

Dennington News



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EDITORS VOICE

Welcome back.

Hello again Autumn!

It seems we have been spoilt this year with a rather long, drawn out, hot summer...not that I am complaining, I'm sure I will be doing plenty of that once the heating is back on and the wood burner is alight.

To be fair, this is my favourite time of year. The wonderful colours and different shades of orange and red and green really are a beauty to see, especially living as rural as we do. I will, with all certainty never get complacent with the view from my window.

We have an absolute treat this month, with the wonderful article written by Bev and also our special village personality Lorette Roberts, who very kindly allowed me to have one of her artworks adorn our front cover for which I am hugely appreciative. We also have a little bit of old nostalgia this time, courtesy of a link sent to me by Keir Wyatt (thanking you kindly) of Dennington as it was in the early 20th Century, fascinating find.

There are a few new things going on in the Village now. A Live Mic night at the village hall every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month (see more details on pg 23/24) The Lottery Funding application is underway for further improvements to the Village Hall. Many thanks to all those people who took time out of their busy lives to come visit the hall last month to answer some questions and give your opinions.

May you all have cosy Autumn and a wonderful holiday season as December steadily creeps up on us. Please keep in your thoughts those who are alone this time of year and maybe call in just to let them know that someone is there if they should need it.

Until next time

Sally O'Keeffe (Editor)

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

Remembrance Day Service ~ 13th Nov 10.55am

Christmas Services

Carol Service - Sunday 18th Dec 5pm

Christmas Day- Holy Communion at 11.15am

Dennington Village Hall -Part time work on offer

Part time Cleaner

We are looking for a part time cleaner who can come and clean at least once a week, and to have the available time to come in from time to time after specific functions in order to clean up. We need to keep the Hall in a fine state of cleanliness.

Hall overseer/coordinator

We are looking for someone (possibly retired, but not necessarily) who would be able to co-ordinate the activities that occur in the Hall. The role would involve liaising closely with the Booking Manager, and, where necessary the hirers themselves to ensure that preparations are correct and the right rooms are being used. They would also need to check to ensure hirers have left the Hall in good condition subsequent to usage. There is no reason why the two above roles could not be fulfilled by one person.

Terms will be discussed on application.

If you are interested, Please contact Binkie Andrews on 01728 638813.

Wildlife Photography

This newsletter I would like to talk about my favourite photographic light conditions, we call this the “Golden hour”

This meaning either the hour before sun up or an hour before sun down....we do have beautiful skies here in Suffolk and it makes no difference as to if the photographer is photographing landscapes....portraits....or wildlife. It is a very special time, everything is starting a new day or ending a day and a lot of weather watching, planning, and perseverance is required to get the image that you are chasing....

Autumn I think produces the most beautiful light and if I am doing early morning say, around early October, the sun rises at around seven, meaning I would need to be in place for six thirty, then providing I have done my homework I may get lucky....or....the cloud rolls in...the mist is far to dense...or the stag you were planning to photograph has been chased off by an irresponsible walker with the dog off a lead!!

Evening provides a second chance, if it has been a beautifully crisp bright day that should offer a stunning sunset...if you can find a spot where your subject is happily standing with the setting sun behind them even better, you should get a silhouette....no dogs off leads...in fact no people at all.....perfect!!



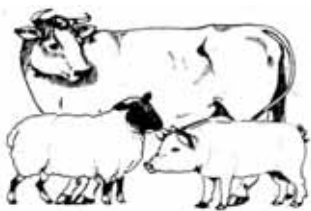


If I decide to venture out either for sunrise or sunset, I would wear warm and waterproof clothing (not wet weather gear that makes a “swish swish” noise when you walk, otherwise you will make yourself unpopular pdq) gloves and something to sit on(old hessian sacks are good if you can find one) possibly a small flask of coffee, added whisky permitted...and then its down to patience, luck, and how hungry you become.

Last year I was not lucky with particularly good sunrises or sunsets, but did manage a couple of shots that were acceptable, this year has not been good for me for other reasons so far, and now my wildlife lens has decided to throw in the towel so to speak, leaving an uncertain autumn for photography...we had planned to be up on the North York Moors and surrounding area for the Deer Rut, of course that shall still go ahead, however with a lens or not...we will see.

One thing I should mention....early morning mist combined with a sunrise can be absolutely magical, try to work with that as much as possible, you wouldn't particularly get this with a sunset, however if we have a good hard bright crisp winter...it can be seen...producing cooler colours and an eerie atmosphere....superb!

By Bev Carpenter



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Village Personalities: Lorette Roberts

Born in Bath and educated at Queen Anne's, Caversham, outside Reading, Lorette is the daughter of Admiral Guy Wilson and Dorothy, who trained guide dogs for the blind. Her parents bought a house at Saxtead Green in the sixties, from which Lorette moved after schooling to London, qualifying as a nurse at Great Ormond Street and University College Hospitals. Homecomings included a regular

pint with her father in the Queen's Head in Dennington.

Lorette married Bill, a civil engineer, at St. Michael's, Framlingham, and they left for South Africa in 1969. Their first daughter was born and Lorette pursued her love of crafts, which helped her develop self-confidence in her artistic abilities. Saudi Arabia followed, where Lorette taught English privately to European children. The Roberts then went to Houston, Texas. They had three children now, and Lorette was a full-time mum. She had begun floral designs (self-taught) and held her first exhibition. Returning to Lemsford in Hertfordshire, there was space for a beautiful studio and Lorette's art career 'took off' and became profitable. Lorette's theme was the painting of flowers and vegetables particularly, and the running of art classes. It was a truly holistic approach: the vegetables were invariably eaten, once drawn!

By 1997, Bill's work had moved to Hong Kong. Lorette's children had grown up, and she found herself with plenty of time each day to paint and develop. Her skills improved immeasurably with practice. She travelled widely, alone and with Bill, immersed in the eastern culture. The floral theme didn't sell well in Hong Kong, so Lorette switched subject: to local people doing their everyday tasks, vernacular, simple architecture as well as 'statement' buildings, and Chinese characters in writing, which the Chinese seemed to love. Her once exclusively expatriate market now expanded to reflect local interest.

The Roberts left Hong Kong in 2006, but Lorette had by then received several interesting commissions which still take her back every year. The Peninsular Group, a hotel chain, commissioned a book for their guests, 'Our Hong Kong' with accompanying script by a local professor. Lorette has designed a wine label and the motif for a ferry company based in Macau. Her most rewarding material has been for charitable organisations such as the Nesbitt Centre, centered around English-speaking adults with learning difficulties.



Lorette and Bill moved, quite coincidentally, into Trust Farm, on the parish border, in 2006. Bill expertly converted an old cowshed into a studio for Lorette, from which she runs art classes and is a member of the Suffolk Open Artists' scheme each summer. She completed an illustrated book on China in 2010, one on Singapore, in 2012, and is currently working hard on a Vietnamese tome, which has taken her to the country 10 times to date!

Lorette loves walking and you may be lucky enough to see her on any of the many country lanes or off-road paths. She much enjoys the little stalls people erect outside their Suffolk homes and our magnificent church with its immense historical depth. A member of the W.I., Lorette enjoys the diversity of 'characters' she meets there and at parish events. For those who have not seen Lorette's work, you are missing a real genius, immensely talented, living quietly within our community. We are fortunate to be able to count Lorette Roberts as one of the 'locals'.

As told to Mark Kendall.

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

13th October 27th October

10th November 24th November

8th December 2016

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

Call Binkie 638813 or Maggie 638963

Dennington Village Hall Report

What a fabulous picnic we had for the Queen's 90th birthday. Many turned out for a really good afternoon and the kids had great fun participating in races on the playing field.

Much has been going on behind the scenes. Keir Wyatt continues to pull together the Lottery application and all looks good for a first phase application in September. Adam O'Keeffe will be putting up new lighting for the car park shortly (and what a difference that will make!) whilst Allan Dyne has organised for a new Lincat cooker. This, along with new pots and pans will make a stunning change to the kitchen space.

We are buying a coffee machine and a smart new bottle chiller for the bar, along with a new glass washing machine as the old one is a little archaic. These will make a substantial difference to the bar area.

In September, we started our first 'Live Mic' evenings. These happen on the first and third Fridays of each month. Why not come and join in???

The idea of a live mic evening is that anyone can come along to perform - budding poets or comedians - singers or musicians. It is up to you. Here is your chance to come and have a go. You will be most welcome!



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Dennington WI

Meetings are held in the village hall in Dennington on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Although WI meets on the second Wednesday of the month, there are a number of arranged visits and events during the year. In addition to these, there are a number of events that are organised by Suffolk East WI and members can attend for a reduced charge. The events range from countryside walks to cookery or gardening demonstrations.

These are our remaining events in the Calendar for this year. We have many interesting speakers to look forward to!

Beech Group

12th Oct. OPEN MEETING. - Comedian Stephen Bayfield : Everyone is welcome tonight - men and women! The evening starts at 7.30pm and the entrance price £4, at the door, includes tea/coffee and cake made by WI members.

9th Nov. AGM

Oak Group

14 Dec. Christmas Party

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME ALONG - YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME!

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

Saxmundham Mobile Library Route 5

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

DATES: 25th October, 22nd November, 20th December

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Dennington CEVP School

Returning after a long hot summer we have some new families at our school who we would like to warmly welcome to the new school year.

FODS or Friends of Dennington Schools is the Parent Teachers Association. We fundraise for the school put on events and try our best to help the school where we can. We always welcome new members and are presently looking for a new Chair person, if you are interested in this role or becoming a member of FODS please attend our next meeting (TBC) or speak to a FODS member. We always appreciate occasional help at events so ask Mrs Acton to point you in the direction of a FOD if you would like to do this.

Our Summer Fete , held in July was a fantastic event enjoyed by all. As a fairly small school we managed to raise over £700 which was a spectacular amount .

The children recently took part in a Race For Life sponsored event on the village sports field, where pupils were asked to run around the field several times , the number of times increasing with age although I didn't see the teachers run any more than the oldest pupils! Luckily for us the weather stayed dry and children and parents had a fantastic time followed by tea and cakes back at the school.

We have many more events to plan this coming school year, those that are purely for fun and also the ones that help raise much needed monies for school projects.....the new playground, the lovely hall space we have, outdoor equipment as well as classroom activities.,, clubs, sports and cooking equipment, trips the list is endless.

We have one such event coming up in the not too distant future where one of our lovely FODS members has kindly volunteered her time and her skills to teaching us all to Crochet!

We have set aside Wednesday 9th November (provisionally) as our designated Crochet Evening. Leaflets will be delivered locally closer to

The event with details of time and pricing and a little of what to expect.
No previous Crochet experience is necessary or indeed any equipment, all
will be provided on the night.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Wine and Food Evening ~24th November (pre booking advisable)

Christmas Bookings 1st-23rd December
£20 for 3 courses

(parties of 8 or more = a free bottle of bubbly!)

New Years Eve Party~ details to follow



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

THE MILLS CHARITY & MILLS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

WHO ARE WE:

The Mills Charity and Mills Educational Foundation were two charities set up 300 years ago by Thomas Mills to provide for the poor and needy in Framlingham and the surrounding villages. Thomas Mills and his friend Thomas Mayhew built 8 Almshouses in Station Road, Framlingham, opposite the Railway Pub, and Thomas Mills left money, property and land as an endowment. In those days there were no social services, no benefits, no National Health Service, and many people died young due to accidents and health problems. Also state schools did not exist for all children. Poverty was dire and people had to appeal to the Parish for food and fuel.

The two Charities are run by 8 Trustees and the Clerk, and decisions are made by the Trustees at meetings once a month.

WHAT DO WE DO: We own Almshouses and some rental properties, and we give grants of money to individual people who can't afford something they really need. We are about to build 14 new Almshouses in Framlingham, which will be 3 bedroom properties, suitable for families. It will be a couple of years before they have been built, so don't start queuing yet!

WHAT DO WE PAY FOR: We make grants to individuals for a wide variety of needs, and also to organisations such as village halls, local museums, churches, sports clubs, the Hour Community bus, and for village play equipment. The Mills Educational Foundation makes grants to children for educational purposes such as school trips, music lessons, sixth form bus fares, small grants towards foreign educational trips, and for higher education and apprenticeships. MEF also makes grants to schools and play groups for specific equipment.

HOW DO YOU APPLY: Write to The Clerk, The Mills Charity, or Mills Educational Foundation, P O Box 1703, Framlingham, IP13 9WW.

You need to live in Framlingham or one of the villages that borders Framlingham, **OR** go to a school in Fram or one of the villages. i.e. you might go to school at Robert Hitcham but live in Rendham.

You will need to apply in writing, with a letter from your social worker, doctor, teacher, vicar, to back up your own letter. **Please state your name, address, phone number** and email if you have one, so we can contact you if we have any queries. State the reason for applying for a grant, exactly what you need, how much it costs, and how much you need from us. Eg if you are applying to several sources of funding, state how much you need from Mills.

All applications are completely confidential, and you do not need to be embarrassed. If you are not sure if you would qualify, write to us and we will let you know. Please apply in good time, 10 days before our meetings on the second Monday of each month.

By the way, the Trustees like to be thanked afterwards. It is very special to be able to give grants to people, and we like to be appreciated in return!

Website: millscharity.co.uk

Chairman: Mrs Persephone C Booth

Volunteer Administrator Required

Framlingham and Woodbridge Community Car Service is seeking an enthusiastic administrator to join their team of volunteers at Framlingham.

No experience is necessary just a desire to help others within your local community.

If you can spare a couple of hours one day a week then we would like to hear from you.

For more information please contact : **Lynn Butler on 01728 830516**

Dennington Through the Years

Dennington Approach



Dennington Village Fete (Early 20th)

Dennington 1910



Dennington Village

Princess Royal Victoria Mary 1906



Dennington Post Office



Dennington Queen

Dennington Sports Club At long last, the new basketball equipment has been erected at the top end of the sports field. It is at the sports recommended height and has a hard plastic area set into the grass in front of the net to aid standing and bouncing the ball.

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Car Boot sale on Saturday 16th July. The funds generated will be used by the Sports Club for future projects. Please note that in the children's play area, we will shortly be replacing the wooden platforms on the climbing frame as recommended by the recent Rospa inspection. Many of the fixing bolts have also been replaced.

We also hope to hold a Quiz in the village hall sometime in the autumn.

Date to be advised



October

7th Oct Live Mic Night 7.30pm (Village Hall)
12th Oct WI Meeting 7.30pm (Village Hall)
13th Oct Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
14th Oct Friday Social (Village Hall)
21st Oct Live Mic Night (Village Hall)
25th Oct Mobile Library
27th Oct Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
28th Oct Friday Night Social (Village Hall)

November

4th Nov Live Mic Night (Village Hall)
9th Nov WI Meeting (Village Hall)
14th Nov Parish Council Meeting 7pm
18th Nov Live Mic Night (Village Hall)
22nd Nov Mobile Library
24th Nov Coffee Morning (Village Hall)

December

2nd Dec Live Mic Night (Village Hall)
8th Dec Coffee Morning (Village Hall)
14th Dec WI Christmas Party
18th Dec Live Mic Night (Village Hall)
20th Dec Mobile Library