

Dennington News



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Editor's introduction

Hello!

As you may have heard, Carolyn Jones, who has done such a terrific job as Editor of the Dennington News for the past year, is sadly now leaving Dennington—and I've been persuaded to take over from her.

We arrived in the village just over a year ago, and have been enjoying the huge variety of activities that go on in Dennington such as the school fete - now nearly a year ago - plus the Harvest Festival last Autumn, the plant sale and the fantastic concert, both of which took place in April. We've already met lots of great people and I'm looking forward to meeting more of you over the next few months as I get to grips with this role. If anyone has any suggestions about articles or features that you'd like to see in future issues of the Dennington News, do please get in touch. And let me know if you'd like to advertise your business!

We've got a packed issue for you, with news of the village hall development that should be starting shortly (see opposite page), a fascinating interview with Jotham Crisp, one of the talented musicians who took part in the concert (page 9), some lovely photographs of some little owls that has been hunting around Dennington (page 19), and lots of information about forthcoming events, including TWO cream teas in July—sounds delicious!

I hope you enjoy reading it.

Jo Denton

Please send all stories or items to be included in the next issue, which covers October-December, to the Editor no later than 9th September. Via email to: denningtonnews@gmail.com , via post to: Spring Farm House, The Street, Dennington IP13 8JF. Please send pictures as attachments.

Dennington Village Hall

Here we are in mid-2018 and we are SO CLOSE to the start date for our refurbishment project. Herewith a brief update:

Refurbishment Programme: We have so far raised £230,153, leaving only £18,700 to go to achieve what we need to proceed. We still have £75,000 in applications still being considered, so any additional costs will hopefully be adequately covered. We are awaiting the final approval of both our business plan and our project development plan by the Big Lottery. We also await legalisation of a new set of Deeds which are required to complete this process.

All being well, we hope that the refurbishment work will begin in July, ending towards the end of September, though this depends entirely on the Big Lottery grant team.

The newly refurbished bar: If you have not yet seen the amazing refurbishment work that Allan Dyne has been doing behind the bar, make a point of having a good look. It is so different, with re-painted walls and ceiling, a new chiller and washer and a mirror on the back wall. Thanks so much to Allan for his consistent and considerable efforts. We also welcome Penny and Chris Evers who have very kindly volunteered to help out with the bar.

Friday night sports evenings: It is a joy to see this in full swing once more. John Watterson and his team are making an excellent job of it and what's more, the bar is open, so come and join us on Friday evenings in the summer months.

Cheers!

James Maberly



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The **Plant Sale** on 28th April was a huge success raising over £1,100 for the church. Despite the cold and drizzly day we had such a large turnout and it was really lovely to see so many people. Very many thanks to Celia and Peter Reeve for the enormous amount of hard work in making it all possible. Thank you to everyone else involved by helping out on the day and to all those who contributed plants, cards, cakes etc. towards the sale. And, of course, thank you to everyone who came to visit us.

CHURCH DATES

First Sunday - 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Second Sunday - 11.00 am Elder led Family Service or Morning Prayer

Third Sunday - no service at Dennington but see benefice letter for services elsewhere

Fourth Sunday - 11.00 am BCP Holy Communion

Date for the Harvest Festival: [still waiting to hear]

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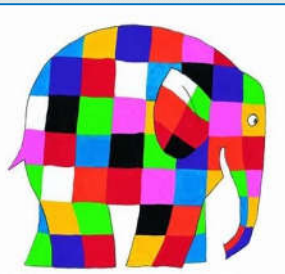
School News

This term, **Chaffinches** have been learning about transport. They enjoyed a visit from Mrs Strachan and her baby Beau – though nappy changing didn't get many volunteers!

Robins have also been learning about transport and loved having a visit from Mr Steward and his tractor. They've also been preparing for the royal wedding.

Wrens have been reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and creating their own Iron Man creatures which have been on display in the classroom.

Swallows have been working hard on revisions for SATs. Now those are over, they've been exploring ancient Greece and the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur as well as rehearsing for the Summer Play.



The next exciting project for the school is taking part in an **Elmer the Elephant** parade on behalf of St. Elizabeth Hospice's 40th birthday: the school's fund-raising target is £750. The plain white elephant will arrive in September and will be painted by the children to their own design. The decorated elephant will then travel to the 2019 Suffolk Show, following

which it will be placed in Ipswich for the summer holidays alongside small elephants from 99 other schools and 50 large elephants from major sponsors. It will then be retired back to the school for permanent display.

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Wendy Acton

Jack's Gardening Tips

Summer is here and it's been great to see the village in bloom. Clearly there are some keen gardeners amongst us. If anyone needs any help, please refer to my ad below to see the services I offer. Here are some tips for the months ahead:

July

- * Deadheading your plants in a timely manner will ensure longer blooming time, it really is worthwhile checking every evening and deadheading before the plant sets to seed
- * Check your roses for black spot, powdery mildew etc. which can be treated with appropriate spray. Invest in a good rose feed
- * Keep on top of mowing your lawn. Regular mowing will make it look healthier and it will be a lot easier to tackle

August

- * Now is the time to prune back your wisteria
- * During hot dry periods it's important to water each evening, flowers will soon wilt if you forget
- * Keep your pond topped up and clear of algae
- * Collect seeds from garden plants

September

- * Plant your spring flowering bulbs
- * Cover your leafy vegetable crops with bird proof netting
- * Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them

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To help with fund raising for the refurbishment of the village hall we are planning a cream tea on the afternoon of the 21st July from 2.30-4.30. Tickets £5 from Jenny Dyne on 01728 638166 or any WI members.

The flower tubs at the hall entrance have been replanted for the summer. We were very pleased to receive many positive comments for the stunning display of winter pansies.

Programme for the next 3 months:

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- ♦ August..... Stained glass
- ♦ September... Writing & producing radio drama

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Village Personalities - Jotham Crisp: guitar maker and musician



Jo Crisp is a young man with a real passion for music, so much so that his interest far extends beyond just playing instruments: he is actually making his own guitars. In addition to that, he and his brother James are already making a mark on the music scene as a dynamic duo known as 'The Crisp Brothers'.

Jo grew up with his family in Thetford forest until the age of five, moving with his family to Southolt where at the age of six he began learning to play the guitar. Two years later they moved to Dennington where they have lived for the past 11 years. From the age of eight Jo has been home-schooled and it was during these early years that his continued interest in guitars encouraged his parents to seek out an excellent teacher and since then, Jo has been working with Ivan Emeny on a regular, weekly basis.

By the age of 15, under the tutorship of Ivan, Jo began to explore the possibilities of making his own guitar. He had never used any workshop tools before so it was an entirely new experience. After 2½ months of research, he designed his guitar and began the process of making it. Next was the building of templates to work from and the further study of techniques. Under the gentle guidance of Ivan, Jo started work on the wooden structure of the guitar. The guitar body itself is made of mahogany and

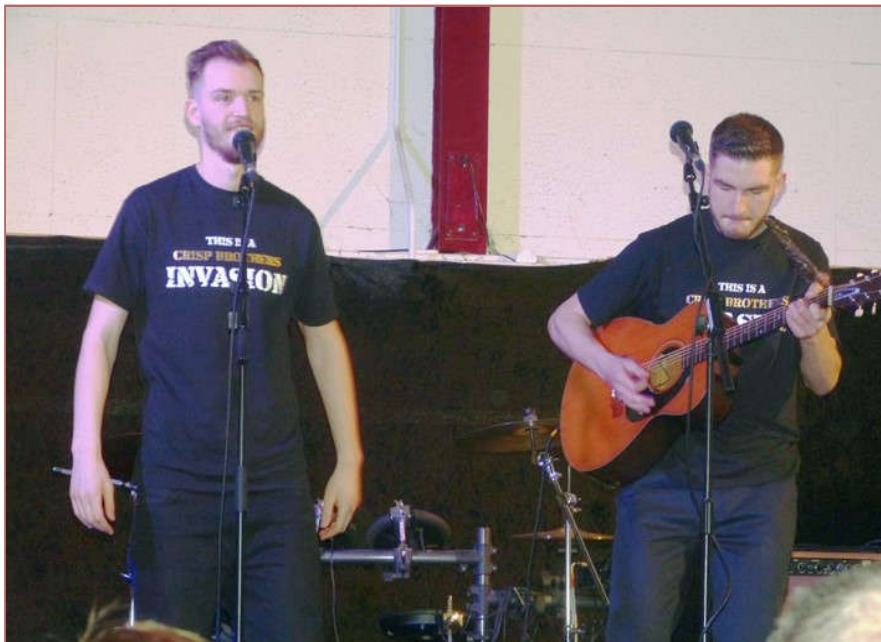
flamed maple, the mahogany cut from a 200 year old table bought for £20 at a sale. The neck is made from maple wood, all beautifully inlaid with mother-of-pearl. Making templates and then cutting, gluing, drying, drilling, scraping and sanding the wood took an age, but with very



astute workmanship and determined precision, Jo has created a masterpiece which plays beautifully. an age, but with very astute workmanship and determined precision, Jo has created a masterpiece which plays beautifully. After a year and a half of craftsmanship, the guitar was complete and it took to the stage for the very first time at a Dennington Village Hall open mic night.

James, his brother, deeply moved by Jo's extraordinary determination, and already a musician himself (keyboards and guitar, also taught by Ivan), wrote a song about it called 'Labour of Love'. James, now 23, is by nature a poet and sees song-writing as essentially putting poetry to music. Between them they compose their own music and play at many venues around Suffolk and Norfolk. Their work continues to develop and is both dynamic and original. They have a Facebook page, 'The Crisp Brothers' and are shortly starting a Youtube channel, so keep an eye out for this inspiring young duo of singer/songwriters.

Jo, now 18, is currently building a small acoustic guitar, with the clear objective of maximising the base sound from such a small instrument. He is quite dedicated to his chosen craft and sees an exciting future



ahead of him. As he and his brother James continue to progress along their musical journey, this will remain his core drive.

Jo does have one very particular ambition – he would like to design and build a guitar for Ed Sheeran. Now that

really would be fun!

James Maberly

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Mark Kendall is currently away working elsewhere but will be back in time to continue with his regular articles in the next issue of Dennington News.

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Elaine's Cookery Corner

Granny Jean's lemon cake

One of the things I love about cooking and baking is that every family seems to have those recipes that have been passed down a generation or two, recipes which always evoke fond memories. My Granny Jean's cakes remind me of when I used to bike from school popping into to see her for a slice of cake and a game of cards (penochle or draw the world dry) whilst her favourite programme, Countdown, would be on in the background. Her lemon cake was my favourite.



Ingredients

For the cake:

5oz self raising flour
4oz soft margarine
4oz caster sugar
2 heaped tbsp lemon curd
Grated zest of lemon

For the syrup:

Juice of 1 lemon
Grated zest of 1/2 lemon
2 - 3 tbsp of caster sugar

Preheat oven to 160 degrees

Cream together margarine and sugar until light and fluffy, add lemon curd then add lemon zest, eggs and flour and mix until all incorporated (do not over mix). Put the mixture into greased or lined loaf tin. Bake in the oven for around 50 minutes, checking at 40 minutes just to be safe.

To make the syrup, juice 1 lemon, add half the zest of a lemon and 2/3 tablespoons of sugar (or to taste).

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The Third Dennington Concert – April 14th



What an amazing Concert we had on April 14th. It was our Third Concert, celebrating young local talent with a very talented range of players.

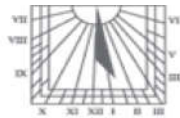
Once again, we had the 'Teach Boys', a group of young (?) teachers from Fram College, to kick-start the evening (funny as ever) and they were followed by Eleanor Petheram, who captivated everyone. The Crisp Brothers from Dennington then wowed everyone with their very original style and were closely followed by Oscar Paul from Peasenhall, a very versatile young performer. Katie Russell then gave an entrancing rendition of three pieces from musicals – such a beautiful voice.

In the second half, Will Haigh started off with three rousing songs, closely followed by Gabriella Pattinson whose delightfully alluring songs captivated everyone with their seductive melodies. She was followed by Salvador, a young band from Framlingham made up of Lucas Evans, Jan Ashwell, Felix Church and Jude Mackan. A remarkable performance.

The final performance was made up of Oscar Welsh, Marty Gionis and Abbi Liverton, a hugely talented trio. Abbi enthralled everyone with her expertise on the drums whilst Marty's excellence on the trombone added a whole new dimension. Oscar Welsh's final performance of 'I'm the King of the Swingers' ended the evening on a very high note.

Very many thanks to Maggie Archard and her amazing team of helpers for creating such an amazing layout and delightful eats for everyone. Thanks too to Framlingham College for the equipment hire and to Tom Howard for his brilliant sound monitoring throughout the show.





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Dennington Parish Council

Dennington Parish Council has had a very busy year, as those who attended the recent annual meeting will know. All parish council meetings are open to the public and are advertised on the 3 village noticeboards and on the village website. Why not come along to a meeting to find out more? The next ones are **23rd July and 17th September**.

The Parish Council received a precept of £8,500 for the year in order to conduct its work and took the decision in November to raise the precept in line with inflation to £8,950 for 2018/19. Here is a look back at the main work of the Parish Council for 2017/2018:

Highways. We have all noticed the increase in potholes, overhanging vegetation obscuring road signs and worn out white lines on our roads. We have reported these to Highways, together with damaged signs, localised flooding, overgrown footpaths and damaged verges. Due to district council cutbacks these haven't always had a speedy response.

Village square and pond site. We have made improvements to this area by replacing the oak posts that have been damaged by careless motorists and installing new kerb-stones.

Defibrillators. The Coronation Shelter, recently re-painted, now houses a defibrillator for use in emergencies, and once the telephone kiosk at Owls Green has been refurbished, that too will house a defibrillator (funded by Stephen Burroughes, our local county councillor).

Tree work. The 3 elm trees on the edge of the sports field car park have been removed, and a dangerous tree at Capons Green has been topped.

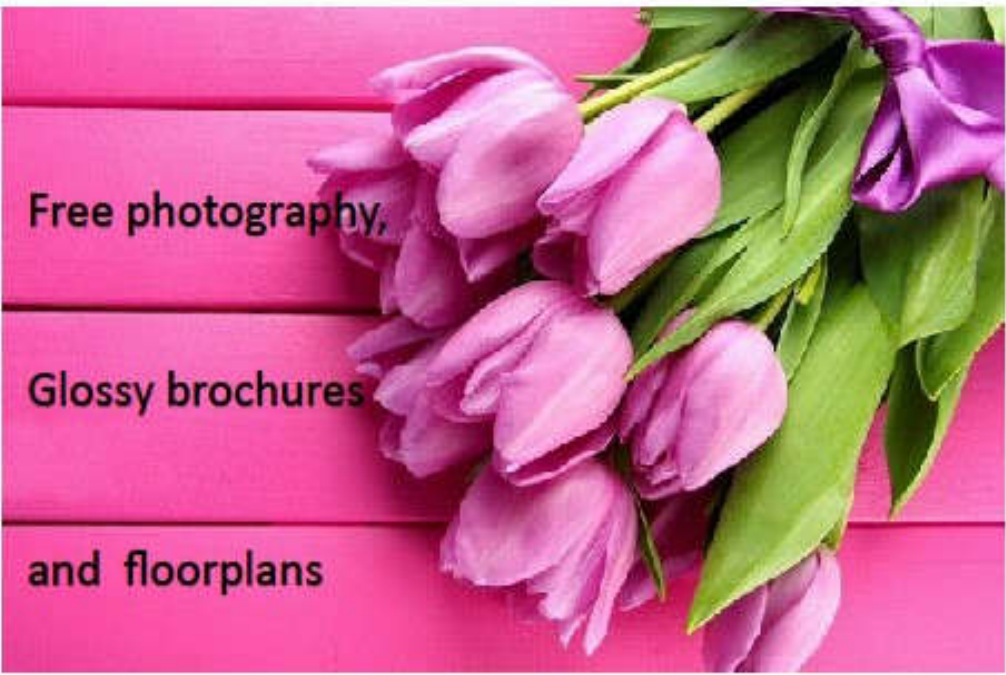
Village sign. This has been refurbished and re-painted.

The village benefits from a number of volunteers who assist around the village in a number of ways to keep Dennington looking smart, well-kept and orderly. The Parish Council would like to say "Thank you" to them all.

Suffolk Coastal DC consults the Parish Council on planning applications. Whilst the Parish Council does not make the final decisions, it can and does make recommendations. We considered 18 applications last year, recommending 13 for approval and 3 for refusal (2 were withdrawn).

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The Little Owl by Bev Carpenter

This issue I want to talk about little owls, the smallest of our native owls but by no means the most timid. The little owl can be seen being active during daylight hours, quite often running along the ground in search of worms, beetles and mice, voles and even garden birds. I remember a few years ago an adult coming from the top of our tree and swooping down onto a male blackbird - teas sorted then!!

They have an almost fierce, cross expression on their faces and are capable of standing on tip toe to gain height, which I am sure is advantageous for them.



Little owls tend to be fairly flexible where nest building is concerned, either choosing an old farm building or good old oak that is hollow. Indeed, they will select a suitable nest box if one should be provided and do make good parents once the owlets have hatched. However, the owlets are at risk from larger owls, and both the barn owl and the tawny owl have been known to take a little owl if feeding a family themselves. The buzzard and the sparrow hawk are also both partial to a nice plump owl, adult or chick, so the little owl has to stay alert at all times – and they need to worry about crows and magpies too!



I was lucky enough to photograph a little owl here in my garden and also the garden of my neighbour. It was easy once James Chadwick had alerted me to the fledged youngster that was waiting to be fed behind our shed: I set up a post in a bucket of sand and placed various dishes in both gardens nailed to either a post or tree stump with fresh live mealworms in them - caviar to the little owl! Then I just had to wait, sometimes until the very last light, managing to photograph just the one adult bird...

However, I followed up a few weeks later at Campsea Ash, where I was lucky enough to photograph a pair of little owls.

Last year none of these birds visited the garden, which I put down to predation as we had a pair of sparrow hawks successfully rear three young over on Jacksons' Farm drive. This year they are back, which is great to see. I am just hoping the trio of buzzards leave them alone!



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FORTHCOMING DATES:

3rd July, 31st July, 28th August, 25th September 2018

SPORTS CLUB UPDATE

Hello all, I'm Elaine and I have taken over from Doris as Sports Club secretary. Doris has already been kind enough to introduce me in the previous issue. Doris has been secretary for a number of years and I would just like to say a huge thank-you to her for helping me transition into the role and for all the hard work she has put in over the years. We are also losing Lisa Lunn as treasurer who has assisted greatly whilst in this role. Fortunately, both Doris and Lisa are staying on the committee which is great news.

There are some exciting developments for the Sports Club, thanks to the consolidation grant and earlier fundraising. Many of you will notice there has been a kick wall erected, which will be a great addition for the children of the village, and we are also in the process of ordering some more equipment for the younger children in the play area, which also has a new picnic bench. We will be fixing the broken gate in the play area too.

Mike Pearce reports that the Friday Night Club has been a great success. The Sports Club committee are extremely pleased that this has proved popular for the youngsters and we are hopeful that this will continue.

Elaine Fisk

And while we're on the subject of birds in Dennington, here's a picture of a very tame duck who brought her enormous brood of 19 (!) ducklings to



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Jo Denton



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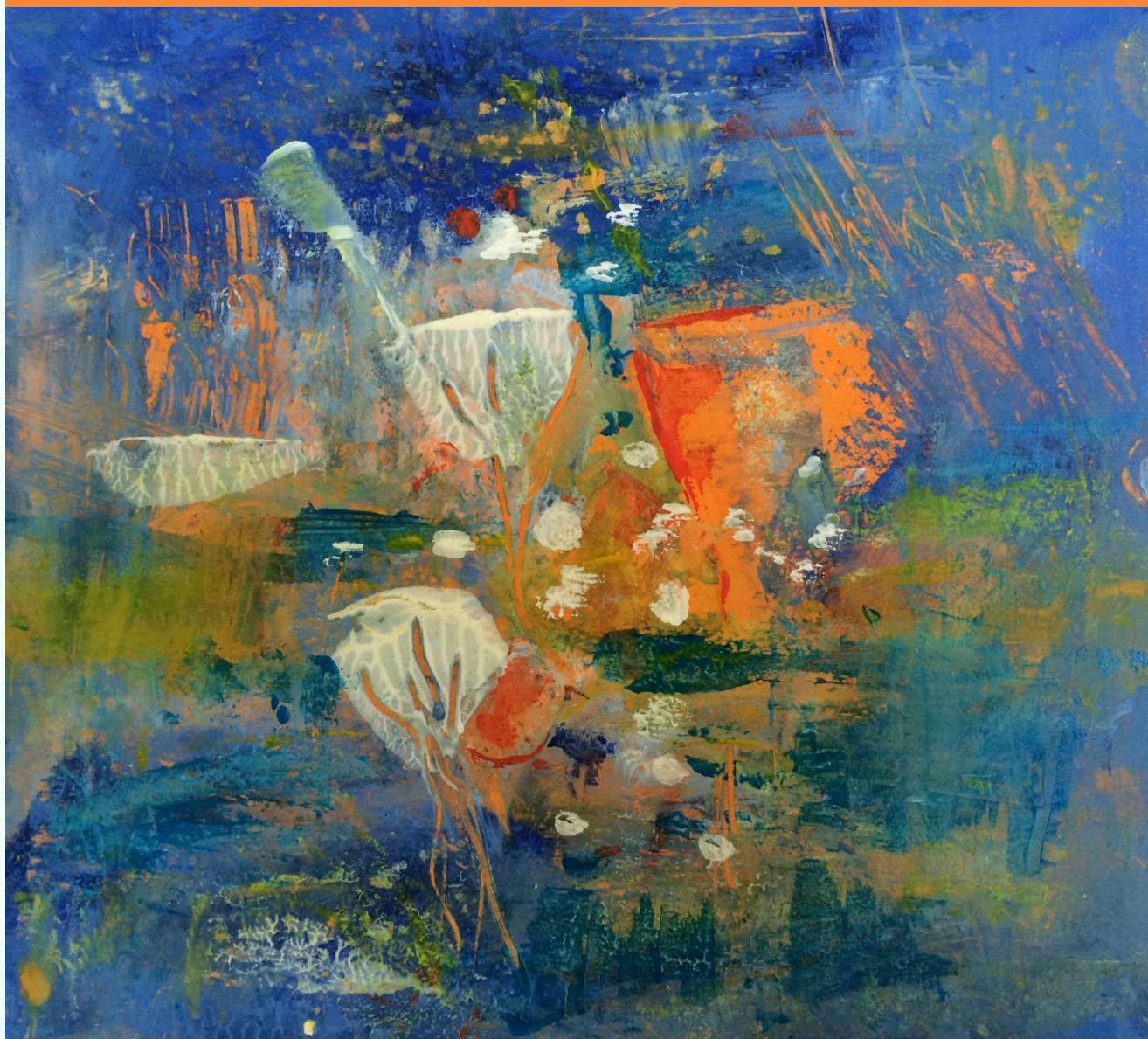
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Obituary

Doreen Wyatt, 1935 – 2018



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Originally from Tannington, her first job was in Framlingham. She met and married Gordon Wyatt and their first home was at Hill Farm in Dennington where their son Keith was born. She started working for Gordon Craggs at first in the fields, but gravi-

tated into a role as cook and housekeeper. When the Craggs' left their farm, Doreen went to work for the Hicksons at Grange Farm and remained there for many years. On and off, for special events, she worked at Dennington Hall and was a regular participant at Village Hall events serving all from the kitchen hatch. She often catered for weddings and loved every minute of it. She and Gordon would often be seen riding a tandem bicycle around Dennington – always game for a laugh. Keith sadly died whilst still young in 2008, which they bore stoically. Adding to her woes, Gordon died shortly afterwards in the same year.

At her recent funeral, Holly Dunn (on behalf of her mother Isobel) gave a delightful tribute, a little of which I quote below:

“Doreen was such a kind and generous lady, she loved to help people. Whipping up a dozen apple pies or a hundred scones or sausage rolls for a coffee morning or party was never too much trouble – even at a moment’s notice. She especially loved spending time with children, teaching them to bake, a teacher with very high standards.

I have never known a more hard-working, strong and stubbornly independent woman as Doreen. She endured losing both her son Keith and Gordon with such a stoicism as I have ever seen and likewise in her final weeks – reacting to such an awful prognosis (liver cancer) with a shrug and saying, ‘Oh well, I’ve had a good life, I’m not worried about it’.

I feel so lucky to have had Doreen in my life for such a long time. I will miss her terribly and remember her always.”



WOMEN'S CYCLE TOUR COMES TO DENNINGTON

The prestigious OVO Energy's Women's Cycle Tour started in Framlingham on the 13th June, with Dennington one of the villages early on the route. The tour

was due to finish on the 17th June in Colwyn Bay in Wales. We managed to get a few photographs as they raced through the village!



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Coffee mornings

Since we started coffee mornings in the village hall nearly three years ago they have been a tremendous success. It gives 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!



We meet in the village hall on alternate Thursdays from 10.30am.

Future dates are:

5th and 19th July

2nd, 16th and 30th August

13th and 27th September

Please put these dates in your diary and join us if you can. If you have a book or a jigsaw you would like to swap, do bring it along.

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

Contact Binkie (638813) or Maggie (638963) for more info.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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