Nov 2016

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Wildlife Photography

The Barn Owl

This issue I am going to draw your attention to the Barn Owl...an iconic sight in our Suffolk skies, and indeed a sight that I will never tire of. Only a few years back we saw a huge decline of these beautiful Owls, it was the persistent cold, wet winter and then the wet Spring that was held to blame for the deaths of many of our barn owls.

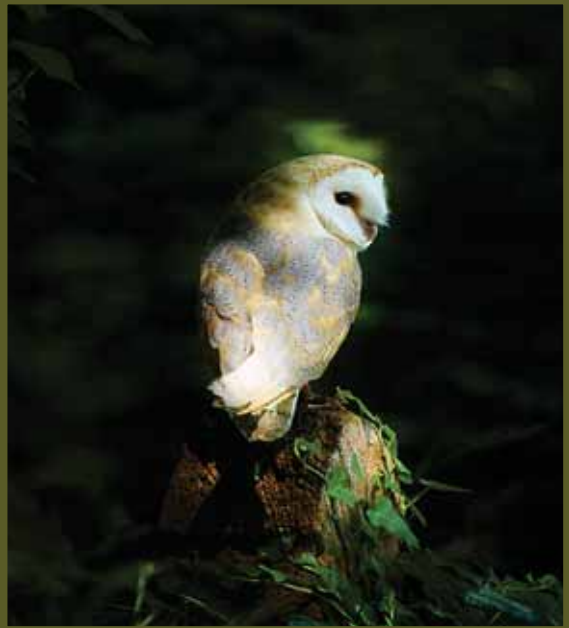
They have no waterproofing in the feathers unlike most of our bird species, so rain will penetrate through the feathers and the Owl will die of cold, so they avoid flying if the rain were to be heavy, therefore they go hungry, also they are unable to pick up the sounds of tiny rodents moving around in undergrowth due to the noise of the rain falling masking any movement.

When the barn owl is rearing young, it needs to feed the chicks as well as sustain its own food intake requirements,.

And if the weather brings wet, cold conditions sometimes the parent birds as well as the chicks will perish.

However they are now growing in numbers again and I hope this beautiful owl will once again flourish.

Photographing these owls....I always feel honoured, as many are quite bold and tolerate you standing by as they do a fly past, they will be spotted during daylight hours either early morning or evenings quartering farmland fields along the ditches and headlands then suddenly they will drop down onto a unsuspecting rodent, if there are young in the nest the adult bird will carry the meal back to the nest to her young (or his) as both parents hunt and feed the young.



Mostly with my barn owl work I will take note of where the different owls are seen hunting, together with time of day....exact location and how many trips they are managing to fit in, also taking notes on whether there is a breeding pair or it is the same bird doing the flights and making the kill....

The female has a far more richer colour to the backs/top of the wing than the male, but the most distinguishing factor on the female is her lovely jewelled breast....many little black dots decorating the area.

And of course the rest of photographing them is down to patience and luck.

May I also add, it is quite popular now to fit barn owl nest boxes into good old oak trees...or onto barns etc., but be aware that even if you own the land on which the nest box sits, it is protected by law that in any situation it is an offence to stand in close vicinity of the nest box whilst occupied by nesting barn owls....there is a hefty penalty to pay.

Lastly, if you pick up an injured barn owl contact either myself or the Suffolk barn owl trust (Stonham Barns) and please if you must use rat bait.... please use it responsibly.

By Bev Carpenter



Village Personalities: Trevor McKenzie-Stephens

Many of us will have seen Trevor around the village, but perhaps not know who he is. He moved into Dennington in 1992, having been brought up in Old Felixstowe by adopted parents, his father a Methodist lay preacher. Trevor was a 'foundling'; he was literally found in the Fens as a newborn child. He grew up very happily by river and sea, where he loved the outdoor life and fishing particularly. Trevor went straight from school into Lowestoft and, following his passion, into the trawler business for two years. At 18, he changed tack to complete a furniture-making apprenticeship followed by work with a building firm as a carpenter, once again back in Felixstowe.

By 26, Trevor had become a self-employed carpenter/joiner. At 31 he married Rosie, whom he met through a dating agency specialising in those who were vegetarians. Rosie lived in Dennington at Fleur du Rosier on the Badingham Road and Trevor cycled over to see her in their earlier courting years: a fair hike on a bicycle! They married at Saxtead Church and have a daughter, Lydia, now 22, who lives in Yoxford.

Trevor's BMW motorbike and sidecar is his trademark, his fifth such vehicle. A lot of Trevor's earliest trade was in and around Felixstowe, re-furbishing Pubmaster properties. The connection put him off drinking completely. Trevor began to develop increasingly localised commissions: today, 75% of his trade is within 5 miles of the village -windows, doors, stairs and furniture-making repairs. In April, Trevor attractively refurbished the bus shelter on The Square; he has done work on the church pews at Cratfield and made a table for the Lady Chapel at St. Michael's in Framlingham, as well as commissions in London.

Trevor enjoys the county because of the large number of listed buildings, many of which have called for his care and attention. He particularly remembers several with what might be best described as having a 'spiritual' life, for example Trust Farm and Dennington Place (within the parish) and a large hill house in Badingham parish, where Trevor certainly felt that he was not working alone!

Trevor feels the local accent has largely disappeared from local settlements, including our own. So too has the post office. Before it closed, it was run by Mrs Fade. The General Stores was once vibrant, run by Mr. Lees, an interesting character. It was not really a shop: more of a house with two petrol pumps outside, all a little rundown. Trevor remembers a pill box (similar to the one today near Mill House), which used to be on the



Laxfield road corner. There was a pub near Owl's Green, the Dennington Bell which closed, but until recently offered bed and breakfast facilities. There has been the inevitable rise of 'weekenders' in Dennington over the last few years. Increasingly, one hears emergency service vehicles chasing through on the A1120, and American helicopters overhead.

Trevor noted the increasing number of people who now work, full- or part-time, from home in Dennington. He feels settled himself and he enjoys electrical repairs and local air shows, such as at Old Buckenham, where there are First World War biplanes. Trevor went to one Latitude concert: one was enough! The simple pleasures of the many footpaths, dog walking and picnics are some of the many attractions which will keep him within our community as a most valued tradesman.

As told to Mark Kendall



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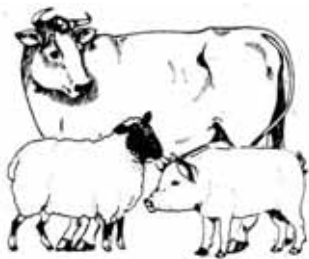
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Dennington Village Hall – update on refurbishment progress

We have now completed Stage 1 of the process and have started Stage 2. There are two further stages to go. As from the beginning of June, we will have 10mbp Wi-Fi in the Hall – more info on this to follow: we have a BRAND NEW POOL TABLE which is looking fabulous and is the only public one in the locality: It should not be long before the Film Club is underway, starting in the meeting room and showing the best and even the latest films, and a new cupboard is being built to house all the cleaning materials and equipment.

The Fish and Chips evenings have been a great success: we shall be changing them to the last Thursday of each month for the duration of the summer - please make the very most of it. Friday night drinks are progressing well and as the summer takes off, John Watterson will be entertaining children on the sports field on Friday evenings with sports and games, so bring them along!

Thanks to everyone who has been of so much help to us all over the last few months. You are glowing stars in Dennington!

James Maberly-Chairman



The Dennington Queens Head Cribbage Team finished the season 11th out of 16 teams. At one point we were bottom of the league and peaked at 5th place but all the players enjoyed the Tuesday games and ended the season with a dinner. The next season starts in early September and would welcome new players be they experienced or beginners. If you are interested please contact Allan Dyne on 01728-638166 or e-mail allan.dyne@btinternet.com.

Dennington Allotments

The allotments have 31 members and 19 plots, ranging from full to quarter. All the existing plots have now been taken. Subject to agreement with a plot holder, any new member might be allotted a portion of an existing plot.

Despite the cold, wet start to the year 2014 - 15, and an army of slugs, the plots were productive. We were most grateful to receive the generous grant by the Charities to buy mushroom compost, shingle and sand. This proved to be very popular and it disappeared within 3 days. The society decided to buy another load of compost which was much appreciated. We hope to buy another load this year.

Socially, we meet informally at the Dennington Queen in January and resolved that a barbeque should be held in the summer. The site is well visited and we hope, enjoyed by the village.

We have a spare half plot available for anyone who would like to rent it. You will get plenty of good exercise on a very attractive site, excellent company and moreover, fresh fruit and vegetables which you will have produced.



The cherry tree is in full bloom, ready for the birds to eat later on.

If you are interested, please contact the secretary: Pene Welham, phone: 638756 or pene.welham@btinternet.com

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

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNINGS

We meet fortnightly at the Village Hall

Come and join us for tea and cake for a small donation of £1.50

All dates are Thursday mornings and start at 10.30am

9th, 23rd June. 7th, 21st July and 4th, 18th August

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

Call Binkie 638813 or Maggie 638963

Annual membership for the Dennington Tennis Club Increases

The Sports Club recently agreed that the rates for membership of the Tennis Club should increase very slightly with immediate effect. The cost for membership of the Tennis Club is quite small, given the value it offers – access to a beautifully built new tennis court. All members receive a key and access to the court at any time, provided they have booked it beforehand

Joining Fees: Family £35, Individual Fee £15, Court Key £4

Non-members; 2 hours at £5 and £10 deposit for key.

If you wish to join the tennis club, please complete a Tennis Membership Form online and forward to Avril Palmer via email. Or forms and keys can also be obtained from Avril Palmer, Sparrows Nest, Saxtead Road, Dennington Tel: 01728 638686 or Doris Dearing, Barn Owls Rest, The Street, Dennington Tel: 01728 638322.

Dennington Sports Club -The Sports & Social Club held it's AGM on the 10th May where Roy Steward was re-elected as Chairman and Lisa Lunn as the new Treasurer.

All of the sports clubs had a successful year with the bowls club winning various competitions and the tennis club expanding its membership. Please note that you can now book the court by using the new online booking facility on the village hall / sports club website which is www.denningtonvillagehall-sportsclub.org

The Sports Club is always looking for new members to join the committee, which meets about 3 or 4 times a year. If you are interested, please give the secretary a call on 638322.

We are also looking for a new secretary to take over from Doris this year, and who has given her generous services for a number of years.

The role is not onerous and would suit someone of any age and who could also make a contribution to the development of the club.

For more information, please telephone Doris Dearing on 638322 or Keir Wyatt on 724878.

The Sports Club is also very pleased to advise that the new basketball facility will be erected shortly. Suffolk Coastal have generously awarded a grant of £1000 towards the cost of the equipment and the installation.

Dennington WI

We have started the new year with our entry to the East Suffolk quiz and we joined the Parish Councils litter pick. We look forward to the following meetings.

June 8th - The changing face of funerals, David Hampton.

July 13th - Prominent people of Framlingham, a walk with John Bridges, followed with refreshments at Todds Farm.

August 10th - A bunch of supermarket flowers, Mary Holt. A flower demonstration.

We always welcome visitors, do come and join us if any topic takes your interest, we meet at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Or contact Jenny Dyne 01728 638 166.



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Several local Artists are opening their Studios in and around Dennington on the weekends in June including Jillifar Amor

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"Poppies"- Mixed Media



The Dennington Queen

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Saturday 26th June

1pm onwards

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Saxmundham Mobile Library Route 5

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DATES: 7th June, 5th July, 2nd & 30th August

DENNINGTON PICNIC



On Sunday 12th June



let's get together to celebrate

**** Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday ****

There will be a church service at 11.30am

From 12.30 onwards please bring your own picnic and join us on the sports field adjacent to the village hall.



The bar will be open and tea, cakes and ice cream available.



We'll have races and games, mainly for the children, during the afternoon and a display of school children's art work in the hall.

If the weather should be wet, we'll have an indoor picnic and games in the hall, plus an opportunity to view videos of Tickled Pink's past productions.



Children: come in fancy dress....with a royal theme.

Dennington CEVCP School

The children will be looking at a variety of topics this term including Rainforests, animals and their environments. Also in our Geography topic we will be looking at 'Dennington and Beyond', comparing a small Suffolk village to larger towns in the area and deciding which we would choose to be the best place to live!

The year 6 students have been working extremely hard to prepare for their SATS which they completed before the May half term.

FODS- (the parents committee) ask you to join them Saturday 18th June

1-4pm at the Badingham White Horse where the school will be having a fundraising stall.

The school have done well in sports this term, coming 3rd place and getting bronze medals in the Tag Rugby tournament at TMHS-Well Done to all those who took part.

The school offers a '**Stay and Play**' drop in session for children who are aged 3 and upwards **every Tuesday between 2.15pm and 3.15 during term time**. it is the perfect place to meet up and chat, share advice and experiences.

Also there is a **Toddler Group on a Friday afternoon**, during term time only. It is from 2pm until 3.15 in the school hall. It costs **£1.50 per session with refreshments**.

Badminton Club - We convene on Monday evenings at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. £2.00 per night. All abilities welcome.



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PUZZLE PAGE

Puzzle One

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Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message.

Puzzle Two

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	5		3	13
	6	5		19
3	5			14
				17
10	21	16	16	12

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

The missing numbers are integers between 0 and 6.
The numbers in each row add up to totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals along the bottom.
The diagonal lines also add up the totals to the right.

Solutions on page 21

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A local view in Dennington - guess where? - pastel by James Maberly



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2 6 5 4
1 5 4 3

Answer to Puzzle 2-

Answer to Puzzle 1- The early bird catches the worm.



News from Framlingham and Saxmundham Cats Protection
June 2016. Framlingham and Saxmundham Cats

Protection, was formed in 1989 by a group of concerned people who were alarmed by the increasing numbers of abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens in the area. Originally under the guidance of the Bury St Edmunds branch, Fram and Sax received approval from Cats Protection to form a local branch in April 1990. Now in our 26th year we have gone from strength to strength and on average now home between 150 and 200 cats and kittens each year. Sadly, the problem of unwanted cats and kittens has not decreased despite neutering campaigns.

As well as caring for and re-homing domestic felines we also assist with feral colonies where we trap-neuter and return where ever possible. We are also always on hand to offer cat care advice. All the work is voluntary and has to be fitted in with business and private lives. It is sometimes extremely difficult to get this fact over to the general public. We have a dedicated team of volunteers without whom we could not carry out the vital work we do to help the cats and kittens in our area.

We do not have a purpose built adoption centre, so all the cats and kittens are placed in either cat pens in fosterers' gardens or indoors in a spare room. We hold regular Homing Events, where some of our cats and kittens can be viewed in one place. We hold three or four of these each

year and they are a very successful part of our rehoming programme!

The branch is very active in the local area and we always enjoy meeting supporters old and new at the many local fairs and events we attend. The charity relies on money raised by donations, adoption fees, gifts left in wills and sales of goods etc. We are always looking for new ways of raising money and for additional helpers, so please let us know if you can help in any way.



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June

8th June - WI Evening

9th June - Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

10th June - Friday Night Social and children's games (Village Hall)

12th June - Dennington Picnic (Village Sports Field)

17th June - Friday Night Social and children's games (Village Hall)

23rd June - Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

23rdth June - Fish and Chip Night (Village Hall)

24th June - Friday Night Social and children's games (Village Hall)

26th June - Dennington Hall Farm Open Day

July

5th July - Mobile Library

7th July - Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

8th July - Friday Night Social and Children's games (Village Hall)

13th July - WI Evening

15th July - Friday Night Social and Children's games (Village Hall)

18th July - Parish Council Meeting

21st July - Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

22nd July - Friday Night Social and Children's games (Village Hall)

28th July - Fish and chip Night (Village Hall)

August

2nd August - Mobile Library

4th August - Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

5th August - Friday Night Social and children's games (Village Hall)

10th August - WI Evening

12th August - Friday Night Social and children's games (Village Hall)

18th August - Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

19th August - Friday Night Social and children's games (Village Hall)

25th August - Fish and Chip Night (Village Hall)

30th August - Mobile Library